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N. C. FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

CONVENTION-INSTITUTE

The eighteenth annual session of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute convened with Little Creek Church, Greene County, Thursday, March 28, 1957. The theme of this session was "Keep On Going." The text used was John 14:31, ". . . Arise, let us go hence." The theme for the morning session was "From Whence Have We Gone?"

Morning Session

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

The morning session was opened with the congregation singing the hymns, "Toiling On" and "Onward Christian Soldiers," directed by Mrs. L. E. Ballard. Morning devotions were conducted by Rev. Cecil Campbell, pastor of St. Mary's Church, New Bern, North Carolina. He used Ephesians 4:1-6 as his text. Prayer was led by Rev. Frank Davenport.

Rev. L. E. Ballard and Rev. Hubert Burress presented a feature: "From Little Rock to Little Creek." Others participating in this part of the program were Rev. J. A. Evans, Rev. R. T. Sasser, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Mr. W. M. Wiggs and Rev. Herman Hersey. The purpose of this feature was to review the progress that has been made in the North Carolina Sunday School Convention-Institute since the first meeting which convened with Little Rock Church in 1940. Mrs. Ballard led the congregation in singing "Showers of Blessings."

The welcome address was given by Mr. Roy Forrest of the local church, and the response by Mr. Walter Sandlin of New Bern, North Carolina.

Rev. Raymond Sasser called the convention into a short introductory business session. The minutes of the executive board meetings of August 13, 1956, and March 11, 1957, were read and approved by motion duly made and approved.

The following committees were appointed:

| COMMITTEE | NAME | CHURCH | COUNTY | CONFERENCE |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| <i>Finance</i> | George Parrish | Selma | Johnston | Western |
| | Rev. James Howard | Beaufort | Carteret | Eastern |
| | Mrs. C. A. Eubanks | Hugo | Lenoir | Central |
| <i>Digest of Reports</i> | Mrs. W. P. Bunn | Wilson | Wilson | Western |
| | Mrs. Paul Thigpen | Saratoga | Wilson | Central |
| | Rev. Bruce Barrow | Micro | Johnston | Central |
| <i>Resolutions</i> | Rev. J. A. Evans | Fremont | Wayne | Western |
| | Mrs. J. C. Griffin | Ruth's Chapel | Craven | Eastern |
| | Mrs. Maybelle Dilda | Tarboro | Edgecombe | Central |
| <i>Nominating</i> | Rev. E. E. Edwards | Wintergreen | Beaufort | Eastern |
| | J. D. Ballance | Raleigh | Wake | Cape Fear |
| | Lloyd Wiggs | Rose Bud | Wilson | Western |
| | R. J. Hester | White Oak | Bladen | Pee Dee |
| | Rev. LaRue Davis | Belhaven | Beaufort | Albemarle |
| | Rev. C. J. Harris | Grifton | Pitt | Central |
| | Rev. Paul Lee | Cramerton | Gaston | Piedmont |

Rev. Hubert Burress was in charge of denominational enterprise time. The following people participated: Rev. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive College; Rev. Walter Reynolds, Free Will Baptist Bible College; Rev. Bruce Barrow, Mission Board; Rev. S. A. Smith, Children's Home; Rev. J. A. Evans, Cragmont Assembly, Inc.; Rev. Wilbert Everton, Superannuation; Rev. M. L. Johnson, Church Finance Association; Rev. Michael Pelt, State Promotional Service.

The congregation sang the song, "Everybody Happy?" after which we were dismissed for lunch. Rev. Albert Coates asked God's blessings on the food.

Afternoon Session

The theme for the afternoon session was "Where Is the Hence for Us?" We sang two hymns, "Stand Up for Jesus" and "Is Your All on the Altar?"

The devotions were conducted by Rev. Paul Lee of Cramerton, North Carolina. He used John 14:31 for his text. A prayer of consecration was led by Rev. R. B. Crawford. The congregation sang "Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart."

The president's message, "The Spirit of our Journey Down the Years," was delivered at this time. (See message.)

The next part on the program was a panel discussion by four ministers who spoke for ten minutes each on the general subject, "What are the Possibilities of the United Program for 1957-1958?"

"*The Sunday School Missions*," by Rev. Frank Davenport, who stressed the importance of having an understanding with people, having an interest in people, and the importance of more workers for Sunday school mission work.

"*In Area Institutes*," by Rev. Charles Keith, who stressed the importance of area institutes to our Sunday schools. We are in need of having better trained teachers, better workers and better Sunday schools, all of which the area institutes will help us obtain. During the past year there were eight area institutes held with an attendance of 330.

"*In Field Promotional Work*," by Rev. J. B. Narron, who emphasized that most of the Sunday schools have not used to the greatest advantage the helps that have been available through the field promotional work. He also stressed the need of a full-time field secretary.

"*In Workers' Training*," by Rev. Herman Hersey, who challenged the Sunday schools to raise our standards of our teachers for another year by having workers' training courses in our local schools, and cooperating in group courses as sponsored by our convention in area institutes.

The next item on the program was our general business session which began with a report of the finance committee, Mr. George Parrish, chairman. Motion made and carried to accept the report. (See report.)

Mrs. J. C. Griffin gave the report of the resolutions committee. Motion made and carried to accept the report. (See report.)

Mrs. L. E. Ballard gave the report of the registration committee. (See report.) Mrs. W. P. Bunn, chairman of the digest of reports committee, gave

its report. (See report.) Motion duly made and carried to accept the reports of these two committees.

Mr. W. Milton Wiggs, treasurer, gave his report. Motion made and carried to accept this report. (See report.)

There were three petitions for the next annual meeting of our convention: Selma Free Will Baptist Church, Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Morehead City, and Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church. The convention voted to meet with the Faith Church in 1958.

Motion made and carried to change the date of our annual session from Thursday after the second Sunday in April to Thursday after the third Sunday in April.

Rev. James A. Evans reported that the stockholders of Cragmont Assembly had two recommendations that would need to be acted upon by our convention and the other three sponsoring conventions: (1) To authorize the changing of the charter of Cragmont Assembly, Inc. so as to reduce the number of stockholders to six. This was felt would reduce the expense of meetings. (2) To move the home office from Ayden, North Carolina, to Black Mountain, North Carolina. Motion carried to move the home office from Ayden, North Carolina. Motion carried to retain the number of stockholders for Cragmont Assembly, Inc. at twelve.

Rev. Henry Melvin announced the meeting of the State League Convention to convene with St. Mary's Church in New Bern, on May 3-5. He urged all Sunday school delegates to go home and have their league or church send a representative.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard announced the meeting of the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, convening May 23, with the Shady Grove Church, Sampson County.

There was a suggestion that everyone go home and help send a contribution to Cragmont for the building fund for a new boys' building.

Rev. E. E. Edwards, chairman of the nominating committee, gave the report of his committee. Motion to accept report was carried. (See report.)

Rev. Albert Coates conducted the installation service and concluded with prayer.

Motion to adjourn. The congregation sang the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," as the closing benediction.

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

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"The Spirit of Our Journey Down the Years"

Scripture: "... Arise, let us go hence" (John 14:31).

"... we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness . . . (Deuteronomy 2:1).

1. "The Spirit" of our journey down the years has been one of the apos-

tle, Paul, "Woe is unto me, if I preach not . . ." The need for better trained officers and teachers was so great that the journey was as a trip into . . .

II. "The Wilderness" (Deuteronomy 2:1). Four goals were established in 1940:

1. Better trained officer and teachers.
2. Better equipped Sunday schools.
3. Need for field workers.
4. Need for camp, later the name was changed to assembly ground, for training our people.

III. "The Journey." The name of convention was enlarged to add institute to offer to our people more than just a convention. ". . . fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12) was the spirit of our journey as we prayed for divine guidance, and we were ". . . not disobedient unto the heavenly vision" (Acts 26:19) that God gave us as answers to our prayers. We traveled by ". . . faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone" (James 2:17). Our prayers were answered by God, and many of our Sunday schools had faith in what their convention-institute was trying to do.

One word has withheld support of the program of your convention, also your own school, and the cause of Christ the world over. Only a four letter word, but it is a big word:

S Satisfied—

1. With our Sunday school and church.
2. We don't take enough journeys into the wilderness after the lost.
3. We don't follow up on absentees, each name represents a soul. Are we just counting pennies and noses?
4. We don't teach as if today might be the last time for someone; who knows? God.

E Ego—Too many are too busy listening to applauds of men to hear the warning words of the Master, "Study to shew . . ."

L Lazy—Too many are too lazy to "Go to the highways and hedges . . ."

F Failure—Like Nero who fiddled while Rome burned, too many of our teachers, officers and preachers are failing to do all they can. Other cults and faiths are ringing door bells and spreading their faith.

We have the faith, the gospel. Let's get *self* out of the way. ". . . Arise, let us go hence. . . we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness . . ."

Our prayer today: *Keep on going.*

Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, *President*

REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

| | |
|---|----------|
| Received From Sunday Schools at this Convention | \$359.75 |
| Received After Convention (through the mail) | 29.40 |

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| Total Receipts | \$389.15 |
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George Parrish, *Chairman*
 Rev. James Howard
 Mrs. C. A. Eubanks

DIGEST OF REPORTS COMMITTEE

Sunday schools, 77; district conventions, 5; conferences, 7; number of classes, 609; number of classrooms, 529; six point records, 18; enrollment, 10,242; average present, 7,645; on time, 3,967; study lesson, 2,399; make offering, 3,467; brought Bibles, 2,017; attend church, 3,093; number of Sunday school councils held, 277; number study courses held, 27; number of delegates to Cragmont conferences, 46.

Contributions to Denominational Enterprises:

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|---|------------|
| Orphanage | \$6,197.47 |
| Missions | \$3,470.66 |
| Superannuation | \$ 625.09 |
| Education | \$2,628.31 |
| Church Finance | \$ 133.05 |
| Cragmont Assembly | \$ 498.44 |
| State Promotional Service | \$ 228.82 |
| Sunday School United Program | \$2,616.86 |
| Contributions to this Session | \$ 359.75 |
| Contributions Received After Convention | \$ 29.40 |

Mrs. W. P. Bunn, *Chairman*
 Mrs. Paul Thigpen
 Rev. Bruce Barrow

TREASURER'S REPORT

February 29, 1956 to February 28, 1957

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|---|------------|
| Amount on Hand at Close of Convention, March 23, 1956 | \$2,396.78 |
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Receipts

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| Received After Convention | \$ 10.00 |
| Received Through Mail for United Program | 2,854.97 |
| Received From Free Will Baptist Press | 555.93 |
| Field Secretary Offerings | 20.77 |
| Total Receipts | 3,441.67 |
| Total to Account For | \$5,838.45 |

Disbursements

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|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Board Members' Expenses | \$ 131.57 |
| Printing | 202.56 |
| Secretary Work | 6.00 |
| United Program Expense | 299.72 |
| National Sunday School Expenses | 25.00 |
| Area Institute Work | 125.98 |

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| Area Institute Mileage | 98.52 | |
| Field Secretary's Travel Expense | 367.41 | |
| Field Secretary's Salary | 1,750.00 | |
| Field Secretary's Expenses (Telephone, Meals, etc.) | 46.00 | |
| Field Secretary's Office Expense | 18.27 | |
| Sunday School Reporter Expense | 567.12 | |
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| Total Disbursements | | 3,638.15 |
| Balance on Hand February 28, 1957 | | \$2,200.30 |
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| | W. Milton Wiggs, | <i>Treasurer</i> |

TREASURER'S REPORT OF UNITED PROGRAM RECEIPTS

| ZONE | COUNTY | SCHOOL | AMOUNT | TOTAL FOR COUNTY | TOTAL FOR ZONE |
|------|------------|-------------------|----------|------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Carteret | Edward's Chapel | \$ 36.00 | \$ | \$ |
| 1 | Carteret | Davis | 6.00 | | |
| 1 | Carteret | Morehead City | 40.00 | | |
| 1 | Carteret | Beaufort | 35.00 | 117.00 | |
| 1 | Craven | Ruth's Chapel | 60.00 | | |
| 1 | Craven | St. Mary's | 120.00 | | |
| 1 | Craven | Core Creek | 22.50 | 202.50 | |
| 1 | Washington | Mt. Olive | 15.43 | 15.43 | |
| 1 | Beaufort | Trinity | 32.00 | | |
| 1 | Beaufort | Fellowship | 14.65 | 45.65 | |
| 1 | Pamlico | Arapahoe | 5.00 | 5.00 | 386.58 |
| 2 | Duplin | Sarecta | 19.60 | | |
| 2 | Duplin | Pearsall Chapel | 12.65 | | |
| 2 | Duplin | Cabin | 14.18 | 46.33 | |
| 2 | Edgecombe | Rocky Mount | 138.57 | | |
| 2 | Edgecombe | Tarboro | 22.00 | 160.57 | |
| 2 | Greene | Hull Road | 40.00 | | |
| 2 | Greene | Spring Branch | 25.82 | | |
| 2 | Greene | Grimsley | 22.81 | | |
| 2 | Greene | Little Creek | 6.78 | 95.41 | |
| 2 | Harnett | Prospect | 18.00 | 18.00 | |
| 2 | Johnston | Friendship | 19.00 | | |
| 2 | Johnston | Holly Springs | 4.00 | | |
| 2 | Johnston | Hopewell | 59.56 | | |
| 2 | Johnston | Kenly | 23.40 | | |
| 2 | Johnston | Micro | 34.68 | | |
| 2 | Johnston | Pleasant Plains | 85.99 | | |
| 2 | Johnston | Selma | 30.00 | | |
| 2 | Johnston | Stancil's Chapel | 13.19 | | |
| 2 | Johnston | Smithfield | 48.00 | | |
| 2 | Johnston | Bethel | 78.47 | | |
| 2 | Johnston | Yelverton's Grove | 5.00 | | |
| 2 | Johnston | Tee's Chapel | 2.00 | 413.29 | |
| 2 | Jones | Pilgrim's Home | 92.90 | | |
| 2 | Jones | Whaley's Chapel | 28.00 | 120.90 | |
| 2 | Lenoir | Christian Chapel | 35.42 | | |
| 2 | Lenoir | Dailey's Chapel | 34.55 | | |
| 2 | Lenoir | Deep Run | 62.91 | | |
| 2 | Lenoir | Hugo | 21.00 | | |
| 2 | Lenoir | Smith's New Home | 5.00 | 158.88 | |
| 2 | Nash | Mt. Zion | 11.50 | | |
| 2 | Nash | White Oak Hill | 16.00 | | |
| 2 | Nash | Free Union | 4.00 | | |
| 2 | Nash | Flood's Chapel | 4.00 | 35.50 | |
| 2 | Onslow | Jacksonville | 30.00 | 30.00 | |
| 2 | Wake | Tippett's Chapel | 64.24 | | |
| 2 | Wake | Raleigh | 24.00 | 88.24 | |
| 2 | Wayne | Fremont | 40.16 | | |
| 2 | Wayne | Spring Hill | 32.12 | | |
| 2 | Wayne | Stoney Creek | 62.35 | | |
| 2 | Wayne | May's Chapel | 25.00 | | |
| 2 | Wayne | Black Jack Grove | 9.00 | | |
| 2 | Wayne | Northeast | 10.00 | | |
| 2 | Wayne | Union Grove | 10.00 | 188.63 | |
| 2 | Wilson | Marsh Swamp | 78.24 | | |
| 2 | Wilson | New Sandy Hill | 44.91 | | |
| 2 | Wilson | Owen's Chapel | 45.63 | | |
| 2 | Wilson | Rose Bud | 31.49 | | |
| 2 | Wilson | Saratoga | 60.39 | | |
| 2 | Wilson | Wilson | 253.63 | | |
| 2 | Wilson | Daniel's Chapel | 88.36 | | |
| 2 | Wilson | St. Mary's | 14.68 | | |
| 2 | Wilson | Rock Springs | 1.00 | 618.31 | |
| 2 | Halifax | Dawson Grove | 52.91 | 52.91 | |
| 2 | Pitt | Ayden | 95.72 | | |
| 2 | Pitt | Grifton | 3.08 | | |
| 2 | Pitt | Sweet Gum Grove | 18.87 | | |
| 2 | Pitt | Grace | 15.00 | | |
| 2 | Pitt | Elm Grove | 5.00 | | |
| 2 | Pitt | Hickory Grove | 1.25 | 138.92 | 2,165.89 |
| 3 | Bladen | Bladenboro | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 4 | Cabarrus | Mable Avenue | 10.00 | 10.00 | |
| 4 | Gaston | Cramerton | 209.80 | | |
| 4 | Gaston | Goshen | 10.00 | 219.80 | 229.80 |
| 5 | Buncombe | Swannanoa | 62.70 | 62.70 | 62.70 |

Grand Total Receipts Mailed In \$2,854.97 \$2,854.97 \$2,854.97

W. Milton Wiggs, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Directors:

Organization, Rev. Ralph Staten
Denominational Enterprises, Rev. Hubert Burress
Publicity, Rev. Dan Rivers
Records and Reports, Rev. Lemmie Taylor
Literature, Rev. LaRue Davis
Field Work Program, Rev. R. B. Crawford
Field Secretary (Part-time), Rev. L. E. Ballard
Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Stockholder, Expiring 1960, Rev. C. J. Harris
Rev. E. E. Edwards, *Chairman*
J. D. Ballance
Lloyd Wiggs
R. J. Heater
Rev. LaRue Davis
Rev. C. J. Harris
Rev. Paul Lee

LIST OF SCHOOLS REPRESENTING MARCH 28, 1957

LITTLE CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

| ZONE | COUNTY | SCHOOL | CONTRIBUTION | CONFERENCE |
|----------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1 | Beaufort | Fellowship | \$ | Albemarle |
| 1 | Beaufort | Trinity | | Albemarle |
| 1 | Beaufort | Free Union | 2.00 | Albemarle |
| 1 | Beaufort | Belhaven | 10.00 | Albemarle |
| 1 | Carteret | Holly Springs | 10.00 | Eastern |
| 1 | Carteret | Faith | | Eastern |
| 1 | Columbus | White Oak | 10.00 | Pee Dee |
| 1 | Craven | Bridgeton | 10.00 | Eastern |
| 1 | Craven | Ruth's Chapel | 10.00 | Eastern |
| 1 | Pamlico | Arapahoe | 10.00 | Eastern |
| 1 | Tyrrell | Sound Side | 10.00 | Albemarle |
| 2 | Franklin | Saints Delight | 5.00 | Western |
| 2 | Duplin | Sarecta | 5.00 | Eastern |
| 2 | Duplin | Rooty Branch | 5.00 | Eastern |
| 2 | Duplin | Snow Hill | 5.00 | Eastern |
| 2 | Durham | Sherron Acres | 5.00 | Western |
| 2 | Edgecombe | Rocky Mount | 5.00 | Central |
| 2 | Edgecombe | Peace | 2.00 | Central |
| 2 | Greene | Harrell's Chapel | 2.00 | Central |
| 2 | Greene | Little Creek | 5.00 | Central |
| 2 | Greene | Spring Branch | | Central |
| 2 | Greene | Ormondsville | 5.00 | Central |
| 2 | Greene | Maury | 5.00 | Central |
| 2 | Halifax | Dawson Grove | 10.00 | Central |
| 2 | Harnett | Prospect | 5.00 | Cape Fear |
| 2 | Johnston | Smithfield | | Cape Fear |
| 2 | Johnston | Hopewell | | Cape Fear |
| 2 | Johnston | Bethel | 5.00 | Cape Fear |
| 2 | Johnston | Johnson Union | | Cape Fear |
| 2 | Johnston | Branch Chapel | 3.00 | Western |
| 2 | Johnston | Selma | 5.00 | Western |
| 2 | Johnston | Micro | 3.00 | Western |
| 2 | Johnston | Pleasant Plain | 15.00 | Western |
| 2 | Jones | Pilgrim's Home | 5.00 | Eastern |
| 2 | Jones | Whaley's Chapel | 3.75 | Eastern |
| 2 | Lenoir | Deep Run | 10.00 | Eastern |
| 2 | Lenoir | White Oak Grove | 8.00 | Eastern |
| 2 | Lenoir | Dailey's Chapel | 10.00 | Eastern |
| 2 | Lenoir | Gray Branch | 5.00 | Eastern |
| 2 | Lenoir | Christian Chapel | 5.00 | Eastern |
| 2 | Lenoir | British Chapel | | Eastern |
| 2 | Lenoir | Hugo | 6.00 | Eastern |
| 2 | Nash | Free Union | 5.00 | Western |
| 2 | Nash | Barnes Hill | | Western |
| 2 | Nash | Flood's Chapel | | Western |
| 2 | Nash | White Oak Hill | 5.00 | Western |
| 2 | Onslow | Sneed's Ferry | | Eastern |
| 2 | Onslow | Jacksonville | | Eastern |
| 2 | Pitt | Elm Grove | | Central |
| 2 | Pitt | Parker's Chapel | 5.00 | Central |
| 2 | Pitt | Sweet Gum Grove | 10.00 | Central |
| 2 | Pitt | Maranatha | | Central |
| 2 | Pitt | Reedy Branch | 10.00 | Central |
| 2 | Pitt | Rose Hill | | Central |
| 2 | Pitt | Grace | 10.00 | Central |
| 2 | Pitt | Grifton | 9.40 | Central |
| 2 | Wake | Wooten's Chapel | 3.00 | Cape Fear |
| 2 | Wake | Raleigh | 6.00 | Cape Fear |
| 2 | Wayne | Black Jack Grove | 1.00 | Western |
| 2 | Wayne | Fremont | 5.00 | Western |
| 2 | Wayne | May's Chapel | | Eastern |
| 2 | Wayne | Northeast | 10.00 | Eastern |
| 2 | Wayne | Goldsboro | 5.00 | Cape Fear |
| 2 | Wilson | People's Chapel | 4.00 | Western |
| 2 | Wilson | Rose Bud | 3.00 | Western |
| 2 | Wilson | New Sandy Hill | | Western |
| 2 | Wilson | Owen's Chapel | | Central |
| 2 | Wilson | Wilson | 5.00 | Western |
| 2 | Wilson | Daniel's Chapel | 10.00 | Western |
| 2 | Wilson | Marsh Swamp | 3.00 | Western |
| 2 | Wilson | Saratoga | 5.00 | Central |
| 3 | Cabarrus | Elwood Lane | 5.00 | Western |
| 4 | Gaston | Cramerton | 10.00 | Piedmont |
| 4 | Gaston | Goshen | 10.00 | Piedmont |
| TOTALS: | | | | |
| Zone 1: | 6 Counties | 11 Schools | \$ 72.00 | 3 Conferences |
| Zone 2: | 16 Counties | 60 Schools | 262.15 | 4 Conferences |
| Zone 3: | 1 County | 1 School | 5.00 | 1 Conference |
| Zone 4: | 1 County | 2 Schools | 20.00 | 1 Conference |

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

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| Second Western District Sunday School Convention | \$10.00 |
| Third Eastern District Sunday School Convention | 5.00 |
| Second Central District Sunday School Convention | 10.00 |
| First Western District Sunday School Convention | 5.00 |
| Total Conventions | <u>\$30.00</u> |

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Be it resolved, that we extend to this church a rising vote of thanks for the kind hospitality shown us today and the delicious dinner which we were served. Thanks to everyone who had a part on the program which challenges us to keep going.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin

Mrs. Maybelle Dilda

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION-INSTITUTE

August 13, 1956

The Executive Board of the North Carolina Sunday School Convention-Institute met at the Tarboro Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro, North Carolina, August 13, 1956, at 11:00 a. m. The meeting was called to order by the president, Rev. Raymond Sasser. The opening prayer was led by Rev. Herman Hersey.

The roll was called and every member was present except Rev. Ralph Staten, director of organization.

The minutes of the executive board meeting of March 5, 1956, was read and approved.

Motion was duly made and approved to accept the minutes of the North Carolina Sunday School Convention-Institute and the printing of said minutes.

Motion that Rev. L. E. Ballard, the field secretary, mail a copy of the minutes of the North Carolina Sunday School Convention-Institute to the superintendents of the Sunday schools along with the Sunday School Reporter and that he make any other distribution that he deem necessary.

Mr. Milton Wiggs, the state Sunday school treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. Motion duly made and carried to accept the report.

The meeting was adjourned until one o'clock and we were asked to go over to the parsonage where we were served a delicious meal by the local auxiliary.

Afternoon Session

Motion that we extend a vote of thanks to the local auxiliary for the fine hospitality shown us and for the delicious meal they served us. This was a unanimous vote.

Rev. L. E. Ballard, the field secretary, gave a report concerning the youth conferences held at Cragmont this summer, and also the field work in general. Following is a comparative report of income from the Sunday school united program:

1954—February through August 23, \$1,389.23

1955—February through August 20, \$1,354.61

1956—February through July, \$1,348.66

Rev. J. B. Narron brought a request from the Free Will Baptist Press that the executive board of the Sunday school convention and of the league convention meet with the purpose of working out plans for a youth publication. Motion that we reply to the letter of the press regarding a meeting with the league board to discuss a youth publication in the following way: It is our opinion that such a meeting would be more effective if we and the league board met with the board of the Free Will Baptist Press to discuss this matter. Motion carried.

Motion that the 1957 session of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist

Sunday School Convention-Institute convene with Little Creek Sunday School, Central Conference. Motion carried. The date for the convention will be Thursday, March 28, 1957.

Motion that Rev. L. E. Ballard, the field secretary, be given the responsibility of holding or placing the area institutes where they are most needed and that he call upon the members of the executive board to help when and where needed. The necessary expenses of said institutes are to be paid by the convention. One offering is to be taken at each area institute to help defray the expenses of said institute. Motion carried.

Rev. Hubert Burress, the convention historian, asked that he be relieved of this position. Motion that his resignation be accepted. Motion carried.

Motion that the convention increase the salary of the field secretary from \$125 to \$175 per month providing he can arrange to give the convention two Sundays on the field. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the president to appoint a committee to prepare an agenda and arrange a meeting of the advisory committee. Motion carried.

Motion that the convention approve the purchase of a projector for \$25, and the purchase, rent or lease of any appropriate film that the field secretary may need in his work. Motion carried.

Rev. Herman Hersey is going to attend the National Sunday School Convention of Evangelicals in Chicago this fall. Motion duly made and approved that the convention pay \$25 of his expenses.

Motion to adjourn. Benediction was given by Rev. Raymond T. Sasser.

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

March 11, 1957

The Executive Board of the North Carolina Sunday School Convention-Institute met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, March 11, 1957, at 10:00 a. m. The meeting was called to order by the president, Rev. Raymond T. Sasser. The opening prayer was led by Rev. Charles Keith.

The roll was called with the following members being present: Rev. Raymond Sasser, president; Rev. Herman Hersey, vice-president; Owen Thomas, secretary; Milton Wiggs, treasurer, Rev. Ralph Staten, director of organization; Rev. Hubert Burress, director of denominational enterprises; Rev. Charles Keith, director of literature; Rev. L. E. Ballard, field secretary.

The executive board minutes of August 13, 1956, were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Mr. Milton Wiggs, the treasurer. Motion to accept the report with commendation. Motion carried. Mr. Wiggs pointed out that since 1952 there had been an increase in receipts by mail of 319%. This being a yearly average increase of 64% for the last five years.

Motion that the executive board recommend to the convention a permanent date for the annual convention to convene. The date being recommended is Thursday after the second Sunday in April. Motion carried.

Rev. L. E. Ballard, the field secretary, gave a report on the tentative program for the state Sunday school convention. Motion duly made and carried to accept the report. Mr. Ballard also gave a report pertaining to the area institutes held during the past year.

Rev. Herman Hersey gave a report on his visits to the two National Sunday School Association of Evangelicals during the past year. He stated that he received much information and inspiration from these meetings and he suggest that the convention make an effort to send a delegate to the National Sunday School Associations in the future.

The following motion was made and carried:

Whereas the Executive Board of the North Carolina Sunday School Convention-Institute looks with favor at the general idea of the state promotional office; and, whereas the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Convention of Free Will Baptist Churches proposed a plan of operation for the said promotional office at the last setting of said convention (see Pages 9, 10 and 27 of 1956 minutes); and, whereas we feel that certain revisions should be made in the proposed plan as mentioned above; therefore be it resolved:

1. We feel that state organizations are cooperating auxiliaries of the State Convention of Free Will Baptist Churches, for one great cause, the salvation of souls.

2. Therefore, since these auxiliaries have been striving to do a pioneering job in clinic and study course work, they should be encouraged to continue this great work for the glory of God. It is our humble opinion that no one man as director, could do all that is assigned to him in the proposed plan.

3. We resolve that the executive committee of the state convention call in counsel a representative of this convention for mutual understanding and for revising the present proposed plans.

4. We resolve that a copy of this resolution be sent to the secretary of the State Convention of Free Will Baptist Churches.

Motion duly made and passed to adjourn. The closing prayer was led by Rev. Herman Hersey.

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

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.

Articles V: Officers

Section 1—The officers of this convention shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, direction 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.

