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Reverend Samuel T. Long, Secretary

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General Information

Conference Fiscal Year closes July 15, 1961; Local Fiscal Year closes June 30. All budgets should be paid monthly, or in advance. Final remittances to the Conference treasurers must be postmarked not later than July 5.

Where to Send Funds:

1. For General and Conference Budgets, including Sunday School Budgets and Camp Meeting pledges:

Rev. Roy E. Crawford, 303 S. Pleasant Street, Princeton, Illinois.

2. For Pension Fund Budget:

Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Houghton, New York.

3. For special denominational Sunday School offerings:

Dr. Paul Kindschi, Box 2000, Marion, Indiana.

4. For W. M. S.:

Mrs. Edna Hill, 1040 Augusta Street, Oak Park, Illinois.

5. For Y. M. W. B.:

Mrs. Norma Jean Craker, 2108 W. Iowa Street, Chicago 22, Illinois.

6. For Wesleyan Youth:

Mrs. Ida Craker, 5231 W. Ferdinand, Chicago 44, Illinois.

7. For Card Call:

Rev. V. A. Mitchell, Box 2000, Marion, Indiana.

All Annual Conference Reports presented at the 1961 Annual Conference are to be neatly typewritten, and handed to the Conference Secretary immediately upon presentation.

1960 - 1961 Organization of the Illinois Conference
of The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America

OFFICERS

President	Rev. A. L. Bray, 1406 School St., Rockford	Ill.
Vice President	Rev. F. J. Gearhart, 920 E. Dawes Ave., Wheaton,	Ill.
Secretary	Rev. S. T. Long, 136 Summit St., Apt. 4, Rockford,	Ill.
Treasurer	Rev. R. E. Crawford, 303 S. Pleasant St., Princeton,	Ill.
Treasurer, Pension Plan Fund	Mr. S. H. Paine, Houghton College, Houghton,	N. Y.
Illinois Trustee, Marion College	Rev. A. L. Bray	
Alternate Trustee	Rev. C. E. Olander, 875 N. Farnham, Galesburg,	Ill.
Educational Secretary	Rev. C. D. Kramer, Box 62, Wyanet,	Ill.
Sunday School Secretary	Rev. W. D. Craker, 2108 W. Iowa, Chicago 22,	Ill.
Director of Child Evangelism	Mrs. Evelyn Mimmaugh, 526 E. Thompson, Hoopston,	Ill.
Tithing Secretary	Rev. Arthur Mimmaugh, 526 E. Thompson, Hoopston,	Ill.
Statistical Secretary	Rev. David Crail, 546 Landmeier, Elk Grove Village,	Ill.
Editor, The Illinois Tidings	Rev. A. L. Bray	
Boys and Girls Clubs Secretary	Mr. D. E. Elliot, 814 S. 8th Avenue, Maywood,	Ill.

COMMITTEES

Conference Missionary Board (The Board of Managers)

Rev. A. L. Bray, Conference President; Rev. C. E. Olander, Rev. S. A. Hill, Mr. S. H. Paine, Mr. W. F. Tice, Trustees; Rev. F. J. Gearhart, Rev. D. C. Durey, Mr. E. R. Dyer, Mr. F. Hanes.

Conference Trustees

Rev. A. L. Bray (1963), Rev. C. E. Olander (1962), Rev. S. A. Hill (1961), Mr. W. F. Tice (1963), Mr. S. H. Paine (1961).

Committee on Church and Parsonage Building Location

The Conference Missionary Board.

Committee on Itinerary and Orders

Rev. S. A. Hill (1964), Rev. A. L. Bray (1961), Rev. C. E. Olander (1962), Rev. W. D. Craker (1963).

Judiciary Committee

Rev. A. L. Bray, Rev. F. J. Gearhart, Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Rev. R. W. Klatt.

Board of Superannuate Minister's Aid

Rev. C. E. Olander (1963), Rev. R. A. Strawser (1961), Rev. W. D. Craker (1962).

Conference Educational Committee

Rev. C. D. Kramer, Educational Secretary; Rev. Robert Zuhl, Conference Wesleyan Youth President; Rev. A. L. Bray, Conference President and Trustee of Marion College; Mrs. Rachel Bray, Conference W. M. S. President; Mrs. Norma Craker, Superintendent of the Illinois Conference Young Missionary Workers' Band.

Sunday School Board

Rev. W. D. Craker, Conference Sunday School Secretary; Rev. R. A. Strawser (1962), Rev. R. L. Zuhl (1961), Mr. Al Churchill (1961), Mr. Orville Senger (1962).

Nominations (of Conference Session Committees)

Committee on the Orders of the Day and two lay delegates chosen in the alphabetical order of the churches.

Committee on Vacancies

Rev. F. J. Gearhart, Chairman; Rev. C. E. Olander, Rev. S. A. Hill, Mr. W. F. Tice, Mr. Richard Priest.

Camp Meeting Committee

Rev. A. L. Bray, Conference President, Chairman; Mrs. Rachel Bray, Conference W. M. S. President; Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Conference Wesleyan Youth President; Rev. R. E. Crawford, Rev. F. J. Gearhart; Rev. R. A. Strawser, Mr. Lloyd Wallace, Mr. George Durey.

Boys and Girls Clubs Committee

Mr. Dwight Elliot, Chairman; Mrs. Ida Craker, Mr. Richard Mould, Mr. Percy Hamilton.

Committee on Orders of the Day

The President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Illinois Conference.

Statistical Committee

Rev. D. D. Crail, Statistical Secretary, Chairman; Rev. R. E. Crawford, Treasurer; Rev. Philip Crail, Mrs. D. D. Crail, Rev. Irwin Reist.

President's Advisory Board

Rev. F. J. Gearhart, Mr. W. F. Tice.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP

Elders on the Stationed List

Rev. A. L. Bray, 1406 School Street, Rockford, Illinois.	Conference Phone Woodland 3-6818
Rev. David D. Crail, 546 Landmeier Road, Elk Grove Village, Illinois.	Phone Woodland 3-0616
Rev. Wendel D. Craker, 2108 W. Iowa St., Chicago 22, Illinois.	Phone Elmstead 7-0974
Rev. Roy E. Crawford, 303 S. Pleasant St., Princeton, Illinois.	Phone Brunswick 8-4232
Rev. Francis A. Davis, 388-3 Chome, Kashawagi Cho, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan.	Phone Princeton 2-6182
Rev. Daren C. Durey, 351 Robert St., Creve Coeur, Illinois.	* Phone Peoria 4-2661
Rev. Forrest J. Gearhart, 920 E. Dawes Ave., Wheaton, Illinois.	Phone Montrose 5-0100
Rev. Stanley A. Hill, 1040 Augusta St., Oak Park, Illinois.	Phone Euclid 6-1760
Rev. Robert W. Klatt, 1105 S. Sixth Avenue, Maywood, Illinois	Phone Fillmore 4-9684
Rev. Cletus D. Kramer, Box 62, Wyand, Illinois	Phone Wyand 2831
Rev. Samuel T. Long, 7000 E. Harrison Ave., Rockford, Illinois	Phone Woodland 8-0292
Rev. Ronald E. Mullen, 4000 Massachusetts, N. W., Apt. 221, Washington, D. C.	
Rev. Carl E. Olander, 875 N. Farnham Street, Galesburg, Illinois.	Phone Dickens 2-5753
Rev. Ray A. Strawser, 501 N. Leamington Avenue, Chicago 44, Illinois.	Phone Columbus 1-6677
Rev. Vernon W. Swanson, Bendembu, Via Makeni, Sierra Leone, West Africa.	
Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, 9101 S. Menard St., Oak Lawn, Illinois.	Phone Garden 4-0995

Conference Preachers

Rev. Robert Fisher, 3212 N. Prospect Road, Peoria, Illinois.	* Phone Peoria 5-7441
Rev. Glen Klaana, 5669 W. 88th St., Oak Lawn, Illinois.	Phone Garden 5-5287
Rev. Clarence C. McCarty, Box 475, Sheffield, Illinois.	Phone Sheffield 3731
Rev. Mrs. Ivanelle McCarty, Box 475, Sheffield, Illinois.	Phone Sheffield 3731
Rev. Arthur P. Mianough, 526 E. Thompson, Hoopeston, Illinois.	Phone Hoopeston 1524
Rev. Irwin Reist, 500 E. Laramie Avenue, Chicago 44, Illinois.	Phone Columbus 1-6677
Rev. George L. Thomson, 11045 S. Midbrook Ave., Chicago 28, Ill.	Phone Commodore 4-1524

Reserve Elder

Rev. James A. Blaine, 106 Spring Street, Wilmore, Kentucky. (Later transferred to the Michigan Conference.)

Unstationed Elder

Rev. Orrille E. Price, Box 115, University Park, Iowa.

* Note: After September 21, 1960, Peoria and Creve Coeur phones will be changed to an all number system. Kindly check with the brethren involved.

STANDING RULES

- I. Conference President. Resolved, 1) That the Conference President be required, authorized and appointed to travel the Conference as President, having general supervision of the spiritual interests and benevolences thereof, holding at least one service at each church during the year under such date as he may announce in advance;
- 2) That he shall raise funds to meet the demands of the Conference work, assisted by the pastors, and he shall receive contributions for Missions, Education and Supernatural Ministers, where there are no pastors;
- 3) That he shall have general supervision of the church property, and shall inquire into the titles of the same to see that no property is loosely held, and shall look after the rental of Conference property, and see that the rent is turned into the treasury, and he shall investigate the possibility and feasibility of the sale of property not in use, and report his findings to the Board of Trustees and to the next annual conference;
- 4) That he shall be authorized to grant letters to disbanded classes;
- 5) That he shall be required to write non-resident members of Conference asking them, in case they cannot attend, to write the conference a letter of greeting and state the condition of their religious experience;
- 6) That he shall devote as much time as possible and as occasion may afford in evangelistic and other meetings in the Conference;
- 7) That he may engage such help from time to time as may be available, and as he may consider properly qualified to assist in holding evangelistic and quarterly meetings, such help to be remunerated from the Conference Missions Fund.
- 8) That he shall represent the Conference at the annual conventions of the National Holiness Association and the National Association of Evangelicals or appoint an alternate.
- II. Trustees. 1) Authorization. Resolved, that the duly-elected and qualified Trustees of the Illinois Conference are hereby authorized and directed to sign for the purchase, sale, mortgaging and conveyance of real estate recommended by the annual conference or, during the interim between the sessions of annual conference, by the Missionary Board which is the board of managers of the Illinois Conference. All such action or actions of the Trustees in compliance with the recommendations of the Missionary Board shall be deemed to be legal and binding upon the Illinois Conference, and of as full force and effect as they would have been if such actions on the part of the Trustees had been specially authorized by the annual conference.
- 2) Annual Report. Resolved, that the Trustees present to Conference an annual report of official acts and of assets and liabilities of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, an Illinois corporation.
- III. Missionary Board. 1) Membership. Resolved, that the Illinois Conference Missionary Board be composed of nine members, five of which shall be ministers and four laymen; that in said number the Conference Trustees shall be included as members ex-officio, as well as the ex-officio members declared in the Discipline.
- 2) Duties. Resolved, (a) That the Missionary Board is hereby authorized to pay out all monies from the Conference Missions Fund, and during the interim between Conference sessions to act as a Committee on Finance; (b) That the Missionary Board act as the Conference Committee on Church and Parsonage Location.
- IV. Annual Conference. 1) Date. Resolved, that the annual conference begin on the first Thursday after July 27th, at 1:30 p.m., and close the following Saturday night; that Camp Meeting begin on the following Sunday and continue for eight days, including two Sundays.
- 2) Fiscal Year. Resolved that the Conference Fiscal Year close July 15th; that each local church fiscal year close June 30th.
- 3) Budget Items. Resolved, that all Treasurers shall mark receipts "Budget" or "Not Budget."
- 4) Committee on Statistics. Resolved, that a Standing Committee on Statistics be elected, consisting of a Conference Statistical Secretary, the Conference Treasurer, two other ministerial and one lay member; that two lay members be elected at the opening of annual conference.
- 5) Statistical Report. Resolved, that no remittances postmarked later than July 5th shall apply on the church statistical report; that by July 15th each pastor shall submit to the chairman of the Statistical Committee his budget check sheet with receipts covering same, and his statistical blank completed except for the budget section; that the Statistical Committee fill in on the statistical blanks the budget items, both assigned and raised; that other items which are obviously incorrect be checked with the pastor.
- 6) Audit. Resolved, that a competent auditor shall be appointed each year by the Committee on Finance to audit the books of the Conference.
- 7) Sunday Schools. Resolved, that each additional Sunday School under the pastoral oversight of a Wesleyan Methodist pastor shall be reported on a separate annual statistical report blank, provided each Sunday School has been recognized by the Conference Missionary Board.

8) Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid. Resolved, that the Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid be composed of three members, each elected by the conference for a three year term of office, the terms to expire in successive years.

9) Orders of the Day Committee. Resolved, that the President, Vice President and Secretary of Conference shall constitute the Orders of the Day Committee.

10) Leave. Resolved, that no member shall leave Conference session without permission of the president; that no ministerial member shall without special permission leave camp after the annual meetings until all responsibilities of the Conference are discharged, including camp clean-up.

11) Conference Officers. Resolved, that the officers be installed during annual conference at a public service announced in advance; office to take effect at the rise of conference.

12) Minutes. Resolved, (a) That the Conference President and Secretary constitute a committee to edit and publish the annual conference minutes; (b) That the cost of printing the annual conference minutes be paid out of the Conference Fund; (c) That the total number of minutes to be printed be ascertained on the basis of family units among the membership and active constituency, who shall each be mailed a copy.

13) N.H.A. and N.A.E. Resolved, that the Illinois Conference maintain a membership in the National Holiness Association and the National Association of Evangelicals.

V. Camp Meeting. 1) Authorization. Resolved, that there be held an annual Camp Meeting and that it be under the direction of a Camp Meeting Committee elected by the Illinois Conference, and that the Conference President, as chairman, the Conference W. Y. President, and the Conference W.M.S. President be members ex-officio of said Camp Meeting Committee.

2) Committee Duties. Resolved, (a) That camp grounds and buildings be under the care of the Camp Meeting Committee; (b) That the camp Meeting Committee have charge of the Camp Meeting Fund and appoint a treasurer to receive all monies and make all authorized disbursements from the same; (c) That the Camp Meeting Committee shall have power to engage workers beyond the present year.

3) Camp Meeting Fund. Resolved, (a) That all pledges and cash received during the sessions of Conference and Camp Meeting be placed in the Camp Meeting Fund unless otherwise designated; (b) That the incidental expenses of the annual conference while in session be paid from the Camp Meeting Fund.

VI. Ministers. 1) Pastoral Service Report. Resolved, that each pastor of the Illinois Conference shall report to his quarterly conference each quarter the total of his home calls, hospital calls, pastoral conferences and church business calls, and that the total of these items be reported to annual conference and be included in the annual statistics.

2) Pastors' Support During Conference. Resolved, that it be our plan that all pastors remain on their charges for one Sunday after annual conference and camp meeting and that the church's financial obligation to the pastor, whether he be leaving the field or not, be extended through that Sunday.

3) Moving Pastors. Resolved, that each charge make provisions for the moving expenses of the incoming pastor immediately after the annual conference adjourns.

4) Illness or Death. Resolved, that the Conference President be notified by the local church secretary in case of critical illness or death in a minister's home, and that he shall send cards at once to the other ministers.

5) Minister's Vacation. Resolved that the Conference President and all pastors be given a two-week's vacation with pay, including two Sundays.

6) Ministerial Convention. Resolved, that there be held a Ministerial Convention from the third Tuesday evening to the following Thursday noon of February each year. Resolved further that the place of meeting and the program presented be left in the hands of the Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

7) Mandatory Membership in Pension Plan. Resolved, that it shall be the duty of each pastor to maintain membership in the Denominational Pension Plan or the Federal Social Security Plan. It is urged that all members presently on the roll join the Denominational Pension Plan; membership shall be mandatory upon new members accepting employment in the Illinois Conference after the rise of the 1959 session. It is urged that assistant pastors join the plan, paying their own assessments, or arranging with their churches to do so. The pastor's annual pension report shall be sent to the Conference Pension Treasurer no later than July 15th of each year.

VII. Miscellaneous. 1) Conference Paper. Resolved, that the Conference publish a monthly paper called "The Illinois Tidings"; that the Conference President shall be designated Editor-in-Chief, and that the heads of the Conference auxiliary organizations be designated contributing editors.

2) Conference Prayer Interests. Resolved, that the information concerning coming revival meetings and other special prayer needs be published in the conference paper.

3) Expense of Conference Officers. Resolved, that all incidental expenses of all Conference Officers, Committees, Official Boards and helpers shall be paid by the Conference Treasurer when approved by the President.

4) Committee on Nominations. Resolved, that there be a standing Committee on Nominations elected to nominate the Conference Committees in advance of Annual Conference; that this Committee be composed of the Orders of the Day Committee and two lay delegates to next Annual Conference; and that these delegates be chosen in the alphabetical order of their churches.

Eleventh Annual Sessionof the Illinois ConferenceRECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Voting Members Seated:

<u>Austin (Chicago):</u>		<u>Oak Lawn:</u>	
Rev. A. L. Bray	(1-7)	Rev. Robert Zuhl	(1-7)
Rev. Irwin Reist	(1-7)	Mrs. Meryl Biggane	(1-7)
Mr. A. N. Carstensen	(1-7)		
Miss Mary Tolbert	(1-7)	<u>Oak Park:</u>	
		Mr. Richard Priest	(2-7)
<u>Crave Coeur:</u>		Mr. Frank Hames	(3-7)
Rev. D. C. Durey	(1-7)		
Mr. Herman Custer	(1-7)	<u>Peoria:</u>	
		Rev. Cletus Kramer	(1-7)
<u>Elk Grove Village:</u>		Mrs. Alice Woodhouse	(1-7)
Rev. David Crail	(1-7)		
Mrs. Barbara Crail	(1-7)	<u>Princeton:</u>	
		Rev. Roy E. Crawford	(1-7)
<u>Galesburg:</u>		Mr. Charles Krager	(1-7)
Rev. Carl E. Olander	(1-7)		
Mr. George Durey	(1-7)	<u>Rockford, First:</u>	
		Rev. William H. Dyer	(1-7)
<u>Hoopeston:</u>		Mr. William F. Tice	(3-7)
Rev. Arthur Minnaugh	(1-7)		
Mrs. Evelyn Minnaugh	(1-7)	<u>Roseland (Chicago):</u>	
		Mr. S. Hugh Paine	(1-7)
<u>Harrison Avenue (Rockford):</u>			
Rev. Samuel T. Long	(1-7)	<u>Sheffield:</u>	
Mr. Percy Hamilton	(1-7)	Rev. C. C. McCarty	(5-7)
<u>Hoyle Avenue (Chicago):</u>		<u>Wheaton:</u>	
Rev. W. D. Craker	(1-7)	Rev. Forrest Gearhart	(1-7)
Mr. Frank Geniuk	(1-7)	Mr. Al Churchill	(3-7)
<u>Maywood:</u>		<u>Wyanet:</u>	
Rev. Robert W. Klatt	(1-7)	Rev. Stanley Hill	(1-7)
Mr. Norman Lenerville	(1-7)	Miss Linda Dyer	(1-7)

Meetings attended are indicated between Parentheses.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGSFirst Meeting. 1:30 p.m., Thursday, July 28, 1960.

1. Opening. The eleventh annual session of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America was convened in the Chicago - Austin Wesleyan Methodist Church, 500 North Laramie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on July 28, 1960, at 1:30 p.m., CDT. The Conference President, the Reverend Arthur L. Bray, led the conference in the singing of a song of old tradition, "And are We Yet Alive, and See Each Other's Face?", by Charles Wesley. The Reverend Robert Zuhl, of the Chicagoland Oak Lawn Church, led in prayer.

2. Communion Service. The Reverend Carl Olander, pastor of the Galesburg Church brought the communion message, basing his thoughts on Matthew 26:20-25. In presenting to the conference the sanctity of the act of communion on the part of the worshippers, Rev. Olander emphasized this central theme: "We meet here to share together, and to have impressed upon our hearts, that which Christ has done for us." Admonitions and prayers for the believer found in the communion ritual were read from the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline by the following pastors: Rev. William H. Dyer of the Rockford First Church, the Rev. Daren C. Durey of Crave Coeur, the Rev. Stanley Hill of Wyanet, and the Rev. Forrest Gearhart of Wheaton. Communion was served first to the ministers, and then to the laymen, by the conference President, Rev. A.L. Bray, and the conference Vice-President, Rev. William H. Dyer. As communion was being served the conference sang "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood". The service was blessed by the unusual presence of the Holy Spirit as ministers and laymen alike communed with God.

3. Conference Sermon. The conference sermon was brought by the Rev. David D. Crail, pastor of the newly organized church at Elk Grove Village. He brought to the attention of the conference the three exhortations of the writer to the Hebrews (Hebrews 10:12-25) when he wrote, "Let us draw near", "Let us hold fast", and "Let us consider one another". In spite of these trying times, Rev. Crail admonished, we have a Christ who is interceding for our needs to an All Sufficient Father.

4. Opening of Business Session. The President called the meeting to order for the business session.

5. Roll Call. Twelve elders were present to answer the first Roll Call. (See Record of Attendance.)

6. Bar of Conference. The first five rows of the two center sections of pews were declared the bar of conference, and the elders were seated within the bar.

7. Conference Preachers Eligible to Vote. By prevailing motion a partial report of the Committee on Itineracy and Orders was approved, declaring that the following conference preachers would be eligible to vote: Rev. Cletus D. Kramer, Rev. C. C. McCarty, Rev. Arthur P. Mimnaugh, and Rev. Irwin Reist. (See Report No. 1.)

8. Credentials Committee. Rev. Wendel D. Craker and Rev. Robert W. Klatt were elected the Credentials Committee.

9. Report of Credentials Committee. Delegates' credentials were collected and presented to the conference. Motion prevailed that these delegates be admitted to the bar. (See Record of Attendance.)

10. Courtesy Committee. Rev. Cletus D. Kramer and Rev. William H. Dyer were elected the Courtesy Committee.

11. Report of Courtesy Committee. The Courtesy Committee presented the following people to the conference: Mrs. Cletus Kramer of Peoria, Rev. Irwin Reist of Chicago - Austin, Mr. Herman Kuster of Creve Coeur, Miss Mary Tolbert of Chicago - Austin, Rev. Willard Archer of Park Forrest, the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Mimnaugh of Hoopeston, Mrs. Meryl Biggans of Oak Lawn, Miss Linda Byer of Wyandot, and Mrs. Alice Woodhouse of Peoria.

12. Report of the Orders of the Day Committee. Copies of the report of the Orders of the Day Committee were distributed and the secretary read the report, which was adopted by vote, with revision. (See Report No. 2.)

13. Nominating Committee. The conference elected the following Nominating Committee by vote: Rev. A. L. Bray, chairman; Rev. W. D. Craker; Rev. William H. Dyer; Mr. Charles Krager; and Mr. Norman Lennerville.

14. Adjournment. Motion prevailed that the conference adjourn for committee work, to meet again at the call of the chair. Mr. A. N. Carstensen dismissed with prayer.

15. Adjourned meeting. The conference was convened by President Bray at 4:30 p.m.

16. Report of Courtesy Committee. The Courtesy Committee presented a lay visitor, Mr. Theodore Reigling, of Maywood, to the conference.

17. Report of Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee presented Mrs. Evelyn Mimnaugh of Hoopeston to the conference, who was seated within the bar by vote.

18. Report of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Charles Krager presented the report of the Nominating Committee to the conference. The report was approved by vote. (See Report No. 3.)

19. New Meeting Place. By common consent it was agreed that the conference would meet in Hazel Hall, the downstairs auditorium, for the remainder of the conference sessions because of the extremely hot weather.

20. Adjournment. Motion prevailed that the meeting be adjourned. The session was closed with prayer by Rev. Cletus D. Kramer.

Second Meeting. 7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 28, 1960.

1. Opening. President Bray called the conference to order. Rev. William H. Dyer brought

a devotional message based on II Cor. 12:1-8.

2. Partial Report of the Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee presented the following people to the conference: Mrs. Valerie Oates of Chicago-Hoyne Avenue; Mr. Richard Priest of Oak Park; Mr. S. Hugh Paine of the Chicago-Roseland Church; and Mr. Frank Hanes of Oak Park. These delegates were received by vote and admitted to the bar.

3. Roll Call. The secretary called the roll, with fifteen ministers and fifteen lay delegates answering to their names.

4. Report of Conference President. Rev. William H. Dyer, Vice-President, assumed the chair while President Bray read the report of the Conference President. Motion prevailed to approve this report. (See Report No. 4.)

5. Recommendations of Conference President. President Bray recommended that Elder Donald Edwards of the Kansas Conference be received as an elder of the Illinois Conference. This was adopted unanimously by the elders present. President Bray further recommended that Mr. Robert Fisher, a theological graduate from Marion College, who has been called by the Peoria Church to be their pastor, be referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders for recommendation to the Pastoral Relations Committee. Motion prevailed.

6. Report of Missionary Board, the Board of Managers. President Bray brought the Report of the Missionary Board, the Board of Managers. Especial mention was made of the recently organized churches: Elk Grove Village; Rockford-Harrison Ave.; and Wheaton. Motion prevailed to approve this report. (See Report No. 5.)

7. Report of the Camp Meeting Committee. President Bray brought the report of the Camp Meeting Committee. Motion prevailed that the report be adopted. (See Report No. 6.) Motion prevailed that the Camp Meeting Committee investigate the possibilities of purchasing, or renting, other facilities for camp meeting purposes, and that this committee present their recommendations to the Missionary Board for final action.

8. Partial Report of the Conference Trustees. Mr. S. Hugh Paine presented a partial report of the Conference Trustees. Motion prevailed to adopt this report. (See Report No. 7.) The Trustees who had approved the purchase of the land at Elk Grove Village as members ex officio of the Missionary Board voted additional separate approval at this time. A rising vote of thanks was given to Mr. Paine for his tireless labors in behalf of the Illinois Conference, prior to his departure to serve as a professor at Houghton College.

9. Report of the Sunday School Board. Rev. W. D. Craker presented the report of the Sunday School Board. Motion prevailed to adopt this report. (See Report No. 8.)

10. Report of the Statistical Committee. Rev. David Crail, with the help of Rev. Roy Crawford, presented the Statistical Report. Motion prevailed to adopt this report. (See Report No. 9.) Motion prevailed that Rev. David Crail be added to the Finance Committee.

11. Report of the Conference Treasurer. Rev. Roy Crawford, Treasurer of the conference, read his annual report. Motion prevailed to approve the report. (See Report No. 10.)

12. Auditor's Report. Treasurer Crawford presented the report of the auditor, Mr. D. M. Shafer, of DeKalb, Illinois. Motion prevailed that the conference secretary be authorized to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Shafer for auditing the conference books for three years without charge. (See Report No. 11.)

13. Analysis of the Conference Missions Fund. Treasurer Crawford presented the analysis of the Conference Missions Fund. (See Report No. 12.) Motion prevailed that the report be adopted. There was a rising vote of thanks to Rev. Crawford for his tireless labors in his position as conference Treasurer.

14. Revision of the Orders of the Day. By prevailing motion the Orders of the Day were revised so that the clause "adjourn for committee work" would read simply "adjourn".

15. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by vote. Rev. Forrest Gearhart dismissed with prayer.

• Subject to the receipt of his transfer from the Kansas Conference.

Third Meeting. 9:30 a.m., Friday, July 29, 1960.

1. Opening. The meeting was called to order by President Bray. Mr. A. N. Carstensen conducted the devotions. Hymns were sung and scripture was read from Phil. 1:2-6. Rev.

Bray offered prayer.

2. Partial Report of the Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee presented Mr. Al Churchill to the conference, who was seated by vote.

3. Partial Report of the Courtesy Committee. The Courtesy Committee presented Rev. and Mrs. Phillip Crail of Elk Grove Village, and Mr. Al Churchill of Wheaton, to the conference.

4. Roll Call. The roll was called with fifteen ministers and eighteen lay delegates responding. Motion prevailed to seat alternate delegate Mr. Frank Genluk of Chicago-Hoyne Avenue Church within the bar as a member of the conference.

5. Reading of the Minutes. The minutes of the first and second meetings were read and approved.

6. Partial Report of the Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee presented Mr. William Tice of Rockford-First Church, who was seated within the bar by vote.

7. Recommendations to Study. Rev. Wm. Dyer presented the recommendations of the Rockford First Church that William Tice, Jr., and Kenneth Dyer be received to study under the direction of the conference. Rev. A. L. Bray presented the recommendation of the Chicago-Austin Church that Donald Bray, Donald Ziegler, Richard Dominguez and Donald Feistamel be also received to study. Rev. R. L. Zuhl presented the recommendation of the Oak Lawn church that Willard Nuckols be received to study and travel under the direction of the conference. Motions prevailed that all these be received and referred to the Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

8. Report of Editor of Conference Paper. With Vice-President Dyer taking the chair, President Bray, Editor of the "Illinois Tidings", read his report which was adopted by conference vote. (See Report No. 12.)

9. Report of the Educational Secretary. Due to the fact that the Educational Secretary has transferred from the conference, there was no report.

10. Report of the Tithing Secretary. Rev. Cletus Kramer, Tithing Secretary, made his report, which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 13.)

11. Report of the President of Illinois Wesleyan Youth. Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, President of Illinois Wesleyan Youth, reported to the conference. Motion prevailed to adopt this report. (See Report No. 14.)

12. Report of the President of the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. A. L. Bray, President of the Woman's Missionary Society, reported to the conference. Motion prevailed to adopt this report. (See the W. M. S. Minutes.)

13. Report of the Boy's and Girl's Clubs. Mr. Dwight Elliot of Oak Park brought a report of the Boy's and Girl's Clubs in the conference. Motion prevailed to adopt this report. (See Report No. 15.)

14. Partial Report of the Board of Superannuate Minister's Aid. Rev. Carl C. Olander made a partial report of the Board of Superannuate Minister's Aid, with some recommendations. (See Report No. 16.) Motion prevailed that the recommendations of this report be referred to the Standing Rules Committee. Motion prevailed to refer the following amendment to the Standing Rules Committee: That Assistant pastors be encouraged to join the Pension Plan, either paying their own assessments or having the local church underwrite this item.

15. Recess. Motion prevailed that there be a short recess for refreshments.

16. Recessed Meeting. The meeting was recalled at 10:20 a.m. by the Chairman.

17. Partial Report of the Courtesy Committee. The Courtesy Committee presented Mr. Paul Walker of Chicago-Hoyne Avenue, and Mr. William Tice, Jr. of Rockford-First to the conference. Motion prevailed that they be admitted to the bar as honorary members. Motion prevailed that Rev. Phillip Crail be admitted to the bar as an honorary member.

18. Financial Report of the Pension Fund. Mr. S. Hugh Paine presented the Pension Fund Financial Report. Motion prevailed that the report be referred to the Auditing Committee, and the recommendations be referred to the Finance Committee. (See Report No. 17.)

19. Report of the Sunday School Secretary. Rev. W. D. Craker reported to the conference in his position as Sunday School Secretary. Motion prevailed to adopt the report. (See Report No. 18.)

20. Adjournment. Motion prevailed that the conference adjourn for committee work. Mr. Richard Priest dismissed with prayer.

21. Adjourned Meeting. The conference was honored to have the Rev. Mahlin Macy, Director of Development of the National Association of Evangelicals, arrive to represent that organization. Due to the fact that Rev. Macy arrived while the conference was in its several committee meetings, the chairman called a special meeting during the noon meal for the purpose of hearing his presentation. Rev. Macy brought a dynamic message from Ephesians six, and presented the program of the N. A. E. President Bray encouraged each local church to join the N. A. E. if possible. Due to the lateness of the hour, motion prevailed that the Orders of the Day be revised so that the next meeting would begin at 2:00 instead of 1:30. The Rev. David Crail dismissed with prayer.

Fourth Meeting. 2:00 p.m., Friday, July 29, 1960.

1. Opening. Because the President was in committee, Vice-President William H. Dyer called the meeting to order. Mr. George Durey of Galesburg conducted devotions, using Psalm 133 for his message. Rev. Stanley Hill offered prayer.

2. Report of the Committee on Passage of Character. The Committee on the Passage of Character reported that it had passed on the character of all pastors, plus Rev. Philip Crail who is helping in the church at Elk Grove Village. (See Report No. 12.)

3. Partial report of the Courtesy Committee. Rev. C. D. Kramer presented General Superintendent B. H. Phaup, our denominational representative, who was cordially welcomed by the conference.

4. Election of Officers. Since the Orders of the Day called for the General Superintendent to preside over the election of the conference officers, Rev. B. H. Phaup took the chair and proceeded with the business of electing officers to serve during the new conference year. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Arthur L. Bray; Vice-President, Rev. Forrest J. Gearhart; Secretary, Rev. Samuel T. Long; Treasurer, Rev. Roy E. Crawford; Conference Trustees: Rev. Arthur L. Bray, term expires 1963, Rev. Stanley A. Hill, term expires 1961 (to fill Rev. Wm. H. Dyer's unexpired term), Mr. Wm. F. Tice, term expires 1963; Missionary Board elected members: Rev. F. J. Gearhart, Rev. D. C. Durey, Mr. Frank Hames, Mr. H. Ray Dyer.

5. Election of Other Officers and Committees. General Superintendent Phaup requested President Bray to resume the chair because of familiarity with conference regulations concerning the election of other officers and committees. The Committee on Finance presented a recommendation that Mr. S. Hugh Faine continue in his capacity as treasurer of the Pension Fund even though he will be teaching in Houghton College. Motion prevailed. Election of officers continued by acclamation. Educational Secretary, Rev. C. D. Kramer; Sunday School Secretary, Rev. W. D. Craker; Director of Child Evangelism, Mrs. Evelyn Minnaugh; Tithing Secretary, Rev. Arthur Minnaugh; Statistical Secretary, Rev. David D. Crail; Secretary of Boy's and Girl's Clubs, Mr. Dwight Elliot; Motion prevailed that the office of Conference Parliamentarian be discontinued. Committee on Itineracy and Orders, Rev. Stanley A. Hill, term expires 1964; Judiciary Committee: Rev. Arthur L. Bray, Rev. Forrest J. Gearhart, Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, Rev. Robert W. Klatt; Board of Superannuate Minister's Aid: Rev. Ray H. Strawser, term expires 1961, Rev. Wendel D. Craker, term expires 1962, Rev. Carl Olander, term expires 1963; Sunday School Board: Rev. Wendel D. Craker, secretary, Rev. Robert Zuhl, term expires 1961, Rev. Raymond Strawser, term expires 1962. Motion prevailed that this board be enlarged to five members, and that two of these members be laymen. Added to the Sunday School Board by vote were Mr. Al Churchill, term expires 1961, and Mr. Orville Senger, term expires 1962. Motion prevailed that voting for the remainder of the conference be carried out by calling for votes in the affirmative with the show of hands for all nominees. Motion prevailed that this form of voting be referred to the Standing Rules Committee for consideration as a Standing Rule. Committee on Vacancies: Rev. C. E. Olander, Rev. F. J. Gearhart, Rev. S. A. Hill, Mr. W. F. Tice, Mr. Richard Priest. Motion prevailed that the chairman of this committee be Rev. F. J. Gearhart. Boy's and Girl's Clubs Committee: Mr. Dwight Elliot, chairman, Mrs. Ida Craker, Rev. Philip Crail; Camp Meeting Committee, in addition to ex-officio members: Rev. Roy E. Crawford, Rev. Ray A. Strawser, Rev. Forrest J. Gearhart, Mr. Lloyd Wallace, Mr. George Durey; Statistical Committee: Rev. David D. Crail, chairman, Rev. Roy E. Crawford, Rev. Irvin Reist, Rev. Philip Crail, Mrs. David Crail; President's Advisory Board: Rev. Forrest J. Gearhart, Mr. William F. Tice. Motion prevailed that there be a standing Committee on Nominations elected to nominate the conference commit-

tees in advance of annual conference, and that this committee be composed of the Orders of the Day Committee and two lay delegates to next annual conference, and that these delegates be chosen in the alphabetical order of their churches. Motion prevailed that this become a Standing Rule of the conference.

6. Adjournment. Motion prevailed that the conference adjourn. Rev. B. H. Phaup offered the dismissal prayer.

Fifth Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Friday, July 29, 1960.

1. Opening. President Bray called the conference to order. Rev. Klatt led in the singing of "A Revival Hymn". Rev. F. J. Gearhart led in prayer. Rev. R. W. Klatt then brought a devotional message based on the first chapter of Nehemiah.

2. Partial Report of the Courtesy Committee. Rev. C. D. Kramer presented Mrs. Valeris Gates to the conference. Motion prevailed that Mrs. C. C. McCarty be admitted to the bar as an honorary member.

3. Report of the Committee on Moral Reform. Mrs. David D. Crail presented the report of the Committee on Moral Reform. Motion prevailed to adopt this report. (See Report No. 20.)

4. Report of the Sunday School Committee. Rev. Wendel Craker presented the report of the Sunday School Committee. Motion prevailed to adopt this report with the exception of the objectives in item 7, which shall be adopted separately. (See Report No. 21.) After discussion the objectives in item 7 were adopted by vote.

5. Report of the Auditing Committee. Rev. David Crail presented the report of the Auditing Committee. Motion prevailed to adopt the report. (See Report No. 22.)

6. Report of Pastors. Pastors of the churches of Chicago-Austin, Creve Coeur, Elk Grove Village, Galesburg, Chicago-Hoynes Avenue, Maywood, and Oak Lawn reported a summary of statistics and a general picture of the condition of their charges. These were followed by a statement and testimony from the respective delegates.

7. Adjournment. Motion prevailed that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Al Churchill dismissed with prayer.

Sixth Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Saturday, July 30, 1960.

1. Opening. Rev. Arthur Minnaugh led in singing "Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus". He then chose a scripture lesson based on Isaiah 43:1-6. Rev. W. D. Craker led in prayer.

2. Roll Call. The Conference Secretary called the roll, with 31 ministers and lay delegates responding to their names.

3. Reading of the Minutes. Minutes of the 3rd, 4th and 5th meetings were read and approved as corrected.

4. Report of Child Evangelism Director. In the absence of the Director of Child Evangelism, the secretary was requested to read her submitted report. Motion prevailed to adopt this report. (See Report No. 23.)

5. Report of Illinois Trustees of Marion College. Rev. A. L. Bray, Illinois member of the Local Board of Trustees of Marion College, gave a report of the activities of the College in conjunction with his official acts as Trustee. This report was adopted by conference vote. (See Report No. 24.)

6. Statistical Report for Oak Park Church. In the absence of a pastor for the Oak Park Church the delegate, Mr. Richard Preist, read the statistical report and gave a brief testimony.

7. Recess. Motion prevailed that the conference recess for refreshments.

8. Recessed Meeting. The chair called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

9. Reports of Pastors. Pastors of the churches at Peoria, Hoopeston, Princeton, Rockford-First, Rockford-Harrison Avenue, Sheffield, Wheaton, and Wyandot reported a summary of their statistics and general condition of their respective charges. The delegate

from Chicago-Roseland presented the statistics of that church. Testimonies of pastors and delegates of God's blessings were refreshing. Motion prevailed that the Secretary write a letter to Mrs. Vera Brainerd of the Princeton Church expressing our appreciation and prayers in her behalf during these days of illness. Our Sister was for many years a deaconess of the church and, later, pastor of the Princeton charge. Motion prevailed that the conference give a rising vote of thanks to our retiring Vice-President, Rev. William H. Dyer, for his many years of labor and sacrifice in the Illinois Conference, and to wish him Godspeed as he goes to pioneer a new Wesleyan Methodist church in Omaha, Nebraska, under denominational sponsorship.

10. Miscellaneous Business. Motion prevailed that the Boy's and Girl's Clubs Committee be expanded to four members, and that the new member be Mr. Percy Hamilton of Rockford-Harrison Avenue.

11. Adjournment. Motion prevailed that the meeting be adjourned. Rev. D. D. Crail dismissed with prayer.

Seventh Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Saturday, July 30, 1960.

1. Opening. Chairman Bray called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Carl E. Olander opened the conference with prayer.

2. Letters of Greeting. Communications of absent members were read by the Secretary. The following ministers communicated: Rev. Ray Strawser, pastor of the Austin Church, but presently attending chaplain's school in New York for two months; Rev. James Blaine of Wilmore, Kentucky, graduate of Asbury Seminary, who was placed on the conference Reserve Elders list; Rev. Francis A. Davis, a missionary to Japan with the Oriental Missionary Society; Rev. Ronald E. Mullen, a medical student in George Washington University. The character of each of these men was passed. During the reading of these greetings the Chairman was called out to a special meeting of the Committee on Itinerary and Orders, and Superintendent B. H. Phaup took the chair.

3. Report of the Committee on Thanks. Rev. F. J. Gearhart presented the report of the Committee on Thanks. Motion prevailed to adopt this report, with amendment. (See Report No. 25.)

4. Report of the Committee on Finance. Mr. S. Hugh Paine presented the report of the Committee on Finance. Motion prevailed to adopt this report. (See Report No. 26.)

5. Report of the Committee on Standing Rules. Mr. S. Hugh Paine presented the report of the Committee on Standing Rules, which was adopted by unanimous vote of the conference. (See Report No. 27.)

6. Report of the Committee on Itinerary and Orders. Rev. Stanley Hill presented the report of the Committee on Itinerary and Orders, which was adopted by conference vote. (See Report No. 1.)

7. Election to Elder's Orders. Motion prevailed by unanimous vote of the Elders present to elect Rev. Cletus D. Kramer of Peoria to Elder's Orders.

8. Report of the Pastoral Relations Committee. Rev. D. C. Durey presented the report of the Pastoral Relations Committee, which was adopted unanimously by the conference. (See Report No. 28.)

9. Unfinished Business. Motion prevailed that any unfinished business be left in the hands of the Missionary Board, with power to act.

10. Place of the 1961 Conference Session. Motion prevailed to leave the place of the 1961 Conference Session in the hands of the Camp Meeting Committee.

11. Conference Sermon. Motion prevailed to have Rev. Stanley A. Hill bring the Conference Sermon in 1961. Rev. Robert Klatt was elected as alternate.

12. Reading of Minutes. By prevailing motion the reading of the minutes of the 6th and 7th meetings was dispensed with, and they were left in the hands of the President and Secretary to edit.

13. Recess. The meeting was recessed by vote, to be continued as a public service

in the auditorium of the church upstairs, featuring installation of conference officials, pastors, and denominational address.

14. Public Service. President Bray called the meeting to order in the church sanctuary, and led in the singing of "Onward, Christian Soldiers". Rev. Forrest J. Gearhart led in prayer.

15. Installation of Conference Officers. The officers-elect of the Illinois Conference, Rev. A. L. Bray, President; Rev. Forrest J. Gearhart, Vice-President; Rev. Samuel T. Long, Secretary; and Rev. Roy Crawford, Treasurer, were formally installed into office by Rev. B. H. Phaup, General Superintendent of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, who offered a prayer of dedication.

16. Installation of Conference Pastors. President Bray called the Pastors of the Illinois Conference to kneel at the church altar. After a prayer of dedication he installed the ministers as pastors of their respective charges, and introduced them individually to the congregation.

17. Denominational Address. Rev. B. H. Phaup brought the denominational address, using Matthew 16:18 as his text. He emphasized that these are strategic days for Wesleyan Methodism, and presented a picture of the recent advances of the denomination.

18. Adjournment. Motion prevailed that the Eleventh Session of the Illinois Conference adjourn, sine die. Rev. William H. Dyer offered the closing prayer.

Conference Educational Service 1:30 p.m., Saturday, August 6, 1960.

The Saturday Afternoon service was designated as the Conference Educational Service. Marion College, our area school, was represented by Dr. W. I. Goodman, President of Marion College; Rev. Howard Noggle, Field Representative of Marion College; and the Male Quartet of the College. President Goodman spoke on the subject: "The Objective of Marion College—To Provide a Christ Centered College." Rev. Robert Zuhl, President of Illinois Youth, made a presentation of \$446.08 to Rev. Samuel Long, pastor of the Rockford-Harrison Avenue Church, as a gift from the youth of the Conference for the purpose of purchasing pulpit furniture for the new chapel-parsonage at Rockford. The officers of Illinois Wesleyan Youth were installed into office, after which Dr. Bert Hall, of Houghton College brought a Bible study from the book of I Thesalonians.

Conference Ordination Service. 6:30 p.m., Saturday, August 6, 1960.

1. Opening. An Ordination Service had been called by a previous vote of the Conference. The service opened with prayer and the singing of hymns, led by Rev. James Carey, of Hastings, Michigan. Rev. Cletus D. Kramer, of Peoria, was the candidate.

2. The Ordination Sermon. The Ordination Sermon was brought by Rev. Harry Moeller, formerly the pastor of the Chicago-Hoyne Ave. Church, but now pioneering a new church in Eastman, Wisconsin. Rev. Moeller used Numbers 27:15 as his text, relating the ordination of Joshua by Moses.

3. Ordination Ceremony. The candidate presented himself at the altar while President Bray, assisted by Rev. Carl Olander, Rev. Stanley Hill, Rev. Daren Durey, and Rev. Samuel Long performed the Ordination Ceremony. The Ceremony was climaxed by the candidate kneeling before the officiating ministers and having their hands placed upon his head in an act of dedication and ordination. The candidate was finally presented to the congregation as an Ordained Elder of the Illinois Conference.

Conference Sunday School Service. 9:00 a.m., Sunday, August 7, 1960.

The Sunday School Hour of the Conference Meeting was designated by Conference as the Conference Sunday School Service. Conference Sunday School Secretary Rev. Wendel Craker was in charge. The Marion College Male Quartet presented special music, and the interests of the local Sunday Schools were encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Editing and Publishing the Minutes,
Rev. Arthur L. Bray, Illinois Conference President
Rev. Samuel T. Long, Illinois Conference Secretary.

R E P O R T S

Report No. 1.Committee on Itineracy and Orders.

- A. Conference Preachers eligible to vote in this session: Rev. Cletus Kramer, Rev. C. C. McCarty, Rev. Arthur P. Minnaugh, and Rev. Irwin Reist.
- B. Report of the status of the following in the course of study:
1. C. C. McCarty-- Third year in the course of study. Continue in the course of study.
 2. Ivanelle McCarty--Third year in the course of study. Continue in the course of study.
 3. Glen Klasna-- (Graduated from the Chicago Evangelistic Institute.) In the fourth year of the course of study. Continue in the course of study.
 4. George Durey-- Returned to his quarterly conference at his request.
 5. George Hood-- Attending Marion College, Theological Department.
 6. Martin Winterberg-- Returned to his quarterly conference at his request.
 7. Herbert Apel-- Attending Houghton College.
 8. Meredith Baillie-- Attending Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago.
 9. Philip Crail-- First year in the course of study.
 10. Robert Fisher-- Graduated from Marion College, Theological Department. Recommend that he be referred to the Pastoral Relations Committee.
 11. Donald Bray-- To attend Marion College.
 12. Donald Feistamel-- To attend Houghton College.
 13. Richard Dominguez-- Attending Houghton College.
 14. Donald Zeigler-- To attend Northern Baptist Seminary this year; Marion College next year.
 15. Kenneth Dyer-- Attending Miltonville Wesleyan College.
 16. William F. Tice, Jr.-- To attend Marion College.
 17. Willard Nuckols-- Graduated from Marion College, Theological Department. Recommend that he be referred to the Pastoral Relations Committee.
 18. Irwin Reist--Attending Northern Baptist Seminary; graduate of Houghton College.
 19. Arthur P. Minnaugh--Graduated from Marion College theological course.
- C. We recommend that Cletus D. Kramer be elected to Elder's Orders.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Itineracy and Orders

Rev. Stanley A. Hill, Chairman

Rev. Arthur L. Bray

Rev. Wendel D. Craker

Rev. Carl E. Olander

Report No. 2.Orders of the Day Committee.

First Meeting, Thursday, July 28, 1960. Conference convenes at 1:30 p.m.; Communion Service; Conference Sermon: Rev. D. D. Crail; Organization of Conference; Roll Call of Elders Present; Establishing Bar of Conference and Seating of Elders; Partial Report of Committee on Itineracy and Orders concerning Conference Preachers eligible to vote, and Seating of such Conference Preachers; Election of Credentials Committee; Election of Courtesy Committee; Partial Report of Credentials Committee and Seating of Lay Delegates; Partial Report of Courtesy Committee, New Members Introduced; Seating of Honorary Members; Report of Orders of the Day Committee; Election of Conference Nominating Committee; Adjournment.

Second Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 28, 1960. Devotions; 7:15-- Business Resumes; Report of Conference President, Rev. Arthur L. Bray; Report of Nominating Committee; Reports of Standing Committees and Boards, and Financial Reports; Missionary Board, The Board of Managers, A. L. Bray, Chairman; Conference Trustees, S. Hugh Paine, Secretary; Camp Meeting Committee, A. L. Bray, Chairman; Sunday School Board, W. D. Craker, Chairman; Board of Superannuate Minister's Aid, C. E. Olander, Chairman; Educational Committee, J. T. Ledwell, Chairman; Statistical Committee, D. D. Crail, Chairman; Conference Treasurer, R. E. Crawford; Pension Plan Treasurer, S. Hugh Paine; Adjournment for Committee Work.

Third Meeting, 8:30 a.m., July 29, 1960. Devotions; Roll Call and Minutes-- 8:45; Reports of Conference Leaders; Editor and Publisher of The Illinois Tidings-- A. L. Bray; Member Local Board of Trustees of Marion College-- A. L. Bray; Educational Secretary-- J. T. Ledwell; Sunday School Secretary-- W. D. Craker; Child Evangelism Director-- Mrs. Robert Klett; Boy's and Girl's Clubs-- Dwight Elliot; Tithing Secretary-- Cletus Kramer; Miscellaneous Business; Adjournment, 11:45 a.m.

Fourth Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Friday, July 29, 1960. Devotions; 1:45- Business Resumes; Report of Auditing Committee; Report of Committee on Passage of Character; Election of Illinois Conference Officers (Rev. B. H. Phaup presiding); Election of Conference Boards and Standing Committees; Recess (ten minutes); Reports of Pastors; Miscellaneous Business; Adjournment for Committee Work.

Fifth Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Friday, July 29, 1960. Devotions; 7:15 p.m.- Business Resumes; Reports of Conference Committees; Reports of Pastors (continued); Miscellaneous Business; Adjournment for Committee Work at 9:00 p.m.

Sixth Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Saturday, July 30, 1960. Devotions; Roll Call and Reading of Minutes at 8:45; Reports of Conference Committees (continued); Reports of Pastors (continued); Miscellaneous Business; Adjournment for Committee Work.

Seventh Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Saturday, July 30, 1960. Opening Prayer; 1:45- Miscellaneous Business; Report of Pastoral Relations Committee; Recess (fifteen minutes); Installation of Conference Officers; Installation of Pastors; Denominational Address by Rev. B. H. Phaup, General Superintendent; Adjournment Sine Die, 5:00 p.m.

Conference Sunday School Service, 9:00 a.m., Sunday, August 7, 1960.

Ordination Service, 6:30 p.m., Saturday, August 6, 1960.

Educational Service, 1:30 p.m., Saturday, August 6, 1960.

Respectfully submitted,

Orders of the Day Committee
Rev. Arthur L. Bray, Chairman
Rev. William H. Dyer
Rev. Samuel T. Long

Report No. 3.

Nominating Committee

We recommend the following committee appointments:

Pastoral Relations: Rev. Arthur L. Bray, Chairman; Rev. Daren C. Durey; Rev. Robert Zuhl; Rev. Forrest Gearhart; Mr. A. N. Carstensen; Mr. Frank Hames; Mr. William Tice, Sr.
Passage of Character: Rev. Arthur L. Bray, Chairman; Rev. Robert Klatt; Mr. S. H. Paine.
Statistical Committee: Rev. D. D. Crail, Chairman; Rev. R. E. Crawford; Rev. Irwin Reist; Mrs. Valerie Cates; Mr. Irvin Halverson; Miss Mary Tolbert; Mrs. Meryl Biggane.
Moral Reform: Rev. Stanley Hill, Chairman; Rev. Cletus D. Kramer; Rev. Arthur Minnaugh; Rev. Robert Klatt; Mr. Richard Priest; Mrs. Barbara Crail; Mrs. John Woodhouse; Mr. Charles Krager.

Thanks Committee: Rev. Forrest Gearhart, Chairman; Mrs. Evelyn Minnaugh; Mr. Percy Hamilton; Miss Linda Dyer.

Sunday School: Rev. W. E. Craker, Chairman; Rev. William H. Dyer; Mr. Norman Lenerville; Mr. Al Churchill; Mr. George Durey; Mr. Herman Kuster; Mr. Frank Geniuk.

Auditing: Statistical Committee.

Devotional: Rev. William H. Dyer; Rev. C. C. McCarty.

Finance: The Missionary Board; Rev. R. E. Crawford; Mr. S. Hugh Paine.

Standing Rules: Board of Trustees.

Postmaster: Rev. Carl Olander.

Reporter: Conference Secretary, Rev. Samuel Long.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Arthur L. Bray, Chairman
Rev. William H. Dyer
Rev. W. E. Craker
Mr. Norman Lenerville
Mr. Charles Krager

Report No. 4.

Conference President

Greetings in the name of the Lord! And high praises to our Savior whose grace has been sufficient for all the testings and challenges of another year. The price of preaching Bible Christianity in a day of overwhelming worldliness is just as high as ever, but there is a dynamic in it that results in transformed lives.

We count it a joy to be part of that great brotherhood of Christians known as the Wesleyan Methodists. We have a rich heritage of doctrine, moral reform and evangelistic outreach. By God's grace we are doing our best to minister these blessings to the heartland of America. A goodly number of new folk are joining hands with us as we move for-

ward for God and the salvation of souls.

State of the Conference. This eleventh year of our existence as a mission conference has witnessed the organizing of two of our pioneer projects— Elk Grove Village, pastored by Rev. David D. Crail, on September 13, 1959, and Wheaton, pastored by Rev. Forrest J. Gearhart, on June 26, 1960. These vigorous young churches have been received on your behalf and are presented for your hearty acceptance as members of the conference family of 17 churches.

The year has witnessed revival blessings in Creve Coeur and some outstanding spiritual victories in some of the other churches. On the whole, however, it has been a year of testing with a number of our churches showing losses in membership. The causes of the losses are readily apparent: First, the frequency of families moving away to other areas, contrasted with the time it takes to get dedicated replacements with which to carry on the work of the church. Second, the failure of some to go on to holiness of heart, resulting in their finding the way too narrow. Third, the lack of a sufficient evangelistic movement in our churches which would cause new converts to multiply faster than our losses. The pressures of manual labor on building programs and the necessity of secular support incident to our pioneer churches take a heavy toll of the prayer and visitation time of our pastors. We do dare to believe that as some of these things are accomplished that we may be able to give ourselves to the ministry of the Word and prayer in such a manner as did the leaders of the early church, and in return experience more of their spiritual victories.

Statistically, the trends are still upward and thus are encouraging. Because of the new members received at Creve Coeur and the organization of Elk Grove Village and Wheaton, our losses were overbalanced to show a gain of 14— from 440 full members to 454. Total membership— full, associate and junior— increased to 627, a gain of over 12%, or 70 more than last year. The total amount attending one or more of the ministries of our churches exceeds 2000. The subscriptions to the Wesleyan Methodist approach the number of our full membership. The W. M. S. ladies report far more magazines than members, and the Wesleyan Youth shows excellent gains.

Total Sunday School enrollment increased from 1706 to 1833, or more than 7% gain. Main School enrollment increased from 1554 to 1633, and average attendance climbed from 1158 to 1200. We praise God for every gain, because each number represents an immortal soul we are trying to help.

Property holdings have increased \$116,771 this past year to a new high of \$808,471. This excellent increase has come at a cost of only \$24,860 in increased indebtedness. We paid \$17,835 on existing indebtedness, so that our total indebtedness now totals \$184,529, or less than 23% of our total holdings. Our obligations on our own church buildings are low— \$61,570 on \$477,200, with higher obligations on our parsonages due to our parsonage-chapel pioneering approach—\$122,959 on \$331,271; but parsonages are much more liquid assets than are sanctuaries.

Total budgets assigned came to \$17,835; total paid, \$18,662. Total for pastor's support was \$64,058; for local church expenses, \$78,376; for budget, \$18,664; for benevolences, \$14,771; GRAND TOTAL, \$175,869 or more than \$187 per capita! For the faithfulness of our pastors and laymen in the matter of supporting the denominational and conference program and outreach, we give fervent thanks to everyone!

Report of Personal Service. This past year has been the fullest year of the nine I have served as the administrative officer of the Illinois Conference. So full, in fact, that inadequate records of personal service have been kept. My labors during the latter part of August and during September and part of October were curtailed due to an enfeebled physical condition which followed my severe illness and hospital experience just before last conference time. During this period, Elk Grove Village was organized and much time was put in closing the purchase of the Rockford-Harrison Avenue Church site and the efforts toward securing adequate building plans and a construction loan. However, during an evangelistic meeting in Minneapolis in October the Lord saw fit to heal my body and grant strength for a busy year.

The total miles traveled in visiting the churches and promoting the pioneer projects are 12,418. 5,000 additional miles were travelled in making three round trips to Marion as a member of the Local Board of Trustees, and in making two trips to Macon, Georgia, as a member of the Board of Managers of Hephzibah Orphanage. On the last trip to Macon a visit was made to Asbury Seminary to seek ministerial reinforcements for the conference. Contact was made with Dr. Roy S. Nicholson at Central College. He sends his personal greetings to those he loved and served so long. In addition 2,100 miles were travelled in evangelistic ministries outside our conference making a total of 19,518 miles travelled this year.

Official letters totalled 496. Due to the pressure of the pioneer program only 4 issues of the "Ridings" were put out to an ever increasing mailing list. Calls and conferences totalled more than 800. In addition the Roeland and Oak Park pulpits were supplied over a period of months in the absence of their pastors. The first went to Africa as a missionary in May and the latter united with another denomination in June. The churches have been visited in January and July in Quarterly Meetings, plus some other Quarterly Meetings in the other quarters and local church visitations for special

occasions.

It is a delight to serve the Lord and the Conference. His grace has prevented the burdens and unmet challenges from overwhelming my spirit and causing me to lose the glory of the work. The future is bright with the promises of God!

COMPARISON OF STATISTICS

Statistics below show gain or loss over the previous year, plus a comparison with the statistics of eleven years ago:

	Statistics Reported to Conference in			G or L	Gain in
	1949	1959	1960	This Year	11 Years
Churches	7	15	17	2	10
Full Members	157	440	454	14	297
Total Membership	176	557	627	70	451
W. M. S. Members	78	258	274	16	196
W. Y. Members	43	125	118	(-7)	75
Wesleyan Subscriptions	71	352	392	40	321
Missionary Subscriptions	89	278	315	37	226
Youth Subscriptions	51	127	178	51	127
Sunday School Roll	753	1,706	1,833	127	1080
Main School	642	1,554	1,633	79	991
Average Attendance	416	1,158	1,200	42	784
Property Value	\$144,100	\$691,700	\$808,471	\$116,777	\$664,371
Debt	15,723	159,669	184,529	24,860	168,806
Paid on Debt	2,910	23,207*	17,157	(-6,050)*	14,247
Budget Assigned	1,542	14,558	17,835	3,277	16,293
Budget Raised	1,841	15,648	18,662	3,014	16,821
Pastors' Support	14,055	55,866	64,058	8,192	50,003
Total Disbursed	\$41,458	\$170,962	\$175,869	\$4,907	\$134,411

(*1959 debt payment includes \$8430 special gift from Galesburg supporters.)

Comments: The above table shows that we have almost three times as many in our Sunday Schools as we have in total membership. This indicates that we have an outstanding evangelistic possibility in our Sunday School. Since membership is limited to those with a personal experience of divine grace who are willing to take upon them the standards of Christian discipleship, let us not fail to enlist the hundreds within our doors to the Savior and His cause!

OFFICIAL ACTS

- 1) As Chairman of the Missionary Board and as President of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, an Illinois corporation, I helped promote pioneer and other building projects, sought and obtained necessary loans amounting to many thousands of dollars, executed legal documents and signed the same together with Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., Secretary of the Illinois Conference Board of Trustees. (See Trustee's Report.)
- 2) As President of the Illinois Conference and also as a member of the Committee on Itineracy and Orders, I certified our theological students and draft-age ministers to their draft boards as legally qualifying for proper draft exemption.
- 3) Throughout the year I have ordered payment of all bills owed by the Conference, using a requisition form to the Conference Treasurer in each instance.
- 4) September 10, 1959. Helped secure one-half tax exemption for Roseland and Maywood.
- 5) September 13, 1959. Organized Elk Grove Village Wesleyan Methodist Church with 12 members: 4 full, 4 associate, 4 junior. (They have 10 full, 2 associate, and 4 junior members now.)
- 6) September 27, 1959. Appointed Vernon Swanson supply pastor of Roseland.
- 7) November 10, 1959. Received Vernon Swanson as an elder of the Illinois Conference by transfer from the Iowa Conference.
- 8) February 3, 1960. Filed annual corporation report with the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois as required by law.
- 9) February 3, 1960. Reported to Rev. Carl Beaver, Secretary of the General Conference, that the Illinois Conference and all our member churches had approved the new constitution of the denomination by a 100% vote.
- 10) May 5, 1960. Transferred Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell to the Chicago Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church at his request. He was accepted by them on June 14, 1960.
- 11) May 5, 1960. Accepted the resignation of Rev. Vernon Swanson of Roseland in order for him to sail for Africa as a missionary that week.
- 12) May 7, 1960. Received Rev. Irwin Reist as a minister of the Illinois Conference by recommendation of the Austin Church and appointed him associate pastor of Austin.
- 13) June 3, 1960. Appealed to the Illinois Department of Revenue for a reversal of their ruling declining to exempt the Rockford First Church parsonage from taxation. They

- granted a 75% exemption. (25% remains because of a rental apartment upstairs.)
- 14) June 26, 1960. Organized the Wheaton Church with 19 full members. Subsequent additions bring the total to 20 full and 3 associate.
 - 15) June 29, 1960. Granted Rockford-First permission to call Rev. Donald Edwards of our Englewood Church in suburban Denver, as their new pastor.
 - 16) July 1, 1960. Granted Austin permission to call Rev. Hubert Mitchell as an evangelist for a fall meeting. He is a beloved brother of another denomination.
 - 17) July 1, 1960. Appointed Rev. David D. Crail to preach the Conference Sermon because those elected would not be able to serve.
 - 18) July 7, 1960. Filed tax exemption for Rockford-Harrison Avenue Church property.
 - 19) July 20, 1960. Transferred Rev. Harry Moeller to the Wisconsin Conference at his request and their ruling.
 - 20) July 21, 1960. Received the resignation of Rev. George Durey as a Conference preacher at his request that he might better serve the Galesburg Church in a layman status.
 - 21) September, '60. Appointed Philip Crail assistant pastor of the Elk Grove Village Church.

In all the above actions where the Discipline requires, I have received the full approval of the President's Advisory Board.

Recommendations: 1) Since Rev. Donald Edwards, an elder of the Kansas Conference has requested a transfer of his membership to the Illinois Conference and has made this request in writing to his Conference President, I recommend he be received as an elder of the Illinois Conference, since he is in good standing in the Kansas Conference. 2) Since the Peoria Church has called Robert Fisher of Marion, Indiana, as their new pastor, and since he is known to the President's Advisory Board who have approved his reception into our Conference, I recommend that he be received as a Conference Preacher and referred to the Committee on Itinerary and Orders for referral to the Pastoral Relations Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Arthur L. Bray, Conference President

Report No. 2.

Missionary Board

We, the members of the Missionary Board, report as follows:

By action of the last Conference a Standing Rule was adopted providing that the Missionary Board continue as the Board of Managers, as per the provision of the 1959 General Conference. In this capacity we have held meetings on August 3, 1959, and February 6 and May 7, 1960, to consider the state of the churches and plan for the extension of the Conference.

Out of the full record of decisions made we report the following:

WHEATON. This pioneer project launched in the fall of 1958 has moved steadily ahead on the dedicated leadership of Pastor and Mrs. Forrest J. Gearhart. Public services began in the largely completed building on May 17, 1959. The denomination Wesleyan Youth support stopped at the end of August last, and the infant congregation has fully supported its pastor this past year as well as paying all local operating expenses. The denominational Department of Church Extension paid \$250 a month of the \$400 property payments for the first few months and have continued in recent months to pay \$200 a month. The Conference Missions budget has paid much of the balance due with the local church assuming part of the payment this summer. They hope to assume more this next year.

On May 15 the first anniversary was observed with great delight, and on June 26 the new church was organized with 19 full members. Additions since then bring the total now to 20 full and 3 associate members. On July 24, a full staff of competent officers was elected. The church faces the future with high confidence in God.

ROCKFORD HARRISON AVENUE. This second church project in Rockford, a result of the vision of Pastor William H. Dyer and the membership of our First Church in that city, has made significant gains also. On August 31 a 3.24 acre tract of land was acquired by means of a loan that came in the zero hour to make the purchase possible. Plans went forward during the fall for a chapel-parsonage building, 24 by 70 feet, but a construction loan was difficult to secure. Finally, in November, the funds were made available by the Home Savings and Loan Association of Rockford and construction of the building on a foundation which had already been started was approved. The shell of the new building was completed early in January, but unseasonably weather and heavy spring rains retarded the construction. Then, in May, water pressure in the ground cracked the foundation walls and forced them in on one side. This was followed by a ten-week construction strike in Rockford. At the present time the building is being jacked up preparatory to putting new walls under it. Pastor and Mrs. Long and their faithful people have continued services in the chapel at Ken-Rock waiting for the day when their new building

is completed. This young couple have taught school all year-- he to support themselves in order that most of the pastor's salary could be diverted to the building program; she has put her entire check into the building fund each month. Such devotion to the cause of Christ merits and receives our highest appreciation! Let us pray that God will remove the roadblocks to the completion of the building in order that services can begin in the new location in the fall.

ELK GROVE VILLAGE. In similar manner Pastor and Mrs. David D. Crail have continued to teach school to finance their new pioneer project. On September 13, 1959, we organized the church with 12 members-- 4 full, 4 associate, and 4 junior. Today the membership stands at 18-- 10 full, 2 associate, and 4 junior. The year has been full of problems with some going back to walk with liberal church fellowship because the way was too narrow. However, in addition to the victory of church organization, there has finally come the consent of the Centex Company to sell us land, the securing of adequate loans to do so and the transfer by deed to us of a fine plot approximately 149 by 523 feet right across the street from the parsonage on Landmeier Road. Plans are completed for building a 32 by 64 foot educational unit which will serve also as an apartment for the present for the pastor's parents who are selling their home in Maywood to help finance the new project. A community nursery school is planned to be held in the building, in order to provide a point of contact with the young couples of the Village, serve a tremendous need, and also provide finances for the construction of the church. The pastor's mother, Mrs. Faye Crail, who has conducted such a school in Maywood, will be in charge.

GALESBURG. Galesburg is moving ahead with the construction of their 32 by 64 foot Kimbel Wildwood contemporary sanctuary and have the basement walls up and the first floor deck constructed. Finances are in hand for this project and Pastor Olander and his people plan to erect the superstructure as soon after Conference as possible. This is now a fully self-supporting work, but the demands of this new building program may require some aid.

CREVE COEUR is purchasing an acre of ground on which to build a new church. OAK LAWN is planning an expansion program. MAYWOOD has extensively remodeled the interior of their church this past year and has equipped it with new pews, pulpit furniture and rugs. It is delightful beyond description. OTHER improvements have been made in several churches of the Conference, too numerous to mention, but are a cause of rejoicing because of the advances accomplished.

NO NEW PROJECTS are contemplated this year. The present projects need to be brought to fulfillment and are tremendously demanding in time and finances needed. Let us continue to stand by our pioneer pastors with prayer, manual labor in their building projects, and faithfully paying the Conference Missions Budget.

A breakdown of Conference Missions Fund is appended.

I. Receipts:

A. Conference Budgets		\$ 2,297.20
B. Wheaton:		
1. Department of Church Extension	\$ 2,900.00	
2. Loan return	500.00	
3. Gearhart salary return	325.00	
4. Reimbursed incurred deficit	1,000.00	
5. Bray - mower	<u>49.95</u>	
		4,774.95
C. Elk Grove Village (D. D. Crail)		1,463.00
D. Galesburg (Boyd loan interest)		80.00
E. Miscellaneous:		
1. Illinois Conference W.M.S.	493.48	
2. Charles Krager temporary loan	<u>500.00</u>	
		<u>993.48</u>
Total Receipts		\$ 9,608.63
Deficit 7/15/59		<u>1,814.79</u>
Total Credits		\$ 7,793.84

Disbursements:

A. Wheaton:		
1. F. J. Gearhart (salary)	\$ 650.00	
2. Mrs. Cowles Gift	30.00	
3. Glen Ellyn payments	2,570.76	
4. Dept. of Church Extension	1,200.00	
5. Powers loan payments	<u>435.00</u>	
		\$ 4,885.76
B. Creve Coeur		180.00
C. Elk Grove Village		1,596.00
D. Hoyle Avenue (fuel)		200.00

E. Miscellaneous:

1. A. L. Bray (re-imbursement)	49.95
2. Charles Krager - loan re-imbursement	500.00
3. A. L. Bray - travel	194.51
4. Illinois Bell Telephone	21.84
5. Rev. O. E. Price (moving)	80.00
6. Jesse W. Shatford (loan payment)	200.00
7. Basil Boyd - Interest payment	247.50
8. C. J. Ewing - Interest payment	100.00
9. Rev. Arthur Nimnaugh (moving)	50.00
10. Fred C. Schmitt - Sheffield insurance	53.50

Total Disbursements 1,497.30

\$ 8,359.06

Deficit 7/15/60

\$ 565.22

Respectfully submitted,

The Missionary Board
Rev. Arthur L. Bray, Chairman

Report No. 6.

Camp Meeting Committee

Camp Arrangements. We, your Camp Meeting Committee, managed the 1959 Camp Meeting at Epworth Park, the Free Methodist Camp Grounds and report that the Lord Provided all the necessary finances (See Treasurer's Report) and gave spiritual victories too numerous to list in this report.

During the 1959 Camp Meeting we held two meetings concerning the management of the Camp and the allocation of funds to the payment of bills and the remuneration of our workers. Rev. Daren C. Durey was elected secretary.

On February 17, 1960, the Committee met at the Oak Lawn Church to plan for the 1960 details. Rev. Martin W. Cox, pastor of the Houghton College Church, Houghton, New York, will be our Camp Evangelist next week, taking the place vacated by the death of our beloved Dr. O. G. Wilson, who was the engaged worker. Rev. and Mrs. Bert Hall of Houghton are the engaged youth and children's workers. Brother Hall is a professor at Houghton College. Mrs. Hall will be aided by a fine staff of ladies in a three level children's program. The ministers in music are the Rev. and Mrs. James Carey of Michigan. They are dedicated young folk.

By action of last Annual Conference the contract for use of the Free Methodist Camp Grounds was ordered renewed for five years. This was done and the contract is in the President's file. A postponement of one week in their camp date due to their General Conference caused an overlapping of one week which has necessitated that Conference and the first Sunday of Camp be held elsewhere. The Austin Church in Chicago has graciously become our host for these days, and we deeply express our appreciation.

This maladjustment in schedule has intensified the request from all over the conference for our own camp grounds. Let us keep praying that God will give guidance in this matter.

Once again your chairman has contacted the cottage owners at Epworth Park and feels that sufficient cottages have been engaged in the past month to take care of us next week when we move out there for a seven-day encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

Camp Meeting Committee
Rev. Arthur L. Bray, Chairman

Report No. 7.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees took the following actions during the Conference year 1959-1960:

- 1) August 3, 1959. The Board resolved to purchase a tract of land for the Harrison Avenue (Rockford) Church for the price of \$6783 (3.23 acres) to be financed as follows:
 - \$5000.00 loan from the Wesleyan Investment Foundation.
 - \$1600.00 loan from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winterberg.
 - \$183.00 loan from the Conference Revolving Fund.
- 2) September 12, 1959. Resolved to execute a contract with the Pagel Construction Company, of Rockford, to build a parsonage-chapel on the Harrison Avenue site.

3) December 12, 1959. Resolved to borrow \$18,000.00 at 6% interest from the Home Savings and Loan Association, Rockford, for the purpose of constructing the Harrison Avenue building, and to secure this loan by a first mortgage on same.

4) February 6, 1960. As members of the Missionary Board, the Trustees concurred in a resolution to purchase a 1.8 acre tract of land in Elk Grove Village at \$6,000.00 per acre, and to authorize construction of a Wildwood chapel with parsonage addition.

(For a statement of Conference Assets and Liabilities see Appendage, page 34)

Respectfully submitted,

Conference Board of Trustees
Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., Secretary

Report No. 8.

Sunday School Board (See Appendage, page 34)

Report No. 9.

Statistical Committee (See Tables, pages 35-42)

Report No. 10.

Conference Treasurer

Cash receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year which ended July 15, 1960:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>7/15/59</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Credits</u>	<u>Disburse-</u> <u>ments</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>7/15/60</u>
General Conference Budget:					
World Missions	\$ -0-	\$ 356.42	\$ 356.42	\$ 356.42	\$ -0-
Australia	-0-	65.09	65.09	65.09	-0-
Brainerd	-0-	74.34	74.34	74.34	-0-
Church Extension & Evn.	-0-	463.00	463.00	463.00	-0-
Administrative	-0-	379.46	379.46	379.46	-0-
Travel & Entertainment	(-11.98)	196.42	184.44	184.44	-0-
Board Meeting	-0-	106.73	106.73	106.73	-0-
Orphanage	-0-	74.53	74.53	74.53	-0-
Education	-0-	861.18	861.18	861.18	-0-
Sunday School	-0-	266.80	266.80	266.80	-0-
Total General Budget	\$ (-11.98)	\$ 2,843.97	\$ 2,831.99	\$ 2,831.99	\$ -0-
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<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>7/15/59</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Credits</u>	<u>Disburse-</u> <u>ments</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>7/15/60</u>
Illinois Conference Budget:					
President's Support	\$ 358.45	\$ 4,944.82	\$ 5,303.27	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 503.27
Conference Work	(-20.33)	1,720.98	1,700.65	1,564.18	136.47
Conference Missions	(-1,814.79)	9,608.63	7,793.84	8,359.06	(-565.22)
Pastor's Insurance	(-89.62)	2,865.56	2,775.94	2,486.92	289.02
Conference Sunday School	82.60	191.52	274.12	105.90	168.22
Marion College Expansion	-0-	388.71	388.71	388.71	-0-
Total Illinois Budget	\$(-1,483.69)	\$19,720.22	\$ 18,236.53	\$ 17,704.77	\$ 531.76
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Illinois Non-Budget:					
Conference Parsonage	\$ 827.34	\$ 2,055.00	\$ 2,882.34	\$ 2,699.44	\$ 182.90
Camp Meeting	918.33	4,022.33	4,940.66	4,218.86	721.80
Loan Fund	1,950.00	20,100.00	22,050.00	20,083.00	1,967.00
Miscellaneous	21.46	173.50	194.96	185.00	9.96
Total Illinois Non-Budget	\$ 3,717.13	\$26,350.83	\$ 30,067.96	\$ 27,186.30	\$2,881.66
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Total all Funds:	\$ 2,221.46	\$48,915.02	\$ 51,136.48	\$ 47,723.06	\$3,413.42

The books of the Conference Treasurer have been audited by Certified Public Accountant D. M. Schafer. The findings of said auditor are attached to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Roy E. Crawford, Treasurer

Report No. 11.

Auditor's Report.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have examined the books and records of the Illinois Conference Wesleyan Methodist Church for the period July 16, 1959 through July 15, 1960. I find the books and records of the Treasurer to be accurately kept for the year under audit.

The examination covered the recorded receipts and disbursements. The bank statements were reconciled to the books of the Conference, and the balances on the attached statement are the result of this reconciliation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. D. M. Schafer
Certified Public Accountant

Report No. 12.

Editor and Publisher of the Illinois Tidings.

Due to personal illness in the early part of the year and the pressures of our pioneer program, only four issues of the Illinois Tidings were published this year; A one-page issue to be read in the churches in August, plus a six-page issue in November, and three-page issues in May and July. Each issue is mailed personally to our families which entails vastly more work than bulk mailing, but insures direct contact with them. Rev. Stanley Hill, who graciously helped in addressing the July issue, can testify to the ever-present problem of keeping up with a constituency that is increasing and changing to new addresses.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Arthur L. Bray
Editor and Publisher

Report No. 13.

Conference Tithing Secretary.

There are about 322 tithing members in the Wesleyan Methodist Churches of the Illinois Conference at present. This is 73% of the total full membership.

I have sent a circular package of tithing tracts and brochures around to all the Conference ministers. This material had reference on it to most of the publishing houses where it was printed, so that the pastors could order according to their individual needs. There was also a letter included to encourage each pastor to preach at least one tithing sermon during the conference year.

It has been a real privilege and blessing to serve in this worthy office this year. May God bless our conference as we prove Him by bringing into the storehouses all the tithes and offerings, and may we continue to see the windows of Heaven opened and a blessing poured out unto us that there will not be room enough to receive it.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Cletus D. Kramer, Tithing Secretary

Report No. 14.

President of Illinois Wesleyan Youth.

In speaking to the elders of Ephesus, Paul gives this charge, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers to feed the church of God, which He has purchased with His own blood". (Acts 20:28)

Every annual report of conference activity should focus upon our personal life, our faithfulness and effort throughout the year. This helps to clarify the nature of our concern for the "flock" over which we have been overseers. It is difficult, with the incessant demands of the large groups of our adults and children in our churches, to maintain equal oversight over the smaller group of impetuous teen-agers. It is imperative that we guard carefully the time and interest they deserve and demand. With national emphasis upon youth, let us evaluate our past efforts, and, if need be, invest more sacrificially in moulding young men to match our missiles.

Listed below is a comparison of statistics:

Item	1952	1960
Locals	9	9
Active Members	125	118
WY Subscriptions	127	178
Total Receipts	\$1325.00	

This year \$446.08 was raised for our Pioneer Project which was the Harrison Avenue Church in Rockford. Last year our Pioneer Project was Wheaton and \$201.00 was received. A new plan of assessed Pioneer Goals more than doubled our usual giving through Conference dues. Special recognition should go to the W. Y. Locals of Oak Lawn and Wheaton. They both exceeded their goals by \$25.00.

The Conference activities have stimulated more interest in the churches, and were consequently better attended. The usual fall North and South District rallies attended by approximately 55 young people, were changed to a Conference-wide rally at Wheaton with approximately 85 in attendance. Our Annual Spring Overnight Retreat was held at Palos Park with 91 registering. This increase of attendance reflects greater Conference and greater local church activity. It is regrettable that only nine of our seventeen churches have an organized W. Y. Local. Of these remaining eight, most are running an active program of Christian Service Brigade or Pioneer Girls. Two churches have youth groups that meet but are not officially associated with Wesleyan Youth. Wheaton organized a W. Y. this year, and Roseland disbanded their W. Y.

The Youth Council, composed of Ida Craker, Marcena Wallace, pastors Gearhart, Kramer, and Strawser, and Rev. A. L. Bray, have proposed a new step in local youth leadership training. A leadership conference is scheduled at Lake Bloomington for Friday night and Saturday, September 16-17. It will include pastors, youth sponsors, and local youth leaders. (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.) The pastor's support of this venture is urgently needed.

Personal labors have included a monthly mail contact with each pastor and president. A Conference efficiency rating was sent, with 4 to 5 Locals responding each month. There were 5 issues of the Youth Notes sent to approximately 250 young people each time. Galesburg was visited during Youth Week in behalf of Illinois W. Y. In collaboration with Rev. Forrest Gearhart a list of qualifications for a youth sponsor were compiled and sent to all pastors. The Conference Youth Council met three times during the year.

May our young people be impressed with our mission and impelled to have a share in our ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Robert L. Zuhl
Illinois Conference Wesleyan Youth President

Report No. 15.

Boy's and Girl's Clubs

Summary of Christian Service Brigade Groups:

Number of chartered battalions	5
Number of chartered stockades	<u>4</u>
Total for Illinois Conference	9

As a matter of interest and comparison there are only 3 chartered battalions in Wesleyan Methodist churches outside the Illinois Conference. Rev. Philip Crail is captain of a battalion in the Van Grin Gospel Church.

Total number of boys enrolled in Illinois battalions	46
Total number of boys enrolled in Illinois stockades	<u>77</u>
Total boys in both groups	123

Approximate greatest number boys reached 200
Four groups participated in Missionary Shares program, with three others promised.

Summary of Pioneer Girls Groups:

Number of groups	6
Approximate total number of girls registered	73
Groups participating in Missionary Shares	3

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Dwight Elliot, Secretary

Report No. 16.Board of Superannuated Minister's Aid.

We recommend the following:

- 1) That the Conference President acquaint the new ministers with the requirements of compulsory membership in the Superannuated Minister's Aid Fund.
 - *2) That there be provided in the Standing Rules a clarification of the responsibility on the part of the churches in payment of Pension Plan budget and pastoral assessments.
 - *3) That the Pension assessments be included in the Conference Treasurer's budget sheet, and that the Treasurer endorse checks to the Pension Treasurer without entering the amounts in his books.
 - *4) That there be a provision that the annual pension report of all pastors be placed in the hands of the Pension Treasurer by July 15th.
 - 5) As of this session, all the ministers in the Conference are members of the Pension Plan, or have applied for membership.
 - 6) In action on the floor it was recommended by the Conference body that assistant ministers be encouraged to join the Superannuated Minister's Aid Fund, either paying their own assessment, or making arrangements with their church to pay the assessment.
- (See reports of Finance Committee, or Standing Rules Committee.)

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. S. Hugh Paine
Rev. W. D. Craker
Rev. C. E. Olander

Report No. 17.Superannuate Pension Plan Treasurer.

Fund Activity as of July 15, 1960

Balance On Hand July 15, 1959

\$390.65

Receipts:

1. Entrance fees (C. D. Kramer) \$25.00
2. Back assessments, notes and interest:
 - S. T. Long \$37.95
 - R. L. Zuhl 10.73
 - Conference Treasurer (A. L. Bray) 60.00
 - Austin (R. A. Strawser) 74.02
 - Maywood (Robert Klatt) 45.41
 - Peoria (C. D. Kramer) 23.80
 - Roseland (W. D. Craker) 26.01

\$307.94

3. Current assessments (1959-1960):

Church	General		Pastor's Assessment		Totals	
	asked	raised	asked	raised	asked	raised
Austin (Chicago)	\$152.00	\$152.00	\$54.00	\$54.00	\$206.00	\$206.00
Creve Coeur	24.00	24.00	42.00	42.00	66.00	66.00
Elk Grove Village	-----	-----	57.00	57.00	57.00	57.00
Galesburg	26.00	26.00	42.00	42.00	68.00	68.00
Harrison Ave. (Rockfd.)	22.00	22.00	36.00	36.00	58.00	58.00
Hoopeston	28.00	-----	-----	-----	28.00	-----
Hoyle Ave. (Chicago)	60.00	60.00	60.00	-----	120.00	60.00
Maywood	64.00	64.00	51.00	51.19	115.00	115.19
Oak Lawn	78.00	78.00	60.00	60.00	138.00	138.00
Oak Park	84.00	-----	-----	-----	84.00	-----
Peoria	18.00	18.00	27.00	27.00	45.00	45.00
Princeton	68.00	68.00	42.00	42.00	110.00	100.00
Rockfirst (First)	82.00	82.00	66.00	66.00	148.00	148.00
Roseland (Chicago)	50.00	50.00	36.00	36.00	86.00	86.00
Sheffield	8.00	8.00	-----	-----	8.00	8.00
Wheaton	-----	-----	54.00	54.00	54.00	54.00
Wyandot	112.00	112.00	-----	-----	112.00	112.00
Totals	\$876.00	\$764.00	\$627.00	\$567.19	\$1503.00	\$1321.19

4. Prepayments:

Church	Budget	Pastor's Assessment	Total
Austin	\$12.80	\$4.50	\$17.30
Peoria	-	1.50	1.50
Rockford (First)	-	26.28	26.28
	\$12.80	\$32.28	\$45.08

Total Receipts:		\$1709.21
Total Credits:		\$2099.86
Disbursements (To Dr. H. K. Sheets, General Pension Treasurer):		
1. For budget	\$660.71	
2. For pastor's assessments		
by check	\$798.60	
by voucher	10.71	809.31
Total Disbursements:		\$1470.04
Balance on Hand July 14, 1960		629.82

Recommendation:

Inasmuch as there is a balance on hand in the fund, and as budget payments are in arrears by the sum of \$112.00, the Treasurer requests permission to pay out this amount to the General Treasurer. (By motion referred to the Finance Committee.)

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. S. Hugh Paine
Conference Pension Treasurer

Report No. 18.Conference Sunday School Secretary.I. Labors.

In our capacity as Sunday School Secretary we engaged in the following activities:

- 1) Arranged for and presided over the Camp Meeting Sunday School service of 1959.
- 2) Arranged for and presided over the meeting of pastors and superintendents at Princeton in the fall of 1959.
- 3) Secured and distributed copies of the GCSSA Key to Achievement for each Sunday School.
- 4) Visited the Sunday School headquarters at Marion, Indiana; secured samples of the Aldersgate Sunday School Materials, and discussed the general Sunday School program.
- 5) Discussed with the Sunday School Board the general area of a Sunday School standard and reporting system, laying a ground-work for future development.

II. Statistical Analysis.

An analysis of the statistics indicates an increase of 4% in average attendance, bringing the total to 1200, for a gain of 42, and an average per school of 70. Other gains were of relative size. 32% of the Sunday School staff were in teacher training this year. Approximately 1,000 of the 1,600 in the main school are supplied with Wesleyan lesson materials.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Wendel Craker
Sunday School Secretary

Report No. 19.Passage of Character Committee.

Your committee has examined the written reports of the pastors in the Annual Conference, and has signed them.

We recommend that the Conference pass the ministerial character of all the ministerial members of the Illinois Conference; also Philip Crail, assistant pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman
Mr. S. Hugh Paine
Rev. Robert W. Klatt

Report No. 20.Moral Reform Committee

We, your Committee on Moral Reform, wish to submit the following report:

Realizing the aggressiveness of evil in the present age, and noting how easily even vital Christians fall into the snares of these present evils, it is the observation of the committee that the following items need to be re-emphasized. Therefore, be it resolved:

- 1) That the Illinois Conference take seriously the command in Ephesians 5:18, "Be filled with the Spirit."
- 2) That Illinois Wesleyans fulfill the Great Commission, by being a constant witness

to one's neighbor, and by promotion the outreach of the church on the local, conference and world-wide levels.

- 3) That Illinois Wesleyans guard the sacredness of the home by encouraging:
 - a. parental discipline,
 - b. the family altar,
 - c. common family interests,
 - d. family attendance at the means of grace, and
 - e. a watchful resistance to materialism.
- 4) That Christian citizenship be promoted through the following means:
 - a. prayer,
 - b. information, and
 - c. participation.
- 5) That Illinois Wesleyans strive to uphold the United States Constitutional position on separation of church and state.
- 6) That we urge our people to communicate with the editors of newspapers, periodicals, and managers of television and radio stations, and especially our legislators in relation to our views as Christians.
- 7) That we emphasize the observance of the Lord's Day and guard against those things which tend to make this day secular rather than sacred.
- 8) That we designate September 11, 1960, as Moral Reform Sunday to be observed among our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Stanley Hill, Chairman
 Rev. Cletus Kramer
 Rev. Arthur Minnaugh
 Rev. Robert Klatt
 Mr. Richard Priest
 Mrs. Alice Woodhouse
 Mr. Charles Krager
 Mrs. Barbara Crail

Report No. 21.

Sunday School Committee.

We, the members of the Sunday School Committee:

- 1) That the Sunday School Board arrange for promotional workshops on the district or local levels.
- 2) That a Conference Sunday School contest be held, with awards of Sunday School equipment to be given the winners as directed by the Sunday School Board.
- 3) That the Sunday Schools send special denominational offerings to headquarters, and a report of such offerings to the Conference Sunday School Secretary.
- 4) That the Conference Sunday School Budget be 10 cents per member, based on the total in the main school reported in the 1960 Conference Minutes, and that said monies be sent to the Conference Treasurer.
- 5) That the General Conference apportionment be 20 cents per member, as above, and sent to the Conference Treasurer.
- 6) That our churches participate in such interdenominational evangelical Sunday School rallies and workshops as are available for their instruction and inspiration.
- 7) That the Objectives for Illinois Wesleyan Sunday Schools appended to this report be adopted as the Illinois Conference Standard, and that the similarly appended Quarterly report be completed by the local Sunday School Superintendent, and sent to the Conference Sunday School Secretary postmarked by the 15th of the month following the close of the quarter, and that the first report be due the 15th of October, 1960.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. D. Craker, Chairman
 Rev. William H. Dyer
 Mr. Al Churchill
 Mr. Herman Kuster
 Mr. Norman Lenerville
 Mr. George Durey
 Mr. Frank Geniuk

Objectives for Illinois Wesleyan Sunday Schools.

I. Attendance:

An increase in enrollment and average attendance.

II. Staff.	
90% of the staff present on time, staying for church; with efforts made to improve teaching capabilities.	300 Points
III. Records.	
An accurate record system that marks pupil achievement, basic permanent records, and contact records for visitors and prospects.	300 Points
IV. Training.	
A regular Conference, plus a Teacher Training program.	400 Points
V. Organization.	
A Sunday School adequately organized into departments and classes, with the Cradle Roll, Home Department, Temperance Secretary and Library actively functioning.	400 Points
VI. Buildings and Equipment.	
Adequate provisions for class space; a centralized visual materials center.	200 Points
VII. Evangelism.	
A distinct evangelistic emphasis in the Sunday School; a definite program of visitation to reach the absentee, and the unchurched.	300 Points
VIII. Missions.	
A regular missionary emphasis in the whole Sunday School, with a special missionary project for Wesleyan Missions.	300 Points
IX. Curriculum.	
The use of graded materials through the Junior Department, and the use of Wesleyan lesson materials and story papers in the entire school.	300 Points
X. Conference Relationship.	
Co-operation with Conference reports, budgets and projects.	300 Points
	Total Points: 3,000 Points

Report No. 22.Auditing Committee.

The Auditing Committee has examined the report to Annual Conference and the financial records of the Superannuate Pension Fund Treasurer and finds the record and report correct within the limits of the bank statements, receipts, and other substantiating evidence presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Auditing Committee
 Rev. David D. Crail, Chairman
 Rev. Roy Crawford
 Rev. Irwin Reist
 Miss Mary Tolbert
 Mrs. Meryl Biggane
 Mrs. Valeria Gates

Report No. 23.Child Evangelism Director

This year contact was made with the Y. M. W. B. headquarters at Marion, Indiana, in an effort to secure materials.

A reply was received stating that the Child Evangelism Department was transferred to the Sunday School Department. Due to this organizational change we have been delayed in receiving materials and providing material for local churches.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Vera Klatt, Director

Report No. 24.Member Local Board of Trustees of Marion College.

The report from Marion College is the most encouraging one we have been able to bring to you in the history of the Conference. The years have been long and struggling, but it appears that the Lord has made Dr. William F. McConn's last year the best in every way.

Student enrollment of 444 is the highest of any but the "G. I. Bill" years immediately

following the Second World War. Finances are at an all time high, with a total income of \$332,894.93 reported as of May 31, 1960. With expenses at \$266,875.00 you will note that the balance is \$66,019. This is not all clear profit because it must carry the College through until the fall with some assist from summer school income. However, Mr. Baldwin, our treasurer, states that we had \$30,000 additional this past year which was divided approximately equally between an increase in teacher's salaries, retirement of debt and additional working funds. The increase in income is explained partly by an increase in tuition, but largely in the increase in enrollment. When student income is more than \$1,000 per student, an increase in 50 students is an increase of \$50,000 or more. Actually the cost is nearer \$1200 per student which raises the figures some more. Most of our increase in students has been without the necessity of increasing the number of faculty needed.

This is the year the College is taking title to the Marion College Church to use for our new College chapel and classroom building. The basement is to be remodelled into classrooms and study areas. This represents an outstanding advancement for Marion College. The cost of the new chapel and the remodelling will exceed \$50,000 and is being covered now by a mortgage on the church building. The Board will need to present plans to the Marion Area conference concerning a method of financing this new advance. We have another year to go before the 17 acres campus enlargement is paid for, but will have to face up to the price of progress.

The retirement of Dr. William Finney McConn on June 30, 1960, climaxed a lifetime of service to the youth of our church as president of both Miltonvale and Marion Colleges, brought to the helm of our College, Dr. Woodrow Goodman, the registrar of Houghton College, and for 13 years president of Bethel College near South Bend, Indiana. Already, Dr. Goodman has set forth plans for a vigorous administration and development of the college, looking towards North Central accreditation, and a more effective realization of our educational goals.

Let me emphasize that lack of regional accreditation does not mean that Marion College is not accredited. She is fully accredited by the State of Indiana and Indiana University, and is accepted by a great number of institutions of higher learning. She is fulfilling the task given her by her parent denomination and deserves our heartiest support. She is located in a great industrial center and is also at the headquarters of our denomination. For the training of our young ministers this is important, and it commends itself to all our Illinois Conference youth. We have four excellent area schools, but as your trustee on the Marion College Board, I would exhort you to be loyal to our area school. Lack of adequate finances have prevented Marion from paying adequate teacher's salaries which has been a main hurdle in regional accreditation. Increased enrollment based on area loyalty will meet this need and we will find answers to our other problems. Let us not magnify our problems; let us rejoice in our possibilities!

Respectfully,

Rev. Arthur L. Bray, Trustee,
Local Board of Trustees of Marion College.

Report No. 25.

Thanks Committee.

"O that man would praise the Lord, for his wonderful goodness to the children of men." Psalm 107:15.

Could it be that the Psalmist in his day faced such a dearth of thankfulness that it was necessary to elect a committee to express the proper sentiments of a thankful heart? Is this the cry of his heart that such a well-spring of thankfulness should be manifest that spontaneity should swallow up formal statements? After all, a committee is only a group of the unable, elected by the unwilling, to do the unnecessary.

But duty delegated must be fulfilled; therefore we do express your thanks in the following tangible ways:

1. Illinois Conference is privileged to have God's choice group of consecrated laymen. Many times when a church is successful the pastor gets the credit, and if a church fails, the laymen get the blame. However, the outstanding success of our Illinois churches, and the pioneering outreach of our Conference is made possible by the farsighted and sacrificial labors of our consecrated laymen, who love enough to care, and are close enough to their ministers to share in their vision, and victories. To our laymen we give a hearty thanks.

2. To William H. Dyer and his family we express a hearty thanks, with our love and concern as they leave us to pioneer the new church at Omaha, Nebraska. They have invested, beyond measure, in the growth and development of this Conference. Therefore, we do recommend that the Church Extension Day of Camp Meeting be called WM. H. DYER DAY, and that appropriate festivities be conducted, including dollar handshakes from as many

as wish to share in this great outreach ministry of our church.

3. No one has invested as much in the progress of our churches as the noble wives and mothers who serve in the parsonages of our Conference. These noble women, carrying herculean burdens, and enduring, yea triumphing, over burdens that would defeat most of us, deserve, and are offered herewith, the affection and appreciation of this Conference. Therefore we do recommend that the Conference President be appointed to set a day at Camp Meeting at which all the Conference Parsonage Ladies shall be honored in an evening service, and presented from the Conference, by the Conference President, a corsage as evidence of our love and appreciation. Corsages shall also be sent to any minister's wives who shall not be able to be present, and the expense of this recommendation shall be taken from the Conference Mission Fund. These are our missionaries—without them every advance of our Conference would be stalemated.

4. For incomparable efficiency, and magnanimity unlimited, this Conference expresses its thanks to the Austin Church, her pastor, associate pastor, and people for the entertainment of this Conference. Special mention is made of the gracious services of the custodian of the Lord's House, who has labored to care for this Conference. As an expression of our appreciation we recommend that all lost and found articles, unclaimed when the delegates depart, shall become the personal property of the custodian. He may keep them or auction them back to the owners at the Camp Meeting site.

5. We do humbly thank the Lord for our Conference President, and all the official family of the Conference and its various departments: the Missionary Society, Wesleyan Youth, Sunday School, YMW, and Child Evangelism; and we recommend that during the Camp Meeting session the officers be called together and receive free from all charge, a deluxe hamburger, with onions, and appropriate liquid refreshment; the cost of this to be absorbed by the dining hall operation.

6. Our cooks are new this year. In a limited sense, this is the type of adventure which faces every bridegroom and prompted the words of the famous poem by Gates Hubbard entitled "Advice For Grooms to Be." From the indications of these first meals, we anticipate that the members of this Conference will become dilettante gourmets by the close of the Camp session, and we express our thanks to the kitchen crew, as they strive to outperform our wildest gastronomic imaginings.

7. Lay statesman extraordinary, irreplaceable, indispensable, almost incontrovertible, Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

To this gentleman, his wife and family, the Illinois Conference is deeply indebted. In Illinois, Houghton, India, Africa and Michigan the influence of this family is felt as God expresses Himself through their lives. Mr. Paine's desire to escape public attention is legendary. But even actual humility must make way for sincere and earnest recognition, and this committee recommends that the Conference President set a day in November to be known as the S. Hugh Paine Day in Illinois churches, on which day each church shall take an offering for church extension, and shall be instructed to communicate with Mr. and Mrs. Paine by letter, sharing Christian sentiments of appreciation for their past service, and anticipated future investments in our Conference.

8. To our verbose and vibrant Conference Secretary we extend felicitations on a job admirably begun. We commend him on his predictions that the Conference Minutes will be ready for printing at the close of the Camp Sessions. We recommend that if these high ideals be realized, that at the next annual Conference he be given a standing ovation of thanks, and that his Conference Secretary's salary be doubled.

9. Finally, brethren, we are thankful to the Lord that His blessings in a marked way have rested upon this Conference in all its sessions. We are thankful for each victory won—each blessing shared. We express gratitude to the Lord for the strength to share throughout these long sessions, and for the alertness, enthusiasm, and participation of each delegate; and we recommend that no member of the Thanks Committee shall be permitted to succeed himself.

Thankfully submitted,

Rev. Forrest J. Gearhart, Chairman
Mrs. Evelyn Minnaugh
Mr. Percy Hamilton
Miss Linda Dyer

Report No. 26.

Finance Committee.

We recommend the following budgets and assessments for the fiscal year 1960 - 1961:
I. The General assessments shall be apportioned as follows, in accordance with General Conference regulations:

World Missions	\$2.00 per member
Australia	.25 " "

Brainerd Indian School	\$.25 per member
Church Extension and Evangelism	1.50 " "
Superannuate Pension Plan	2.00 " "
Church Administrative Budget	1.00 " "
General Conference Travel and Entertainment	.50 " "
Board Meeting Expense	.25 " "
Hephzibah Orphanage	.35 " "
Education	3.00 " "
Total General, except for Sunday School	\$11.10 " "

II. The Illinois Conference Budget assessment shall be:

A. On a per member basis:

Conference Fund (including Tidiings)	\$3.50 per member
Conference Missions	6.00 " "

B. On a per church basis:

President's Support Fund: One tenth of pastor's cash church salary. (See Item IV below for details.)

Pastor's Group Insurance Plan: \$126.00 per pastor. (Rate raise coming this fall.)

Pastor's Pension assessment: 1 1/2% of pastor's total income. (See Item IV below for details.)

III. Miscellaneous assessments shall be:

Marion College Campus Expansion Fund: \$1.00 per member.

General Sunday School Dues: 20¢ per member in main school.

Conference Sunday School Dues: 10¢ per member in main school.

IV. President's Support and Expense:

A. The tithe from the cash church salary of each pastor (excluding assistant pastors) be paid through the local church treasurer monthly into the Conference President's Support Fund. It is requested that pastors working at secular labors prayerfully consider giving one-half of their tithe from this source in addition to tithe of ministerial salary.

B. The Conference President's cash salary, in addition to housing, be \$400.00 per month.

C. 7¢ per mile travel allowance, in addition to other incidental expenses be allowed the Conference President. This expense shall be paid out of the Conference Fund.

D. The President be paid \$20.00 per month for parsonage fuel expense, and that the Conference pay his group insurance premium and 1 1/2% pension membership assessment. This expense shall be paid out of the Conference Fund.

V. Miscellaneous Recommendations:

A. We request that the Missionary Board be authorized to subsidize the financing of the Conference parsonage by monthly payments of \$50.00 out of the Conference Missions Fund.

B. We nominate Rev. Cletus D. Kramer as Assistant Conference Treasurer, and Mr. S. Hugh Paine as Conference Pension Fund Treasurer.

C. We recommend that arrears in the general pension budget receipts be paid this year out of unassigned funds held in the Pension Fund.

D. We recommend that churches remit pension fund payments on an undivided basis, and that the Conference Pension Fund Treasurer be instructed to pro rate such payments to general pension budget and to pastoral assessment proportionally so that they will become paid up at the same time. In case of failure of the church to completely pay the assessment, the pastor will be responsible to make up the arrears in pastor's assessment so as to retain status in the Plan.

E. We recommend payment of pastor's insurance and pastor's pension assessments budget be required only for that time during which the church is served by a pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Finance Committee

Rev. Arthur L. Bray, Chairman

Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Secretary

Report No. 27.

Standing Rules Committee.

I. Concerning items referred to in the Pension Committee report we recommend:

A. That the pension budget items be kept separate from those paid in to the Conference Treasurer, but that the budget sheets of the Conference Treasurer and Pension Funds be stapled together so that the local church may have in one document all the budget requirements for the year.

B. That Standing Rule VI, Item 7, be amended by adding to it the following: "It is urged that assistant pastors join the plan, paying their own assessments, or arranging

with their churches to do so. The pastor's annual pension report shall be sent to the Conference Pension Treasurer no later than July 15th of each year."

II. Concerning the question of voting procedure on nominations, it is recommended that the matter be referred to the President and his Advisory Board for further study and recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Conference Trustees,
Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Secretary

Report No. 28.

Pastoral Relations Committee.

Conference President

Rev. Arthur L. Bray

Pastoral Relations:

Austin (Chicago)

Creve Coeur (Peoria suburb)
Elk Grove Village (Chicago suburb)

Galesburg
Hoopeston
Hoyne Avenue (Chicago)

Maywood
Oak Lawn (Chicago suburb)

Oak Park

Pecoria

Princeton

Roseland (Chicago) in the hands of President (1)

Rockford First

Rockford, Harrison Avenue

Sheffield- in the hands of Missionary Board

Wheaton

Wyanet

Rev. Ray A. Strawser
Rev. Irwin Reist, Associate
Rev. Daren C. Durey
Rev. David D. Crail
Rev. Philip Crail, Assistant
Rev. Carl E. Olander
Rev. Arthur P. Mimnaugh
Rev. Wendel D. Craker
Rev. Merideth Bailey, Assistant
Rev. Robert W. Klatt
Rev. Robert L. Zuhl
Rev. Willard Nuckols, Assistant
Rev. Stanley A. Hill
Rev. Robert Fisher
Rev. Roy E. Crawford

(2) Rev. Donald Edwards
Rev. Samuel T. Long

Rev. Forrest J. Gearhart
Rev. Cletus D. Kramer

Appointed to Occupational Evangelism:

Rev. Clarence C. McCarty
Rev. Mrs. Ivanelle McCarty
Rev. Glen Klasna

To Attend Medical School

Rev. Ronald E. Mullen

On Reserve Elders List

Rev. James A. Blaine

Missionary to Japan Under the Oriental

Missionary Society

Rev. Francis A. Davis

Unstated Elder

Rev. Orville E. Price

Referred Back to Quarterly Conference by

His Request to Serve in Lay Capacity

George R. Durey
Martin W. Winterberg

Transferred to the Wisconsin Conference

Rev. Harry Moeller

Transferred to the Nebraska Conference

Rev. William H. Dyer

Missionary to Sierra Leone, West Africa

Rev. Vernon A. Swanson

Respectfully submitted,

Note:

Rev. Arthur L. Bray, Chairman
Rev. Daren C. Durey
Rev. Robert L. Zuhl
Rev. Forrest J. Gearhart
Mr. Frank Hames
Mr. A. N. Carstensen
Mr. William F. Tice

(1) Supplied by Rev. Robert L. Zuhl of Oak Lawn and his assistants.

(2) Appointee unable to come.
Rev. Arthur L. Bray became pastor on August 28, 1960.

AppendageReport No. 8.Sunday School Board.

The Conference Sunday School Board took the following actions:

- 1) Approved plans for the Conference-wide meeting of pastors and superintendents at Princeton in October of 1959.
- 2) Authorized the securing of a copy of the GCSSA Standard Key to Achievement for each Sunday school.
- 3) Discussed the question of a Conference Sunday School Standard and reporting system, and prepared specific recommendations for the Sunday School Committee of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. D. Craker, Chairman
Rev. R. L. Zuhl

Report No. 7.Conference TrusteesStatement of Conference Assets and LiabilitiesAssets:

Value of Local Church Buildings	\$417,200.00	
Value of Local Church Parsonages	311,271.00	
Equity in Conference Parsonage	4,250.00	
Loans Receivable	1,300.00	
Cash Balances in Churches and Conference Funds	<u>27,796.00</u>	
		\$771,817.00

Liabilities:

Loans Payable on		
Local Church Buildings	\$60,270.00	
Local Church Parsonages	<u>\$120,244.00</u>	
		\$180,514.00
		<u>\$591,303.00</u>

Net Worth

Respectfully submitted,
S. Hugh Paine, Jr., Secretary,
Conference Board of Trustees.

CHURCH	PASTOR	Item I. Pastor's Labors					
		Time Employed (Months)	Appointments Organized Church	Appointments Methodists	Item II. Periodicals		
					Wesleyan Mission- aries Taken	Wesleyan Youth Taken	
1. Austin (Chicago)	Rev. R. A. Strawser	12	1	1	72	26	27
2. Grove Coeur	Rev. Daren Durey	12	1	1	11	12	11
3. Elk Grove Village	Rev. D. D. Crail	12	1	1	7	1	
4. Oalesburg	Rev. C. E. Olander	12	1	1	18	6	11
5. Hoopeston	Rev. A. P. Minnaugh	5	1	1	2	7	
6. Harrison Ave.	Rev. S. T. Long	12	1	1	8	15	6
7. Hoyne Ave. (Chicago)	Rev. W. D. Craker	12	1	1	16	18	8
8. Maywood	Rev. R. W. Klatt	12	1	1	23	23	1
9. Oak Lawn	Rev. R. L. Zuhl	12	1	1	28	18	30
10. Oak Park	Rev. J. T. Ledwell	12	1	1	32	15	3
11. Pecris	Rev. C. D. Kramer	12	1	1	8	12	4
12. Princeton	Rev. R. E. Crawford	12	1	1	48	61	11
13. Rockford First	Rev. W. H. Dyer	12	1	1	34	24	39
14. Roseland	Rev. V. W. Swanson	7	1	1	8	15	4
15. Sheffield	Rev. C. C. McCarty	12	1	1	8	6	2
16. Wheaton	Rev. F. J. Gearhart	12	1	1	36	22	14
17. Wyandot	Rev. S. A. Hill	12	1	1	33	34	6
TOTALS		192	17	17	392	315	178

CHURCH	Item II, Cont. (Sunday School) Periodicals												
	Sunday School Pamphlets	Junior Journeys	Children's Friend	Adult Teacher's Quarterly	Intermediate Teacher's Quarterly	Junior-Primary Teach- er's Quarterly	Senior Scholar's Q'tly	Int. Scholar's Q'tly	Junior Scholar's Q'tly	Primary Scholar's Q'tly	Home Dep't Quarterly	Lesson Leaflets	Other Helps
1. Austin	50			6			50				6	15	
2. Creve Coeur	30			2			12				14	8	
3. Elk Grove Village													
4. Galesburg	20			5	1		24		6		8	6	
5. Harrison Ave.	20	16	15	4	2		12	12	20		12	5	
6. Hoopeston	20		12	4		2	10		16			15	
7. Hoyle Ave.	30		12	4	1		20		13				
8. Maywood	20			2		40							
9. Oak Lawn	40						35				6	100	
10. Oak Park				3			20				8	14	
11. Peoria	20	12	8	6	1	2	25	8	12	10		5	
12. Princeton	40	18	20	4	2	5	40	15	20	23	4	10	
13. Rockford First	35	15		5	1	5	35	12	24		12		
14. Roseland	12	5			1	2		3	8				
15. Sheffield							52	8					
16. Wheaton				4	2		60	36					
17. Wyanet	45	12	12	5	4	2	3		12	20		15	
	382	78	79	54	15	21	425	123	96	91	76	178	

CHURCH	Item III. Membership										
	Full Membership Reported Last Year	Full Members Received This Year	Total Columns 1 and 2	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Total Membership Lost	Present Full Membership	Associate Members	Junior Members
1. Austin	76	3	79			1	3	4	75	20	
2. Creve Coeur	12	11	23		1		3	4	19	3	7
3. Elk Grove Village		10	10						10	2	4
4. Galesburg	13	1	14						14	2	7
5. Harrison Ave.	11	1	12						12		9
6. Hoopeston	14	2	16		1	1	5	7	9	1	
7. Hoynes Ave.	30	3	33		2			2	31	1	
8. Maywood	32	3	35				4	4	31	28	2
9. Oak Lawn	39	5	44			1		4	40	24	8
10. Oak Park	42	1	43		2	1	9	12	31	8	6
11. Peoria	11	1	12		2	1		3	9	2	2
12. Princeton	34	5	39				5	5	34	2	5
13. Rockford First	41	7	48		1		1	2	46		15
14. Roseland	25	3	28		2		7	9	19	5	
15. Sheffield	4		4					4	4	4	3
16. Wheaton		19	19						19		
17. Wyanet	56		56		3	1	3	7	49	4	
	440	75	515	0	14	6	40	63	452	106	68

CHURCH	Item III. Membership (Continued)										
	Total Present Membership	Total Membership re-ported Last Year	Gain in Members For the Year (or)	Loss in Members For the Year	Baptized	Infants Dedicated	Number of Family Alters	Membership Titling	Card Call Subscribers	Local Preachers	Unstated Elders
1. Austin	95	99		4	4	6	30	50	24	6	
2. Creve Coeur	29	14	15		15	2	12	20	5		
3. Elk Grove Village	16	16			1		2	7	2	1	
4. Galesburg	23	22	1				5	8	1		
5. Harrison Ave.	21	11	10				5	21	6		
6. Hoopeston	10	14		4			4	9	1		
7. Hoynes Ave.	32	30	2		2		10	18	6	1	
8. Maywood	61	60	1			5	12	24	15	2	
9. Oak Lawn	72	75		3		17	12	30	4	1	
10. Oak Park	44	48		4		2	25	30	23	1	
11. Peoria	13	11	2				4	8	4		
12. Princeton	41	35	6		9		20	18	12		
13. Rockford First	61	49	12		9	2	11	30	18	2	
14. Roseland	24	25		1			9	8	4	1	
15. Sheffield	11	8	3				1	2	2		
16. Wheaton	23		23				10	19	2		
17. Wyandot	49	56		7		2	25	30	16	1	
	625	557	91	23	68	36	197	332	145	16	

CHURCH	Item VI. Disbursed for Pastor					
	Salary	Parsonage Rent and Utilities	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Travel and/or Car Expense	Total Pastor's Receipts
1. Austin	\$ 4,160	\$ 900	\$ 125	\$ 202		\$5,387
2. Creve Coeur	2,420	720	50	110	260	3,560
3. Elk Grove Village		628		25		653
4. Galesburg	3,200		65	100		3,365
5. Harrison Ave.	220	803		70		1,093
6. Hoopetston	1,919	911	5	120	80	3,035
7. Hoyne Ave.	3,717	1,140	60	70		4,987
8. Maywood	3,185	1,200	35	350		4,770
9. Oak Lawn	4,435	800	155	75	242	5,707
10. Oak Park	3,579	1,200	40	100		4,919
11. Peoria	1,560	600	60	50		2,270
12. Princeton	2,860	480	40	291	260	3,931
13. Rockford First	5,129	900	30	154	376	6,589
14. Roseland	2,086	844		181		3,111
15. Sheffield		75		15	111	201
16. Wheaton	3,250	1,800		871	160	6,081
17. Wyandot	2,716	701	70	300	520	4,307
	\$ 44,476	\$ 13,702	\$ 735	\$ 3,084	\$ 2,009	\$63,966

CHURCH	Item VII. Disbursed for Church							
	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Amount Paid on Expense of Indebtedness	Church Incidental Expense	Total for Church
1. Austin	\$ 194	\$ 998	\$1,903	\$3,200	\$1,050	\$ 176	\$5,094	\$12,615
2. Creve Coeur	170	237		90	352	408	579	1,836
3. Elk Grove Village	160	167	1,950		31	25	657	2,290
4. Galesburg	75	443		182		80	1,101	1,881
5. Harrison Ave.	43	254	4,025	44	2,048	662	139	7,215
6. Hoopetston	9	85		50	125	20	288	577
7. Hoyne Ave.	15	308		685	353	338	1,028	2,727
8. Maywood	271	433	3,144	107	1,394	905	2,058	8,312
9. Oak Lawn	835	601	1,500	494	2,589	456	4,702	11,177
10. Oak Park	190	421		434	631	156	2,984	4,816
11. Peoria	150	211	50	50	384	63	643	1,551
12. Princeton	194	576	278	416	400	811	884	3,559
13. Rockford First	349	387	228	190	1,696	734	2,503	6,087
14. Roseland	60	95	150	36	3,606	576	565	5,088
15. Sheffield		82					100	182
16. Wheaton	10	149	1,338	94			1,878	3,469
17. Wyandot	100	657	117	113	1,850	25	1,432	4,294
	\$2,825	\$6,104	\$14,683	\$6,185	\$16,509	\$5,435	\$26,635	\$78,376

CHURCH	Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget							
	World Missions Assigned	World Missions Raised	Australia Assigned	Australia Raised	Brainerd Indian School Assigned	Brainerd Indian School Raised	General Church Ex. & Eveng. Assigned	General Church Ex. & Eveng. Raised
1. Austin	\$152.	1299.56	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$114.00	\$171.34
2. Creve Coeur	24.	53.49	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	18.00	23.98
3. Elk Grove Village								
4. Galesburg	26.	43.36	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	19.50	19.50
5. Harrison Ave.	22.	80.26	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	16.50	54.84
6. Hoopeston	28.		3.50		3.50		21.00	
7. Hoyne Ave.	60.	78.86	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	45.00	23.27
8. Maywood	64.	85.04	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	48.00	58.31
9. Oak Lawn	78.	133.18	9.75	9.84	9.75	9.84	58.50	58.56
10. Oak Park	84.	105.21	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	63.00	66.33
11. Peoria	18.	49.21	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	13.50	10.00
12. Princeton	68.	71.72	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	51.00	61.00
13. Rockford First	82.	116.69	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	61.50	82.31
14. Roseland	50.	50.00	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	37.50	37.50
15. Sheffield	8.	6.17	1.00		1.00		6.00	5.55
16. Wheaton								
17. Wyanet	112.	61.22	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	84.00	84.11
	\$876.	2231.97	\$109.50	\$105.09	\$109.50	\$105.09	\$657.00	\$656.60

	Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget (Continued)							
	Education Assigned	Education Raised	Pension Plan Assigned	Pension Plan Raised	Administrative Budget Assigned	Administrative Budget Raised	Board Meeting Expense Assigned	Board Meeting Expense Raised
1. Austin	\$228.00	\$228.32	\$152.00	\$152.00	\$76.00	\$76.00	\$19.00	\$19.00
2. Creve Coeur	36.00	36.41	24.00	24.00	12.00	12.00	3.00	3.00
3. Elk Grove Village								
4. Galesburg	39.00	39.00	26.00	26.00	13.00	13.00	3.25	3.25
5. Harrison Ave.	33.00	35.36	22.00	22.00	11.00	11.00	2.75	2.75
6. Hoopeston	42.00		28.00		14.00		3.50	
7. Hoyne Ave.	90.00	11.15	60.00	60.00	30.00		7.50	
8. Maywood	96.00	96.00	64.00	64.00	32.00	32.00	8.00	8.00
9. Oak Lawn	117.00	128.46	78.00	78.00	39.00	39.00	9.75	9.84
10. Oak Park	126.00	126.00	84.00		42.00	42.00	10.50	10.50
11. Peoria	27.00	27.00	18.00	18.00	9.00	12.43	2.25	1.14
12. Princeton	102.00	102.00	68.00	68.00	34.00	34.00	8.50	8.50
13. Rockford First	123.00	123.00	82.00	82.00	41.00	41.00	10.25	20.50
14. Roseland	75.00	75.00	50.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	6.25	6.25
15. Sheffield	12.00		8.00	8.00	4.00		1.00	
16. Wheaton								
17. Wyanet	168.00		112.00	112.00	56.00	42.03	14.00	14.00
	\$ 314.00	\$1027.70	\$876.00	\$764.00	\$438.00	\$379.46	\$209.50	\$106.77

CHURCH	Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget (Continued)							
	General Conference Expense and Entertainment Assigned	General Conference Expense and Entertainment Raised	Orphanage Assigned	Orphanage Raised	General Sunday School Work Assigned	General Sunday School Work Raised	Total General Budget Assigned	Total General Budget Raised
1. Austin	\$38.00	\$38.00	\$26.60	\$32.00	\$24.20	\$24.20	\$867.80	\$2078.42
2. Creve Coeur	6.00	6.00	4.20	5.00	16.20	16.20	149.40	186.08
3. Elk Grove Village					6.40	6.40	6.40	6.40
4. Galesburg	6.50	6.50	4.55	4.55	14.00	14.00	158.30	175.66
5. Harrison Ave.	5.50	5.50	3.85	5.00	9.40	9.40	131.50	231.61
6. Hoopeston	7.00		4.90		17.00		172.40	
7. Hoynes Ave.	15.00		10.50	10.50	17.80		350.80	198.78
8. Maywood	16.00	19.68	11.20	16.20	16.20	16.20	371.40	411.43
9. Oak Lawn	19.50	19.56	13.65	23.68	56.00	56.04	488.90	466.00
10. Oak Park	21.00	21.00	14.70	19.70	18.80	18.80	485.00	430.54
11. Peoria	4.50	2.18	3.15	5.00	7.60	7.60	107.50	137.06
12. Princeton	17.00	17.00	11.90	11.90	28.00	28.08	405.40	419.20
13. Rockford First	20.50	20.50	14.35	14.35	30.00	30.00	485.10	550.85
14. Roseland	12.50	12.50	8.75	8.75	9.00	9.00	286.50	286.50
15. Sheffield	2.00		1.40		4.20		48.60	19.72
16. Wheaton					8.20	10.00	8.20	10.00
17. Wyandot	28.00	28.00	19.60	19.60	27.80	20.88	649.40	409.89
	\$219.00	\$196.42	\$153.30	\$176.23	\$310.80	\$266.80	\$172.60	\$118.09

CHURCH	Item IX. Disbursed for Conference Budget							
	President's Salary Assigned	President's Salary Raised	Conference Work Assigned	Conference Work Raised	Conference Church Extension and Evangelism Assigned	Conference Church Extension and Evangelism Raised	Pastor's Pension Assigned	Pastor's Pension Raised
1. Austin	\$416.00	\$416.20	\$266.00	\$266.34	\$456.00	\$523.33	\$54.00	\$54.00
2. Creve Coeur	242.00	242.00	42.00	42.00	72.00	72.26	42.00	42.00
3. Elk Grove Village		192.50					57.00	57.00
4. Galesburg	320.00	433.15	45.50	69.46	78.00	54.04	42.00	42.00
5. Harrison Ave.	22.00	75.00	38.50	90.64	66.00	106.94	36.00	36.00
6. Hoopeston	191.90	113.00	49.00		84.00			
7. Hoynes Ave.	371.70	371.70	105.00		180.00	65.00	60.00	
8. Maywood	318.50	331.02	112.00	112.00	192.00	216.34	51.00	51.19
9. Oak Lawn	443.50	443.45	136.50	136.56	234.00	234.00	60.00	60.00
10. Oak Park	357.90	360.50	147.00	147.00	252.00	255.34		
11. Peoria	156.00	173.00	31.50	31.50	54.00	63.00	27.00	28.50
12. Princeton	286.00	280.00	119.00	119.00	204.00	204.00	42.00	42.00
13. Rockford First	512.90	503.00	143.50	143.50	246.00	242.89	66.00	92.28
14. Roseland	208.60	304.60	87.50	187.50	150.00	150.00	36.00	36.00
15. Sheffield			14.00	7.00	24.00	13.67		
16. Wheaton	325.00	357.50					54.00	54.00
17. Wyandot	271.60	313.00	196.00	196.00	336.00	336.00		
	\$4443.60	4909.62	\$1533.00	\$1548.50	\$2628.00	2537.31	\$627.00	\$594.97

CHURCH	Item IX. Disbursed for Conference Budget (Continued)							
	Conference Sunday School Work Assigned	Conference Sunday School Work Raised	Marion College Expansion Assigned	Marion College Expansion Raised	Pastor's Insurance Assigned	Pastor's Insurance Raised	Total Conference Budget Assigned	Total Conference Budget Raised
1. Austin	\$12.10	\$12.10	\$76.00	\$88.68	\$161.50	\$161.67	\$1441.60	\$1522.32
2. Creve Coeur	8.10	8.09	12.00	12.00	161.50	161.50	579.60	579.85
3. Elk Grove Village	3.20	3.20			161.50	174.98	221.70	427.68
4. Galesburg	7.00	7.00	13.00	13.00	161.50	161.50	667.00	780.15
5. Harrison Ave.	4.70	4.70	11.00	11.00	161.50	161.50	339.70	485.78
6. Hoopeston	8.50		14.00		161.50	45.46	508.90	158.46
7. Hoynes Ave.	8.90		30.00		161.50	161.50	917.10	598.20
8. Maywood	8.10	8.10	32.00	32.00	161.50	161.50	875.10	912.15
9. Oak Lawn	28.00	28.08	39.00	39.00	161.50	188.43	1102.50	1129.52
10. Oak Park	9.40	9.40	42.00	42.00	161.50	161.50	969.80	975.74
11. Peoria	3.80	3.80	9.00	6.75	161.50	161.50	442.80	468.55
12. Princeton	14.00	14.04	34.00	34.00	161.50	161.52	860.50	854.56
13. Rockford First	15.00	15.00	41.00	41.25	161.50	161.50	1185.90	1199.42
14. Roseland	4.50	4.50	25.00	25.00	161.50	98.50	673.10	806.10
15. Sheffield	2.10		4.00	2.00	161.50	92.50	205.60	115.17
16. Wheaton	4.10	5.00			161.50	161.50	544.60	578.00
17. Wyandot	13.90	13.90	56.00	42.03	161.50	55.00	1035.00	955.93
	\$155.40	\$136.91	\$438.00	\$388.71	\$2745.50	\$2431.50	\$12570.50	\$12547.58

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CHURCH	Total Budget Assigned	Total Budget Raised
1. Austin	2309.40	3600.74
2. Creve Coeur	729.00	765.93
3. Elk Grove Village	228.10	434.08
4. Galesburg	825.30	955.81
5. Harrison Ave.	471.20	717.39
6. Hoopeston	681.30	158.46
7. Hoynes Ave.	1267.90	796.98
8. Maywood	1246.50	1323.58
9. Oak Lawn	1591.40	1695.52
10. Oak Park	1454.80	1406.28
11. Peoria	550.30	605.61
12. Princeton	1265.90	1273.76
13. Rockford First	1671.00	1750.27
14. Roseland	959.60	192.60
15. Sheffield	254.20	134.89
16. Wheaton	552.80	588.00
17. Wyandot	1684.40	1365.77
	17743.00	18665.67

Item X. Disbursed for Benevolences					
World Missions	Australia	Church Extension and Evangelism	Education	Orphanage	Conference Work
2302.00		\$ 12.00	\$25.00	\$102.00	\$755.00
64.00					9.00
100.00					1596.00
45.00					
1.00		5.00	6.00		
25.00					9.00
122.00		30.00	12.00		
356.00		25.00			17.00
50.00		50.00	75.00		
838.00	118.00	250.00	30.00		92.00
58.00		1.00	10.00		20.00
71.00		15.00	82.00		8.00
218.00		24.00	89.00		100.00
386.00			1010.00		250.00
4636.00	118.00	412.00	1339.00	102.00	2856.00

CHURCH	Item X. Benevolences		
	Wesleyan Youth	Other Objects	Total for Benevolences
1. Austin	\$ 25.00	\$1933.00	\$5154.00
2. Creve Coeur		125.00	198.00
3. Elk Grove Village		62.00	1758.00
4. Galesburg			45.00
5. Harrison Ave.		234.00	246.00
6. Hoopeston			34.00
7. Hoyne Ave.	113.00	86.00	363.00
8. Maywood	30.00	332.00	760.00
9. Oak Lawn		150.00	325.00
10. Oak Park	61.00	250.00	1639.00
11. Peoria	5.00	32.00	126.00
12. Princeton	51.00	98.00	325.00
13. Rockford First	205.00	183.00	819.00
14. Roseland		214.00	1860.00
15. Sheffield	11.00	59.00	70.00
16. Wheaton	73.00	404.00	477.00
17. Wyandot	477.00	95.00	572.00
	\$1051.00	\$4257.00	\$4771.00

CHURCH	Item XI. Disbursed Totals				
	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes
1. Austin	\$5387.00	\$12615.00	\$3601.00	\$5154.00	\$26757.00
2. Creve Coeur	3560.00	1836.00	766.00	198.00	6360.00
3. Elk Grove Village	653.00	2990.00	434.00	1758.00	5835.00
4. Galesburg	3365.00	1881.00	953.00	45.00	6244.00
5. Harrison Ave.	1093.00	7215.00	717.00	246.00	9271.00
6. Hoopeston	3035.00	577.00	158.00	34.00	3804.00
7. Hoyne Ave.	4987.00	2727.00	797.00	363.00	8874.00
8. Maywood	4770.00	8312.00	1324.00	760.00	15166.00
9. Oak Lawn	5707.00	11177.00	1696.00	325.00	18905.00
10. Oak Park	4919.00	4816.00	1406.00	1639.00	12780.00
11. Peoria	2270.00	1551.00	606.00	126.00	4553.00
12. Princeton	3931.00	3559.00	1274.00	325.00	9089.00
13. Rockford First	5689.00	6087.00	1750.00	819.00	15245.00
14. Roseland	3111.00	5088.00	1093.00	1860.00	11152.00
15. Sheffield	201.00	182.00	135.00	70.00	588.00
16. Wheaton	6081.00	3469.00	588.00	477.00	10615.00
17. Wyandot	4307.00	4294.00	1366.00	572.00	10539.00
	\$63,966.00	\$78,376.00	\$18,664.00	\$14,771.00	\$175,777.00

MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OFTHE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Held at Belvidere, Illinois, August 4 and 5, 1960.

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Austin (Chicago)	Mrs. Rachel Bray	1406 School Street, Rockford, Illinois
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Wyanet	Mrs. Kay Dyer	Route One, Princeton, Illinois.

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Creve Coeur	Mrs. Mickey Edwards	Peoria	Mrs. Alice Woodhouse
Elk Grove Village	(No Delegate)	Princeton	Mrs. Gladys Rowley
Galesburg	Mrs. Irene Olander	Rockford	Mrs. Mary Blood
Harrison Ave.	Mrs. Opal Bradley	Roseland	Mrs. Phyllis Bowman
Hoopeston	(No Delegate)	Sheffield	(No Delegate)
Hoynes Ave.	Mrs. Shirley Cavanah	Wheaton	(No Delegate)
Maywood	Mrs. Barbara Lenerville	Wyanet	Mrs. Katherine Thompson
Oak Lawn	Mrs. Margery Zuhl		

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGSFirst Meeting. 1:30 p.m., Thursday, August 4, 1960.

1. Opening. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Illinois Conference held the first meeting of its Eleventh Annual Session in the dining hall at Camp Epworth, near Belvidere, Illinois, with the president, Mrs. Rachel Bray, presiding. Mrs. Joaquin Crawford led in the singing of the theme chorus, "Have Your Eyes Caught the Vision?"

2. Devotions. Mrs. Mildred Huff, missionary to Africa, brought devotional thoughts from Matthew 9:36. She spoke of Christ's compassion for the multitudes. She also related some interesting experiences in Africa, and urged us to be content wherever we are as we serve the Lord. She then led in prayer.

3. Committees. The report of the Executive Committee nominating the members of the various committees was adopted with corrections: Nominating Committee: Mrs. Norma Jean Craker, Chairman; Mrs. Florence Hames; Mrs. Mary Blood. Plan of Work: Mrs. Edna Hill, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Priest; Mrs. Evelyn Mimmaugh; Mrs. Margaret Ogle; Mrs. Tiena Winterberg; Mrs. Kay Dyer; Mrs. Florence Jacobs. Distributing Tellers: Mrs. Gladys Rowley;

Mrs. Mickey Edwards. Collecting Tellers: Mrs. Jerry Klasna; Mrs. Martha Long. Music: Mrs. Joaquin Crawford. Post Office: Mrs. Elva Jean Strawser; Mrs. Barbara Lenerville; Mrs. Shirley Cavanah. Poster: Mrs. Irene Olander; Mrs. Phyllis Bowman. Reporter: Mrs. June Tice.

4. Roll Call. The roll was called and the local president and delegate answered by standing. They were seated within the bar.

5. Orders of the Day. The report of the Committee on Orders of the Day was read and adopted. (See Report No. 1.)

6. President's Report. The President's report was read and approved. She was given a rising vote of appreciation for her labors. (See Report No. 2.)

7. Gift of Appreciation. Mrs. Bray was presented with a bouquet of handkerchiefs with a gift of money attached from the Conference body. Mrs. Bray expressed her gratitude to the Conference.

8. Report of Mission Study Secretary. The report of the Mission Study Secretary, Mrs. Ivanelle McCarty, was read and approved. (See Report No. 3.)

9. Report of Magazine Solicitor. The report of the Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Elva Jean Strawser, was read and approved. (See Report No. 4.)

10. Report of Literature Secretary. The report of the 1959 Literature Secretary, Mrs. Ethel Dyer, was read and approved. (See Report No. 5.)

11. Report of Statistical Chairman. The report of the Statistical Chairman, Mrs. Norma Jean Craker, was read and approved. A rising vote of appreciation was given her. (See Report No. 6.)

12. Report of World Fellowship Secretary. The report of the Woman's World Fellowship Secretary, Mrs. Joaquin Crawford, was read and approved. (See Report No. 7.)

13. News From India. Mrs. Mary Blood read an interesting letter from Dr. and Mrs. Charles Paine, Illinois missionaries to India.

14. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by prevailing motion. Mrs. Mildred Huff led in the closing prayer.

Second Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Friday, August 5, 1960.

1. Opening. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Rachel Bray. Mrs. Joaquin Crawford led in the singing of the theme song, "Have Your Eyes Caught the Vision?"

2. Devotions. Mrs. Mildred Huff brought devotions from Matthew 5:8: "Blessed are the pure in heart." She told of some of the personal problems of the missionaries, and asked the Conference to pray for them. She also gave an interesting story of an African woman, after which she offered prayer.

3. Roll Call. The roll was called and the delegates were seated within the bar.

4. Reading of Minutes. The Minutes of the first meeting were read and approved.

5. Report of Executive Committee. The report of the Executive Committee was read and approved. (See Report No. 8.)

6. Report of Nominating Committee. The report of the Nominating Committee was read and received. (See Report No. 9.)

7. Election of Officers. The following were elected by ballot as Conference officers for 1960 - 1961: President: Mrs. Rachel Bray. Vice-President: Mrs. Ann Gearhart. Secretary: Mrs. Margery Zuhl. Treasurer: Mrs. Edna Hill. Literature Secretary: Mrs. Martha Long. Mission Study Secretary: Mrs. Ivanelle McCarty. Magazine Solicitor: Mrs. Elva Jean Strawser. Statistical Chairman: Mrs. Meryl Biggane. Y.M.W.B. Superintendent: Mrs. Norma Jean Craker.

8. Partial Report of Executive Committee. The Executive Committee and appointed Mrs. Joaquin Crawford as the Woman's World Fellowship Secretary.

9. Report of Auditing Committee. The report of the Auditing Committee was read and approved. (See Report No. 10.)

10. Report of Y.M.W.B. Superintendent. The Y.M.W.B. Superintendent's report and statistical report was adopted. (See Report No. 11.)

11. Report of Treasurer. The Conference received Mrs. Edna Hill's Treasurer's report with a rising vote of appreciation. (See Report No. 12.)

12. Gift of Appreciation. A gift of money was presented to Mrs. Ethel Dyer, from the Conference body, in love and appreciation for her past labors as a Conference officer. Mrs. Dyer expressed her gratitude. The Dyers are leaving our Conference to start a pioneer work in Omaha, Nebraska.

13. Report of Plan of Work Committee. The report of the Plan of Work Committee was read and adopted as amended. (See Report No. 13.)

14. Report of Post Office Committee. The report of the Post Office Committee was read and approved. (See the list of Conference officers, local presidents and delegates.)

15. Report of Poster Committee. Posters from the Creve Coeur and Princeton W.M.S. and from the Princeton Y.M.W.B. were presented and displayed. A yearbook from the Hoynes Avenue W.M.S. was displayed.

16. Greetings. The Secretary served as the Greetings Committee. Greetings were sent to: Miss Vera Brainerd, Mrs. Ann Gearhart, Mrs. Mildred Wallace, and Rev. William Gale.

17. Correspondence. Mrs. Vera Klatt read an interesting letter from Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Swanson, Illinois missionaries to Africa.

18. Adjournment. By prevailing motion the Conference was adjourned sine die. Mrs. Rachel Bray led in the closing prayer.

Unfinished Business — Executive Committee

On Saturday, August 6, 1960, the Executive Committee met by Conference action to complete the unfinished business:

1. The Y.M.W.B. Plan of Work was revised and accepted for the coming year. (See Report No. 14.)

W. M. S. REPORTS

Report No. 1.

Orders of the Day Committee.

Thursday, August 4, 1960. Conference convenes at 1:30 p.m.; Devotions, Mrs. George Huff; Report of the Committee on Conference Committees; Roll Call; Report of Orders of the Day Committee; Report of the Conference W.M.S. President; Report of Mission Study Secretary; Report of Magazine Solicitor; Report of Literature Secretary; Report of Statistical Committee; Report of World Fellowship Secretary; News from India.

Friday, August 5, 1960. Conference convenes at 1:30 p.m.; Devotions, Mrs. Mildred Huff; Roll Call; Report of Nomination Committee; Election of Officers; Report of the Auditor; Report of the Y.M.W.B. Superintendent; Report of the Treasurer; Report of the Executive Committee; Report of Plan of Work Committee; Reports of Conference Committees; News from Africa; Miscellaneous Business; Adjournment sine die.

Report No. 2.

Conference W.M.S. President.

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord.

At the close of the 11th year of our Conference we humbly thank the Lord for what He has done. We rejoice over the faithful efforts of our people who have diligently worked to see His cause advance.

Visitation: We made a total of eleven visits this year ministering to all fourteen societies. Creve Coeur and Peoria and the Peoria Church, and Wyandot, Princeton, and Sheffield at the Sheffield Church.

Correspondence: Letters and communications numbering about 150 have been sent from our desk this year.

Missionary Projects: The Lord has blessed our Conference by sending three of our young couples out to the mission field of His choice this year. Needless to say, much time was spent in making arrangements to provide outgoing equipment for Dr. and Mrs. Charles Paine and three daughters, and Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Swanson and daughter. We thank each of you for the part you have played in making it possible for these people to get to the mission field. Our ladies also co-operated heartily with the request of our annual Conference President in supplying needs for the Thomas Murray family who went to Mexico in January. There was almost \$3,000.00 raised for the three families in supplies and money.

Workshops: We made plans and promoted two W.M.S. Workshops last September—one in each of the districts. The Lord blessed, and we felt that it was well worth our efforts.

Missionary Tours: Three attempts were made for missionaries to tour the Conference this last year. Due to circumstances beyond our control one was cancelled for September with Rev. K. M. Ridgway. Then arrangements were made for a representative from Brainerd Indian School to tour the Conference the first of the year, but it was cancelled until this fall because of the special missionary emphasis to the Tom Murrays who are with the Wycliff Translators. Then again at the request of the Department of World Missions the Swansons toured the Conference in the place of Rev. Robert Lytle who had planned to be with us in May. Final arrangements have been made with the Brainerd Indian School for Rev. Neal Phipps, Field Representative, to tour the Conference September 20-October 4.

Organizations: It was a real privilege to organize a missionary society at the Galesburg Church on June 30th.

Statistics: We are grateful for an increase in our statistics this year. There are 202 active and 72 honorary members with a total of 274. While last year's total membership was 258, making a gain of more than 6%. Total receipts for this year were \$4,270.58, while last year's total receipts were \$3,929.93, making a gain of almost 9%.

We are very grateful to our pastors and to our laymen—both men and women—for their fine co-operation in the advancement of His kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Rachel Bray, W.M.S. President

Report No. 3.

Mission Study Secretary

Eleven societies reported to the Secretary on books read for 1959-60, as follows:

<u>Society</u>	<u>6 Books</u>	<u>2 Books</u>	<u>4 Books</u>
Austin			1
Creve Coeur			2
Oak Park	2		2
Peoria			2
Princeton			2
Rockford, First	1		4
Rockford, Harrison Ave.	2		
Sheffield	2		
Wyanet	<u>4</u>		
Conference Totals:	12	<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ivanelle McCarty, Secretary

Report No. 4.

Wesleyan Missionary Magazine Solicitor.

We are grateful to the Lord for the gain in subscriptions over last year's report. Letters were sent out to each local solicitor and pastor's wife and local president at the close of the first and second quarters. Expiration notices that I received from headquarters were sent to each society.

Because of the lack of reports from the local societies for the third and fourth quarters, I was not able to make my own report. It was necessary for me to check with our statistical chairman, Mrs. Craker, to ascertain the number of subscriptions from each society.

The number of subscribers for the Illinois Conference is 290, which is a gain of 28 over last year.

I want to thank each local solicitor for their labor in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ray Strawser

Report No. 5.

Literature Secretary.

Books Received:

Wesleyan Publishing House	\$ 79.74
Rockford Scripture Book Store	<u>43.40</u>
	\$ 123.14

Books Sold:

Wesleyan Publishing House	\$ 59.33
To Illinois Conference	20.41
Rockford Scripture Book Store	<u>43.40</u>
	\$ 123.14

Discount received and disbursed to Treasurer:

\$ 7.75

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ethel Dyer, Literature Secretary

Report No. 6.

Statistical Committee.

(See table on page 50.)

Report No. 7.

Woman's World Fellowship.

This year is the first year of functioning for the newly organized W.W.F. I am thankful for the interest that each of the local societies has taken in presenting missionary prayer partners to each member of the W.M.S., to the honorary members, and to the Y.M.W.B. as well. These are not all the duties of the W.W.F. Secretary, but among her duties are the pleasant task of promoting the study of the Bible, the memorizing of Scripture, promoting a day of fasting and prayer with all who participate laying aside money equivalent to the value of the meal, and the establishing of the Tuesday prayer meeting. Each society is encouraged to save used stamps to meet the expenses of the W.W.F.

For this past Conference year we had twelve circles to submit a prayer partner report. We had 203 individuals in our Conference to take missionaries for whom to pray (33 home, 218 foreign, 58 Y.M.W.B. prayer partners). Two letters were sent to all W.W.F. secretaries and pastor's wives.

The office of Prayer Partner Secretary was made obsolete last year. The new office of W.W.F. Secretary was established. This office now exercises the functions as named above.

It has been a privilege and a challenge to serve in the capacity of the W.W.F. Secretary this past Conference year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joaquin L. Crawford
Conference W.W.F. Secretary

Report No. 8.

Executive Committee.

We, the Executive Committee, recommend:

- 1) That the cash offering taken at the public missionary rally be used for the new missionary house at Bendenbu and for travel expenses for Rev. and Mrs. George Huff.
- 2) That the pledges made at the public missionary rally be divided as follows: 1/3 to Foreign Missions, 1/3 to Home Missions, and 1/3 to Conference Missions.
- 3) That the Conference W.M.S. Treasurer reimburse officers for their office expenses.

- 4) That the following be made the Standing Rules: a. The Executive Committee shall constitute the Orders of the Day Committee; b. And shall be a Nominating Committee on committees to be nominated before each annual session.
- 5) That the President and Treasurer and as many other Conference officers as possible attend the Area Convention held at Galena, Ohio, June 20-22, 1961, with car expenses paid.
- 6) That our Conference Christmas Project for 1960 be the sending of money or specified gifts to Hephzibah Children's Home under the supervision of the Conference W.M.S. Vice-President.
- 7) That two work shops be held this fall, one in each district, conducted by our General W.M.S. officers and financed by work shop offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Rachel Bray
Mrs. Ann Gearhart
Mrs. Margery Zuhl
Mrs. Edna Hill

Report No. 9.

Nominating Committee.

Your Nominating Committee and presents the following names for consideration: President, Mrs. Rachel Bray; Vice-President, Mrs. Ann Gearhart; Secretary, Mrs. Margery Zuhl; Treasurer, Mrs. Edna Hill; Y.M.W.B. Superintendent, Mrs. Norma Jean Craker; Literature Secretary, Mrs. Martha Long; Mission Study Secretary, Mrs. Ivanelle McCarty; Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Elva Jean Strawser; Statistical Chairman, Mrs. Meryl Biggane.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Norma Jean Craker, Chairman
Mrs. Mary Blood
Mrs. Florence Hames

Report No. 10.

Auditing Committee.

To Whom It May Concern:

We have examined the records of the Young Missionary Workers' Band of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. The accounting of the receipts and disbursements were verified and found to be in order.

The records of the Woman's Missiary Society were audited and found to be correct and in order.

Respectfully submitted,

The Auditing Committee
Mrs. Meryl Biggane
Rev. W. D. Craker
Rev. R. E. Crawford

Report No. 11.

Y.M.W.B. Superintendent.

To the members and friends of the W.M.S. and Y.M.W.B. of the Illinois Conference:

As we come to another annual session our hearts are made glad as we realize how God has helped us in the missionary work with the children. We are very thankful for the Bands that had gains, but let us use the losses as a challenge to work harder next year.

This past year our Illinois Conference Special Project was the support of Deborah Paine. The total amount received for her was \$195.62. The children at the Austin Church wanted to continue helping on the support of Karne Ortilip; their offering amounted to \$78.67.

For our General Conference Special Projects the amount of offerings were:

Educational building for day school in Puerto Rico	\$ 29.80
Lepers in India	20.58
Pioneer work at Jackson, Mississippi	9.08
Support of our entire Missionary work overseas on Feb. 1, 2, and 3	19.13

Vehicle for Warren Woolsey \$ 19.67
 Marion College (Education). 29.44

Since the last session of General Conference, the percentage needed for a Band to be on the Honor Roll and receive the Honor Award card was changed from 100% to 90%. The Bands that made the Honor Roll are Harrison Avenue, Oak Park, Peoria, and Princeton.

I have corresponded with the local superintendents each quarter. Apart from their faithful efforts, little progress could have been made. To them we extend our sincere appreciation.

At the beginning of the Conference year, there was on hand a desk fund balance of \$15.53. During this year I have received \$6.66. For postage and office supplies, \$6.59 was disbursed; leaving a desk fund balance of \$15.60 at the end of the Conference year.

Desk Fund Expense:

112 letters with 4¢ postage	\$ 4.48
7 packages of envelopes (10¢ per package)	.70
1 package sent to Mrs. Kindly with annual reports; postage	.12
1 package sent to Maywood with Conference Honor Award in it; postage	.04
1 box Christmas cards	<u>1.23</u>
Total disbursed from Desk Fund:	\$ 6.59

Following is the Y.M.W.B. Statistical report:

Band Name	Active Members	Honorary Members	Total Membership	Meetings	Efficiency Rating	World Missions	Church & Extension	Education	Deborah Paine
Austin	14	2	16	10	85%	\$40.90	\$.55	\$.32	\$ 8.41
Creve Coeur	11	2	13	5	50%	9.83	4.98	5.91	21.44
Harrison Ave.	10	7	17	13	100%	30.19	7.72		2.36
Hoyne Ave.	30		30	12	75%	37.61	3.27	6.15	16.00
Maywood	3	3	6	3	25%	5.44	1.98		1.19
Oak Lawn	8	14	22	12	75%	30.96	16.35		27.11
Oak Park	19	16	35	12	95%	44.97	6.09	6.62	25.08
Peoria	15	11	26	12	95%	43.63	1.36	2.95	6.51
Princeton	15	30	45	13	90%	40.47	9.00		20.00
Rockford, First	34	7	41	8	60%	31.62	24.92		
Roseland	10	11	21	9	70%	10.92	11.31	4.52	45.50
Sheffield	5	4	9	6	20%	4.87	3.89		1.18
Wyanet	8	17	25	12	75%	38.16	2.36	2.97	20.84
Conference Offering						18.74			
	182	124	306	127	915%	\$388.31	\$93.78	\$29.44	\$195.62

Band Name	Karen Ortlip	Total (Band Credit)	Non-Credit Total	Grand Total
Austin	\$78.67	\$128.85	\$.24	\$129.09
Creve Coeur		42.16	.16	42.32
Harrison Ave.		40.27	.34	40.61
Hoyne Ave.		63.03	.90	63.93
Maywood		8.61		8.61
Oak Lawn		74.42	.51	74.93
Oak Park		82.76	.36	83.12
Peoria		54.45	.39	54.84
Princeton		69.47	2.00	71.47
Rockford, First		56.54		56.54
Roseland		72.25	.50	72.75
Sheffield		9.94		9.94
Wyanet		64.33	1.26	65.59
Conference Offering		18.74		18.74
	\$78.67	\$785.82	\$6.66	\$772.48

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Mildred Wallace

Membership				
CHURCH SOCIETY	Active	Honorary	Gain	Loss
1. Austin	26	16	20	
2. Creve Coeur	12	3		4
3. Harrison Ave.	9	4		1
4. Hoopeston	9	4	6	
5. Hoynes Ave.	18	2	5	
6. Maywood	17	6	11	
7. Oak Lawn	13			1
8. Oak Park	22	9	10	
9. Peoria	9	4		1
10. Princeton	19	4		2
11. Rockford First	16	5		14
12. Roseland	16	1		10
13. Sheffield	3	1		3
14. Wyandot	26	13	2	
	215	72	54	36

Receipts										
Total Meetings Held	Subscriptions to Wesleyan Missionary	Efficiency Standard Rating - %	Number Boxes	Number Pounds	Membership Dues	Offerings	Memorials	Voucher Receipts	Total Receipts For the Year	Old Balance From Last Year
26	26	90%		15	\$42.00	\$588.51			\$630.51	\$
26	12	45%		1	15.00	122.44		69.30	206.74	.44
28	14				13.00	181.23		39.94	234.17	6.61
13	7	70%			13.00	27.10			40.10	31.55
19	18	95%			20.00	171.95	\$ 6.00	63.50	261.45	20.29
12	23	95%			23.00	465.32	76.00	37.50	601.82	6.74
21	19	55%	7	5 pk.	13.00	113.08		42.00	168.08	45.84
31	15	80%			31.00	336.94			367.94	142.28
21	12	75%			161.24	13.00			174.24	1.00
36	64	85%	2	10	23.00	290.86		64.90	378.76	25.47
27	24	100%	1	1 bx	21.00	294.89		108.37	424.26	26.66
18	15	55%	1	1 bx	17.00	115.61	20.00	9.52	162.13	9.91
9	6				4.00	21.50			25.50	162.33
35	35	90%	7	12	39.00	217.56		148.02	404.58	25.50
										5.64
322	290		17		\$287.00	\$3108.23	\$102.00	\$583.05	\$4080.28	\$323.63
										\$4403.91

Church Society	Disbursements									
	World Missions General	American Indians (Brainerd)	Australia	Medical Missions	Mission Equipment Fund	White Christmas Offering	Church Extension Evangelism (Card Call - Alaska)	Self Denial Offering	Hepzibah	Education Budget and Gifts
1. Austin	\$220.01			\$5.00	\$6.10	\$16.00	\$97.34	\$20.16	\$ 5.00	\$18.36
2. Creve Coeur	55.31		\$3.00		18.70		20.00	18.99	5.00	12.00
3. Harrison Ave.	72.92	\$2.75	2.75		17.00	8.44	41.34	5.60	5.00	
4. Hoopeston	20.00									
5. Hoyne Ave.	83.50	7.50	7.50	3.00	17.00		24.00		10.50	5.00
6. Maywood	167.10	8.00	8.00	3.00		10.51	15.33	15.24	16.20	96.00
7. Oak Lawn	97.18			6.00		20.00	5.00	13.25	10.00	19.46
8. Oak Park	78.75					10.00	13.33	17.50	5.00	100.00
9. Peoria	14.00	2.25	2.25			13.97	13.50	20.94	5.00	29.25
10. Princeton	119.59			3.00	6.80	9.28	16.66	14.74	5.00	9.00
11. Rockford First	116.01	10.25	10.25	5.00	15.90	10.00	43.33	25.00	14.35	11.04
12. Roseland	70.00		6.25	3.00			16.00		8.75	15.00
13. Sheffield	3.17						13.66			
14. Wyanet	107.31			5.00	11.90	13.64	13.33	23.11	5.00	67.84
	1224.85	10.75	40.00	33.00	93.40	111.84	332.82	174.33	94.80	382.92

Church Society	Disbursements								
	Honorary Enrollment	General Dues	Conference Working Fund	Conference Extension	Local Church Work	Other Objects	Total Disbursements	Balance on Hand	Grand Total
1. Austin		\$42.00	\$ 7.00	\$84.33		\$108.91	\$630.21	\$.74	\$ 630.95
2. Creve Coeur		15.00	1.90	10.26		51.74	211.90	1.45	213.35
3. Harrison Ave.	\$ 4.00	13.00	3.15	52.14		36.59	264.68	1.04	265.72
4. Hoopeston		13.00	3.15		\$9.00	5.85	51.00	9.39	60.39
5. Hoyne Ave.		20.00	27.35	20.00		38.50	263.85	4.34	268.19
6. Maywood		23.00	5.95	84.34		184.84	635.51	10.15	647.66
7. Oak Lawn		29.00	6.80			86.06	292.75	17.61	310.36
8. Oak Park		31.00	7.70	3.34		82.73	349.35	19.59	368.94
9. Peoria		14.00	3.15	23.00	7.50	33.36	182.17	17.54	199.71
10. Princeton		23.00	8.05	11.67		137.40	364.19	41.23	405.42
11. Rockford	24.00	21.00	5.95	54.07		67.42	433.57	.60	434.17
12. Roseland		17.00	5.60			19.94	161.52	1.81	163.33
13. Sheffield		4.00	1.05	1.67		1.95	25.50		25.50
14. Wyandot		39.00	10.50	13.79	12.00	79.96	402.38	7.84	410.22
	28.00	304.00	97.30	358.61	28.50	935.21	4270.58	133.33	\$4403.91

Report No. 12.Treasurer's Report

<u>FUND</u>	<u>Balance 7/30/59</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disburse- ments</u>	<u>Balance 7/30/59</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>
Church Ext. & Evang.	-0-	249.82	249.82	-0-	-0-
Card Call	-0-	68.00	68.00	-0-	5.00
World Missions Gen.	-0-	663.95	663.95	-0-	658.41
Charles Paine Family	-0-	5.00	5.00	-0-	-0-
Swanson Family	-0-	6.50	6.50	-0-	-0-
Sierra Leone	-0-	40.73	40.73	-0-	-0-
Hospital Bed	-0-	-	-	-	-
Memorial Haiti (treatment T.B. child)	-0-	20.00	20.00	-0-	-0-
Australia	-0-	40.00	40.00	-0-	-0-
Indian Missions Gen.	-0-	5.00	5.00	-0-	-0-
Brainerd	-0-	25.75	25.75	-0-	-0-
Medical Missions	-0-	33.00	33.00	-0-	-0-
Mission Equipment	-0-	93.40	93.40	-0-	-0-
White Christmas	-0-	111.84	111.84	-0-	-0-
Hephzibah Children's Home	-0-	113.16	113.16	-0-	-0-
Education Budget	-0-	294.34	294.34	-0-	-0-
Honorary Enrollment	-0-	96.00	96.00	-0-	-0-
Marion College Campus	-0-	2.25	2.25	-0-	-0-
Memberships Dues	-0-	304.00	304.00	-0-	-0-
Conference Extensions	-0-	332.62	332.62	-0-	26.00
Conference Administrative	91.12	118.85	119.23	90.74	-0-
Self-Denial	-0-	174.53	174.53	-0-	-0-
Local Church Work	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	212.61
Camp Equipment	216.71	123.75	340.46	-0-	-0-
Camp Foods	-0-	17.28	17.28	-0-	10.00
American Bible Society	-0-	36.04	36.04	-0-	-0-
National Assoc. of Evang.	-0-	4.75	4.75	-0-	-0-
Headquarters Fund	-0-	53.36	53.36	-0-	-0-
Miss Sniffin	-0-	10.00	10.00	-0-	-0-
Other Objects	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	451.84
Totals	307.83	3043.92	3261.01	90.74	1365.86
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS		3043.92			
TOTAL VOUCHER CREDIT		<u>1365.86</u>			
GRAND TOTAL		<u>4409.78</u>			

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Edna Hill, W.M.S. Treasurer

Report No. 13.Plan of Work Committee

We recommend the following plan of work for the local societies:

I. Organizational Recommendations:

- A. Use of "The Guide" and helps.
- B. Reading of the designated Mission Study and Reading Course books; reporting of the same to the Mission Study Secretary immediately following January 15th.
- C. Observance of a monthly prayer and fast day with each participant contributing the price of a meal for Conference Extension.
- D. Promotion of Women's World Fellowship.
 1. Pray every Tuesday for and with Christian women around the world.
 2. Emphasize personal witnessing and memorization of scripture, using the material published in the Wesleyan Missionary.
 3. Collect postage stamps (refer to stamp information sheet) and send to Mrs. Margaret McCarty, 409 W. Bravus Street, Seattle 99, Washington.
 4. Send report of local W.W.F. Secretary to Conference W.W.F. Secretary by October 6, 1960.
- E. Sponsor an aggressive membership campaign, seeking to reach young people 13 years and older.

II. Solicitation.

A. World Missions.

1. Send bandages and surgical supplies to Department of World Missions, Box 2000, Marion, Indiana.
2. Encourage the use of Mile-of-Dimes monies for World Mission equipment.

B. Church Extension and Evangelism.

1. Subscription by each society to the Card Call Plan as a means of assisting the extension program of the church. The money and card stub should be sent to the Conference Treasurer.

C. Hephzibah Children's Home.

1. That local societies enquire into the needs of the Orphanage before sending used clothes and that no monetary value be attached; that boxes of new merchandise be reported as to monetary value, and that the sending society evaluate the same; the voucher evaluation signed by the superintendent be forwarded to the Conference Women's Missionary Society Treasurers for proper receipting. Save all coupons regardless of date and send to Hephzibah Children's Home.

D. Educational.

1. Promote the College Honorary Enrollment Plan. The registration card is to be sent to Marion College. Money is to be sent to the Conference W.M.S. Treasurer.

E. Women's World Fellowship of the NAE.

1. Promotion of local W.M. Society and individual membership.
2. Donations of serviceable used clothing be sent to:
World Relief Commission, NAE
Brethren Service Center
Nappanee, Indiana

III. Finances.

A. Budget.

1. Local Society pledges to be divided for World Missions, Church Extension and Conference Extension.
2. Personal pledges may be paid through the local W.M.S. treasurer. The local W.M.S. treasurer must include the name of the persons paying the pledges with her remittance.
3. \$5.00 or more to the Hephzibah Children's Home.
4. Offering from monthly "Prayer and Fast" day for Conference Extension.
5. Penny-a-Meal offering for World Missions.

B. Non Budget.

1. \$1.00 dues per active and honorary member.
2. \$.35 per active member Conference administrative assessment.
3. \$.65 per active member for Camp equipment.
4. \$3.00 or more for Medical Missions.
5. Mile-of-Dimes monies for World Missions Equipment.
6. Annual offering for American Bible Society taken during Universal Bible reading period.

IV. Conference President Visitation.

- A. Extending an invitation to the Conference W.M.S. President to visit each Society at least once a year, and, if possible, pay her transportation.

V. Preparation for Annual Conference.

- A. Three Annual Statistical Report blanks which will be sent to each local society by the Conference Secretary in June shall be carefully filled out. One completed blank with Conference Treasurer's receipts attached should be sent to the Statistical Chairman, Mrs. Mary J. Biggane, 8450 S. LeClaire St., Oak Lawn, Illinois, by July 15. Any monies and vouchers credited on the Conference Treasurer receipts will be accepted for Statistical credit.
- B. That each society contribute canned fruits or fruit juices or monetary donations for canned foods for camp.
- C. Delegate to bring a list of all officers and their addresses to conference.

VI. Conference Awards.

- A. Issuing an award to the societies that qualify according to the following points:
 1. Making the Honor Roll in the Efficiency Standard.
 2. Securing Magazine subscriptions equal to active membership of the society, promptly reporting quarterly to the Conference Magazine Solicitor.
 3. Pursuing the Mission Study and Reading Course and presenting name of local secretary to Conference Mission Study Secretary.
 4. Newly elected W.M.S. President and Y.M.W.B. Superintendent attend the Annual Conference session.
- B. We report the General W.M.S. Efficiency Standard for the local society is as follows:

1. That the Efficiency Standard be read in the first monthly meeting after Conference (5% credit), and that arrangements be made with the pastor for one missionary prayer meeting each month (5% credit).
2. That a minimum of ten meetings be held during the year at which time prayer requests are presented and remembered and business transacted (5% credit), and at least one public meeting (5% credit).
3. That a Women's World Fellowship Secretary be appointed by the local W.M.S. Executive Board, who shall promote the program of the General Women's World Fellowship (5% credit). That a Women's World Prayer Circle be formed under the direction of the W.W.F. secretary, within sixty days after the annual Conference (5% credit).
4. That a solicitor be elected for the Wesleyan Missionary, gaining not less than two subscriptions a year, and that she use the Conference church key combination on all subscriptions (5% credit). That the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the equivalent of 75% of the active members be subscribers to the Wesleyan Missionary (5% credit).
5. That a Mission Study Secretary be elected and she report to the Conference Mission Study Secretary by January 15th (5% credit). That 10% of the active members read at least four of the recommended books (5% credit).
6. That a delegate be elected to the Annual Conference W.M.S. and that she be instructed by the local society regarding the amount to be pledged by that society at the Annual Conference session (5% credit), and that the Y.M.W.B. superintendent be seated in the Annual session and be granted the privilege of speaking, and provision be made by her society for such representation (5% credit).
7. That the \$1.00 membership dues be sent to the Conference W.M.S. Treasurer and be forwarded to the General W.M.S. Treasurer for the general fund.
8. That we secure every woman in the church as a member of the society, or achieve a 10% gain in total membership.
9. That each local society pay annually into the Conference Working Fund the amount assessed by the Conference W.M.S. Executive Board.
10. That the local President (or Vice President) attend the Conference sessions and provision be made by her society for such representation. (10% shall be given for each of the above items, except those otherwise specified, and all societies making a grade of 80% shall be placed on the Honor Roll.)

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Edna Hill, Chairman
 Mrs. Mary Priest
 Mrs. Evelyn Minnaugh
 Mrs. Margaret Ogles
 Mrs. Tienna Winterberg
 Mrs. Kay Dyer
 Mrs. Florence Jacobs

Report No. 14.

Y. M. W. B. Plan of Work

1. Each local W. M. S. shall elect the local Y. M. W. B. Superintendent in June. Her duties shall begin at the rise of annual conference.
2. Send all money raised by your Y. M. W. B. to our conference superintendent, Mrs. Norma Jean Craker, 2108 W. Iowa St., Chicago 22, Ill., but make out the money orders or checks to "The Young Missionary Workers Band," Marion, Indiana.
3. Each band is assessed three cents per member based on members reported to the 1960 annual conference, for conference superintendent's desk expense. Send this to her.
4. Return quarterly reports to the conference superintendent on the following dates, along with dues and offerings received during the quarter: First Quarter (July-Sep't.), October 15, 1960; Second Quarter (October-December), January 15, 1961; Third Quarter (January-March), April 15, 1961; Fourth Quarter (April-June), postmarked by June 30, 1961.
5. The November offering is for Home Missions; the May offering for Education.
6. Our project is the full support of Deborah Ruth Paine (infant), India, which will be \$150.00 per year. Each Band is to raise as much as they can. (Approximately \$20.00.)
7. Each local superintendent should encourage the use of the reading courses and promote a prayer partner circle.

Respectfully submitted,

The Executive Committee.

MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE WESLEYAN YOUTH

Held at Epworth Park, Belvidere, Illinois, August 5 and 6, 1960

OFFICERS FOR 1960 - 1961

President	Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, 9101 S. Menard, Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Vice President	Rev. Ray Strawser, 501 N. Leamington, Chicago 44, Illinois.
Secretary	Miss Marcena Wallace, 118 S. Arch St., Wyandot, Illinois.
Treasurer	Mrs. Ida Craker, 5231 W. Ferdinand, Chicago 44, Illinois.
Northern District Chmn.	Rev. Forrest Gearhart, 921 E. Dawes Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois.
Southern District Chmn.	Rev. Cletus Kramer, Box 62, Wyandot, Illinois.

LOCAL WESLEYAN YOUTH OFFICERS

Austin	President: Donald Zeigler, 5055 W. Ferdinand, Chicago 44, Illinois.
	Secretary: Martha Bray, 5231 W. Ferdinand, Chicago 44, Illinois.
Hoyne Ave.	President: Marge McGeorge, 2323 W. Rice, Chicago 22, Illinois.
	Secretary: Marilyn Gibson, 2323 W. Rice, Chicago 22, Illinois.
Oak Lawn	President: David Trooper, 7414 W. 114th Place, Worth, Illinois.
	Secretary: Mary Lou Fritz, 5012 W. 82nd St., Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Oak Park	President: Carolyn Hames, 3229 Wenonah, Berwyn, Illinois.
	Secretary: Sharon Kodl, 917 Hannah, Forrest Park, Illinois.
Peoria	(To be elected)
Princeton	President: Daniel Krager, 226 Park Ave., Princeton, Illinois.
	Secretary: Kenneth Nordstrom, 124 N. Homer, Princeton, Illinois.
Rockford	President: Don Hallmark, 2112 Paradise Blvd., Rockford, Illinois.
	Secretary: Pam Tice, 3012 Kenmore, Rockford, Illinois.
Wheaton	President: Sandy Cronk, 404 N. Main St., Wheaton, Illinois.
	Secretary: Carol Crane, 279 Taylor St., Glen Ellyn, Illinois.
Wyandot	President: Marcena Wallace, 118 S. Arch St., Wyandot, Illinois.
	Secretary: Phyllis Jontz, R.F.D. #1, Buda, Illinois.

1960 CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Austin	Martha Bray	Jim Dominguez
Elk Grove Village	Cecelia Wenger	
Galesburg	James Jacobs	
Harrison Ave.	Charles Pouder	
Hoopeston	Evelyn Mimmaugh	
Hoyne Ave.	Nancy Mazekis	
Maywood	Paul Halverson	
Oak Park	Richard Hames	Carolyn Hames
Peoria	Cullana Parsons	
Princeton	Rodney Garman	
Rockford First	Janice Blood	Don Hallmark
Roseland	Patricia Watson	
Wheaton	Sandy Cronk	
Wyandot	John Thompson	Phyllis Jontz

STANDING RULES

1. Resolved, that the Conference W.Y. Secretary send out the annual W.Y. statistical blanks and local directory blank by June 30 to each pastor, who shall assist the local President and Treasurer in completing it and comparing it with the church statistical report for accuracy.
2. Resolved, that the local treasurer's books close June 30 and that all remittances be postmarked not later than July 5; and that a fine of \$1.00 upon the pastor and the local president be paid to our conference treasurer if the statistical blank and local directory blank do not reach the hands of our conference secretary by July 15.
3. Resolved, that the Executive Youth Council act as the Orders of the Day Committee.
4. Resolved, that the Conference Wesleyan Youth President be editor of the Youth Notes, our conference youth publicity medium, which shall be published as needed, either in conjunction with the Illinois Tidings or as a separate publication.
5. Resolved, that the President shall appoint custodians of the Wesleyan Youth equipment.

6. Resolved, that the Secretary be the statistical chairman.
7. Resolved, that the Secretary maintain a complete membership list.
8. Resolved, that the local officers be elected during the month of June to take office at the rise of the Illinois Annual Conference.
9. Resolved, that the Annual Illinois Wesleyan Youth Convention be held on the second Friday of Camp Meeting following the evening service, and continue on Saturday until the completion of official business.
10. Resolved, that the President, the Secretary and the Annual Conference President be the Standing Committee to prepare the nominations for Conference committees before the first meeting of Conference.
11. Resolved, that the Secretary shall serve as the official Credential Committee, and that all credentials are to be mailed to her not later than July 15.

PROCEEDINGS

First Meeting, 9:45 p.m., Friday, August 5, 1960.

1. Opening. The eleventh annual session of the Illinois Conference Wesleyan Youth was convened at Camp Epworth, Belvidere, Illinois, at 9:45 p.m., Friday, August 5, 1960 by the Conference Wesleyan Youth President, Rev. Robert L. Zuhl. Rev. Zuhl read from I Timothy 2:1-4 and offered the opening prayer.
2. Roll Call. The roll call of Conference officers and local presidents was given by the Secretary.
3. The Credentials Committee. Marcena Wallace was elected to serve as the Credentials Committee. The roll of delegates was called. (See list of delegates.)
4. Bar of Conference. The first three rows of seats were designated as the bar of Conference. All delegates were seated within the bar.
5. Report of Orders of the Day Committee. The report of the Orders of the Day Committee was read and approved by prevailing motion. (See Report No. 1.)
6. Report of Committee on Conference Committees. The report of the Committee on Conference Committees was read, and approved as corrected. (See Report No. 2.)
7. Report of President. President Robert Zuhl presented his report, which was approved with a rising vote of thanks for his faithful service to the Illinois Wesleyan Youth. (See Report No. 3.)
8. Treasurer's Report. The report of the Conference Treasurer was read and referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Report No. 4.)
9. Adjournment. Motion prevailed that the meeting be adjourned for committee work.

Second Meeting, 8:45 a.m., Saturday 6, 1960.

1. Opening. President Zuhl opened the second meeting with the reading of I Timothy 4:10. Robert Hohm, of Rockford, led in prayer.
2. Recess. Motion prevailed that the meeting be recessed for committee work.
3. Recessed Meeting. President Zuhl recalled the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.
4. Partial Report of the Nominating and Standing Rules Committee. A partial report of the Nominating and Standing Rules Committee was read and approved. (See Report No. 5.)
5. Report of Thanks Committee. The Thanks Committee presented its report, which was adopted with amendment. (See Report No. 6.)
6. Report of Resolutions Committee. The report of the Resolutions Committee was read and adopted by vote. (See Report No. 7.)
7. Report of Auditing Committee. The Auditing Committee presented its report, which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 8.)
8. Report of Statistical Committee. The report of the Statistical Committee was read and adopted by vote. Motion prevailed that unorganized locals who contribute to the

support of Illinois Wesleyan Youth be listed in the statistics. (See Report No. 2.)

9. Report of Plan of Work Committee. The report of the Plan of Work Committee was read and adopted by vote. (See Report No. 10.)

10. Adjournment. By prevailing motion the meeting was adjourned.

Third Meeting, 1:15 p.m., Saturday, August 6, 1960.

1. Opening. President Zuhl called the third meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

2. Election of Officers. Rev. Arthur L. Bray, President of the Illinois Conference, took the chair for the election of Youth Officers. The report of the Nominating Committee was read and approved. (See Report No. 2.) The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Robert L. Zuhl; Vice-President, Rev. Ray Strawser; Secretary, Miss Marcena Wallace; Treasurer, Mrs. Ida Craker; Northern District Chairman, Rev. Forrest Gearhart; Southern District Chairman, Rev. Cletus Kramer.

3. Pioneer Project. Motion prevailed that a goal of \$560.00 be set as a gift to the Creve Coeur Church to lighten their financial load so a new church can be started.

4. Adjournment. Motion prevailed that the meeting be adjourned sine die. President Zuhl closed with an appropriate prayer.

REPORTS

Report No. 1.

Orders of the Day Committee.

Friday, August 5, 1960.

Opening, 9:15 p.m. (Dining Hall at Camp Epworth).
Roll Call of Conference Officers and Local Presidents.
Election of Credentials Committee.
Seating of Delegates.
Report of Orders of the Day Committee.
Report of Conference President.
Report of Treasurer.

Saturday, August 6, 1960. (Tabernacle at Camp Epworth).

Committee work until 9:30; Recess until 11:15.
Committee Reports.
Recess at 12:00.
Third Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
Adjournment, sine die at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Executive Council
Rev. Robert L. Zuhl
Rev. Arthur L. Bray
Mrs. Ida Craker
Miss Marcena Wallace

Report No. 2.

Committee on Conference Committees

Nominating and Standing Rules Committee: Sandy Cronk, Chairman; Don Hallmark; Pat Watson; Rev. Arthur L. Bray; Janice Blood.

Plan of Work Committee: Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Chairman; Rev. Forrest Gearhart; Mrs. Ida Craker; Carolyn Hames; Carl Unger; Dave Trooper; Jim Dominguez; Charlene Pouder; Rodney Garman; Jim Jacobs; Dan Krager.

Thanks Committee: Martha Bray, Chairman; Richard Hames; Cullam Parsons; Nancy Masikus; Esther Durey; Cecelia Wenger.

Resolutions Committee: Evelyn Minnaugh, Chairman; Bob Hohm; Phyllis Jontz; John Thompson; Paul Halverson.

Statistical Committee: Marcena Wallace, Chairman; Mary Lou Fritz.

Auditors: Annual Conference Auditors.

Orders of the Day Committee: The Executive Council.

Respectfully submitted,

The Executive Council
 Rev. Robert L. Zuhl
 Rev. Arthur L. Bray
 Mrs. Ida Craker
 Miss Marcena Wallace

Report No. 3.Illinois Wesleyan Youth President.

Greetings to the Wesleyan Youth of Illinois.

You are a select group representing not only your churches, but a host of young people all over the world who want to serve Christ in this day of careless living. May you sense anew a great commission amid the conflict of life. The forces of evil seem arrayed for a life and death battle. This is our day to stand up and be counted whatever the cost. I have appreciated your past devotion and dedication. I hope that the following statistics will challenge each of us to realize the above words through greater work.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>
Locals	9	9
Active Members	125	118
WY Subscriptions	127	178
Total Receipts	\$1325.00	\$1469.32

Many of our young people have enrolled in our colleges and new members need to be enlisted to fill the ranks. Our goal for WY subscriptions was 200. This excellent periodical still needs our constant support and promotion. This year \$446.08 was raised for our Pioneer Project which was the Harrison Avenue Rockford church. Last year our Pioneer Project was Wheaton and \$201.00 was received. A new plan of assessed Pioneer Goals more than doubled our usual pioneer giving which was through regular Conference Dues. Special recognition should go to the W. Y. Locals of Oak Lawn and Wheaton. They both exceeded their goals by \$25.00.

The Conference activities have stimulated more interest in the churches and were consequently better attended. The usual fall North and South District rallies attended by approximately 55 young people, were changed to a Conference-wide rally at Wheaton with approximately 85 in attendance. Our annual Spring Overnight Retreat was held at Palos Park with 91 registering. This increase of attendance reflects greater Conference interest and greater local church activity. It is regretted that only nine (9) of our seventeen (17) churches have an organized W.Y. Local. Of these remaining eight, most are running an active program of Christian Service Brigade or Pioneer Girls. Two churches have youth groups that meet, but are not officially associated with Wesleyan Youth. Wheaton organized a new W. Y. this year while Roseland disbanded their W.Y.

Personal labors have included a monthly mail contact with each Pastor and youth President. A Conference efficiency standard set up by the youth council was sent and 5 to 6 Locals responded each month. There were five issues of the Youth Notes which is the newsletter of the W. Y. of Illinois. I sent approximately 250 at each mailing. Galesburg was visited during Youth Week and other personal contacts were made with youth leaders throughout the year. In collaboration with Rev. Forrest Gearhart a list of qualifications for a Youth Sponsor were compiled and sent to all Pastors of the Conference. I attended an Area leaders meeting in Ohio and much of the discussion was centered around the coming denominational quadrennial convention to be held in the winter of 1961. The Conference youth council met three times during the year.

A new step for Illinois Wesleyan Youth is a Leaders Conference to be held at Lake Bloomington, Friday night and Saturday, September 16-17. This will be a training session for all WY officers, youth sponsors and Pastors. Each church will be asked to have a representative at this meeting.

Let each of us renew our efforts for Christ through the channel of Wesleyan Youth. The harvest is ripe and every laborer must keep faithful.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, President

Report No. 4.Conference Youth TreasurerReceipts:

Conference Dues	\$160.04
General Dues	231.53
World Missions	28.19
Church Extension	36.83
Education	6.35
Youth Week Offering	76.93
Harrison Ave. W. M.	
Church Project	446.08
Camp Meeting and	
Recreational Fees	137.00
Ill. Youth Overnight	186.00
W. Y. Fall Rally	13.00
Recreational Equip-	
ment Fund (Re-imbursement)	30.00
Cots (Re-imbursement)	
Conference Treasurer	100.00
Hephzibah Home (Princeton)	6.90
Quiz Team Offerings	10.47
Total Receipts	\$1469.32
Balance (7-15-59)	<u>175.08</u>
Total Credits	\$1644.40
Total Disbursements	\$1476.18
Balance (7-15-60)	* 168.22

Disbursements:

Conference Dues and Funds:	
Recreational Equipment	\$ 65.00
Film Rentals	30.77
Camp Speakers	60.00
Marion Area Dues	25.90
Quiz Team Offerings	10.47
General Dues Deficit	30.11
W. Y. Fall Rally	13.00
Marion Area Council Mtg.	25.00
Wheaton W. M. Church	
Project	201.00
W. Y. Spring Overnight	130.00
Hephzibah Home (Princeton)	6.90
President's Office Supplies	
and Youth Notes	21.02
Telephone Calls	6.50
Travel Expense	24.60
General Dues	231.53
World Missions	28.19
Church Extension	36.83
Education	6.35
Youth Week Offering	76.93
Harrison Ave. W. M.	
Church Project	446.08
Total Disbursements	\$1476.18

Respectfully submitted,

Ida Craker, Treasurer

Report No. 5.Nominating and Standing Rules Committee.

Nominations for the officers of the Illinois Conference Wesleyan Youth:

President: Rev. Robert L. Zuhl
 Vice-President: Rev. Ray Strawser
 Secretary: Marcena Wallace
 Treasurer: Ida Craker
 Southern District Chairman: Rev. Cletus Kramer
 Northern District Chairman: Rev. Forrest Gearhart

We recommend the following changes in the Standing Rules:

1. That Standing Rule number 9 be changed to read that the annual Illinois Wesleyan Youth Convention be held on the second Friday of Camp Meeting following the evening service and continue on Saturday until the completion of official business.
2. That a Standing Rule be added to read that the secretary shall serve as the official Credential Committee, and that all credentials are to be mailed to her by not later than July 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Cronk, Chairman
 Janice Blood
 Don Hallmark
 Rev. A. L. Bray
 Patricia Watson

Report No. 6.Thanks Committee

We, the Thanks Committee, wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the following for their spiritual vision and labors in making this year of progress one of the best for the Illinois Youth of the Wesleyan Methodist Church:

1. To God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for His divine guidance and spiritual blessing.
2. To Rev. Martin Cox, Dr. Bert Hall, and Rev. James Carey, who have encouraged us in our Christian lives with their messages in word and song.
3. To Rev. George Huff for his inspiring mission classes and council.
4. To Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, President of our Illinois Wesleyan Youth for his leadership, zeal, and hard physical and mental labor.
5. To Rev. Arthur L. Bray, the Illinois Conference President, for his support, cooperation and consecration to the Lord.
6. To Ida Craker, the Illinois Wesleyan Youth Treasurer, and Marcena Wallace, Youth Secretary, for their diligent service and dependability.
7. To Rev. Robert McIntyre, our denominational Wesleyan Youth Secretary who has labored so faithfully and zealously during the past year.
8. To pastors and local youth officers for their faithful service and dedication to the Lord's work.
9. To Mrs. Bruner and Mrs. Olson, our camp cooks, who labored faithfully in the hot kitchen each day to bring us good meals, of which we were glad to partake.
10. To everyone who helped to make the Convention and Youth Retreat successful.
11. To the Free Methodists for the use of Camp Epworth for the 1960 Youth Camp.
12. To the counselors and youth workers who have given up their time for the young people.
13. To the various committees, for their earnest and diligent work during this Convention.
14. To every member of Wesleyan Youth for his loyalty to Christ and His Church.
15. To Rev. W. H. Dyer, and the Wurlitzer Company of Rockford, Illinois, for making the piano and organ available for the camp services.
16. Finally, to all others who have contributed in different ways to the success of the Illinois Wesleyan Youth of 1960.

Sincerely submitted,

Martha Bray, Chairman
Richard Hames
Nancy Maseikis
Cecelia Wenger

Report No. 7.

Resolutions Committee.

We, the Resolutions Committee, realizing the need for greater enthusiasm in all phases of our youth work do hereby suggest that:

1. We reinforce our faith in Jesus Christ as our personal Savior from sin, daily, through prayer and Bible study.
2. In order that our Christian influence be felt in every phase of our lives, we will carefully choose the most wholesome companions, activities, literature, television and radio programs, and music which will prove conducive to our spiritual growth.
3. We lean not to our own abilities, but on the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide us as we carry on the Lord's work.
4. We faithfully attend all Wesleyan Youth activities and strive to win others for Christ.
5. We practice sacrificial stewardship and support Wesleyan Youth expenses and projects by systematic payment of Conference and General dues.
6. We resolve to uphold the doctrines of our church and exercise practical godliness which is profitable unto all things.
7. The above resolutions be published in the next issue of the Youth Notes and that they be read in each local at the earliest possible opportunity, and as often as felt necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Minnaugh, Chairman
Bob Hohm
Phyllis Jents
John Thompson
Paul Halvorsen

Report No. 8.

Auditing Committee.

We have audited the books of the Illinois Wesleyan Youth Treasurer and find them to be correct and in order. The bank statements and cancelled checks were reconciled and the balance on hand verified accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

Auditing Committee

Mrs. Barbara Crail

Rev. Roy E. Grayford

Report No. 9.

Statistical Committee.

(See Table of Statistics, page 62.)

Report No. 10.

Plan of Work Committee.

We, the Plan of Work Committee, recommend the following:

1. That three new locals be organized during the coming year.
2. That a goal of 225 Wesleyan Youth subscriptions be set for this year, and that the Conference Youth Secretary act as the promotional director.
3. That we actively support our building programs throughout the Conference with District work days that will be arranged by the Conference W.Y. President and those pastors involved.
4. That our Conference dues be \$1.00 per member.
5. That the Conference dues be the personal responsibility of the local members, and that this money be sent by the local treasurer to the Conference Treasurer at the close of each quarter. This includes the General dues of \$1.50 per member.
6. That the Editor of the Youth Notes receive from each local president by the 5th of each month a report of the average youth attendance and their efficiency rating for the month.
7. That a Leader's Conference be held in the fall to train local officers or representatives from each church.
8. That the Conference President visit as many locals during the year as possible.
9. That we hold a Conference-wide rally at Wheaton in the fall, and an overnight retreat in the spring.
10. That each local strive for an "A" rating in the local and general efficiency standard.
11. That each local have a youth "Kick-Off" program before October 31, and the youth age attendance be reported to the Conference President by the 5th of November.
12. That every Wesleyan Youth member be issued a membership card.
13. That we set a goal of \$560.00 for debt retirement at the Creve Coeur Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, Chairman

Rev. Forrest Gearhart

Mrs. Ida Craker

Carolyn Hames

Dave Tresper

Jim Dominguez

Charlene Fowder

Rodney Garman

Jim Jacobs

LOCAL	Active Members	Associate Members	Wesleyan Youth Subs.	Efficiency Standard Rating			General Dues	Conference Dues	Conference Extension	Education	World Missions	General Church Extension and Evangelism	Local Work	Other Items	Total Receipts Plus Balance	Total Disbursements	Cash on Hand
				"A" Rating	"B" Rating	"C" Rating											
1. Austin	27		27		X		\$45.00	\$27.00	\$76.00		\$13.01		\$21.79		\$184.02	\$182.80	\$ 1.22
2. Hoyne Ave.	13		8				30.00	20.00					74.70		147.30	124.70	22.60
3. Oak Lawn	24	4	30			X	31.75	21.00	100.00				43.08	\$10.00	221.79	205.83	15.96
4. Oak Park	5		2		X		7.50	5.00	25.00				11.95		67.36	49.45	17.91
5. Princeton	14	2	11			X	21.00	14.04	25.59	\$5.65	11.43		74.24	22.40	190.05	174.35	15.70
6. Peoria	3	2	4			X	4.50	3.00	20.00				1.50	5.00	44.00	34.00	10.00
7. Rockford 1st	14	2	39	X	X		37.52	25.00	100.00		14.83	\$14.81	88.39	25.00	311.16	305.55	5.61
8. Wheaton	9		14		X		15.65	11.00	40.00				2.00	5.33	72.98	72.98	
9. Wyanet	10	1	6			X	16.50	11.00	25.00	.70	.35		394.81	28.60	484.83	476.96	7.87
	119	11	141	1	3	4	\$209.42	\$136.04	\$411.59	\$6.35	\$39.62	\$14.81	\$712.46	\$96.33	\$1723.49	\$1626.62	\$96.87