

# MINUTES

OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

NORTH CAROLINA

## Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute

CONVENING WITH THE FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE  
Middlesex, N. C.

April 24-25, 1952

1953 Session to Convene with

Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church, Cramerton, North Carolina,  
Piedmont Association, Gaston County; Rev. Roy Rikard, pastor

RAYMOND T. SASSER, Wilson, N. C. ....	<i>President</i>
REV. HERMAN HERSEY, Raleigh, N. C. ....	<i>Vice President</i>
OWEN THOMAS, Four Oaks, N. C. ....	<i>Secretary</i>
MILTON WIGGS, Smithfield, N. C. ....	<i>Treasurer</i>

— ALSO —

OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

## N. C. Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Convening with

BRIDGETON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Bridgeton, N. C.

May 23, 1952

1953 Session to Convene with an Auxiliary in the Pee Dee Association,  
Announcement to be made late.

MRS. L. E. BALLARD, Ayden, N. C. ....	<i>President</i>
MRS. R. T. SASSER, Wilson, N. C. ....	<i>Secretary</i>
MRS. M. A. WOODARD, Winterville, N. C. ....	<i>Treasurer</i>

# **MINUTES**

Of 13th Annual Session

North Carolina Free Will Baptist

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CONVENTION-INSTITUTE

# PROCEEDINGS

The 13th annual session of N. C. Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention convened with the Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C., April 24-25, 1952. The theme for the program was "Unity"; text, Psalms 133:1. Song, "Nothing Between."

The Convention was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. R. P. Harris, music director. The welcome address was given by Rev. Warren Mallard with response by Albert H. Proctor. Morning devotions were conducted by Rev. Roy Rikard, using as his subject: "Unity in the Faith," or "Faith Cultivated, Faith in Action, and Faith Preserving." Scriptures: Ephesians 2-8, Numbers 12-30, Romans 5-1, and Hebrews 6-1.

The introductory business session was entered into. The following committees were appointed:

## *Finance—*

W. P. Bunn (Western), Chairman  
Mrs. Raymond Patterson (Eastern)  
Mrs. Perry Turner (Albemarle)

## *Digest of Reports—*

Rev. Albert Coates (Cape Fear), Chairman  
Rev. R. W. Allman (Western)  
Mrs. Kenneth Vann (Piedmont)

## *Resolutions—*

Mrs. Nettie Thigpin (Central), Chairman  
Jack Avery (Western)  
Rev. Burkett Raper

The following committee was elected:

## *Nominating—*

Albert Proctor (Central), Chairman  
Rev. L. H. Boykin (Western)  
Mr. Brickhouse and Mr. Turner (Albemarle)  
Owen Thomas (Cape Fear)  
Rev. Roy Rikard (Piedmont)  
Rev. Lloyd Vernon (Fountain Taylor, alternate), (Eastern)  
Miss Marie Hester (Pee Dee)

The secretary read Executive Board Meeting Minutes for the past convention year. They were approved with exception of Minutes of April 24, 1952, which were tabled until a later business session.

The president gave his annual message, using Scripture Matt. 5:41 and Matt. 21:24-32 with a seven point program for schools throughout the state to operate:

(1) Cragmont Assembly, Inc., (2) Field Secretary Program, (3) Sunday School Officers and Teachers Training Program, (4) Use of the Sunday School Manual, (5) Sunday School Rooms and Good Equipment and Six Point Records in Every School, (6) District or County Wide Conventions, Associations, or Fellowship Suppers, (7) Support of the State Sunday School United Program.

The convention sermon was delivered by Rev. W. A. Hales, using Psalm 133:1 as his text and subject, "Unity." The convention was dismissed for lunch with prayer.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was entered into by congregational singing led by Rev. R. P. Harris.

Rev. R. H. Jackson gave meditation: "Unity in the Work," using scripture Matt. 12:22-30, which was followed by the Annual Sunday School Institute Session No. 1.

Subject: *State Sunday School United Program*

1. Field Secretary Program—Rev. Albert Coates
2. Cragmont Institute and Expansion Program—Rev. J. A. Evans
3. Convention's Operations—Rev. J. B. Narron
4. God's Plan of Financing—Rev. Hubert Burress

After these reports a question and answer period was conducted by the speakers with questions from congregation being discussed and answered.

A short business session was entered into. A motion was made and carried that Executive Board Minutes tabled be adopted. An offering for the orphanage was received, and Rev. Wesley Calvery, missionary candidate, was recognized at this time.

The afternoon session was adjourned.

#### THURSDAY EVENING

A "Youth for Christ" service was conducted by the orphanage staff and children. Testimony time was led by Doris Tyson, and the message was delivered by Rev. Roy Rikard.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 25

This session was opened by congregational singing led by Rev. R. P. Harris. The devotions, "Unity in Love," were conducted by Rev. C. L. Patrick, using Psalm 133:1 as his text.

The following reports were given:

1. State Field Secretary Program—Rev. Albert T. Coates
2. Delegate to National Sunday School Convention—Rev. Rashie Kennedy.

3. Reports of the following District Sunday School Conventions by their presidents: 1st Western, 2nd Western, Albemarle, 2nd Union, Central, 3rd Eastern.
4. Report from Orphanage—Rev. S. A. Smith
5. Report from Woman's Auxiliary Convention—Mrs. L. E. Ballard
6. Report from League Convention—President

Honorable mention was given to Marsh Swamp Sunday School for catching up on support of the United Program.

The second session of Annual Sunday School Institute was a panel discussion, "Sunday School Problems," led by our directors. This was a most interesting session as the delegates, officers, and visitors enthusiastically participated. Among the problems discussed was rules of handling attendance awards, such as cross and crown system. Rev. Burkett Raper was appointed to work with the Resolution Committee to work out a system of attendance awards to be used by our Sunday schools.

Rev. Roy Rikard, pastor of the Cramerton church, extended an invitation to meet in 1953 with his church. This invitation was accepted by unanimous vote.

We were dismissed for lunch with prayer.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by the congregation singing "Amazing Grace" led by Rev. R. P. Harris. Devotions, "Unity of the Brethren," was conducted by Mr. Fountain Taylor, and closed by the congregation singing "Beautiful Garden of Prayer."

The final business session was entered into.. The following committee reported:

Resolutions committee report was made and adopted by motion duly made and carried. Special attention was called to resolution No. 4. Motion was made and carried that Executive Board give publicity to meeting regarding this resolution.

#### *Resolutions Committee Report—*

The Resolutions Committee submits the following resolutions to the North Carolina Sunday School Convention now in session:

1. That all of us strive together more in unity than we have in the past to reach progress in all the adopted plans of this convention now in session.
2. Be it resolved that Executive Board of the North Carolina Sunday School Convention elect a Nominating Committee at least one month before the convention, with one from each conference which represents in the North Carolina Sunday School Convention.
3. Be it resolved that the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention meet each year in a different section as divided for the field worker of the State

## Sunday School Convention.

4. Be it resolved that the Executive Board of the State Sunday School Convention study the various Sunday School pin award systems and draw up rules regulating the same and present them to the next State Sunday School Convention for approval.

5. That we give a rising vote of thanks to the Orphanage for their hospitality shown in every respect during this convention.

By Committee:

MRS. NETTIE THIGPEN, *Chairman*

REV. BURKETT RAPER

MR. JACK AVERY

### Report of Registration Committee—

Visitors .....	103
Delegates .....	88
Ministers .....	31
Superintendents .....	4

### Report of Finance Committee—

We the members of the Finance Committee of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute submit the following report:

Convention Receipts .....	\$593.60
Offerings for Orphanage Thursday .....	\$44.83
Offerings for Orphanage Friday .....	47.89
Total for Orphanage .....	\$92.72      92.72
Total Taken in at this Convention .....	\$686.32

Committee:

W. P. BUNN, *Chairman*

MRS. RAYMOND PATTERSON

MRS. PERRY TURNER

### Digest of Reports Committee—

We, your Digest of Reports Committee of this Convention, having examined the Sunday School reports that have been sent in, find 94 Sunday schools reporting coming from 25 counties, 28 of these Sunday schools supporting the United Sunday School Program. We find 85 Sunday schools and 2 district conventions contributing at this convention with a total of \$593.60.

We recommend that you examine the Digest Committee's detailed report posted on the wall.

Your Committee:

ALBERT T. COATES

R. W. ALLMAN

MRS. KENNETH VAUGHN

Note: Seven (7) Sunday schools reported after convention, bringing total to 101 Sunday schools who reported this year.

A motion was made that delegates to the State Sunday School Convention be responsible for their expense while attending the Convention. A motion was also made that the Convention recommend that each Sunday school pay the expense of its delegates to our Convention.

The reports of the Registration Committee, Finance Committee, and Digest of Reports Committee were accepted by motion made and carried.

*Treasurer's Report Made and Adopted—*

Balance on Hand .....	\$731.14	
Received .....	593.60	
Orphanage .....	92.72	\$1,417.46
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Received after Convention .....		22.00
		\$1,439.46

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Adopted by Unanimous Vote

*Officers—*

OFFICE	CONFERENCE	OFFICER
President—	Western;	Raymond T. Sasser, Wilson, N. C.
Vice President—	Piedmont;	Rev. Herman Hersey, Charlotte, N. C.
Secretary—	Cape Fear;	Owen Thomas, Four Oaks, N. C.
Treasurer—	Cape Fear;	Milton Wiggs, Smithfield, N. C.

*Directors—*

- Organization—Western; Mrs. Bernard Ferrell, Kenly, N. C.
- Denominational Enterprises—Central; Rev. Hubert Burress, Saratoga, N. C.
- Publicity—Eastern; Lemmie Taylor, Richlands, N. C.
- Records & Reports—Pee Dee; Miss Marie Hester, Bladenboro, N. C.
- Literature—Central; Rev. L. E. Ballard, Ayden, N. C.
- Field Secretary Program—Cape Fear; Rev. Albert T. Coates, Smithfield, N. C.

By Committee:  
ALBERT H. PROCTOR, *Chairman*

The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted by motion made and carried.

A motion was made and carried that the Executive Board use reports and statistics of this session as publicity for the Convention.

The Sunday School Convention lots at Cragmont Assembly were discussed.

Rev. R. P. Harris was elected delegate to National Sunday School Convention with Mrs. L. E. Ballard as alternate.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard was elected to represent the State Sunday School Convention as stock holder of Cragmont Assembly, Inc.

Officers' Installation Service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

The 1952 session of the State Sunday School Convention was closed by congregation singing "Blest Be The Tie," and benediction.

RAYMOND T. SASSER, *President*

MRS. ALBERT T. COATES, *Secretary*

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FIELD SECRETARY PROGRAM

To the 1952 Session of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION-INSTITUTE

Ministers, delegates, and friends of the state Sunday School Convention-Institute:

Today as we stress UNITY, it is very fitting for us to pay particular attention to our subject for this session of our Sunday School Convention, "State Sunday School United Program." Please note that word, "UNITED." We stand today to tell you that our Sunday Schools must be united; First, united in supporting all phases of our Sunday School program (the field secretary program, Cragmont, and our convention), for the purpose of teaching and training our people; Second, united with each other in order that we may cooperate in all endeavors of Christian work.

Now our field secretary program is set up for just this purpose, to help us in our individual Sunday Schools and then to help in bringing us into closer communion and fellowship one with another.

For several years now we have been talking and praying about placing a full-time secretary on the field to work with all our Sunday Schools in order that they might become better qualified in teaching and training for the glory of God.

Last year we took definite steps toward this end. Our by-laws were amended and all Sunday Schools were requested to send 10 per cent of their offerings to provide the necessary funds as follows:

1. To employ a state Sunday School Field Secretary to work with all our Sunday Schools in the training and enlargement of their activities.
2. To support the authorized activities of our annual institute work at Cragmont property.
3. To provide the necessary expenses of our Sunday School Convention. Since our convention last year, 37 Sunday Schools from 17 counties have contributed to this program. Some began to contribute immediately after our convention and have continued to do so while others faded out in the fall. Still others waited until the fall to begin their support.

To all those who have given their support, we offer our sincere thanks for we feel that we now have enough funds on hand to hire our Field Secretary and place him in the field to work with you.

It is here that we stop to give you the *qualifications and plan of operation for*

*the Field Secretary* as prepared by a special committee appointed by the Executive Committee of this convention.

QUALIFICATIONS AND PLAN OF OPERATION FOR FIELD SECRETARY  
OF NORTH CAROLINA SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION-INSTITUTE  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS APRIL 24-25

I. *Qualifications of Field Secretary*

- A. Free Will Baptist
- B. A Christian Character
  1. Personality
  2. Dedicated to a purpose
- C. Between the ages 21-45
- D. Must be at least a high school graduate with special training in Sunday School teaching and administration.
- E. A knowledge of typing and mimeograph work.
- F. Single or married (but free to travel).

II. *Plan of Operation*

- A. This person shall promote Sunday School work in North Carolina for the Free Will Baptist Churches as set up by the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute.
- B. Have a planned program of work approved by the Executive Board.
  - I. The field secretary shall have a planned itinerary of work three weeks in advance at all times, properly approved by the executive board.

II. Plan of specified work.

Divide the state into 5 geographical sections as follows:

1. Follow U. S. Highway No. 301 from Weldon to Wilson, U. S. Highway No. 117 from Wilson through Goldsboro to Wilmington, and all of the state from these highways East to the coast.
2. Follow U. S. Highway No. 501 from the Virginia line through Roxboro to Durham, then U. S. No. 15 through Sanford to South Carolina line, and all of state East to the boundary of Section No. 1.
3. Follow U. S. highway No. 21 from the Virginia line through Charlotte to the South Carolina line and all of state East to the boundary line of section No. 2.
4. Follow U. S. highway No. 23 from Tennessee state line to Asheville then U. S. No. 25 to South Carolina line, and all of state East to the boundary line of section No. 3.
5. All of state west of section No. 4 boundary line.

III. Plan itinerary as follows:

- A. Spend two weeks in each section, holding at least 5 sectional rallies,

making plans before leaving for return engagement to hold 5 Sunday School Institute training courses. Beginning in Section No. 1 and working west.

- B. After completing sectional rallies, return to section No. 1 and spend 5 or 6 weeks in each section holding 5 weekly institute training courses as described above.
- C. Work constantly through use of the mail to have each rally or institute planned completely in advance.
- D. Constantly work to enlarge the Sunday School Convention mailing list set up by Sunday Schools, counties, conferences, etc.
- E. He shall teach a Free Will Baptist Sunday School manual only.

IV. Sectional rallies are for the purpose of quickly making available to all our people a brief outline of the FIELD SECRETARY program, encouraging them to be ready for the training institute work to follow—and to encourage them to support the program through regular monthly reports.

V. The institute training courses are to be for a period of 5 nights, with as many Sunday Schools represented in each section as possible. The courses are to be primarily teacher and officer training.

VI. After covering the state with the institute courses, the Field Secretary shall return to section No. 1 and begin again, covering the portions of sections not previously covered.

VII. As conditions warrant, special emphasis might be worked out to work with weak Sunday Schools in a missionary effort for our Sunday School program and he shall help in establishing new Sunday Schools.

VIII. Weekly reports are to be made to the Director of Field Secretary program to whom the Field Secretary is responsible at all times.

IX. Field Secretary shall conduct a weekly column in THE BAPTIST paper.

- c. Submit application to secretary of convention.

You will find several charts posted on the back wall of this auditorium which show the names of the Sunday Schools listed by counties and the amount contributed by each Sunday School. Please go by and examine these charts closely to see how your Sunday School is supporting the program.

If your Sunday School is not listed there, then we urge you to get a copy of the amendment and a poster from the table which make a complete explanation; then go home and make a motion next Sunday that your Sunday School join in unity with these 37 Sunday Schools in doing a great work for God.

Please let us remember that by being united in our FAITH, believing that we have the proper plan of God for our Field Secretary Program, then by placing our shoulders to the wheel and uniting our efforts, we will grow in unity of love for one another.

Brethren, as we have heard it said since childhood, "United we stand, divided we fall," we bring our message to a close by asking you a question, "Are we going to become united in our "FIELD SECRETARY PROGRAM" and see it work for God or are we going to become divided and see it fall?"

My challenge to you today is: Let us all join together in this program and see just what can be accomplished in our work of the cause of Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 ALBERT T. COATES  
 Director of Field Secretary Program

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS REPRESENTING AT 1952 SESSION

<i>Sunday School — County — Conference</i>	<i>Contribution</i>
Core Point Chapel—Beaufort—Eastern .....	\$ 2.00
Free Union—Beaufort—Albemarle .....	10.00
Sidney—Beaufort—Albemarle .....	5.00
Ephesus—Beaufort—Eastern .....	5.00
Trinity—Beaufort—Eastern .....	1.00
Washington—Beaufort—Central .....	5.00
Swannanoa—Buncombe—French Broad .....	3.00
East Black Mountain—Buncombe—French Broad .....	
White Oak—Bladen—Pee Dee .....	10.00
Oak Grove—Bladen—Pee Dee .....	5.00
Stacy—Carteret—Eastern .....	6.00
Welcome Home—Carteret—Eastern .....	2.00
Russell's Creek—Carteret—Eastern .....	5.00
Elwood Lane—Cabarrus—Western .....	2.00
Core Creek—Craven—Eastern .....	15.00
Ruth's Chapel—Craven—Eastern .....	10.00
Rocky Mount—Edgecombe—Central .....	5.00
Sarecta—Duplin—Eastern .....	10.00
Snow Hill—Duplin—Eastern .....	10.00
Beulaville—Duplin—Eastern .....	10.00
Cabin—Duplin—Eastern .....	
Long Ridge—Duplin—Eastern .....	5.00
Pearsall's Chapel—Duplin—Eastern .....	5.00
Warsaw—Duplin—Eastern .....	5.00
Sandy Plain—Duplin—Eastern .....	5.00
Rootie Branch—Duplin—Eastern .....	7.00
Bethlehem—Duplin—Eastern .....	2.00
Sherron Acres—Durham—Western .....	3.00
Calvary—Durham—Western .....	8.00
Edgemont—Durham—Western .....	12.00
Lowell—Gaston—Piedmont .....	5.00
Bethany—Gaston—Piedmont .....	2.00
Cramerton—Gaston—Piedmont .....	5.00

Stanley—Gaston—Piedmont .....	5.00
Friendship—Greene—Central .....	5.00
Harrell's Chapel—Greene—Central .....	
Howell Swamp—Greene—Central .....	15.00
Hull Road—Greene—Central .....	10.00
Grimsley—Greene—Central .....	7.20
St. Delight—Greene—Central .....	6.00
Free Union—Greene—Central .....	5.00
Prospect—Harnett—Cape Fear .....	
Holly Springs—Johnston—Western .....	
Selma—Johnston—Western .....	5.00
Stancil's Chapel—Johnston—Western .....	3.00
Branch Chapel—Johnston—Western .....	3.00
Rain's Cross Road—Johnston—Western .....	5.00
Kenly—Johnston—Western .....	5.00
Micro—Johnston—Western .....	10.00
Pleasant Plain—Johnston—Western .....	12.00
Hopewell—Johnston—Cape Fear .....	5.00
Bethel—Johnston—Cape Fear .....	10.00
Smithfield—Johnston—Cape Fear .....	10.00
Steven's Chapel—Johnston—Cape Fear .....	
Whaley's Chapel—Jones—Eastern .....	7.00
Christian's Chapel—Lenoir—Eastern .....	5.00
British Chapel—Lenoir—Eastern .....	5.20
Deep Run—Lenoir—Eastern .....	10.00
Gray Branch—Lenoir—Eastern .....	5.00
Hugo—Lenoir—Central .....	5.00
Kinston, First—Lenoir—Eastern .....	12.00
Smith's New Home—Lenoir—Eastern .....	5.00
Rock Spring—Nash—Western .....	2.00
Stony Hill—Nash—Western .....	3.00
Free Union—Nash—Western .....	5.00
Mt. Zion—Nash—Western .....	5.00
Orphanage—Nash—Western .....	
Mt. Zion—Onslow—Eastern .....	5.00
Verona—Onslow—Eastern .....	21.00
Folkstone—Onslow—Eastern .....	5.00
Bethel—Pamlico—Eastern .....	7.20
Trent—Pamlico—Eastern .....	5.00
Ayden—Pitt—Central .....	5.00
Elm Grove—Pitt Central .....	10.00
Gum Swamp—Pitt—Central .....	10.00
Marlboro—Pitt—Central .....	1.00
Parker's Chapel—Pitt—Central .....	10.00
Winterville—Pitt—Central .....	12.00
Otter's Creek—Pitt—Central .....	5.00
Dilda's Grove—Pitt—Central .....	5.00
Oak Grove—Sampson—Cape Fear .....	5.00

Shady Grove—Sampson—Cape Fear .....	5.00
Sound Side—Tyrrell—Albemarle .....	10.00
North East—Wayne—Eastern .....	10.00
Grant's Chapel—Wayne—Eastern .....	4.00
Pleasant Grove—Wayne—Western .....	5.00
Union Grove—Wayne—Western .....	10.00
Fremont Chapel—Wayne—Western .....	
Antioch—Wayne—Central .....	5.00
Goldsboro—Wayne—Cape Fear .....	10.00
Daniel's Chapel—Wilson—Central .....	10.00
Owen's Chapel—Wilson—Central .....	10.00
Saratoga—Wilson—Central .....	2.00
Wilson—Wilson—Western .....	12.00
New Sandy Hill—Wilson—Western .....	3.00
Rose Bud—Wilson—Western .....	
Little Rock—Wilson—Western .....	5.00
Milbournie—Wilson—Western .....	3.00
Marsh Swamp—Wilson—Western .....	
St. Mary's—Wilson—Western .....	10.00
Raleigh—Wake—Cape Fear .....	

*District Sunday School Conventions*

Albemarle .....	10.00
First, Western .....	
Second, Western .....	
Second Union, Central Conference .....	10.00
Third, Eastern .....	
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Total .....	\$615.60

*Summary*

- 101 Sunday Schools Represented
- 24 Counties Represented
- 8 Conferences Represented
- 5 District Sunday School Conventions Represented

**SUNDAY SCHOOL UNITED PROGRAM**

*List of Sunday Schools that Supported Program by Monthly Contributions  
May, 1951-April, 1952*

<i>County</i>	<i>Sunday School</i>
Carteret .....	Davis
Duplin .....	Pearsall's Chapel
Duplin .....	Snow Hill
Duplin .....	Sarecta
Duplin .....	Cabin
Gaston .....	Cramerton

Greene.....	Hull Road
Harnett .....	Prospect
Johnston .....	Smithfield
Johnston.....	Rain's Cross Roads
Johnston .....	Hopewell
Johnston .....	Micro
Johnston .....	Selma
Johnston.....	Pine Level
Johnston.....	Stancil's Chapel
Johnston.....	Pleasant Plains
Jones.....	Pilgrim's Home
Lenoir .....	Hugo
Lenoir.....	Christian's Chapel
Lenoir.....	Deep Run
Nash.....	Rock Spring
Onslow .....	Folkstone
Pamlico .....	Trent
Pitt.....	Sweet Gum Grove
Pitt .....	Bethany
Richmond.....	Mt. Mariah
Wake.....	Tippett Chapel
Warwick .....	First
Wayne.....	Spring Hill
Wayne .....	Fremont
Wilson .....	Saratoga
Wilson.....	Marsh Swamp
Wilson .....	Rosebud
Wilson .....	Wilson
Wilson.....	New Sandy Hill
Wilson.....	Owen's Chapel

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
N. C. F. W. B. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION-INSTITUTE**

April 24, 1952

The Executive Board of N. C. F. W. B. Sunday School Convention met April 24, 1952, at the Orphanage.

The meeting was called to order by the president. The group joined in a chain of prayer. The program of the day was discussed.

Motion was made and carried that the Board of Directors recommend to the convention that we go on record as endorsing the House Bill No. 2128 in Congress of U. S. which purposes to band the advertisements of strong drink, and that congressmen of this state be advised of our stand and urged to support it.

Motion made and carried that our Board recommend to the convention to adopt Sunday School manual and present to the National Board of Publication to

endorse for immediate publication and that we pay the expense of the writer, Raymond T. Sasser.

The committee for qualifications and plan of operation for Field Secretary made their report. Motion made and carried that we accept report of Special Committee and that the recommendation of this committee become recommendation of this Board to the convention.

We were dismissed with prayer.

Those present: Raymond T. Sasser, President; Rev. Hubert Burress, Vice President; Albert Proctor, Director Denominational Enterprises; Rev. J. B. Narron, Director Records and Reports; Milton Wiggs, Treasurer; Rev. Albert T. Coates, Director Field Secretary Program; Rev. L. E. Ballard, Director Literature, and Rev. Bruce Barrow, Director Publicity.

RAYMOND T. SASSER, *President*

MRS. ALBERT T. COATES, *Secretary*

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

*N. C. Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute*

February 15, 1952

The Executive Board of the N. C. Free Will Baptist S. S. Convention-Institute met in Goldsboro, Feb. 15, 1952. The president called the meeting to order, after which he led the group in prayer.

The meeting was opened for business. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Old business was taken up. We heard a report from the Convention Committee. The committee reported that plans are being made for our 1952 session of the convention to convene at the Orphanage, April 24-25, 1952.

New business was entered into. A Program Planning Committee for the S. S. Convention was appointed. The committee:

Mr. Raymond T. Sasser, Mr. Albert Proctor, and Rev. N. B. Barrow.

It was reported that the stock in the F. W. B. Press purchased by the Convention is in the process of being transferred.

A motion was made and carried that our president represent our convention in the stock holders' meeting of the Press.

Treasurer's report was made and accepted.

Field Secretary program was discussed. A report of the Lenoir County S. S. Rally was made by Director of Field Secretary Program.

Motion was made that a copy of amendment to Constitution and By-Laws of S. S. Convention be mailed with convention report blanks to each Sunday School.

Motion was made as follows: In view of the gratifying support of so many of our Sunday Schools to the Sunday School United Program, the Executive Board recommends to the 1952 session of N. C. Sunday School Convention that the Convention instruct the Executive Board to hire a Field Secretary as soon as possible after the 1952 session.

A motion was made that a committee be appointed to work out specifications for qualifications and plan of operation for a Field Secretary. The report to be submitted to the Executive Board for approval. The committee:

Rev. Albert T. Coates, Rev. J. B. Narron, and Rev. Hubert Burress.

Motion made and carried that any District S. S. Convention, or any other S. S. Organization, having funds on hand for support of Field Secretary work be requested to forward these funds to Treasurer of N. C. Sunday School Convention.

A unanimous vote of thanks for the hospitality shown us in this meeting by the Ladies' Auxiliary of Goldsboro Church was taken.

Motion to adjourn. Those present joined hands and prayed "The Lord's Prayer."

Members present: Mr. Raymond T. Sasser, President; Rev. Hubert Burress, Vice President; Mrs. Albert T. Coates, Secretary; and Mr. Milton Wiggs, Treasurer.

Directors: Rev. J. B. Narron, Records and Reports; Rev. L. E. Ballard, Literature; and Rev. Albert T. Coates, Field Secretary Program.

RAYMOND T. SASSER, *President*

MRS. ALBERT T. COATES, *Secretary*

**MINUTES**

OF THE

North Carolina

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

convening with

Bridgeton Church May 23, 1952

# PROCEEDINGS

The meeting was called to order by the President and Rev. R. P. Harris led the congregation in the opening hymn, "Make Me a Channel of Blessings." There was a large crowd in attendance.

The devotions, by Mrs. D. W. Hancock, were based upon portions of John 4 and I Peter 7:11, Truly Witnessing for Christ. Mrs. Hancock said we should have the love of God supreme in our lives, and love of our fellow man also. We can truly witness for Christ when we have all on the altar. She stressed the need for co-operation, and asked each to pray for cooperation.

We were welcomed to the Eastern District and Bridgeton Church by Mrs. J. K. Bryan in a special way and Mrs. Almand Warrick responded saying she felt we had come for a blessing and for information and felt sure we would receive both.

The president stated in her remarks, which followed, she was happy to be here and very pleased at the large attendance. Mrs. Moye expressed thanks for th co-operation she had received during her presidency and said she had enjoyed serving. She urged co-operation in the different phases of the work, saying if we cannot go, we can send. The President asked for the continued support of each phase of work. The Bible College is growing, said Mrs. Moye, and we should get behind the program there and help in providing needed facilities as well as assist students. Some of the students, we were informed, were available for Daily Vacation Bible School work and other Christian work during the summer. Mrs. Moye asked the auxiliaries to secure Anna Phillips Loan Fund Chart, fill it up and send in money for the Loan Fund to enable some young person to attend college. Mrs. Moye asked that we keep in mind the other phases of our work, Orphanage, Cragmont and the Press. The superannuation program also. The President asked for the co-operation of those present during the day and urged that we carry on the business in an orderly way.

The President recognized and welcomed the ministers that were in attendance. The Convention was delighted to have the following large delegation of ministers present: Revs. G. C. Joyner, W. H. Lancaster, J. C. Griffin, R. P. Harris, R. H. Jackson, James A. Evans, David W. Hansley, J. Albert Harris, W. R. Williams, F. A. Rivenbark, Wingate Hansley, A. B. Chandler, Willie E. Stillely, Rashie Kennedy, Lloyd Vernon, C. M. Coats, L. R. Ennis, W. H. Willis, F. B. Cherry, C. H. Coats, M. E. Godwin, J. R. Davidson, D. W. Alexander, C. L. Patrick, D. L. Whaley, Wiley Ferrell, L. B. Manning, S. A. Smith, Wm. Burkette Raper, J. R. Forrest—Total of thirty.

First Vice-President, Mrs. Willoughby, gave her report. See reports. Mrs. Willoughby said to have season of prayer for those who are not members; discuss each individual's reason for not working in the auxiliary work. Mrs. Willoughby suggested that visitation program to contact those not enlisted. Secure names of absent members and send a card immediately, one that is attractive in appearance.

Notify each member when and where meeting is to be held if it is held in different places. See that each member has transportation; help arrange each member's work to suit her abilities and don't elect a special friend to an office if she is not interested or qualified. Work together, said Mrs. Willoughby; then she distributed individual report blanks that she and her committee had been working on at the request of the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Ballard, Second Vice-President, reported next. Mrs. Ballard urged the holding of youth revivals and Vacation Bible Schools in each church, reminding us that the Bible College students were available for summer Christian work. Mrs. Ballard discussed different conferences at Cragmont for Young People and asked for co-operation in building up the Anna Phillips Loan Fund. She reported a splendid D. V. B. S. Clinic held in the vicinity of Smithfield.

Mrs. Lupton, Third Vice-President, gave her report. Mrs. Lupton stated the Home Mission program was making progress; she mentioned improvements that had been made in various local churches. She asked us to work and pray for the Foreign Mission program also. Don't be blind to opportunities, said Mrs. Lupton. She recommended for study the book entitled "Handmaidens of the King," for mission study, and "Living Abundantly," and others for stewardship study, and "We would see Jesus" for Evangelism. Mrs. Lupton urged us to put evangelism to work in the local church. A number of auxiliaries had held the various week of prayer programs.

Mrs. Adcox, Fourth Vice-President, gave her report. See reports. Mrs. Adcox expressed appreciation for co-operation in her work. Mrs. Adcox requested full participation in the subscription campaign for the Free Will Baptist for which the auxiliaries would receive 10% of money received for subscriptions.

Mrs. Spivey, Fifth Vice-President was next with her report. Mrs. Spivey expressed her thanks for the help she had received in the furnishing and equipping the Albemarle Cottage at the Orphanage. She said we had not finished campaign for the Girl's Dormitory; she urged that this be sent in right away. The building is in need of repair. Gave report of Committee to purchase drapes for Albemarle Cottage. (Appears elsewhere) The Eastern District Auxiliary Convention bought living room furniture; and made plans for two bedroom suites for apartments in Albemarle Cottage. Mrs. Spivey stated that Sunday School students could be used to secure coupons for the Orphanage.

Mrs. Edmundson, Sixth Vice-President, read scripture taken from Luke, 1st Thess., 1st Tim. in making her report. Asked for continued care and thought for the superannuated ministers and the Superannuation Program as a whole.

Mr. Smith, Superintendent of our Orphanage spoke to us about the Home. Mr. Smith reported seventy-three boys and girls at the Orphanage. Extended his sincere thanks for co-operation of the women. Mr. Smith informed us the coupons were decreasing in number and urged that we do all we could to help retire the debt on the Home as quickly as possible. We were reminded to subscribe to the Orphanage paper and that they might be mailed in group form. An offering

was received at this time for the Home amounting to \$151.88. Rev. J. R. Davidson led the congregation in singing "Something for Thee."

Proxies on the Nominating Committee were appointed as follows: Mrs. M. L. Johnson for Mrs. Barrow until noon, Mrs. S. A. Smith for Miss Alice Webster, who could not attend.

An inspiring message was heard at this time in the lovely rendition of the beautiful hymn "When Jesus Came" by the local church.

Mrs. Bruce Barrow brought the Convention message on The Responsibility of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Pastor and Church. This inspiring and uplifting message was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Barrow stated there were many things women can do. Have a definite concern for people, said Mrs. Barrow. How can we sit idly by and see people go out into eternity without Christ. God is still able, said Mrs. Barrow. Invite pastor to meetings and work closely with him. Mrs. Barrow urged the congregation to maintain a Christian Home and help young people to anchor their lives in Christ. Christ says "Go Ye"—and "Lo, I am with you always."

The President appointed the following Committees:

**Finance**—Mrs. J. T. Beddard, Jr., Mrs. J. C. Sasser, Mrs. R. T. Sasser, Mrs. M. A. Woodard.

**Resolutions**—Mrs. Almand Warrick, Mrs. W. H. Blalock, Mrs. Carl Dudley.

**Courtesy**—Mrs. Haywood Hill, Mrs. A. B. Chandler, Mrs. Ellis M. Buck.

The Convention was dismissed for lunch by Rev. Burkette Raper.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

After Congregational Hymn "We'll Work til Jesus Comes," Mrs. Marie Gaskins brought a most impressive memorial tribute to our deceased members basing her remarks on John 14. Two wreaths of green were used, a flower being placed in alternate wreaths for each deceased member. An appropriate musical number, "Beyond the Sunset," completed the service.

Mr. Cherry, Editor of the Baptist Paper, outlined the subscription campaign for us next for the auxiliaries during the month of June. The auxiliaries could deduct 10% from money sent in for subscriptions and retain in their treasury. The subscriptions are to be sent in not later than July 10. Renewals or new subscriptions would be acceptable.

Mrs. Griffin, Field Worker, gave her report next. See reports. Mrs. Griffin said there was a place for each woman to work. Co-operate with pastor, and urged the auxiliaries and districts to have an officers Training Day for officers. Mrs. Griffin said we need to keep informed, also.

Mrs. Ballard brought news of Cragmont and the Woman's Conferences to be held there. It is a place to enrich, deepen and enlarge our lives to be of greater

service. She stated there would be two Conferences this year, one to be held June 9-16, the other August 11-18.

Rev. J. B. Narron discussed the Youth Conference to be held at Cragmont under his leadership. Rev. Narron urged the parents to send their young people.

Rev. J. C. Griffin urged the pastors and deacons to attend Minister's Conference at Cragmont first week in June.

The following Committees made reports at this time, copies of which appear elsewhere in these minutes, and all of which were accepted by the Convention: Resolutions, Finance, Nominating, and Treasurer's report also.

Motion, duly sustained, that the Convention sponsor the subscription Campaign as offered by the Press.

Individual Report Blank Committee made their report, which was accepted. They had prepared an individual report blank to be used in the local auxiliary.

On motion, duly sustained, Mrs. M. E. Godwin was re-elected to represent the Woman's Auxiliary Convention on the Cragmont Board.

Much discussion was held as to whether the League should be considered as a Youth Auxiliary by the Auxiliary Convention. Motion made and carried that the State Auxiliary Convention allow the local Auxiliaries to be counted A-I if they have an active F. W. B. L., if they cannot have a Young People's Auxiliary, and have met all the other requirements. Motion was carried by a majority vote, though some felt that it would discourage the Y. P. A.'s and voted against the motion.

The Constitution and By-Laws were brought up at this time. Upon reading them, it was found that a minor correction was needed, and by motion they were referred back to the Committee for correction. They were presented again later after correction and a motion was entertained for the adoption of same. Motion carried to adopt the Constitution and By-Laws in its revised form.

Mrs. F. B. Cherry was appointed delegate to National Auxiliary Convention.

An impressive installation of the incoming officers under the direction of Mrs. Bagley Morris was given at this time, using John 12:23-26 as a basis for her remarks. As she made the charge to each officer, she challenged each officer with the responsibilities of their respective office. A prayer for guidance for the new officers was offered by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

Upon motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with due to the lateness of the hour, and the secretary was instructed to send them to the Baptist and read them at the opening of the Convention next year.

Motion made, duly sustained to extend a rising vote of thanks to retiring officers. Mrs. Moye expressed the appreciation of the retiring officers for the cooperation that they had received during their stay in office.

After singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," we were dismissed by Rev. Burkette Raper.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, President  
Mrs. James A. Evans, Secretary  
(Retiring)

### REPORT OF COURTESY COMMITTEE

We, the Courtesy Committee, would like to thank the Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church and the Eastern District for every kindness shown us today. The flowers, the special music, and the message were all very inspiring. We especially would like to thank the ushers and the pianist for their help and co-operation; and the Eastern District as well as this church for the grand dinner spread on the yard. We recommend that we give the Eastern District a rising vote of thanks for their gracious hospitality and the fellowship we have enjoyed.

Mrs. Haywood Hill  
Mrs. Ellis M. Buck  
Mrs. A. B. Chandler

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Nominating Committee submit the following report:

We nominate to serve for a term of two years the persons named below with the office being designated:

President—Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Ayden, N. C.  
Secretary—Mrs. R. T. Sasser, 207 Broad Street, Wilson, N. C.  
Treasurer—Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C.  
First Vice-President—Mrs. Walter Carter, Rockingham, N. C.  
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Bagley Morris, Fremont, N. C.  
Third Vice-President—Mrs. Alice Lupton, New Bern, N. C.  
Fourth Vice-President—Mrs. H. C. Adcox- Bladenboro, N. C.  
Fifth Vice-President—Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Maury, N. C.  
Sixth Vice-President—Mrs. Albert Coats, Smithfield, N. C.  
Field Worker—Mrs. J. C. Griffin, 1409 N. Pasteur St., New Bern, N. C.

By Committee

Mrs. M. E. Godwin  
Mrs. S. A. Smith  
Mrs. Walter Rhodes  
Mrs. Clyde Brown  
Mrs. D. C. Wilder

## REPORT OF STATE FIELD WORKER FOR YEAR 1951-52

No. Classes taught in the Manual .....	10
No. Days in training class work .....	7
No. Districts in which these were held .....	7
No. Talks on general work .....	2
No. Stewardship classes taught .....	1
No. Classes in missions .....	3
No. articles written for publication .....	4
No. Bible Schools conducted .....	3
No. Cards written .....	6
No. Letters written .....	37
No. Miles traveled .....	2,293
Funds received .....	\$148.28
Paid out for expense .....	\$64.64
Organized Auxiliaries .....	1

Mrs. J. C. Griffin  
State Field Worker

## REPORT OF WOMAN'S CONFERENCE AT CRAGMONT—1951 SESSION

There were 102 registered with seven districts and South Carolina and District of Columbia represented.

Theme—Exalting Christ.

Instructors—Mrs. J. K. Rhodes, Stewardship; Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Manual of Methods; Mrs. Paul Ketterman, Child Evangelism; Rev. Wayne Smith, Bible Study.

People speaking during evening services were Rev. J. C. Griffin, who also showed pictures; Rev. W. L. Moretz, Rev. C. H. Overman, Mrs. Alice Lupton. A playlet, "The Triumphant Life," was given one evening. Mrs. Ethel Whaley was the leading character. Truly God blessed through these and all the others who took even a small part in the services.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Brought forward from 1950 .....	\$ 46.35
Received from State Convention .....	100.00
Received from District Convention .....	60.00
Picture Offering .....	26.38
Offering for Miss Zalene Lloyd .....	40.00
Registrations, gifts, etc. ....	235.56
Insurance fees .....	47.50
Total Receipts .....	\$559.79

## Expenditures

Miscellaneous, such as postage, telephone books, etc. ....	\$ 18.83
Expense of picture .....	50.00
Travel expense of staff .....	60.55
Insurance for group .....	45.50
Gift to Miss Lloyd .....	44.00
Gifts to Staff .....	95.00
Gift to Free Will Baptist College .....	50.00
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Total Expenditures .....	\$454.88
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Balance on hand .....	\$104.91

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Director

## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

**Resolved:** Believing that it would greatly increase interest as well as being an advantage to our Orphanage at Middlesex from a general standpoint we, your Committee on Resolutions submit the following report

**First:** We recommend to our State Auxiliary Convention that in this session, May 22, 1952, that necessary plans or whatever may be needed be made to bring about the appointment of a member at large on our Orphanage Board.

**Second:** That we recommend that such member be a woman, either elected or appointed by the State Auxiliary Convention.

**Resolved:** That we recommend to this Convention that our Constitution and By-Laws be revised relative to changing the names of Vice-Presidents in use at present, to that of Chairman, the duties of each to remain the same as at present, or until such time as changes might be made for the betterment of the work at large.

Mrs. Almand Warrick

Mrs. Carl Dudley

Mrs. W. H. Blalock

## PERSONAL REPORT AS SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. L. E. Ballard

I have written for publication three articles, visited three districts, and spoke in behalf of Bible School Students. Conducted three Daily Vacation Bible Clinics. Held one conference with North Carolina Bible School Students. Have written one hundred five cards and letters.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. L. E. Ballard

Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Fifth Vice-President, reported that she had received \$466.43 in the special campaign for furnishing the new Boy's Dormitory at the Orphanage. She paid our \$435.39 for bedspreads, door and curtain rods, shower curtain and hooks, window shades, drapery material, etc. Leaving a balance of \$31.04.

### ANNA PHILLIPS LOAN FUND REPORT

Year May 26, 1951—May 22, 1952

Balance brought forward ..... \$ 404.00

#### Receipts

District Conventions, etc. .... \$599.00

Payment of one loan ..... 300.00

Payment of one loan ..... 125.00

Gift from Franklin Spencer in memory of his mother,  
Mrs. R. B. Spencer ..... 100.00

Total receipts ..... 1,124.00

Grand Total ..... \$1,528.00

#### Disbursements for the Year

September 10, 1951—Loan to Peraldine Gay ..... \$300.00

January 25, 1952—Loan to Carrie Stanford ..... 150.00

Total disbursed ..... \$ 450.00

Balance in Treasury May 22, 1952 ..... \$1,078.00

Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Treasurer

### N. C. FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

ANNUAL REPORT—May 25, 1951 - May 22, 1952

Balance brought forward ..... \$ 187.21

Department	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Co-Laborer Band	\$ 548.70	\$ 548.70	\$
Cragmont Assembly	261.82	261.82	
Christian Education	128.00	128.00	
Bible College	242.00	242.00	
Bible College Student	15.00	15.00	
Superannuation	460.17	460.17	
Home Missions	567.05	411.90	155.09
Foreign Missions	1,229.34	1,229.34	
Orphanage	50.38	50.38	
Church Finance Association	18.40	18.40	

Cragmont Woman's Conference	35.00	35.00	
North Carolina Per Capita Dues	250.06	250.06	
National Per Capita Dues	250.07	250.07	
General Department	207.00	207.00	
Offering for Orphanage	151.88	151.88	
Total receipts and balance			\$4,602.08
Disbursed by departments		\$3,140.69	
Expenses for the year		324.75	
Allocated at Convention		581.55	
National Per Capita Dues		478.70	
Total disbursed		\$4,525.69	
Balance in treasury May 22, 1952			\$ 76.39

#### Allocation of Convention Funds by Finance Committee May 22, 1952

Foreign Missions	\$ 50.00
Christian Education	25.00
Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.	50.00
Cragmont Assembly, Inc.	50.00
Cragmont Woman's Conference	100.00
Anna Phillips Loan Fund	50.00
Church Finance Association	25.00
Supplement to Orphanage Offering	23.12
Mrs. A. E. Lupton, expense, service	15.00
Field Worker, for service	100.00
President, for service	25.00
Secretary, service and expense	33.43
Contribution to National W. A. C.	10.00
Expense delegate to National W. A. C.	25.00
Total allocated	\$581.55

By Committee:

Mrs. M. A. Woodard  
 Mrs. J. C. Sasser  
 Mrs. Raymond Sasser  
 Mrs. J. T. Beddard, Jr.

