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MINUTES

of the

Thirty-Fifth Annual Session

of the

State Convention of Churches

of the (Original)

Free Will Baptists of North Carolina

held with

Shady Grove Church

Sampson County, North Carolina

September 17, 1947

And the Minutes of the

Women's State Auxiliary Convention

and the

State Sunday School Convention

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Twentieth Annual Session

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Woman's F. W. B. Auxiliary Convention
of North Carolina

held with

Edgemont Church, Durham, N. C.
May 22, 1947

Officers

President-----Mrs. J. C. Griffin, 204 N. 11th St., Morehead, N. C.
First Vice-President-----Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C.
Second Vice-President-----Mrs. Gertrude Ballard, 1409 Pasteur St.,
New Bern, N. C.
Third Vice-President----Mrs. Alice E. 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. James A. Evans, Middlesex, N. C.
Treasurer-----Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes, Lucama, N. C.
Field Worker-----Mrs. Maurice Roach, Box 1201, Durham, N. C.
Treasurer Anna Phillips Loan Fund--Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C.
Secretary-----Mrs. J. C. Sasser, Box 73, Route 2, Goldsboro, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The Twentieth Annual Woman's Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina met with Edgemont Church, Durham, N. C., May 22, 1947.

The opening devotions, "Exalting Christ Through Self Surrender," was led by Mrs. M. E. Godwin. Prayer by Rev. M. E. Godwin.

Words of welcome were spoken by Mrs. L. H. McDade with response by Mrs. H. C. Adcox.

MORNING SESSION

Our President made some remarks concerning the issues of the day, the importance of coöperation of delegates with officers. The ministers were welcomed and asked to "bear us up" in their prayers for a successful day.

The following ministers were recognized: Revs. J. R. Bennett, Henry Melvin, M. E. Godwin, E. G. Holland, Wiley Ferrell, W. L. Jernigan, Albert Harris, R. P. Harris, R. W. Allman, A. L. Reynolds, Maurice W. Roach, F. A. Rivenbark, C. H. Coats, J. B. Ferrell, J. F. Parrish, J. W. Alford, W. R. Williams, Robt. G. Woodard, M. L. Johnson, R. H. Jackson, James A. Evans, W. L. Howell, Clarence Bowen, Mrs. Lizzie McAdams.

"Exalting Christ through the written word and Enlistment." Mrs. M. A. Woodard, first vice-president, stressed the need of feeding our minds and hearts on the proper kind of literature. Suggested to have a box of good religious tracts convenient at Church. Enlist first ourselves then go out and enlist others, especially our young folk.

"Exalting Christ through our Youth," second vice-president, Mrs. Gertrude Ballard. She called our attention to our church and Nation of tomorrow. It will only be what we help make our youth of today. We must reach out and touch the wayward boys and girls and bring them home to God. We women must hold the torch high in our individual churches through Vacation Bible Schools, etc.

"Exalting Christ through Records," by secretary reading minutes of last years meeting. Executive Committee minutes read and approved.

"Exalting Christ through Missions," third vice-president, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton urged that we be more mindful of every opportunity that comes to us in behalf of Missions, both home and foreign. Not waiting one for the other, but be so firmly fixed in our efforts to exalt the Lord with our substance and first fruits of all our increase that our mission cause may go forward and that the gospel may be preached to every nation.

Mrs. M. A. Woodard was asked to explain plans to have a Pre-Easter program made in keeping with Christ's last week on earth before his crucifixion and resurrection to be used as a supplement to our Year Book of Programs. Same to be made in small booklet. Motion made and carried to empower the Executive Committee to prepare and present to the State said program.

The Auditor's report of a test check of our Treasurer's records were read, reporting that they were in good order. Motion made and carried to accept same.

The Nominating Committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. Hubert Dickens, (Central), Mrs. Robie Strickland, (Cape Fear), Miss Alice Webster, (Albemarle), Mrs. D. W. Hancock, (Eastern), Mrs. W. L. Moretz, (French

Broad), Mrs. H. C. Adcox, (Pee Dee), Mrs. Julius Corbett, (Western).

The Resolution committee appointed: Mrs. L. M. Ausley, Mrs. Rashie Kennedy, Mrs. J. C. Martin.

Finance and Apportionment Committee: Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes, chairman; Mrs. M. E. Godwin, Mrs. F. E. Joyner, Mrs. F. A. Rivenbark.

A special message in song, "All On the Altar," was rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Robert Woodard. The hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," sung by audience.

Mrs. Gertrude Ballard gave explanation why Mrs. Judy Caro was unable to be present to bring the convention message, and presented Miss Addie Louise Melvin, daughter of Pastor of host church who had just returned from Cuba. She enthusiastically told of some of their needs; namely: a bigger and better school and church, and piano for church. She urged we remember our missionaries on special days with gifts and cards and above all with our prayers. She also said they sponsored a radio program.

The memorial service was conducted by Mrs. L. E. Ballard, reading Proverbs 31, "The Price of a Virtuous Woman." Special message in song, "Tread Softly", beautifully rendered by Mrs. J. C. Moye and daughters.

Dismissed with prayer for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening Song, "Bring Them In." Prayer by Rev. E. G. Holland.

"Exalting Christ through Benevolence," Sixth vice-President, Mrs. J. A. Evans. Song, "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," by audience. Playlet, "Jack in the Box;" Characters: Aunt Mary (Mildred Johnson); Jack (Lang Powell, F. W. B. O.); Miss Sherman (Annie Evans); Aunt Mary, a devout Christian and tither; Jack, aunt Mary's nephew. Miss Sherman, a solicitor for Superannuation Funds.

"Exalting Christ through Material Blessings," fourth vice-president, Mrs. E. G. Holland, outlined stewardship as partnership that Christ offers all and demands all. Christ expects his children to be stewards of personality, fellowship, time, talents, prayer, influence, worship, service and possessions.

"Exalting Christ through Serving the Orphan," Fifth vice-president, Mrs. J. C. Moye, said to better serve the orphan we must work, give, do and go, Exalting Christ in our every effort for them. Special message in song, "Satisfied with Jesus," by Mrs. Gertrude Ballard. Offering for orphanage, \$53.00.

"Exalting Christ through Woman's Auxiliary Convention at Cragmont," by Mrs. Bagley Morris, was touchingly given explaining benefits arrived by having attended. Loved those attending more than ever before. Christian atmosphere compared with a good spiritual revival.

"Exalting Christ through Giving," Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes, Treasurer, stressing the importance of Auxiliaries sending all money through Treasurer so we can get proper credit.

Resolution Committee gave their report (see reports).

Nominating Committee report given (see reports).

Motion made, duly carried to buy new treasurer's book.

Rev. Albert Harris gave a few highlights on Cragmont. Mrs. Alice E.

Lupton asked each church who furnished room at Cragmont to put Bible in same.

The Anna Phillips Loan Fund report given. (See report.) Motion adopted to ask Mrs. M. A. Woodard to act as treasurer for same. Mrs. Alice E. Lupton was appointed delegate to National Woman's Auxiliary Convention to convene at Highland Park, Michigan.

Rev. James A. Evans asked each local Auxiliary to send their Pastor to Cragmont for Ministers conference.

Report of Director of Woman's conference at Cragmont given. (See reports)

The installation of officers was presided over and charged by Rev. M. L. Johnson, President of State Convention.

We were dismissed with prayer by Rev. Burkett Raper.

REPORT OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Number of members enrolled -----	3,723
New Members -----	416
Members suspended -----	194
Number subscribers to F. W. B. Paper -----	1,576
Young People's Friend -----	205
Number of church libraries -----	50
Number of books -----	1802

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. M. A. Woodard.

REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Amount Contributed to Christian Education

Bible School at Nashville -----	\$ 733.48
Donation to Bible students -----	\$ 664.88
Cragmont -----	\$1,181.31
Vacation Bible School -----	\$ 353.95
Anna Phillips Loan Fund -----	\$ 273.50
Young Woman's Auxiliaries -----	9
Number of members -----	205

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Gertrude Ballard.

REPORT OF THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

Amount contributed to Home Missions -----	\$2,417.96
Foreign Missions -----	\$2,004.42
Number of Mission Study Classes conducted -----	108
Number sponsoring Week of Prayer -----	91
Amount contributed through Co-Laborer Band -----	\$449.00

I have had mission reports from seven district conventions, namely, Albemarle, Cape Fear, Central, Eastern, French Broad, Western and Pee Dee.

I do not know the amount from each district, the State Secretary can only furnish this information.

I am well pleased with the efforts of our Third Vice-Presidents, and with their loyal service in promoting the mission cause. I have been disappointed

however, in our failure to reach the goal in our project for the year—funds with which to purchase a piano for the Cuban Bible School. I am urging that each auxiliary that has failed to send a contribution for this cause, take it up immediately and send it to our State Treasurer, Mrs. Barnes, stating its purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton.

REPORT OF FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT

Number Tithers	513
Number of Stewardship classes conducted	159
Number books studied	116
Amount contributed to Stewardship work	\$306.17

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. G. Holland.

REPORT OF FIFTH VICE-PRESIDENT

Amount contributed to Orphanage

Clothing for child	\$2,638.40
Commodities donated	\$1,060.25
Cash	\$2,334.31
Equipment	\$ 427.09
Coupons	20,306
Amount used for other benevolences	\$1,259.25

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. C. Moye.

REPORT OF SIXTH VICE-PRESIDENT

Amount contributed to Superannuation	\$796.92
No. Auxiliaries remembering Superannuated Ministers with cards	39
Special gifts	\$439.22

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. James A. Evans.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AT 1947 STATE CONVENTION

Balance on Hand at Convention	\$1,182.92
Special offering for Orphanage	53.00

Total

\$1,235.92

Apportioned as follows—From General Fund

Printing book for Week of Prayer	\$ 50.00
Christian Education	25.00
Orphanage	25.00
Superannuation	25.00
Foreign Missions	100.00
Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Gift	10.00
Mrs. J. C. Sasser, Gift	10.00
Mrs. G. F. Barnes, Gift	10.00
Mrs. Alice Lupton, Travel exp. to Nat'l.	15.00

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, travel exp. to Nat'l.	15.00
Mrs. J. C. Sasser, expenses incurred	9.86
Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, expenses incurred	4.85
Mrs. J. C. Griffin, expenses incurred	11.34
Mrs. L. E. Ballard, exp. incurred as of last year..	3.00
Mrs. G. F. Barnes, expenses incurred	5.00
F. W. B. Press for Programs	8.50

Total amount apportioned from Gen. Funds \$ 327.55

Apportioned from Home Mission Fund as follows

Mrs. McAdams, Field Worker	\$ 50.00
Cragmont Woman's Aux. Con., operating expense	100.00
For Blankets for Cragmont	90.00

Total amt. apportioned for Home Missions \$, 240.00

Apportioned from Per Capita Dues

Superannuation	\$ 50.00
Christian Education	50.00
Orphanage	50.00

Total appropriation	\$ 150.00
Total in Treasury	\$1,235.92
Total apportioned	770.55

Balance on hand

TREASURER'S REPORT N. C. AUX. CON., 1947

Receipts by Departments

General	\$ 348.74
Orphanage	163.40
Co-Laborers Band	420.00
Christian Education	183.26
Bible School	29.00
Superannuation	312.07
Foreign Missions	658.31
Home Missions	380.64
Cragmont Assembly	88.00
Piano for Cuban Mission	104.00
Gifts for Girl's Dormitory in Cuba	44.00
Direct receipts for Woolseys	20.00
Gifts to Miss Yeley	14.50
Gifts for Miss Barnard	26.78
State Per Capita Dues	160.54
National Per Capita Dues	145.00
Total Receipts	\$3,158.76

Disbursements by Departments

General	\$ 327.55
Orphanage	163.40
Co-Laborers Band	420.00
Christian Education	183.26
Bible School	29.00
Superannuation	312.07
Foreign Missions	658.31
Cragmont Assembly	88.00
Home Missions	240.00
Woolseys	80.52
Miss Yeley	14.50
Miss Barnard	26.78
State Per Capita Dues	150.00
National Per Capita Dues	145.00

Total Disbursements	\$2,838.39
Total Receipts	\$3,158.76
Disbursements	2,838.39

Balance on Hand \$ 320.37

FIELD WORKERS REPORT FOR 1946 to 1947

No. of churches visited	30
No. of Sermons and Mission Lectures	37
No. of conversions	6
Auxiliaries organized	3
Personal Service calls	100
Articles written to Baptist	6
Letters written	60
Cards	35
Prayer meetings conducted	65
Guide Books placed	50
Conventions attended	3
Money received from Field	\$137.77
Expense	43.38
Salary	84.39
Traveling Expenses	39.30
Writing	4.08
Total Expense	43.38

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Lizzie McAdams.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolution Committee wish to submit the following resolutions:
Believing that our Auxiliary women need a more consecrated Prayer life, and that more time given to earnest prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving unto the Lord, will enable us to become more united in our efforts to

promote Christ's kingdom in every department of our work, that it will draw us closer together in love and fellowship with each other and give to us a greater out-pouring and infilling of the Holy Spirit, Therefore be it Resolved:

1st—That we set aside one week during November each year for a Week of Prayer, fellowship and study of God's Word.

2nd—That this week of Prayer could be devoted to Study Courses in Missions, Stewardship, or other courses in study that would be to the best interest of our auxiliary work as a whole and for the general good of all concerned.

3rd—That we strive to make our prayers more sincere and in a unity to the Spirit, and that we bear in mind the words of Paul in I Timothy 1:8, "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." We are also enjoined by Paul, in Eph. 6:18, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

That we extend to this Church a rising vote of thanks for their kind hospitality shown to this Convention today.

Faithfully submitted,
Mrs. L. M. Ausley,
Mrs. Rashie Kennedy,
Mrs. N. E. Harris.

We, the Nominating Committee wish to submit the following slate of officers for your approval:

President—Mrs. J. C. Griffin.
Secretary—Mrs. J. C. Sasser.
First Vice-President—Mrs. M. A. Woodard.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. L. E. Ballard.
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Field Worker—Mrs. Maurice Roach.
Treasurer—Mrs. Georgia F. Barnes.
Treasurer Anna Phillips Loan Fund—Mrs. M. A. Woodard.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Hubert Dickens, Chm.,
Mrs. W. L. Moretz,
Mrs. D. W. Hancock,
Mrs. H. C. Adcock,
Mrs. Robie Strickland,
Miss Alice Webster,
Mrs. J. D. Corbett.

REPORT AS DIRECTOR OF WOMAN'S CONFERENCE AT CRAGMONT, AUGUST 25-31, 1946

There were in attendance by districts as follows: Central 17, Western 14, Eastern 15, Cape Fear 4, Albemarle 2, Pee Dee 2, French Broad 2, as day

visitors. The total number was 55 attending classes with visitors dropping in from local groups at intervals.

Those composing the staff of teachers were: Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Mrs. J. C. Moye, Mrs. M. E. Godwin, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. Bruce Barrow and Mrs. Judy Cavo, together with Mrs. Ballard, who served as Director. Mrs. Leone Mercer served as Nurse.

Beside enjoying the classes taught so efficiently by the above-named, we enjoyed recreational features in the afternoon.

The financial report is as follows:

Received for Registration	- - - - -	\$136.00
Received as gifts, etc.	- - - - -	85.15
Total Receipts	- - - - -	\$221.15
Disbursements		
Paid for Board of Staff	- - - - -	\$120.00
Nurses Salary	- - - - -	30.00
Total Disbursements	- - - - -	\$155.00
Balance on Hand	- - - - -	\$ 66.15
Respectfully submitted,		
Mrs. L. E. Ballard.		

REPORT OF SECRETARY

Received reports from seven Districts in the State, namely; Albemarle, Cape Fear, Central, Eastern, French Broad, Pee Dee, Western.

Amount reported used locally	-----	\$13,262.00
No. of members reported	-----	2,723
No. of new members	-----	416
No. of report blanks mailed to District Secretary	----	500
Letters written in interest of work	-----	20
Cards mailed	-----	10
Expense for this office	-----	\$3.56

(This report not asked for at Convention, but due to be given.)

REPORT OF TREASURER OF ANNA PHILLIPS' LOAN FUND

As of June 1, 1947

Cash in treasury, on deposit in Bank of Winterville (N. C.)	-----	\$1,732.45
Outstanding Notes		

Elizabeth Johnson	- - - - -	\$ 300.00
Allen B. Bryan	- - - - -	450.00
Zalene Lloyd	- - - - -	400.00
Total	- - - - -	\$2,882.45

Submitted by
Mrs. M. A. Moodard.

