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BOARD OF TRUSTEES; William Dugger, 2 year;  
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C. A. Pauley, 3 years; Eugene Ramsey, 2  
years; Gertrude Harris, 1 year.

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENCY; Rita H. Lee,  
William Dugger.

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Eugene Ramsey, A. M. Miller.

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STATIONED ELDERS

Rev. Arthur M. Gilmer  
Church - Parkersburg, W. Va. and Marietta

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Ohio -- 932 Keen-Zanesville, Ohio

Rev. Ralph Tate

Church - Bethel Church .. Bartlett, Ohio

Rev. Jerome W. Wilson, 1634 Germantown St.

Church - Wesleyan Methodist .. Dayton, O.

Rev. Eugene Ramsey, c/o 17 State St.,  
Zanesville, Ohio

Churches - Zanesville and Cutler

Rev. Rita H. Lee, Cor. of South East St,  
Hillsboro, Ohio

Church - Hillsboro

Rev. Anna Gilmer .. Assistant to Parkers-  
burg and Marietta

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Rev. Gertrude Harris - Conference Evan-  
gelist .. District No.1

Rev. C. A. Pauley - Conference Evangelist  
District No.2

Rev. William Dugger - Evangelist at large  
121 South Summit St. - Dayton 8, Ohio

#### LICENTITATES

Rev. Hershel Williams - 35 Alder Street,  
Dayton 8, Ohio

Rev. Jessie Lester - 147 Hanover Street,  
Dayton 7, Ohio

Sister Theresa Clark - Deaconess -  
1701 Attucks Pl. Dayton 8, Ohio

#### JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.,

Prayer Service with Miss Mary Howell and  
Mrs. Alice Mac Spriggs as leaders.

Homes were assigned. Visitors -  
Benediction.

THURSDAY - AUGUST 30th

8:30 a.m. Devotions - led by Sis. Norma Curtis and Ferrel Tate. Scripture 133 - 134 Psalms. Hymns, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" and "Have Thine Own Way". - Prayer, Sis. Edith Cottman. Inspiring remarks by our President, Rev. A. M. Gilmer - If ever we needed the Lord to lead, guide and direct us - it is now. We have reached the state of helplessness we must put our all on the Altar before God, and ask every Christian to pray earnestly that God's will be done. Our Theme this Session - "Bought With Blood" I Cor. 6:20. Altar Call for prayer and supplication to our God and Saviour. The Holy Spirit was present and moved among those who thanked and praised God for the many blessings bestowed, - followed by Testimonies. Song, "Life's Railway To Heaven" led by Elder Rita Lee. Service opened for Business at 9:30 a.m., Rev. Pauley acting as Vice President in the absence of Rev. Tate. Minutes of the 62nd Session received as read. Chairman and Vice were empowered to appoint all Committees. Discussion on - Memorials for members family though themselves not members of our churches - decision was to have seperate Memorial list, this to be fellowship and to be remembered in our Memorial Service. Reports received from Rules To Order - Credentials - Religious Service. Rev. J. W. Wilson in charge of Religious Service, assisted by Rev. Wm. Dugger - Scripture, the Eighth Chapter of Romans "They that are in Christ are free from condemnation, but to be carnally minded is death - spiritually mined is

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life and peace. Music by Rev. R. Lee - Hymn, "Blessed Assurance". Benediction by Rev. Dugger.

THURSDAY 1:30 p.m. - Devotions by Sis. Louella Campbell and Estella Norris. Scripture, 35th Chapter of Isaiah. Hymns, "Is My Name Written There" and "I Must Tell Jesus".

2:00 p.m. Business Session  
Roll Call - Minutes read and received. - Reports received from Committee on Memorials and Character Examiners. Conference Aide of Zanesville presented a gift of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for Conference Entertaining which was gratefully received by President for the Parkersburg Church. Report on Moral Reform received with a rising vote of thanks to young Miss Sylvia Dent -

Further views on Morals. Motion made and passed. Reports from Rev. Tate and Rev. Ramsey be received from Delegates since neither Pastor could be present at this time. Their Characters passed on when they arrived later. Report from Zanesville Church received and a total of \$230.87 including the \$50.00 for Kitchen, and \$30.00 to S-O-Conference Treasure. Conference Evangelist District No.1 - Rev. Gertrude Harris; and Rev. C. A. Fauley, District No.2 reports received; also from Deaconess Theresa Clark, Rev. Hershel Williams and Rev. Wm. Dugger. Rev. Harris asked for Bill to be sent to Youth for minutes printed. Sis. Edith Cottman, Widow of a deceased Minister's name was voted on and to be placed on Superannuated List.

The President spoke on "Tithe and Living with our discipline, keeping vows taken at

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the Altar. Stating we are dealing with God, not man. Sis. Burke was called upon to explain Pastor's Monthly Reports as some were having difficulty in completing them. The Budget was discussed and the assembly was told - we are far below requirements - saying members who refuse to pay-up work a hardship on the faithful few. Let every one do his or her part. Benediction by President. Next Business Session on Friday at 9:30.

THURSDAY 7:30 p.m. Scripture I Thess:4. Devotions - Sis. Gertrude Holbert and Bro. Edward Harris. Prayer - Hymn "Take Time to be Holy" "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone".

8:00 p.m. Preaching Service  
Hymn "O How I Love Jesus". Scripture by Rev. Dugger, Proverbs 6th - Prayer by Rev. Pauley and Sermon - the subject was "Power of The Holy Spirit" - Invitational Hymn "The Solid Rock".

8:30 p.m. Reception and Program  
In charge of Bro. Albert Queen with the young folks of Parkersburg Church being presented in music and song. Welcome address, Sis. Mary Howell - Response, Sis. Norma Curtis. A picture on Visual Education from the Bible "At The Cross Roads" by Sis. Elva Johnson, with narration and music. Pastorial remarks. Benediction. All invited to Dining Room where delicious refreshments were enjoyed.

### FRIDAY 9:00 a.m.

A short Business Session in time given us by the ladies of the Missionary Society. To complete reports Roll Call. Minutes

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received. Report from Barnett Ridge by Mrs. Ruth Mayle received - dues of \$5.00 pd. This Church though small in membership had a splendid Report. Rev. F. R. Birch our Connectional Representative was introduced and given a seat in the Conference Bar after stating he was glad to be present. Reports from Marietta, Ohio and Parkersburg, W. Va. Churches by Rev. Gilmer. Received. Report from Dayton by Rev. Wilson and Delegate, Herbert Gates - giving a Gift of \$70.00 for Kitchen Fund and \$20.00 to Superannuated combined from Dayton Church Groups. Marietta donated \$35.00 of which \$30.00 for Kitchen and \$5.00 to Superannuated Fund. Report from Long, Ohio by Rev. C. A. Pauley - received with \$5.00 to Kitchen Fund. Report of Bartlett by Pastor, Rev. Anna Gilmer, also of her work as Assistant Pastor to Marietta of Parkersburg. Letter received from Rev. Clara Cooke with her dues and regrets of not being able to attend Conference. A letter is to be sent Rev. Jessie Lester as to his future intentions to Conference Report from Memorial Comm. receivers. The total of monies received from Dayton Church for all purpose \$633.20 - detail of all money received will appear in the Static and Treasure Reports. Rest of day - please note in Missionary Minutes.

### SATURDAY 9:15 a.m.

Devotions by Sis. Ferrell Tate and Bro. Herbert Gates. Hymns - "Break Thou the Bread of Life" "Precious Quietness" Scripture 54th Psalm. Hymns "Is My Name Written There?" and "Pass Me Not".

10:15 a.m. Business

Roll Call - Minutes read received. Report



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from Hillsboro, O. by Rev. Rita Lee and Delegate Sylvia Dent, reporting \$30.00 for Assessments. Sunday School Secretary Report also by Rev. Lee - received as read. General and Annual Budget was discussed - total amount to remain the same \$9.55 - plus \$1.25 for Church Extension - work by South Ohio Conference.

Dr. F. R. Birch in his remarks stated he felt a real tension here for the first time of his visitation with us, and said by all means guard against defeatism. He spoke of the race tension and intergration in schools, propaganda, wrong kinds of publicity hurts and hinders progress. He stressed keeping up the good work - God is on His throne and will make things right. His strongest sentence - "Don't Quit." Rev. Birch showed great concern for the South Ohio Conference and urged we keep up the Holiness Message.

Rev. Gilmer stressed the meaning of "Wesleyan Methodism". Prayer was asked of all for Rev. Roy Nickelson who at that time was not in best of health.

SATURDAY 11:00 a.m.

Memorial Service with Rev. Gertrude Harris in charge. Opening Song "Nearer My God To Thee" - Prayer by Bro. Ed. Harris. Hymn, "Safe in the Arms Of Jesus". A tribute to Sis. Janet Smith, deceased Past President of W. Mis. by Sis. Edith Cottman. Tribute to Sis. Louise Ceasar, a faithful member by Rev. Harris. Tribute to Dr. J. R. Swauger, Home Missionary Secretary - General Connection, by our President, Rev. Gilmer. Eulogy 15th Chapter of I Cor. Closing hymn, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye

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### SATURDAY 2:00 p.m.

Devotion by Sis. Ruth Mayle and Bro. Ed. Harris. Scripture 27th Psalms. Hymns, "God Will Take Care Of You" "Blessed Assurance."

### 2:30 p.m. Business

Roll Call - Minutes read and received. A unanimous vote carried to donate \$50.00 from Treasure of Sunday School and Missionary Convention for Superannuated Fund. Report on Pastorial Relation received with Rev. Pauley suggested as Assistant Pastor to Dayton Church - this to acceptance of Stewards and Trustees of said Church. Election of Officers for year 1956 and '57 - results on Page 1.

The Conference is invited to meet in Zanesville, Ohio in 1957. Invitation accepted with thanks from President.

### SATURDAY 8:00 p.m.

Youth of combined churches had charge of the Service. Rev. Eugene Ramsey, Speaker. A scriptural picture, "My Double Life Line to Heaven" by Sister Elva Johnson.

### SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. Sunday School.

10:45 a.m. Devotions by all Delegates. Hymns, "Jesus Is All the World To Me" "O How I Love Jesus". Scripture 103rd Psalms by Miss Mary Howell. Prayer - Miss Sylvia Dent.

11:00 a.m. Preaching - Rev. Ramsey. Music by Dayton, Ohio Choir joining the Parkersburg Choir. Subject of Sermon, "The Love Of God" - Eph. 3:17-19. Holy Communion. Invitation plea made by Sis.

Mary Howell who is entering Marion College to study for the Ministry. Response from young folks was very gratifying. We thank God for the wonderful testimonies and renewing of their pledge to live for Christ. Song, "When I've Done the Best I Can". Benediction.

SUNDAY 2:30 p.m.

Preaching by Rev. Rita Lee.

Text, "Chariots and Horses" - 20th Psalms verse 7, "But we will trust in God".

Music by Conference Choir made up from all churches. Truly the love of God was present in our sessions and the Holy Spirit took control in these last hours and precious souls stayed at the Altar hours seeking Christ.

We thank God for every blessing.

DECEASED MINISTERS of South Ohio Conference

REVERENDS

J. E. Lucas	Thomas Clinton
A. E. Gulliford	J. C. Honesty
Peter Toliver	A. D. Jackson
B. F. Gardner	Nora Stepson
H. C. Peirce	Henry Mayle, Sr.
Siconcoos Grant	B. B. Gufford
D. E. Bass	A. Oaky
A. P. Mayle	S. M. Saines
Charles Atwell	J. E. Bass
A. C. Mayle	L. N. Gillam
Hazel Turner	Grant Curtis
	C. D. Higgins

In Memoriam, Dr. J. R. Swauger, Advisor from General Connection.

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### REPORT NO.1 - RULES and ORDER

We your committee on Rules and Order submit the following report. We recommend Breakfast at 8:00 a.m., Conference session to open at 9:00 a.m. adjourn at 12:00 o'clock to reassemble at 1:30 p.m. and to close at 4:00 p.m.

Evening sessions to begin at 8:00 p.m. We further recommend that the Conference bar constitute the first six rows across the church.

Kindly submitted - Norma Curtis

Herbert R. Gates

### REPORT NO.2 - CREDENTIALS

We your Committee on Credentials beg leave to submit the following report. We have before us credentials from the following churches.

#### DELEGATES:

Parkersburg, W.Va. - Mary Howell

Priscilla Spriggs

Barnett Ridge, O. - Ruth Barnett Mayle

Marietta, Ohio - Mrs. Lillian Beard

Mrs. Gladys Singer

Zanesville, Ohio - Norma Curtis

Thelma Adams

Hillsboro, Ohio - Mrs. Louella Campbell

Miss Sylvia Dent

Cutler, Ohio - Fearl B. Tate

Bartlett, Ohio - Estella Norris

Dayton, Ohio - Herbert R. Gates

Edward W. Harris

Respectfully submitted,

Rita E. H. Lee

Priscilla Spriggs

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### REPORT NO.3 - RELIGIOUS SERVICE

We your committee on Religious Service submit the following report, The speakers as follows -

Thursday 11:00 a.m. Rev. J. W. Wilson and at 8:00 p.m. Rev. C. A. Pauley. Friday - Missionary Day - the speaker, Rev. F. R. Birch - Connectional Representative. Saturday 11:00 a.m. Rev. Gertrude Harris on Memorials; at 8:00 p.m. Rev. Eugene Ramsey and Rev. Harris for the Youth. Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Ramsey, on Sunday at 2 p.m. Rev. Rita Lee.

Kindly Submitted - The President.

### REPORT NO.4 - ITENERARY AND ORDERS -

No Report.

### REPORT NO.5 - MORAL REFORM

We your Committee on Moral Reforms submit the following report. We realize from observation, happenings, reports and poor Moral standings that the hand of God is desperately needed to overcome the heart breaking situation that happens daily, which can only be over come by the blood of Jesus our Lord and Savior.

Prayerfully Submitted,  
Rev. Dugger  
Sylvia Dent

### REPORT NO.6 - STATE OF COUNTRY

We, your Committee on State of Country submit the following report. We see that church attendance is on the increase throughout the land but sin is still rampant on the earth, even down to our church members. Our leaders and lay members are not willing to make the sacrifice and venture

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out on faith as did Abraham, Moses, Jacob, Daniel and many others.

Because of the high standard of living, many are seeking worldly pleasers, some have their names on the church roll but not on the Book of Life.

Our people are accepting Communism as a way of life and denying the existence of the Almighty God.

We have peace from war and yet many are seeking peace within the Soul. Let us all turn to the One who is able to bring peace.

Humbly Submitted,  
Gertrude Holbert  
Gladyce Singer  
Ruth Barnett Mayle

### REPORT NO.7 - MEMORIALS

We your Committee on Memorials wish to submit the following report we recommend that the program convene at the hour designated by the program eleven o'clock Saturday morning.

Our first song, "Nearer My God to Thee"

Scripture - Psalm 90th

Prayer by Rev. Ramsey

Song, "Safe In the Arms of Jesus"

Eulogy by Rev. Gertrude Harris

Closing song, "In The Sweet Bye and Bye"

Sisters Fearl Tate

Gertrude Harris

THOSE TO WHOM TRIBUTE HAS PAID IN MEMORIUM,  
THOSE WHO HAVE FELLOWSHIP AT NAME NOT MEM-  
BERS BUT FAMILY OF MEMBERS

Dayton, Ohio -

Louise Caesar

Lula Anderson

Julie Higgins

Janet Smith

Mary B. Waterson, Fellowship

Zanesville, Ohio

Henrietta Newman

Marietta, Ohio-

Jennie Burke Louise Curtiss, Fellowship  
Walter Curtiss, Fellowship

Bethel, Ohio-

Emmeline Craston Ollie Goins  
William Craston, Fellowship

Long, Ohio-

Walter Bass, Fellowship

Barnett Ridge, Ohio-

Roy Mayle, Fellowship  
Waldo Barnett, Fellowship  
Mrs. A. Barnett, Fellowship  
Charles Kinles, Fellowship  
Marven Dean Scott, Fellowship

Hillsboro, Ohio-

Flora West

Special Mentron --

Janet Smith, Mrs. Cottman  
Brother Swauger, Bro. Gilmore  
Louise Caesar, Sister Harris

#### REPORT NO. 8 - SUPERANUATED TREASURER

To the South Ohio Annual Conference,  
Greetings in Jesus Name. As Treasurer of  
the Superanuated Fund I wish to make the  
following report:

Brought forward from last year \$108.80.  
Received from Rev. Pauley, Conference  
Treasurer \$31.00. Total money on hand  
\$139.80. Had on the Superanuated list,  
Rev. Mrs. Clara M. Cook, Mrs. C. D.  
Higgins, Mrs. W. F. Jones, Mrs. Isaac  
Canedy.

Paid Sister Cook \$20.00, the three other

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ladies \$15.00 each making a total paid out \$65.00 plus \$1.39 for cards and postage. Total paid out \$66.39 leaving a balance of \$73.41 in treasury.

June 25, 1956 received from S. S. Missionary Treasurer \$25.00, from the S. S. Convention Treasurer \$25.00 bringing the total to date \$123.41.

We join the chorus of that beautiful number "God's little children are gathering Home" With those who have gathered is our dear Sister Higgins. We shall miss her nice letters of appreciation as we drop her name from our list, we are sure it is recorded with those that need no earthly assistance, who through out eternity will enjoy the blessings of Heaven.

Respectfully Submitted, G. Harris

### REPORT NO.9 - CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC REPORT DISTRICT No.1

Served the Zanesville Church on the following dates, preached and served the Holy Communion;

Zanesville, Ohio - Oct. 9, 1955 11 A.M.

Offering \$15.00

Jan. 8, 1956 11 A.M.- Offering \$20.00

April 8, 1956 11 A.M.- Offering \$15.00

July 8, 1956 11 A.M.- Offering \$15.00

Total Appointments - 4

Total Offering ----- \$65.00

Served the Marietta and Parkersburg, W. Va. churches on the following dates:

Marietta Ohio 11 A.M.

Oct. 23, 1955 ----- Offering \$10.00

Jan. 22, 1956 ----- Offering \$10.00

July 22, 1956 ----- Offering \$10.00



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Parkersburg, W. Va. 8 P.M.

Oct. 23, 1955	-----	Offering	\$10.00
Jan. 22, 1956	-----	Offering	\$12.60
July 22, 1956	-----	Offering	\$10.00

Total Sundays served - 3

Total Offerings:

Marietta \$30.00 Parkersburg \$32.60

Served the Bethel Church on the following dates:

Nov. 6, 1955	-----	Offering	\$21.00
Feb. 5, 1956	-----	Offering	\$20.00
May 6, 1956	-----	Offering	\$20.00
Aug. 5, 1956	-----	Offering	\$20.00
Appointments - 4		Total Offering	\$81.00

Served Cutler Mission on the following dates:

Oct. 16, 1955	-----	Offering	\$12.00
Jan. 15, 1956	-----	Offering	\$12.22
April 15, 1956	-----	Offering	\$13.38
July 15, 1956	-----	Offering	\$10.78
Appointments - 4		Total Offering	\$48.38

Served Cedar Ridge on July 22, 1956

Offering \$ 5.25

Total all Appointments - 16

Total Offering ----- \$ 262.23

Prayerfully submitted,

G. Harris, Evangelist

## CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC REPORT

### DISTRICT No. 2

Served on the following dates:

Dayton, Ohio -

Nov. 13, 1955	-----	Offering	\$24.00
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Feb. 12, 1956	-----	Offering	\$25.61
May 13, 1956	-----	Offering	\$25.13
Aug. 1956	-----	Offering	\$20.00
Appointments - 4		Total Offering	\$94.74

Hillsboro, Ohio -

Nov. 6, 1955	-----	Offering	\$ 6.00
Feb. 5, 1956	-----	Offering	4.00
May 6, 1956	-----	Offering	5.00
Aug. 1956	-----	Offering	5.00
Appointments - 4		Total Offering	\$20.00

Long, Ohio -

Nov. 27, 1955	-----	Offering	\$ 6.35
Feb. 19, 1956	-----	Offering	11.13
May 19, 1956	-----	Offering	10.00
Aug. 19, 1956	-----	Offering	10.00
Appointments - 4		Total Offering	\$37.48

Prayerfully submitted,

Rev. C. A. Fauley, Evangelist

To the President, Officers, Ministers, delegates and members of the 63rd Annual Session of the South Ohio Conference, Convening at Parkersburg, W. Va.

Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The following is my report for the Conference year from September 1955 to August 1956.

My work is serving as Assistant Chaplain at three Dayton Hospitals namely- Miami Valley, St. Elizabeth and the County Home, also serving as the Assistant to the Protestant Chaplain at the Veterans Administration, Dayton, Ohio

My work consists of giving spiritual advice, praying for the sick and despon-

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dent, and preaching the Word of God.

Number of Sermons preached - 75

Number of Sick Calls ----- 91

I am still serving as Chaplain of the Cinn. Cordage and Paper Co. where I am employed.

My wife and I are still carrying on our work in our home for the children of our community or who ever comes to the Alder Street Youth Chapel.

We also conducted a week of Bible School from August 13th to the 17th, with 19 children attending.

Our Sunday School is integrated and the children enjoy the fellowship with one another.

My determination is to serve my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sincerely

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Herschel F. Williams

REPORT NO.10 - CONFERENCE AIDE

Mr. President and members and friends of the South Ohio Conference - Greetings in Jesus Precious Name. It is with a humble and grateful heart I bring this report of our work of the Conference Aide.

We are so thankful and do praise our Heavenly Father for His goodness.

Last Fall we held a service at Barlett, Ohio, the Church was on fire for God and Rev. Ralph Tate brought the message.

Sister Gilmer our Vice President had just taken the Pastorate and we enjoyed her fellowship also our Co-workers, Sis. Gertrude Harris and the President of the Conference Rev. Gilmer. The offering was \$42.00. We gave \$21.00 to the Church and sent \$21.00 to our Treasurer, Sis. Clark

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to help pay for printing of minutes.

Our joint session was held at Marietts in May with a good attendance.

One new Society was added to our number and offering good.

We covet your prayers for a better report this coming year, if the Lord tarries.

Amount in Treasure - \$330.31.

Carefully submitted,

Norma Curtis

### REPORT NO.11 - CONFERENCE TREASURER

On deposit at Merchants National Bank at Dayton, Ohio - Aug. 30, 1955 ... \$1,444.68

Conference Budget Money sent to

Dr. F. R. Eddy .....	\$ 769.15
Superannuated Fund .....	31.20
Rent of Safety Deposit Box .....	3.30
For Printing of Conference Minutes .....	85.00
To Dr. Roy S. Nicholson for Leaders Conference .....	31.00
To Rev. A. M. Gilmer for Leaders Conference .....	20.00
To Mrs. Swauger - Home Missions Budget: Bartlet, Long, Marietts ..	80.43
Total Paid Out ..	<u>\$1,020.08</u>

### MINISTERS' DUES - August 31, 1956

Rev. C. M. Cook	\$1.00
Rev. William Dugger .....	\$1.00
Rev. A. M. Gilmer .....	1.00
Rev. Anna Gilmer .....	1.00
Deaconess Theresa Clark ...	1.00
Rev. Gertrude Harris .....	1.00
Rev. Rita E. H. Lee .....	1.00
Rev. Eugene Ramsey .....	1.00
Rev. C. A. Pauley .....	1.00
Rev. Ralph Tate .....	1.00

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Rev. Herschel Williams .....	\$1.00
Rev. J. W. Wilson .....	1.00
Rev. Jesse Lester .....	1.00
TOTAL	<u>\$13.00</u>

## PUBLIC OFFERINGS

For Kitchen - Aug. 30, 1956	\$ 16.63
For Kitchen - Aug. 31, 1956	17.00
For Stewards -Sept. 2, 1956	32.69
For Miss Mary Howell-Sept.2	24.35
For Annual Conference-Sept.2	29.66
TOTAL	<u>\$ 120.33</u>

Gift from the Missionary Society -----	\$ 40.00
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 160.33</u>

## KITCHEN MONEY

Gift from Dayton Church	\$ 70.75
Conference Aide at Zanesville -----	50.00
Zanesville Church -----	5.00
Marietta Church -----	30.00
Long Chruch -----	5.00
Cutler Church -----	5.00
Conference Paid to Parkersburg Church -----	25.00

Rev. C. A. Pauley, Treasurer

## REPORT NO.12 - CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Ministers, Delegates, and Conference Workers of the South Ohio Conference, Christian Greetings:

As we survey carefully the activities during the past year, we humbly bow in thanks to God for His help and guidance.

This is my second year to fill this very important office of President of the South Ohio Conference. I was first re-

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requested to finish the Conference work in Marietta two years ago.

This, of all the years, has been one when we had to walk by faith, but God has not failed your weak unworthy servant. I do not mean to infer that the work has been satisfactory to me or perfect, but I have seen His guiding hand moving in the clouds and letting the light break through.

In less than thirty days after the close of our Annual Conference in Hillsboro, I received a telegram from Dr. Nicholson stating that Dr. Swauger had been called home while in California. I have not words to express the shock when I received the telegram informing me of his home going. Dr. Swauger was favorably impressed with the work of the South Ohio Conference, and had said to me on his way to the Bus station that he planned to visit our Conference in February.

This new department in which we were placed (with a new supervisor) created a two-fold problem, but Dr. Sheets has been congenial, helpful and patient with a Christlike spirit.

As in past years, the shortage of ministers to supply the churches was a serious problem. Our church at Bartlett was among those left without a pastor. They felt that the need for a pastor in this area was imperative and that they must have someone. Sister Gilmer was sent to them the first of October and has served them twice a month during the year. We feel that the work has been blessed of the Lord.

We visited the Dayton and Long churches last November 27th and the presence of the

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Holy Spirit was greatly manifested in the churches in both services.

We were with Sister Lee as they observed the 82nd Anniversary of the church in Hillsboro, in July. The service was of an unusual nature as a 14 year old girl was the speaker and her 16 year old sister was the song leader. The message in sermon and song was full of power.

We have visited the church at Bartlett on more than one occasion. We have had our Sunday Schools from Marietta and Parkersburg there also.

Rev. Ramsey, since his graduation, has gone to Zanesville twice monthly to hold services. Sister Harris has also held communion services there. Sister Harris and Brother Ramsey have also held services at the Cedar Ridge church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. A. M. Gilmer

### REPORT NO.13 - ASSISTANT PASTOR AND EVANGELIST

To the President:

Officers and Members of the South Ohio Conference, for the 63rd Annual Session. Greetings in the name of Jesus. It is with a sense of gratitude and thanksgiving to God, and a kindred spirit of appreciation to the membership of the conference, including both laity and the ministry, for the loyal support they have given me as I earnestly endeavored to carry out the work assigned me.

God has not been unmindful of our constant need of wisdom and divine guidance, and not withholden any good thing from us. We are deeply grateful for definite mani-

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festation of His presence with us as we served in his name.

This has been one of the greatest years of my ministry, God has revealed His Spirit in such a way that I can truly say God is real.

I have not been able to see many things done that I would love to have seen, but I do know that God will finish the work begun in his precious name.

I began assisting Rev. A. M. Gilmer at once on our return from Conference. The work at Parkersburg and Marietta shows great spiritual growth and we pray that the churches may go on to higher ground both spiritually and numerically.

I was then sent to Bethel Church at Bartlett Ohio in October: I have served there every other Sunday in the morning services. I am glad to report that God has truly blessed us at Bethel with two being baptized and eight making a confession of being saved, in our evangelistic services.

We had three revival efforts this year, and the church is striving to reach and by the grace of God live holy lives.

We ask that you remember the Bethel Church that she may cling to holiness, without which no man shall see God.

Respectively submitted,

Anna M. Gilmer, Pastor-Ass't.

### REPORT NO.14 -

Greetings in Jesus Precious Name.  
Sorry to be absent but distance in miles too much for me since it seems God's will I am happy to be living and to know I am reconciled to His will. My into-



rest in the Conference is not lessened by my absence. Our prayer is that God may richly bless and guide in all deliberations throughout the Conference and some souls may be saved for service.

May the Lord bless every one present.

Prayerfully,

Clara M. Cooke

1007 E. Broadway Kokomo, Ind.

#### REPORT NO. 15 - PASTORIAL RELATIONS

We the Pastorial Relations Committee wish to submit the following report:

Barnett Ridge - In hands of the President

Bethel - Elder Ralph Tate

Cutler - Elder Eugene Ramsey

Zanesville -

Dayton - Elder J. W. Wilson

Hillsboro - Elder Rita Lee

Long, Ohio - In hands of the President

Marietta - Elder A. M. Gilmer and

Ass't. Anna M. Gilmer

Parkersburg -

Conference Evangelist Dist. No.1 -

- Elder Gertrude Harris

Conference Evangelist Dist. No.2 -

- Elder C. A. Pauley

Evangelist -at-Large - Elders Clara M.

Cooke, Anna Gilmer, William Dugger and

Rev. Hershell Williams

Respectfully,

A. M. Gilmer, J.W. Wilson, Eugene

Ramsey, Gertrude Harris, Norma

Curtis, Herbert Gates and Lillian

Beard.

#### REPORT NO.16 - FINANCE COMMITTEE

On Finance and Claims we wish to submit the following report:-

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Paid to Rev. A. M. Gilmer Conference President .....	\$ 67.00
Paid to Rev. Eugene Ramsey Conference President .....	15.00
Paid to Rev. C. A. Pauley Acting Vice President .....	10.00
Paid to Sister Elva Johnson, Conference Secretary .....	38.77
Paid to Sister Voloras Chandler, Assistant Secretary .....	10.00
TOTAL .....	<u>\$140.77</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
Gertrude Holbert  
Mary Howell      Rev. C. A. Pauley

### REPORT NO.17 - AUDITORS

We have examined the bank book and the Secretary's records, found them to be in complete order.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louella Campbell      Prissella Spriggs

### REPORT NO.18 - COURTESY

No Report.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY-~~WILLIAM~~ 75  
-PARKERSBURG, W. VA.

Friday, August 30, 1956

The Women's Missionary Convention of the South Ohio Conference convened on the above date at Parkersburg, W. Va. The President, Mrs. Edith Cottman, presiding at the 36th Annual Session. Song: "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning". Scripture: 103 Psalm, Mrs. Edith Cottman. Prayer, Mrs. Norma Curtis.

Business: Reading of minutes read and adopted with necessary corrections. Calling of roll. A tribute by Mrs. Edith Cottman to Mrs. Janet Smith who has answered the summons. Moved and adopted that we pass her name to the committee on Memorials. Moved and adopted we record the tribute to Mrs. Janet Smith in the minutes and a copy be sent to the family.

Appointing of Committees by the President. Credentials and Membership - Mrs. Lillian Beard and Mrs. Gladys Singer.

Rules and Orders - Miss Mary Howell and Mrs. Louella Campbell.

Auditing - Mrs. Lillian Beard and Mrs. Elva Johnson.

Finance and Claims - Mrs. Thelma Adams, Mrs. Estella Norris and Mrs. Norma Curtis

Thanks - Rev. Rita E. H. Lee, Mrs. Lucy Barnett and Mrs. Janice Smith

Report of Societies:-

Bartlett report by Rev. Anna Gilmer and Mrs. Estella Norris read and adopted.

Zanesville report by Mrs. Thelma Adams read and adopted.

Dayton report by Mrs. Janice Smith read and adopted.

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Marietta report by Mrs. Gladys Singers, read and adopted.

Hillsboro report by Mrs. Louella Campbell read and adopted.

Parkersburg report by Miss Priscilla Spriggs read and adopted.

Conference Membership Roll:- \$1.00 paid by each of the following- Mrs. Maggie Mayle, Rev. Eugene Ramsey, Mrs. C. M. Cooke, Miss Florence Clark, Miss Theresa Clark, Mrs. Lucy Barnett, Rev. Gertrude Harris, Rev. C. A. Pauley, Herbert Gates and Rev. A. M. Gilmer. Total \$10.00.

REPORT OF Treasurer:- Rev. Anna Gilmer read and adopted. Report of Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. Lillian Beard read and adopted. Moved and adopted we send cards of cheer to the following, Mrs. Helen Wilson, Mrs. Etta Stevens, Mrs. Alice Peters and Mrs. C. M. Cooke, Mr. Hugh Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fackson.

Dismissed until 1:30 P.M.

1:30 P.M.

Session opened by singing, "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me." The Lord's Prayer by congregation. Reports on Credentials and Memberships read and adopted. Roll call. Report on Rules and Orders read and adopted. Auditing Committee report read and adopted. The Courtesy Committee, Mrs. Anna Gilmer introduced the visitors to the Conference. Report of Solicitor for Missionary Magazine read and adopted.

Remarks by Dr. F. R. Birch: He talked of the Missionary part of the church. How the Missionary movements need \$200,000 if they are kept running. His remarks were very interesting as he told us of the work in South America. He also spoke on the ten

minutes a day prayer league for Foreign Missions or any other request of prayer. He urged us to send in all monies promptly. We thank Dr. Birch for his inspiring remarks. Moved and adopted that Dr. Birch be given a seat within the Conference Bar. Report of Y.M.W.B. by Mrs. Lillian Beard read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Thanks by Mrs. Janice Smith. This report to be re-read.

Election of Officers were as follows -  
President ----- Mrs. Edith Cottman  
Vice President ----- Mrs. Volorus Chandler  
Secretary ----- Mrs. Gertrude Holbert  
Ass't. Secretary ----- Mrs. Lillian Beard  
Treasurer ----- Mrs. Gladyce Singer  
Prayer Partner Secy. ---- Mrs. Elma Johnson  
Solicitor ----- Mrs. Norma Curtis

Adjourned to meet at 7:30 P.M.

Benediction - Rev. Rita E. H. Lee.

7:30 P.M.

Service opened by Rev. Anna Gilmer.  
Songs, "Send the Light" Bring Them In"  
Scripture 131st Psalm. Prayer Mrs.  
Gertrude Holbert. Religious film shown by  
Mrs. Elva Johnson, "The Love of God."  
Song, "Close To Thee".

Speaker of the hour - Dr. F. R. Birch  
introduced by Rev. A. M. Gilmer.

Text: II Kings 7th chapter 3rd verse.

"WHY SIT WE HERE, UNTIL WE DIE"

Many good thoughts he left with us. We see the change coming, what must be done, should be done quickly. The world will be evangelized as we get up and give them the word in their tongues, where they can read and accept it. There are 1150 languages being given to teach people to read the Word of God. When God whispers our ears

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should be thoroughly opened to hear. All is not hopelesee, if we will get up from where we are sitting, get our thoughts of defeatism and keep plowing through. We want to eat first ourselves, gather up treasurers, then think of the other folks. Jesus thought of us first as He gave His life and shed His blood.

These are days of good tidings but we hold our peace. This is the sin of the sanctified. (Slothfulness). We must get out the message. We are guilty of cheating with God. Down the road there's a place where we will come face to face with Christ. Why is the house of God forsaken? Because of the selfishness and self-centerism of people who will not and are not willing to accept the responsibilities.

The Summer is ended, the harvest is past and still men are not saved,

When I think of how he loved me when a sinner far astray, let my love find sweet expression. Serving Him from day to day. As we serve our fellowman, we serve God.

Offering ----- \$ 38.00

Benediction - Dr. F. R. Birch.

SATURDAY, 1:00 P.M.

Song, "Draw Me Nearer" The Lord's Prayer in unison. Reading of minutes read and adopted.

The name of Mary Howell was brought up that we might give her encouragement by a love offering. Moved and adopted, We give her \$50.00. May God richly bless and use her as she enters Marion College to prepare herself for the work of the Lord.

Inspirational remarks by Mrs. Edith

Cottman, who served us so beautifully and humble in the seat of President. Also by Rev. Gertrude Harris who spoke of the co-operation and drawing together in this Annual Session. To our Heavenly Father goes the prayer. Without Him we can do nothing but in Him we can do all things. Report of Finance and Claims read and adopted. Benediction by Rev. Rita E. H. Lee. Moved and adopted to meet in Zanesville, Ohio, God be willing in 1957.

REPORTS-

We your Committee on Finance and Claims beg to submit the following report.

Paid to President -----	\$ 25.00
Paid to Vice President -----	10.00
Paid to Secretary -----	12.00
Paid to S.O.Conference for Prin-	
ting of Minutes -----	40.00
Love Offering - Mary Howell --	50.00
Love Offering - Eugene Ramsey -	25.00
TOTAL ..	<u>\$160.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Curtis, Stella Morris, Thelma Adams

As solicitor for Missionary Magazine, I submit the following report:-

Number of Missionary Magazines taken - 24.  
We feel we are gaining in subscriptions as several new, along with our renewals have been received.

Carefully submitted, Norma Curtis.

We your Auditing Committee beg leave to submit the following report. We have checked the bank book of the W. M. S. of the S. O. Conference and found it to be satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted, Elva Johnson and

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Lillian Beard

We your Committe on Rules and Orders wish to submit the following report. We recommend that the first four rows across the church be the W. M. S. Bar, and with this only acception we recommend the convention abide by the regular rules.

Submitted in His Service,

Mrs. Louella Campbell ,Miss Mary Howell

We your committee on Credentials declare the following persons presented their Credentials as delegates to W. M. S.

Mrs. Louella Campbell - Hillsboro, O.

Mrs. Gladys Singer - Marietta, Ohio

Mrs. Janice L. Smith - Dayton, Ohio

Mrs. Thelma Adams - Zanesville, Ohio

Mrs. Stella Norris - Bartlett, Ohio

Miss Priscilla Spriggs) Parkersburg,

Miss Mary Howell ) W. Va.

Kindly submitted,

Gladyce Singer, Lillian Beard

### Prayer Partner Report:

Number of prayer partners -- 22

Foreign ----- 17

Prayer Partner Secretary,

Lillian Beard

Mrs. President,

I, the Treasurer of W.M.S. submit the following report. Received from Mrs. Volorus Chandler October 17, 1955 - \$168.92. Received from Mrs. Gertrude Holbert on Quota - Dec. 14, 1955, \$30.00. Received March 23, 1956 - \$100.00 from Zanesville, Ohio, Quota. Received from Mrs. Lillian Beard, Marietta, Ohio - Feb. 23, 1956 - \$110.00 Quota.



Kindly submitted, Anna M. Gilmer

## FINANCIAL REPORT-

Bethel , O dues -----	\$ 4.50
Zanesville, O. dues (\$130.00) -----	27.00
Medical (To Treasurer) --	7.00
Hepzibah	7.00
Marietta, O. (To Treasurer \$110.00)	
Parkersburg, W.Va. dues -----	14.00
Education -----	10.00
Home Missions -----	3.00
Dayton, Ohio dues -----	7.50
Medical \$3.75 - Hepzibah -----	5.00
Eugene Ramsey \$25.00 Administra-	
tion Fund --	3.75
S.O. Conf. \$30.00 Kitchen Fund	10.00
Foreign Missions \$25.00	
Hillsboro, Ohio membership -----	3.00
Home Mission \$5.00 Foreign Mis-	
sion ---	13.07
Medical Stud-	
ent -- \$3.00 S. O. Conf. -	10.00
W.M.S. Conference membership dues -	10.00
Y.M.W.B. -----	21.00
TOTAL MONIES -	\$216.57
Friday night Offering -----	38.00
GRAND TOTAL ...	\$254.57

We your Committee on thanks count it a privilege to serve you in this manner. First we thank our Heavenly Father for leading us to this Annual Meeting. Many thanks and grateful appreciation to Dr. F. R. Birch our Foreign Missionary Secretary, for his inspiring message. Also our President and officers for so ably presiding and the manner in which our business went forward. We thank this church, our Kitchen Committee and those who provided our homes for us.

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May God bless you all.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita E.H. Lee Janice L. Smith

Lucy Barnett

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ladies of the W. M. S., ministers, delegates and friends. I am happy to be with you this morning in the 36th Annual Session of our Missionary Society. I want to thank the Lord God of Heaven, that He is so good, and that His mercy endureth forever. In calling the roll this morning, we find that our ranks have been broken. Sister Janet Smith our former Missionary President and Supt. of the Y.M.W.B. has answered the roll call above. We have tender memories and pleasant reflections of her life, as she labored and lifted up Christ. The torch she carried has been carried to each of us. May we carry it well as she has done. We read in Psalms 114, "Man is life unto vanity, his days are as a shadow that passeth away." She will be greatly missed in our Missionary Society and the work of the S. O. Conference. I'm sure all have felt very keenly her passing, however we must bow in humble submission to our Heavenly Father. His will must be done.

SIS. EDITH COTTMAN,  
W.M.S. PRESIDENT.

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### WESELYAN YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIETY

Marietta, Ohio - May 19, 1956

Minutes of the 15th Annual session of the Youth Department of the South Ohio Conference.

The session opened at 8:45 a.m., Rev. Eugene Ramsey and Vice President, Sister Gertrude Harris presiding.

Song Service - Songs chosen: "Have Thine Own Way", "I Must Tell Jesus", "Beneath the Cross of Jesus". Reading 27 Psalm Sister Harris. Prayer Rev. Ramsey. Song, - "Blessed Assurance."

Donna Smith, our Secretary was absent. Robert Smith her brother read the minutes of 1955 session. Minutes was accepted. The President was given the power to appoint the committees. The following were appointed: Credentials and Membership, Maxine Martin, Sherril Honesty. Rules and Order, Priscilla Springs, Norma Curtis. Courtesy, Sister Gilmer, Rachel Caren. Thanks, Loretta Chandler and Elva Johnson. Religious Service, Rosa Parsons, Jerome Wilson III, Norma Curtis. Moral Reform, William Johnson, Mary Howell, Rev. Eugene Ramsey. Finance and Claims, Jerome Wilson. Thelma Holbert, Rev. Pauley. Judge of reprot and conduct Mrs. Mary Harris, Auditing, Rachel Coren, Veloris Chandler.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Credential and Membership Rules and Order - read and adopted. Treasury report, Auditing Committee received and adopted.

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### BUSINESS CONTINUING:

Report of Dayton, Society. Read by William Johnson report adopted. Sister Linda Mayle reported for Cutler, Ohio. Mary Howell for Parkersburg, West Virginia. Maxine Martin, Zanesville, Ohio. Robert Smith, Bartlett, Marietta, Ohio, Sister Gilmer.  
Dismissed for Recess - 10:30.

### 10:40

Report of delegate to General Conference. Sister Gertrude Holbert stress was laid on the effectiveness of early a.m. prayer service and Dr. Sheets message. Report was very inspiring. Received and adopted.

Rev. Pauley spoke of the work at Long, Ohio. No delegate Rev. Gilmer gave remarks Leaders Conference attended in April.

Thelma Holbert gave Financial report of Zanesville, Society. The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Courtesy. Mrs. Frederick Curtis, Miss Florence and Theresa Clark were introduced to the group.  
Adjourned for lunch.

### 1:30 P.M.

Devotion Dayton delegate. Song "I Would Be True". "Revive Us Again". Scripture, Jerome Wilson III. Prayer Rev. Ramsey, Song.

Business: Finishing up of various reports. Read and adopted. Discussion of topics. Assignments as follows: Adjourn for dinner.

### 7:30 P.M.

Devotions by Parkersburg and Bartlett dele-

gates. Song "Yeild Not To Temptations".  
Scripture Robert Smith. Song "More About  
Jesus". Prayer, Rev. Ramsey. Song, "Jesus  
Is All the World to Me."

Business

Reports: Report of Thanks, read and adopted  
to be re-read on Sunday afternoon. Report  
on Finance and Claims read and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Treasury ---- Mrs. Gertrude Holbert  
Secretary --- Mr. Robert Smith  
Assistant Secretary -- Priscilla Spriggs  
Program Committee ---- Mary Howell,  
Rosemary Simpson.

Business session closed to meet at Long,  
Ohio in 1957.

8:15 PROGRAM

Rosemary Simpson, Priscilla Spriggs, mis-  
tresses of ceremonies. Song "Love Lifted  
Me". Paper Mrs. Maxine Martin. "Youth  
Takes A Chance." Esther 4:15-16.,  
Zanesville, Ohio.

Solo, James Davis. Paper, Mrs. Doris  
Curtis, Marietta, Ohio. "Youth Makes Pre-  
paration for Conception and Birth." Selec-  
tion by Parkersburg - Youth Band. Song by,  
Zanesville, trio. Report on Religious  
Service Notices - Offering for kitchen -  
Benediction.

SUNDAY - 9:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

Song, "Love Lifted Me", "Take the Name of  
Jesus With You".

Subject of the lesson: "THE TEMPLE DEDI-

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Lesson taught - school well attended. Morning devotions led by Sister Mary Harris of Dayton. Marietta Choir rendered the songs. Message of morning: Sister Gertrude Harris. Deut. 1:25. Subject: The Report. Dismissed for dinner.

1:30 P.M.

Zanesville Youth Choir rendering the service.

Message: Rev. Eugene Ramsey.

Altar Service. Announcements, adjourned.

#### REPORTS:

##### REPORT OF CREDENTIALS AND MEMBERSHIP

Mary Howell, Priscilla Spriggs, Parkersburg, W. Va.; William Johnson, Jr., Jerome Wilson III, Dayton, Ohio. Rachel Carnes - Rosemary Simpson, Zanesville, Ohio; Robert Smith, Bartlett, Ohio. Sherril Honesty and Thelma Holbert, Zanesville, Ohio. Rosa Parson, Virginia Norris, Cutler, Ohio.

##### "THANKS"

We your committee on Thanks humbly submit the following report. First of all we thank our Heavenly Father for the gift of life and forgiveness of sins for a safe journey here. For the out pouring of His Holy Spirit and a Christian fellowship. Then we thank the good people of Marietta both members of the Wesleyan Church and friends of other denominations for receiving us so lovingly in their homes, making us feel as one of the family. To the members of the John Stewart Memorial Church

for their courtecus welcome in their church. To Rev. and Mrs. Gilmer as our very gracious host's. Rev. Gertrude Harris, Sister Norma Curtis, and Rev. Eugene Ramsey for the very fine leadership shown in conducting the sessions of the Conference Aid and Wesleyan Youth. Last but in no wise least we thank the ladies and gentlemen who served the splendid meals to the comfort of the physical beings. May our Heavenly Father bless, guide, and direct each and everyone of us to aspire to higher heights.

Mrs. Elva Johnson  
Loretta E. Chandler

Marietta, Ohio - May 18, 1956

As acting Treasurer of the W.Y. of the South Ohio Conference I submit the following report.

Balance carried from last year ---	\$ 292.07
Deposited May 21, 1955 -----	40.75
Interest rec'd July 30, 1955 -----	2.85
Interest rec'd May 15, 1956 -----	3.32
	<u>\$ 338.99</u>

RECEIVED FROM W.Y. WEEK

Received from Dayton, Ohio	\$32.00
Marietta, Ohio	5.00
Bethel -----	2.00
Zanesville, Ohio	10.00
General Dues Dayton -----	22.00
General Dues Dayton -----	15.00
	<u>\$86.00</u>

Disbursed to Robert McIntire \$126.00

General Dues and Youth Week.

Balance in Balance ----- \$ 338.99

Submitted, Gertrude Holbert

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THIS PAPER WON HONORABLE MENTION AT THE  
YOUTH CONVENTION IN MAY - 1956.

SUBMITTED BY: RACHEL CARNES  
ZANESVILLE, OHIO

"YOUTH MAKES A CHOICE" St. Matt. 19:16, 22

With the various problems youth faces today it surely takes wisdom to make the right choices, for instances: Ones life vocation. The question arises - "What shall I do, what occupations?" The choice must be made, there confronts youth another serious problem about whom they must choose. Lifes companion. This boy or that girls is appealing. One must make a choice. The greatest questions of all upon which to decide is: "What will I do With Jesus". Will I take His way or the way of least resistance. The way of right and good or the way of sin and evil? This question should claim the earnest individual attention of any boy or girl. At this point in life its dangerous to make the wrong choice. Joshua said, "Choose ye this day whom you will serve." Young People, when we choose Christ we have all. The pure, the wholesome, the good, joy, peace, happiness and in the end eternal life. Yes, Heaven. A wrong decision choosing the world would give us sorrow, heartaches, trouble, worries death and eternal damnation.

Choose Christ who has promised to be with us in troubles never forsaking us, with us to deliver us helping to solve our problems of life as we pray and wait before him. Surely it will be easier to make the



many, many, choices and make them right. We are not able without the help of the Holy Spirit to choose wisely. We need God's wisdom, the mind of Christ in us. The help of the Holy Spirit. We need His care, his presence, His guidance.

We have in the 19th chapter of St. Matt. 16:22 verses. The story of a Rich Young man at the point of decision desirous of eternal life. Jesus so kind and tender met him at the cross road. Pointed out to him the cost of Eternal life. He turned, walked away sorrowfully - He made the wrong choice. For him the cost was too great. He had great possessions. Truly choosing Christ will cost us our severance with the world. Let's allow no earthly tie to interfere with our relationships with Christ. Again I say choose Christ. We have a friend, a job, all things will be added says the world. Friendship with Him will more than compensate for the loss sustained.

He is the source of all joy, pleasure and happiness so choose him the fountain head. His promises are true. Let us search them out. He has promised us himself what father should we seek. Why wait? Today is the day of salvation. Make your decision now!

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MARIETTA, OHIO - MAY 18, 1956

As delegate to the General Wesleyan Youth I submit the following report. Our trip to the camp ground was a great experience. We met the late Dr. J. R. Swauger in Fairmount, Ind., and little did we realize that in just a few weeks he would hear the

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final summons. The days were started with devotion and prayer from 6 to 7 o'clock. The morning prayer periods were experience one could not forget. The very presence of the Holy Spirit was much in evidence, as men and women, rededicated their lives as ask the Heavenly Father to baptize them with the Holy Ghost and fire. Business meetings were held from 9 to 11. Dinner was served at 12:00. Business at 1:30 and Youth Talent at 2:00. There was no discard, but everything was done in decency and order. Not our way but God's way. Rev. Sheets a very capable and spirit filled leader was inspiration to all who came in contact with him. He again elected as General Secretary. During the Conference the W.Y.P.S. was changed to Wesleyan Youth. The dues were raised from \$1.25 to \$1.50 and the Wesleyan Youth Magazine was \$1.25. The sermons were of such dynamic nature you could see visions and also see how shallow we are in Christ. Dr. Sheets message was "God's Midnight Appeal". It was so inspirational for surely we are living in the time of three minutes to midnight. If we are not careful the clock will strike the hour and we can not say to the Lord's words, Have You? We have as we look and see how much God gave to us, we can truly see how much we give to Him. There is a price to pay. It may cost you everything you love, husband, wife, sister, brother, children, mother, father home and even yourself. But are ye willing to go down, sell all that ye have that ye may go up and live in the shadow of the cross.

Let us have Christ Freeminate in our lives. This was the theme of the General

Conference. We also were delighted with the Japanese Dr. Tsutada, who told of his experiences. He was imprisoned for preaching the Lord, lost his mind but when he was freed, he kept on and is still living and preaching the word. Rev. Orva Butcher who is truly ordained in music led the music and his face shone as a light as he led the songs of Zion. Rev. Eddy's theme of his sermon "He have not chosen me but I have chosen ye" John 15:16.

God has chosen us for a purpose and it is a tragedy if we choose anything less. Let us rise and be going. There is much to do.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Gertrude Holbert

General Conference  
Report

# STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH OHIO CONFERENCE

## 1. DAYTON, OHIO - ELDER J. W. WILSON, PASTOR PASTOR'S LABORS ITEM I:

Time Employed mon-

ths -----	12	Appointments ----	1
Organized Church	1		

## PERIODICALS ITEM II:

Wesleyan Metho-

dist Taken ----	19	Missionary -----	17
Youth -----	27	Teachers Quar-	-
Senior Scholars		terly -----	12
Quarterly -----	40	Inter. -----	15
Juniors -----	24		

## MEMBERSHIP ITEM III:

Received -----	5	Died -----	4
Granted Letters	1	No. reported	
Present Number-	130	last year -----	233
Members under		Baptized -----	4
14 yrs. of age	10	Unstated	
Local Preachers	1	Elders -----	1

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ITEM IV:

No. of Schools	1	Officers and	
Scholars -----	98	Teachers -----	17
Total No. in		No. in Home	
Main School --	115	Department ----	4
Cradle Roll ---	12	Total No. in	
Average Atten-		Sunday School -	131
dance -----	50	Scholars Con-	
Joining Church-	2	verted -----	2
Departmental		Organized	
Superintendents-	2	Classes -----	7
Books in Libra-			
ry -----	4		

## WESLEYAN YOUTH SOCIETY

No. of Societies	1	Members -----	12
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## Church Property Item V:

No. Buildings --	1	Value ----	\$10,000.
Insurance --	\$8,000	Cash or other	
		values on	
		hand ---	\$1,123.89

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DISBURSED FOR PASTOR ITEM VI:

Salary -- \$2,600.00 . Marriage and  
Gifts ----- \$50.00      Funeral Fees \$40.00  
Total Pastors  
Receipts \$2,690.00

DISBURSED FOR CHURCH ITEM VII:

Sunday      Repairs ---- \$179.34  
School Ex-      Amt. Pd. on  
pense --- \$348.02      Indebtednes \$1,651.94  
Total for  
Church - \$2,179.30

ITEM VIII & IX TOTAL FOR GENERAL BUDGET:

Total for      Total for An-  
General Bud-      nual Confer-  
get ----- \$430.45      ence ----- \$232.50

ITEM X DISBURSED TOTALS:

Total for      Total for  
Pastor - \$2,690.00      Church --- \$2,179.30  
Total for      Total for  
Budget Ann-      Benevolence \$174.11  
ual & General \$662.95  
Total for  
all Purposes \$5,706.36

2. ZANESVILLE, O. - ELDER EUGENE RAMSEY, PASTOR  
PASTOR ITEM I:

Time employed  
months ----- 12      Appointments ----- 1  
Organized Church 1

PERIODICALS ITEM II:

Teachers Quar-      Senior Scho-  
terly ----- 13      lars Quarterly-- 70  
Intermediate      Little Friends  
Scholars Quar-      of Jesus ----- 30  
terly ----- 60      Primary Quar-  
Home Dept. Quar-      terly ----- 10  
terly ----- 10      Picture Roll ---- 1

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## MEMBERSHIP ITEM III:

Died -----	1	Members lost ----	1
No. reported		Present No. -----	70
last year ----	71	No. Tithing -----	6
Card Call Sub-			
scribers -----	5		

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS ITEM IV:

No. Schools ---	1	Officers and	
Scholars -----	144	Teachers -----	13
Total No. in		No. in Home Dept.	10
Main School --	157	Cradle Roll -----	38
Total No. in		Average Atten-	
Sunday School-	78	dance -----	84
No. Scholars		Departmental	
converted ----	3	Superintendents	2

## WESLEYAN YOUTH SOCIETY:

No. of Society -	1	Members -----	40
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## CHURCH PROPERTY ITEM V:

Value of Bldg.	\$8,000	Indebtedness	None
Amt. of Ins. --	\$2,000	Parsonages -----	1
Value -----	\$2,500	Indebtedness	None
Amt. of Ins. \$	\$1,000	Cash or other	
		Values on Hand --	
		-----	\$533.68

## DISBURSED FOR PASTOR ITEM VI:

Salary ---	\$1,276.29	Marriage and	
Total Pastor's		Funeral Fees	\$105.00
Receipts	\$1,381.29		

## DISBURSED FOR CHURCH ITEM VII:

Other Evange-		S. S. Expense	\$776.61
listic Help	\$223.03	Pianist ----	\$133.00
Repairs ----	\$237.00	Church Inci-	
Love Offer-		dental Expense-	
ings -----	\$55.05	-----	\$490.08
Total for		General Bud-	
Church --	\$1,914.77	get -----	\$179.52
Conf. Budget	\$16.00	W. Y. -----	\$48.00
Other Objects	\$30.50	Conf. Aid---	\$154.74

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DISBURSED TOTALS ITEM X:

Total for	Total for
Pastor- \$1,381.29	Church --- \$1,914.77
Total for	Total for
Budget -- \$195.52	Benevolences \$382.24
Total for all	
Purposes \$3,873.82	

3. PARKERSBURG, W. VA.\*ELDER A.M. GILMER,  
PASTOR

PASTOR ITEM I:

Time employed	Appointments ----- 1
12 months ---- 12	Organized Church -- 1

PERIODICALS ITEM II:

Wesleyan Miss-	Youth ----- 6
ionary Taken -- 5	Teachers Quar-
Senior Quar-	terly ----- 2
terly ----- 10	Intermediate
Our Little Folks	Scholars Quar-
Cards ----- 10	terly ----- 6
Pupils Lesson	
Stories, with	
hand work ---- 10	

MEMBERSHIP ITEM III:

Received ----- 1	No. reported last
Present No. --- 65	year ----- 64
Gain for Yr. -- 2	Baptized ----- 6
Local Preachers 1	Family Altars ---- 1
No. Tithing --- 4	

SUNDAY SCHOOLS ITEM IV:

No. S. S. ----- 1	Officers and
Scholars ----- 26	Teachers ----- 6
Total No. in	No. in Home Dept.- 6
Main School - 32	Cradle Roll ----- 5
Total No. in	Average Atten-
S. S. ----- 43	dance ----- 20
Scholars con-	Scholars joining
verted ----- 4	Church ----- 2

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Departmental		No. in Teachers	
Supts. -----	2	Training -----	2
Organized		Books in Library-	25
Classes -----	1	Enrollment Va-	
Aver. Attendance		cation Bible	
Bible School -	6	School -----	6

CHURCH PROPERTY ITEM V:

No. of Church		Amt. of Ins. \$15,000.
Bldgs. -----	1	Cash or other
		Values on hand-
		----- \$364.92

DISBURSED TOTALS ITEM VI: PASTOR

Salary - \$1,100.00	Marriage and Fu-
Gifts ----- \$15.00	neral Fees - \$20.00
Total Pas-	
tors receipts-	
----- \$1,135.00	

DISBURSED FOR CHURCH ITEM VII:

Other Evan-	S.S. Expense-	\$91.20
gelistic	Repairs -----	\$264.35
Help ----- \$14.29	Church inci-	
Total for	dental Ex-	
Church -- \$707.82	pense -----	\$337.98
General Bud-	Annual Conf.	
get ----- \$170.30	Budget -----	\$72.60

DISBURSED TOTALS ITEM X:

Total for	Total for
Pastor- \$1,135.00	Church ----- \$707.82
Total Budget \$242.90	
Total for all Purposes	\$2,085.72

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4. BARTLETT, O.- REV. ANNA M. GILMER, PASTOR  
PASTOR'S LABORS ITEM I:

Time employed	Organized Church --	1
months -----	11	

PERIODICALS ITEM II:

Wesleyan Metho-	Missionary -----	1
dist taken ---	Youth -----	1



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Children's Friend	20.	Teachers Quar-	
Senior Scholars		terly	----- 6
Quarterly	----- 24	Inter.	-----24
Juniors	----- 20		

MEMBERSHIP ITEM III:

Received	----- 8	Discontinued	----- 1
Granted Letters-	1	Lost	----- 3
No. reported		Present No.	----- 30
last year	----- 37	Baptized	----- 2
Family Altars	-- 12	No. Tithing	----- 13

SUNDAY SCHOOL ITEM IV:

No. Schools	----- 1	Officers and	
Scholars	----- 82	Teachers	----- 8
Scholars	----- 82	No. in S. S.	----- 90
Aver. Attendance	47	Scholars Conver-	
Organized Classes	4	ted	----- 2

WESLEYAN YOUTH SOCIETY:

No. of Societies	1	Members	----- 15
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CHURCH PROPERTY ITEM V:

No. Bldg.	----- 1	Value	----- \$2,500.00
Ins.	----- \$2,000.00	Cash or other	
		Values on	
		Hand	----- \$618.93

DISBURSED FOR PASTOR ITEM VI:

Salary	----- \$319.55	Gifts	----- \$32.27
Total Pas-			
tor's Receipts			
	\$351.82		

DISBURSED FOR CHURCH ITEM VII:

Other Evan-		Sunday School	
gelistic		Expense	--- \$257.02
Help	----- \$507.54	Amt. Paid on	
Church Inci-		Indebtedness	\$63.53
dental Ex-		Electric Bills	\$28.04
pense	----- \$207.41	Janitor	---- \$146.00
Total for			
Church	- \$1,209.54		

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ITEM VIII:

General Budget -----	\$139.09	Conf. Evangelist -----	\$81.00
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DISBURSED TOTALS ITEM X:

Total for Pastor ---	\$351.82	Total for Church -	\$1,209.54
Total for Benevolence	\$135.94	Total for all Purposes	<u>\$1,837.39</u>

5. MARIETTA, O.- ELDER A.M.GILMER, PASTOR  
PASTOR'S LABORS ITEM I:

Time employed months -----	12	Appointments -----	1
		Organized Church-	1

PERIODICALS ITEM II:

Wesleyan Methodist taken ----	2	Missionary -----	4
Teachers Quarterly -----	10	Youth -----	2
Inter. -----	5	Senior Scholars Quarterly -----	22
Bible Lesson Stories with hand work -----	10	Primary Quarterly -----	8

MEMBERSHIP ITEM III:

Discontinued ---	1	Died -----	1
Lost -----	2	Present No. ----	59
Active -----	31	Baptized -----	8
Local Preachers-	1	Family Altars --	6
No. Tithing ----	10	Card Call -----	2

SUNDAY SCHOOL ITEM IV:

No. Schools ----	1	Officers and Teachers -----	14
Scholars -----	44	Cradle Roll ----	6
Total No. in S.S.	64	Aver. Attendance -----	25
Total No. in Main School ---	58	No. in Teacher Training -----	12
Departmental Supts. -----	2		

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Organized Classes 5 . Books in Library-- 12  
Enrollment Vaca- Aver. Attendance - 12  
tion Bible School  
----- 12

WESLEYAN YOUTH SOCIETY:

No. of Societies 1 Members ----- 5

CHURCH PROPERTY ITEM V:

No. Bldgs ----- 1	Value ----- \$8,500.00
Amt. Ins. \$3,000.00	Parsonages ----- 1
Value ----- \$5,000.00	Amt. Ins.-- \$2,000.00
Cash or other	

Values on

Hand ----- \$289.66

DISBURSED FOR PASTOR ITEM VI:

Salary ----- \$850.00	Marriage and
Gifts ----- \$18.00	Funeral Fees - \$32.00
Total Pas-	
tor's Receipts	
----- \$900.00	

DISBURSED FOR CHURCH ITEM VII:

Sunday School	Repairs ----- \$156.39
Expense -- \$280.59	Amt. pd. on
Church Inci-	indebtedness - \$12.25
dental Exp. \$277.64	Total for
	Church ----- \$725.87

ITEM VIII:

General Bud-	Annual Conf. \$64.00
get ----- \$127.99	For Benevo-
Conference Work	lence Educa-
W.M.S. --- \$25.00	W.M.S. ----- \$50.00
Africa W.M.S. \$25.00	Y.M.W.B. ----- \$10.72
Australia - \$601.00	

DISBURSED TOTALS ITEM X:

Total for	Total for
Pastor --- \$900.00	Church ----- \$725.87
Total for	Total for
Budget --- \$191.99	Benevolence \$116.73
Total for All Purposes	<u>\$1,934.59</u>

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HILLSBORO, O. - ELDER RITA E.H.LEE, PASTOR  
PASTOR'S LABORS ITEM I:

Time Employed	Appointments	1
months ----- 12	Organized Church	1

## PERIODICALS ITEM II:

Wesleyan Metho-	Missionary	5
dist taken ---- 2	Youth	1
Senior Scholars	Little Friends of	
Quarterly ----- 18	Jesus	120

## MEMBERSHIP ITEM III:

Received ----- 2	Reported last	
Present No. ---- 30	year -----	27
Gain in Mem-	Baptized-----	3
bership ----- 3	No. Family Altars	20
Members Tithing- 3		

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS ITEM IV:

No. Schools ---- 1	No. Officers and	
Scholars in Main	Teachers -----	6
School ----- 28	Total in Main	
No. in Home Dept. 3	School -----	34
Cradle Roll ---- 8	Aver. Attendance	15
Scholars Con-	Joining Church --	1
verted ----- 1	Departmental Supts	3
No. Books in	Enrollment Vaca-	
Library ----- 50	tion Bible	
Aver. Attendance 60	School -----	75

## CHURCH PROPERTY ITEM V:

No. Church Bldgs 1	Value ---- \$7,000.00
Amt. Ins. \$5,000.00	No. Parsonages --- 1
Value --- \$3,000.00	Cash or other
	Values on Hand \$80.00

## DISBURSED FOR PASTOR ITEM VI:

Salary ---- \$529.70	Marriage and
Gifts ----- \$45.00	Funeral Fees- \$10.00
Total Pas-	
tor's Receipts	
----- \$584.70	

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DISBURSED FOR CHURCH ITEM VII:

Other Evan-	S.S. Expense	\$120.00
gelistic Help	\$25.00 Church Inci-	
Total for	dental Exp.	\$886.32
Church ---		\$931.32

ITEM VIII:

General Bud-	Annual Confe-	
get -----	rence Dues	\$30.00
		\$30.27
Conference Evan-		
gelist ----		\$30.50

DISBURSED FOR BENEVOLENCES ITEM IX:

W.Y. -----	Willing Wor-	
Daily Vaca-	kers -----	\$30.55
tion Bible	Conference	
School ----	Kitchen -----	\$5.00
		\$45.00
Memorial Flo-	S. Ohio Conf.	
wers -----	Gift -----	\$10.00
		\$8.50
Total for Be-		
nevolences		\$110.05

DISBURSED TOTALS ITEM X:

Total for	:	Total for	
Pastor ---	\$584.70	Church ----	\$931.32
Total for		Total for	
Budget ----	\$90.77	Benevolences	\$110.05
Total for All Purposes			<u>\$1,716.84</u>

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7. LONG, OHIO - ELDER C. A. PAULEY, PASTOR  
PASTOR'S LABORS ITEM I:

Time employed	Appointments -----	1
months -----	12 Organized Church -	1

PERIODICALS ITEM II:

Wesleyan Metho-	Sunday School	
dist taken ----	Banner -----	15
1 Children's Fri-	Teachers Quar-	
ends -----	terly -----	8
10 Senior Scholars	Junior Scholars	
Quarterly -----	Quarterly -----	10
30		

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Our Little Folks- 5 .

## MEMBERSHIP ITEM III:

Received -----	3	Discontinued -----	2
Total lost -----	2	No. reported last	
Present No. ----	18	year -----	17
Gain -----	1	No. Tithing -----	3

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS ITEM IV:

No. Schools -----	1	Officers and	
No. Scholars ---	61	Teachers -----	14
Total No. in		Aver. Attendance	35
Main School ---	75	Organized Classes	4
No. Books in			
Library -----	40		

## CHURCH PROPERTY ITEM V:

No. Bldgs -----	1	Value ----	\$5,000.00
Amt. of Ins.	\$4,500.00		

## DISBURSED FOR PASTOR ITEM VI:

Salary ----	\$310.00	Gifts -----	\$12.00
Total Pas-			
tor's re-			
ceipts ---	\$322.00		

## DISBURSED FOR CHURCH ITEM VII:

Other Evange-		Sunday School	
listic Help \$37.86		Expense ----	\$70.00
Building -- \$125.30		Repairs -----	\$65.00
Total for			
Church ---	\$298.16		

## DISBURSED FOR BUDGET ITEM VIII:

General Bud-		Conference	
get -----	\$147.90	Kitchen -----	\$5.00

## DISBURSED FOR BENEVOLENCES ITEM IX:

Sunday School	\$155.00	Conference Aid	\$50.00
Total for Bene-			
volences	\$205.00		

## DISBURSED TOTAL ITEM X:

Total for		Total for	
Pastor ---	\$322.00	Church ----	\$298.16
Total for		Total for	
Budget ---	\$152.90	Benevolences	\$205.00

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Total for All Purposes \$978.06

8. BARNETT RIDGE, O. - NO PASTOR

PERIODICALS ITEM II:

Teachers Quarterly	3.	Senior Scholars	
Junior Scholars		Quarterly	----- 14
Quarterly	----- 12	Pupils Lesson	
		Stories with	
		Hand Work	----- 12

MEMBERSHIP ITEM III:

Present No.		Family Altars	---- 1
Members	----- 4		

SUNDAY SCHOOLS ITEM IV:

No. Schools	----- 1	No. Officers and	
Whole No. Scho-		Teachers	----- 5
lars	----- 20	Total in Main	
Aver. Attendance	14	School	----- 25
Enrollment Va-		Aver. Attendance	- 9
cation Bible			
School	----- 9		

CHURCH PROPERTY ITEM V:

No. Bldgs.	----- 1	Value	----- \$7,000.00
Amt. Ins. \$3,000.00		Cash or other	
		Values on	
		hand	----- \$297.69

DISBURSED FOR CHURCH ITEM VII:

Other Evangel-		Sunday School	
istic Help-	\$83.47	Expense	---- \$108.00
Repairs	-	Basement	\$400.00
Painting	--\$135.00	Utilities and	
Total for		Janitor	----- \$97.50
Church	--- \$823.97		

ITEM VIII & IX:

Home Mission	\$2.00	Superannate	--- \$1.00
Orphanage	--- \$2.00		

DISBURSED TOTAL ITEM X:

Total for		Total for	
Church	--- \$823.97	Budget	----- \$3.00

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Total for  
Benevolence- \$2.00  
Total for All Purposes -- \$828.97

## 9. CUTLER, O. - ELDER EUGENE RAMSEY visited

Organized Church 1  
PERIODICALS ITEM II:

Teachers Quar-	Senior Scholars
terly ----- 15	Quarterly ----- 72
Inter. Scholars	Junior Scholars
Quarterly ----- 54	Quarterly ----- 50
Primary Quarterly 46	Little Friends of
	Jesus ----- 40

## MEMBERSHIP ITEM III:

No. reported	Present No. ----- 6
last year ----- 6	

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS ITEM IV:

No. Schools ----- 1	Officers and
Scholars in Main	Teachers ----- 13
School ----- 41	Total in Sunday
Cradle Roll --- 1	School ----- 54
Aver. Attendance 49	Organized Classes 5
No. Books in	
Library ----- 74	

## CHURCH PROPERTY ITEM V:

No. Bldgs.----- 1

## DISBURSED FOR CHURCH ITEM VII:

Other Evangel-	Sunday School
istic Help \$109.29	Expense --- \$131.45
Church Inci-	Gift to Elder
dental Expense	Eugene Ramsey
----- \$18.67	----- \$50.00
Total for	
Church --- \$309.41	



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General Bud-		Conference Evan-
get -----	\$38.20	gelist -----
Total Budget	\$86.58	\$48.38

Conference Work\$5.00

Total for	Total for
Church --- \$309.41	Budget ----- \$86.58

Total for  
Benevolences \$5.00  
Total for All Purposes --- \$400.99

Compiled by Rita E. H. Lee

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1. Elders on Conference Roll ----- 9
2. Elders on the Stationed List -
  - Elder J. W. Wilson, 1634 Germantown St.  
Dayton 8, Ohio
  - Elder A. M. Gilmer, 713 $\frac{1}{2}$  Second St.  
Marietta, Ohio
  - Elder Ralph Tate, 932 Keen St.  
Zanesville, Ohio
  - Elder Rita E. H. Lee, 35 S. Alder St.  
Dayton 7, Ohio also Parsonage at  
Hillsboro, O., 230 N. East & W. North  
Sts.
  - Elder Eugene Ramsey,  
c/o Mrs. Norma Curtis, 17 State St.  
Zanesville, Ohio
3. Two Annual Conference Preachers on the  
Stationed List -
  - Rev. Herschel F. Williams with assis-  
tance of his wife, Eunice E. Williams  
operates a Mission work in their home-  
35 S. Alder St., Dayton 7, Ohio; work  
was set up by S. S. Secy. Rita Lee.
  - Rev. Anna Gilmer, 713 $\frac{1}{2}$  Second St.,  
Marietta, Ohio.  
(unstationed)
  - Rev. Jesse Lester, West Carrollton  
Road, Dayton 7, Ohio.
4. No Elders on the Reserve List.
5. Elders on the Unstationed List ----
  - Elder Wm. P. Dugger, 121 S. Summit St.  
Dayton 7, Ohio
  - Elder Gertrude Harris, 901 Clement  
Ave., Dayton 8, Ohio
  - Elder Clarence A. Pauley, 255 Henry  
St., Dayton 3, Ohio
6. Elders on the Superannuated List -
  - Elder Clara M. Cooke, 1007 E.  
Boardway, Kokomo, Ind.
7. No. Elders have been deposed this year.

8. Elders withdrawn this year ----- None  
     (1) By transfer ..... None  
     (2) By letter of standing ..... None
9. Joined the Conference this year -  
     (1) By ordination ..... None  
     (2) By transfer ..... None  
     (3) By letter or credentials from  
         some other religious body .... None
10. Elders died during the year ----- None
11. Conference Preachers who have died  
     during the year ----- None

## 12. SUMMARY - ALL CHURCHES

PASTOR'S LABORS ITEM I

Time employed (months).....	83
Appointments .....	7
Organized Church Appointments .....	9

PERIODICALS ITEM II

Wesleyan Methodist taken .....	22
Wesleyan Missionarys taken .....	26
Wesleyan Youths taken .....	35
Wesleyan Lesson Helps taken:	
Sunday School Banner .....	15
Junior Class Paper .....	0
Children's Friend .....	40
Adult Teacher's Quarterly .....	56
Intermediate Teachers Quarterly..	105
Junior-Primary Teacher's Quarterly	54
Senior Scholar's Quarterly .....	722
Intermediate Scholar's Quarterly	369
Junior Scholar's Quarterly .....	226
Primary Quarterly .....	202
Home Department Quarterly .....	40
Lesson Chart .....	5
Other Helps Taken:	
Little Folks Cards .....	60
Lesson Stories .....	22
Little Friends of Jesus .....	190

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### MEMBERSHIP    ITEM III

Full Membership Reported last Year ..	519
Full Members Received This Year .....	19
Expelled .....	0
Discontinued .....	4
Died .....	9
Granted Letters .....	2
Total Membership Lost .....	135
Present Full Membership .....	384
Associate Members .....	0
Junior Members .....	34
Total Present Membership (including Juniors) ..	418
Total Membership Reported Last Year (including Juniors) .....	539
Gain in Membership for year .....	0
Loss in Membership for year .....	135
Baptized .....	16
Infants dedicated .....	4
Local Preachers .....	2
Unstationed Elders .....	3
Number of Family Altars .....	40
Membership Tithing .....	39
Number of Card Call Subscribers .....	7

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS    ITEM IV

1. Number of Sunday Schools .....	9
2. Whole Number of Officers and Teachers .....	95
3. Whole Number of Scholars in Main School .....	
4. Total Number in Main School .....	592
5. Number in Home Department .....	17
6. Number on Cradle Roll .....	74
7. Total Number in Sunday School ....	632
8. Average Attendance .....	346
9. Number of Scholars Converted .....	5
10. Number of Scholars Joining Church	12
11. Number of Departmental Superin-	

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11. tendents .....	5
12. Number in Teacher's Training Course	17
13. Number of Organized Classes .....	19
14. Number of Books in Library .....	164
15. Enrollment Vacation Bible School..	102
16. Average Attendance Vacation Bible School .....	87

## WESLEYAN YOUTH LOCALS

1. Number of Locals .....	4
2. Total Membership of Locals .....	72

## CHURCH PROPERTY ITEM V

Number of Church Buildings .....	9
Value of Buildings.....	\$60,000.00
Amount of Indebtedness .....	\$ 0
Amount of Insurance .....	\$42,500.00
Number of Parsonages .....	3
Value of Parsonages .....	\$10,500.00
Amount of Indebtedness .....	\$ 0
Amount of Insurance .....	\$ 5,000.00
Cash or other Values on Hand ...	\$ 3,011.08

## DISBURSED FOR PASTOR ITEM VI

Salary .....	\$ 6,985.54
Parsonage Rent .....	\$ None
Marriage and Funeral Fees .....	\$ 207.00
Gifts .....	\$ 172.27
Total Pastor's Receipts .....	\$ 7,364.81

## DISBURSED FOR CHURCH ITEM VII

Other Evangelistic Help .....	\$ 1,000.48
Sunday School Expense .....	\$ 1,724.65
Building .....	\$
Repairs .....	\$ 1,437.08
Amount Paid on Indebtedness ....	\$All of repairs
Church Incidental Expense .....	\$ 2,489.64
Total for Church .....	\$ 6,651.85

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To: Dr. Oliver G. Wilson  
330 E. Onondaga St.  
Syracuse 2, N. Y.

Explanation on General Budget Items.  
After our last Annual Conference our Conference Missionary Society sent in to Headquarters the following amounts -

1. Foreign Missions -----	\$ 98.00
2. Home Missions -----	62.00
3. Education (to Marion College)	75.00
4. Administrative Budget .....	15.25
5. Y. M. W. B. -----	33.25
6. Medical Student -----	13.01
7. Hepzibah Orphanage -----	27.00
Total to Gen. Budget from Missionary -----	\$ 323.51
Amt. sent in last Conference Year from churches through our Conference Treasurer -----	\$ 80.43
Check sent to Dr. R. S. Nicholson by our Treasurer since our last Annual Con- ference -----	\$ 759.10
To Dr. R. D. Reisdorph for S. S. per Capita Money -----	\$ 60.00
Total on General Budget -----	<u>\$1,223.04</u>

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From South Ohio Conference for last  
Conference Year 1955 and 1956.

ELDER RITA E. H. LEE, STATISTI-  
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CONTRIBUTED FOR BUDGET ITEM VIII		
General Budget	Assigned	Raised
Conference Mis- sionary	\$	\$ 323.51

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<u>General Budget</u>	<u>Assigned</u>	<u>Raised</u>
Foreign Missions	\$	\$ 263.47
Home Missions	\$	\$ 115.95
Education MARION	\$ COLLEGE	\$ 235.76
Superannuate Pension		
Fund - WE DID NOT JOIN		
Orphanage .....	\$ .....	\$ 22.75
Administrative		
Budget .....	\$ .....	\$ 63.65
Gen. Con. Travel and		
Entertainment...	\$ .....	\$ 34.77
General S. S. Work	\$ .....	\$ 60.00
Australia .....	\$ .....	\$ 22.75
Sent in by our Treas. during Year...	\$ .....	\$ 80.43
Total General Budget.....		\$1,223.04

<u>Conference Budget</u>	<u>Assigned</u>	<u>Raised</u>
President's Salary	\$ .....	\$ 10.00
Conf. Evangelist's		
Salary .....	\$ .....	\$ 222.48
Conference Work...	\$ .....	\$ 226.00
Total Budget .....	\$ .....	\$1,681.52

## CONTRIBUTED FOR BENEVOLENCE      ITEM IX

Foreign Missions.....	\$ .....
Home Missions .....	\$ .....
Education .....	\$ .....
Orphanage .....	\$ .....
Conference Work .....	\$ .....
W. Y. P. S. ....	\$ 200.11
Other Objects .....	\$ 528.78
Conference Kitchen .....	\$ 184.38
Gifts and Dues to Conf. ....	\$ 167.12
Superannated Gifts to our	
elegibles .....	\$ 90.00
Total for Benevolences .....	\$1,170.39

## CONTRIBUTED TOTALS      ITEM X

Total for Pastors .....	\$ 7,364.81
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Total for Churches .....	\$ 6,651.85
Total for Budget .....	\$ 1,681.52
TOTAL for Benevolences .....	\$ <u>1,170.39</u>
Total for All Purposes .....	\$16,868.57

13. How the work is supplied -

- (1) Elder J. W. Wilson  
First Wesleyan Methodist Church  
Dayton, Ohio
- (2) Elder A. M. Gilmer  
Wesleyan Methodist Church  
Marietta, Ohio and Parkersburg  
West Virginia
- (3) Elder Ralph Tate  
Wesleyan Methodist Church  
Bartlett, Ohio
- (4) Elder Rita E. H. Lee  
First Wesleyan Methodist Church  
Hillsboro, Ohio
- (5) Elder Eugene Ramsey  
State St. Wesleyan Methodist  
Church  
Zanesville, O. and Cutler, Ohio
- (6) Elder Wm. P. Dugger  
Evangelist at Large
- (7) Rev. Jesse Lester  
General Evangelist
- (8) Rev. Anna Gilmer, Assistant to her  
husband at Marietta, Ohio and  
Parkersburg, West Virginia
- (9) Elder Gertrude Harris  
Conference Evangelist  
Dist. No.1
- (10) Elder Clarence A. Pauley  
Conference Evangelist  
Dist. No.2.



Elder Gertrude Harris  
Superannated Treasurer  
Assists Wesleyan Youth Convention  
of Conference

Elder Eugene Ramsey - President  
Wesleyan Youth Convention

Elder Rita E. H. Lee  
S. S. Secy. and Conference Statistician  
and Assists Elder C. A. Pauley in  
compiling General Budget Finances.

- (11) Rev. Herschel F. Williams  
Evangelist at Large  
(Long, Ohio - Church in hands of  
(                      President  
(Barnett Ridge, Ohio - Church in  
(-----hands of President  
Each of the foregoing Churches have  
Sunday Schools.

14. Next Conference held -  
Not yet decided where, but last week  
in August 1957.

15. Conference Officers -  
President - Elder A. M. Gilmer

Vice President - Elder Eugene Ramsey

Secretary - Elva Johnson and  
Velorus Chandler

Sunday School Secretary - Elder Rita  
E. H. Lee

Tithing Secretary - Elder Ralph Tate

Treasurer - Elder Clarence A. Pauley

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Rita E. H. Lee, Statistical Secretary.

