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Union Grove Church

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MINUTES

OFFICERS

President-----Mrs. J. C. Griffin, 1409 Pasteur St., New Bern, N. C.
 First Vice-President-----Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C.
 Second Vice-President-----Mrs. Gertrude Ballard, New Bern, N. C.
 Third Vice-President-----Mrs. Alice Lupton, 612 New St., New Bern, 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. J. A. Evans, Middlesex, N. C.
 Treasurer-----Mrs. Georgia F. Barnes, Lucama, N. C.
 Field Worker-----Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Davis, N. C.
 Treasurer Anna Phillips Loan Fund-----Mrs. Herman Nobles, Greenville, N. C.

Union Grove Church

Wayne County, North Carolina

May 28, 1910

PROCEEDINGS

The Nineteenth Annual Auxiliary of North Carolina met with Union Grove Church, Wayne County, May 23, 1946.

The opening hymn, "Take Time to be Holy," followed by a period of meditation led by Mrs. Leon Godwin, speaking on the subject: "Ourselves for Christ." Prayer by Mrs. M. L. Johnson.

MORNING SESSION

Our President made timely remarks for the opening of convention, stressing the need of cooperation in carrying out a successful day in all phases of our Woman's Auxiliary work.

After the reading of the minutes and roll call of officers, the following ministers were recognized: Revs. J. R. Bennett, Henry Melvin, Bruce Barrow, M. W. Roach, P. D. Hamilton, J. D. Vernelson, E. G. Holland, J. Albert Harris, W. H. Lancaster, G. C. Joyner, W. R. Williams, M. A. Woodard, Clinton Lupton, F. A. Rivenbark, S. A. Smith, W. K. Jordan, Rashie Kennedy, J. C. Griffin, Thos. E. Beaman, J. W. Alford, J. H. Worley, Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Mrs. Gladys Beame.

Mrs. Moyer explained why we needed three more members to the advisory Board for Cragmont, Those being appointment at an Executive Committee meeting at Ayden. Thus making the committee as follows: Mrs. J. C. Moyer (47), Chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Pollard (48); Mrs. N. E. Harris (49); Mrs. Bagley Morris (50); Mrs. M. E. Godwin (51); Mrs. Walter Rhodes (52). Rev. Henry Melvin further explained that it was a requirement of the main State Board and article VI—Cragmont Assembly One, was read, as follows; To own six shares of stock in the Cragmont Assembly, Inc., as one of the four organized State bodies of Free Will Baptist of North Carolina who were the original organizers of our State Assembly grounds to represent our convention at annual stockholders meetings, and on other official business, the convention shall elect the six stockholders on the five, four, three, two, one years. Thereafter at each annual convention a new member shall be elected for a term of six years.

The following committees were appointed:

Finance and Apportionment—Mrs. Herman Nobles, Chairman; Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, Mrs. Rom Mallard.

Resolution—Mrs. Rashie Kennedy, Mrs. N. E. Harris, Mrs. J. S. Rich.

Nominating—Mrs. Eubanks, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Gaskins.

Petition—Mrs. George Walters, Mrs. Preston Creech.

REPORTS OF VICE-PRESIDENTS

First—Mrs. M. A. Woodard gave an interesting report on the church library work and stressed the need of placing wholesome reading material in reach of our children and young people.

Second—Mrs. M. L. Johnson, made her report on Christian Education, challenging us to help train our youth to a more excellent standard.

Third—Mrs. Alice E. Lupton urged the Third Vice-Presidents to be more

co-operative with the Missionary program and that we pray and work together for its promotion and extension.

Fourth—Mrs. E. G. Holland asked each individual to encourage our knowledge of the trust which God has placed in our hands, as faithful stewards in the service of the Lord.

Fifth—Mrs. J. C. Moye gave a glowing orphanage report and set her goal as \$1,000.00 for the coming year. She asked that we continue our support in all the different phases for the home and its needs.

Sixth—Mrs. James A. Evans, reminded us to not forget our old ministers who had so faithfully paved the way for us of to-day.

Preparatory to the Convention message the congregation was led in song "Living for Jesus," by Rev. Albert Harris.

We had a real spiritual feast in the message by Rev. Clinton Lupton, using as his subject "Our Lives for Christ," Phil. 1:21. "For me to Live is Christ, and to die is gain." He challenged us to live for Christ, what our lives would mean for Christ and our lives should speak for Christ and our gain would be everlasting life.

An offering was taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$75.00. Closing song 238. We were dismissed for lunch by Rev. Phillip Woodard.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Mrs. Walter Rhodes led the devotions in the afternoon session, using as her subject, "Our Possessions for Christ." The song "Lead on, O King Eternal," was sung by congregation.

Mrs. Marie Gaskins presided over a very impressive memorial service and Rev. Albert Harris sang, "At the End of the Road."

The fourth, fifth and sixth Vice-Presidents gave their reports, (see reports)

The field worker gave her report. (see report)

The reports of the secretary and the treasurer were received.

A motion was made and second to use "Book Fund" in treasurer, on quota for the college expansion program.

Rev. J. R. Bennett made timely remarks on Christian Education. He said in part, churches want the best educated preachers, we have the doctrine, we want it presented properly. He asked this Woman's State Auxiliary to help put across the \$100,000.00 campaign for new purchases at the College. This must be raised this year and North Carolina's quota is \$20,000.00.

We heard a report on the ministers institute at Cragmont.

Rev. J. C. Griffin, field secretary for the state Association, was presented by President. Mr. Griffin outlined some of the work of our State and National bodies, with special emphasis on the Five-Point Program in North Carolina.

One petition for next year's session was reported: Edgemont Church, Durham, N. C. This invitation was accepted.

The finance and apportionment committee made its report and it was received. (see report)

Mrs. Ballard gave a summary of the plans for the Woman's conference at Cragmont August 25-31, 1946, urging our women to attend.

Motion made and carried to include in our constitution and By-laws, The article VI of our State Sunday School convention. Motion carried to own six shares of stock in Cragmont Assembly, Inc., as one of the four organized State bodies of Free Will Baptist of North Carolina who were the original organizers of our State Assembly grounds. These to represent our Women's Auxiliary convention at annual stockholders meetings.

A committee was appointed to work out a new report blank at earliest date possible to meet the needs of our present day work. Committee as follows: Mrs. M. A. Woodard, chr. Mrs. M. E. Godwin, Mrs. Bruce Barrow, Mrs. J. R. Bennett, and Mrs. J. C. Sasser.

The needs of the orphanage was expressed as new single bedspreads.

The Nominating committee gave their report.

A motion was made and carried to retain Mrs. Herman Nobles as treasurer for Anna Phillips Loan Fund.

The Resolutions Committee gave their report. (See reports)

The closing song was a duet by Mrs. Ballard and Mrs. Moyer.

We were dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President,

Mrs. J. C. Sesser, Secretary.

REPORT OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT WOMAN'S AUX. CON.

Eastern District—

No. Auxiliaries in district	3
No. Auxiliaries reporting to district 1st Vice-President	23
No. Members in district	350
No. Temperance programs given	10
No. pieces religious literature distributed	8,482
No. Subscribers to The F. W. Baptist	370
No. Subscribers to The Gem	31
No. Subscribers to The Young People's Friend	61

Several verbal reports of Church Libraries were made at the Spring session of the District Convention.

Central District—

No. Auxiliaries in district	42
No. Auxiliaries reporting	20
No. Members in district	480
Average attendance of membership—About	78%
No. Temperance programs given	10
No. Pieces religious literature distributed	1,000
No. Subscribers to The F. W. Baptist	225
No. Subscribers to The Gem	12
No. Subscribers to The Young People's Friend	25

Near three fourths of the Auxiliaries in this district have libraries and

are placing wholesome reading material in them especially for children and young people.

Western District—

No. Auxiliaries in district	-----	
No. Auxiliaries Sending reports to District 1st Vice-President	-----	16
No. Members reported in district	-----	396
Average attendance	-----	249
No. Temperance programs given	-----	14
No. pieces religious literature distributed	-----	3,023
No. subscribers to The F. W. Baptist	-----	248
No. subscribers to The Gem	-----	27
No. subscribers to The Young People's Friend	-----	11
No church libraries were reported.		

REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT—May 23, 1946

I have been able to get reports from only 3 District Vice-Presidents, therefore this report covers the activities of only 3 Districts. The report is as follows:

Amount Donated to National Education Program:

Western	-----	\$243.10
Central	-----	37.50
Cape Fear	-----	225.06

Total ----- \$505.66

Amounts of Loans to Students:

Western	-----	\$ 46.00
Central	-----	50.00

Total ----- \$ 96.00

Donated to Pastors for Pastors Institute:

Western	-----	\$ 13.00
Central	-----	5.00

Total ----- \$ 8.00

Amount sent to Anna Phillips Loan Fund:

Western	-----	\$105.00
Central	-----	80.05

Total ----- \$185.05

Amount Paid to Cragmont Assembly:

Central	-----	\$ 95.75
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Total ----- \$ 95.75

Total Amount of Money reported by this Depart. ----- \$890.46

66 -Programs Planned in Advance: Western 16, Central 16, Cape Fear 14;
Total 46.

73 Number Bible Schools Held: Western 10, Central 4; Total 14.

82 Number Young People's Organizations and Activities Directed: Western
12, Central 3, Cape Fear 6; Total 21.

84 Number Study Classes Conducted for Youth: Western 23, Central 0,
Cape Fear 49; Total 72.

88 Number Daily Bible Readers: Western 122, Central 90, Cape Fear 59;
Total 271.

90 Special Studies of Manual Conducted: Western 7, Cape Fear 3; Total 10.

Signed: Mrs. M. L. Johnson, 2nd Vice-President.

REPORT OF THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION

It has been a keen disappointment to me, that only two districts have reported their Missionary activities for the year, these two being the Cape Fear and the Eastern.

The following activities were reported:

Mission Programs conducted	60
Mission services sponsored	24
No. Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer	34
No. Auxiliaries observing 9 o'clock Prayer Hour	7
Mission Books studied	5
Mission Study Classes conducted	31
Amount of funds raised and contributed for Missions:	
Home Missions	\$ 518.60
Foreign Missions	544.81
Total	\$1,063.41
Amount reported for Co-Labourer's Funds	\$180.00
Expense Account: Postage and Stationery	\$ 1.95

RECOMMENDATION

That the Presidents of each District Auxiliary Convention, urge her Third Vice-Presidents be more co-operative with the Missionary Program, and that each one make herself known to the State Third Vice-President, giving name and address, as it is necessary, if we are to obtain best results in the Mission Cause, that we pray and work together for its promotion and extension.

Respectfully,

Alice E. Lupton, 3rd Vice-Pres.,
State Auxiliary Convention.

REPORT OF FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT

No. of Districts reporting ----- 2
No. of Districts reporting Central and Eastern -----

No. of Auxiliaries reporting	50
No. of Stewardship talks made	95
No. of Programs given	57
No. of Classes conducted	38
No. of average attendance at classes	209
No. of Tithers reporting	158
Amount of Stewardship offering sent in	\$21.58
Books purchased to be studied by different Auxiliaries amounted to	18.98

Balance in treasure \$ 2.60

List of Books studied Bible, Luke and John, Faithful in much. Stewardship. Go ye into all the world, call of Christian Stewardship. This World Goods, In His Steps, Money grows on trees. The Larger Stewardship. Stewardship in the Life of youth and Stewardship applied in Mission.

Plan of Work for Coming Year

1. Every member of the Auxiliary a tither.
2. Every Auxiliary conduct a church night Stewardship program.
3. Every Auxiliary keep records as near accurate as possible and report same.
4. Every Auxiliary take a Stewardship offering and send to your district 4th Vice-President. Who will purchase Books and tracts to distribute to each local Auxiliary that will help us to increase our knowledge of the trust which God has placed on our hands. Faithful Stewards in the Service of the Lord.

Mrs. E. G. Holland, 4th Vice-President.

REPORT OF FIFTH VICE-PRESIDENT

Cash and Commodities

Eastern, \$1,112.37; Central, \$1,406.17; Albemarle, \$139.83.

Children Adopted

Central 12. Eastern 14. Albemarle 2.

Clothing bought \$2,700.00

Number children adopted—51.

Not adopted—5.

Food donated 1,500.00

Coupons 130.57

Clothing 200.00

Household supplies 1,200.00

Total \$5,730.00

Continue to support the field worker.

Continue to support the canning for home.

Continue to send coupons.

Please value your commodities that you send in.

(Signed): Mrs. J. C. Moye.

REPORT OF SIXTH VICE-PRESIDENT

State Auxiliary Convention—April 1945-April 1946

District	Amt. Rec'd	Trays to Sick	No. Report.
Eastern - - - - -	\$303.00	346	--
Central - - - - -	97.76	620	--
Cape Fear - - - - -	89.20	256	15
Western - - - - -	207.91	1956	21
Albemarle - - - - -	13.54	----	--
Totals - - - - -	\$711.41	3168	36

Mrs. James A. Evans,
6th Vice-President,
State Auxiliary Convention.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts by Departments

General -----	\$1,074.37
Orphanage -----	142.95
Co-Laborers Band -----	836.73
Christian Education -----	119.08
Superannuation -----	228.03
Foreign Missions -----	690.37
Total Receipts -----	\$3,876.43

Disbursements by Departments

General -----	\$ 532.89
Orphanage -----	131.64
Co-Laborers Band -----	836.73
Superannuation -----	228.03
State Missions -----	325.00

Total Disbursements -----	\$2,744.66
Total Receipts -----	\$3,876.43
Total Disbursements -----	2,744.66

Balance in Treasury ----- \$1,131.77

Above in Treasury by Departments at opening of 1946 Convention, as follows:

General -----	\$ 541.48
Orphanage -----	11.31
Home Mission -----	459.90
Total -----	\$1,131.77

ANNA PHILLIPS EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND REPORT

Balance on hand at opening of 1945 Convention	\$ 825.85
Total Receipts since 1945 Convention	993.90
Total Money on hand	\$1,819.75
Total Disbursements since 1945 Convention	1,250
Balance in Loan Fund	\$1,817.25

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AT 1946 STATE CONVENTION

Balance in Treasury at opening of Convention	\$1,131.77
Received with reports at convention	168.01
Total on hand when Committee met	\$1,299.78

Apportioned as follows:

National Bible School	\$250.11
Cragmont Assembly	100.00
F. W. B. Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C.	25.00
F. W. B. Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C., Special Offering	75.00
F. W. B. Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C., Vac. Bible School	25.00
Burkette Raper, Love Gift	50.00
Church Finance Association	25.00
Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Delegate to National Convention	25.00
Superannuation	50.00
Donation to National Convention	141.16
Mrs. M. L. Johnson, Expense	10.00
Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Expense and services Pres.	19.42
Mrs. Alice Lupton, Expense and Love Gift	26.95
Mrs. Herman Nobles, Retiring Treasurer, Love Gift	25.00
Mrs. J. C. Sasser, Expense and services, Sec'y.	23.44
Total apportioned at convention	\$854.08

Balance in Treasury at close of Convention	\$ 445.70
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Mrs. Herman Nobles, Treasurer,
Mrs. Rom Mallard,
Mrs. Alice Lupton,
Mrs. J. H. Oglesby,
Committee.

TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA:

As your Field Worker I have visited all sessions of district Conventions except the spring session of the Eastern and Cape Fear Conventions.

There have been several young Woman's and Girls' Auxiliaries organized. These young people are proving a real asset to their churches and mother organizations.

I have recorded four (4) new Auxiliaries; one of these is among the Indians at St. Annah Church. These women desire our prayers and help.

I assisted in the organization of the Piedmont Auxiliary Convention. They have many churches which have no organization of their women. They are also saying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

The Pee Dee Convention, which is small, is growing. There are three (3) Associations that do not have any district conventions, namely: Jack's Creek, Toe River and Rock Fish.

I have kept no record of all the correspondence done in behalf of the woman's work.

The fields of Auxiliary work in North Carolina is white unto harvest.

Respectfully submitted,

May 23, 1946

Mrs. Gertrude Ballard.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

INASMUCH: as Sister Alice E. Lupton, of New Bern, N. C., has served as Editor of our Auxiliary Department for many years, through the pages of the Free Will Baptist paper, and WHEREAS, through her faithful and untiring labour in promoting every Department of our work, and in keeping us well informed never asked, nor received an open acknowledgement of her services, nor any monetary contribution for expenses, or otherwise, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

First. That this convention extend to Sister Lupton a vote of appreciation for her valuable service, and that we make an annual contribution of some amount to her, same to be determined by the Convention now in session, not in payment for her long years of service, but as a signal token of our appreciation for what she has done, and is doing for the promotion of the work in general.

Second. That we hereby, pledge to her our support and co-operation in helping to make our Auxiliary Department one of the best possible, through our prayers, our loyalty and by our willingness to contribute our best efforts in behalf of any and all of our Auxiliary interests.

Third. That we show our gratitude and appreciation to the Free Will Baptist Press for its fine spirit of helpfulness and co-operation in behalf of our Auxiliary Department, by promoting interest among our members, in securing subscriptions to the Paper, whenever and wherever possible, and in urging the great need of more Christian literature in our homes.

We wish to express to this Community our appreciation for:

First—Invitation to visit their church.

Second—For the beautiful flowers in the Church.

Third—For the special music and the gracious hospitality.

Fourth—And last but not least for the very delicious dinner served us.
We pray God's blessings upon your Church and it's efforts.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Rashie Kennedy,
Mrs. N. E. Harris,
Mrs. Gertrude Rich.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Number of Auxiliaries in State reported to me	142
Number of Active members reported	1541
Number of Auxiliaries reporting to this Convention	81
Received reports from Secretaries of Albemarle, Eastern, Western, French Broad, Cape Fear, Central	
Number of Report Blanks mailed to Auxiliaries	150
Number of Report Blanks to District Secretaries	7
Letters written in interest of the work	10
Cards mailed	20
Expense for this office	\$8.44

