

MINUTES
of the
Forty-Second Annual Session
of the
State Convention of Churches
OF THE ORIGINAL
Free Will Baptists of North Carolina



held with
ORPHANAGE MEMORIAL CHAPEL
NASH COUNTY, N. C.
SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 1954

MINUTES

of the

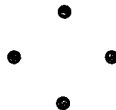
Forty-Second Annual Session

of the

State Convention of Churches

OF THE ORIGINAL

Free Will Baptists of North Carolina



held with

ORPHANAGE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

NASH COUNTY, N. C.

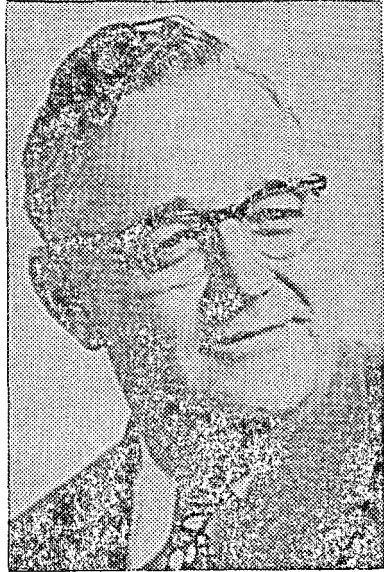
SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 1954



DEDICATION



MR. D. B. SASSER
1st President, 1916



REV. J. R. BENNETT
President, 1944-45

This 1954 minute is dedicated to the memory of two past Presidents of the North Carolina State Convention, pictured above, for their outstanding work in the convention.

We bow in humble submission to God's will in taking from our midst our beloved brethren during this past year. To their many friends and loved ones, we pray God's blessings upon you.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT.....Rev D. W. Alexander
VICE-PRESIDENT.....Rev. N. D. Barrow
SECRETARY.....Rev. R. N. Hinnant
ASSISTANT SECRETARY.....Mr. Lemmie Taylor
PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR.....President-Secretary
TREASURER.....Mr. Rom W. Mallard

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REV. D. W. ALEXANDER.....Bethel, N. C.
REV. N. B. BARROW.....Lucama, N. C.
REV. R. N. HINNANT.....Micro, N. C.
MR. ROM W. MALLARD.....Trenton, N. C.
REV. L. R. ENNIS.....Goldsboro, N. C.
REV. L. H. CLAYTON.....Kannapolis, N. C.
REV. LLOYD VERNON.....Richlands, N. C.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Allen Bryan, 1955

Rev. Lloyd Vernon, 1956

Rev. F. B. Cherry, 1957

ORPHANAGE BOARD

Rev. Paul Brown, Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. C. B. Hansley, 1955

Mr. Jesse Gay, Mr. H. M. Mallard, Mr. R. McLeod, 1956

Dr. M. Hinnant, Mr. Robert Spencer, Rev. M. L. Baxley, 1957

BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

Rev. M. L. Johnson, 1955 — Mr. Owen Thomas, 1956

Rev. Charles W. Maness, 1957—Mrs. Walter Rhodes, 1958

Mr. M. V. Avery, 1959

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Rev. Rashie Kennedy, 1955

Rev. N. B. Barrow, 1956

Rev. J. W. Alford, 1957

Rev. D. W. Hansley, 1958

Rev. J. A. Evans, 1959

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. R. H. Jackson, 1955

Rev. Roy Rikard, 1956

Rev. D. W. Hansley, 1957

Mr. L. H. Wetherington, 1958

Rev. Earl Glenn, 1959

REPRESENTATIVES OF CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY STOCK

Rev. R. P. Harris, 1955

Rev. Clifton Rice, 1956

Mr. Fountain Taylor, 1957

REPRESENTATIVE OF FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS STOCK

Rev. N. B. Barrow

REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION STOCK

Rev. W. E. Renfrow

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Rev. F. B. Cherry, 1955

Rev. M. L. Johnson, 1956

Rev. J. C. Griffin, 1957

DIRECTORS OF MOUNT ALLEN COLLEGE

Revs. D. W. Hansley, M. L. Johnson, R. N. Hinnant, 1955

Revs. J. W. Alford, C. J. Harris, N. B. Barrow, 1957

Revs. Earl Glenn, R. H. Jackson, A. B. Chandler, 1959

MINISTERS PRESENT

D. W. Alexander, J. A. Alexander, J. W. Alford, R. W. Allman, L. E. Ambrose, R. C. Ambrose, Graham Baker, L. E. Ballard, N. B. Barrow, J. A. Baskins, M. L. Baxley, N. D. Beaman, T. E. Beaman, L. H. Boykin, Charles Brown, P. A. Brown, Noah Brown, A. B. Bryan, W. S. Burns, Hubert Burress, J. C. Calvert, W. H. Calvert, Walter Carter, A. B. Chandler, Floyd Cherry, Carey Cheshire, L. H. Clayton, C. H. Coates, C. M. Coates, E. O. Connelly, C. B. Craddock, R. B. Crawford, M. L. Cummings, W. A. Dail, Frank Davenport, J. R. Davidson, Larue Davis, E. E. Edwards, R. L. Edwards, T. P. Ellis, L. R. Ennis, J. A. Evans, O. B. Everette, Wilbert Everton, Wiley Ferrell, John Flood, W. R. Floyd, J. R. Forrest, J. O. Fort, E. H. Glenn, M. E. Godwin, J. C. Griffin, John Grimsley, L. D. Gray, J. R. Haas, C. D. Hamilton, C. B. Hansley, D. W. Hansley, C. J. Harris, R. P. Harris, W. L. Hart, H. L. Hersey, R. N. Hinnant, Milton Hollifield, N. W. Holt, J. E. Howard, J. D. Hutchins, R. H. Jackson, Paul Jenkins, P. O. Jenkins, W. L. Jernigan, L. C. Johnson, M. L. Johnson, F. E. Jones, Rashie Kennedy, Graham Lanie, W. H. Lancaster, C. W. Maness, W. A. Martin, W. R. Martin, Henry Melvin, J. F. Miller, H. M. Minchew, Romie Mitchell, W. L. Moretz, Billie Morris, J. C. Moye, J. B. Narron, R. L. Norville, C. H. Overman, L. L. Parker, C. L. Patrick, Michael Pelt, C. R. Phillips, W. L. Poythress, W. B. Raper, W. E. Renfrow, Walter Reynolds, Clifton Rice, Roy Rikard, F. A. Rivenbark, B. L. Shook, S. A. Smith, T. C. Smith, W. W. Smith, Walter Staley, J. B. Starnes, Clifton Styron, J. D. Vernelson, Lloyd Vernon, D. L. Whaley, P. C. Wiggs, W. R. Williams, L. B. Woodall, M. A. Woodard, and Herman Wooten.

DELEGATE—CHURCH

ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

- | | |
|--|---|
| M. R. Herrin, Lonnie Davenport, Mrs.
Archie Willoughby—Albemarle
Union | A. M. Reynolds—Malachi's Chapel
James D. Woodruff—Portsmouth, Va.
W. L. Brickhouse—Soundside
Freeman Allen—Trinity |
| H. S. Tolan—Belhaven | |
| A. B. Willoughby—Hickory Chapel | |

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| C. G. Dowdy—Bethel | J. D. Ballance—Raleigh |
| Mrs. Nellie Jones—Goldsboro | Harvey Barefoot—Robert's Grove |
| Mrs. Albert Coates—Hopewell | W. J. Lyner—Riverside |
| I. W. Jones—Johnson's Union | Kirby West—Shady Grove |
| M. B. Hawley—Lee's Chapel | Mrs. Chester Phillips—Smithfield |
| Craven E. Lee—Oak Grove | Mrs. Marshall Warren—St. Paul |
| J. A. Jackson—Powhatan | S. D. Allen—Wooten's Chapel |
| C. B. Denning—Prospect | Clinton Lane—Yelverton's Grove |

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

- | | |
|---|---|
| Mrs. J. C. Edmundson—Antioch | Carl Cobb—Howell Swamp |
| Mrs. Russell Baker—Aspin Grove | Mrs. Howard Holt—Hugo |
| Mrs. J. A. Parker—Ayden | Mrs. T. G. Harrison—Hull Road |
| W. L. Buck—Black Jack | J. A. Fulford—King's Cross Roads |
| B. T. Nobles—Bethany | K. L. Wooten—Ormondsville |
| Russell Edmondson—Cedar Grove | Mrs. Frances Cassick—Piney Grove,
Pitt Co. |
| J. L. Nobles, T. G. Harrison, L. H.
Heath, F. McCoy Tripp, L. G.
Worthington—Central Conference | L. D. Stanley—Pleasant Hill |
| W. C. Pittman—Daniel's Chapel | M. S. Cowan—Rose of Sharon |
| Mrs. R. L. Goff—Dilda's Grove | C. F. Little—Reedy Branch |
| C. F. Abrams—Edgewood | Mrs. Felton Dunbar—Rocky Mount |
| Mrs. Levi Worthington—Elm Grove | Albert H. Proctor—Saratoga |
| W. M. Hardison—Free Union | W. A. Dildy—Spring Branch |
| Mrs. Mack Humbles—Grace | Mrs. J. M. Langley—Tarboro |
| Alton Vincent—Greenville | Mrs. Zelbert Cox—Union Meeting, 2nd
District |
| Mrs. L. E. Ballard—Grimsley | Leo Tripp—Winterville |
| Mrs. R. S. Pollard—Gum Swamp | H. R. Dickens—Dawson's Grove |

EASTERN CONFERENCE

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| I. W. Swindell—Arapahoe | J. F. Small—Mt. Pleasant |
| L. B. Williams—Beulaville | Mrs. W. A. Jarman—Mt. Zion |
| Robert Taylor—Bridgeton | N. L. Tadlock—North East |
| Mrs. Walter Rhodes—Cabin | Levi Powers—Oak Grove |
| Luther Swinson—Community Chapel | W. C. Howard—Pearsall's Chapel |
| Mrs. Ralph Taylor—Christian Chapel | Leslie Bell—Rooty Branch |
| S. W. McCoy, Jr.—Core Creek | Mrs. Fred Hagan—Ruth's Chapel |
| William Carter—Dailey's Chapel | Ralph Sumner—Sandy Plain |

Mrs. Louise Bedsworth—Davis
 Leslie Hill—Deep Run
 Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Ralph Taylor—East-
 ern Conference
 Earnest Cutler—Ephesus
 Mrs. Ray Hamilton—Free Union
 Mrs. Rom Mallard—Friendship
 Kirby Shepard—Folkston
 Roy Garner—Holly Springs
 Mrs. D. L. Whaley—Jacksonville
 Kirby Hawkins—Kinston
 Mrs. Ben Sutton—Long Ridge
 Clyde Spruill—Macedonia
 Mrs. Charles Johnson—May's Chapel
 J. E. Rowe—Morehead City

A. D. Benson—Sarecta
 Luther Smith—Smith's New Home
 Clifton Parker—Snead's Ferry
 Joe Smith—St. Mary's
 Mrs. Daisey Sprinkle—Russell's Creek
 E. C. Taylor—Warsaw
 A. C. Taylor—Whaley's Chapel
 C. W. Brittain—White Oak Grove
 Mrs. H. M. Morris—Woodington
 J. H. Dixon—Union Chapel
 W. F. Hill, Mrs. Lemmie Taylor, W. A.
 Jarman, Mrs. Sunie Hansley—3rd
 Union
 Mrs. W. H. Kirk—Beaufort
 Jerry Williams—Bethlehem

BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Hoyle Harkins—Canton
 Mrs. Bynum Lance—Horney Heights

Mrs. T. A. Pittman—Swannanoa

PEE DEE ASSOCIATION

J. W. Bowen—White Oak

PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Esther Carter—Aleo
 Mrs. Georgia Mae Calvert—Ben Avenue
 Mrs. Roy Rikard—Cramerton
 Billy Allen—Gastonia
 Mrs. W. H. Calvert—Goshen

Albert Tallent—Lowell
 Elmer Haskins—Mt. Zion
 Mrs. Robert Parris, Mrs. Nathan Holt,
 H. W. Skidmore, Mrs. J. C. Cal-
 vert—Piedmont Association

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Paul Dunn—Branch Chapel
 W. H. Godwin—Calvary
 S. C. Coleman, J. A. Allen, S. G. Bass
 —First Union Meeting
 Miss Hazel Edwards—Free Union
 J. B. Smith—Fremont Chapel
 Simon Allen—Friendship
 Mrs. R. H. Weaver—Holly Springs
 Mrs. Felton Watson—Kenly
 Ralph Barnes—Little Rock
 Raeford Fulghum—Marsh Swamp
 Ner Hatcher—Micro
 Mrs. Icie Lamm—Milbourny
 Mrs. Earl Bass—Mt. Zion, Nash Co.
 James Crocker—Mt. Zion, Wilson Co.
 Mrs. W. P. Bunn—New Sandy Hill
 Mrs. Alice Gardner—Oak Grove
 S. B. Peedin—Pine Level
 W. F. Pittman—Pleasant Grove

Z. V. Cuddington—Piney Grove, John-
 ston Co.
 Mrs. Clarence Bunn, Pleasant Hill
 J. B. Godwin—Pleasant Plain
 Luther E. Bissette—Rock Spring
 W. R. Sawrey—Rosebud
 Mrs. Annie Mae Pittman—St. Mary's
 W. S. Sasser—Selma
 Mrs. J. Argo Brown—Spring Hill
 Samuel Johnson—Stancil's Chapel
 Mrs. J. C. Sasser—Stoney Creek
 Moses Todd—Union Chapel
 C. H. Overman—Union Grove
 Oscar Hinton—White Oak Hill
 Mrs. J. K. Lyles—Wilson
 Miss Lizzie Andrews—King's Chapel
 Miss Bonnie Farmer—Orphanage Mem-
 orial

PROCEEDINGS

The North Carolina State Convention held its forty-second annual session at the Orphanage Memorial Chapel, Nash County, Middlesex, N. C., September 15 and 16, 1954.

Rev. C. B. Hansley conducted the opening devotions. He read from the twelfth chapter of Romans. Rev. R. P. Harris led the congregation in singing "Showers of Blessing" and "The Solid Rock."

By motion, the program be adopted and followed, at the discretion of the President.

A hearty welcome was extended to all ministers, delegates and visitors by the Superintendent of the Orphanage, Rev. S. A. Smith. Response by Rev. Charles Craddock.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Resolutions—Revs. R. H. Jackson, L. R. Ennis, Joseph Ange

Temperance—Revs. L. E. Ballard, C. L. Patrick, R. P. Harris

Memorial—Revs. Earl Glenn, Rashie Kennedy, J. A. Evans

Nominating—Revs. M. L. Johnson, D. W. Hansley, A. B. Chandler, C. J. Harris,
Wilbert Everton, Paul Jenkins

Seven Point Program—Rev. W. B. Raper

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention, met at Mt. Olive, N. C., Tuesday, December 15, 1953.

Members present: Revs. Lloyd Vernon, Walter Carter, R. N. Hinnant, J. W. Alford, L. B. Manning, W. B. Raper and Mr. R. W. Mallard.

Visitors present: Revs. J. C. Griffin, J. C. Calvert, Wade Calvert, D. W. Hansley, Clifton Rice and Mr. H. M. Mallard.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. W. B. Raper.

The President stated that a joint session was desired between the Eastern Conference and the Piedmont Association; the Executive Committee of the State Convention to act as an advisory committee.

By motion, we accept the resignation of Rev. W. B. Raper as a member of the Executive Committee; having accepted the position as Promotional Director.

Rev. M. L. Johnson was elected to fill the unexpired term of Brother Raper.

The Treasurer reported \$2,110.07 in the treasury.

The Promotional Director made a report of his activities during his tenure of office with recommendations. (See report)

By motion, the recommendations contained in the report of the Promotional Director be approved.

By motion, the Secretary be authorized to notify the chairman of each board,

operating under authority of the State Convention, to comply with the approved recommendations.

By motion, the President call the Executive Committee together not less than six weeks before the annual setting of the Convention for the boards to present their proposed budget for the ensuing year.

The President appointed a program committee for 1954, consisting of Revs. R. N. Hinnant, Walter Carter, W. B. Raper.

A recommendation was presented to the Executive Committee for consideration by Rev. J. W. Alford and it was deferred until a later session, by mutual consent.

Motion to adjourn.

REV. LLOYD VERNON, *President*

REV. R. N. HINNANT, *Secretary*

RECOMMENDATION BY REV. J. W. ALFORD

(see minutes above)

December 18, 1953

The following recommendations were presented to the State Executive Committee by John W. Alford, Tuesday, December 15, 1953 at the session held in Mount Olive, North Carolina. Consideration of these recommendations was delayed until our next Executive Board Meeting in order that each member of the Board might have opportunity to study them.

"Realizing that the State Convention of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina is not a Legislative body, and can act only as a suggestive body; and further

"Realizing that there has not always been the brotherly cooperation and coordination of the Conferences and Associations making up the membership, and constituting the body of the North Carolina State Convention; and further

"Realizing that in order to successfully promote the program of the denomination, there should always be manifested due and proper consideration and recognition of the rights and boundaries of each constituent body, so that no needless friction or controversy would arise among the brethren; we therefore urge

"1. That each Conference or Association in the state give due recognition to the rights of all other Conferences or Associations in the State, and discourage the infringement of these rights by anyone, or any group of individuals under any pretense whatsoever.

"2. That we encourage each Conference or Association to promote the idea of cooperation and coordination in all the plans and ideals of the State program, and seek to make progress in all things pertaining to the work and development of the denomination, by being in harmony and accord in all our dealings, cooperative in all our efforts, and duly considerate of the rights and jurisdictions of each other, so that we may be able to present a solid front to all the world.

"3. That any one of the constituent bodies of the North Carolina State Convention refuse to conform to these suggestions, such refusal by that Conference or Association be considered just cause, and sufficient reason, to cite the offending body to defend itself before the State Convention, or such tribunal as may be

appointed by the State Convention, to consider the case, and if the findings are in support of the complaint, the offending Conference or Association be denied the privilege of membership in the State Convention until satisfaction is rendered by the offending body."

JOHN W. ALFORD

PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Conferences attended: Albemarle, Rock Fish, Western, Pee Dee, Eastern, Cape Fear, Central—Total 1,188 miles.

Each Conference agreed to send a representative to the State Meeting of the committee to work out a uniform examination for our ministers.

The Pee Dee Conference did not accept the State Treatise. The main objection appeared to have been that the new State Treatise did not specify card playing, movies and dances as sinful amusements.

I invited the Cape Fear Conference to send a committee to meet with the State Executive Committee to state the objections the Cape Fear Conference has to the State Treatise.

Board Meetings Attended: Mt. Allen Board of Directors Meeting, Orphanage Board.

Letters mailed: 655 for Mt. Allen College, 655 for Orphanage.

Received and forwarded money for: Christian Education, Missions, Superannuation, Orphanage, Promotional, Cragmont.

New office equipment: one 4-drawer steel file cabinet.

Recommendations:

1. That the State Executive Committee request each board of the 7 points of our United Program to submit a budget to the State Convention each year. This budget should be based on the membership of our church in this state so that each church might know what is expected of it for each enterprise. It would then be the duty of the Promotional Director to notify each church as to its quota for each phase of the United Program for the coming year. The idea would be that this information would be furnished the churches as soon after the meeting of the State Convention as possible. The advantage of this recommendation would be that the churches operating on a budget would know their quotas before they made up their budgets.

2. That the State Executive Committee request each board of the National Association that plans to solicit funds from our people to assign our state its proportionate quota and that the boards of the National Association operate in North Carolina in collaboration with our State Boards.

WILLIAM BURKETTE RAPER

December 18, 1953

RECORD OF JOINT SESSION OF EASTERN CONFERENCE AND PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

Members present at this session were as follows: Eastern Conference: J. W. Alford, Clifton Rice, H. M. Mallard, J. C. Griffin and Lloyd Vernon; Piedmont Association: Walter Carter, Wade Calvert, and J. C. Calvert.

Brother Lloyd Vernon presided over the meeting by mutual consent of both bodies.

The grievance was over the ordination of two ministers by the Piedmont Association, evading the examination by the Eastern Conference. The following motion was passed: "Beginning as of this date, December 15, 1953, We, the members of the Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference and Piedmont Association of North Carolina, mutually agree and pledge ourselves not to infringe on the rights or jurisdiction of our fellow conference or Association mentioned above. By this we mean, not to ordain any person not previously known to us to be in good standing with his conference or association. The same pledge and agreement applies to church membership in conference or association."

A motion was made to adjourn. The benediction was by Wade Calvert.

LLOYD VERNON, *President*
N. C. STATE CONVENTION

R. N. HINNANT, *Secretary*
N. C. STATE CONVENTION

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention met in Mt. Olive, N. C., July 22, 1954.

Members present: Revs. Lloyd Vernon, Walter Carter, R. N. Hinnant, M. L. Johnson, J. W. Alford, L. B. Manning and Mr. Rom Mallard.

Visitors present: Revs. S. A. Smith, W. B. Raper, D. W. Hansley, J. A. Evans, Winford Floyd, J. D. Liles.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Walter Carter.

The minutes of the December 15, 1953, Executive Committee meeting were read and all unfinished business was brought before the body.

The recommendation of December 18, 1953, presented by Rev. J. W. Alford was unanimously accepted.

The resignation of Rev. W. B. Raper, as Promotional Director, was read and accepted.

The resignation of Rev. L. R. Ennis, as Parliamentarian, was read and accepted.

The various boards presented a tentative budget for 1954-55 as follows:

Orphanage \$101,500.00; Missions \$31,000.00; Cragmont \$3,000.00; Superannuation \$10,000.00; Church Finance \$1,500.00; Education \$75,000.00; Promotional Department \$2,000.00; Total \$224,000.00.

By motion we adopt all tentative budgets as presented by the various boards for the year of 1954-55; and that the Promotional Director be requested to send

mimeographed copies to all clerks and pastors of the various churches throughout the state.

By motion, we recommend to the State Convention, for all enterprises, the same months for 1954-55 as is specified in 1953-54 Seven Point Program.

By motion, we meet with the representatives of the Cape Fear Conference to clarify differences in the State Treatise.

By motion, Rev. Walter Carter notify the Executive Committee of the Piedmont Association to meet with the Executive Committee and Cape Fear representatives for any clarification they desire, should they feel so disposed.

By motion, we extend an invitation to all Executive Committees of the various Conferences and Associations in the state, to meet with us at the Orphanage, August 16, 1954, to discuss the requisitioning of funds by the National Association.

By motion, we request the Free Will Baptist paper to run a weekly directory of boards of the State Convention.

By motion, a committee be elected to secure a successor to Rev. W. B. Raper as Promotional Director. The following committee was elected: Revs. R. N. Hinnant, M. L. Johnson, J. A. Evans. This committee is to be invested with the power to replace Brother Raper at an early date.

Motion to adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. D. W. Hansley.

REV. LLOYD VERNON, *President*

REV. R. N. HINNANT, *Secretary*

The Executive Committee met at the Orphanage August 16, 1954, in joint session with Executive Committees of the various Conferences and Associations of the state; complying with the motion passed in the meeting of July 22, 1954.

Members present: Lloyd Vernon, Walter Carter, R. N. Hinnant, M. L. Johnson, R. W. Mallard, L. B. Manning, and J. W. Alford.

The following Conferences and Associations were represented:

Cape Fear: L. R. Ennis, J. R. Davidson, T. E. Beaman, C. H. Coates, H. T. Hinson, Ottis Carroll, Owen Thomas.

Piedmont Association: Roy Rikard, Nathan Holt, R. J. Reynolds, L. H. Clayton.

Eastern Conference: Lloyd Vernon, J. C. Griffin, J. W. Alford, Clifton Rice.

Central Conference: D. W. Alexander, C. J. Harris, Leo Tripp, C. L. Patrick.

Western Conference: R. N. Hinnant, M. L. Johnson, Willie Renfrow, Wiley Ferrell, J. A. Evans.

Albemarle Conference: C. H. Overman.

Pee Dee Conference: C. B. Hansley.

French Broad Association: Harold Ballard, Milton Hollifield.

Prayer by Rev. Wiley Ferrell.

Rev. S. A. Smith welcomed everyone present and stated dinner would be served at noon in the dining hall.

The Secretary read the motion passed by the Executive Board in the meeting of July 22 and the President presided over an informal discussion of the impending issues.

After lengthy discussion a motion was passed, 21 to 1, that the President appoint a committee of three to draft a recommended form, to be followed by the State Convention, and report back to this body today. (Rev. Walter Carter wishing for his vote to be recorded against the motion.)

Before the vote was tabulated for the above motion, a motion was made to table said motion until after the 1955 session of the National Association. This motion to table was defeated 17 to 7.

The President appointed the following committee: L. R. Ennis, C. H. Overman, D. W. Alexander.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Whereas the National Association of Free Will Baptists while convened in its 1954 annual session, passed certain measures, directives and authorizations prescribing the transfer and payment of funds contributed to the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board and Superannuation Board for the expressed programs, functions, and work of said institutions and entities (or Boards); which transfer and payment of funds to the Executive Department of the National Association is found to be in conflict with the stipulations and provisions of the charters and constitutions of the afore said institutions and agencies, therefore resolved:

(1) That it is the opinion of the Executive Committee of the State Convention of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and the Executive Boards of eight affiliated conferences and associations that the said act of the National Association of Free Will Baptists involving the transfer of funds of the aforesaid institution and departmental boards to the Executive Department was in conflict with previously assigned and enjoyed powers of the aforesaid agencies.

(2) That the said conflicting act of the National Association with regard to previously assigned powers and prerogatives of the aforesaid agencies of the National Association was an error of moral judgment.

(3) That the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists be authorized to inform the churches and general organizations of the state of the act of the National Association in reference to the "requisitions of funds" for the Executive Department of the National body. It is understood, however, that this announcement does not direct any individual or organization in the matter of supporting the institutions and agencies herein referred to.

(4) That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Moderator, Clerk, and Executive Secretary of the National Association.

Committee:

L. R. ENNIS
C. H. OVERMAN
D. W. ALEXANDER

Motion to accept the recommendation and it was passed by a vote of 23 to 7.

Motion a committee of one member from each conference or association be appointed to draft a recommended form for National Association representation by states to be followed by the State Convention, and report to this body today. This motion was passed 17 for, 2 against.

Committee appointed: J. R. Davidson, J. W. Alford, C. J. Harris, M. L. Johnson, C. H. Overman, C. B. Hansley, Milton Hollifield, Roy Rikard.

We recommend that suitable resolutions be prepared for submission to the annual session of the State Convention which will:

1. Express our objection to the present provision for representation in the National Association;

2. Bear our urgent request for a revision of the constitution of the National Association to the end that representation by states in the National Association be on the basis of one delegate for each 1,000 members or fraction thereof.

These resolutions to be prepared by the Executive Committee of the State Convention, or by whomever they designate.

Committee:

J. W. ALFORD
C. H. OVERMAN
C. J. HARRIS
ROY RIKARD
J. R. DAVIDSON
MILTON HOLLIFIELD
M. L. JOHNSON
C. B. HANSLEY

Motion to accept the recommendation and it was passed 25 to 7. Roy Rikard wished for his vote to be recorded against the recommendation as a member of the committee.

Rev. Clifton Rice was elected to represent Cragmont, filling the unexpired term of the late Rev. Wade Calvert.

Motion to adjourn and benediction by Rev. C. H. Coates.

LLOYD VERNON, *President*
R. N. HINNANT, *Secretary*

RESOLUTION

Whereas: Representation in the National Association of Free Will Baptists is by states, based upon the number of district Associations or Conferences and Union or Quarterly meetings, without regard to the number of members making up said district groups.

And Whereas: It is the opinion of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists that the above plan of representation is not a fair representation, in that it allows the very small district group the same voice as is allowed for a district group with a membership many times as large.

And Whereas: The last session of the National Association passed an amendment to Article 4 of its Constitution which increases the number of delegates allowed for each district group but still does not make any allowance for the size of the membership of the various groups.

And Whereas: The above amendment was passed over the very strong objection of many persons who spoke from the floor of the Association, calling attention to the unfairness of such plan of representation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

First: That this North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist does hereby express its very strong objection to the above mentioned plan of representation in the National Association, on the basis that it does not in any way take into consideration the actual size of the membership of the various district groups.

Second: That we do hereby request the National Association to take steps at its next annual meeting, to amend Article 4 of its Constitution to provide for representation by the various states in direct proportion to the number of members represented.

Third: That we strongly recommend that the provision for representation be based upon one delegate for each 1000 members or fraction thereof, said delegation to be appointed by their respective state bodies.

Fourth: That a copy of this Resolution be printed in our minutes and copies be sent to the Moderator and Executive Secretary of the National Association and the Chairman of the General Board of the National Association.

The Executive Committee of the State Convention met in joint session with the Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference, Thursday, August 19, 1954, at Mt. Allen College, Mt. Olive, N. C.

Members present: Revs. Lloyd Vernon, R. N. Hinnant, J. W. Alford, L. B. Manning, M. L. Johnson, Bro. R. W. Mallard.

Members of the Executive Committee present from the Cape Fear Conference: Revs. L. R. Ennis, T. E. Beaman, C. H. Coates, Bro. Owen Thomas, Bro. H. T. Hinson.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. L. R. Ennis.

The purpose of the meeting, as related by the President, was to discuss certain phases of our North Carolina Treatise; primarily, the procedure of ministerial discipline.

After much discussion, a motion was passed to request the State Convention to appoint a committee to revise the North Carolina Treatise and the suggestions recorded in this joint session be passed on to the revision committee for consideration.

To comply with a recommended report of a committee relative to representation by states to the National Association, the President appointed a committee of three to draft recommended procedure to be followed by the State Convention. The committee: Revs. M. L. Johnson, L. R. Ennis, J. W. Alford.

Motion to adjourn and benediction.

REV. LLOYD VERNON, *President*

REV. R. N. HINNANT, *Secretary*

A motion was made and carried to adopt the minutes of the Executive Committee in its entirety.

Business was suspended for the devotional period preceding the introductory sermon. The congregation joined in singing "All The Way My Saviour Leads." An offering was made for the Orphanage, amounting to \$160.77. Vocal solo by Mrs. Frank Hawkins, "The Lord's Prayer." Rev. N. B. Barrow delivered the message, reading James 5:7-12 as a Scripture reading, and "Saving Faith" as a subject. Singing, "Glory to His Name," by the congregation.

Benediction by Rev. L. C. Johnson.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by singing "We'll Work 'Till Jesus Comes," and prayer by Rev. Billie Morris.

The President expressed his appreciation to the convention for their cooperation.

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR TO THE STATE CONVENTION

September 15, 1954

I served as Promotional Director from October 1, 1953, to July 31, 1954, at which time the State Executive Committee accepted my resignation in order that I might accept the presidency of Mount Allen Junior College.

I attended every conference or association in North Carolina which met during my tenure in office.

In keeping with the request of this Convention I asked each conference to delegate one representative to serve on a state-wide committee to draw up a uniform examination for our ministers. Each conference complied with the request and authorized the following men:

Rock Fish	The Rev. Angus Prevatte
Pee Dee	The Rev. C. B. Hansley
Cape Fear	The Rev. L. R. Ennis
Western	The Rev. F. A. Rivenbark
Central	The Rev. D. W. Alexander
Albemarle	The Rev. J. A. Alexander
Eastern	The Rev. J. W. Alford

In compliance with a directive from the State Executive Committee, I took up the matter of the State Treatise with those conferences which had not adopted it. The Cape Fear Conference authorized a committee to meet with the State Executive Committee to discuss their differences with the State Treatise. The Pee Dee Association voted down the State Treatise on the grounds that it did not specifically name dancing, movies, and card playing as being prohibited.

The following report was prepared and sent to the National Association:

Letter to the National Association

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States, to be held at Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Beginning on Tuesday evening after the 2nd Sunday in July, 1954.

Greetings:

We send as delegates to represent the North Carolina State Convention:

1. Mrs. J. C. Moye, Sr., Snow Hill, North Carolina
2. Mrs. J. A. Evans, Wilson, N. C.
3. Mrs. D. W. Hansley, Pine Level, N. C.
4. Mrs. Ruth Taylor, Greenville, N. C.
5. Mrs. Bynum Lance, Asheville, N. C.
6. W. A. Willoughby, Ahoskie, N. C.
7. R. McLeod, Dunn, N. C.
8. Mrs. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C.
9. Mrs. Alice Lupton, New Bern, N. C.
10. Mrs. Warren Mallard, Kenly, N. C.
11. Mrs. Earl Glenn, Wilson, N. C.
12. James O. Taylor, Rocky Mount, N. C.
13. Wilton Cobb, Rocky Mount, N. C.
14. Josephene Stevens, Swannanoa, N. C.

Praying that much and lasting good may be accomplished at this session of the National Association.

The statistical and financial standing of our organization follows:

No. of Associations (or Conferences) 10; No. of churches 362; No. of parsonages 50; No. of members 41,818; No. of ordained ministers 318; No. of licensed ministers 74; No. of Sunday schools 336; No. of enrollment in Sunday schools 37,600; No. of churches having Leagues 125; No. of League enrollment 5,188; No. of Woman's Auxiliaries 190 (Plus 110 Y. P. A.); Total amount raised for all purposes \$754,537.70; Value of church property \$4,829,329.00; Value of parsonage property \$500,000.00; Value of denominational property \$490,000.00; Name of denominational property: Cragmont Assembly, Inc.; F. W. B. Orphanage; F. W. B. Press; and Mount Allen Junior College. Our annual fee, \$60.00, is being sent herewith.

Name and address to whom minutes should be sent: William Burkette Raper, Route 2, Snow Hill, North Carolina.

Moderator: Lloyd Vernon—Address: Richlands, N. C.

Clerk: R. N. Hinnant—Address: Micro, N. C.

Note: This report does not include two conferences in our state (Western Yearly and Jacks Creek) because they do not report to the State Convention, and no statistical information was available on them.

In 1952 the North Carolina State Convention passed the following resolution: "Be it resolved: That the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free

Will Baptists extend to our National Association an invitation to hold its 1954 session in our state. If unable to meet with us in 1954, our State Convention continues to extend the invitation yearly until accepted."

On the strength of the above resolution, the North Carolina State Convention invites the 1955 session of the National Association to meet in North Carolina. If this invitation is accepted, the details for entertaining this session will be worked out by the State Convention in September, 1954.

End: National Report

In keeping with the invitation of this convention to the National Association I went before the Placement Committee and plead that North Carolina be recommended as the site of the 1955 session of the National Association. The Placement Committee had other invitations also, including one from Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Committee asked the Association proper to decide between North Carolina and Oklahoma without discussion. The vote was extremely close, but in favor of accepting the invitation from Tulsa, and this in view of the fact that this forthcoming session will mark the third time the National Association has convened in Oklahoma since last coming to North Carolina. The vote was close enough, however, that if a few North Carolina ministers had not voted in favor of Tulsa, the vote would have been for the 1955 session to be in North Carolina.

During my tenure in office, I worked with every State and National Board that asked the service of the Promotional Department. Approximately 9,500 pieces of mail were sent from this office in promotional work.

The following amount of money was received and forwarded by the Promotional Department:

Missions	\$ 287.00
F. W. B. Bible College	3,773.40
Mount Allen College	723.88
Superannuation	163.21
Cragmont	298.68
Orphanage	62.00
Church Finance	2.50
State Promotional	79.21
Total	\$5,389.88

In a meeting of the State Executive Committee with a representative from the various state boards, the following budget for our denominational works was approved:

Orphanage	\$101,500.00
Missions:	
National Home	\$ 2,500.00
State	12,500.00
National Foreign	16,000.00
Total Missions	31,000.00
Superannuation	10,000.00
Church Finance	1,500.00
Education:	
Bible College	\$25,000.00
Mount Allen	50,000.00

Total Education	75,000.00
Promotional	2,000.00
Cragmont	3,000.00
	<hr/>
	\$224,000.00

The budget is submitted to this body for adoption. It represents a request for approximately \$5.00 per member for the whole denominational program outside of the local church.

I recommend that this Convention submit the following blank to each conference or association in the state to be used as a minimum report blank. (This information is required in the state report to the National Association.)

1. Number of members:
2. Number of Ordained ministers:
3. Number of licensed ministers:
4. Sunday School enrollment:
5. Does your church have leagues?
- Number enrolled:
6. Does your church have a Woman's Auxiliary?
- Number members:
7. Does your church have a Young People's Auxiliary?
- Number members:
8. Other Youth Organizations?
- Number members:
9. Total amount of money raised for all purposes:
10. Does your church have a parsonage?
- Value of parsonage:
11. Value of church property:
12. Amount of money sent to:
- a. Cragmont
- b. Missions
- c. Orphanage
- d. Mount Allen college
- e. Nashville Bible College
- f. State Promotional Work
- g. Church Finance Association
- h. Superannuation

I appreciate deeply the honor of serving the North Carolina State Convention as Promotional Director this past year. My resignation was submitted only in order that I might serve the people of this state in another capacity, namely as President of Mount Allen Junior College. I am convinced that the great need of our denomination today is a comprehensive Christian educational program that is not academically inferior. The greatest promotional work our denomination needs is in the field of Christian Education. Until we have trained laymen and ministers, we will not have much to promote. My prayer is that we shall build in this state a college that is both Christian and sound in scholarship. Out of our small beginnings is a vision of an educational institution that will be an honor

to our denomination and a credit to the cause of education in general. I solicit your prayers, cooperation, and support.

WILLIAM BURKETTE RAPER

PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

October 1, 1953 to July 31, 1954

Director's Salary	\$1,000.00
Secretarial Help	100.00
Office Supplies	71.83
Mileage	99.86
Postage	324.68
Printing	25.00
File Cabinet	85.71
Miscellaneous (Phone Calls, Bank Charge)	7.50
<hr/>	
Total Expense	\$1,714.58
Refund from Postage	95.28
<hr/>	
Total paid by State Convention Treasurer	\$1,619.30

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

We have received during the past year from Rev. Thomas Beamon, a former member of the Commission, two ring binders and a large number of minutes. Although the file of State Convention minutes is not complete, we do have a large number of old minutes which were turned over to us by Brother Beamon. These minutes are here at the Convention for your inspection.

We ask the approval of this Convention in the publication of a paper bound history of North Carolina Free Will Baptists. We are aware that such a history would not be complete, but it would be a beginning which, we hope, would be the forerunner of a larger cloth bound volume. Such a history can be produced and put on the market for \$1.00 per copy. The cost of producing a paper bound volume of 80 to 100 pages would be approximately \$600 for 1000 copies. We believe that this 1000 copies could easily be sold within a year.

We recommend the setting up of an historical library at the Mount Allen College. The materials of this library would be available to everyone, with the understanding that none of the materials were to be carried out of the building. We feel that there are many old books and minutes of an historical nature that would be donated if our people knew what use would be made of them.

Respectfully submitted,

F. B. CHERRY

M. L. JOHNSON

J. C. GRIFFIN

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

N. B. BARROW, *Treasurer*

Lucama, N. C.

Exhibit "A"

Analysis of Bank Deposits	Analysis of Disbursements
Sept. '53\$ 2,289.03	Sept. '53\$ 1,666.77
Oct. 1,273.10	Oct. 1,072.01
Nov. 719.44	Nov. 3,559.97
Dec. 1,988.46	Dec. 2,671.97
Jan. '54 779.26	Jan. '54 1,074.26
Feb. 775.60	Feb. 783.38
Mar. 1,805.01	Mar. 1,583.42
Apr. 3,065.04	Apr. 1,871.41
May 1,874.40	May 1,901.93
June 1,091.62	June 27.00
July 1,061.83	July 1,559.89
Aug. 832.52	Aug. 1,676.29
Total\$17,510.31	Total\$19,448.30

Cash in Bank as per books Aug. 31, 1954	\$4,704.76
Less Difference in Deposits and Disbursements	1,937.99
Total	\$2,766.77

Reconciliation of Bank Statement

Balance as per Bank Statement Aug. 31, 1954	\$3,464.95
Plus Deposits amounting to	977.91
	\$4,442.86

Less Outstanding Checks

No. 158	\$ 3.00
No. 255	35.00
No. 472	12.00
No. 474	100.00
No. 475	200.00
No. 476	135.00
No. 477	150.00
No. 478	47.94
No. 479	100.63
No. 480	905.62
Total	\$1,691.29
Balance on Hand	\$2,751.57

A check for \$14.00 accountable for through Check Mischarged. Note difference of \$1.20 for which I cannot account.

Comments

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have examined the books and cancelled checks of

N. B. Barrow, Treasurer of the State Board of Missions of the Free Will Baptist churches, and find results noted herein.

1. Exhibit A
Deposits amounting to \$17,510.31
2. Exhibit B
Disbursements amounting to \$19,448.30
Note difference—\$1,937.99
3. Balance in Bank Sept. 1, 1953 \$4,704.76
Balance in Bank Sept. 1, 1954 \$3,464.95
4. Noted were following checks voided: No. 271, No. 288, No. 316.
An error in Check No. 317 Written for \$440.76
Posted for \$404.76

I do hereby affirm that all this report together with all accompanying exhibits are true and correct as far as I have been able to find.

ELEANOR LAMM

Sept. 9, 1954

Note: \$498.55 has been given direct to State Home Missions.

All money spent in State Home Mission Program came from:

1. Designated offerings to State Home Missions
2. Interest earned by investment
3. Breaking down on percentage basis Mission account
4. Saving held by Board

Given to Missions 1953-1954 (money to be divided)

Sept.	\$ 400.51	April	1,965.56
Oct.	345.28	May	529.88
Nov.	146.27	June	328.11
Dec.	308.34	July	269.91
Jan.	183.56	Aug.	251.67
Feb.	168.49		
Mar.	943.74	Total	\$5,841.32

This account is divided according to budget in arrear as directed last year by the State Convention.

Total spent by the Board for all purposes \$19,448.30

Foreign Missions \$11,172.79 (over \$4000 by-passed State Mission Board)

National Home Missions \$1,145.97 (some by-passed the Board)

Treasurer's Salary \$300.00

Mount Allen (missent to me) \$32.20

Invested \$4,000.00

Given to Conference, Mission Boards, and Missions for State Missions \$1,858.79

Bond \$12.50

Repair to Equipment \$16.60

Film for State Convention \$9.42

Postage \$42.28

Secretarial Service, Materials, and Phone Calls \$62.28

Promotional Itineraries and Board Meetings \$795.47

The Board suggests the following budget for Sept. 1, 1954—Aug. 31, 1955

National Home Missions	\$ 2,500.00
10% for office expenses	
90% for transportation and promoting Missions	
State Home Missions (General)	6,500.00
State Special Projects	6,000.00
1. Washington	\$1,500

2. Roanoke Rapids	\$1,500	
3. Burlington	\$1,500	
4. Edenton	\$1,500	
National Foreign Missions		16,000.00
10% for office		
45% to India and 45% to Cuba		
Total		\$31,000.00

Books may be inspected any time.

N. B. BARROW

FINANCIAL REPORT: MOUNT ALLEN JUNIOR COLLEGE

Sept. 1, 1953—Aug. 31, 1954

Receipts

Balance on Hand Sept. 1, 1953		\$	6.17
Received for the Year:			
From Churches and other Organizations	\$ 5,741.70		
From Individuals	3,462.14		
From Businesses	175.00		
From Board of Christian Education	308.71		
From Student Fund	602.75		
For Special "Kitchen Fund"	737.97		
Miscellaneous	62.00		
Total Regular Receipts	\$11,090.27	\$	11,090.27
Received from Loans			8,700.00
Total to Account for		\$	19,796.44

Disbursements

Paid Out For:			
Purchase of Property	\$ 4,000.00		
Repairs and Improvements	5,295.81		
Payments on Loans	2,030.00		
Insurance Premiums	243.89		
Salaries:			
For School Year 1952-53	\$ 816.50		
For School Year 1953-54	1,075.00		
Public Relations Dept.	1,416.75		
President's Office	165.00		
Work by Girls' Trio	560.00		
Total Salaries	\$ 4,033.25	\$	4,033.25
Expenses: Travel, postage, office supplies, etc.)			
Public Relations Dept.	\$ 423.68		
Girls' Trio	337.18		
President's Office	113.96		
D. W. Hansley	92.84		
Treasurer's Office	43.32		
Board and Committee Meetings	106.59		
Total Expenses	\$ 1,117.57	\$	1,117.57
Utilities			115.94
Books, Printings, Supplies			401.76
Legal Fees			5.00

Total Disbursements	\$17,243.22	\$17,243.22
Balance Sept. 1, 1954		\$ 2,553.22

Submitted by:

M. L. JOHNSON, *Treasurer*

RESOLUTION

Whereas, at the forty-first annual session of the State Convention of Churches of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina, held on September 16, 17, 1953, a Board of Directors for Mount Allen College was duly elected by said convention composed of the following: Revs. D. W. Hansley, M. L. Johnson, R. N. Hinnant, J. W. Alford, C. J. Harris, N. B. Barrow, Earl Glenn, R. H. Jackson and A. B. Chandler;

And whereas, the said Board of Directors, in good faith, have assumed their duties incident to their election prior to the amendment to the Charter of Mount Allen College, Incorporated;

And whereas, by reason of this fact, the acts of said Board of Directors could be in question;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this convention hereby ratify each and every act of the above named directors, acting as a Board of Directors of Mount Allen Junior College, Incorporated.

Submitted by

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MOUNT ALLEN JUNIOR COLLEGE

We, the undersigned constituting the Board of Directors of Mount Allen Junior College, respectfully recommend to the convention that certain amendments be made to the Charter of Mount Allen Junior College as follows:

1.—That the principal place of business of the college be Mount Olive, Wayne County, North Carolina.

2.—That section K of the Charter be amended to read as follows: "To employ such teachers and assistants and other employees as may be necessary, in the opinion of the Board of Directors to properly carry on the work of said corporation."

3.—That section 6 of the Charter be amended to read as follows: "The corporation shall be controlled and all property owned by it shall be managed by the Board of Directors of the college which shall consist of nine members with the terms of office of three members expiring biannually according to the by-laws of the State Convention."

4.—That Section 7 of the Charter be amended to read as follows: "The Board of Directors shall annually elect a chairman and a secretary and a treasurer, any two of which offices may be combined and held by one person."

We believe that the above suggested amendments will facilitate the work of the college and earnestly suggest that the convention, by proper resolutions, adopt

the same and direct the Board of Directors to proceed to make the said amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID W. HANSLEY, *Director*
EARL H. GLENN, *Director*
A. B. CHANDLER, *Director*
C. J. HARRIS, *Director*
J. W. ALFORD, *Director*
M. L. JOHNSON, *Director*
R. H. JACKSON, *Director*
R. N. HINNANT, *Director*
N. BRUCE BARROW, *Director*

A trio of girls from Mt. Allen College sang "What Will You Do With Jesus." An offering was received for the college amounting to \$185.50.

Dr. L. C. Johnson brought greetings from the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., reporting the progress being made and it was received as information.

By motion, the convention pay members of boards and committees six cents per mile and meals while serving, but no salary.

By motion, the above motion be tabled indefinitely.

Adjournment and benediction by Rev. N. D. Beaman.

THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 16, 1954

The morning session was opened by singing the "Doxology." Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. B. Starnes. He read as a Scripture lesson, Romans 12:10. Prayer by Rev. W. R. Floyd.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

To the North Carolina State Convention, September 15, 1954

A partial report of your Credentials Committee:

1st. We recommend that all officers, members of standing boards, committees or commissions, and all ordained ministers who belong to churches that are affiliated with this convention be seated as members of the convention with all rights and privileges of this convention.

2nd. That one delegate from each church in good standing in a conference or association that has before represented in the State Convention be seated as a member of this convention.

3rd. One delegate from each union meeting, conference or association that has before represented in this convention for every one thousand members or a fraction thereof, be seated as a member of this convention.

4th. That those who consider that they are included in the above report and have properly registered, may vote on this report.

5th. That the committee will make a more complete report as early as is convenient.

6th. However, if there is any doubt about the membership of any one; we

recommend that it be referred to the Credentials Committee.

Respectfully,

YOUR COMMITTEE

CONTINUED REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

7th. Having received application from the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina for membership in the State Convention, we recommend to the Convention that their application be accepted and that their ministers and delegates who have properly registered, be seated.

Note: Ten dollars (\$10.00) accompanied the application.

8th. We find the following number of ordained ministers have registered for this convention:

Eastern Conference	26	Albemarle Conference	6
Western Conference	22	Rock Fish Association	1
Cape Fear Conference	14	French Broad Association	1
Central Conference	27		—
Pee Dee Association	3	Total	114
Piedmont Association	14		

We recommend that these be seated.

9th. We find the following number of delegates have registered for this convention:

Eastern Conference	47	Albemarle Conference	9
Western Conference	36	Rock Fish Association	0
Cape Fear Conference	18	French Broad Association	0
Central Conference	37		—
Pee Dee Association	1	Total	159
Piedmont Association	11		

We recommend that these be seated.

10th. We are happy to recognize two visiting ministers, who have registered as such. They are:

J. O. Fort—South Georgia Association.

W. L. Jernigan—South Carolina Conference.

L. C. Johnson—Nashville, Tennessee.

Joseph Alton Quinn—Advent.

11th. We have checked all cards thoroughly, and finding no irregularities, we recommend that the convention continue to recognize all ministers and delegates who have properly registered.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. ALEXANDER

C. B. HANSLEY

EARL H. GLENN

The minutes of Wednesday's session were read for information.

BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1953-54

We, your Board of Superannuation, submit the following report and recommendations, divided into eight (8) items as follows:

1-DEATHS:

With sincere regret we report the death, during the past year, of the following ministers' widows: Mrs. B. T. Dixon (4-16-54) and Mrs. D. B. Garner (7-2-54).

2-FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance on hand September 1, 1953		\$ 459.11
Receipts for the year:		
Regular receipts	4,367.76	
Refund of check written after death of payee	15.00	
Fees received for Retirement System	49.80	
Interest income from "George P. Best Memorial Fund"	194.09	
Interest income from "Reserve Fund"	52.17	
	<hr/>	
Total to account for		\$5,137.93
Disbursements:		
Paid to Superannuated ministers	\$2,725.00	
Paid to ministers' widows	1,060.00	
Office expense and Treasurer's bond	137.29	
Treasurer's Salary	250.00	
Board meetings expense and mileage	34.26	
Chairman-Treasurer's mileage	27.00	
Paid to National Board	392.10	
Transferred to "Reserve Fund"	246.26	
	<hr/>	
Total disbursed	\$4,871.91	\$4,871.91
Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1954		\$ 266.02
Balance Retirement Fund		78.60
		<hr/>
Balance General Fund		\$ 187.42

3-GEORGE P. BEST MEMORIAL FUND:

The amount of this fund remains at \$6,459.55.

4-RESERVE FUND:

This fund has been increased during the year by the amount of \$246.26 and the total is now \$1,985.28.

5-PENSION CHECKS:

There are now 23 ministers receiving regular monthly pension checks from this board and 22 widows receiving regular quarterly checks. If there are others who should be included, applications should be sent to the board by December 1, 1954.

6-PROTECTIVE INSURANCE:

We continue to recommend that all our ministers, who can qualify, take advantage of the \$2,000.00 Protective Insurance being offered through the National Board of Superannuation. We plan to " earmark" funds sent to the National Board, for use in paying the one-half of the premiums of our ministers, until these premiums have been paid. The balance to be used by the National Board as it sees fit.

7-MINISTERIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM:

We invite those ministers and churches who are interested in the Ministerial Retirement System, to contact us for information.

8—BUDGET FOR 1954-55:

We have submitted to the Executive Committee our proposed budget for the year 1954-55. This budget was approved by the Executive Committee and is as follows:

We ask for a total of \$10,000.00, based upon 25c per member of the churches of this state.

This \$10,000.00 would be used as follows:

For pensions to ministers and widows	\$ 7,500.00
For payment to National Board	900.00
For operation and Board meeting expenses	800.00
For Reserve Fund	800.00
Total	\$10,000.00

There are some conferences and associations, whose ministers and widows are receiving pensions, that are giving only token support, or no support to the program by donations. We plan to call this matter to their attention with the instruction that unless support is forthcoming, adjustments will be made in the pensions being paid.

Submitted by the Board of Superannuation

M. L. JOHNSON, *Chairman-Treasurer*
 F. A. RIVENBARK
 M. V. AVERY
 C. W. MANESS
 MRS. M. L. JOHNSON, *Proxy for Mrs. Walter Rhodes*

REPORT OF CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Inc., 1954

We submit this report of the Church Finance Association, Inc., as of September 1, 1954:

Number of members of the association	290
Number of members holding at least one \$25.00 Certificate	171
Number of \$25.00 Certificates now held	399
Membership fees collected this year	\$ 833.58
Total membership fees now held	\$ 11,414.46
Number new loans made during this year	5
Total amount loaned this year	\$ 23,835.00
Total number loans made since 1940	42
Total amount of loans made since 1940	\$141,882.45
Number loans now on our books	14
Our total receipts during the past year were	\$ 32,595.20
Our total disbursements during the past year were	\$ 27,647.17
Our balance on hand September 1, 1954 was	\$ 4,948.03
The following figures taken from the annual Report Jan. 1, 1954	
Our total assets on Jan. 1, 1954 were	\$ 49,038.20
Our total liabilities on Jan. 1, 1954 were	45,630.80
Our earned profit or surplus on Jan. 1, 1954 was	\$ 3,407.40

Our next annual meeting is scheduled to meet with Whaley's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Jones County, on Tuesday, January 11, 1955, at 10:30 a. m.

CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Inc.

By R. N. HINNANT, *President*
M. L. JOHNSON, *Sec'y.-Treas.*

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS

The Free Will Baptist denomination has a right to be justly proud of our Press located at Ayden, N. C. The last fiscal year has been the most profitable year in the history of the institution. We have recently renovated the colportage department and greatly increased the supplies needed by the denomination.

It is the desire of those connected with the Press to increase its usefulness and enhance its appreciation by the constituency of our denomination. This can best be done by service.

We anxiously request every one here today, that you return to your church and solicit subscriptions to the Free Will Baptist paper.

At any time the Press can serve you as an individual or church, it will be happy to do so.

R. N. HINNANT, *President*

A report of the Woman's State Auxiliary Convention was given by Mrs. L. E. Ballard and received as information.

LETTER TO THE CONVENTION

September 13, 1954

North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists

Dear Brethren:

Greetings, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As you convene this year, I'm sure you are conscious that this could be the last State Association ever to be held since the coming of our Lord seems so near. Since this is true, may your conduct and attitude of heart toward each other be as though you may never convene again, and yet may you plan your work as though you had time to work your plans.

I do believe however, that we need to gear our church program in such a fashion that we can reach the most souls in the shortest length of time. To do this we must hasten to obey the Lord in carrying the Gospel where Christ is not known.

Your state has always been out front in the support of Foreign Missions and for this we are most grateful.

After visiting our mission fields and having seen the work our missionaries are doing, and the conditions under which they work, I know that I can say with them, thanks for your prayers and support.

We are endeavoring to open new fields just as fast as we can. At this time in our denomination's history, when the demands are great from every department, it is our sincere prayer that we may put "first things first," and receive the blessings from the Lord that He is anxious to give.

I wish I could attend your convention in person but since I cannot I pray

the Lord to guide you in all your deliberation for Him.

Sincerely yours,

RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Sec'y.-Treas.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STUDY OF CHARTER AND CONSTITUTION OF ORPHANAGE

This committee met in the office of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, July 21, 1954, with the superintendent of the institution attending, and examined the Charter, the rules of management of the home, and also the constitution of the State Convention as directed by motion passed (motion recorded on pages 14 and 15 of the 1953 minutes) by this body last year.

1. The Charter of incorporation is a competent instrument that prescribes the basis of the organization of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage and such general provisions as should be established for the administration of the home.

2. The rules of management of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, which are created by the board of trustees, revealed a few simple inconsistencies, such as "association" for "convention" that resulted from the use of the two titles formerly used by this body. These corrections have been suggested to the trustees of the orphanage, and the rules of management brought up to date.

3. The Charter and rules of management of the orphanage provide for the election of three (3) to nine (9) trustees without geographic restriction, at the option of the convention.

We recommend that this provision be adhered to in the future.

L. R. ENNIS
R. N. HINNANT
WALTER CARTER

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Seeing the need of some changes to be made in the North Carolina Treatise; be it resolved that a committee of two members from each conference or association be appointed by the president to revise the said treatise. The conference or associations represented on committee must be a member of the State Convention.

R. N. HINNANT

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Western—R. N. Hinnant, M. L. Johnson.

Eastern—J. W. Alford, D. W. Hansley.

Central—D. W. Alexander, C. J. Harris.

Cape Fear—L. R. Ennis, J. R. Davidson

Albemarle—A. B. Chandler, C. H. Overman.

Piedmont—L. H. Clayton, Roy Rikard.

French Broad—W. L. Moretz, Harold Ballard.

Rock Fish—Winford R. Floyd, Angus Private.

Pee Dee—C. B. Hansley, J. W. Bowen.

That the North Carolina State Convention give a rising vote of thanks to the Orphanage and the churches in this vicinity for the hospitable way they have

taken care of this sitting of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist.

R. H. JACKSON
L. R. ENNIS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO TRUSTEES OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

It is with the spirit of thanksgiving that I present to you this thirty-fourth annual report for the management and operation of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1954. We have cared for eighty-eight boys and girls during this fiscal year of which thirteen have been discharged and thirteen admitted. We think that we have a very good staff of workers. The children have been counseled with from time to time with purpose in mind of helping them to face life's issues and learn to solve their problems. We have tried to teach them the importance of their spiritual life and that they are dependent upon God.

Church Program

Rev. Michael Pelt has been pastoring our church this year and has been a great inspiration and help to us.

Educational Program

All of our children attend the public school at Middlesex. The principal and faculty have given our children much consideration and the relationship has been a healthy one. We had four girls to graduate this year of which one is going to college and the other three are working.

Farming Program

The farm was operated this year by farm personnel and children with Mr. Mixon again serving as farm manager.

Plant Improvement

Much time and money has been spent this year in a building program. New cottages have been built for the girls and have been occupied since the first of June.

Alumni Association

The alumni association has been very active this year. Mr. Frank Hawkins, a teacher in Mt. Allen Junior College, has been elected president.

Support

The support we have received from the churches and individuals during the past year has been very gratifying and encouraging, for which we shall be eternally grateful. The needs of our home continue to be great. As we look to the year ahead we sincerely hope and pray that our people will keep alert and that we can completely renovate the old girls' building. Pray that the good Lord may guide and bless us in our efforts during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. SMITH, *Superintendent and Treasurer*

CHILDREN CARED FOR FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 1953, TO 31 AUGUST 1954

Name	Age	Name	Age
Alexander, Danny	7	Little, Joyce Faye	13
Alexander, Deanne	5	Little, Sam	16
Bradshaw, Thelma*	18	Little, Richard	10
Bryant, Alton	15	Mace, Sam Ray	17
Bryant, Rabion*	17	Mace, Arthur	15
Cantrell, Jimmy	8	Miller, Leroy Baxter	9
Cantrell, David Ray	7	Morris, Louise	10
Cantrell, Diann Kay	7	Morris, Jack	14
Coward, Judy Ann*	3	Morris, Martin	12
Coward, Muriel Gray*	8	Mercer, Ona Gail	7
Darden, Evelyn Jean	16	Mercer, Sandra	5
Duncan, Doris	15	Mercer, Phillip Ray	4
Duncan, Edna Pearl	17	Norris, Peggy Joyce	17
Gasperson, Roy Lee	15	Price, Shelby Jean	15
Gasperson, Ruth	13	Page, Eugene	17
Hardee, Lucy Mae	9	Page, Charles*	19
Hardee, Lula Faye	9	Pope, Alma Ruth	7
Hester, Patricia	9	Pope, Mary Belle	13
Hill, Josie Pearl	17	Pope, Nancy Lou	10
Hinson, Charles Ray	14	Pope, Daisy Lee	9
Herring, Bobbie	11	Rogers, Harold	15
Herring, Evelyn Mae	8	Rogers, Barry	12
Herring, Margie Elizabeth	9	Rowe, John Thomas*	14
Heath, Marshall Glenn	4	Smith, Nancy Ann	12
Heath, Michael Faye	8	Smith, Jerry Andrew	12
Heath, Nancy Sue	6	Stallings, Jery Lynn	9
Heath, John William	10	Stallings, Joe Clim	8
Heath, Wilbur Earl	12	Teasley, Ben Weldon*	11
Hines, William Edward	12	Tyson, Dorothea*	17
Hines, Jesse Joseph	8	Tyson, Eugene	16
Jackson, Margaret Joann	15	Waller, Eugene	12
Jackson, Judy Katherine	12	Warren, Rosalyn	16
Jones, Arthur Vinton	16	Watson, Betty Jean	15
Jones, Carolecn	14	Watson, Eddie	12
Jones, Cora Lee	12	Watson, Foy	10
Jones, Martha Lou	11	Watson, Lillie Faye*	19
Jones, Shelby Jean	17	Wiggs, Nestis Drew*	3
Lane, Mary Louise*	19	Wiggs, Robert Glenn*	11
Lane, William*	18	Winstead, Lou Metta	18
Lane, Jacob	13	Worthington, Ernest Glenn	5
Lane, Patricia Ann	14	Worthington, Jo Etta	10
Lane, Robert Lee	12	Worthington, Raymond Stuart	12
Little, Alice	17	Worthington, Ronald Wayne	7
Little, Doris	17	Worthington, Stephen Daniel	9

* Discharged

25 Formal Applications Pending August 31, 1954

PARENTAL STATUS OF CHILDREN CARED FOR DURING YEAR

Whole Orphans	15
Mother Dead	38
Father Dead	28
Neither	7

88

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dr. M. Hinnant, Micro, N. C.	Western Conference
Mr. H. M. Mallard, Trenton, N. C.	Eastern Conference
Mr. R. L. Spencer, Columbia, N. C.	Albemarle Conference
Mr. Jesse Gay, Walstonburg, N. C.	Central Conference
Mr. R. Mc Leod, Dunn, N. C.	Cape Fear Conference
Rev. M. L. Baxley, Red Springs, N. C.	Rockfish Association
Rev. Wayne Smith, Swannanoa, N. C.	French Broad Association
Rev. C. B. Hansley, Newport, N. C.	Pee Dee Association
Rev. Paul Brown, Rockingham, N. C.	Piedmont Association
Mr. Levi Hill, Snow Hill, N. C.	Central Conference

PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE ORPHANAGE DURING YEAR

Name and Months of Service

Mr. S. A. Smith, 12 mos.; Miss Betsy G. Cone, 12 mos.; Mrs. Horace Mixon, 12 mos.; Mr. Horace Mixon, 12 mos.; Mrs. Clarence Mitchell, 12 mos.; Mr. Clarence Mitchell, 12 mos.; Mrs. Lillie Sanderson, 12 mos.; Mrs. Lottie Little, 12 mos.; Miss Bonnie Farmer, 12 mos.; Mrs. Thelma Rulli, 12 mos.; Mrs. James C. Lucas, 6 mos.; Mr. James C. Lucas, 6 mos.; *Miss Zalene Lloyd, 4 mos.; *Miss Lillie Faye Watson, 3 mos.; *Miss Evelyn Carroll, 3 mos.

* Part-time Employees

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Middlesex, North Carolina

Treasurer's Financial Statement—31 August, 1954

Assets

Cash on Hand 31 August, 1954

General Account	\$2,428.36
Capital Account	672.55
Albemarle Cottage Account	32.69
Hospital Account	673.65
Kitchen Account	7.46
Girls' Building Account	481.21
McLawhorn Educational Loan Fund	700.00

Total Bank Balances \$4,995.92

Notes, Bonds, and Petty Cash

McLeod Educational Loan Fund	\$ 810.00
War Bond	25.00
Petty Cash	100.00

Total Notes, Bonds, and Petty Cash \$ 935.00

Total Assets \$5,930.92

S. A. SMITH, *Treasurer*

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

1 September 1953 through 31 August 1954

Balance on hand 1 September 1953 \$ 30,968.03

Receipts

Religious Organizations	\$ 67,734.54
Duke Endowment	4,739.57
Parents and Relatives	1,175.00

Friends	8,018.84
Pefunds	3,532.68
Young People's Friend	241.00
Concert Class	12,329.98
Farm, Dairy, and Garden Cash Sales	12,149.39
Coupons	247.27
Transferred From Other Accounts	600.00
Chapel	859.93
Cottage	1,557.68
Money Borrowed For Capital Purposes	14,975.00
Sale of Junk or Materials	85.00
Total Receipts For Year	\$128,245.88
Total Cash To Account For	\$159,213.91

Disbursements

Salaries	\$ 16,283.65
Office Supplies	685.41
Telephone and Telegraph	669.12
Insurance	1,942.66
Board and Conference Expense	631.30
Financing and Publicity	1,713.74
Administrative Travel	471.35
Food	11,075.76
Clothing	5,810.12
Refunds and Adjustments	362.50
Laundry	443.26
Household Supplies	4,443.56
Recreation	161.54
Travel Relating To Care of Children	113.65
Health Supplies	1,534.10
Education Supplies	1,475.45
Fuel, Lights, Power, etc.	7,750.86
Plant Replacement and Repair	7,234.00
Farm Supplies	7,093.13
Farm Replacement and Repair	543.27
Replacement of Livestock	2,257.60
Young People's Friend	272.06
Repayments of Borrowed Money	5,000.00
Land Improvements	135.00
New Buildings and Additions to Old Buildings	66,255.88
New Equipment, Furniture, and Fixtures	9,508.02
Annuity Bond Payments	351.00
Total Disbursed For Year	\$154,217.99
Cash Balance on Hand 1 September 1954	4,995.92
Total Cash To Account For	\$159,213.91

Donated Commodities

Food	\$ 3,828.81
Clothing	183.28
Household Supplies	1,540.67
Other (Farm Supplies, seeds, hogs, etc.)	2,249.40
Total Donated Commodities Value	\$ 7,802.16

Concert Class Receipts

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager	\$ 7,552.42
Miss Zalene Lloyd, Manager	4,777.56
Total	\$12,329.98

BUDGET RECEIPTS FOR YEAR

Conference or Association	Raised 1953-54	Quota 1954-55
Western Conference	\$ 13,837.86	\$ 17,000.00
Eastern Conference	20,117.01	23,000.00
Central Conference	19,574.32	22,000.00
French Broad Association	1,697.10	3,000.00
Cape Fear Conference	5,039.30	7,000.00
Albemarle Conference	4,352.14	6,000.00
Jack's Creek Association	1,471.59	2,000.00
Piedmont Association	1,205.83	3,000.00
Pee Dee Association	718.16	1,500.00
Rockfish Conference	206.44	1,000.00
Yadkin Valley Association	144.50	500.00
Toe River Association	331.63	500.00
Western Yearly	15.00	100.00
Blue Ridge	30.05	2,000.00
Friends, Individuals, Miscellaneous	31,644.50	32,000.00
Totals	\$100,385.43	\$120,600.00

An offering for the Orphanage was received amounting to \$172.11. Prayer of thanks by Rev. Wayne Smith.

REPORT OF CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY, Inc.

Report from February 10, 1954 to September 1, 1954:

During this period we have entertained at Cragmont Assembly one convention, five (5) conference groups, and a two-weeks camp meeting, the last being sponsored by the Cragmont Board. We have had guests from the states of Michigan, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Kentucky, Tennessee, South Carolina, New York, and of course from North Carolina. Friends from the following denominations beside our own were among our guests: Southern Baptist, Independent Baptist, Missionary Alliance, Wesleyan Methodist, Christian, Presbyterian, Pentecostal Holiness, and Assembly of God. Perhaps there were some whose denominational identity were not known to us. We have entertained for one meal or more 573 people.

Total Receipts:

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 1,383.17
Room and Board	3,776.79
Insurance and Laundry Fees	338.20
Miscellaneous	2,590.75
Bus Fares	1,032.40
Loan	8,150.00

Total Receipts and Balance **\$17,271.31**

Expenditures:

Salaries (Pres., Mgr., and Treas.)	\$ 787.50
Other Salaries	1,358.92

Snack Shop	202.24
Board Expense	132.30
Bus Fares	1,032.40
Miscellaneous (includes repayment of \$3,150 Loan) ..	4,832.61
Telephone, Light, and Gas	312.11
Office Supplies	121.93
Operations Travel	166.32
Camp Insurance	207.50
Laundry	183.29
Tabernacle	5,430.41
Food	1,316.52

Total Expenditures 16,084.05

Balance for Year \$ 1,187.26

For information: Improved main assembly building by painting kitchen and dining room throughout, and all floors on first floor except one room and small hall, also painted all other halls. We purchased 16 mattresses and blinds for almost all windows on second and third floors.

JAMES A. EVANS, *President*

A motion to adopt the following resolution, recorded in the 1953 minutes, pages 29 and 30:

Be it resolved: that each conference belonging to State Convention select one representative and these representatives meet jointly to draw up a uniform examination for prospective candidates for license or ordination. And each conference be asked to adopt and execute same.

Expenses to be paid by each conference for their representative.

Motion to table all actions in reference to examinations for ministers in conflict with the above motion.

By motion, we accept an invitation to attend the Cape Fear Centennial Conference, with the President, Secretary and Chairman of each board in attendance.

Rev. L. R. Ennis led the congregation in singing "There is a Fountain."

The conventional sermon was delivered by Rev. Joe Fort, using as a text, James 5:7-12.

Benediction.

LUNCH

Afternoon devotions were conducted by Rev. L. B. Manning. Scripture reading, 1 Timothy 4:12, and prayer by Bro. Manning.

Rev. F. A. Rivenbark tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Superannuation and it was accepted.

N. C. STATE CONVENTION—TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 984.82
Receipts for 1953	1,582.66
Offering for Orphanage	168.24
Received for Promotional Work	834.73
Refund of postage from the different departments	94.80
Total Receipts	\$3,665.25

Expense for the Year

Orphanage (public offering)	\$ 168.24
Secretary expense	55.00
Minutes and Placard	322.34
National Association Fee	60.00
Executive Board Meetings	532.25
Promotional Work	1,895.04
Treasurer	25.00
<hr/>	
Total Expense for Year	3,057.87
<hr/>	
Balance in Bank September 1, 1954	\$ 607.38

ROM W. MALLARD, *Treasurer*

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

North Carolina State Convention, greetings:

We are pleased to report an inspiring session of the convention at Swannanoa, in April. Although the meeting was held in the extreme west, it was very well attended by representatives from every section of the state.

During this year we are endeavoring to carry on a state-wide program of publicity and field work, with the emphasis on Sunday School Missions. We are entering some new fields in which there are no Free Will Baptist churches, seeking to begin new Sunday schools, with the hope of development of churches.

Our United Program is meeting with increasing favor over the state.

Our next convention will be held with Mt. Allen Junior College and the third Eastern District Camp Ground. By action of the last convention, the date has been changed to Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in March.

REV. L. E. BALLARD, *Field Secretary*

A report of the North Carolina League Convention was given by Rev. C. H. Overman and it was received as information. (For detailed report, see the minutes of the North Carolina State League Convention.)

By motion, we express our appreciation to Brother Vernon, by a rising vote of thanks, for his courtesy and patience in presiding over this convention.

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The following ministers and layman were called to their reward since the 1953 session: Revs. R. C. Kennedy, Wade Calvert, J. R. Bennett, R. B. Spencer, and Mr. D. B. Sasser.

A moment of silent prayer, in memory of the above mentioned brethren, closed by Rev. J. A. Evans.

By motion, the minutes of the 1954 session be dedicated to the memory of the late D. B. Sasser and J. R. Bennett, and their photographs be inserted with the years they served as President of the convention.

An offering was received for Mt. Allen Junior College, amounting to \$43.00.

Report of Nominating Committee (See Officers elected).

By motion, we extend to Rev. W. B. Raper a vote of confidence as President of Mt. Allen College.

By motion, we withdraw our standing invitation to the National Association, to meet in North Carolina, until a future date.

The South Carolina State Convention requested that we send a delegate to their convention, for mutual fellowship. Rev. W. B. Raper was appointed.

Appointment of Credentials Committee for 1955:

Rev. Earl Glenn, Chairman, Rev. C. B. Hansley, Rev. Lee Whaley.
For report of the National Association, see Executive Committee report.

Report of United Program Committee

Your Committee on the United Program recommends the continuation of our State Seven Point Program during the year 1954-1955 with the following months designated as listed below:

February	Cragmont
March and April	Missions
June and July	Education
May and November	Orphanage
August	State Promotional Service
September	Church Finance Association, Inc.
October	Superannuation
Fifth Sundays	Mt. Allen Junior College

10% of all Sunday school funds to state Sunday school work.

Committee: W. B. RAPER

By motion, a rising vote of thanks be given to all retiring officers.

Adjournment and Benediction by Rev. C. J. Harris.

REV. LLOYD VERNON, *President*

REV. R. N. HINNANT, *Secretary*

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

North Carolina State Convention

Original Free Will Baptists

PREAMBLE

We, the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, assembled in order to advance, promote, and increase the cause of Jesus Christ, do establish and ordain this Constitution and these By-Laws.

Constitution

ARTICLE I

Section 1: This assembly shall be known as the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

Section 2: This Convention shall hold an annual session commencing on Wednesday after the second Sunday in September of each year. The place of such meetings to be determined by the Convention or the Executive Committee. Special sessions may be called by the Executive Committee in the event of the existence of needs of sufficient urgency.

ARTICLE II

Section 1: The officers of this Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Promotional Director, and Treasurer.

Section 2: The Convention shall be composed of the general officers, members of standing boards, committees or commissions, and all ordained ministers who belong to churches that are affiliated with the convention; one delegate from each church in good standing; one delegate from each Union Meeting, Conference or Association in good standing for every one thousand members or a fraction thereof.

By-Laws

ARTICLE I

Section 1: The work of this Convention shall be departmentalized, with a board of control over each department. Each board shall be governed by rules set forth by the Convention. It shall be the duty of the Convention to solicit the cooperation of the Conferences and Associations in promoting the work of these departments.

Section 2: All members of the Convention shall have a right of voice and vote on any issue before the body, providing they have been properly recognized by the Presiding Officer. They shall serve the Convention in any capacity when

called upon by the proper authority. Before membership in the Convention is established, all ministers and delegates must be properly registered.

ARTICLE II

Officers, Boards, Committees and the manner of their election

Section 1: **President:** The President shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. He shall not be elected to succeed himself.

Section 2: **Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

Section 3: **Recording Secretary:** The Recording Secretary shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

Section 4: **Assistant Recording Secretary:** The Assistant Recording Secretary shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

Section 5: **Promotional Director:** The Promotional Director shall be elected for a term of one (1) year under such contract as may be agreed upon by himself and the Convention or its Executive Committee. In case of a vacancy in this office between sessions of the Convention the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy until the next session.

Section 6: **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

Section 7: **Orphanage Board:** The Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex, shall be composed of nine (9) members with the terms of three members expiring each year, the vacancies to be filled by the Convention.

Section 8: **Board of Superannuation:** The Board of Superannuation shall be composed of five members with the term of one member expiring each year; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

Section 9: **Board of Missions:** The Board of Missions shall be composed of five (5) members with the term of one member expiring each year; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

Section 10: **Board of Christian Education:** The Board of Christian Education shall be composed of five (5) members with the term of one member expiring each year; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

Section 11: **Board of Trustees:** The Board of Trustees shall be composed of three (3) members with the term of one member expiring each year; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

Section 12: **Representatives of Cragmont Assembly Stock:** The Stock held by this Convention in Cragmont Assembly, Inc., shall be represented by three members with the term of one member expiring each year; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

Section 13: **Representatives of Free Will Baptist Press Stock:** The stock held by this Convention in the Free Will Baptist Press shall be represented by one member elected annually by the Convention.

Section 14: **Representative of Church Finance Association Stock:** The stock held by this Convention in the Church Finance Association, Inc., shall be represented by one member elected annually by the Convention.

Section 15: Historical Commission: The Historical Commission shall be composed of three members with the term of one member expiring each year; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

Section 16: Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and three members elected by the Convention for a term of two years.

Section 17: Board of Directors of Mount Allen College: The Board of Directors of Mount Allen College shall be composed of nine (9) members, with the terms of office of three (3) members expiring biennially; the vacancies to be filled by the Convention.

ARTICLE III

Duties and Responsibilities

Section 1: President: It shall be the duty of the President to preside over each session, preserve order, govern the body according to established parliamentary usage and appoint all temporary committees. He shall have power to declare any office of the Convention vacant, temporarily, subject to the approval of the Convention or the Executive Committee. He shall have authority to call meetings of the Executive Committee, when such is needful, and preside over said meetings.

The President shall be ex-officio member of all boards, standing committees and commissions of the Convention.

Section 2: Vice-President: The duties of the Vice-President shall be the duties of the President when that officer is not present.

Section 3: Recording Secretary: The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the transactions of the Convention and preserve the same, keep all valuable documents and surrender the same to his successor in office.

Section 4: Assistant Recording Secretary: The duties of the Assistant Recording Secretary shall be the duties of the Recording Secretary when that officer is not present and to assist the Recording Secretary when called upon.

Section 5: Promotional Director: The Promotional Director shall maintain an office for the purpose of centralizing the work of the Convention. He shall prepare statistical tables necessary to keep the Convention informed as to the growth and progress of the denomination. He shall work with the Convention, the Executive Committee, all boards, committees and commissions of the Convention in placing the work of the denomination before the various bodies of the state for their information and support; also perform any other promotional duties as directed by the Convention or the Executive Committee.

When designated by a board, committee or commission the Promotional Director shall receive and (or) pay out any money controlled by said board, committee or commission as directed by them.

The Promotional Director shall be ex-officio member of all boards, standing committees and commissions of the Convention.

Section 6: Treasurer: The Treasurer shall hold all money belonging to the Convention. He shall pay all bills ordered by the Convention or the Executive Committee; other bills paid must be approved by the President and Recording

Secretary. He shall give an annual report to the Convention; also make reports to the Executive Committee when called for.

Section 7: Orphanage Board: The Orphanage Board shall be responsible for the management and control of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex. It shall give an annual report to the Convention setting forth its progress, needs and achievements.

Section 8: Board of Superannuation: It shall be the purpose of this Board to organize and unify all superannuation work throughout this State Convention. They shall seek to provide for our aged, retired and infirm ministers in some form of a superannuation program; also seek to offer to our active ministers some program whereby they may help to provide for their future security and retirement.

Section 9: Board of Missions: The Board of Missions shall regulate and supervise all mission work under the control of this Convention. It shall co-operate with the Mission program of the National Association. It shall endeavor to raise money for missions and build sentiment favorable to missions.

Section 10: Board of Christian Education: The Board of Christian Education shall keep our people informed as to our educational needs; endeavor to promote the cause of, receive funds for and stimulate interest among our people in the cause of Christian Education. It shall be their duty to co-operate with the educational institutions of our denomination and use all funds for the best interest of Christian Education as directed by this Convention and the donors of funds for education.

Section 11: Board of Trustees: The Board of Trustees shall hold title to all property belonging to this Convention. It shall have power to convey such property when authorized by the Convention.

Section 12: Representatives of Cragmont Assembly Stock: The Representatives of the stock held by this Convention, in Cragmont Assembly, Inc., shall work jointly with representatives of other auxiliaries holding stock in said institution.

Section 13: Representatives of Free Will Baptist Press Stock: The Representative of the stock held by this Convention in the Free Will Baptist Press shall meet annually, or as often as called upon, with the stockholders of the Press at Ayden, N. C., to transact any business that may come before them.

Section 14: Representative of Church Finance Association Stock: The Representative of the Membership Stock held by this Convention in the Church Finance Association, Inc., shall meet annually, or as often as called upon, with the stockholders of the corporation for the purpose of transacting any business that may come before them.

Section 15: Historical Commission: The Historical Commission shall make research, compile same and record historical events of the denomination to date; these documents become the property of the Convention and shall be held by the Recording Secretary.

Section 16: Executive Committee: The work of the Executive Committee shall be that of the Convention when the Convention is not in session. It shall call as many sessions as necessary between the annual sessions of the Convention to trans-

act business. It shall have the authority to suspend any officer of the Convention when such officer proves a failure in duties, proves non-Christian or detrimental to the cause of Christ and appoint another to fill the vacancy; also fill vacancies made by any other cause.

The Executive Committee shall supervise the work of the Promotional Department between the annual sessions of the Convention as most practicable to our state work and in keeping with the expressed will of the annual session of the Convention.

A report of all transactions of this Committee shall be made to the Convention in annual session.

Section 17: Board of Directors of Mount Allen College: The Board of Directors of Mount Allen College shall be responsible for the management and operation of Mount Allen College under the Certificate of Incorporation granted by the State of North Carolina and the directives of this Convention. It shall propose any necessary amendments or revisions of said Certificate of Incorporation, which amendments or revisions shall be approved by this Convention before being put into force. It shall make an annual report to the Convention, setting forth its progress, needs and achievements. It shall have power to organize at will and to create such by-laws as may be deemed essential for its government and for the control, administration and promotion of the college, consistent with the provisions of its Certificate of Incorporation and the constitution and regulation of this State Convention.

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and these By-Laws shall not be changed or altered except by a two-thirds vote of members present in a regular session. All amendments shall lie on the table not less than six hours prior to adoption and shall, during that time, be read not less than twice in open Convention.

West Clinton	5.00	47	5,000	15	4	735			20	20	5		21	646	911	40	21	Sampson	
Wooten's Chapel		71	4,500	7		500												Wake	
Yelverton's Grove	10.00	112	5,000	2		212	11	31	42	10	11	10	10	638	188	87		Johnston	
<i>Central Conference</i>																			
Antioch	10.00	147	33,000	7	2	1,200	10	57	379	30			35	254	89	167		Wayne	
Aspin Grove	10.00	269	30,000	8	4	1,200	8	14	654	63								Wilson	
Ayden	10.00	261	37,000	11	8	3,767	10	75	578	241			45	10,324	637	32		Pitt	
Black Jack	25.00	422	35,000	31	5	1,825			575	323				16,475	1,500	39		Pitt	
Cedar Grove	4.00	75	4,000	11	4	480		3	18					3	658	66	16	Martin	
Daniel's Chapel	10.00	148	22,000	6	2	1,207	25	40	295	20	15	10	15	7,040	350	200		Wilson	
Dilda's Grove	10.00	67	3,500	2	4	640		17	197	97				1,332	463	174	140	Pitt	
Dawson's Grove	10.00	66	5,000		4	925	92	225	367	211	3	5	7	1,960	57	474	241	Halifax	
Edgewood	10.00	122	13,000	26	16	960		25	260									Edgecombe	
Elm Grove	10.00	343	75,000	13	7	1,320	49	75	730	99			8	12	645	96	205	Pitt	
Free Union	10.00	437	28,000	31	14	3,000	5	41	1,100	103	38	24	1,348	3,592	605	1,058	15	Greene	
Grace	10.00	178	25,000	173	1	3,819								7,000	2,000	312		Pitt	
Greenville	25.00	697	35,000	105	8	4,200		606	2,062	1,589	6	6	12	9,006	3,656	1,089	103	Pitt	
Grifton	3.00	49	5,000	25	5	360		5	36					8	5,412	88	19	Pitt	
Grimsley	10.00	180	15,000	7	9	960	22	110	489	105	16		34	1,919	468	742		Greene	
Howell Swamp	5.00	137	15,000	3	7	1,250	20	82	496	64	15		35	3,245	286	235		Greene	
Hugo	10.00	227	16,500	8	10	851		22	134	108	23		8	1,219	85	115		Lenoir	
Hull Road	25.00	501	45,000	37	14	3,000	177	730	1,930	963	100	20	231	8,719	1,374	635	198	Greene	
LaGrange	10.00	116	1,000	9	7	910	13	87	254	50			22		272	87		Lenoir	
Ormondsville	10.00	337	13,000	6	5	700	10		175	48			10		720			Greene	
Owen's Chapel	10.00	165	20,000	21	4	1,080	5	5	192	13	5	10	37	1,900	477			Wilson	
Parker's Chapel	5.00	190	20,000	22	7	480			224	50				1,533	1,000	626		Pitt	
Piney Grove	10.00	91	2,000	6	2	516		6	113	13	1		1	1,053	148	10	42	Beaufort	
Piney Grove	10.00	224	21,000	3	6	665		36	435	10	20		11	1,378	559	213		Pitt	
Pleasant Hill	5.00	80	12,000		2	1,400		55	187	108	20	8	20	2,426	423	57		Pitt	
Reedy Branch	25.00	270	45,000	17	2	3,600		672	717	331				6,896	773			Pitt	
Rose Hill	5.00	290	20,000	45	18	2,100			581	308			60		80	60		Pitt	
Rose of Sharon	10.00	141	6,000	1	1	1,060		50	102	40			20	3,560					
Rocky Mount	5.00	149	25,000	20	12	3,158	19	108	176	254		697	70	5,041	2,426	943	196	Edgecombe	
Saratoga		216	8,000	2	10	1,300		10	136					1,974	68	136	78	Wilson	
Spring Branch	5.00	225	11,500	2	3	1,200	15	45	442	20	10	15	45					Greene	
Sweet Gum Grove	10.00	191	10,000	6	10	1,200	10	10	806	334	10	10	10	5,891	504	220		Pitt	
Tarboro	5.00	105	25,000	105	2	2,981		54	99	40	5	3	6	7,300	749	426	30	Edgecombe	
Walnut Creek	5.00	94	5,000	8	1	577	4	39	181	65			25	1,617	101	239	103	Wayne	
Williamston		54	7,500	32					4					695	145	105		Martin	
Winterville	10.00	197	25,000	15	6	1,180			117	150	40		25					Pitt	
<i>Eastern Conference</i>																			
Arapahoe	10.00	237	15,000	6	23	1,440	35	100	600	200	30	20	25	8,424				Pamlico	
Beaufort	10.00	134	40,000	5		1,560		35	300	37			10					Carteret	
Bethel	10.00	70	7,000	3	3	720	18	25	161	39	14	10	20	3,766				Pamlico	
Bethlehem	20.00	108	3,500	9															Duplin
Beulaville	20.00	188	5,000	3	2	1,080		20	844	100	10		5	1,804	1,804	40		Duplin	
Bridgeton	25.00	197	35,000	22	17	1,300	70	94	270	37		27	45	2,210	2,259	2,935	400	Craven	
British Chapel	10.50	157	7,000	6	6	420		20	81	10			18	647	16	302		Lenoir	
Cabin	10.00	128	10,000	7	7	1,095	5	57	332				6	3,962	304	662		Duplin	
Christian Chapel	5.00	171	5,000	5	5	875	21	57	421	25	15	18	36	1,985		55		Lenoir	
Community Chapel	10.00	33	500	15		20													Onslow
Core Creek	15.00	270	30,000	12	14	1,500	12	492	181	190	16							Craven	
Core Point	2.50	28				315			50										Beaufort
Croatan	5.00	101	10,000	2	2	324		6	112	16			9	448	226			Craven	
Dailay's Chapel	5.00	190	2,500	1		720		25	308		5			2,612	887	200		Lenoir	

Cramerton	10.00	242	94,100	29	5	5,200		695	471	435			60	34,442	420	1,101		Gaston
First Free Will Baptist	5.00	101	50,000	40	2	3,000		50	50	40						500	50	Gaston
Goshen	10.00	291	80,000	9	5	4,680	100	174	183	50				12,722	100	85	340	Gaston
Lowell		201	106,000	44	17	3,900		21	5	94				6,978	21			Gaston
Marion	5.00	338	51,000	40	6	4,775		1,015	54	244				2,134		365		McDowell
Mt. Zion	5.00	241				3,477		800	321									Cabarrus
<i>Rock Fish Association</i>																		
Mt. Moriah	10.00	22	7,000			206				58			10	222	208			Richmond
<i>Western Conference</i>																		
Barnes Hill	5.00	163	4,000	4	5	551				118				1,539	151			Nash
Black Jack Grove	5.00	41	2,800	5	3	360				81			5					Wayne
Black Jack Grove	5.00	41	2,800	5	3	360				81			5					Wayne
Branch Chapel	10.00	311	10,000	7	17	871	10	20	582	20	10	10	25	3,310	235			Johnston
Calvary	5.00	75	15,000	4	6	3,380		348	138	165			30					Durham
Calvary	5.00	39	1,000	39	1	60				5								Wilson
Edgemont	10.00	609	113,000	144	16	5,200	50	2,549	680	1,300	25	100	200	36,980	1,800		130	Durham
Elwood Lane	10.00	181	45,000	16	2	3,710		25	109	15			10	10,968	604	680	72	Cabarrus
Everett's Chapel	5.00	125	5,000	15	8	2,500		204	174				21	3,198	880	204		Johnston
Friendship	10.00	191	15,000	8	11	900	20	6	487	123	12	11	54	2,028	444	254		Johnston
Holly Springs	10.00	230		5	11	500		30	186	45		10	10					Johnston
Kenly	15.00	191	30,000	2	10	840	34	176	434	41			36					Johnston
King's Chapel	15.00	109	6,000	5	1	425			71		7			392	400			Durham
Little Rock	15.00	252	50,000	10	10	900	10	84	565	25			94	4,534	380	1,167		Wilson
Marsh Swamp	20.00	326	55,000	19	3	3,640	45	123	860	174	55	38	71	7,410	783	345	121	Wilson
Micro	20.00	256	62,100	3	7	840	40	127	816	79	59	25	30	838	189	176		Johnston
Milbourny	5.00	70	4,000	2	1	455			210					744	35	80		Wilson
Mt. Zion	10.00	168	12,000	5	5	600	10	25	133	12			25	1,997	29	75	35	Nash
Mt. Zion	5.00	125	4,000	4	5	600			60					1,000	100	100		Wilson
New Sandy Hill	5.00	114	4,000	9	11	300	9	12	185	20	4	4	4	623	185			Wilson
Oak Grove		118	5,000	22	6	1,200			166								94	Durham
Oak Grove	4.00	37	800	1	2	200			15									Wilson
Orphanage	5.00	45	75,000	11	3	250	5	5	5	105	5	5	5	372	15			Nash
Pine Level	10.00	300	50,000	3	5	1,300			33	89			28					Johnston
Piney Grove	10.00	196	10,000	8	11	565	17	50	160	125	14		65					Johnston
Pleasant Grove	10.00	234	17,500	7	13	600	10	86	449	90	18		21	4,005	1,597	1,852		Wayne
Pleasant Hill	5.00	73	5,000	16	4	420	5	10	78	10	5		10	1,003	210	39		Wayne
Pleasant Plain		237	12,000	19	50	900	41	134	696	133	25	25	56	3,606	658	285	77	Johnston
Rains' Cross Roads	15.00	292	25,000	4	12	600	50	67	567	75	50	35	25					Johnston
Rock Spring	5.00	65	2,000	16	2	320	6	22	222	10	1	8	1	712	168	60		Nash
Rose Bud	5.00	71	6,000	4	1	757	6	9	117	158	2	2	7	1,416	294	133	75	Wilson
Selma	10.00	96		4	4	900	20	20	135	20	10							Johnston
Shady Grove	5.00	187	62,000	17	1	3,512		460	729	108				4,785	1,300	400	156	Durham
Sherron Acres		442		30	4	4,615		135	259					25,174	555	76		Durham
Spring Hill	10.00	53	6,000		1	480		25	109	25	10	10	13					Wayne
St.'s Delight	5.00	248	15,000	28	3	1,320		180	22					3,158	785			Franklin
St. Mary's	10.00	212	28,000	1	3	1,500	43	278	313	24	20	20	56	4,450	608	784		Wilson
Stancil's Chapel	10.00	147	15,000	4	5	360	10	60	477	20	10	10	15	1,120	411	141	5	Johnston
Stoney Creek	15.00	130	12,000			1,200	33	36	386	148	10	5	55	3,172	772	1,000		Wayne
Stony Hill	5.00	100	7,500	1		420			42					434	217	126		Nash
Tippett's Chapel	10.00	105	10,000		7	960	30		438	31	44			1,686	878			Wake
Union Chapel	5.00	49	2,000			322			52		10		5	754	15			Nash
Union Grove	10.00	259	7,000	2	3	1,395	89	226	639	160			60					Wayne
White Oak Hill	10.00	181	7,000	15	5	655	3	6	100	2	2	4	6	4,440	19	147	120	Nash
Wilson		423		27	19	3,380		22	383	90		25	60	10,586	2,711	702		Wilson
First Union	25.00	4,482					29	209	820	621	191		4					
No Name	10.00	78	5,000	2		300			61					753	125			

