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Minutes of the thirty-fifth annual session of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention convening with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, May 10, 1962.

Theme: "Found Faithful."

Scripture: "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Corinthians 4:2).

Thought for the Day: Faithfulness is the prime requisite to rewarding success in Christian service.

The convention was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. C. Moyer. Reverend C. F. Bowen directed the hymn, "O Zion Haste." Mrs. Ruth Clark Taylor was organist.

Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser gave the devotional thoughts, "Faithfulness Turns Darkness Into Light for Those on Foreign Shores." Scripture references John 3:3; 2 Corinthians 3:1-6; Matthew 28:19 and Acts 4:12 were used. The Stoney Creek Trio rendered special music, "For Jesus Saves."

Mrs. Boyd Shook, president of the Western Convention, gave the welcome. Mrs. R. Y. Stephenson, president of the Cape Fear Auxiliary, responded. Reverend C. F. Bowen offered prayer.

The president gave her remarks using the Scripture 1 Corinthians 4:2. She said, "We can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us." She gave her personal report. (See reports.)

The following ministers were present and were recognized: R. W. Allman, Henry Armstrong, Dewey Boling, C. F. Bowen, A. B. Bryan, Roland Cherry, E. E. Edwards, Melvin Everington, J. W. Everton, Earl Glenn, J. C. Griffin, Carol Hansley, David Hansley, C. J. Harris, R. H. Jackson, M. L. Johnson, Ralph Lightsey, A. J. Lyczkowski, Roy O'Donnell, C. L. Patrick, W. L. Poythress, Walter Reynolds, Charles Sapp, Raymond Sasser, S. A. Smith, Walter Sutton, Ed Taylor, Garland Teasley, J. C. Yates, Fred Powers, and Bruce Barrow.

The state and district officers were recognized, likewise the delegates.

The minutes of the executive committee were read and approved.

Mrs. Robert Crawford presented the declamation winners. They were Karen Hancock and Brenda Jenkins, St. Mary's Church, New Bern. They challenged our hearts.

The morning worship was begun with the hymn, "To the Work." An offering was taken for the Children's Home. Reverend Wilbert Everton gave the offertory prayer. A congregational number, "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus," was sung.

Reverend C. F. Bowen introduced Dr. Roy O'Donnell, acting president of Mount Olive College, who brought the morning message. He chose as his Scripture, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries" (1 Corinthians 16:9). Dr. O'Donnell called to our re-

membrance the many opportunities which are ours for service. There is great need for the evangelism of the unsaved; work to be done for both home and foreign missions; Christian education in the Sunday schools, in all phases of the auxiliary work, in the leagues, as well as in the field of higher education. There is also much opportunity for service in the work of enlistment. Truly a great door of opportunity is open to us. But he also reminded us of the adversaries which are at work constantly seeking to hinder the work of Christ. Some of these adversaries are indifference, complacency, procrastination and discouragement. Those who would work faithfully for Christ must never give place to any of these adversaries. Only help which comes from the Father above can carry us through this difficult time. Truly our God is able to help us if we will call upon Him and then obey His leading. Because Paul was faithful he was able to say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." He closed with this challenging statement, "What Free Will Baptists make of the future depends upon the degree of faithfulness during this present time."

The following committees were appointed:

Resolutions—Mrs. Carl Dudley, chairman, Mrs. S. A. Smith and Mrs. David Hansley.

Finance—Mrs. Raymond Sasser, chairman, Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser and Mrs. Carl Warren.

Courtesy—Mrs. T. E. Tyndall, chairman, Mrs. Edward Wooten and Mrs. Frank Walston.

Literature—Mrs. C. F. Bowen, chairman, Mrs. Carl Dudley and Mrs. David Hansley

Reverend Earl Glenn, host pastor, extended the invitation to lunch.

Reverend J. C. Griffin gave the benediction and blessing.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened by singing, "The Light of the World Is Jesus" and, "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned." Reverend R. H. Jackson prayed.

Mrs. Robert Crawford introduced the G. T. A. winner in the essay contest, JoAnn Bryan from the Kinston church who read her essay, "The Worth of a Family Altar." In the absence of the Y. P. A. winner, Neil Hearn, of Malachi's Chapel, Mrs. Crawford read his essay.

Reports were given by the secretary, by the director of Cragmont Woman's Conference, the field worker, the resolutions committee; the resolutions were voted on one by one by motion of the convention. They all carried. (See reports.)

Mrs. Bowen announced the theme for the Yearbook Devotions as, "Walking in the Christ Way" and the theme song "If Jesus Goes With Me."

Mrs. H. L. Spivey made a plea for the promotion of auxiliary pins.

A motion carried that the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary withdraw from the WNAC. The vote was ninety to one in favor of the motion. (See motion on the N. C. State Convention in Resolutions report.)

A motion carried to send the winners in the Declamation and Essay Contests to youth camp at Cragmont for a week.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Raymond Sasser. It was adopted. (See reports.)

The credentials report was read and accepted. (See reports.) On motion to pay ten dollars on course in Y. P. A. at youth camp. Motion carried.

Reverend R. H. Jackson represented the State Mission Board in a brief summary of the work.

On motion that all Co-Laborer funds be retained in the treasury for use in North Carolina unless designated by the sender to the WNAC. Motion carried.

The courtesy committee report was read and accepted. (See reports.)

The nominating committee report was given. Mrs. T. E. Tyndall presided as the officers were elected unanimously. (See reports.)

On motion to take an offering for Mount Olive College. Motion carried. Rev. C. L. Patrick asked God's blessings on the offering.

After the business session, the new officers were installed by Mrs. Carl Dudley, and a very impressive memorial service conducted by Mrs. L. E. Ballard. Mrs. Ballard and Mrs. Vance Link sang, "I'd Rather Have Jesus" and, "The Way of the Cross." A beautiful tribute was paid Mrs. Alice E. Lupton and those from the various conventions whom God had taken from our midst the past year.

Reverend Wilbert Everton spoke briefly on his leaving the Children's Home. He thanked the convention for their support and urged continuance of same.

Mrs. Clarence Bowen gave the closing meditations, "Great Is His Faithfulness." Rev. David Charles Hansley sang, "Jesus Took My Burden." A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Robert Crawford for her work with the youth.

A motion carried to give Rev. Raymond Sasser fifty dollars for auditing the treasurer's books the past two years.

Reverend Wilbert Everton prayed the benediction.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, President

Mrs. Almond Warrick, Secretary

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECRETARY'S STATISTICAL REPORT

Date, May 10, 1962; place of convention meeting, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina.

Number of churches reporting, 133. "A-1" auxiliaries, 5; "B" auxiliaries, 14; "C" auxiliaries, 5.

I. ENLISTMENT DEPARTMENT: 1. Enrollment at beginning of year, 2,569; present enrollment, 2,622; number lost, 167; average attendance, 1,632.

2. Number making contacts to: enlist new members, 1,153; bring back absentees, 892.

II. YOUTH DEPARTMENT: 1. Number members in Youth Organizations: G. T. A., 829; Y. P. A., 847; B. A., 116; F. W. B. L., 6,913. 2. Participation in: Declamation Contest, 22; Essay Contest, 6. 3. Do you have a church library? 24. 4. Did you have V.B.S.? 92. 5. Number college students helped, 33. 6. Number Y. P. helped to go to Cragmont Youth Conferences, 59.

III. STUDY COURSE DEPARTMENT:

1. Courses Conducted:		Average Attendance
Missions	35	512
Stewardship	33	508
Guidebook and/or Manual	38	485
Evangelism	31	400
Prayer	37	539

2. Reading circle, 33. 3. Number daily Bible readers, 772.

IV. PROGRAM-PRAYER DEPARTMENT: 1. Number special programs, 100. 2. Number weeks of prayer, 153. 3. Number family altars, 352. 4. Number observing WNAC prayer fellowship, 42. 5. Number members of North Carolina Prayer Band, 32. 6. Number subscribing to F. W. B. papers: Free Will Baptist, 701; Contact, 129; Cragmont Courier, 18; Young People's Friend (Children's Home publication), 19; Dove, 150.

V. CHILDREN'S HOME DEPARTMENT: Contributions to Children's Home: Clothing, \$2,537.54; commodities, \$508.03; equipment, \$495.00; number coupons, 11,405. Do you clothe a child? 37.

VI. BENEVOLENCE WORK: 1. Number sending cards to superannuated ministers or minister's widows, 471. 2. Number making soul winning efforts: Contacts, 622; attending cottage prayer meetings, 534. 3. Number making personal service efforts: Visited sick, 4,335; gave garments, trays, baskets, or flowers, to church, shut-ins, or needy persons, 3,254; gave to: Red Cross, 436; WCTU, 3; Community Chest, 145; other civic or benevolent project, 539. Given Bibles, 194 or tracts, 1,430.

VII. PUBLICITY WORK: 1. Number articles written for publication, 279. 2. Other publicity work done, 50.

VIII. PERSONAL GIFTS CONTRIBUTED THROUGH CHANNELS OTHER THAN WOMAN'S AUXILIARY: Home Missions, \$922.94; Foreign Missions, \$761.08; Mount Olive College, \$2,839.57; Bible College (Nashville), \$318.00; Children's Home, \$1,900.89; Cragmont Assembly, \$258.00; Superannuation, \$133.16.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year Ended April 30, 1962

Balance in Bank, May 1, 1961 \$ 1,788.58

Receipts:

Designated Denominational Enterprises

(See Report)

Convention General Fund

\$ 7,159.79

463.16

State Auxiliary Missions	653.13
Alice Lupton, Birthday Offering	10.00
Per Capita Dues	388.96
Total Receipts	<u>8,675.04</u>
Total, for Which to Account	<u>\$10,463.62</u>
Disbursements:	
Allocations at 1961 Convention (See Minutes)	\$ 700.00
Designated Denominational Enterprises	6,138.83
Alice Lupton, Birthday	10.00
Convention Expenses	917.38
State Auxiliary Missions	557.98
Total Disbursed	<u>8,324.19</u>
Balance in Bank, April 30, 1962	<u>\$ 2,139.43</u>

SUMMARY—Bank Balance Accounts

State Auxiliary Missions	\$ 525.49
Per Capita Dues	388.96
General Fund	204.02
Fairbanks Alaska Project	472.24
Anchorage Alaska Youth Project	421.12
Alice Lupton Fund	5.00
Co-Laborer	122.60

Total	<u>\$ 2,139.43</u>
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Banks:

Edgecombe Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 1,639.43
Tarboro Savings & Loan (4%)	500.00

Total	<u>\$ 2,139.43</u>
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It has been a pleasure to serve as your treasurer during the past year. In this capacity, I have receipted and deposited all money received, in the amount of \$8,675.04, and have disbursed or accounted for all funds as designated by the senders, and by instruction of convention or your executive board.

During the year I have written 601 receipts, 145 checks, answered many inquiries concerning auxiliary work, attended four executive committee meet-

ings, prepared four quarterly reports for publication in *The Free Will Baptist* and prepared the yearly report for publication in the minutes.

I sincerely urge your continued co-operation and support of every phase of the denominational program. Singly we can do very little, but together we can do great things toward the extension of God's Kingdom here on earth.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, Treasurer

DESIGNATED DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISES REPORT

		Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Home Missions—Special:				
Alaska, D. L. Whaley	\$ 233.82			
Alaska, General	8.00			
Alaska, Kirby Jo Godwin	46.00			
Mexico, Billows	14.00			
Florida, Spanish	25.00			
Hawaii, L. Sanders	18.56			
Arizona, J. Elliston	10.00			
Wilmington	2.00	357.38	357.38	
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Foreign Missions—Special:				
Carlisle Hannas	10.00			
Anita Sparks	27.50			
Bobby Aycock	139.01			
Japan	9.25			
Dan Cronks	67.31			
Tommy and Emma R. Willey	1,219.50			
Bill Fulcher	6.00			
Herbert Waid	15.50			
Bill Jones	35.00			
LaVerne Miley	48.73			
Dan Merkh	75.00			
Harold and Jo Stevens	-10.00	1,662.80	1,662.80	
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Foreign Missions—General Fund		717.55	717.55	
F. W. B. Children's Home				
General Fund	167.88			
Bedspreads and Curtains	14.00			
Kitchen Fund	25.41			
State Aux. Conv. Offering	46.12			
Western Aux. Conv. Offering	40.00			
Central Aux. Conv. Offering	100.00			
Local Auxiliary	20.00			
Child's Clothing	140.00			
Life Membership Fees	150.00			
Cent. Conf. Building Fund	2.50			

Cragmont Youth Instructors	20.00
Cragmont Woman's Conference	75.00
Total	<u>\$205.00</u>

Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser
Mrs. Carl Warren
Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser

ANNA PHILLIPS LOAN FUND

Bank Reconciliation—January 1, 1962

Brought Forward—1/1/61		\$ 966.95
Deposits:		
Payments Received	\$1,846.00	
Interest Received	187.31	
Contributions	935.68	2,968.99
Total		<u>\$3,935.94</u>
Disbursements:		
Loans (7)	\$2,524.00	
Interest Deducted	68.00	
Reserve	150.00	
	<u>\$2,306.00</u>	
Refund (Overpayment)	164.00	2,470.00
Bank Balance		<u>\$1,465.94</u>

Financial Statement—January 1, 1962

Bank	\$ 1,465.94	
Accounts Receivable	10,978.57	
Total	<u>\$12,444.51</u>	
A. P. L. F. Capital		\$12,294.51
Loans in Reserve		150.00
Total		<u>\$12,444.51</u>

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

During 1961-1962 I have served as president of the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention in this capacity.

I presided at the State Auxiliary Convention and all of the executive committee meetings; attended ten district meetings and the National Auxiliary Convention in Norfolk; wrote three articles for the paper; spoke to four auxiliaries about the auxiliary work; worked in one workshop; taught four study courses on the manual and one on prayer; spoke at four week-of-prayer services; traveled at least 1,000 miles; attended Woman's Conference at Cragmont; all the board meetings of the college and the Children's Home except

one; gave an annual report to the North Carolina State Convention and attended the special session of same.

I have tried to use every opportunity presented to me to promote the auxiliary work in North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. C. Moyer

SECRETARY'S REPORT

During the past year I have written 118 letters and answered numerous telephone calls relevant to auxiliary work. I prepared the minutes for the annual meeting and the executive committee meetings. I also attended the National Convention in Norfolk and three district conventions. I mailed convention reports for fall and spring and individual report blanks on request, likewise any other information when available.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. A. R. Warrick

FIELD WORKER'S REPORT

During the past year I have served in the convention in the following capacity: Taught 5 study courses on the manual; conducted and assisted in 4 workshops; taught one course on prayer; taught one course on missions; conducted 2 installation services; conducted 2 week-of-prayer programs; attended 5 executive committee meetings; attended National Auxiliary Convention; served as co-director for Cragmont Woman's Conference; served as chairman of literature committee for state literature; prepared 1 week of prayer program for Year Book of Progress; reorganized one woman's auxiliary; organized one league; answered numerous correspondence relative to auxiliary work; attended 10 district conventions; traveled 2,200 miles and received from conventions \$120.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Carl Dudley

ENLISTMENT

Recommendations for enlistment:

1. Pray that we might enlist every woman in our church to believe in the goodness and power of her own tradition, morality and religious activity that she will desire to join our auxiliary work.

2. Enlist to offer spiritual growth through linked prayers, Bible study and the loving service the auxiliary renders among the women of our state, for only eternal values.

3. I urge the district and local enlistment chairmen to have special membership visitations regularly each month—phone or visit all absentees—have an every member canvass in the church—create in prospective members an interest to learn of the values one attains while carrying forward our many phases of work for God and His eternal glory.

YOUTH REPORT

1. The youth committee elected today should meet at the earliest possible time following this State Auxiliary Convention for the purpose of planning and setting in motion the youth work of the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention.
2. The sum of \$35.00 should be made available to the state youth committee for promotional work. Any further expenses should be taken care of by the state executive committee.

Mrs. Robert Crawford
State Youth Chairman

RESOLUTIONS

1. WHEREAS, it is the expressed opinion of many of our North Carolina women and other supporters of the Anna Phillips Loan Fund that the interests of North Carolina Free Will Baptist work will best be served by limiting loans to select students, and,

WHEREAS, the Anna Phillips Loan Fund has suffered serious setbacks because of delinquent notes and the lack of sufficient funds.

BE IT RESOLVED: that henceforth, until such time as circumstances will afford further modifications, money will be loaned only to students entering schools within the state of North Carolina.

2. WHEREAS, the Anna Phillips Loan Fund Committee seeks to help as many students as possible through prescribed loans to these qualified students, and,

WHEREAS, there are a number of delinquent notes on previous loans which are long past due and that this money is needed badly in order to assist worthy and qualified students, and,

WHEREAS, the Anna Phillips Loan Fund Committee has decreed that all delinquent notes are to be paid by January 1, 1963, and that if these delinquent notes are paid in their entirety by May 15, 1962, no additional interest shall accrue, and that each student owing past due notes shall be privileged to make satisfactory monthly payments or pay their account in full, but if monthly payments are desired rather than full payment, such monthly payments shall be determined by the amount on note due plus interest, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: that this convention now in session endorse and approve the actions of the Anna Phillips Loan Fund Committee in setting up these arrangements for the collecting of delinquent notes.

3. WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists in a recent called session terminated its relationship with the National Association of Free Will Baptists until such time as the two bodies function harmoniously on a mutually accepted basis, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention is a part of and subordinate to its parent body, the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists, and

WHEREAS, we wish for our North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Con-

vention to remain a part of and loyal to accepted and established practices, usages, and customs of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary does here and now look with approval upon and give sanction to the action of the State Convention in withdrawing from the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and that we pledge our unqualified support to the program of activity now being formulated by the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists in the interest of Kingdom extension.

4. WHEREAS, because of existing strained relationships between the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, and because this convention has pledged its support of and allegiance to its parent body,

BE IT RESOLVED: that all per capita dues remain the same this year and be retained in our treasury for promotional work.

5. WHEREAS, due to repeated requests for literature for our youth auxiliaries (Y. P. A., G. T. A., and Missionary Midgets),

BE IT RESOLVED, that this literature be made available for those desiring to use it (including manual and programs) and any other necessary literature.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Carl Dudley

Mrs. S. A. Smith

Mrs. David Hansley

COURTESY REPORT

We, the courtesy committee, wish to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who had any part in making this such a wonderful day in the service of the Lord.

First, we'd like to thank this church for the privilege of meeting here. We have enjoyed your beautiful church so much, the beautiful flowers, and the delicious lunch, furnished by this church and the Western Auxiliary District.

We want to thank Mrs. Ruth Taylor for playing and Rev. C. F. Bowen for leading our songs.

We enjoyed our devotions by Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser and the lovely music accompanying it.

We thank each of the young people who had a part on the program.

We want to thank Dr. Roy O'Donnell for showing us the open doors to opportunities and the warning of the adversaries and the reminder that we are not using the talents in our denomination.

We would like to express our appreciation to our retiring officers for their untiring efforts these two years and pledge our continued co-operation to the incoming officers.

We thank Mrs. L. E. Ballard for her beautiful and impressive memorial service.

In closing, we would like to give a rising vote of thanks to this church for their gracious hospitality.

Mrs. T. E. Tyndall, Chairman
Mrs. Frank Walston
Mrs. Edward Wooten

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Number of Churches Registered.....	78
Number of Delegates Registered.....	87
Number of District Conventions Reporting.....	6
Number of Ministers in Attendance.....	33
Number of Visitors.....	93
State and District Officers.....	12
Total.....	309

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

President—Mrs. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill, N. C.
Vice-President—Mrs. Frank L. Walston, Walstonburg, N. C.
Secretary—Mrs. Clarence Bowen, Rt. 5, Dunn, N. C.
Treasurer—Mrs. Raymond Sasser, 108 Hope Lodge St., Tarboro, N. C.
Enlistment Chairman—Mrs. Felton Watson, Kenly, N. C.
Youth Chairman—Mrs. David Hansley, Pinetown, N. C.
Study Course Chairman—Mrs. Leon Dunn, 604 Cannon St., Ayden, N. C.
Program-Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Almond Warrick, Rt. 1, Clayton, N. C.
Benevolence Chairman—Mrs. J. K. Rhodes, Jacksonville, N. C.
Children's Home Chairman—Mrs. P. L. Barrow, Rt. 1, LaGrange, N. C.
Field Worker—Mrs. Carl Dudley, Fuquay Springs, N. C.
Pin Award Chairman—Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Maury, N. C.

ANNA PHILLIPS LOAN FUND

Chairman and Treasurer—Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Rt. 2, Goldsboro, N. C.
(1960-1963) Mrs. Edward Wooten, Rt. 6, Goldsboro, N. C.
(1961-1964) Mrs. Bill Taylor, 1719 S. Elm St., Greenville, N. C.
(1962-1965) Mrs. Ernest Cassick, R. F. D., Greenville, N. C.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Carl Warren, Rt. 5, Dunn, N. C., 1962-64.
Mrs. Bynum Lance, Box 6036, West Asheville, N. C., 1962-64.

CRAGMONT STOCKHOLDERS

Mrs. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill, N. C., 1960-63.
Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Box 338, Scotland Neck, N. C., 1961-64.
Mrs. Walter Carter, 211 9th St., East Rockingham, N. C., 1962-65.

YOUTH SPONSORS

Miss Leah McGlohon, Winterville, N. C., Y. P. A.
Mrs. Thomas Woodall, Ayden, N. C., G. T. A.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. L. Patrick
Mrs. Edwin Roper
Mrs. Flora Morgan
Mrs. R. Y. Stephenson
Mrs. Boyd Shook
Mrs. Walter Carter
Mrs. Hattie Adcox
Mrs. M. L. Johnson

WOMAN'S CRAGMONT CONFERENCE OF 1961

There were 85 (62 registrants, six staff members, one house guest and 16 visitors) attendance in August of 1961. These were from seven districts in North Carolina, Virginia and Mississippi. Among these were Mrs. J. C. Moye, state auxiliary convention president, and WNAC vice-president, Mrs. D. W. Hansley, state study course chairman, Mrs. H. L. Spivey, auxiliary pin chairman, and Mrs. Carl Dudley, state field worker. Mrs. Dudley served in the capacity of co-director leading the early devotions and teaching a course on auxiliary ideas to create more interest and teaching us how we could do more to promote work in general. Mrs. Charlotte Gray, a seven year graduate of the Bible Memory Association, was there.

Of course Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, the mother of the auxiliary, was there as conference guest. (Mrs. Lupton went to be with the Lord January 14, 1962. She will be greatly missed in the conferences.) Mrs. Lupton impressively conducted the memorial service for Mrs. Mae Rouse, Mrs. C. E. Brame and Mrs. E. B. Deans.

Rev. Harold Pitts of Canton, N. C., brought soul stirring missionary messages. The Holy Spirit used his messages to make each one aware of their personal responsibility to give forth the gospel. His humble manner and powerful messages lessened the disappointment of the women in Mrs. T. H. Willey Sr.'s inability to attend, because of Mr. Willey's illness.

Mrs. Pearl Alligood, Davis, N. C., taught most effectively Bible centered stewardship lessons. She taught not only by precept but by example. Mrs. Frances Phillips, Smithfield, N. C., challenged each heart to a deeper and more earnest prayer life to equip us for the ever present task of winning souls to Jesus. Mrs. Ruby Narron, Kenly, N. C., taught the urgency of the task of winning souls, and need of prayerful preparation for this work. Mrs. Rosa Murphy, Davis, N. C., made the musical part of our program most inspiring. The many who sang in special numbers were numerous and made a good contribution for inspiration. Our mission offering, in response to the two grains of corn given out by Mrs. Eunice Edwards at the 1960 conference was \$270.50. How these grains multiplied for God!

A special feature of this conference was a suggestion to use "This Is Your

Life" as a way to honor some member of your auxiliary in giving life awards. Mrs. Moye was chosen as the honoree and different members of the conference served as children of Mrs. Moye, who rose up to call her blessed. The children came on the stage and joined their mother as Mrs. Dudley gave most fitting tributes. By this all of us were greatly moved.

For the first time "The Woman of the Week" was elected. Nominations were Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Mrs. Maggie Willis, Mrs. J. C. Griffin and Mrs. Elizabeth Hansley. The number of votes for each ran very close, which reveals the esteem held for each of them. Mrs. J. C. Griffin was chosen as "Woman of the Week." We did not crown her with a tiara, but she was truly crowned in each heart, with love and gratitude for all she has meant to the women of North Carolina through the past years.

Financial Report—1961

Receipts:

Brought Forward from 1960	\$ 23.47
Gift from State Convention Treasurer	75.00
65 Registrations	130.00
Cragmont Booster Band Gift	115.00
Missionary Offering	270.50
Miscellaneous Gifts and Balance on Bus	31.95
Total	<u>\$645.92</u>

Disbursements:

Room and Board for Guest and Staff	\$ 96.25
Missionary Offering to:	
Mrs. T. H. Willey Sr.	\$ 75.00
Rev. and Mrs. K. J. Godwin	75.00
Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Whaley	110.50
1962 State Project	10.00
	<u>270.50</u>
Cragmont Booster Band Gift	115.00
Staff Gifts	49.61
Director's Annual Gift	50.00
Miscellaneous (Telephone Calls, Postage, etc.)	22.55
Total	<u>\$603.91</u>

Balance on Hand \$ 42.01

HEROINES OF THE CROSS—TRIBUTE TO MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

For Christ the Cross He bore was borne alone and was God's expression of love for us.

For us the cross we bear is borne with Him sharing the load and is our expression of gratitude for His love.

When Christ died on the Cross, love reached its zenith and opened the direct channel through which all mankind can come to know God, Saviour and Lord.

For Christ the Cross was the crown of His redemptive work, for He said, "It is finished." It becomes the crown of life to all, who accept this. If there had been no Cross, there could have been no crown. This is true for us today.

As we pause for a moment to honor the women of our state who have run the race, let us remember the death was the gate through which they have entered to receive their crown. In Revelation 2:10, "... be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Paul had the assurance of his crown when he wrote these words to Timothy "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown—not for me only but to all them that love His appearing." Doubtless there are many gems or stars glowing in the crowns of our heroines of the Cross who have gone to be with the Lord. At their death they received the crown of life made possible through the Cross. Somehow I think it was a very special occasion when each of them reached home. Psalm 116:15 says, "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints."

As we think of and offer thanksgiving for those who received the faith and lived by it, thus meriting the crown of life, let us examine our own hearts and lives in the presence of God today, to find if we have that faith and are living by it so that we too may be worthy to receive the crown of life.

We pay this tribute first to Mother Lupton. To you who did not know her, this is just another name, but to those of us who knew her and loved her, this name has special distinction.

We honor her first because she was our royal kindred through the blood of Christ. She walked with Christ from a very early age. We did not know her then, but her life was commendable through the years, by those who knew her then. She was outstanding in her earlier years for her vision of the place young people and women could fill in the service of the Lord. She worked in the city of New Bern with other Protestant groups. In Free Will Baptist ranks she has been proudly designated as "The First Lady" of the Woman's Auxiliary and F. W. B. League. She was the first president of the national, state and district auxiliary conventions, thus this title rightfully belonged to her, for her vision prompted her to work with, organize and promote these organizations. At first, this was no easy task and would have gone on the rocks, if a less devout and dedicated person had undertaken it. In those days men felt that the gospel was to be propagated only by them because in God's word, men were most prominent in God's plan. She believed that they belonged in this position as leaders, but she searched the Scriptures and found God also included in His plan for women and young people. In order to convince the masses in our churches she spent much time in prayer, study and in education of men and women and young people that God needed all mankind. She made many sacrifices in order to succeed. Here I would like to pay tribute to her late husband and family, who co-operated with her in making it possible for her to achieve success in her undertakings. Because she was not easily discouraged; so today we have woman's auxiliaries and Free Will Baptist leagues wherever Free Will Baptists are witnessing for the Lord Jesus. Whenever we are prone to be weary and discouraged, let us remember Mother

Lupton, who worked tirelessly for the Lord until January 24, 1962, when she went to her reward at the age of 86.

Mother Lupton was not only capable in her field of organization and executive ability, but she had a most coveted talent for writing. Through this she was a great blessing to her local church by articles she wrote keeping the activities before the public and writing for *The Free Will Baptist* in prose and poetry brought blessings to many. She served as editor of the woman's page in *The Free Will Baptist* for many years. This page in our paper encouraged auxiliaries to write about their activities and thus challenging others for all endeavors. She also freely wrote for our year book of programs for the Woman's National Auxiliary. For all these services she never received any remuneration. She wrote one book, "Foot Prints of Jesus," which has been widely used not only by woman's auxiliaries but ministers as well in their pre-Easter observations. For this she received a very small gratuity.

One of Mother Lupton's favorite Bible verses was Proverbs 25:11, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Through the years it was my rare privilege to know her intimately, especially during the years I served as director of religious education in her church, St. Mary's. Never once was her conversation unbecoming as a Christian. She had high and lofty ideals and tried to encourage others to pursue them. I have heard her witness to the unsaved as well as to counsel those who needed spiritual help. She was active in the Alice Lupton Circle and the Sunday school class, which she taught as long as she was physically able. Even on her death bed she witnessed to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus.

At the woman's conference at Cragmont Assembly, she was an outstanding figure except one year since its beginning in 1946. Her alert mind and captivating personality made the younger women seek her out for fellowship and advice. She had greater physical stamina even then than many younger women. She never grew old as many do—forgetting to encourage younger women. The women meant so much to her and she meant so much to the women. To the last mile of the way she kept urging them to keep looking up and out—that the Kingdom of God might abound to the ends of the earth.

We shall long miss her presence, but the beauty of her life will live on and on in our lives who follow in her wake.

Books could be written about Mother Lupton and yet not describe the nobility of her life, so we humbly bow our hearts in sincere thanksgiving that God placed her in our ranks.

The tribute paid Mrs. Lupton doubtless belongs in a great measure to all our women throughout North Carolina who have gone to their rewards from these districts: Albemarle, Blue Ridge, Cape Fear, Central, Eastern, Pee Dee, Piedmont and Western.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION, AUGUST 10, 1961

Morning Session

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention met August 10, 1961, at Parker's Restaurant in Wilson.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, president, called the meeting to order with prayer by Mrs. Carl Dudley.

The roll was called with the following members in attendance: Mrs. J. C. Moye, president; Mrs. Frank Walston, vice-president; Mrs. Almond Warrick, secretary; Mrs. Raymond Sasser, treasurer; Mrs. Felton Watson, enlistment chairman; Mrs. Robert Crawford, youth chairman; Mrs. David Hansley, study course chairman; Mrs. C. F. Bowen, program-prayer chairman; Mrs. P. L. Barrow, Children's Home chairman; Mrs. J. K. Rhodes, benevolence chairman; Mrs. Carl Dudley, field worker; Mrs. H. L. Spivey, auxiliary pin chairman; Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Anna Phillips Loan Fund chairman; Mrs. Flora Morgan, president of Blue Ridge District; Mrs. Raymond Stephenson, president of Cape Fear District; Mrs. Bill Taylor, president of Central District; Mrs. Edwin Roper, president of Albemarle District; Mrs. Russell Lamm, president of Second Western District; and Mrs. S. A. Smith and Mrs. Kathleen Sawyer, visitors.

Mrs. Moye and Mrs. Crawford gave reports on the National Woman's Auxiliary at Norfolk.

A motion carried that Mrs. Robert Crawford, liaison officer, National Woman's Auxiliary Convention to the National Missions Board, contact the Reverend Homer Willis, chairman of the Home Missions Board, requesting them to give the Whaleys permission to deduct from the general fund the amount of \$251.60 which has been sent from the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention, for which the treasurer has canceled checks, to pay on their washer-dryer; also to ask that hereafter earmarked funds be sent to designated cause.

Motion carried that Alaskan Missions be the project for North Carolina this year with \$2,000 as the goal. Mrs. David Hansley, study course chairman, was asked to promote this project. The president agreed to work out district allocations with Mrs. Hansley. Mrs. J. K. Rhodes stated that food and clothing can be sent direct, perishable foods may be sent air mail.

On motion that each local auxiliary be asked to send not less than \$5.00 for the cafeteria supplies at Mount Olive College to the treasurer. Motion carried.

Mrs. Robert Crawford prayed the benediction and grace for lunch.

Afternoon Session

The treasurer read her report showing a balance of \$1,055.31. The report was adopted.

The field worker was asked to determine the usefulness of supplementary program material when she attends the district conventions. If it is helpful, the convention agreed to continue this project.

The treasurer of the Anna Phillips Loan Fund gave her report showing a balance of \$858.33. Report was adopted.

The chairman of the Anna Phillips Loan Fund offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

1. That checks be made to borrower and school attending.
2. That the co-signer on note shall be neither pastor nor relative.
3. That credit reference of co-signer be checked out before the loan is final.
4. That interest will be deducted from original loan to a specified due date, when a minimum monthly payment will begin.
5. That after due date when payments will be made regularly, interest will be charged semiannually in January and July.
6. That permission to figure all past due notes at a straight 4% interest be given the committee.

A motion carried that as soon as the books are set up by the Anna Phillips Loan Fund Committee, that letters to the president of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Dr. L. C. Johnson, and the Reverend Rolla Smith, Promotional Director of Foreign Missions, be sent with a list of delinquent payees on the Anna Phillips Loan Fund notes. A member of the executive committee said that Dr. Johnson had asked for the list.

The president appointed Mrs. C. F. Bowen and Mrs. Carl Dudley to a committee to determine who shall get loans and where they may be used.

A motion carried to work out a supplement program for the September meeting regarding student loan fund. Mrs. David Hansley, Mrs. Carl Dudley and Mrs. J. C. Moye agreed to work out this supplement.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. S. A. Smith.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, President
Mrs. Almond Warrick, Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION, OCTOBER 13, 1961

Morning Session

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention met October 13, 1961, at Parker's Restaurant in Wilson.

Mrs. Carl Dudley called the meeting to order at the request of the president who was detained. Devotions were given by Mrs. J. K. Rhodes who used Ephesians 6 as a basis for brief remarks. She offered prayer.

A birthday greeting and \$10 love offering was sent Mrs. Alice E. Lupton from the group. A note of cheer was sent Mrs. L. E. Ballard who was in the hospital.

The president took charge at this time. The roll was called with the following present: Mrs. J. C. Moye, president; Mrs. Almond Warrick, secretary; Mrs. Raymond Sasser, treasurer; Mrs. Felton Watson, enlistment chairman; Mrs. Robert Crawford, youth chairman; Mrs. David Hansley, study

course chairman; Mrs. C. F. Bowen, program-prayer chairman; Mrs. P. L. Barrow, Children's Home chairman; Mrs. J. K. Rhodes, benevolence chairman; Mrs. Carl Dudley, field worker; Mrs. Ernest Cassick, proxy for Anna Phillips Loan Fund chairman; and district presidents, Blue Ridge, Mrs. Flora Morgan; Albemarle, Mrs. Edwin Roper; Cape Fear, Mrs. Raymond Stephenson; Central, Mrs. Bill Taylor; Eastern, Mrs. J. C. Griffin; Second Western, Mrs. Russell Lamm; and visitors, Mrs. Frank Daw and Mrs. J. M. Langley.

The minutes were read and approved. The following allocations were made for each district for the Alaskan Missions Project: Albemarle, \$150; Blue Ridge, \$100; Cape Fear, \$300; Central, \$400; Eastern, \$150; Pee Dee, \$30; Piedmont, \$300; Western, \$400; Second Western, \$100.

Mrs. Crawford gave a youth committee report. A motion carried to allocate \$30 for operational expense of this committee.

The field worker was asked to promote the "supplies for the Mount Olive cafeteria" project through *The Free Will Baptist*.

The following recommendations were passed to be introduced to Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

1. That from 3 to 5 study courses be required as a standard with an elective from the five subjects that are presently standard.
2. That points for originality be given in the Declamation Contest.

A motion carried to investigate the feasibility of program material for North Carolina. A literature committee was appointed composed of: Mrs. Carl Dudley, Mrs. Clarence Bowen and Mrs. D. W. Hansley.

Grace for lunch was asked by Mrs. J. C. Griffin.

Afternoon Session

A nominating committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. C. L. Patrick, chairman, Walstonburg; Mrs. R. Y. Stephenson, Route 1, Clayton; Mrs. M. L. Johnson, Newport; Mrs. B. L. Shook, Selma; Mrs. Edwin Roper, Route 2, Belhaven; Mrs. Flora Morgan, Box 6136, West Asheville; Mrs. Hattie Adcox, Bladenboro; Mrs. Walter Carter, East Rockingham.

Mrs. Cassick reported four loans to students this fall from the Anna Phillips Loan Fund.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Robert Crawford.

Mrs. Almond Warrick, Secretary

Mrs. J. C. Moye, President

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION, OCTOBER 25, 1961

Morning Session

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention met October 25, 1961, at Parker's Restaurant in Wilson.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, president, called the meeting to order with prayer by Mrs. Clarence Bowen.

The roll was called with the following members in attendance: Mrs. J. C.

Moye, president; Mrs. Frank Walston, vice-president; Mrs. Almond Warrick, secretary; Mrs. Raymond Sasser, treasurer; Mrs. Felton Watson, enlistment chairman; Mrs. Robert Crawford, youth chairman; Mrs. C. F. Bowen, program-prayer chairman; Mrs. P. L. Barrow, Children's Home Chairman; Mrs. Carl Dudley, field worker; Mrs. H. L. Spivey, pin chairman; Mrs. R. Y. Stephenson, president of Cape Fear District; Mrs. Russell Lamm, president Second Western District; and visitors, Mrs. Walter Reynolds and Mrs. L. H. McDade.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and adopted.

A motion carried to use the money from the woman's auxiliaries on the Alaskan Missions Project in the Fairbanks area church and the money from the youth auxiliaries for the missionaries' children in Anchorage.

On motion that the executive committee elect a Cragmont committee to work with the director and co-director to select teachers and plan a program for Cragmont Woman's Conference. Also, that financial arrangements concerning cost be worked out by this committee. Motion carried. The committee is as follows: Mrs. Felton Watson, Mrs. David Hansley and Mrs. P. L. Barrow.

Mrs. Carl Dudley gave a report of the literature committee as follows:

1. We recommend that auxiliaries use Woman's National Auxiliary Convention literature for the first quarter of 1962.
2. We recommend that beginning with the second quarter of 1962, we have literature available and that North Carolina use this literature.
3. We recommend that we elect an editor to compile the material to be used in the new year book; the editor's salary to be determined jointly by the Free Will Baptist Press and editor of the year book. Until this arrangement can be worked out, that the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention assume financial obligations to the editor.
4. We recommend that Mrs. C. F. Bowen be elected editor of the year book.
5. We recommend that the publication *Look* be discontinued and funds for publication be used if needed in the publication of the year book.
6. We recommend that Mrs. Edwards be contacted and informed personally of the literature need and the action of the literature committee and the executive committee.

All motions on these recommendations carried.

Mrs. Robert Crawford prayed the benediction and grace for lunch.

Afternoon Session

Mrs. Carl Dudley was elected director and Mrs. J. C. Moye co-director of the Cragmont Woman's Conference. The secretary was instructed to write Mrs. Ballard, the former director, that action was taken for her health's sake and that a motion unanimously carried to ask her to be an honorary guest at the Conference as long as she desires.

The meeting adjourned with the benediction by Mrs. Raymond Stephenson.

Mrs. Almond Warrick, Secretary

Mrs. J. C. Moye, President

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION, NOVEMBER 15, 1961

Morning Session

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention met for a brief session at the Cape Fear Auxiliary Convention at Oak Grove Church, Sampson County, November 15, 1961.

Mrs. J. C. Moye presided over the meeting with the following members present: Mrs. Moye, president; Mrs. Raymond Sasser, treasurer; Mrs. Almond Warrick, secretary; Mrs. David Hansley, study course chairman; Mrs. C. F. Bowen, program-prayer chairman; Mrs. C. L. Patrick, proxy; Mrs. Albert Coates, proxy; Mrs. H. L. Spivey, pin chairman; Mrs. Carl Dudley, field worker; and Mrs. R. Y. Stephenson, president of the Cape Fear District.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The literature committee reported on a meeting with Mrs. Eunice Edwards relative to a literature program in North Carolina.

The report of the committee was adopted as follows:

1. That the editor proceed with making program material available.
2. That this literature be printed as long as deemed advisable by the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention.
3. That the program material be made available to any auxiliary desiring to purchase it from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.
4. That the secretary be authorized to send the report of this action to the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention office, *The Free Will Baptist and Contact*.

A motion carried to purchase a page in the Mount Olive College annual for \$50.

The meeting adjourned to join the afternoon session of the Cape Fear District.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, President

Mrs. Almond Warrick, Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION, MARCH 1, 1962

Morning Session

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention met March 1, 1962, at Parker's Restaurant, Wilson, N. C.

The president, Mrs. J. C. Moye, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Carl Dudley offered prayer.

The roll was called with the following members and proxies present: Mrs.

J. C. Moye, president; Mrs. Frank Walston, vice-president; Mrs. Almond Warrick, secretary; Mrs. Raymond Sasser, treasurer; Mrs. Felton Watson, enlistment chairman; Mrs. R. B. Crawford, youth chairman; Mrs. David Hansley, study course chairman; Mrs. C. F. Bowen, program-prayer chairman; Mrs. C. L. Patrick, proxy for Mrs. P. L. Barrow, Children's Home chairman; Mrs. J. K. Rhodes, benevolence chairman; Mrs. Carl Dudley, field worker; Mrs. H. L. Spivey, pin chairman; Mrs. J. E. Wooten, proxy for Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Anna Phillips Loan Fund chairman; Mrs. A. L. Summerlin, proxy for Mrs. Edwin Roper, president of Albemarle District; Mrs. Flora Morgan, president of Blue Ridge District; Mrs. S. A. Smith, proxy for Mrs. R. Y. Stephenson, president of Cape Fear District; Mrs. Bill Taylor, president of Central District; Mrs. J. C. Griffin, president of Eastern District; Mrs. Nora Winstead, proxy for Mrs. Roy Rikard, president of Piedmont District; Mrs. Boyd Shook, president of Western District.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The youth chairman announced the State Youth Fellowship Day, March 31, at Smithfield Free Will Baptist Church, beginning at 10:00 a. m.

A motion carried that consideration for originality be given contestants in the Declamation Contest, and that winning declamations be filed with the state youth chairman with the consent of the writer.

The annual Auxiliary Convention was announced as May 10, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson.

Daily Vacation Bible School Clinic was announced for April 14, at Mt. Olive.

A motion carried that the president appoint Mrs. L. E. Ballard to write a memorial tribute to Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, an honorary member of this committee and mother of this convention, who passed away January 24, 1962, for publication in *The Free Will Baptist*, and *Contact*; also a copy sent to the family and one for the permanent records of this convention.

On motion that we do not exceed \$10 for flowers for a deceased member. Motion carried.

Mrs. J. E. Wooten gave a report of the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, which will be in the annual reports of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

On motion to pay Mrs. Bowen \$150 for editing the year book, "Devotion." Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned for lunch. Grace was offered by Rev. C. F. Bowen.

Afternoon Session

Letters from foreign missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks and Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones were read by the secretary.

On motion to send life awards money to Cragmont Assembly the coming year. Motion carried.

Mrs. Moye asked that the Children's Home project be promoted in the

districts, which is the purchasing of a baking unit for \$1,500 and a mixer for \$500.

The president appointed a credentials committee for the annual meeting. They are as follows: Mrs. Raymond Sasser, Mrs. B. L. Shook and Mrs. David Hansley.

Mrs. Carl Dudley, director of Cragmont Woman's Conference, announced the theme, "Found Faithful," for the next conference. She gave a program outline which will be shown in the annual minutes.

The following resolution was adopted: Be it resolved that the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention request the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention to formulate a policy whereby the National Auxiliary materials may be distributed through the Free Will Baptist Press Book Store in Ayden, North Carolina, or other Free Will Baptist Book Stores in the various states. Be it further resolved, that Mrs. Moye be encouraged to attend the next national executive committee meeting and present this request.

On motion that all co-laborer funds and per capita dues be retained in the treasury until we learn our true status with the National. Motion carried.

On motion to retain 10% of co-laborer funds for expenses of handling same. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Nora Winstead.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, President

Mrs. Almond Warrick, Secretary

