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of the

State Association of Churches

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FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Held in

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NASH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

September 15, 16, 17—1943

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of the

Women's State Auxiliary Convention

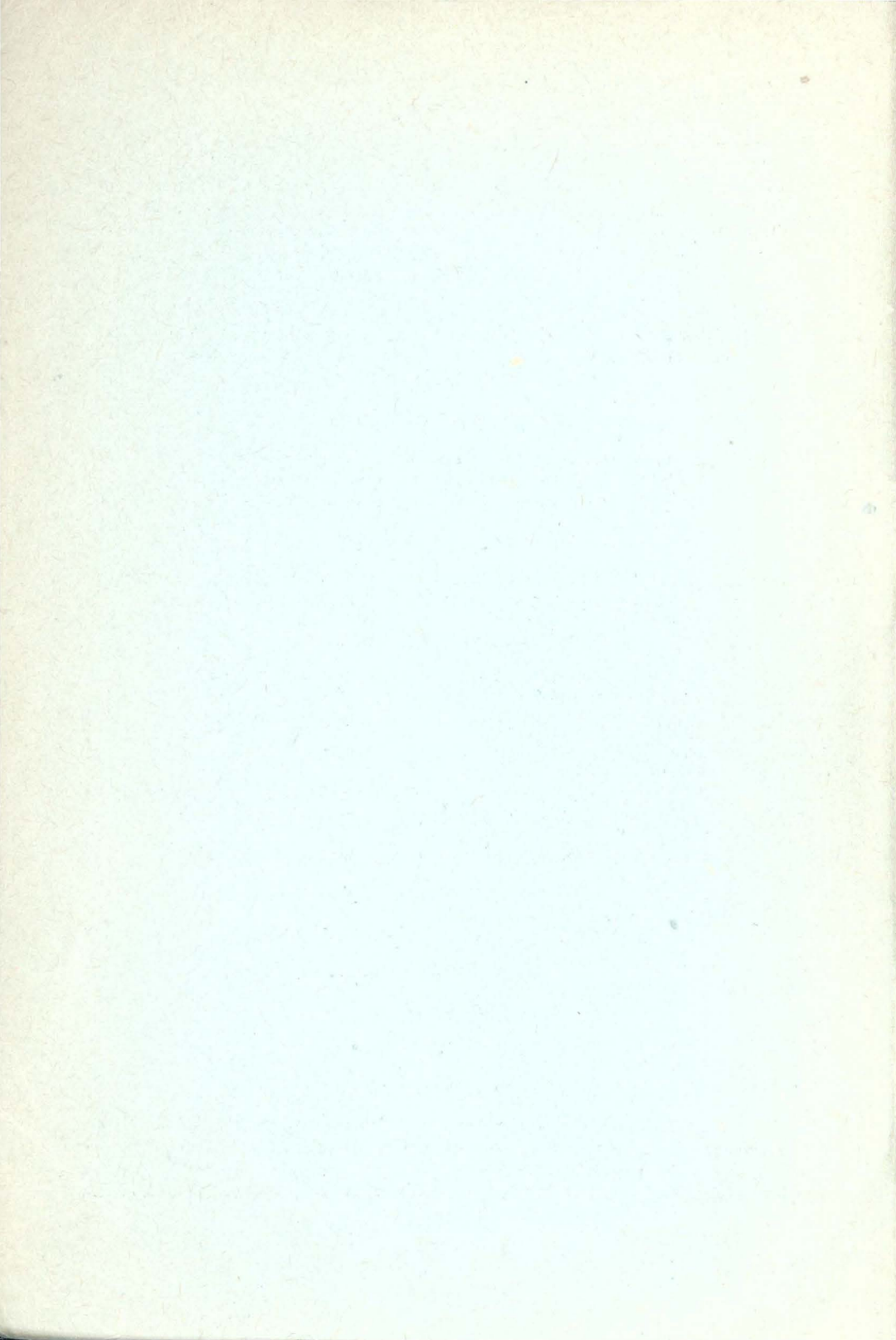
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**WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION
OF NORTH CAROLINA**

held with

SHADY GROVE CHURCH

Sampson County, North Carolina

MAY 20, 1943

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PROCEEDINGS

The sixteenth annual Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina met with Shady Grove Church, Sampson County, Wednesday, May 20, 1943.

The devotions were conducted by Mrs. M. L. Johnson. Opening Hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story," after which Mrs. Johnson read the 5th chapter of First Corinthians, making a short talk on the lesson. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Griffin. "Praise Him, Praise Him," was sung by the congregation.

BUSINESS SESSION

Greetings were given by Mrs. L. B. Wilson, of Newton Grove, with response by Mrs. J. H. Oglesby. The Minutes were read and the roll call of officers. The President recognized and welcomed the following ministers: Revs. J. C. Griffin, L. R. Ennis, R. H. Mason, Mrs. McAdams, W. K. Jordan, J. W. Alford, M. E. Godwin, (the Pastor,) Thos. E. Beaman, Chester Pelt and W. R. Williams.

After the registration of officers and delegates the following Committees were appointed:

Finance: Mrs. Herman Nobles (Treasurer), Mrs. Paul A. Johnson, Mrs. R. C. Wiggs.

Resolution: Mrs. Lilly Smith, Mrs. E. L. Beane, Mrs. Oliver Smith.

Nominating: Mrs. Chester Pelt, Mrs. D. L. Wilder, Mrs. M. A. Woodard.

Petitions: Mrs. C. C. Wheeler, Mrs. L. B. Wilson, Mrs. M. A. Clark.

Mrs. Thompson, the President, gave a very encouraging talk at this time, with instructions to delegates regarding their duties for the day, and expressed her regret at moving away from North Carolina; and of the splendid co-operation she had had during her presidency of the Convention, closing her remarks with best wishes for the on-going of the Convention work in this State, and asking an interest in our prayers.

Report of the 1st Vice-President was heard, and on motion, was adopted. The 2nd Vice-President reported the Educational work for the year, and made some recommendations for future activities.

It was moved and carried that all District 2nd Vice-Presidents, with the 2nd State Vice-President, compose the Committee to have charge of the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, the State 2nd Vice-President acting as Chairman. Mrs. Louise Bedsworth was appointed to conduct the Memorial service during the afternoon, for deceased members.

Rev. L. R. Ennis brought a message on the National work, giving detailed information relative to the Bible School at Nashville, Tenn., the Missionary Program and other vital interests, in which our Auxiliary can take part. Mr. Ennis said "It is the ability and not the capacity we have that determines our status in the service of the Lord." He said also that "we need an Auxiliary revival," regarding all of our National work, that we may become better acquainted with our vast opportunities in promoting Christ's kingdom, pointing to world conditions to-day as a result of neglect-

ing, or forgetting to take God in all of our plans for the upbuilding of His kingdom."

The President spoke words of appreciation to Mr. Ennis for his talk and said she hoped each one present had caught a clearer vision of our denominational needs, and would resolve to apply ourselves more diligently to Christian service.

At this time, the Pastor, Rev. M. E. Godwin spoke a few words of welcome to visiting ministers and delegates, with information relative to the lunch hour.

Mrs. McAdams brought a very inspiring message on "Why we should give ourselves whole-heartedly to the cause of Christ and His kingdom work," after which we adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 o'clock the Convention re-assembled for the resumption of business. Mrs. L. E. Ballard opened the devotional service, and after congregational singing, "He is a Wonderful Saviour," "Uncle George Dail" sang "Glory to Jesus." Miss Reece Graham then read the 7th chapter of St. Matthew, after which she made an impressive talk on "Faith and Prayer," closing with the singing of "Sweet Hour of Prayer." At this time the 3rd Vice-President made a verbal report, saying that for some reason, the District 3rd Vice-Presidents had not submitted reports to her regarding their missionary activities, except in a promiscuous way, so she was unprepared to give definite statistics as to what had actually been done in the field of Missions this year. Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Promotional Worker, made a very good report of the territory travelled and the various interests she had promoted. (See reports.)

A very touching memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Louise Bedsworth for the deceased members. Verbal reports were heard from the 4th and 5th Vice-Presidents. Only one report from the 4th Vice-President was rendered, which came from the Eastern Auxiliary District. Mrs. Moye, the 5th Vice-President, urged that we get the habit of making monthly donations to the Orphanage, also that we take part in the re-furnishing and painting of the Home, in order that everything may be in readiness for the State Convention in September.

Rev. J. A. Evans, Superintendent of the Orphanage brought encouraging news from the Institution, speaking of the work being done to beautify and equip the buildings, the Bond issue for the Chapel, the need of saving Coupons, and said, "The best thing yet is the fact that we have fruit jars to distribute" and urged that as much canning as possible, be done during the coming months. Mr. Evans announced that they would be hosts to the State Association in September, and that as this Body was the parent of the Institution, he was anxious to be as well prepared as possible to entertain it. An offering was taken, amounting to \$22.91. Shady Grove Church announced that they were to purchase collection plates for the new Chapel, when needed.

Rev. J. C. Griffin, Chairman of the Board of Publications and Literature of the National Association, spoke at this time, and reported that \$578.05 had been raised during the year in North Carolina for Home Missions, and \$611.00 for Foreign Missions. (This does not include the amount raised by Auxiliaries.) He also announced that June was Christian Education Month and that August was Church Finance Corporation month, and asked that we all do our best in behalf of these objects.

The 6th Vice-President reported \$131.72 had been received for Retired Ministers fund, and it was moved and carried that this money be appropriated to the 18 retired Ministers in various parts of the State.

The report of the Secretary was given and on motion adopted.

The Treasurer made report and on motion was received as read.

The Finance Committee rendered their report. On motion it be adopted. Two petitions were heard for the next Convention, one at Stony Creek, the other Oak Grove. It was voted that we hold the next session with Stony Creek Church, with appreciation to Oak Grove for the invitation. There was a motion that Mrs. L. E. Ballard and Mrs. E. L. Beane, represent us in the National Auxiliary Convention, and that each delegate be allowed \$15.00 on their expenses. The motion carried. The report of the Nominating Committee was heard, and on motion it be adopted. The elective officers were voted on one by one.

The Resolution Committee reported, and there was a motion that these be voted on singly. Motion carried. At this time there was a rising vote of appreciation given to the local Church, also to Oak Grove and the community for their hospitality and fine spirit of co-operation during the sitting of this Convention. There was a motion that the President appoint a Nominating Committee one year ahead, to select officers for ensuing year. Motion lost. It was moved and carried that the Executive Committee have charge of this, and discuss it in their next meeting.

On motion, we furnish a room at the Bible School at Nashville, Tenn., the same to cost \$105.00, and that it be paid out of the general funds of the Convention. Motion carried.

A rising vote of thanks and appreciation was tendered to the out-going officers, for their loyal support of the Auxiliary work, and for their untiring service in the promotion of its activities.

Timely remarks were made by the Pastor, Rev. M. E. Godwin, on the splendid co-operation given his church by the Oak Grove Church and by the community at large, and how much he appreciated the Christian spirit that had been exhibited during the session.

The minutes were read and approved.

It was moved and carried that we adjourn.

Benediction by Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson, *Retiring President*,
Alice E. Lupton, *Retiring Secretary*.

REPORT OF FIELD WORKER

Greetings to the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention:

I respectfully submit the following report as your state field worker and home missionary:

I have delivered 89 messages, visited 43 churches, held 6 institutes, conducted 3 Daily Vacation Bible Schools, attended 9 conventions. In performing this work, I have traveled 3,824 miles.

I have drawn on the state treasurer for ----- \$ 70.00

I have received from the field ----- 334.24

Total Receipts ----- \$404.24

Total expense for traveling ----- \$ 72.99

Postage, etc. ----- 4.70

Total Expenditures ----- \$ 77.69

Net Receipts ----- \$326.55

I have heard from the Pee Dee district, which reports that two new societies have been organized and the Western district reports one Junior Woman's Auxiliary has been organized.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, *Field Worker*.

REPORT OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

To the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention in session May 20th, at Shady Grove:

Only one District reported to me and I am giving the report as sent to me. This is the report of the Western District.

Societies reporting 16; No. members, 312; Average attendance, 215; No. Temperance programs given, 4; No. subscribers to the Gem, 1; No. Bibles given, 36; No. religious tracts given, 598.

I am sorry that I am not able to be in the convention with you today but due to circumstances that could not be prevented, I was not permitted to attend. You may be assured that I am thinking of you and praying that it will be the best convention ever.

May I suggest that you give your full cooperation to the National Convention and do anything that you are called on to do. Let me urge you to use the Year Book for your devotionals. Also study the Manual of Auxiliary Methods. There is also a book at the Press, "Working with Our Youth," that will help in organizing the young people of your church. There are some tracts that were written by one of our own women from Missouri and may be secured from the press at Monett. All of this literature helps you make your society an A-1 Society. Now is the time for us as women to do our part for the cause of Christianity.

Yours to serve,

Mrs. Clarence Bowen, *First Vice-President*.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Date: May 20, 1943—State: North Carolina

Donations to National Educational Program	\$338.99
Donations or loans to students	43.00
Donations to Bible School piano fund	165.00
Amount paid for books	20.00
Amount raised for Anna Phillips Educational Loan Fund ..	191.30
Loans repaid to Anna P. E. L. Fund	300.00
Special donations to pastors	20.00
No. Societies planning programs in advance	43
No. Vacation Bible Schools conducted	10
No. young people's organizations and activities directed ..	63
No. Study Classes conducted for youth	59
No. Daily Bible readers	243
No. Special Studies of manual conducted	48

Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, *Second Vice-President*.

This is the report of three districts located in eastern North Carolina. I failed to get reports from other districts.—Mrs. L. H. W.

Only verbal reports from 3rd and 4th and 5th Vice-Presidents of State Auxiliary.

The 4th Vice-President of the Eastern Auxiliary reported the following for her district:

REPORT OF FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT OF EASTERN DISTRICT

Number of Stewardship talks made	40
Number of Stewardship Programs given	24
Number of Stewardship Classes conducted	22
Average attending classes	260
Number of Tithers	176

Mrs. Louise Bedsworth, *Fourth Vice-President of Eastern District*.

A few reports came in from districts that should have been submitted to the State Vice-Presidents. Consequently we are left without any statistical knowledge as to the work accomplished in the State during the year. That a gratifying interest has been shown toward all departmental work is known, but without the necessary reports coming from the right source, we are helpless to give accurate account of it. See.

Education	48.65	Missions	318.38
Stewardship	None		
Publication and Literature ..	None		
Superannuation	10.00	Total	\$657.23

Balance in Treasury at Opening of this Convention—Each Department

General	\$350.14
Orphanage	None

Stewardship -----	None
Publication and Literature -----	None
Superannuation -----	131.72
Education -----	82.90
Missions (Home) -----	253.46

Balance in Bank ----- \$818.22

Anna Phillips Educational Loan Fund

Balance on hand—May 20, 1942 -----	\$469.34
Received in 1943 -----	515.00

Total Receipts -----	\$984.34
Disbursements, 1943 -----	.47

Balance on hand—May 26, 1943 ----- \$983.87

Mrs. Herman Nobles, *Treasurer.*

