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OFFICERS

President-----Mrs. J. C. Griffin, 240 Pasteur St., New Bern, N. C.
First Vice-President-----Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C.
Second Vice-President-----Mrs. M. L. Johnson, Lucama, N. C.
Third Vice-President-----Mrs. R. C. Wiggs, Ayden, N. C.
Fourth Vice-President-----Mrs. E. G. Holland, Kenly, N. C.
Fifth Vice-President-----Mrs. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill, N. C.
Sixth Vice-President-----Mrs. James A. Evans, Middlesex, N. C.
Secretary-----Mrs. J. C. Sasser, Route 2, Goldsboro, N. C.
Treasurer-----Mrs. Herman Nobles, Greenville, N. C.
Field Secretary-----Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Middlesex, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Eighteenth Annual Auxiliary of North Carolina met with St. Mary's Church, Wilson County, Thursday, May 24, 1945.

The opening hymn for the convention was "Give of Your Best to the Master," followed by a period of meditation led by Mrs. R. C. Wiggs, speaking from Phil. 3: 8, using as her subject, "That I May Win Christ."

Words of welcome were spoken by Mrs. Ruby Narron with response by Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser.

MORNING SESSION

A letter was read from our president, Mrs. Clarence Bowen, stating due to recent illness it was impossible for her to attend. Also a letter was read from Mrs. Oliver Smith, our recording secretary expressing regrets at not being able to attend as she was out of the state with her husband in service.

After the reading of the minutes and roll call of officers the following ministers were recognized: Henry Melvin, E. G. Holland, T. E. Beaman, J. H. Worley, J. C. Griffin, W. A. Hales, Albert Harris, M. L. Johnson, J. R. Forrest.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, 2nd Vice-President, acting as President, asked the body to be much in prayer for the success of the day as sickness and other hindrances kept our officials from being present. Only three officers were present to carry on the necessary routine business and substitutes were appointed.

The following committees were appointed:

Finance and Apportionment—Mrs. Herman Nobles, Mrs. Alice Lupton, Mrs. J. R. Newton.

Resolution—Mrs. S. A. Smith, Mrs. R. B. Spencer, Miss Alice Webster.

Reports—Mrs. C. G. Pope, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Mrs. John P. Lucas.

Nominating—Mrs. L. M. Ausley, Mrs. Louise Hangston, Mrs. Walter Rhodes, Mrs. Roby Strickland, Mrs. B. M. Ratcliff.

REPORTS OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

First—Mrs. Raymond Sasser, being unable to attend, her report was read by acting secretary. She urged each auxiliary to have a library or reading circle. By reading, the more we want to do. We cannot learn or do too much, so let's get busy for our Master.

Second—Mrs. J. C. Griffin spoke encouraging about all phases of her work, challenging us to do better the coming year.

Third—Mrs. R. C. Wiggs gave an interesting mission report and presented the urgent need for a chapel to be erected on our mission field in Cuba.

Fourth—Mrs. Paul Thigpen, unable to attend, her report read. She asked each auxiliary to take a Stewardship offering to buy tracts to distribute to our service men.

Fifth—Mrs. J. C. Moye, unable to attend. Orphanage report given by Superintendent Evans. He urged the need of single sheets and pillow cases.

Sixth—Mrs. T. E. Beaman, unable to attend, her report read by acting secretary.

The oldest minister present, Rev. J. H. Worley, gave us some encouraging facts concerning the auxiliary work and challenged us to go on higher heights and greater service in the future, than we had done in the past.

Preparatory to the convention message the congregation was led in song by Rev. Albert Harris.

We enjoyed the able delivered message by Rev. Henry Melvin, using as his subject, "Maximum Christians," taken from Phil. 3: 8. The speaker stresses to be maximum Christians: 1st. We must be found in Him; 2nd. Know Him. 3rd. Be an example. 4th. Stand fast in the faith. 5th. Seek to reach the greatest quantity attainable.

The convention was dismissed for lunch. Rev. W. A. Hales pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. R. C. Wiggs, substituting for Mrs. Ruth Moye Clark, led the devotions, using as his subject "Our Maximum for Others." Scripture taken from Romans 10: 1. He said the Willey's were an example of a couple that have and are giving "Our Maximum for Others." The hymn, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," was sung, followed by prayer.

Rev. James A. Evans, Superintendent of the Orphanage, and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, brought news from the Home at this time. Mr. Evans said that most of the funds raised for the Orphanage, women helped raise them, they assist in clothing, feeding, educating, and physical training of the children of the Orphanage. Mrs. Ballard told of the Christmas party being very much enjoyed by the children and Mrs. Herman Nobles, was adopted as Orphanage mother for the year, having done much for the happiness of the children on several occasions. Offering was taken for the home amounting to \$61.64.

The report of the field worker was received.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer were received.

The committee on reports made honorable mention of all Districts but no banner was awarded as they did not know where banner was.

One petition for next year's session was reported: Union Grove, Wayne County. This invitation was accepted.

The Finance and Apportionment Committee made its report and it was received. (See reports.)

Mrs. L. E. Ballard requested that we have daily vacation Bible School in every church and use the three young girls available from our Bible school.

Mrs. Bruce Barrow was designated as our delegate to the National Auxiliary.

The visiting delegates were recognized from:

Cape Fear, by Mrs. Jackson, gift of \$5.00.

Eastern, by Mrs. Walter Rhodes.

Central, by Mrs. M. A. Woodard, gift of \$5.00.

Western, by Mrs. E. G. Holland, gift of \$2.00.

Albemarle, by Miss Alice Webster.

Mrs. J. H. Oglesby presided over the memorial service.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Nobles for fine way she has kept treasurer, without pay for several years.

The secretary was asked to send greetings to Mrs. J. C. Moye, who was unable to attend due to illness.

The song "Blest Be the Tie," was sung. We were dismissed by Mrs. Katie Sawyer Jackson.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President.

Mrs. J. C. Sasser, Secretary.

REPORT OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

To the North Carolina Women's Auxiliary Convention in session May 24, 1945, at St. Mary's Church, Wilson County.

Four district auxiliary conventions have submitted statistical reports as follows:

	West.	East.	Albm.	C. F.	Total
No. of Members	411	395	241	224	1271
Attendance	277	227	128	110	742
Temperance Programs Given	4	11	2	13	40
Subscriptions to Baptist	290	208	101	109	708
Subscriptions to Gem	8	19			27
Subscriptions to Orphanage Paper		6			6
Literature distributed	3266	25951	324	841	30382

Two districts reported by letter, and their reports may be summarized as follows:

Rock Fish Auxiliary—No convention this year due to gas shortage and other hindrances—local work doing fine.

Piedmont—No statistics—report local work doing well. Letters were written to the first vice-president of the Central and Pee Dee Auxiliary, but to date their reports have not been received.

During the year two articles were written and published in the Baptist in the interest of our work. The first article concerned the observance of special months of enlistment of new members and gave suggestions for holding and bringing back old members. The fact that a 10% increase in membership and an average attendance of 50% is necessary to be an A-1 auxiliary was also stressed.

The second article was an appeal for auxiliaries to organize a circulating library or reading circle. By reading we learn and the more we learn, the more we want to do. We cannot learn or do too much, so let's get busy for our Master.

REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

No. of District reported	4
No. local auxiliaries reporting from March, 1944	4
No. local auxiliaries reporting from March, 1945	70
Amount donation to National Education Program	\$516.33
Amount donation to Students	70.00
Amount donation to pastors for expense at Institute	31.25
Amount donation to pastors for expense to National Association	10.00
Amount given to Anna Phillips Loan Fund	413.30
Appropriated by Central District Auxiliary Convention	
Appropriated for Assembly Ground Fund	\$31.90
Appropriated for Christian Education	15.00
Appropriated for Anna Phillips Loan Fund	7.00
Sent 20 books for library in Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, paid mailing charges on books.	
No. Auxiliaries planning programs in advance	42
No. Vacation Bible Schools conducted	19
No. Young people's organizations and activities conducted	26
No. Study classes conducted for youth	31
No. Daily Bible readers	334
No. Special studies of Manual conducted	41

Submitted by,

Mrs. J. C. Griffin,
Second Vice-President.

REPORT OF THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

Societies reporting	16
Mission Programs given	25
Mission Services conducted	10
Nine o'clock Prayer Hour observed	3
Week of Prayer	13
Number contributing to Home Missions	2
Number contributing to Foreign Missions	3
Study Classes conducted	3
Given to Home Missions	\$318.86
Given to Foreign Missions	383.86
Reported to Fifty Thousand Co-labor band	132.00
Cash sent to me for Home Missions	24.00
Cash sent to me for Foreign Missions	306.05
Brought over from Pony and Cart	19.00

Total \$325.05

District Conventions reporting to were Eastern, Albemarle and Central.

Prayerfully submitted,

Mrs. R. C. Wiggs,

Third Vice-President.

PLAN OF WORK FOR NEXT YEAR IN THE FIELD OF MISSIONS

Third Vice-President

Inasmuch as the need is so urgent at this time for a chapel to be erected on our mission field in Cuba, I am asking that our Mission Department raise not less than three hundred dollars for this work during this coming year.

Mrs. R. C. Wiggs, Mission Director.

REPORT OF THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

In payment of Pony and Cart for Miss Bessie Yeley

Bridgeton Aux.	\$ 5.00	Friendship Aux.	
Kinston Aux.	10.00	(Johnston Co.)	5.00
Ephesus Aux.	2.00	Holly Springs Aux.	5.00
Mrs. E. Griffin	10.00	King's Cross Roads Aux. -	2.00
Davis Shore Aux.	5.00	Hull Road Aux.	5.00
Little Creek Aux.	2.00	Mr. & Mrs. Silverthorn ...	2.00
Micro Aux.	5.00	Pine Level Aux.	5.00
Ayden Aux.	5.00	White Oak Aux.	5.00
Sarecta Aux.	5.00	Wintergreen Aux.	5.00
St. Mary's Aux.	5.00		
Little Rock Aux.	1.00	Total	\$114.00
Elm Grove Aux.	3.00	Less \$19.00 for Foreign	
Gray Branch Aux.	2.00	Missions	19.00
St. Mary's Aux. (Western)	5.00		
Arapahoe Aux.	5.00		\$ 95.00
Bethany Aux.	5.00	Pony and Cart for Miss	
Union Grove Aux.	5.00	Yeley	\$95.00

REPORT OF FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT

Number of districts reporting	4
Names of districts reporting: Central, Eastern, Western, Cape Fear.	
Number of Auxiliaries reporting	73
Number of Stewardship Talks made	167
Number of Programs given	105
Number of Classes conducted	173
Number of Average Attendance at classes	620
Number of Tithers reporting	317
Number of Stewardship offerings	\$14.46
Paid for Religious Tracts to distribute	\$8.00

List of Books Studied—Bible: St. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Manual, Money Grows on Trees, Stewardship In the Life of Youth, He That Giveth, This World's Goods, Stewardship and Missions, Stewardship In the Life of Women, Helping Others Become Christians, Life As a Steward, Christian Stewardship, Faithful Also in Much.

PLAN OF WORK FOR COMING YEAR

1. Every member of the auxiliary a tither.
2. Every auxiliary conduct a stewardship class.
3. Every auxiliary take a stewardship offering and send to your district 4th vice-president, who will buy tracts to distribute at the District Conventions and also Religious Tracts to distribute to service men.

Mrs. Paul Thigpen,
Fourth Vice-President.

REPORT OF FIFTH VICE-PRESIDENT

Reports of Receipts from Auxiliaries—June 1, 1944 to May 15, 1945

Stove fund -----	\$ 215.49
Clothing fund -----	2,160.34
Current -----	43.41
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Total -----	\$2,419.24
Donated Commodities -----	\$ 519.66

47 children adopted for clothing.

We need single sheets and pillow cases.

Mrs. J. C. Moye,
Fifth Vice-President.

REPORT OF SIXTH VICE-PRESIDENT

Amount of money raised for Superannuation -----	\$526.52
Other activities such as visits to sick, trays, flowers -----	2,645

Mrs. Thos. E. Beaman,
Sixth Vice-President.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

Number of Auxiliaries in state reporting to me -----	141
Number of active members reported -----	2,538
Number of Auxiliaries reporting to this convention -----	56
Received reports for the secretaries of the Eastern, Western, Central, Albemarle, Pee Dee, Cape Fear districts.	
Number of report blanks mailed to auxiliaries -----	150
Number of report blanks mailed to district secretaries -----	7

Letters written in interest of the work -----	5
Cards mailed -----	1
Expense for this office -----	\$7.24

REPORT OF FIELD SECRETARY

Greetings:

As your Field Worker, I do not feel that I have been able to stay in any one church as long as I'd like to have but it has been my privilege to touch the largest number of auxiliaries this year that I have ever touched in any year of my activity.

I have visited every auxiliary convention, helped to organize district convention, supervised by correspondence the organization of a district convention. Directed two Daily Vacation Bible Schools, taught one study course and spoken throughout the state in behalf of our women's work. (I do not have an accurate account of the number of times.)

Throughout the state I have found that our Women are steadily moving forward in better organizations and more organizations in the districts. Another step of progress is that our women are studying the recommended books. There have been the largest number of Daily Vacation Bible Schools ever conducted.

It has been a pleasure "To labor together with you with God that His way might be known among men."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolutions Committee, submit the following report:

1st. That we ask all district presidents and secretaries, when sending the information to "Baptist" for publication, to add their full names and addresses in order that the information might be used in sending greetings to the different conventions.

2nd. That we extend to this church, St. Mary's, and community, a rising vote of thanks for their generous hospitality shown us during this convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. S. A. Smith,
Mrs. R. B. Spencer,
Miss Alice Webster.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pages 18, 19, 20 and 32—Receipts in detail -----	\$3,155.16
Pages 51 and 38—Disbursements in detail -----	1,889.37
Balance in bank -----	\$1,265.79

Receipts by Departments:

General -----	\$1,008.59
Orphanage -----	103.02
Superannuation -----	167.94
Christian Education -----	327.02
Foreign Missions -----	758.93
Home Missions -----	679.34
Jehoiada Chest -----	81.25
Penny a Day -----	29.07

Total ----- \$3,155.16

Disbursements by Departments:

General -----	\$ 347.61
Orphanage -----	102.02
Superannuation -----	167.94
Christian Education -----	327.02
Foreign Missions -----	758.93
Home Missions -----	75.53
Jehoiada Chest -----	81.25
Penny a Day -----	29.07

Total ----- \$1,889.37

Balance in Treasury at opening of this Convention by departments:

General -----	\$ 660.98
Orphanage -----	1.00
Home Missions -----	603.81

Balance ----- \$1,265.79

REPORT OF ANNA PHILLIPS EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

May 25, 1944—Balance on hand -----	\$ 574.95
Receipts since last convention -----	553.40
Total -----	\$1,128.35
Disbursements since last convention -----	\$ 302.50
Balance on hand -----	\$ 825.85

Mrs. Herman Nobles,
State Treasurer.





