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The seventeenth annual session of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute convened with Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, Thursday and Friday, March 22 and 23, 1956. The theme of this session was "I Will Guide Thee." The text used was Psalm 32:8, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye."

THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 22, 1956

Registration of delegates, visitors, ministers and officers was held from 9 o'clock until 10 o'clock.

The morning session was opened with congregational singing directed by Rev. Clyde Cox. Rev. Herman Hersey, vice-president, presided over the morning session with Rev. Wayne Smith giving the invocation. Rev. M. L. Johnson, treasurer of Mount Olive College, introduced Mr. B. E. Bryan, mayor of Mount Olive, who welcomed the convention to Mount Olive. Melvin Everton, a student of the college, gave the welcome address. The response was by Mr. Walter R. Sandlin, president of the Third Eastern District Sunday School Convention.

Morning devotions were conducted by Rev. Albert Coates, using Psalm 32 as his Scripture text.

At this time Rev. Herman Hersey called the convention into a short introductory business session.

Minutes of executive board meetings of October 6, 1955, and March 5, 1956, were read and approved by motion duly made and carried.

The following committees were appointed:

COMMITTEE	NAME	CHURCH	COUNTY	CONFERENCE
<i>Finance:</i>	Rev. B. L. Shook	Kenly	Johnston	Western
	Raymond L. Howell	Goldsboro	Wayne	Cape Fear
	Mrs. B. T. Jones	Grifton	Pitt	Central
<i>Digest of Reports:</i>	Mrs. W. P. Bunn	Wilson	Wilson	Western
	Walter R. Sandlin	Saint Mary's	Craven	Eastern
	Wade H. Stephenson	Hopewell	Johnston	Cape Fear
<i>Resolutions:</i>	Mrs. Samuel Johnson	Grace	Pitt	Central
	Archie D. Benson	Sarecta	Duplin	Eastern
	Franklin Young	Raleigh	Wake	Cape Fear
<i>Nominating:</i>	Rev. E. E. Edwards		Beaufort	Eastern
	W. R. Sawery	Rose Bud	Wilson	Western
	Clinton Proctor	Saratoga	Wilson	Central
	J. A. Ethridge	Soundside	Tyrrell	Albemarle
	Dennis Wiggs	Smithfield	Johnston	Cape Fear
	Mrs. Robert Parris	Cramerton	Gaston	Piedmont
	Mrs. Bynum Lance	Horney Heights	Buncombe	Blue Ridge
Jo Ann Davis	White Oak	Bladen	Pee Dee	

The president's message was delivered by the president, Rev. Raymond T. Sasser. He opened his message with prayer. Rev. Sasser then discussed the growth of the convention during the past seventeen years. (See *President's Message*.)

Rev. M. L. Johnson brought to the attention of the congregation the new flags which have been presented to the college and two offering plates which were given by Mrs. Ed Lofton and the Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

The morning worship service was opened with the congregation singing "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah," followed with a solo, "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus," by Rev. Clyde Cox accompanied by the Rev. Herman Hersey.

There was an offering received in the amount of \$72.25 for Mount Olive College.

The convention message was delivered by Rev. Ralph Staten, pastor of Goshen Free Will Baptist Church in Belmont, North Carolina. He was introduced by Rev. Herman Hersey. Rev. Staten used Scripture from Psalm 32:8 for his text; subject, "I Will Guide Thee." The congregation sang the convention hymn, "He Leadeth Me," and Rev. Homer Willis offered grace for the noon meal.

The convention was adjourned until 1 o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing. The devotional was conducted by Mrs. Ethel Whaley whose subject was "I Will Guide Thee," taken from John 16:13.

The president recognized our Co-Laborers. There was no representation from the State Convention of Churches. Rev. E. E. Edwards brought greetings from the State Ministerial Association. Mrs. Raymond Sasser brought greetings from the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, and Rev. L. E. Ballard represented the National League Conference.

The first session of the Annual Sunday School Institute was held, subject, "I Will Guide Thee to More Effective Sunday School Teaching." Rev. Chester Phillips presided over this institute. The subjects were as follows:

- (1) "Through Prepared Teachers," by Rev. Raymond T. Sasser.
- (2) "Through Proper Use of Literature," by Rev. Charles Keith.
- (3) "Through Use of Visual Aids," by Rev. Herman Hersey.

The chorus, "Sunday School Enthusiasm," was sung and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. James A. Evans. We were then dismissed until the evening service.

THURSDAY EVENING

The entire service Thursday evening was conducted by the students of Mount Olive College. The College Choir rendered several numbers, which were enjoyed by all who attended.

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 23, 1956

The morning session was opened with congregational singing. The morning devotions were conducted by Rev. Clyde Cox, using Psalm 32 as his text, subject, "I Will Guide Thee In Enthusiasm."

Rev. Hubert Burress, director of denominational enterprises, gave a review of the work done during the past year in the various bodies of our denomination.

Rev. Albert T. Coates, director of field secretary program, gave a detailed report of the work done by the field secretary, Rev. L. E. Ballard. Rev. Coates stated that the field secretary had contacted 237 Sunday schools during the past year and that he had done personal work in 23 counties.

The second session of the Annual Sunday School Convention-Institute was conducted with Rev. L. E. Ballard serving as moderator.

A symposium: "I Will Guide Thee in the United Program" was given: Subjects—(1) Sunday School Missionary Work; (2) Field Educational Work; (3) Sunday School Tithing; (4) The Cragmont Program.

Those serving on the panel were: Rev. Homer Willis, Mr. W. Milton Wiggs, Rev. Wilbert Everton, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Mrs. W. P. Bunn, Rev. Frank Davenport, Rev. Rashie Kennedy and Mr. Walter R. Sandlin.

GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION

The report of registrations was given by Mrs. Sue Thompson, field office secretary. (See report.)

Mr. W. Milton Wiggs gave the treasurer's report. Motion made and carried to accept the report. (See report.)

Rev. B. L. Shook, chairman of the finance committee, gave the report of the committee. Motion to accept the report. Motion carried. (See report.)

Motion that the convention pay to the secretary of the convention five dollars per month for his or her service to the convention. Motion carried.

Motion to extend to Mount Olive College a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful hospitality shown the convention. There was a unanimous vote by the convention on this motion.

Mrs. W. P. Bunn, chairman of the reports and digest committee, gave the report of the committee. Motion to accept the report. Motion carried. (See report.)

There was a discussion concerning the meeting place for the 1957 session of the convention. The decision was left for the executive committee to make.

Motion that this convention will not participate in any fund raising campaign of a commercial nature. Motion carried.

The report of the nominating committee was given by Rev. E. E. Edwards. Motion to accept the report. (See report.)

Rev. J. C. Griffin conducted the installation service, instructing and admonishing the officers and directors to give their best to the convention during the next year.

The closing devotions were given by Rev. Wilbert Everton and there was a special prayer in behalf of Rev. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, led by Rev. M. L. Johnson.

Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, *President*
Owen Thomas, *Secretary*

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"I Will Guide Thee in the Convention"

Scripture: "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye" (Psalm 32:8).

On September 10, 1940, delegates from 18 Sunday school and 3 district Sunday school Conventions, 8 ministers and a contribution of \$18.75, was the humble way our State Sunday School Convention got its start.

The nominating committee made its report, and two people were recommended for office who are still serving today, this the seventeenth annual session. Rev. L. E. Ballard was director of publicity, and I was selected as president.

The Press gave me a report that 253 Sunday schools in North Carolina ordered literature for the third quarter, 1940. The 18 schools which were represented at the organizing convention meant that only 7% of the schools in the state had answered the call to organize our schools into a state convention.

Those of us who were given such a big responsibility began praying that God would *instruct us and teach us in the way we should go*. We felt the need of His guiding eye.

On November 1, 1940, our executive board met in Greenville, North Carolina, with the Greenville Church. We had invited the officers of the various district conventions to meet with us, and Brother L. E. Ballard's church provided a delicious meal. Three great steps were taken:

(1) Our motto: "Work, Study, Pray" (2 Timothy 2:15).

(2) We made plans to begin a state-wide drive to raise funds to purchase an assembly ground or retreat for use by all our church organizations so that we may be a people who are uplifted and informed.

(3) We made plans to begin at an early date the conducting of study courses and promotion programs. The word *Institute* was to be a primary function of our convention, so our people could have an opportunity to be better trained. To adequately carry out this objective, we saw the need of one or more field secretaries.

On April 26 and 27, 1941, our second annual session met in Ayden, North Carolina, and definite plans were under way for the big programs

the executive board had mapped out. The minutes give the following five points for the aim of our convention:

- (1) Better trained soul winning teachers.
- (2) Better organized Sunday school classes.
- (3) Better organized Sunday schools
 - (a) Through Workers Councils
 - (b) Through Religious Census
- (4) Need field secretary to work in our Sunday schools.
- (5) Assembly camp for our institute-convention.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard was elected field secretary on part-time basis. We had on hand \$73.10 for our assembly camp fund.

Time flies fast, but time does not wait for us. The poet has said, "Time and tide wait for no man." How true that is in our Master's work. The job is there to do. He is knocking gently at our heart's door, trying to enlist more laborers for the harvest. Many of our schools are awake to the great opportunity. It is my opinion that there are now as many Sunday school rooms in Johnston County as there used to be in our whole state, back in 1940.

Our job is not complete, it is just begun. We have our assembly at Cragmont, but it is like a diamond in the rough. It needs developing. We have a half-time field secretary, we need at least five full-time secretaries. Our schools are better organized, but we need to have a goal of every teacher, a trained teacher.

On behalf of the officers and directors, this year we can report that 84 schools have supported by one or more contributions to our united program. Last year there were only 65 that supported. This is real progress. If your school is not on the list, won't you please go home and find out why. Ask your superintendent to take the matter up with the Sunday school council.

The many services of your state Sunday school convention are listed on the back of your program: united program and promotional work, sponsored publications and our training work at Cragmont. Your convention is trying to let Jesus continue to guide us in carrying out that 1941 five-point program. As time has gone on the parable Jesus told, recorded in Matthew 21:28-32, has repeated itself in our efforts to enlist more volunteers. Some said, "I will not," and afterward repented and went. Some said, "I go, sir," and went not. To which group do you belong?

Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, President

REGISTRATIONS REPORT

Conference	Delegates from S.S.	Ministers	Superintendents	Officers (State)	District Convention Delegates	Total
Albemarle.....	2					2
Central.....	13	12	1	2	3	31
Eastern.....	27	8	2	2	1	40
Western.....	23	8	2	1	1	35
Cape Fear.....	6	6	4	4		20
Pee Dee.....	1					1
Piedmont.....	4	1		1		6
Blue Ridge.....	3					3
					Other registrations	70
					Total registrations	208

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 18, 1955 through February 29, 1956

Amount on Hand, Close of Convention, March 18, 1955	\$1,626.15	
Received Through Mail for United Program	2,699.54	
Received from Free Will Baptist Press	523.07	
Received from Sale of Sunday School Manuals	86.12	
Field Secretary Offerings	4.85	
Total Receipts		\$4,939.73
Board Members Expenses	\$ 120.22	
Printing	95.00	
Secretary Work	10.60	
United Program Expense	125.71	
Field Secretary's Travel Expense	801.24	
Field Secretary's Salary	1,375.00	
Sunday School Reporter Expense	467.75	
Field Secretary's Expense (Meals, Postage, Secretarial Work, Convention Expenses, etc.)	138.75	
Miscellaneous Disbursements (Mount Olive College, \$145.93)	217.68	
Total Disbursements		\$2,851.95
Total on Hand February 29, 1956		\$2,087.78

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received from Sunday Schools at this Convention	\$ 309.00
Received Special Offering for Mount Olive College	72.25
Received after Convention (through the mail)	10.00
Total Receipts	\$ 391.25

TREASURER'S REPORT OF UNITED PROGRAM RECEIPTS

ZONE	COUNTY	SCHOOL	AMOUNT	TOTAL FOR COUNTY	TOTAL FOR ZONE
1	Carteret	Edward's Chapel	\$ 33.00	\$	\$
1	Carteret	Davis	10.00	43.00	
1	Craven	Ruth's Chapel	55.00		
1	Craven	Saint Mary's	104.50		
1	Craven	Core Creek	30.00		
1	Washington	Mount Olive	10.87	189.50	
1	Beaufort	Washington	39.98	10.87	
1	Beaufort	Trinity	16.00		
1	Beaufort	Fellowship	14.96		
1	Beaufort	Flood's Chapel	1.00	71.94	325.31
1	Tyrrell	Malachi's Chapel	10.00	10.00	
2	Duplin	Warsaw	7.72		
2	Duplin	Sarecta	15.00		
2	Duplin	Pearsall's Chapel	70.28		
2	Duplin	Cabin	19.28		
2	Duplin	Snow Hill	3.00	115.28	
2	Edgecombe	Rocky Mount	125.36	125.36	
2	Greene	Hull Road	40.00		
2	Greene	Spring Branch	26.87		
2	Greene	Grimsley	38.85		
2	Greene	Little Creek	32.10	137.82	
2	Harnett	Prospect	36.00	36.00	
2	Johnston	Friendship	21.00		
2	Johnston	Holly Springs	51.26		
2	Johnston	Hopewell	36.80		
2	Johnston	Kenly	41.90		
2	Johnston	Micro	56.63		
2	Johnston	Pleasant Plains	80.18		
2	Johnston	Rains Crossroads	101.20		
2	Johnston	Selma	18.00		
2	Johnston	Stancil Chapel	18.66		
2	Johnston	Smithfield	24.00		
2	Johnston	Bethel	90.77		
2	Johnston	Yelverton Grove	5.00	545.40	
2	Jones	Pilgrim's Home	78.64	78.64	
2	Lenoir	Christian Chapel	26.77		
2	Lenoir	Dailey's Chapel	30.26		
2	Lenoir	Deep Run	54.63		
2	Lenoir	Hugo	32.00		
2	Lenoir	Seven Springs	3.85	147.61	
2	Nash	Rock Spring	6.26		
2	Nash	Mount Zion	12.00		
2	Nash	White Oak Hill	20.41	38.67	
2	Onslow	Jacksonville	60.00	60.00	
2	Wake	Fremont	39.13		
2	Wake	Spring Hill	34.41		
2	Wake	Stoney Creek	51.89		
2	Wake	Walnut Creek	3.00		
2	Wake	May's Chapel	10.56	138.98	
2	Wilson	Marsh Swamp	59.80		
2	Wilson	New Sandy Hill	45.79		
2	Wilson	Owen's Chapel	59.55		
2	Wilson	Rose Bud	33.20		
2	Wilson	Saratoga	47.19		
2	Wilson	Wilson	77.13		
2	Wilson	Daniel's Chapel	61.29		
2	Wilson	Saint Mary's	36.09		
2	Wilson	Free Union	2.00	666.74	
2	Halifax	Dawson Grove	26.54	26.54	
2	Pitt	Ayden	80.20		
2	Pitt	Gritton	8.83		
2	Pitt	Sweet Gum Grove	46.45		
2	Pitt	Grace	35.00		
2	Pitt	Pleasant Hill	2.00	172.48	
2	Martin	Rose of Sharon	24.00	24.00	2,114.54
2	Gaston	Cramerton	194.50	194.50	194.50
2	Buncombe	Swannanoa	45.19		
2	Buncombe	Horney Heights	10.00		
2	Buncombe	Canton	10.00	65.19	65.19
Grand Total of Receipts Mailed In					\$2,699.54

REPORT OF DIGEST OF REPORTS COMMITTEE

65 Sunday schools, 4 district conventions, 7 conferences; No. classes, 493; No. classrooms, 442; six point records, 20 yes—23 no; enrollment, 9,034, averages; present, 6,914; on time, 4,397; studied lesson, 2,757; made offering, 3,932; brought Bibles, 2,133; attend church, 3,635; number Sunday school councils held, 235; number study courses held, 42; number of delegates to Cragmont Conference, 35.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISES

Orphanage	\$6,414.74
Missions	2,960.08
Superannuation	364.54
Education	2,857.82
Church Finance	270.88
Cragmont Assembly	268.61
State Promotional Service	129.13
Sunday School United Program	2,191.79
Contributions to this Session	309.00
Contributions Received After Convention	10.00

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Officers:

President	Rev. Raymond T. Sasser
Vice-President	Rev. Herman Hersey
Secretary	Owen Thomas
Treasurer	Milton Wiggs

Directors:

Organization	Rev. Ralph Staten
Denominational Enterprises	Rev. Hubert Burress
Publicity	Rev. Billy Morris
Records and Reports	Lemmie Taylor
Literature	Rev. Charles Keith
Field Work Program	Rev. J. B. Narron
Field Secretary (Part-time)	Rev. L. E. Ballard
Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Stockholder, Expiring 1959	
	Rev. Roy Rickard

By the committee

LIST OF SCHOOLS REPRESENTING MARCH 22, 23, 1956
MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

ZONE	COUNTY	SCHOOL	CONTRIBUTION	CONFERENCE
1	Beaufort	Washington	\$ 5.00	Central
1	Bladen	Oak Grove	5.00	Pee Dee
1	Carteret	Morehead City		Eastern
1	Craven	Core Creek	3.00	Eastern
1	Craven	Saint Mary's	2.00	Eastern
1	Craven	Ruth's Chapel	5.00	Eastern
1	Halifax	Dawson's Grove	3.00	Central
1	Tyrrell	Soundside	10.00	Albemarle
1	Washington	Mount Olive		Albemarle
2	Durham	Sherron Acres	5.00	Western
2	Edgecombe	Tarboro	5.00	Central
2	Duplin	Cabin	5.00	Eastern
2	Duplin	Snow Hill	5.00	Eastern
2	Duplin	Sandy Plain	5.00	Eastern
2	Duplin	Warsaw	3.00	Eastern
2	Duplin	Sarecta	10.00	Eastern
2	Greene	Spring Branch		Central
2	Greene	Little Creek	4.00	Central
2	Greene	Grimsley	10.00	Central
2	Greene	Hull Road		Central
2	Greene	Maury		Central
2	Johnston	Bethel	5.00	Cape Fear
2	Johnston	Hopewell		Cape Fear
2	Johnston	Selma	5.00	Western
2	Johnston	Smithfield		Cape Fear
2	Johnston	Pleasant Plain	15.00	Western
2	Johnston	Stancil's Chapel	5.00	Western
2	Johnston	Kenly	5.00	Western
2	Johnston	Micro	10.00	Western
2	Johnston	Holly Springs		Western
2	Johnston	Rains Crossroads		Western
2	Jones	Whaley's Chapel		Eastern
2	Jones	Pilgrim's Home	10.00	Eastern
2	Lenoir	Dailey's Chapel	10.00	Eastern
2	Lenoir	Deep Run	10.00	Eastern
2	Lenoir	Hugo	10.00	Central
2	Lenoir	Christian Chapel	5.00	Eastern
2	Lenoir	Gray Branch	5.00	Eastern
2	Martin	Rose of Sharon		Central
2	Nash	Free Union	5.00	Western
2	Nash	Mount Zion		Western
2	Nash	Barnes Hill		Western
2	Onslow	Jacksonville	10.00	Eastern
2	Pitt	Greenville		Central
2	Pitt	Elm Grove	5.00	Central
2	Pitt	Ayden	5.00	Central
2	Pitt	Marlboro		Central
2	Sampson	Oak Grove		Cape Fear
2	Wake	Raleigh	5.00	Cape Fear
2	Wayne	Stoney Creek	5.00	Western
2	Wayne	Black Jack		Western
2	Wayne	Fremont		Western
2	Wayne	May's Chapel	5.00	Eastern
2	Wayne	Goldsboro	10.00	Cape Fear
2	Wilson	Daniel's Chapel	10.00	Central
2	Wilson	New Sandy Hill		Western
2	Wilson	Rose Bud	5.00	Western
2	Wilson	Saint Mary's	6.00	Western
2	Wilson	Saratoga		Central
2	Wilson	Owen's Chapel		Central
2	Wilson	Wilson	5.00	Western
2	Wilson	Marsh Swamp	3.00	Western
4	Gaston	Cramerton	10.00	Piedmont
4	Gaston	Goshen	10.00	Piedmont
5	Buncombe	Horney Heights	5.00	Blue Ridge
TOTALS:				
Zone 1:	7 Counties	9 Schools	\$ 33.00	4 Conferences
Zone 2:	15 Counties	53 Schools	226.00	4 Conferences
Zone 4:	1 County	2 Schools	20.00	1 Conference
Zone 5:	1 County	1 School	5.00	1 Conference

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

Second Western District Sunday School Convention.....	\$10.00
Fourth Eastern District Sunday School Convention.....	5.00
Fifth Eastern District Sunday School Convention.....	5.00
Second Central District Sunday School Convention.....	5.00
Total.....	\$20.00

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(As amended by the 1956 session)

of the

NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION-INSTITUTE

Constitution

Preamble

In order to encourage and inspire the Sunday schools of the Free Will Baptist denomination in North Carolina to engage in a definite plan of work to labor together in unity, and to coordinate their efforts for a more successful plan of teaching God's Word, we, a representative body of Sunday school workers, do hereby organize the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute.

Article I: Name

This organization shall be known as the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute.

Article II: Object

Section 1—The object of this organization is the encouragement and promotion of Sunday school betterments throughout the churches of the Free Will Baptist denomination in North Carolina.

Section 2—Sunday school betterments shall include: a more definite object, uniformity of systems, a fraternal interchange of ideas and the bringing together of Christian workers to transact business to the glory of God.

Section 3—To conduct annual, or more often if practical, Sunday school institutes for training our Christian Sunday school workers in better Sunday school teaching and organizational methods. These institutes are to have a three fold purpose: inspiration, instruction and recreation.

Article III: Membership

The members of this convention shall be the general officers of the convention, Free Will Baptist ministers in good standing and delegates duly appointed or elected by the organization sending delegates. It shall be the business of the organization sending delegates to see that said delegates bear proper credentials as required in Section 2 of Article II of the Bylaws.

Article IV: Representation

Each Sunday school shall be entitled to one (1) delegate. All superintendents and Free Will Baptist ministers are standing delegates. District Sunday school conventions shall be entitled to five (5) delegates for each

ten (10) Sunday schools or fraction thereof belonging to the district convention. All delegates are to be elected or appointed from the laity.

Article V: Officers

Section 1—The officers of this convention shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, director of organization, director of denominational enterprises, director of literature, director of records and reports and a director of publicity.

Section 2—All officers shall be elected for a term of two years, their term of office to expire in even years, and the terms of directors shall be for two years, to expire in odd years.

Article VI: Cragmont Assembly, Inc.

To own six shares of stock in Cragmont Assembly, Inc. as one of the four organized state bodies of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina who were the original organizers of our state assembly grounds. To represent our convention at annual stockholders meetings and on other official business. The convention shall elect four stockholders effective after 1951, and that for this year and for the year 1950, no stockholder be elected. Thereafter at each annual convention a member shall be elected for a term of four years.

Article VII: Boards

The executive board shall be composed of the general officers, five of which shall constitute a quorum.

Article VIII: Meetings

This convention shall meet annually at a time and place selected by the convention while in regular session.

Article IX: Trustees for Convention Property at Cragmont Assembly, Inc.

Section 1—Trustees for convention property shall hold title of lots at Cragmont and shall transact the business of the lots and the building of buildings on the lots or other property, as directed by this convention.

Section 2—The board of trustees shall be for the lots leased at Cragmont Assembly, Inc. and all other property that might be leased or purchased in the future. They shall be elected for an indefinite period.

Article X: Amendments

The constitution of this convention may be amended by a two thirds vote at any regular session.

Bylaws

Article I: Duties of the General Officers

Section 1—President: The president shall preside over all meetings of the convention or executive board, appoint temporary committees, call the members of the executive board together when necessary and perform the other duties usually devolved upon such an officer.

Section 2—Vice-President: The vice-president shall preside over meetings in the absence or at the request of the president, and assist the president in the general supervision of the work.

Section 3—Secretary: The secretary shall record the proceedings of all meetings of the convention or executive board, edit the minutes, notify the officers of their election and act as assistant to the several state directors.

Section 4—Assistant Secretary: The assistant secretary shall assist the secretary at all meetings of the convention and executive board and shall act as assistant to the several state directors.

Section 5—Treasurer: The treasurer shall have charge of all convention funds. Expenditures shall be made only at the direction of the executive board or upon authorization of the convention when in session. All orders on the treasurer for disbursements must bear the signature of the president. The treasurer shall make an itemized, written report to the convention annually. All treasury records are the property of the convention and shall be audited by the executive board at its discretion. The treasurer shall be bonded in an amount sufficient to cover funds in his charge at all times.

Article II: Dues

Section 1—In order to provide for a simple method for our Sunday schools to use in supporting the authorized activities of the annual institute work at Cragmont; and to provide funds for employing a state-wide Sunday school field secretary to work with all our Sunday schools in the state in the training and enlargement of their activities to the glory of God; and to provide for the necessary expenses of our organization; it is hereby recommended that all Sunday schools of our denomination in the state immediately make plans to join a great state-wide movement for the betterment of all our schools by using God's plan of financing our Sunday school activities.

This plan shall be called the State United Sunday School Program. All Sunday schools are requested to dedicate 10% of their Sunday school offerings.

These offerings are requested to be made monthly to the state Sunday school treasurer. The executive board of our convention will have charge of employing and supervising the activities of our field secretary and conducting our training program at Cragmont, and will make a regular report of receipts and disbursements to the convention, and will make regular

published reports through "The Free Will Baptist." The State United Sunday School Program is not to be considered as conflicting with any other programs sponsored by our Sunday schools, such as supporting the orphanage and other denominational enterprises.

Section 2—Regular payments of dues, together with a letter of authorization and a report of the condition of the work, shall constitute the necessary credentials of the representative.

Article III: Expenses

Expenses of the general officers to all official called meetings shall be paid by the treasurer, from the state treasury. All other expenditures shall be made in accordance with Article 1, Section 5, of the Bylaws.

Article IV: Reports

The secretary shall prepare and submit in writing a report of all meetings of the convention or executive board to the State Convention at each regular session.

Article V: Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by a two third vote at any regular session.

