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Florida Conference

OFFICERS

President—Rev. Foster Piatt, 309 6th Ave. S. W., Largo, Florida Ph. 51-7693

Vice President—Rev. R. S. Taylor, P. O. Box 823, Largo, Florida Ph. 95023 St. Petersburg

Secretary—Mrs. Ethel Coile, Route 2, Box 524, Lakeland, Florida. Ph. Mutual 5-9403

Treasurer—Rev. Cecil W. Shaffer, Route 1, Box 145, Sanford, Florida Ph. 1682-J-1 Sanford

Sunday School Secretary—Rev. Anna Shaffer, Route 1, Box 145, Sanford, Florida Ph. 1628-J-1 Sanford

Tithing Secretary—Rev. Margaret Taylor, P. O. Box 823, Largo, Florida Ph. 95023 St. Petersburg

Wesleyan Men's Fellowship—Rev. N. Lee Shultz, Box 629, Pinellas Park, Florida Ph. 422327

W.Y.P.S. Promoter—Earl Rickey, Route 2, Box 144, Clearwater, Fla.

Pension Plan Promoter—Rev. Charles Groves, 1377 Franklin St., Clearwater, Florida Ph. 34-5182

OFFICIAL BOARDS

Trustees

Elders—

Groves, CharlesTerm expires 1958

Taylor, Raymond S.Term expires 1957

Swentzel, John F.Term expires 1956

Lay—

Martin, ClarenceTerm expires 1958

Powell, Harold C.Term expires 1956

Itinerary and Orders

Shaffer, Cecil W.Term expires 1959

Shultz, N. LeeTerm expires 1958

Taylor, R. S.Term expires 1957

Swentzel, John F.Term expires 1956

FLORIDA CONFERENCE**Advisory Board**

Groves, Charles

Martin, Clarence

Judiciary Committee

Piatt, Foster

Shaw, C. E.

Taylor, R. S.

Shaffer, Cecil W.

Camp Meeting Committee

Piatt, Foster

W. E. Money

Shaw, C. E.

Martin, Clarence

Taylor, R. S.

Committee on Vacancies

Elders—

Taylor, R. S.

Piatt, Foster

Swentzel, John F.

Lay—

Powell, Harold C.

Baer, Robert

Missionary Board

Piatt, Foster

Davis, Charity

Rogers, Ruth

Rickey, Earl

Statistical Committee

Ethel Coile

Board of Managers—Wesleyan Methodist College

Foster Piatt

Conference Roll

Elders

Name	Present	Address	Phone
Zuch, James C.	0	P. O. Box 206, Riviera Beach, Florida	
Zuch, Ella V.	0	P. O. Box 206, Riviera Beach, Florida	
Shaw, Bertie M.	4	113 W. Patterson St., Lakeland, Florida, Mutual 3-2322	
Francisco, L. E.	0	943 Oleander St., Lakeland, Florida	
Strickland, J. T.	3	236 Daytona Ave., Holly Hill, Florida	7972
Shaw, C. E.	4	113 W. Patterson St., Lakeland, Florida, Mutual 3-2322	
Wireman, C. L.	0	Intercession City, Florida	
Rogers, Ruth	4	2107 E. Ida Ave., Tampa 10, Florida	37-4331
Piatt, Foster	4	309 6th Ave. S. W., Largo, Florida	51-7693
Taylor, R. S.	4	P. O. Box 823, Largo, Florida, St. Petersburg 95023	
Taylor, Margaret	2	P. O. Box 823, Largo, Florida, St. Petersburg 95023	
Myers, James	2	P. O. Box 31, Tallahassee, Florida	
Shaffer, Cecil W.	4	Route 1, Box 145, Sanford, Florida, Sanford 1682-J-1	
Shaffer, Anna	4	Route 1, Box 145, Sanford, Florida, Sanford 1682-J-1	
Swentzel, John F.	4	4501 52nd St. North, St. Petersburg, Florida	
Swentzel, Mary	0	4501 52nd St. North, St. Petersburg, Florida	
Robb, C. W.	2	5433 Essex Ave., Gulfport, Florida	35421
Bender, James	4	Route 2, Perry, Florida	
Hughes, Fred	3	Star Route, South Merritt Island, Florida	
Hughes, Stella May	3	Star Route, South Merritt Island, Florida	
Shultz, N. Lee	2	Box 629, Pinellas Park, Florida	422327
Groves, Charles	4	1377 Franklin St., Clearwater, Florida	34-5182
Chapman, Bertha	4	8170 N. 40th St., Pinellas Park, Florida	419789

Conference Preachers

Name	Present	Address	Phone
Rogers, W. B.	0	2107 E. Ida., Tampa 10, Florida	37-4331
Marsh, George	0	Lake Alfred, Florida	
Bouington, W. H.	4	Box 402, Apalachicola, Florida	
Paulk, John	4	Box 858, Marianna, Florida	

FLORIDA CONFERENCE

		Delegates	
Charge	Present	Name and Address	Phone
Clearwater	4	Charity Davis, Route 2, Box 288, Clearwater, Florida 73-435	
	4	Claude Rickey, Rockwell Tr. Park, Duendin, Florida	
Grand Ridge	4	W. E. Money, Box 858, Marianna, Florida 206 N	
Intercession City	4	C. V. Brannon, Box 28, Intercession City, Florida	
Lakeland	4	Clarence Hosford, 3235 S. Fla. Ave., Lakeland, Florida	
	4	Ethel Coile, Route 2, Box 524, Lakeland, Fla. Mutual 5-9403	
	4	Dorcas Miner, Route 2, Box 493, Lakeland, Fla. Mutual 6-2324	
	0	Odie Francisco, 943 Oleander St., Lakeland, Florida	
Largo	4	Clarence Martin, 314 6th Ave. S. W., Largo, Florida	
	4	Lois Lynn, 314 6th Ave. S. W., Largo, Fla.	
Paola	4	Mrs. John Davis, Route 1, Box 147B, Sanford, Florida	
Pinellas Park	4	Grace Roll, 2475½ 54th Ave. North, St. Petersburg, Florida	
	3	Robert Baer, 7151 54th St. North, Pinellas Park, Florida	
	2	Robert Powell, 3950 9th Ave. North, St. Petersburg, Florida	
	0	A. G. Donald, Pinellas Park, Florida	
St. Petersburg	4	U. E. Lusby, 5748 60th Way North, St. Petersburg, Florida	
	4	Catherine Lusby, 60th Way North, St., Petersburg, Florida	
Tampa	2	Floribelle McKenzie, 1016 108th St. Tampa 4, Florida	

Church Directory

Apalachicola—

Clearwater—300 Hillcrest Ave., Clearwater, Florida

Grand Ridge—State Rd. 69 north 3 miles toward Dellwood, turn right on 2nd dirt road, approximately $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles from turn to church.

Greenville—Pine Island—3 miles north of Greenville on State Rd. 55 (top of hill.) New Zion—6 miles west of Greenville on U. S. 90, then 500ft. north.

Intercession City—one block north of Post Office.

Lakeland—113 W. Patterson St., Lakeland, Florida

Largo—1300 Eighth Ave. N. W., Largo, Florida

Merritt Island—Cross causeway from Cocoa, turn left at stop light on Merritt Island, continue 1 block north, Church is located on the east corner.

Paola—State Rd. 46, 6 miles west of Sanford, near Wilson's corner.

Pinellas Park—Corner Park Boulevard and 54th St. North.

Steinhatchee—Fenholloway church—6 miles east of Perry on U. S. 27, then $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east into Fenholloway—2nd church.

St. Petersburg—4327 15th Ave. South, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Tampa—2107 E. Ida Ave., Tampa 10, Florida.

Memorial Roll

Ministers

C. F. Smith1954

Lay

Charley E. Murphy1952

Standing Rules

1. In reading statistical report only the following items need be read:

Item II—1, 2, 3

Item VI—Total

Item III—1, 8, 9

Item VII—Total

Item IV—7, 8, 9; 1, 2

Item VIII—All

Item V—All

Item IX—Total

Item X—All

2. The Treasurer shall be paid \$25.00 per year for his services.

3. Nominating Committee—There shall be three elected members and the President who is to be chairman. This committee is to bring nominations, for all session and standing committees, at the first meeting of each annual session.

4. That each pastor will have a two weeks vacation with pay, or if he desires to hold a two weeks meeting that this will be considered in lieu of his vacation.

5. The President and his Advisory Board are designated a Deed Examining Committee. This committee shall inspect each deed for church or conference property before it is registered, and see that it contains the necessary disciplinary provisions to secure the property to the conference. It shall be the duty of each person charged with the responsibility of negotiating for or handling any deed for the church or conference properties to submit such a deed to the deed examining committee for inspection and approval before offering it for registration.

Journal of Daily Proceedings

First Meeting, Thursday, March 24, 1955, 9:00 a.m.

The sixth session of the Florida Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America opened at 9:00 a.m. March 24, 1955 at the St. Petersburg Church.

After singing, Rev. Charles Groves gave the devotional reading from Psalm 37: 1-7 and we gathered around the altar for prayer.

The business meeting opened with Rev. J. R. Swauger, our Home Missionary Secretary, presiding.

The Credentials Committee—W. E. Money and Cecil Shaffer collected credentials and the names were placed on the roll.

Roll Call—Elders 10, Conference Preachers 2, Delegates 15.

Bar of Conference—Platform and first three pews.

Time of Meeting—9:00-11:45 a.m. Reconvene at 1:00 p.m. Adjourn on motion. W.M.S.—3:00-5:00 p.m.

Nominating Committee report read and adopted. The nominations were:

Auditing—W. H. Bouington, Clarence Hosford

Boundaries—John F. Swentzel

Budget Apportionment—Cecil W. Shaffer, R. S. Taylor, Clarence Martin

Camp Meeting—Foster Piatt, C. E. Shaw, R. S. Taylor, W. E. Money, Clarence Martin

Courtesy—Cecil W. Shaffer

Credentials—Fred Hughes, W. E. Money

Itinerary and Orders—Cecil W. Shaffer, N. Lee Shultz (replace C. E. Shaw)

Judiciary—Foster Piatt, C. E. Shaw, R. S. Taylor, Cecil W. Shaffer

Ministerial Character—C. E. Shaw, Robert Baer

Pastoral Relations—Foster Piatt, R. S. Taylor, Fred Hughes, C. E.

Shaw, W. E. Money, Robert Baer, Clarence Martin

Religious Services—Foster Piatt, John F. Swentzel, U. E. Lusby

Statistical—Ethel Coile

Thanks—Stella Hughes

Vacancies—Foster Piatt, R. S. Taylor, John F. Swentzel, Harold Powell, Robert Baer

Courtesy Committee reported, introducing the following: Mr. Bowman, Clearwater; Rev. and Mrs. N. Lee Shultz, Pinellas Park.

President's Report—Rev. Foster Piatt read his report and it was accepted in full. Part IV was referred to Auditing Committee. (Report No. 1)

Recessed by motion for committee work.

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Second Meeting, Thursday, March 24, 1955, 1:00 p.m.

After Scripture quotations Clarence Hosford led us in prayer.

Roll Call—Elders 11, Conference Preachers 2, Delegates 13.

Auditing Committee report read.

Camp Meeting Committee report read and adopted. (Report No. 5)

Committee of Vacancies report read and adopted. (Report No. 10)

Missionary Board report read and adopted. (Report No. 9)

Conference Treasurer's report read. (Report No. 4)

Auditing Committee report adopted. (Report No. 5)

Orders of the Day: President R. C. Mullinax of Central College to speak at 1:00 p.m., Friday, March 25.

Election of officers—Friday a. m. following devotions.

Recessed for committee work.

Reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Pastoral Relations Committee report read and adopted. (Report No.

3)

Courtesy Committee introduced the following: Rev. D. U. Williams, Intercession City; Rev. Fred Elrod, Largo; and O. S. Coup, Orlando. Brother Elrod favored us with a song.

W.Y.P.S. Promoter's report read and adopted. (Report No. 7)

The following Ministerial reports were given and delegates reported: James Zuch, Ella Zuch, L. E. Francisco, J. T. Strickland, C. E. Shaw, Ethel Coile, Clarence Hosford, Dorcas Miner.

Mr. Harris representing the Christian Mutual Life Insurance Co. spoke to the Conference concerning insurance and loaning money to churches for building purposes.

Courtesy Committee presented Rev. Ruby Reisdorph, General President of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Adjourned by motion. Dismissal prayer by Ethel Coile.

Third Meeting, Friday, March 25, 1955, 9:00 a.m.

Devotional reading—Psalm 1 by Rev. James Myers and prayer led by Rev. John Paulk.

Roll Call—Elders 17, Conference Preachers 2, Delegates 16.

Minutes of previous meetings read and accepted.

Election of officers as Orders of the Day. Reading tellers appointed: Charles Groves, W. E. Money. Distributing teller: Fred Hughes.

The following officers were elected:

President—Foster Piatt

Vice President—R. S. Taylor

Secretary—Ethel Coile

Treasurer—Cecil W. Shaffer

Trustees—Elder: Charles Groves

Lay: Clarence Martin

Advisory Board—Charles Groves

Clarence Martin

Offering was given for the Secretary—\$20.35.

Courtesy Committee introduced President and Mrs. R. C. Mullinax from Central College.

The following officers and committees were elected by acclamation:

Sunday School Secretary—Anna Shaffer

Wesleyan Men's Fellowship—N. Lee Shultz

W.Y.P.S. Promoter—Earl Rickey

Pension Plan Promoter—Charles Groves

Tithing Secretary—Margaret Taylor

Nominating Committee—Cecil W. Shaffer, Fred Hughes, Clarence Martin

Rev. C. E. Shaw's resignation from the Itineracy and Orders Committee was accepted with regrets.

The following Ministerial reports were given and delegates reported:

Bertie Shaw, R. S. Taylor, Margaret Taylor, James Myers, C. L. Wireman, Foster Piatt, Cecil W. Shaffer, Anna Shaffer, Mary Swentzel, John F. Swentzel, C. W. Robb, James Bender, Ruth Rogers, Floribelle McKenzie, Clarence Martin, Lois Lynn, U. E. Lusby, Catherine Lusby.

Courtesy Committee introduced Dr. and Mrs. F. R. Birch.

Meeting adjourned by motion. Dismissed with prayer by Dr. Birch.

Fourth Meeting, Friday, March 25, 1955, 1:00 p.m.

After singing, J. M. McKenzie led us in prayer.

President R. C. Mullinax spoke in behalf of Central College. Pledges and an offering were taken for the school. Pledges, \$175.00; Cash, \$11.03; Total, \$186.03.

Roll Call—Elders 13, Conference Preachers 2, Delegates 14.

The following Ministerial reports were given and delegates reported:

Fred Hughes, Stella May Hughes, W. B. Rogers, George Marsh, W. H. Bouington, John Paulk, N. Lee Shultz, Charles Groves, Bertha Chapman, W. E. Money, Grace Roll, Claude Rickey, Charity Davis.

Courtesy Committee introduced Rev. and Mrs. Edward Eddy, furloughed missionaries from Africa, Mr. and Mrs. C. Raymond Smith, Manlius, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bellows, Fernwood, N. Y.

Final report of Pastoral Relations Committee adopted. (Report No. 3)

Itineracy and Orders Committee report read and adopted. (Report No. 2)

Pension Plan Treasurer's report read and adopted. (Report No. 6)

Sunday School Secretary's report read and adopted.

Budget Apportionment report read and adopted. (Report No. 12)

Committee on Thanks report read and adopted. (Report No. 11)

Time and place of next Conference left in hands of President and Advisory Board.

Unfinished business left in hands of President and Advisory Board.

Motion prevailed for Directory of Churches with addresses be placed in the Minutes.

Minutes read and adopted.

Dr. F. R. Birch, Foreign Missionary Secretary, talked to us on Missions.

Adjourned Sine Die.

An offering was given for Mrs. Mary Piatt, wife of our President, who was unable to be with us. \$26.00.

Ethel Coile, Secretary

Reports

Report No. 1

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Part I

To the members of the Sixth Annual Conference of Florida. We are happy to give this report of our work this past conference year. We did not see some things accomplished that we would liked to have seen, however, God has helped us to organize two new churches. We desire more churches but our heart is set on more souls. We thank our Heavenly Father for His sustaining grace through this year. We appreciate the spirit of cooperation shown but believe with more work and prayer greater things can be accomplished for the Lord.

Part II

Official Acts of the year:

April 7, 1954 we took the Trustees and Advisory Board to Merritt Island to see about prospects of building the church there. We also put the for sale sign on the Taft church and brought the Conference piano from there.

April 15, 1954 organized a church at Largo with 9 members.

July 29, 1954 received letter of transfer for C. F. Smith, from the Tennessee Conference, who later passed away.

August 12, 1954 finished selling the Taft church priced at \$600.00 with a net of \$588.20

September 30, 1954 Rev. N. Lee Shultz was appointed pastor of Pinellas Park after R. W. Garner left the church.

October 30, 1954 received letter of transfer for N. Lee Shultz from the Ohio Conference.

January 13, 1955 served on the Board of Managers at Central College.

February 16, 1955 received letter of transfer for Bertha Chapman from the Indiana Conference.

February 21, 1955 received letter of transfer for Charles Groves from the Kansas Conference.

March 3, 1955 organized church at Intercession City with 9 members.

Part III

Work done this Conference Year:

Number of Quarterly Meetings held	32
Sermons delivered	49
Pieces of mail sent out	276
Miles traveled	10,263

Part IV

Financial Report:

Salary received from churches	\$372.00
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Gifts and Donations	162.00
Offerings taken for President at Quarterly Meetings	98.00
Gifts given on wife's hospital bill	667.00
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Total received	\$1,299.60
Paid out for gas and oil	\$157.70

Part V

Recommendations:

1. That the Largo Church be accepted into the Conference.
2. That the Intercession City Church be accepted into the Conference.
3. That the Rev. Charles Groves be accepted into the Conference as an elder.
4. That the Rev. N. Lee Shultz be accepted into the Conference as an elder.
5. That the Rev. Bertha Chapman be accepted into the Conference as an elder.
6. That the name of Rev. C. F. Smith be accepted into the Conference as an elder and his name placed on the Memorial Roll.
7. That the name of Rev. R. W. Garner be dropped from the Conference roll since he joined another denomination.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Foster Piatt

Report No. 2

ITINERACY AND ORDERS

We recommend:

That William E. Money be continued in the first year of the course of study.

That John Paulk be continued in the first year of the course of study.

That Robert L. Morgan be continued in the course of study and given credit for books passed.

That Elizabeth Jones be continued in the course of study and given credit for books passed.

That Leonard Catron be entered in the course of study and given credit for books passed.

That Robert Powell be entered in the course of study and given credit for books passed.

The following Instructors shall give examinations on the books listed under their names:

Cecil W. Shaffer—Bible, Sell, all four years; Binney's Compend; Elements of Divinity, three years

John F. Swentzel—Discipline; Applied Business English, H. A.

Hagar; Homeletics, Kearn; How to Prepare an Epository Sermon, Knott; System of General Ethics, Keyser; Church History, Fisher.

R. S. Taylor—Roberts Rules of Order; All About the Sunday School, French; History of Wesleyan Methodist Church, McLeister; Psychology, Halleck; Bible Geography, Hurlbut.

N. Lee Shultz—Perfect Love, Wood; Foundations of Christian Doctrine, Jessop; All About the Bible, Collett; System of Christian Evidence, Keyser.

Committee:

C. E. Shaw,
Cecil W. Shaffer,
John F. Swentzel,
R. S. Taylor.

Report No. 3

PASTORAL RELATIONS

We recommend:

Apalachicola—W. H. Bouington

Clearwater—Charles Groves

Greenville and Steinhatchee—In hands of President

Grand Ridge—John Paulk

Intercession City—In hands of President

Lakeland—C. E. Shaw, Bertie M. Shaw

Largo—R. S. Taylor, Margaret Taylor

Merritt Island—Fred Hughes, Stella M. Hughes

Paola—Cecil W. Shaffer, Anna Shaffer

Pinellas Park—N. Lee Shultz

St. Petersburg—John F. Swentzel, Mary Swentzel

Taft—Disbanded

Tampa—Ruth Rogers, W. B. Rogers

Conference President—Foster Piatt

General Evangelists—C. L. Wireman, James Zuch, Ella Zuch

Conference Evangelists—L. E. Francisco, J. T. Strickland, James F. Myers, Bertha Chapman, C. W. Robb, James Bender, George Marsh.

Returned to Quarterly Conference—T. J. Knight

We recommend that the Conference President hold all Quarterly Conferences unless Providentially hindered.

Foster Piatt,
R. S. Taylor,
C. E. Shaw,
Robert Baer,
Clarence Martin,
Fred Hughes,
W. E. Money.

Report No. 4

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

Foreign Missions

Receipts		Disbursements	
Budget—Cash	\$119.62	F. R. Birch	\$553.66
Receipts	434.04		
Total	\$553.66	Total	\$553.66

Home Missions

Receipts		Disbursements	
Budget—Cash	\$ 71.05	J. R. Swauger	\$202.01
Receipts	130.96		
Total	\$202.01	Total	\$202.01

Hephzibah Orphanage

Receipts		Disbursements	
Budget—Cash	\$ 33.88	J. R. Swauger	\$ 57.69
Receipts	23.81		
Total	\$ 57.69	Total	\$ 57.69

Australia

Receipts		Disbursements	
Budget—Cash	\$ 25.66	J. R. Swauger	\$ 44.02
Receipts	18.36		
Total	\$ 44.02	Total	\$ 44.02

Education

Receipts		Disbursements	
Budget—Cash	\$199.58	R. C. Mullinax	\$268.30
Receipts	68.72		
Total	\$268.30	Total	\$268.30

Pension Plan

Receipts		Disbursements	
Budget—Cash	\$152.21	D. A. Rees	\$152.21

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Sunday School Work

Receipts		Disbursements	
Budget—Cash	\$ 44.66	R. D. Reisdorph	\$ 44.66

General Conference Expense

Receipts		Disbursements	
Budget—Cash	\$ 17.96	F. R. Eddy	\$ 17.96

Administrative Expense

Receipts		Disbursements	
Budget—Cash	\$ 47.33	F. R. Eddy	\$ 47.33

Conference Work

Receipts		Disbursements	
Balance on hand,		R. S. Nicholson	\$ 66.76
3-20-54	\$ 70.32	Old Age Home Com.	25.00
Pioneer Fund	4.04	Piano repair	37.53
Conf. offering	60.76	W. M. Pub. Assn.	
Conf. Award	85.49	Minutes	187.56
Conf. Minutes	14.00	Supplies	5.73
Budget	158.75	Conf. Sec. Exp.	2.78
		Conf. Treas. Exp.	7.00
		Conf. Treas. Salary	25.00
		Bank fee	.10
		Centralian adv.	12.00
		Balance on hand,	
		3-24-55	29.90

Total \$393.36

Total \$393.36

Church Extension

Receipts		Disbursements	
Balance on hand,		Grand Ridge	\$150.00
3-20-54	\$178.01	Clearwater	50.00
Budget	302.82	President's Exp.	100.00
		Fred Hughes	35.00
		James Bender	20.00
		N. Lee Shultz	15.00
		John Swentzel	15.00
		Cecil Shaffer	15.00
		Balance on hand,	
		3-24-55	80.83

Total \$480.83

Total \$480.83

FLORIDA CONFERENCE

President's Salary

Receipts		Disbursements	
Budget—Cash	\$313.64	Foster Piatt	\$372.19
Receipts	58.55		
Total	\$372.19	Total	\$372.19

Camp Meeting Fund

Receipts		Disbursements	
Balance on hand,		Loaned to Grand Ridge ...	\$300.00
3-20-54	\$302.15	Balance on hand,	
		3-24-55	2.15
Total	\$302.15	Total	\$302.15

Home Missionary Department

Receipts		Disbursements	
Home Mission		Pinellas Park	\$87.25
Gifts & Loans	\$1987.25	St. Petersburg	500.00
		Largo	1000.00
		Merritt Island	100.00
		Paola	100.00
		C. F. Smith	200.00
Total	\$1987.25	Total	1987.25

Grand Total

Receipts		Disbursements	
Balance on hand,		Florida Conference	\$1435.65
3-20-54	\$554.52	General Conference	1387.84
Florida Conference	994.01	Balance on hand,	
General Conference	1387.84	3-24-55	112.88
Total	\$2936.37	Total	\$2936.37

Cecil W. Shaffer, Treasurer

Report No. 5

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We have examined the Treasurer's books, Pension Plan report and President's report and find them to be correct. W. H. Bouington,
Clarence Hosford.

Report No. 6**PENSION PLAN TREASURER'S REPORT**

Received during year\$30.75 Paid out to David Rees\$30.75
R. S. Taylor, Treasurer

Report No. 7**W.Y.P.S. PROMOTER'S REPORT**

We thank the Lord for His help this year in visiting each of the churches, to encourage and help them along in the battle for souls. We trust God will bless each of the young people and make them a blessing for God and the church.

We have tried to unite the interest and fellowship by rallies or group gatherings. We thank each pastor and everyone young and old who have made these meetings possible.

Yours for Christ and the Church

Cecil W. Shaffer

Report No. 8**CAMP MEETING COMMITTEE**

Some of the members of this committee have investigated some camp-grounds and camp sites. The Conference President also looked at some prospects but no decisions have been made as yet.

Foster Piatt,

C. E. Shaw,

R. S. Taylor,

W. E. Money,

Robert Baer.

Report No. 9**MISSIONARY BOARD**

We thank the Lord for the privilege of reporting two new churches added to the Conference this year.

The Largo Church was organized April 15, 1954 with nine members. Through the aid of the Card Call and the money from selling of the Taft church, which the Conference Trustees voted to be used on the Largo church, have helped make possible the finishing of a part of the church to worship in.

On March 3, 1955 a Wesleyan Methodist church was organized from

the Wireman Tabernacle at Intercession City with nine members.

Foster Piatt,
Ruth Rogers,
Charity Davis,
Cecil W. Shaffer.

Report No. 10

COMMITTEE ON VACANCIES

Because the Rev. R. W. Garner left the Conference and joined another denomination, his name automatically had to be dropped and it became necessary that the following offices be filled.

1. Trustee with term expiring in 1956
2. Itinerary and Orders with term expiring in 1956
3. Judiciary Committee for Conference year
4. Committee on Vacancies for Conference year

The Committee voted that John F. Swentzel fill these vacancies.

Foster Piatt,
R. S. Taylor,
Harold C. Powell,
Robert Baer.

Report No. 11

COMMITTEE ON THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the St. Petersburg Church and their pastor, the Rev. John F. Swentzel, for their kind hospitality to us.

We have enjoyed our visit in their beautiful new church and their lovely city. The Lord's blessings and seal have been on the services. We praise His name!

Stella May Hughes

Report No. 12

BUDGET APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

General:

1. Foreign Missions	\$2.00 per member
2. Home Missions	1.25 per member
3. Australia .....	.25 per member
4. Education	2.50 per member
5. Pension Plan	1.50 per member
6. Orphanage .....	.25 per member
7. General Conference Expense .....	.15 per member
8. Administrative Expense .....	.40 per member

9. Sunday School Work10 per S. S. member

Conference:

1. Church Extension1 Sunday School off. per month
2. Conference Work\$1.50 per member
3. President's Salary 3.00 per member

We recommend:

That each pastor take an offering for the President at each Quarterly Conference. This is not to apply on budget credit.

That the President be reimbursed for his travel expense from the Conference Work fund.

That each pastor see that their Conference Work budget be paid in full.

Cecil W. Shaffer,
R. S. Taylor,
Clarence Martin.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE

Report No. 12 GENERAL BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

Charge	Members	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Australia	Education	Pension Plan	Orphanage	General Conference Expense	Administrative Expense	Sunday School Work	Total
Apalachicola	9	\$18.00	\$11.25	\$2.25	\$22.50	\$13.50	\$2.25	\$1.35	\$3.60	\$4.90	\$79.60
Cleawater	16	32.00	20.00	4.00	40.00	24.00	4.00	2.40	6.40	7.70	140.50
Grand Ridge	11	22.00	13.75	2.75	27.50	16.50	2.75	1.65	4.40	4.00	95.30
Greenville	3	6.00	3.75	.75	7.50	4.50	.75	.45	1.20	.....	24.90
Intercession City	9	18.00	11.25	2.25	22.50	13.50	2.25	1.35	3.60	3.50	78.20
Lakeand	22	44.00	27.50	5.50	55.00	33.00	5.50	3.30	8.80	3.10	185.70
Largo	12	24.00	15.00	3.00	30.00	18.00	3.00	1.80	4.80	5.10	104.90
Merritt Island	9	18.00	11.25	2.25	22.50	13.50	2.25	1.35	3.60	6.90	179.80
Paola	22	44.00	27.50	5.50	55.00	33.00	5.50	3.30	8.80	6.90	203.50
Pinellas Park	24	48.00	30.00	6.00	60.00	36.00	6.00	3.60	9.60	2.40	203.50
Steinhatchee	14	28.00	17.50	3.50	35.00	21.00	3.50	2.10	5.60	3.00	118.50
St. Petersburg	11	22.00	13.75	2.75	27.50	16.50	2.75	1.65	4.40	6.10	103.70
Tampa	12	24.00	15.00	3.00	30.00	18.00	3.00	1.80	4.80	6.10	103.70
Totals	174	\$348.00	\$217.50	\$43.50	\$435.00	\$261.00	\$43.50	\$26.10	\$69.60	\$58.30	\$1,511.50

CONFERENCE BUDGET APPORTIONMENT—Continued

Charge	Members	President's Salary	Conference Work	Total	Total for General and Conference Budget
Apalachicola	9	\$27.00	\$13.50	\$40.50	\$120.10
Cleawater	16	48.00	24.00	72.00	212.50
Grand Ridge	11	33.00	16.50	39.50	144.80
Greenville	3	9.00	4.50	13.50	38.40
Intercession City	9	27.00	13.50	40.50	118.70
Lakeand	22	66.66	33.00	99.00	286.70
Largo	12	36.00	18.00	54.00	158.90
Merritt Island	9	27.00	13.50	40.50	120.30
Paola	22	66.00	33.00	99.00	288.50
Pinellas Park	24	72.00	36.00	108.00	311.50
Steinhatchee	14	42.00	21.00	63.00	181.60
St. Petersburg	11	33.00	16.50	49.50	152.80
Tampa	12	36.00	18.00	54.00	159.70
Totals	174	\$522.00	\$261.00	\$783.00	\$2,294.50

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

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STATISTICAL REPORT

Item I. Pastor's Labors.																						Item II. Periodicals				
Charge	Time Employed (Months)																									
	Appointments	Organized Ch. Appointments	Wesleyan Methodists taken	Wesleyan Missionarys taken	Wesleyan Youths taken	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Teacher's Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflet	Our Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Chart	Pupil's Lesson Stories, Etc.	Bible Lesson Stories, Etc.							
Apalachicola	12	1	1	1	7	1	8	6	30	5	8	5	6	6	8	10	1	1	12	8						
Clearwater	12	1	1	1	2	5	5	5	5	3	20	12	20	20	6	25	30	1	1	12						
Grand Ridge	12	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12						
Greenville	9 1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12						
Intercession City	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12						
Lakeland	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12						
Largo	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12						
Merritt Island	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12						
Paola	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12						
Pinellas Park	3	9 1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12						
Steinhatchee	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12						
St. Petersburg	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12						
Tampa	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12						
Totals	121	13	12	75	59	44	165	75	60	50	174	66	90	65	9	121	30	3	39	41						

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Charge	Item III. Membership																											
	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Total Membership Lost	Number Reported Last Year	Present Number	Loss Membership for Year	Gain Membership for Year	Members Under 14 Years	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Local Preachers	Number of Family Altars	Membership Tithing	No. Card Call Subscribers										
Apalachicola	2	2	2	9	11	7	9	9	1	2	4	1	4	1	1	7	3	8										
Clearwater	5	1	2	2	9	11	22	16	5	1	1	1	4	4	1	16	9	5										
Grand Ridge	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15										
Greenville	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9										
Intercession City	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12										
Lakeland	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12										
Largo	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12										
Merritt Island	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2										
Paola	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9										
Pinellas Park	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5										
Steinhatchee	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1										
St. Petersburg	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1										
Tampa	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1										
Totals	52	1	43	1	12	57	179	174	36	10	3	19	8	5	60	107	70	2										

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item IV. Sunday Schools

Charge	No. of Sunday Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. Scholars in Main School	Total No. in Main School	No. in Home Department	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	Average Attendance	No. Scholars Converted	No. Schol. Joining Church	No. Departmental Suppls.	Teacher's Training Course	No. of Organized Classes	No. of Books in Library	Enrollment V.B.S.	Average Attendance V.B.S.	No. W.Y.P. Societies	Total Membership of Soc.
Apalachicola	1	51	44	49	...	...	49	30	...	...	1	...	5	...	...	...	...	12
Clearwater	1	10	56	66	...	11	77	49	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	1	20
Grand Ridge	1	4	36	40	...	...	40	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Greenville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Intercession City	1	8	19	27	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lakeland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Largo	1	5	48	53	...	4	31	31	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Merritt Island	1	5	33	33	...	13	51	28	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paola	1	15	36	51	...	18	69	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pinellas Park	1	9	54	63	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stemhatchee	1	7	17	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. Petersburg	1	5	18	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tampa	1	6	46	52	...	7	30	26	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	12	69	407	486	7	55	548	464	13	9	9	...	25	124	49	42	6	69

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item V. Church Property

Charge	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Apalachicola	1	\$5,000	\$500	...	1	\$11,000	\$500	...	...
Clearwater	1	19,000	1,000	...	1	5,000	784	...	\$78.39
Grand Ridge	1	6,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Greenville	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Intercession City	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lakeland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Largo	1	7,000	2,602	...	...	...	...	...	...
Merritt Island	1	7,000	3,000	...	...	...	...	...	45.56
Paola	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pinellas Park	1	2,500	2,500	...	1	2,500	...	...	...
Stemhatchee	1	15,000	900	...	1	9,000	100	...	488.88
St. Petersburg	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tampa	1	30,000	5,900	16.10
Totals	10	\$91,500	\$14,902	\$2,500	4	\$27,500	\$1,384	\$2,500	\$529.93

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item VI. Disbursed for Pastor

Charge	Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Apalachicola	\$26.88	.....	\$5.00	.....	\$31.88
Clearwater	550.00	\$300.00	.....	\$40.00	895.00
Grand Ridge	314.19	.....	.....	.....	314.19
Greenville	15.71	.....	.....	.....	15.71
Intercession City	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lakeland	1,605.28	.....	.....	.....	1,605.28
Largo	479.00	.....	.....	351.45	830.45
Merritt Island	102.00	.....	.....	.....	102.00
Paola	1,175.00	360.00	5.00	15.00	1,555.00
Pinellas Park	1,330.00	600.00	.....	18.00	1,948.00
Steinhatchee	524.25	.....	.....	12.00	516.25
St. Petersburg	885.00	.....	.....	.....	885.00
Tampa	646.00	.....	.....	.....	646.00
Totals	\$7,653.31	\$1,260.00	\$10.00	\$436.45	\$9,344.76

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item VII. Disbursed for Church

Charge	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Church Incidental Expense	Total for Church
Apalachicola	.....	\$110.75	.....	.....	\$54.00	\$75.06	\$172.69
Clearwater	\$145.00	174.10	\$1,380.52	.....	.....	568.79	2,268.41
Grand Ridge	.....	150.00	403.05	.....	1,232.00	295.54	2,030.59
Greenville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Intercession City	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lakeland	227.00	127.16	.....	.....	.....	176.26	530.42
Largo	.....	9.60	4,523.48	.....	.....	215.69	4,748.77
Merritt Island	323.00	86.72	1,698.84	.....	.....	94.60	2,203.16
Paola	110.00	183.27	857.51	.....	.....	320.11	1,420.89
Pinellas Park	30.00	268.20	.....	\$209.37	572.00	527.71	1,607.88
Steinhatchee	23.04	119.27	.....	.....	.....	9.52	141.83
St. Petersburg	.....	.....	12,000.00	.....	.....	526.21	12,526.21
Tampa	40.00	189.43	44.62	274.05
Totals	\$898.04	\$1,368.50	\$20,863.40	\$209.37	\$1,858.00	\$2,854.11	\$27,924.90

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STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item VIII. ... Disbursed for General Budget

Charge	Foreign Missions Assigned	Foreign Missions Raised	Home Missions Assigned	Home Missions Raised	Education Assigned	Education Raised	Superannuated Ministers' Fund Assigned	Superannuated Ministers' Fund Raised	Orphanage Assigned	Orphanage Raised
Apalachicola	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$8.95	\$8.95	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$10.50	\$10.50	\$1.75	\$1.75
Cleatwater	44.00	197.80	27.50	63.47	55.00	64.38	33.00	33.00	5.50	13.59
Grand Ridge	32.00	3.90	22.50	3.25	45.00	6.14	27.00	4.50	4.00	.85
Greenville	36.00									
Intercession City	32.00	122.85	20.00	32.83	40.00	40.00	24.00	24.00	4.00	11.89
Lakeland		8.50		3.50	20.00	5.28	12.00		2.00	5.28
Merritt Island	16.00	15.08	10.00	26.25	62.50		31.50	3.20	5.25	9.58
Panola	42.00	52.01	26.25	11.24	67.50	52.50	40.50	30.51	6.75	2.28
Pineallas Park	54.00	38.00	33.75	10.00	55.00	20.00	33.00	12.00	5.50	2.00
Steinhatchee	44.00	16.00	27.50	13.75	27.50	27.50	16.50	16.50	2.75	2.75
St. Petersburg	48.00	13.75	15.00	28.51	30.00	35.00	18.00	18.00	3.00	8.00
Tampa	24.00	46.02	15.00							
Totals	\$360.00	\$566.16	\$225.20	\$205.51	\$410.00	\$268.30	\$270.00	\$152.21	\$45.00	\$57.97

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item VIII. ... Disbursed for General Budget—Continued

Charge	Administrative Budget Assigned	Administrative Budget Raised	General Conference Travel & Entertainment Assigned	General Conference Travel & Entertainment Raised	General Sunday School Work Assigned	General Sunday School Work Raised	Australia Assigned	Australia Raised	Total General Budget Assigned	Total General Budget Raised
Apalachicola	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$4.90	\$4.90	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$63.00	\$63.00
Cleatwater	8.80	8.80	3.30	3.30	8.90	8.90	16.21	16.21	191.50	409.45
Grand Ridge	6.40		2.40				4.00		132.80	
Greenville	7.20	.43	2.70	.35	2.20	.25	4.50	.85	151.60	20.52
Intercession City										
Lakeland	6.40	6.40	2.40	2.40	2.70	2.70	4.00	5.00	135.50	248.07
Merritt Island	3.20		1.20				3.20	4.93	66.40	3.25
Panola	8.40	8.40	3.15	3.15	8.60	8.60	5.25	5.25	182.90	114.42
Pineallas Park	10.80	8.10	4.05	3.06	9.50	10.21	6.75	2.28	233.60	158.68
Steinhatchee	8.80	3.20	3.30	1.20	2.20	2.20	2.00	2.00	193.60	98.60
St. Petersburg	4.40	4.40	1.65	1.65	1.10	1.10	2.75	2.75	92.40	108.40
Tampa	4.80	4.80	1.80	1.80	5.30	5.30	3.00		104.30	150.43
Totals	\$72.00	\$47.33	\$27.00	\$17.96	\$44.10	\$44.66	\$46.20	\$44.02	\$1,477.20	\$1,409.84

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item VIII. Disbursed for Conference Budget

Charge	President's Salary Assigned	President's Salary Raised	Conference Work Assigned	Conference Work Raised
Apalachicola	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$10.50	\$10.50
Clearwater	66.00	66.00	33.00	33.00
Grand Ridge	48.00		24.00	
Greenville	54.00	5.00	27.00	6.00
Intercession City				
Lakeland	48.00	53.19	24.00	24.00
Largo				
Merritt Island	24.00		12.00	23.82
Paola	63.00	63.00	31.50	12.75
Pinellas Park	81.00	70.50	40.50	33.50
Steinhatchee	66.00	24.00	33.00	12.00
St. Petersburg	33.00	33.00	16.50	16.50
Tampa	36.00	36.25	18.00	18.00
Totals	\$540.00	\$371.94	\$270.00	\$190.07

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item VIII. Disbursed for Conference Budget—Continued

Charge	Church Extension Raised	Total Conference Budget Assigned	Total Conference Budget Raised	Total Budget Assigned	Total Budget Raised
Apalachicola		\$31.50	\$31.50	\$94.50	\$94.50
Clearwater	\$66.70	99.00	167.70	290.50	575.15
Grand Ridge		72.00		204.80	
Greenville	2.78	81.00	13.78	232.60	34.30
Intercession City					
Lakeland	34.57	72.00	118.26	207.50	366.33
Largo					
Merritt Island		36.00	23.82	102.40	58.07
Paola	50.61	94.50	126.36	277.40	242.80
Pinellas Park	39.00	121.50	143.25	355.10	301.93
Steinhatchee	12.11	99.00	48.11	281.60	116.71
St. Petersburg	48.23	49.50	97.73	142.80	216.13
Tampa	25.00	54.00	79.25	158.90	229.68
Totals		\$710.00	\$849.76	\$2,348.10	\$2,247.60

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Item IX. Disbursed for Benevolences

Charge	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Conference Work	W.Y.P.S.	Other Objects	Total for Benevolences
Apalachicola							\$110.65	\$110.65
Clearwater	\$424.85	\$8.47				\$34.15		467.47
Grand Ridge								
Greenville								
Intercession City								
Lakeland	86.56	70.00	\$28.55		\$21.04	16.46	939.01	1,161.62
Largo	232.00							232.00
Merritt Island	5.00						29.52	34.52
Paola		25.00					50.00	75.00
Pinellas Park		34.29						34.29
Steinhatchee		2.45				10.00	20.00	32.45
St. Petersburg							70.20	70.20
Tampa	58.64	32.64	35.00	\$8.00	18.00		27.00	185.28
Totals	\$807.05	\$147.85	\$68.55	\$8.00	\$39.04	\$60.61	\$1,246.38	\$2,403.48

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item X. Disbursed Totals

Charge	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes
Apalachicola	\$31.88	\$150.01	\$94.50	\$110.65	\$287.04
Clearwater	895.00	2,268.41	575.15	467.47	4,206.03
Grand Ridge	314.19	2,030.59			2,344.78
Greenville	15.71				50.01
Intercession City			34.30		
Lakeland					
Largo	1,605.28	530.42	366.33	1,161.62	3,663.65
Merritt Island	830.45	4,748.77	12.00	232.00	5,823.22
Paola	102.00	2,203.16	58.07	34.52	2,397.75
Pinellas Park	1,555.00	1,420.89	242.80	75.00	3,293.69
Steinhatchee	1,948.00	1,607.88	301.93	24.29	3,892.10
St. Petersburg	516.25	141.83	116.71	52.45	827.24
Tampa	885.00	12,526.21	216.13	70.20	13,697.54
Totals	646.00	274.05	246.43	185.28	1,351.76
Totals	\$9,344.76	\$27,902.22	\$2,264.25	\$2,423.48	\$41,834.81

Minutes

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Roll Call

Society	President	Present
Clearwater	Mary Rickey	2
Lakeland	Ethel Coile	2
Pinellas Park	Grace Roll	2
Tampa	Ruth Rogers	2
Grand Ridge	Yvonne Money	2
Largo	Alice Day	0
St. Petersburg	Hazel Hermann	2
Intercession City	Mrs. J. M. Merril	0
Merritt Island	Stella Hughes	2
Paola	Ann Shaffer	2
Apalachicola	Mildred Scott	0
Society	Delegate	Present
Clearwater	Helen Knotts	1
Lakeland	Bertie Shaw	2
Pinellas Park	Bertha Chapman	2
Tampa	Flora McKenzie	0
Grand Ridge	Inez McKenzie	2
Largo	Minnie Martin	2
St. Petersburg	Kathryn Lusby	2
Intercession City	Sadie Brannon	2
Merritt Island	Mittie Thomas	0
Paola	Mamie Davis	2
Apalachicola	None	

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF NEW PRESIDENTS OF 1955-56

- Clearwater—Mary Rickey, Rockwell, Tr. P. K., Dunedin, Fla.
 Lakeland—Ethel Coile, Route 2, Box 524, Lakeland, Fla.
 Pinellas Park, Grace Roll, 247½ 54th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, Fla.
 Tampa—Ruth Rogers, 2107 E. Ida Ave., Tampa 10, Fla.
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 St. Petersburg—Hazel Hermann, 1330 Cherry St. N. E., St. Petersburg, Fla.
 Intercession City—Mrs. J. M. Merrel, Intercession City, Fla.
 Merritt Island—Mrs. Walter Roush, P. O. Box 74, Merritt Island, Florida
 Paola—Ann Shaffer, Route 1, Box 145, Sanford, Fla.
 Apalachicola—

FLORIDA CONFERENCE

NAMES OF NEW SECRETARY AND TREASURERS

Clearwater—Mrs. Fay Midkiff, 612 N. Fort Harrison, Clearwater, Fla.

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Tampa—Mrs. Ruth Rogers, 2107 E. Ida Ave., Tampa, Fla.

Grand Ridge—

Largo—Mrs. Lois Lynn, 315 6th Ave. S. W., Largo, Fla.

St. Petersburg—

Intercession City—Mrs. Jessie Rambo, Intercession City, Fla.

Merritt Island—Mrs. Mittie Thomas, R. 2, Box 734, Cocoa, Fla.

Paola—Mrs. Ella Davis, P. O. Box 64, Paola, Fla.

Apalachicola—Mrs. B. B. Sorensen, 48 13th St., Apalachicola, Fla.

Daily Proceedings

Thursday Afternoon

The fifth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Florida Conference convened at the St. Petersburg Wesleyan Methodist Church on March 24, 1955 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting opened by singing "I Would Be Like Jesus," led by Mrs. Ruth Rogers. Mrs. Hazel Hermann led in prayer.

Roll Call—9 presidents, Y.M.W.B. Supt. and 8 delegates answered to the first call.

Ethel Coile was elected Committee on Courtesy. Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, General President of The Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society was presented. She presided over the business of the day.

Due to the illness of the Conference Missionary Secretary, Alice Shultz was appointed secretary.

Committee on Courtesy presented Mrs. Yvonne Money, Mrs. Inez McKenzie, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Sadie Brannon, Mrs. Grace Roll, Mary Rickey, Mrs. Miller and Alice Shultz.

The first 3 rows of seats were set as the bar of conference.

Report of Committee on Committees by Ann Shaffer given as follows and was adopted.

Committee on Thanks—Mrs. Martin

Committee on Orders of Day—Mrs. Bertie Shaw, Mrs. Lusby and Mrs. Stella Hughes.

Committee on Auditing—Mrs. Grace Roll and Yvonne Money.

Post Office—Flora McKenzie and Charity Davis.

Resolutions—Bertha Chapman and Mary Rickey.

President's report was given and accepted as given verbally.

Treasurer's report was given and placed in the hands of the Auditing Committee.

Report of the Y.M.W.B. Supt. given. It was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Report of Child Evangelism given by Stella Hughes. Report was adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee was given and accepted.

Committee on Courtesy presented Rev. and Mrs. Mullinax. Rev. Mullinax is President of Central College, Central, South Carolina. Mrs. Margaret Hughes and Mrs. Anna Carter were also introduced.

We adjourned by singing the Doxology and benediction given by Rev. Mullinax.

Friday Afternoon

Meeting came to order by singing "Throw Out the Lifeline." Led in prayer by Sister Hughes.

Committee on Courtesy presented Sister Backenstoe, a retired Free Methodist Missionary, who had served in Africa. Also introduced were Arlene Eddy, missionary on furlough from Africa. Rev. and Mrs. Birch, Foreign Missionary secretary, were presented and Rev. Birch gave us a few challenging remarks, regarding means by which we can be helpful missionaries at home.

The situation in India is critical at the present time. We were urged to send sheets, towels and wash cloths to headquarters, to be sent to our missions in Africa.

We were favored by a special number in song, rendered by the Bender children.

Sister Ruby Reisdorph took the chair and presided over the following business.

Orders of Day Committee reported and the report was accepted.

Election of officers as follows:

President—Ruth Rogers

Vice President—Margaret Taylor

Secretary—Alice Shultz

Treasurer—Ann Shaffer

Y.M.W.B. Supt.—Charity Davis

Magazine Solicitor—Mary Rickey

Mission Study Secretary—Margaret Taylor

Child Evangelism Director—Stella Hughes

Conference Missionary Reporter—Alice Shultz

Statistical Committee—Ann Shaffer

Report of Statistical Committee was adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions was accepted as read.

Sister Knotts read us a letter from Sister Cretsinger.

Report of Prayer Partner Secretary read and accepted.

Report of Committee on "Thanks" accepted.

It was voted to incorporate the Mission Study course report of the Clearwater church in the minutes. We were urged by Sister Reisdorph to push the Honorary Registration in our college. Send funds through local treasurers to conference treasurer.

Report on Orders of the Day given, stating there would be no evening missionary service, because of the scheduled service already in progress at the St. Petersburg church. This report was accepted.

There were a total of 19 Presidents and delegates present at this meeting.

Sister Ruby Reisdorph sang Ho Every One That Thirsteth, which proved to be a blessing to all present. Reading of minutes accepted. Closed in prayer by Margaret Taylor.

Alice Shultz, Secretary

Reports

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The guiding hand of the Lord is real to us. Even through the storm of affliction, the Lord has given us five new societies. We were privileged to have Rev. Ridgeway to speak to us, as neighboring churches.

May 9, 1954 Sister Stella May Hughes of Merritt Island, organized the Missionary Society with five members. May 26, 1954 in the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Taylor of Largo, at the close of prayer meeting as organized the W.M.S. at this new work.

In the home of Rev. and Mrs. Merrill on Dec. 2, 1954, Sister Merrill organized the missionary work at Intercession City.

At the Grand Ridge church, being invited to visit this new work in behalf of missions, after a long journey by car, we were greeted with a group of eager ladies, ready to work in the vineyard of the Lord.

March 5, 1955 here we were privileged to organize this new work with ready leaders in His service. It was with joy that Rev. Bouington reported a new society in his church at Apalachicola. Join us in prayer for these new leaders. Let us go forward through intercessory prayer.

Faithfully in His service, Ruth E. Rogers

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The committee met with the conference committee to decide about the evening missionary service. Since the church was in revival, a missionary service was dispensed with. Orders of the Day were set for 4 o'clock p.m. Friday, March 25.

Mrs. Bertie Shaw,
Mrs. Catherine Luzby,
Mrs. Stella May Hughes.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We have examined and audited the W. M. S. treasurer's book, also the W.Y.P.S. treasurer's book and have found them correct and in order.

Mrs. Yvonne Money,
Mrs. G. Roll.

REPORT OF PRAYER PARTNER SECRETARY

Number of Prayer Partner Circles	4
Number of Prayer Partners	55
Total Number of Missionaries Chosen	101

Home Missionaries	35
Foreign Missionaries	66
Number of Y.M.W.B. Prayer Partners	26

Signed: Helen Knotts

REPORT OF CHILD EVANGELISM

I have contracted each pastor of the Conference with tracts and pamphlets, concerning the Child Evangelism Work. I was invited to speak in two churches to represent the Bible Crusade Clubs. I held one child evangelism rally at which three churches were represented. We have had 7 Bible Crusade Clubs this year with several conversions, several hundred memory verses learned and numbers of tracts given out. There is one released time class with colored children. I have held one D. V. B. S. and am available for D. V. B. S. work, children's revivals and work shops.

Stella May Hughes, Child's Evangelism Director

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We women of the Missionary Society of the Florida Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, feel that God has been good to us and in giving Him praise and glory for His great salvation, we therefore do resolve:

1. That we spend much time in prayer for our representatives at home and abroad.
2. That we do all we can to keep ourselves well informed as to all the phases of the work by subscribing to and reading THE WESLEYAN METHODIST and WESLEYAN MISSIONARY Magazines.
3. That we do our utmost to keep the home base clean and unc-tionized and anointed by prayer and reading.
4. That we take a definite course of reading and we have one elected to direct and contact the societies in such a course.
5. That by precept and example with words of admonitions and much prayer, we stand by our young people, boys and girls, all need our Christian help.
6. That we do not neglect our prayer partners—making a very de-finite effort to remember them in prayer, by gifts, cards and letters.
7. That we uphold our officers by prayer and help when we can and hold tight the ropes at home, that rescue may be safely made "Out Yon-der."

Bertha Chapman,
Mary Rickey.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE W. M. S. TREASURER

Receipts:

Total from W.M.S.	1536.17	
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Total for the year	1536.17	
Old Balance		36.86
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Grand Total		1573.03

Disbursements

General Home	\$84.00	
Australia	6.71	
Card Calls	16.00	
Australia Self Denial	31.15	
Hephzibah	12.28	
General Foreign	296.90	
Haiti (Doctor's Home)	32.03	
India (Jeep)	642.85	
Education (Central)	31.27	
Jewish Work	20.00	
Membership Dues (General)	29.30	
Administrative Fund	7.00	
Official Expense	1.75	
Local Church Work	252.25	
Central Honorary Enrollment	40.85	
Dr. Nicholsons Travel Expense	4.30	
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Total Disbursements		1508.64
New Balance on Hand		64.39
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Grand Total		1573.03

FLORIDA CONFERENCE

W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Membership—Receipts

Society	Membership—Receipts									
	Active Members	Honorary Members	Members, Gain	Members, Loss	Total No. Meetings Held	Wesleyan Missionarys Taken	Efficiency Standard Rank %	Membership Dues	Offerings	From Labor
Apalachicola	5	4	9	13	1	8	100	\$9.00	\$12.55	.....
Clearwater	8	5	13	13	8	7	100	13.00	84.21	.....
Intercession City	9	2	11	13	10	100	15.00	15.00	28.26	.....
Lakeland	12	6	14	13	10	100	15.00	15.00	131.06	.....
Largo	5	5	8	4	3	83	9.15	14.00	16.67	.....
Merritt Island	12	3	8	2	30	6	60	9.15	10.08	\$200.00
Paola	17	2	10	3	12	7	100	22.00	47.47	.....
Pinellas Park	8	1	3	3	3	3	100	10.00	26.50	.....
St. Petersburg	6	1	3	3	3	3	100	7.00	26.50	.....
Tampa	91	33	62	15	80	59	100	\$122.15	\$432.91	\$200.00
Totals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Receipts (Continued)—Disbursements

Society	Receipts (Continued)—Disbursements									
	"Memorials"	Voucher Receipts	Other Sources	Administrative Fund	Total Receipts for Year	Old Balance From Last Year	Grand Total	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	
Apalachicola	\$21.55	.....	\$21.55	.....	.....	.....
Clearwater	\$70.61	.....	\$70.61	.....	.....	.....
Intercession City	37.26	.....	37.26	.....	.....	.....
Lakeland	50.00	.....	.....	196.06	.....	196.06	.....	.....	.....
Largo	230.00	.....	244.00	.....	244.00	.....	.....	.....
Merritt Island	52.25	.....	79.32	.....	79.32	.....	.....	.....
Paola	24.89	.....	280.93	.....	280.93	.....	.....	.....
Pinellas Park	14.00	.....	.....	9.85	.....	9.85	.....	.....	.....
St. Petersburg	57.47	.....	57.47	.....	.....	.....
Tampa	2.00	1.50	37.00	37.00
Totals	\$17.96	\$91.00	\$75.54	\$2.75	\$1,622.31	\$19.21	\$1,641.52	\$169.87	\$708.03

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W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Disbursements (Continued)										
Society	Hephzibah, Cash	Education, Cash	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Administrative Fund	Dr. Nicholson Field Visitation	Total Disbursements	New Balance on Hand	Grand Total
Apalachicola	\$10.00							\$10.00	\$11.55	\$21.55
Clearwater				\$6.50	\$20.20	\$2.00	\$1.30	\$70.61	8.26	\$78.87
Intercession City				4.50	20.00			29.00	5.19	\$34.19
Lakeland	\$28.55	\$6.40	15.00	7.00	10.00	2.25	1.00	200.23		\$207.42
Largo	5.00	4.28	52.25	4.57	225.00	1.23	1.00	244.00		\$249.00
McNitt Island			200.00	7.00	30.95			79.32	2.73	\$82.05
Paola	2.28	21.99		11.00				288.05	11.32	\$299.37
Pineclaus Park	6.00	12.30		5.00	2.00	1.50	1.00	86.79		\$95.29
St. Petersburg	5.00	5.00		3.50	2.00	1.50	1.00	57.47		\$63.97
Tampa								37.00		\$37.00
Totals	\$28.28	\$72.12	\$238.65	\$64.07	\$290.15	\$7.00	\$4.30	\$1,602.47	\$39.05	\$1,641.52

Y.M.W.B. STATISTICAL REPORT

Band	Active Members	Honorary Members	Meetings	Efficiency Standard %	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Total (Band Credit)	Non-Credit Total	Grand Total
Clearwater	32	43	8	75	\$56.63	\$15.89	\$14.00	\$86.52	\$1.60	\$88.12
Paola	13	4	11	70	10.50	1.00	1.00	19.16	1.45	20.61
McNitt Island	10	12	90	10	27.02	18.51	5.00	50.53	2.00	52.53
Tampa	12	8	80	12	120.00	30.58	14.81	165.99	.39	166.38
Lakeland	8	34	12	100	120.60	18.00		18.00		18.00
St. Petersburg					2.65		2.64	5.29		5.29
Pineclaus Park										
Greenville										
Totals	77	89	511		\$236.56	\$83.98	\$37.45	\$357.99	\$5.89	\$363.88

FLORIDA CONFERENCE

MISSION STUDY COURSE OF CLEARWATER SOCIETY

Name	Quiet Talks on Prayer —Gordon	Floods on Dry Ground —Watt	The Untold Korean Story —Pierce	Calvary Road—Hessian	We Tried to Stay —McCommon	Mary Slessor, the White Queen	Bible Chapters	Other Magazines	Under a Thatched Roof	Peanuts, Children's Book	Uncle Al's Missionary Stories for Children	Tomorrow	Study Book	Moffetts	Total Books Read.
Mrs. Helen Knotts	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Mrs. Charity Davis	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Mrs. Blanche Gee	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Mr. Claude Rickey	1	730	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Miss Jackie Rickey	1	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
Totals	2	2	4	.....	2	786	5	1	1	1	2	1	1	22