

MINUTES

Of The

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

State Association of Churches

Of The (Original)

FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Held With the Church at

FREE UNION, GREENE COUNTY, N. C.

September 17, 18, 19—1941

And the Minutes

Of The

Women's State Auxiliary Convention

And the

State Sunday School Convention



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PROCEEDINGS

The Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Free Will Baptist Church of North Carolina held its fifteenth session with Rain's Cross Roads Church of the Western District on Thursday, May 22nd, 1941.

MORNING SESSION

The meeting opened with the singing of our Auxiliary Song, "Jesus Calls Us," after which Mrs. N. B. Crocker, of Pine Level, N. C. conducted the devotional service. Song, "Our Best" was rendered by the congregation, followed with a prayer by Rev. R. N. Hinnant. Scripture and timely remarks were given by Mrs. Crocker, after which "Greetings" from the local Church were given by Mrs. Major Williams, with response by Mrs. Clarence Bowen. Song, "Praise Him" was sung by the congregation.

At this time Mrs. C. B. Thompson, President, brought a very interesting message on the purpose and aim of the meeting, urging that each delegate and officer apply themselves to the task of the day, that the greatest good might be accomplished.

The business session opened with the reading of the minutes of previous session, after which the following committees were appointed:

Finance—Mrs. E. C. Morris, Mrs. L. H. McDade, Mrs. J. D. Pate.

Nominating—Mrs. Julia Pate, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Mrs. J. E. Combs.

Petitions—Mrs. Noble Hinnant, Mrs. Lilly Smith, Mrs. Abe Walston.

Resolutions—Mrs. D. O. Wilder, Mrs. Henry Watson, Mrs. M. E. Hart.

Report of the First Vice President was heard at this time. (See reports).

Greetings by Telegraph from Mrs. J. P. Barrow, former Secretary, who is now living in Chicago, was read and was very much appreciated.

After the report of the 2nd Vice President, Rev. L. R. Ennis gave a brief synopsis of our Church History and also the work that is being done at the present time to promote the interests of our denominational program.

The National Auxiliary Officers were recognized at this time, there being present the President, and two Vice Presidents.

Mrs. Lizzie McAdams made a short talk in the interest of Missions and of the good work being done in N. C. by the women, after which Mrs. L. E. Ballard of Greenville, brought a stirring message on Missions.

Short talks made by Mrs. McAdams, Mr. C. K. Dunn and an earnest appeal from Mrs. J. H. Oglesby for a greater effort in behalf of Missions, were timely and impressive.

Adjourned for lunch and recreation.

AFTERNOON SESSION 1:00 P. M.

Mrs. Floyd Morris conducted the afternoon devotions. Before entering into the business session, a request from the local pastor, Rev. J. W. Alford, was made in behalf of his Church, that special prayer be made for rain, as his people were praying people and depended upon God for all good gifts and that they had approached him with a petition that he ask this Convention to pray in a special way that the Lord would send rain. Mr. Alford requested that Rev. J. C. Griffin lead the prayer, to be followed by Mrs. McAdams.

At this time a very splendid program was given by a class from the Orphanage, after which the Superintendent, Rev. Jas. A. Evans, gave a report of the work being accomplished, the number of children in the home,

the number not yet adopted by various churches and auxiliaries, together with other items of interest.

An offering was taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$11.79.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard made a report of an effort on the part of the S. S. Convention to secure Assembly Grounds where meetings could be held annually in behalf of the Sunday School work, in the way of training etc. and in her remarks she urged that our Women's Convention join with the S. S. Convention in bringing about the success of this most excellent plan.

It was moved and carried that we co-operate with the S. S. Convention in helping to secure the Assembly grounds. Motion was made that the President appoint a committee to work with said S. S. Convention in behalf of this effort. The following were appointed:

Miss Elizabeth Warren of Greenville, Mrs. Henry Melvin of Durham and Mrs. N. E. Harris of Rocky Mount.

The 3rd Vice President, Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, made her report on the work done in the interest of Missions for the year. (See reports). She made a fervent appeal that we do our best to help maintain a Native Missionary in India, in response to an urgent appeal from Miss Barnard through our Baptist Paper some time ago. She also told of her efforts and the results in behalf of our Cuban missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Willey, in their appeal for a horse that would enable them to do more efficient service among the natives.

An offering was taken for Missions amounting to \$18.30.

Reports were made by the 4th and 6th Vice Presidents regarding their work for the year. The 5th Vice President being absent, there was no report of the Orphanage work rendered.

There was some discussion regarding the work of Superannuation. It was decided that we continue our efforts in our Ministerial Relief work, but leave Superannuation alone, until some definite action is taken by the National Auxiliary Convention and the same made known to us.

The Field Secretary was not present and her report was given by her mother, Mrs. Sidney Renfrow. The "Georgie Frost Barnes Extension Banner" was awarded to the Western district for organizing the largest number of Societies during the year and was presented by Mrs. Renfrow, in behalf of Mrs. Barnes.

Mrs. Maude Harrison, conducted the Memorial Service, which was very impressive throughout.

The National President, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, gave a brief report of the work of the National Auxiliary Convention and its plans for the year. She stated that, in all probability, Mrs. Frazier, 2nd Vice President, contemplated making some changes in our Literature at the next session, but hoped it would be in accord with the voice of our women of the various States. Rev. L. R. Ennis and Mrs. McAdams also made short talks on the National work.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard was appointed delegate to the National Auxiliary Convention to be held with Drumright, Okla. Free Will Baptist Church in July this year.

Other delegates are to be Mesdames Pelt, Morris, Wetherington, E. C. Morris, Moye and Bowen.

The Resolution Committee made its report at this time. (See reports).

It was moved and carried that the Resolutions be accepted.

The report of the Finance Committee was given and on motion was received.

Treasurer's report was given in detail and on motion was received as read.

The report of the 2nd Vice President was heard at this time, and accepted.

The Nominating Committee made its report and recommended the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. C. B. Thompson, re-elected.

1st Vice President, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, re-elected.

2nd Vice President, Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, new.

3rd Vice President, Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, re-elected.

4th Vice President, Mrs. Henry Melvin, re-elected.

5th Vice President, Mrs. J. C. Moye, new.

6th Vice President, Mrs. M. L. Johnson, new.

Field Secretary, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, new.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, new.

Treasurer, Mrs. Herman Nobles, re-elected.

It was moved and carried that these officers be elected for the ensuing year.

The Petitions Committee reported that Pleasant Grove Church had requested that the next session of the State Auxiliary Convention meet with them, and recommended that we accept their kind invitation.

It was moved and carried that we accept the report and also their recommendation to meet with Pleasant Grove Church in our 1942 session.

The minutes were read and approved.

It was moved and carried that we adjourn.

Closing prayer by Rev. McAdams.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson, *President*,

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, *Secretary*

REPORTS

Report of First Vice President, Mrs. J. C. Griffin: Number of new members reported during the year, 252. Present enrollment, 1,715. Number of Temperance leaflets distributed, 70. Number of programs given 12. Number of religious tracts, leaflets, magazines, Baptist papers etc. distributed, 1,776. Number of subscriptions to the Free Will Baptist Paper, 683.

WORK DONE TO WIN NEW MEMBERS

Number of 'phone calls, 11. Number mailing letters or cards, 3. Number making personal visits, 62.

EFFORTS TO BRING BACK ABSENTEES

No reports given, either by local or district.

Respectfully submitted by Mrs. J. C. Griffin First Vice-President

The 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Farrish, being absent, the report on the Educational Program was incomplete. However a verbal report given by her proxy, Mrs. Bennett, was very encouraging. Amount of funds reported was, from the Eastern Auxiliary \$162.95 and from the Central, \$124.10 Total received from these two, \$287.05. Some of the other Districts have raised goodly sums, also the Anna Phillips Posters have been in use by several Societies, although no definite report on these were obtainable. A

statistical report was sent in by Mrs. Farrish in regular form.

Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, 3rd Vice President rendered the following report:

Total amount received for Missions from all sources, Eastern District \$151.96. Total amt. from the Central \$156.21. From the Western, \$69.21. Total amount received \$377.38. Of this sum, \$147.69 was for Home Missions and \$229.69 for Foreign Missions.

Missionary Programs given, 36. Study Classes held 13. Number of Societies observing Week of Prayer 12. Special Prayer Days observed 7. Cottage Prayer Meetings held with sick or shut-ins, 14. Total amount of funds to date on the Missionary horse for the Willey's, \$8.00, although several pledges have been made and I feel safe in saying that the "horse" for Mr. Willey is assured. I am recommending to our Sunday Schools all over the State that they establish a "Mission Sunday" in their S. S. My Two-fold reason for this is, to increase our Mission funds, my second is, that it will be good training for our children and young people to support our Missionary Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. H. Oglesby Third Vice-President

Report of 4th Vice President: Stewardship Circles conducted, 20. Number of Books read, 16. Number of members reading books, 70. Number of Tracts and other Stewardship literature distributed 70. Number of Stewardship Programs given 14. Number of Stewardship talks made 26. Number of Tithers in various Societies 35. Number of new Tithers this year 16. Number Stewardship classes conducted 39. Names of Books studied; "Stewardship Parables of Jesus and Modern Pictures in Old Frames." Number enrolled in classes, 220. Average number attending classes 115. Number of 100% members 133. Number of visitors attending 105.

The Eastern and the Western were the only Districts reporting for a full year. The Pee Dee reported for six months.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Henry Melvin, 4th Vice President

Mrs. Braswell, the 5th Vice President was not present and did not send a report of the Orphanage activities.

Report of 6th Vice President: Amount received for Ministerial Relief from May 21st, 1940 to May 22nd 1941. *

From the Western Auxiliary Convention	\$26.00
From the Central Auxiliary Convention	14.00
From the Eastern Auxiliary Convention	50.54
Total amount received	\$90.54

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, 6th Vice Pres.

(There was no report of the disbursements of these funds.)

We, your Resolution Committee wish to submit the following:

That this Convention tender a rising vote of thanks, showing our deep

Respectfully submitted,

Resolved, that the "Loving Cup" used in the Stewardship contest be given to the North Carolina State League Convention, for use in their Sword Drill.

It was moved and carried that we accept the Resolution as read and that the Cup be given to the North Carolina State League Convention.

TREASURER'S REPORT IN SUMMARY

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