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# MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

State Convention of Churches

OF THE ORIGINAL

FREE WILL BAPTIST OF NORTH CAROLINA

HELD WITH

Rains' Cross Roads Church

JOHNSTON COUNTY

September 13, 14, 1950



MINUTES OF THE

Women's State Auxiliary Convention and State Sunday  
School Convention



The treasurer's report was as follows:

Balance from year 1949 . . . . .	\$ 93.47
Amount Received year 1950 . . . . .	127.69
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Total . . . . .	\$221.16
Amount Disbursed year 1950 . . . . .	54.45
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Balance as of July 1950 . . . . .	\$166.71

The officers for the year 1950 were installed by prayer by Rev. Evans.

The F. W. L. State League Convention adjourned to meet 1951.

Oscar Webster, *President*

Rachel E. Wooten, *Recording Secretary*

## MINUTES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

CONVENING WITH

SHADY GROVE CHURCH, SAMPSON COUNTY

May 25, 1950

The meeting was called to order by the President with Mrs. M. E. Godwin in charge of the devotions. Mrs. Godwin began the devotions by singing "Jesus Saves," and "Love Divine," by the congregation. The fourth chapter of Second Corinthians was used as a basis for Mrs. Godwin's remarks.

We were most cordially welcomed by Mrs. Warrick, the response being given by Mrs. R. N. Hinnant.

The President, in her message to the Convention, asked that every one co-operate and be business-like. Mrs. Moye reminded the Convention that this is a state meeting where we get instructions to carry to the different districts. Each Auxiliary was urged to set a goal to work for in every phase of work. We were urged to be liberal donors to each phase of work. "Let us make this the biggest Convention, and the biggest year." Mrs. Moye concluded her remarks with the poem "Hold High the Torch."

First Vice-President's Report—Mrs. W. A. Willoughby. Mrs. Willoughby informed the Convention that the women had gone forward; with a five hundred increase in membership. She said she was proud of the women and urged them not to stop, to enroll the entire membership of the church in Auxiliary work. Mrs. Willoughby continued her remarks by reading a statistical report on church membership from a national standpoint and saying we, as Christians could not discharge our duty by singing "Rescue the Perishing," and repeating the Lord's Prayer. In conclusion, Mrs. Willoughby said there was work for all to do; and that the Lord will help us to do His bidding.

The secretary read the Second Vice-President's report in the absence of the Second Vice-President. Mrs. Ballard, and Mrs. Moye urged immediate and continued support of the Anna Phillips Loan Fund. Numbers of students were needing help to further their education.

Fifth Vice-President Report. Mrs. Ballard said we were becoming better informed about the Orphanage, thereby, growing. She said we should count it a privilege to support the Orphanage. Mrs. Ballard reminded the Convention that it takes money to keep the Home supplied with its needs. Mrs. Ballard urged that each home take the Orphanage paper; by this means we would know of the needs of the Home more readily. If the women get behind the subscription drive, said Mrs. Ballard, the paper would soon be going to each home. The Convention voted to finish the refurnishing campaign for the Girls' Dormitory. An offering was received at this time for the Home, prayer by Rev. R. P. Harris.

Mr. Walter McD. Croom, Superintendent of the Orphanage, gave his report at this time. Mr. Croom stated that all the children were adopted for clothing; amount of clothing fund for the past six months was \$1,871.00. He complimented the Auxiliary workers on that they had accomplished, although, they did not quite reach the goal he had set. Mr. Croom announced that May 28 was Homecoming at the Home and invited friends of the institution and former children to attend and bring picnic basket. The children were reported as being in good health, progress was being made with the farm work, and they were in the process of training three concert classes. Mr. Croom reported their crops were good.

Rev. G. C. Joyner led the congregation in singing "Stepping in the Light," followed by a mixed quartet composed of Rev. and Mrs. Joyner, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Narron, singing "Face to Face."

Rev. J. C. Griffin introduced Rev. F. B. Cherry, who was to bring the message of the morning. Rev. Cherry's text was Philippians 2:2-11. "Real saintliness and spirituality comes by passively waiting; opening our hearts and letting God come in and work through us and in us," said Mr. Cherry. A detriment to this condition is an ungodly pride. Basing his remarks on the thought of being humble and letting "this mind be in you which is also in Christ Jesus," Rev. Cherry delivered a very inspiring and uplifting message.

## Afternoon Session

Rev. R. P. Harris led the congregation in singing, "Count Your Blessings," and Mrs. J. C. Sasser conducted a fitting tribute to the deceased members of the Auxiliary Convention. After reading Proverbs 10:31, Rev. L. R. Ennis led in prayer. Mrs. Sasser read an appropriate poem, followed by a trio singing "The Many Mansions".

Report of Third Vice-President—Mrs. Lupton. Mrs. Lupton said that the offerings for Missions had increased over last year; cited the scarcity of missionaries in foreign countries. The work done in Cuba has been wonderful, stated Mrs. Lupton, necessitating many sacrifices on the part of our

missionaries. She asked what were we doing to promote Christ's kingdom here. We need to have our eyes opened and go on our knees. Mrs. Lupton urged us not lose sight of our needs here at home; but by all means remember our mission work with our means and prayers. Mrs. Lupton reported Miss Zalene Lloyd was working with an inter-denominational Orphanage and seemed to be happy in her work.

Report of Third Vice-President—Mrs. E. G. Holland. Mrs. Holland urged that we not be servants of men, but servants of God; we do not want to be found wanting. Mrs. Holland reminded us of the promises of the Bible founded on obedience, faith, and love. She asked each member of the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention to prove our love for His work by having faith in God and being good stewards.

Report of Sixth Vice-President was read by the Secretary. See reports.

Motion made, duly sustained, to send Mrs. Ballard as delegate to National Association and to allot \$75.00 for her expenses. The secretary was asked to make an immediate appeal through the Baptist to each Auxiliary to send as much as 25.00 or more, to the Treasurer to take care of this allotment. The pastors were urged by the president to have a special offering for this money. The N. C. S. W. A. C. is entitled to one delegate for every twenty-five members or fraction thereof.

Field Secretary's Report—Mrs. J. C. Griffin. See reports.

The Convention was informed by Mrs. Ballard, that the Young Woman's Auxiliary, and the Girls' Auxiliary had been changed to Young People's Auxiliary.

The President urged again that each Auxiliary member be sure to send 30c per capita dues at spring Convention.

Rev. James A. Evans spoke briefly on Cragmont. Mr. Evans presented the Directors of the various conferences. Rev. R. B. Crawford, and Mrs. Crawford, for the Young People; R. N. Hinnant by Mrs. Hinnant, Ministers; Rev. F. B. Cherry for Sunday School teachers and officers. Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Six Weeks Summer School, and Mrs. Ballard for the Woman's Conference. Each spoke briefly about their respective conference.

Mrs. C. G. Pope, Resident Manager for Cragmont took the floor and asked that more sheets and towels be sent to Cragmont. Mr. Evans discussed the possibility of purchasing a bus for Cragmont.

Announcement was made of the Nation-Wide League Conference to be held in Norfolk in July.

Rev. D. W. Alexander stated that the results of the subscription contest for the Baptist were not what was expected but, said Mr. Alexander, "the seed was planted." The winner was to receive a nice Bible.

Rev. D. W. Hansley talked briefly on the Educational report. He asked that we increase our giving to this project.

Motion made, duly sustained, to accept the Treasurer's report. See reports.

The reports of the Finance, Resolution, and Courtesy Committee accepted. See reports.

Mrs. M. A. Woodard, delegate to National Auxiliary Convention last

year, reported a good session and some changes in Manual published in 1950.

The date of meeting of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention was discussed. Motion made, and carried, to rescind motion changing date of session. Motion made, carried to have our State auxiliary convention meet Thursday before fourth Sunday in May.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. W. A. Willoughby, Committee to ascertain a color scheme for the Convention, suggested red, white, and royal blue. Mrs. Willoughby, stated that red, denoted the shed blood of Jesus Christ, white was for purity, and blue, was for truth and loyalty. These colors were accepted by the Convention and it was decided to buy a Christian flag to keep with the badges in order to have the true colors since the color scheme adopted was the colors of the Christian flag.

The Nominating Committee made their report which was accepted. It is as follows: President, Mrs. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill (Central); First Vice-President, Mrs. M. A. Willoughby, 307 Richard St., Ahoskie (Albemarle); Second Vice-President, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Greenville (Eastern); Third Vice-President, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, New Bern (Eastern); Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. H. C. Adcox, Bladenboro (Pee Dee); Fifth Vice-President, Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Maury (Central); Sixth Vice-President, Mrs. Frank Edmundson; Treasurer, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville (Central); Field Worker, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, New Bern (Eastern); Secretary, Mrs. James A. Evans, 1108 S. Tarboro St., Wilson (Western).

By the Committee

Mrs. H. L. Spivey  
Miss Alice Webster  
Miss Louise Bedsworth  
Mrs. Jesse Simmons  
Mrs. Luther Kirby

The Anna Phillips Loan Fund report was accepted.

The Convention adjourned to meet with some church in the Central Conference next year.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, *President*  
Mrs. James A. Evans, *Secretary*

## Minutes of the Executive Committee of North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention

MARCH 3, 1950, HULL ROAD CHURCH, SNOW HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

The meeting was opened with prayer. The following were present: Mrs. J. C. Moye, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Mrs. Alice Lupton, Mrs. E. G. Holland, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Mrs. Robert Crawford, proxy for Mrs. Brickhouse, Mrs. James A. Evans.

Mrs. Robie Strickland, president of the Cape Fear Convention was made welcome as a visitor.

Mrs. Ballard, Director for Woman's Conference at Cragmont, presented her tentative report for the Conference for 1950 with a suggested staff as

follows: Rev. F. B. Cherry, Mrs. Bagley Morris, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Miss Laura B. Barnard.

Motion made, duly sustained, that report be accepted.

The date for the 1950 session of the State Auxiliary Convention was set for Thursday, May 25, Shady Grove Church, Sampson County.

Motion made and carried, that State Auxiliary Convention provide necessary literature for Field Worker.

It was decided by those present that the 30c per capita dues be sent in to the Spring Conventions.

In answer to a question as to whether G. A.'s and Go Tell reports would be included in Woman's Auxiliary, the Executive Committee decided to ask that these reports be included in local Auxiliary reports.

We were notified that our Press at Ayden carried Youth Programs.

The program for State Auxiliary Convention was made up and approved.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, *President*

Mrs. James A. Evans, *Secretary*

## Meeting of the Executive Committee of North Carolina State Auxiliary Convention

HELD AT RAINES CROSS ROADS CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 14, 1950

The meeting was called to order by the President, opened with prayer, with the following present: Mrs. J. C. Moye, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Mrs. Frank Edmundson, Mrs. James A. Evans.

Motion made, duly sustained that this Executive Committee go on record as favoring the action taken by the State Mission Board regarding the Mission Car Fund.

Mrs. Ballard, delegate to the National Auxiliary Convention, gave an enthusiastic report of the National session, stating that the plan of work will be made up by the Vice-Presidents of the National Association and will be available soon. She also stated they enjoyed a spiritual feast.

Mrs. Jones was welcomed as a visitor to the meeting.

The Treasurer was instructed to send Christian Education money to State Treasurer of Christian Education as appointed by State Convention.

Mrs. Griffin asked for instruction on her work. Motion made and carried that we continue our Officers' Training Day in the districts under the Field Secretary.

Motion made, duly sustained, that we re-elect Mrs. Ballard as Director for Cragmont.

Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Fifth Vice-President, was instructed to work with the Superintendent of the Orphanage to obtain sheets for the home.

An invitation from Hull Road Church, near Snow Hill, to entertain the next State Auxiliary Convention was accepted.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Moye.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, *President*

Mrs. James A. Evans, *Secretary*

## Report of First Vice-President—Promotional Chairman

MRS. W. A. WILLOUGHBY

No. members enrolled at beginning of Convention year, 4,245; No. new members, 504; Present enrollment, 4,749; Average attendance, 2,500.

### *Enlistment Work to Win New Members*

No. members making phone calls, 689; No. members making personal visits, 1,414; No. members mailing letters or cards, 677.

### *Enlistment Work Done to Bring Back Absentees*

No. members making phone calls, 439; No. members making personal visits, 969; No. members mailing letters or cards, 780.

### *Promotion Work Done*

No. enlistment leaflets, paper, etc., distributed, 5,740; No. programs on attendance, membership, Auxiliary Plan of Work, etc., given, 111.

## Report of Second Vice-President—Young People's Auxiliary

MRS. ALETHIA BRICKHOUSE

No. young people (16 to 25 years) in your church, district or state, 1,690; Total membership in Y. W. A., 216; No. junior and intermediate girls (8 to 16), 979; Total membership in Girl's Auxiliary organization, 261; No. study classes conducted for young women, 34; For girls, 14; No. Vacation Bible Schools assisted in conducting, 152.

Support of Free Will Baptist College—Financial, \$489.93; Otherwise, \$75.75; Assistance to students, station wagon, household linens, etc.

Support of Cragmont Assembly, Inc.—Financial, \$620.53; Otherwise, Household linens; Sent one girl to Cragmont.

Amount for Anna Phillips Loan Fund, \$356.52.

## Report of Third Vice-President—Study Courses

MRS. ALICE LUPTON

No. Mission Study classes conducted, 141; Name of books studied: Bible Studies in the Life of Paul, God, Man & Missions, Will a Man Rob God, Missions at the Grassroots, This Way to Harvest, Thus it is Written, His Name Among All Nations, Young People's Classes—Building Life's Temples, Open Gate to Prayer; No. attending classes, 754; No. Mission reading circles held, 13; Name of books read: Helping Others to Become Christians, When the Fire Fell, In His Steps, Pray Ye.

Stewardship Study classes conducted, 84; Name of books studied: Our Lord's and Ours, This World's Goods, Stewardship in the Life of Women,



To Whom Much Is Given, etc. No. tithers as result of study classes, 78; Total number of tithers in Auxiliary, District, or State, 557; Manual of Methods Studies conducted, 72; Evangelism Classes conducted, 18; Name of books studied: Worship and Welfare, The Why of God, The Worker and His Bible, Soul Winning.

Special plans made for conducting successful study courses, and distributed to Auxiliary organizations, 6; Amount sent to North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention Treasurer for Home Missions, \$531.16; Foreign Missions, \$869.96.

## Report of Fourth Vice-President—Program and Publicity

MRS. JESSE W. HOLLAND

### *Publicity Work Done*

No. subscribers to Auxiliary Manual, 1,112; Auxiliary Year Book, 2,302; F. W. B. papers, 1,482; No. Articles published in religious or secular papers, 111; No. "A-1" Standard Auxiliaries, 11; No. "B" Standard Auxiliaries, 23; No. "C" Standard Auxiliaries, 13.

### *Program Work Done*

No. programs for Auxiliary, Executive Committee, or Convention meetings planned in advance, 462; No. special Missionary programs held, 146; Amount special offerings resulting from mission programs, \$420.55; No. special Stewardship programs given, 71; No. special prayer programs conducted, 386; Week of Prayer Programs held, 221; Average number attending, 1,465; Amount self-denial offering resulting from Week of Prayer programs, \$370.09; Other special programs given to promote Auxiliary Plan of Work such as Co-Laborer Band Fund, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Evangelism, etc., 71.

## Report of Fifth Vice-President—Orphanage

MRS. L. E. BALLARD

No. children adopted for clothing, 41; Amount clothing money for children, \$2,774.20; Amount equipment and furnishing for Home, \$1,268.98; Value of Commodities donated, \$1,553.59; No. coupons sent, 19,220.

## Report of Sixth Vice-President—Superannuation

MRS. LLOYD EDWARDS

### *Ministerial Relief Work Done*

Cards, Letters, etc., to Superannuated ministers, 946; Gifts sent to Superannuated ministers, \$347.75; Amount sent to Superannuation Program, \$398.79.

### *Personal Service Work Done*

No. members engaged regularly in personal service work, 701; No. members assisting in cottage prayer meetings, 511; No. members making

soul winning efforts, 507; Approximate number converts this year, 387; No. members distributing Bibles, 91; No. members distributing trays and baskets to needy, 1,893; No. members helping in Red Cross, W. C. T. U. and mission work, 839; Miscellaneous, \$1,967.48.

## Report of Field Secretary

No. Churches, districts or states having Woman's Auxiliaries, 119; No. of Auxiliary organizations first of this year, 100; No. of new Auxiliaries organized this year, 10; Places where Auxiliaries were organized: Western District 2, Cape Fear 2, Eastern 6; No. Auxiliaries reorganized, 1; Where: Oak Grove, Bladen County, Pee Dee District; Total number of Woman's Auxiliary organizations this year, 119; Grand total Woman's Auxiliary, Y. W. A. G. A. organizations in all churches, districts, state, 124; Total Membership Woman's Auxiliary Convention, 4,500; Talks made specifically in behalf of W. A. C. work, 9; Miscellaneous work done in interest of enlisting and promoting W. A. C. *Plan of Work*: Letters mailed, 59; Cards mailed, 32; Total No. Tracts, leaflets, etc., any good literature distributed, 4,109.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, *Field Secretary*

## Treasurer's Report

### *Receipts and Disbursements*

Balance brought forward . . . . .			\$ 63.74
<i>Department</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Balance</i>
Co-Laborer Band . . . . .	\$464.44	\$464.44	\$ 0
Cragmont Assembly . . . . .	278.21	278.21	0
Christian Education . . . . .	369.97	369.97	0
Orphanage . . . . .	256.44	256.44	0
Orphanage Convention Offering . . . . .	75.80	75.80	0
Superannuation . . . . .	447.87	447.87	0
Cragmont Woman's Conference . . . . .	49.00	49.00	0
General Foreign Missions . . . . .	912.89	912.89	0
India Mission Car . . . . .	257.32	257.32	0
Zalene Lloyd, gift . . . . .	189.95	189.95	0
Laura B. Barnard, gift . . . . .	14.18	14.18	0
Barnard to U. S. A. . . . .	89.80	89.80	0
Home Missions . . . . .	481.60	481.60	0
Church Finance Association . . . . .	10.10	10.10	0
National Per Capita Dues . . . . .	219.76	219.76	0
N. C. State Per Cap. Dues . . . . .	219.77	219.77	0
General Department . . . . .	213.11	37.50	175.61
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Grand total, Receipts and Balance . . . . .			\$4,613.95
Total disbursements . . . . .			4,374.60
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Balance in treasury May 25, 1950 . . . . .			\$ 239.35

*Note:* State Per Capita Dues and Home Missions were allocated by committee at convention.

Mrs. M. A. Woodard, *Treasurer*  
Winterville, N. C.

## Report of Resolution Committee

We, the Resolution Committee, received the following resolution:

1. Resolved, That no officer of the Convention, except the Treasurer, shall serve more than a period of four consecutive years, which is two terms, in the same office.

2. That our Third Vice-President secure and make a study of our Mission Study Course books and recommend them for study to our district Third Vice-Presidents they in turn, present them to our local Auxiliary as our National set up has planned.

3. That a vote of love and confidence be extended to Zalene Lloyd; the Secretary of Convention to convey same to her.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Clarence Barnhill

Mrs. G. N. Waters

Mrs. Almand Warrick

## Report of Courtesy Committee

We wish to express our deepest appreciation to Shady Grove Church and Cape Fear Auxiliary Convention for the splendid way they have entertained the State Auxiliary Convention. We thank them for the most satisfying lunch, and the lovely flowers for the church, corsages for officers, special music, and the inspiring message of Brother Floyd Cherry. And that, a rising vote of thanks be extended.

Mrs. Gilbert Jones

Mrs. C. G. Pope

Mrs. Walter Rhodes, *Chairman*

## Report of Anna Phillips Loan Fund

FOR YEAR MAY 21, 1949 TO MAY 25, 1950

Brought forward . . . . .	\$ 562.55
Received since last Convention from local auxiliaries, S. S. Conventions, etc. . . . .	\$572.32
Payments on loans . . . . .	617.91
Total received . . . . .	\$1,190.23

### *Disbursements During the Year*

Seven (7) loans . . . . . \$1,380.00

Application blanks and note forms . . . . .	4.00
Total disbursements . . . . .	\$1,384.00
Balance in treasury May 25, 1950 . . . . .	\$ 368.78
Mrs. M. A. Woodard, <i>Treasurer</i>	

## Annual Report of Field Worker

MRS. J. C. GRIFFIN

No. days spent conducting Officers Training classes, in 7 districts . .	13
Extra days spent in teaching the Manual of Methods . . . . .	9
Talks on the general work of the Auxiliary . . . . .	2

Study Courses taught: Stewardship, 3; Missions, 3; Miles traveled, 2,844; Travel expense, \$72.96; No. letters written, 28; No. cards written, 21; No. Articles to Baptist, 2.

Conducted the Pre-Easter week of prayer with an auxiliary group.

Conducted week of Prayer in November, our annual Fall Week of Prayer.

Total amount of funds received, \$200.82.

## MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION NORTH CAROLINA STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION-INSTITUTE

The eleventh annual session of the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention-Institute convened with Hugo Church, April 20th, 21st, 1950. The theme for this session was "Efficient Christian Leadership." Text: Luke 6:39—"Can the blind lead the blind?" Song, "Our Best."

The convention was opened by congregational singing and prayer led by the Music Director, Rev. A. L. Reynolds.

The Welcome Address was given by Mr. C. A. Eubanks; Mr. Milton Wiggs responded.

Morning Devotions were conducted by Rev. R. P. Harris using as his subject, "Consecrated Leaders."

The introductory business session was entered into. The president, Mr. Sasser, gave the following report:

To the Delegates, Ministers and Visitors  
of the Eleventh Annual Session of the  
North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday  
School Convention-Institute:

Greetings:

It is a pleasure to have had an opportunity to render service in the capacity in which you honored me with in our last session in 1949, which convened at Whaley's Chapel Church.

Throughout our State, there has been a remarkable growth in our Sunday School work. Sunday School average attendance has increased with much interest being taken by more Sunday Schools than ever before in fol-



