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## 1954-55 EXECUTIVE BOARD

### Officers

PRESIDENT.....Raymond T. Sasser, Wilson, N. C.  
VICE-PRESIDENT.....Rev. Herman Hersey, Raleigh, N. C.  
SECRETARY.....Owen Thomas, Four Oaks, N. C.  
TREASURER.....Milton Wiggs, Smithfield, N. C.

### Directors

ORGANIZATION.....Oscar Webster, Pinetown, N. C.  
DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISES.....Rev. Hubert Burress, Saratoga, N. C.  
PUBLICITY.....Lemmie Taylor, Richlands, N. C.  
RECORDS AND REPORTS.....Mrs. Herman Hersey, Raleigh, N. C.  
LITERATURE.....Rev. L. E. Ballard, Ayden, N. C.  
FIELD SECRETARY PROGRAM.....Rev. Albert T. Coates, Smithfield, N. C.

### Field Secretary

Rev. L. E. Ballard, Box 86, Ayden, N. C.

### Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Stockholders

Rev. Wayne Smith, 1957    Rev. Roy Rikard, 1956    Mrs. L. E. Ballard, 1955

### Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Trustees of Lots

Rev. Milton Hollifield    Fountain Taylor    Raymond T. Sasser

# MINUTES

## OF FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

### N. C. FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION-INSTITUTE

The fifteenth annual session of the N. C. Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute convened with the Swannanoa Free Will Baptist Sunday School, Swannanoa, North Carolina, Wednesday through Friday, April 21-23, 1954. The theme of this session was "*Edifying Christ Through the Sunday School*," text, Acts 9:31, "Then . . . the churches . . . were edified . . . and walking in the fear of the Lord . . . were multiplied."

Cragmont Assembly, Inc., is located just a few miles from Swannanoa, and through the joint cooperation of the Swannanoa Church and Cragmont, many delegates stayed at Cragmont during the convention.

The convention got off to a good start on Wednesday evening, April 21, at 8:00 o'clock, with an "Old-Fashioned Revival Hour" under the direction of the local host pastor, Rev. Wayne Smith. The local choir furnished special music, and the sermon was delivered by Rev. Billy Morris.

#### THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 22, 1954

Registration of delegates, visitors, ministers, and officers was begun on Wednesday and continued Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

The morning session was opened with congregational singing and prayer, led by Rev. R. P. Harris, convention song leader. The welcome address was given by Mr. Cecil Redmond, superintendent of the host Sunday School. The response was given by Rev. LaRue Davis. Morning devotions were conducted by Miss Zalene Lloyd, using as her text, John 21:15-17.

Vice-president, Rev. Herman Hersey, presided over the morning session. At this time he called convention into a short, introductory business session.

Motion made and seconded to adopt the printed minutes of last convention as printed. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt minutes of Executive Board of May 9, 1953. Motion carried.

Motion to postpone action on minutes of Executive Board of August 15, 1953, until agreement between Mission Board and this convention can be presented to convention for approval. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt minutes of Executive Board of January 21, 1954. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt minutes of Executive Board of April 21, 1954. Motion carried.

The following committees were appointed to serve during this session:

COMMITTEE	NAME	CHURCH	COUNTY	CONFERENCE
Finance	Mr. Charles Simpson, <i>Chm.</i>	Wilson	Wilson	Western
	Mr. Thurmon Hall	Smithfield	Johnston	Cape Fear
	Mr. M. C. Perry	Ruth's Chapel	Craven	Eastern
Digest of Reports	Mrs. W. P. Bunn, <i>Chm.</i>	New Sandy Hill	Wilson	Western
	Rev. Burkette Raper	Hull Road	Greene	Central
	Mr. Walter H. Davis	Raleigh	Wake	Cape Fear

<i>Resolutions</i>	Mr. Walter Sandlin, <i>Chm.</i> .....	St. Mary's .....	Craven .....	Eastern .....
	Mr. C. A. Eubanks .....	Hugo .....	Lenoir .....	Central .....
	Rev. Milton Hollifield .....	Canton .....	Haywood .....	Blue Ridge .....
<i>Nominating</i>	Mr. Albert Proctor, <i>Chm.</i> .....	Saratoga .....	Wilson .....	Central .....
	Mr. H. J. Corbett .....	Micro .....	Johnston .....	Western .....
	Mrs. Walter Rhodes .....	Cabin .....	Duplin .....	Eastern .....
	Mr. Franklin Young .....	Raleigh .....	Wake .....	Cape Fear .....
	Rev. Roy Rikard .....	Cramerton .....	Gaston .....	Piedmont .....
	Mr. Hayes Pait .....	Oak Grove .....	Bladen .....	Pee Dee .....
	Mrs. Terry Wilson .....	Cedar Hill .....	Buncombe .....	French Broad .....
	Rev. Wayne Smith .....	Swannanoa .....	Buncombe .....	Blue Ridge .....

Brother Raymond T. Sasser brought the president's message. He asked the congregation to sing the chorus entitled "I have the Sunday School Enthusiasm." "The State Sunday School United Program" was used as his subject, and James 4:17 for his text. The message was a real challenge to each one present to do a greater work in our Sunday Schools and churches.

The Convention Message was delivered by Rev. R. P. Harris. He used Scripture from the second chapter of Colossians for his text, subject, "Edifying Christ." He urged those present to follow a three point program in Sunday School work, 1. position, 2. possession, 3. progression.

We were dismissed for the noon meal with prayer by Rev. Wayne Smith.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing. Rev. Burkette Raper conducted the afternoon devotions, using for his subject "Edifying Christ Through Witnessing."

Rev. Hubert Burress, Director of Denominational Enterprises, gave a detailed report on his work, stressing unity among our Sunday Schools.

Mr. Cicero Smith, president of the Second Union Central District Sunday School Convention, gave a good report on the work of their convention.

Mr. Fountain Taylor, past president of the Third Eastern District Sunday School Convention, gave an oral report on the work of their convention.

Mr. W. P. Bunn, president of the Second Western District Sunday School Convention, gave a good report on the work of his convention, stressing the importance of all Sunday Schools in the state being a member of a district convention.

Mr. Walter Sandlin, president of the Fifth Eastern Union District Sunday School Convention, reported on the work of the Fifth Eastern Convention.

Mrs. Harold Stevens, a returned missionary from Africa, gave a very interesting report on the conditions in Africa.

Mr. Fountain Taylor, proxy for the president of the State Convention of Churches, brought greetings from the State Convention.

Rev. James A. Evans gave a very interesting report about Cragmont Assembly, Inc., and Mt. Allen College.

Mrs. S. A. Smith brought greetings from our orphanage at Middlesex.

Rev. Herman Hersey, delegate to the National Sunday School Convention, gave an interesting report pertaining to the functioning of the National Convention.

Rev. Burkette Raper, vice-president of the State League Convention, brought greetings from the convention. He stressed the need for leagues in our churches for training our people for the duties to be performed.

The need for a Free Will Baptist Press representative to be in attendance at the various meetings was stressed by Rev. Burkette Raper.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Roy Rikard, and we were dismissed until the evening session, at eight o'clock.

### THURSDAY EVENING

The evening service was opened with congregational singing. Miss Mary Lou Sandlin rendered a solo, "I'd Rather have Jesus." We were then led in chorus singing by Mrs. L. E. Ballard, president of the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, after which she brought us a very inspiring message from their convention.

We had report from the following County Fellowship Suppers:

NAME	CHAIRMAN
Fifth Eastern District .....	Mr. Walter Sandlin
Johnston County .....	Mr. Milton Wiggs
Nash County .....	Mr. W. P. Bunn
First Western District .....	Mr. Charles Simpson
Bladen-Columbus County .....	Mr. Hayes Pait
Lenoir County .....	Mr. Cicero Smith

Mr. Charles Simpson, president of the First Western District Sunday School Convention, gave a report on his convention, stressing the fact that this convention was the first to support in a financial way the state SUNDAY SCHOOL UNITED PROGRAM. He also mentioned that a large percentage of the schools in his convention also support the program regularly.

We were favored with special music by the Joyful Aires, a quartet from the Horney Heights Church, Asheville, N. C.

Rev. Albert T. Coates, chairman of the Field Secretary Program, and Rev. L. E. Ballard, part-time field secretary, gave a very informative report about the field secretary program and their work. They used charts in much of their report, which made it most interesting and instructive.

The following persons gave a short talk on "their impressions of the field secretary program."

"As a Pastor" .....	Rev. Burkette Raper
"As a Superintendent" .....	Mr. C. J. Smith
"As Fellowship Supper Director" .....	Mr. Walter Sandlin
"As a District S. S. Convention President" .....	Mr. Charles Simpson

Rev. L. E. Ballard led the closing prayer, and we were dismissed until nine o'clock Friday morning.

### FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 23, 1954

The morning session was opened with congregational singing. Rev. Burkette Raper led the congregation in prayer. Rev. Roy Rikard conducted the morning devotions, using James 1:5 for his Scripture text, subject, "Edifying Christ Through Teaching."

Rev. L. E. Ballard gave a written report about the Cragmont lots leased by the convention. Motion to accept the report. Motion carried.

Motion made for Nominating Committee to nominate three trustees for our property at Cragmont Assembly. Motion carried.

Motion that Executive Board prepare an amendment to the Constitution and

By-Laws to provide for the duties of the trustees for property at Cragmont. Motion carried.

Mrs. W. P. Bunn, chairman of Digest and Reports Committee, gave their report. Motion to accept the report and to give the committee a vote of thanks for their work. Motion carried.

Mr. Milton Wiggs, convention treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. Motion to accept report with a rising vote of thanks. Motion carried.

Mr. Charles Simpson, chairman of Finance Committee, gave their report. Motion to accept report. Motion carried.

Rev. Ballard read the document relating to the agreement between the State Mission Board and the State Sunday School Convention, relative to their plans for mutual cooperation in organizing new Sunday Schools.

Motion to accept Executive Board minutes of August 15, 1953, which were tabled Thursday, was made and passed by unanimous vote.

Motion that written report of agreement between Mission Board and this convention be entered into the minutes. Motion carried.

Mr. Walter Sandlin, chairman of Resolutions Committee, gave their report. Motion to eliminate and strike from the report the first resolution. Motion carried. Motion to accept the balance of the report. Motion carried.

There was a discussion concerning the meeting place for the 1955 convention. There were two petitions submitted: The Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C., and Mt. Allen College, Mount Olive, N. C. The convention voted to go to Mt. Allen College. Mr. Fountain Taylor stated that the assembly grounds for the Third Eastern District would probably be ready by next year, and that their district would cooperate with the college in entertaining the convention. Motion was amended to accept the joint invitation.

Motion for field secretary to make available the posters needed to use in local Sunday Schools for training purposes, with the details of this service to be worked out by the Executive Board. Motion carried.

Mr. Albert Proctor, chairman of Nominating Committee, gave the committee's report. Motion to accept report. Motion carried.

Rev. Rashie Kennedy conducted the installation service. It was a very impressive service, challenging each officer and director with their respective duties and responsibilities.

The closing Hymn was "Blest Be the Tie," and we were dismissed by prayer.

RAYMOND T. SASSER, *President*

OWEN THOMAS, *Secretary*

## Report of the Resolutions Committee

We, the Resolutions Committee, make the following resolutions:

### RESOLVED:

1. Eliminated by motion.
2. That the Executive Board appoint or elect the Historian of this Convention.
3. That the date for the annual session be changed so as to come at least one month earlier in the calendar year, the exact date to be left to the Executive Board of the convention.

4. That a rising vote of thanks be given to the staff and workers of Cragmont Assembly, also to the pastor, superintendent, and members of Swannanoa Church.

WALTER R. SANDLIN, *Chairman*  
 MRS. R. B. PARRIS  
 C. A. EUBANKS

### Report of the Finance Committee

Received at this convention.....\$376.00

CHARLES SIMPSON, *Chairman*  
 THURMOND HALL  
 M. C. PERRY

### Report of the Nominating Committee

#### Officers

President.....Raymond T. Sasser  
 Vice-President.....Rev. Herman Hersey  
 Secretary.....Owen Thomas  
 Treasurer.....Milton Wiggs

#### Directors

Organization.....Oscar Webster  
 Denominational Enterprises.....Rev. Hubert Burress  
 Publicity.....Lemmie Taylor  
 Records and Reports.....Mrs. Herman Hersey  
 Literature.....Rev. L. E. Ballard  
 Field Secretary Program.....Rev. Albert T. Coates  
 Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Stockholder, expiring 1957.....Rev. Wayne Smith  
 Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Property Trustees:

Rev. Milton Hollifield—Fountain Taylor—Raymond T. Sasser  
 By the committee:

ALBERT H. PROCTOR, *Chairman*  
 MRS. WALTER RHODES  
 REV. WAYNE W. SMITH  
 REV. ROY RIKARD  
 H. J. CORBETT  
 HAYES PAIT  
 FRANKLIN YOUNG

### Correlated Plans and Policy of State Sunday School Convention with

### State Convention Mission Work

1. Division of State by Zones
  - a. Five zones agreed upon by Sunday School Convention and State Convention
  - b. Appointment of zone directors working in interest of both bodies
2. Sharing responsibility of work
  - a. Surveys
  - b. Training workers for mission churches and Sunday schools



- c. Organizing of Sunday schools
  - d. Field secretary for Sunday School Convention and Mission Board representative working together toward the goal of organizing strong churches in each county in the state
3. Sharing of Finance
- a. Each body pay in proportion to work done
  - b. Sunday School Convention pay their workers
  - c. State Convention pay their workers
  - d. Share equally the expense of organizing the individual Sunday School for first quarter of operation
  - e. Share equally the expense of training workers for the Sunday school and prospective officials of the church

## Report of Digest of Reports Committee

75 Sunday Schools, 5 District Conventions, 9 Conferences; Number Classes, 549; Number Class Rooms, 473; Six Point Records—19 yes, 50 no, 7 no answer; Enrollment, 11,036; Averages—Present, 8,935; On Time, 5,509; Study Lesson, 3,381; Make Offering, 4,834; Brought Bibles, 2,046; Attend Church, 5,134; Number Sunday Councils held, 318; Number Study Courses held, 37; Number delegates to Cragmont Conference, 14.

### Contributions to Denominational Enterprises:

Orphanage .....	\$7,350.38
Missions .....	2,292.77
Superannuation .....	286.31
Education .....	1,720.01
Church Finance .....	1,729.83
Cragmont Assembly .....	324.42
State Promotional .....	221.06
S. S. United Program .....	988.49
Contributions to this session of State S. S. Convention .....	376.00

MRS. W. P. BUNN, *Chairman*  
 REV. BURKETTE RAPER  
 MR. WALTER H. DAVIS

## Treasurer's Report

April 24, 1953 through April 17, 1954

Amount on hand, close of convention, April 25, 1952 .....	\$1,724.91
Received through mail for United Program (1) .....	2,026.00
Received after convention (contribution) .....	25.00
Received through mail for United Program (2) .....	52.02
Offerings .....	140.28
Received from sale of Sunday School Manuals .....	64.30
Received from Free Will Baptist Press .....	100.00

Total Receipts .....		\$4,132.51
Board Members Expense .....	\$	135.15
Printing .....		213.75
Secretary Work .....		15.00
United Program Expense .....		172.13
National Convention Expense .....		50.00
National Convention Dues .....		10.00
Field Secretary Travel Expense .....		510.04
Field Secretary Salary .....		1,600.00

Field Secretary Office Expense .....	4.55	
Field Secretary Expenses (Miscellaneous) .....	156.39	
Sunday School Reporter Expense .....	351.90	
Miscellaneous disbursements (Orphanage \$61.00) .....	211.00	
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>		<b>3,429.81</b>
Balance on hand, April 17, 1954 .....	\$ 702.60	
Received at this convention .....	376.00	
<b>Total on hand, April 23, 1954 .....</b>		<b>\$1,078.60</b>

## Treasurer's Report of United Program Receipts

ZONE	COUNTY	SCHOOL	AMOUNT	TOTAL FOR COUNTY	TOTAL FOR ZONE
1	Craven	Ruth's Chapel	\$ 27.50	\$	\$
1	Craven	Bridgeton	10.00	37.50	
1	Carteret	Edward Chapel	19.00		
1	Carteret	Davis	26.00	45.00	
1	Washington	Mt. Olive	9.02	9.02	
1	Beaufort	Washington	68.46	68.46	159.98
2	Duplin	Warsaw	25.75		
2	Duplin	Sarecta	13.50		
2	Duplin	Mt. Olive	1.40		
2	Duplin	Pearsall Chapel	127.36		
2	Duplin	Cabin	17.59		
2	Duplin	Snow Hill	1.00		
2	Duplin	Sandy Plain	10.08	196.68	
2	Durham	Union Grove	3.50		
2	Durham	Edgemont	49.98	53.48	
2	Edgecombe	Rocky Mount	139.63	139.63	
2	Greene	Friendship	19.27		
2	Greene	Hull Road	30.00		
2	Greene	Spring Branch	4.02	53.29	
2	Harnett	Prospect	36.00	36.00	
2	Johnston	Friendship	6.00		
2	Johnston	Holly Springs	43.54		
2	Johnston	Hopewell	17.42		
2	Johnston	Kenly	42.26		
2	Johnston	Micro	42.84		
2	Johnston	Pleasant Plains	69.14		
2	Johnston	Rains Cross Roads	49.25		
2	Johnston	Selma	24.00		
2	Johnston	Stancil Chapel	31.86		
2	Johnston	Smithfield	48.00		
2	Johnston	Bethel	18.59	392.90	
2	Jones	Pilgrim's Home	55.70		
2	Jones	Whaley's Church	20.00	75.70	
2	Lenoir	Christian Chapel	23.24		
2	Lenoir	Dailey Chapel	38.46		
2	Lenoir	Deep Run	64.70		
2	Lenoir	Hugo	13.90	140.30	
2	Nash	Barnes Hill	31.83		
2	Nash	Rock Spring	9.27	41.10	
2	Onslow	Jacksonville	30.00	30.00	
2	Pitt	Ayden	62.25		
2	Pitt	Greenville	40.00	102.25	
2	Wake	Tippett's Chapel	50.79	50.79	
2	Wayne	Fremont	53.55		
2	Wayne	Grant's Chapel	9.35		
2	Wayne	St. Johns	7.73		
2	Wayne	Spring Hill	45.31		
2	Wayne	Stoney Creek	62.77		
2	Wayne	Mrs. Whaley, Seven Springs	4.06	182.77	
2	Wilson	Marsh Swamp	30.76		
2	Wilson	New Sandy Hill	24.01		
2	Wilson	Owens Chapel	58.07		
2	Wilson	Rose Bud	32.71		
2	Wilson	Saratoga	20.40		
2	Wilson	Wilson	54.18	220.13	1,715.02
4	Gaston	Cramerton	120.00	120.00	
4	Buncombe	Swannanoa	15.00		
4	Buncombe	Black Mountain	16.00	31.00	151.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL Receipts mailed in .....</b>			<b>\$2,026.00</b>	<b>\$2,026.00</b>	<b>\$2,026.00</b>

# List of Schools Representing April 21-23, 1954

## Swannanoa Free Will Baptist Church

ZONE	COUNTY	SCHOOL	CONTRIBUTION	CONFERENCE
1	Craven	Core Creek	\$	Eastern
1	Craven	Palmetto	5.00	Eastern
1	Craven	Ruth's Chapel	5.00	Eastern
1	Craven	St. Mary's		Eastern
1	Pamlico	Trent	5.00	Eastern
1	Pamlico	Warden's Grove	5.00	Eastern
1	Washington	Mt. Olive		Albemarle
1	Washington	Trinity		Albemarle
Total Zone 1: 3 Counties,		8 Schools	\$ 20.00	2 Conferences
2	Duplin	Cabin	5.00	Eastern
2	Duplin	Snow Hill	5.00	Eastern
2	Durham	Edgemont		Western
2	Greene	Free Union		Central
2	Greene	Grimsley	3.00	Central
2	Greene	Hull Road	5.00	Central
2	Greene	Little Creek		Central
2	Greene	Ormondsville	2.00	Central
2	Greene	Spring Branch	5.00	Central
2	Greene	Old St. Delight	2.00	Central
2	Johnston	Bethel	5.00	Cape Fear
2	Johnston	Friendship	5.00	Western
2	Johnston	Hopewell	3.00	Cape Fear
2	Johnston	Holly Springs	2.00	Western
2	Johnston	Kenly		Western
2	Johnston	Micro	10.00	Western
2	Johnston	Pleasant Plain	12.00	Western
2	Johnston	Selma	5.00	Western
2	Johnston	Smithfield	5.00	Cape Fear
2	Johnston	Stancil's Chapel	5.00	Western
2	Johnston	St. Mary's Grove	2.00	Cape Fear
2	Johnston	Tee's Chapel		Cape Fear
2	Johnston	Yelverton's Grove		Cape Fear
2	Jones	Whaley's Chapel	22.00	Eastern
2	Lenoir	British Chapel	5.00	Eastern
2	Lenoir	Christian's Chapel	5.00	Eastern
2	Lenoir	Dailey's Chapel	5.00	Eastern
2	Lenoir	Deep Run	10.00	Eastern
2	Lenoir	Gray Branch	5.00	Eastern
2	Lenoir	Hugo	5.00	Central
2	Nash	Flood's Chapel		Western
2	Nash	Free Union	5.00	Western
2	Nash	Mt. Zion	5.00	Western
2	Onslow	Mt. Zion	5.00	Eastern
2	Onslow	Snead's Ferry	2.00	Eastern
2	Pitt	Black Jack		Central
2	Pitt	Elm Grove	10.00	Central
2	Pitt	Grace		Central
2	Pitt	Greenville	12.00	Central
2	Pitt	Gum Swamp	10.00	Central
2	Pitt	Marlboro	5.00	Central
2	Pitt	Parker's		Central
2	Sampson	Corinth	2.00	Cape Fear
2	Sampson	Shady Grove		Cape Fear
2	Wayne	Goldsboro	10.00	Cape Fear
2	Wayne	May's Chapel	5.00	Eastern
2	Wayne	Stoney Creek	5.00	Western
2	Wayne	Union Grove	10.00	Western
2	Wayne	Walnut Creek	1.00	Central
2	Wake	Raleigh	3.00	Cape Fear
2	Wake	Tippett's Chapel	5.00	Western
2	Wake	Wooten's Chapel	1.00	Cape Fear
2	Wilson	Marsh Swamp		Western
2	Wilson	New Sandy Hill	5.00	Western
2	Wilson	Owen's Chapel	5.00	Central
2	Wilson	Rose Bud	5.00	Western
2	Wilson	Saratoga	2.00	Central
2	Wilson	St. Mary's		Western
2	Wilson	Wilson		Western
Total Zone 2: 13 Counties,		59 Schools	\$261.00	4 Conferences

3	Bladen	Oak Grove	5.00	Pee Dee
3	Bladen	White Oak	20.00	Pee Dee
Total				
Zone 3: 1 County,		2 Schools	\$ 25.00	1 Conference
4	Gaston	Cramerton	10.00	Piedmont
5	Buncombe	Cedar Hill		French Broad
5	Buncombe	Horney Heights	5.00	Blue Ridge
5	Buncombe	Swannanoa	5.00	Blue Ridge
5	Haywood	Canton	5.00	Blue Ridge
5	McDowell	Marion	5.00	Piedmont
Total				
Zone 5: 3 Counties,		5 Schools	\$ 20.00	3 Conferences
GRAND				
TOTAL: 5 Zones, 21 Counties, 75 Schools			\$326.00	9 Conferences

#### DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

Second Union, Central	
Second Union, Western	10.00
First Union, Western	
Third Union, Eastern	25.00
Fifth Union, Eastern	5.00
OVERAGE, money received without report blank	
indicating which schools should be credited	10.00
TOTAL	\$376.00

# Minutes of Executive Board Meetings

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION INSTITUTE

May 9, 1953

The Executive Board of the State Sunday School Convention Institute met at Hopewell Church May 9, 1953. The meeting was called to order by the president. Prayer was offered by Rev. L. E. Ballard.

The roll was called. Those present were:

Raymond T. Sasser, Rev. Herman Hersey, Owen Thomas, Milton Wiggs, Rev. Hubert Burress, Lemmie Taylor, Rev. Charles Craddock (proxy for Miss Marie Hester), Rev. L. E. Ballard, Rev. Albert T. Coates.

Minutes of last annual session of our convention were read and approved.

Motion made and seconded to appoint a committee to work out details and have minutes printed. Motion carried. Owen Thomas and Raymond Sasser were appointed to serve on this committee.

Motion made and seconded that the director of field work be authorized to hire extra help for specific jobs to assist field secretary. Motion carried. Rev. Albert Coates, chairman of field secretary program, gave report of contemplated work and a proposed outline of the work for the part-time field secretary. Salary shall be \$125.00 per month plus all necessary expenses pertinent to his work as room and board, printing, postage, supplies, telephone calls and car mileage at 7c. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to extend to the committee who outlined work for part-time field secretary, a rising vote of thanks and to have prayer in behalf of this work. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that Rev. L. E. Ballard, director of literature, be elected as Editor of Sunday School Reporter and that necessary expenses of printing and mailing be paid by treasurer. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that our convention cooperate with the press in sending out a Brochure to promote the sale of Sunday School Manuals. Motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning a meeting place for the Convention for 1954 and also concerning the changing of the time for the convention. The decision was left until next Executive Board meeting.

Motion made and seconded that a committee be appointed to negotiate with the press concerning the printing of six point record material. Raymond Sasser and Rev. Hubert Burress were appointed to serve on this committee. In the event that the press is not interested in printing the material, the committee was instructed to proceed in getting the needed material printed. Motion carried.

The benediction was by Raymond Sasser.

## August 15, 1953

The Executive Board of the State Sunday School Convention Institute met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield August 15, 1953. The meeting was called to order by the president. Prayer was offered by Milton Wiggs.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The roll was called with the following members present:

Raymond T. Sasser, Owen Thomas, Milton Wiggs, Rev. Hubert Burress, Lemmie Taylor, Rev. L. E. Ballard, Rev. Albert T. Coates.

A discussion was held concerning the printing of the State Sunday School Convention minutes. Motion to have minutes printed and distributed. Motion carried.

There was a discussion concerning the printing of the six-point record material. It was decided to wait until a more appropriate time to make a definite decision.

A discussion was held concerning a meeting place for the 1954 session of the State Sunday School Convention. Motion made to go to Swannanoa for the 1954 convention and that the time for the convention be the same as last year. Motion carried.

Milton Wiggs gave the treasurer's report. Motion made to accept the report. Motion carried.

Rev. L. E. Ballard, part-time field secretary, gave a detailed report on this work for May, June and July. Motion made to accept report with commendation and that the report be published in the August issue of the Sunday School Reporter and also in the Free Will Baptist paper.

Rev. Albert Coates, chairman of field secretary program, gave a report pertaining to his observation of the part-time field secretary's work.

Motion to renew the contract of the part-time field secretary for six months. Motion carried.

The board voted in favor of Rev. Ballard receiving a free will offering at the Sunday School Rallies, whenever he so desires. The money received will be used for Sunday School work.

The board approved a plan of co-ordinating the work of part-time field secretary and State Mission Board as drawn up by chairmen of Mission Board and field secretary.

Motion to adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. Burress.

## January 21, 1954

The Executive Board of the State Sunday School Convention Institute met in Smithfield January 21, 1954.

The meeting was called to order by the president. Prayer was offered by Rev. Ballard.

The members present were as follows:

Raymond T. Sasser, Rev. Herman Hersey, Owen Thomas, Milton Wiggs,

Rev. Hubert Burress, Lemmie Taylor, Mrs. J. B. Narron, Rev. L. E. Ballard, Rev. Albert Coates. Jimmy Lee Jones served as proxy for Mrs. Bernard Ferrell.

Plans for the Convention-Institute, which is meeting in Swannanoa, were discussed. It was decided that the Board meet Wednesday night, April 21, in Swannanoa.

The following committee was appointed to meet with the president on Monday after the fifth Sunday in January, in Raleigh, N. C., to plan the program:

Rev. L. E. Ballard, Rev. Hubert Burress, and Rev. Herman Hersey.

Rev. L. E. Ballard, field secretary, gave a report pertaining to his work on the field. Discussions concerning his work were led by Raymond Sasser, Rev. Hersey, Rev. Burress, Rev. Narron, and Mrs. L. E. Ballard. A vote of thanks and confidence was given Rev. Ballard for the work done in the past and for that which will be done in the future.

Motion made that the board approve the dates set for Institute work at Cragmont this summer. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Rev. Ballard as director of Institute work at Cragmont for 1954. Motion carried.

Motion to recommend to convention, to make provisions for a Historian at the next sitting of the State Sunday School Convention Institute. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

Benediction was given by Rev. J. B. Narron.

### April 21, 1954

The Executive Board of the N. C. Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute met on Wednesday night, April 21, at Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, N. C.

The meeting was called to order by the president. Prayer was led by Rev. Albert T. Coates.

The roll was called with two members absent. Mr. H. J. Corbett was appointed proxy for Mrs. Bernard Ferrell, director of organization, and Mr. Fountain Taylor was appointed proxy for Mr. Lemmie Taylor, director of publicity.

A discussion was held concerning the lots at Cragmont Assembly, leased by the convention. A committee composed of Rev. L. E. Ballard, Rev. Albert T. Coates, and Rev. Hubert Burress, was appointed to make a report to the convention concerning the future use of the lots.

Motion made and seconded to employ Rev. L. E. Ballard as part-time field secretary and editor of the Sunday School Reporter, under the present contract, with the understanding that when either party desires to terminate the office, notice shall be given in writing, ninety days in advance. Motion carried.

The board prepared a list of people to serve on the various committees during the convention.

Motion to adjourn. The benediction was given by the president.

OWEN THOMAS, *Secretary*

RAYMOND T. SASSER, *President*

