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CONFERENCE - MINUTES  
OF THE  
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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY



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STANDING COMMITTEES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Rev. William Dugger, 3 yrs; Rev. Rita Lee, 2 yrs; Rev. C. A. Pauley, 4 yrs; Rev. G. Harris, 2 yrs.

LAYMEN: Herbert Gates and Albert Queen

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MINUTES OF THE SOUTH OHIO CONFERENCE

STATIONED ELDERS

- ✓ Rev. Arthur M. Gilmer - Parkersburg, W. Virginia and Marietta, Ohio
- ✓ Rev. Jerome W. Wilson, Dayton, Ohio
- ✓ Rev. Eugene Ramsey - Zanesville, Ohio and Cutler, Ohio
- ✓ Rev. Rita H. Lee - Hillsboro, Ohio
- Rev. C. A. Pauley - Assistant to Dayton Church
- Rev. Anna M. Gilmer - Assistant to Marietta Ohio and Parkersburg, W. Virginia Churches. Address: 713 $\frac{1}{2}$  Second Street, Marietta, Ohio
- Rev. Gertrude Harris - Conference Evangelist of District No. 1.
- Rev. C. A. Pauley - Conference Evangelist District No. 2.
- Rev. William Dugger - Evangelist-at-large.  
121 South Summit Street Dayton, Ohio
- Rev. Clara M. Cooke, Evangelist-at-large  
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LICENTITATES

- Rev. Hershel Williams - 35 Alder Street, Dayton, Ohio
- Rev. Mary Howell - Marion College, Marion, Indiana

DEACONESS

- Sister Miss Theresa Clark 1701 Attucks Pl, Dayton, Ohio
- Sister Mrs. Elve Johnson 2020 Lakeview Avenue Dayton, Ohio

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 28 Aug 57: Reception preceding the 64th Annual South Ohio Conference Session. The church was decorated with lovely flowers. Our hostess served a delicious supper.

...a long, hot journey.  
7:30 P. M. Program opened by singing "Faith is the Victory." Prayer by Brother Williams, Scripture by Brother Mayo - Isaiah 1:17-31. Welcome address - Rev. Ramsey; Response - Rev. Pauley, A duet by Sandra and Harley Curtis - "I have found a hiding place"; a solo - "On a Rugged Hill" by Mr. Thomas King. A reading - "It's in your Face" by Thelma Adams; Solo, "When Jesus Comes" by Jo Ellen Taber; A solo "I know who holds tomorrow" by Mr. Harley Curtis; a solo "His Eye is on the Sparrow" by Anna Mae Simpson. Remarks by Rev. Gilmer, and Benediction by Rev. Wilson.

THURSDAY - 29 August 1957: The 64th Annual Conference convened in Zanesville, Ohio on the above date at the State Street Wesleyan Methodist Church, Rev. Eugene Ramsey Host Pastor. Devotions began at 8:30. Sister Mary Howell in charge. Hymns, "I must tell Jesus" and "I will sing the Wondrous Story", "Sweet hour of prayer". Scripture - Psalms 37. Altar Call and Prayers by Rev. J. W. Wilson, Rev. C. A. Pauley, Rev. Anna Gilmer and Brother H. Gates. 9:30 AM. First business session opened. Minutes of 63rd conference were read and approved as read. A motion was made and carried that the President and Vice President appoint all committees as follows:

1. Rules and Order
2. Religious Service
3. Credentials
4. Itinerary
5. Moral Reform
6. State of Country
7. Memorials
8. Character Examiners
9. Courtesy
10. Finance and Claims

Session recessed for committee work and reassembled at 11:00 AM. Reports from Rule and Order committee received after a time correction was made. Reports on Credentials, Moral Reform and State of Country received as read. A partial report from Religious Committee was given. Pastors statistical report read and received with necessary corrections for Dayton Church by Rev. Wilson. Statistical report for Marietta, Ohio and Parkersburg, W. Virginia

by Rev. A. M. Gilmer was received with corrections on Membership total made. Report for Zanesville, Cuttler, and Bartlett, Ohio read by Rev. E. Ramsey with corrections made on Bartlett finance report. All were received. Committee on Courtesy introduced the following folk from W. Tennessee Conference: Rev. and Mrs. Henry Sanders, Sr., Rev. and Mrs. Henry Sanders, Jr., Mrs. Ophther Anderson, Rev. J. A. Cassidy and Master James P. Sanders. Also Mrs. Corrine Crutchfield of Dayton Missionary delegate, Mr. and Mrs. Cap. Roache of Zanesville, Ohio. The Roache family were the donors of the New Pulpit Chairs for the Zanesville church. The committee on Pastorial Relation was appointed. They were Elders E. Ramsey, A. M. Gilmer, C. A. Pauley, G. Harris, Brother H. Gates, Sister E. Norriss. This session recessed for lunch at 12:15.

Thursday, 1:30 PM. Devotions led by Rev. C. A. Pauley. Hymns "I Love to Tell the Story", "I am Happy in the Service of the King". Music by Sister E. Cottman and Sister A. Gilmer. Scripture Proverbs 27 by Sister Doris Curtis, Prayer by Sister Mary Howell, Hymn "Have Thine Own Way". 2:00 PM Business. Minutes of morning received as read. Rev. Gertrude Harris made her report on Evangelistic work in District No. 1 and Superannuated treasure report. Both received as read. Remarks from Sister O. Anderson of Henderson, Tennessee, a Sunday School teacher who said she traveled 20 miles each Sunday to attend a Wesleyan Methodist church because she love Wesleyan Methodism and their views on Holiness. Reports received from Rev. H. Williams on his evangelistic work. Rev. C. A. Pauley for District No. 2 and Rev. Anna Gilmer as Assistant Pastor at Marietta, Ohio and Parkersburg, W. Virginia. All received as read. Rev. Sheets and Rev. Mitchell - General Conference Representatives were introduced to the body and invited to sit in Conference bar. Dr. Sheets in his remarks stressed the importance of subscribing to the Wesleyan Methodist and the Youth magazines. He stated there are other good religious reading, of course, but none as good for Wesleyan Methodist folk. Dr. Sheets also remarked, "We have a Christ that's able, yet don't underestimate the powers of Satan" and that "Christ is a businessman who attends to his business."

Rev. Sheets was asked to deliver the Missionary message for the Missionary program. Highlights of his message have been recapped in the Missionary's section of this publication. Remarks from the Tennessee Delegation were very inspiring showing love and christian fellowship. They were grateful for a safe journey of 500 miles to be able to worship with us.

✓ Rev. Mitchell stated he is happy to be able to labor for the Lord in the cause of holiness. The disastrous fire to our publishing house in Syracuse, N. Y. was spoken of and the great distress the connection was put under since all material, machinery and buildings were destroyed. Dr. Wilson was given praise for the fine work and progress made in continuing with what he had. New Headquarters are being established in Marion, Indiana. We are in process of gathering funds. We were asked to double our pledge for the card call program - to finance the new \$290,000 building and asked, instead of the usual \$1.00, please send \$2.00 or as much as possible that this program will be a success by June, 1958.

✓ Dr. Sheets stressed the need of trained Negro ministers and holiness men and women to take hold of administering to the changing neighborhoods where new churches are available. He said we need young and middle-aged men and women to answer to the call for Jesus Christ. Dr. Sheets suggested that the South Ohio Conference expand to other communities and stated that the connection wanted to help us further the cause of Christ and humanity.

Thursday - 7:30 PM. Devotions led by Sister Gertrude Harris. Hymns, "My Jesus, I love Thee", "Since I have been Redeemed, Oh, it is wonderful, "Glory to His Name". Prayer by Sister O. Anderson, Rev. Ramsey, our host pastor introduced Rev. Henry H. Sanders Sr. of the W. Tennessee Conference who told of the wonderful hospitality shown the delegation from South Ohio Conference during the summer. Rev. Sanders, a member of the Tennessee Conference since 1918 said "he loves the Lord with all his heart" and quoted Jesus as saying "be thou faithful until death" and his intentions are to keep on. His sermon from 55th chapter Isaiah, first verse - "everyone that thirsteth come" and 23rd chapter Jeremiah, 29 verse - "Is not my word like as a fire?" saith the Lord. Truly a very inspiring message.

Solo by Brother John Holder, "I Trust in God". This song was sung with soul-stirring power. Testimony by Dr. Sheets on the miracle working power of Jesus and the holy spirit. He is rejoicing in the saving grace and the blessings that come from serving God through Jesus Christ. Dr. Mitchell testified his gladness for the satisfying and saving grace of Jesus Christ and asked God's blessing on all. Rev. Henry Sanders Jr. - glad for the opportunity to speak a word for the Lord who has done so much for him said he knows God is real because he dwells in his soul. He is determined to go on to find out for himself what God has stored up for the faithful. Rev. Cassidy, thankful for the blessed privilege of being with this conference session, said he went to Tennessee and to a Wesleyan Methodist church as a visitor. By the end of that service he was under conviction and decided not to return again. He felt the truth too strong and tried to shun it but something kept drawing him back. The prayers and testimonies of the saved and sanctified overcame all his doubts. He gave his heart and life to God for keeps.

FRIDAY - 30 August 1957: 8:30 AM. Missionary Day. Devotions by H. Sanders, Jr. Songs-"There is a Fountain" and "Glory to His Name. Prayer H. Sanders. Song-"All Hail the Power. The minutes of the Missionaries are in this publication under Missionary Society.

2:45 PM. Special session called for the purpose of discussing Merger with W. Tennessee Conference. It was noted that our President, Rev. A. Gilmer, Vice President, Rev. Eugene Ramsey, Rev. Anna Gilmer and Rev. Gertrude Harris visited the three churches composed of the West Tennessee conference and invited a delegation from them to visit the South Ohio Conference this session. Six persons are present stating their desire as representatives of the W. Tennessee Conference to unite with the South Ohio Conference. A constitution read by Rev. Mitchell on the proposed merger drawn by a committee composed of Rev. Gilmer, Rev. Ramsey, Rev. Harris, Rev. Sheets, Rev. Mitchell, Rev. Gates, Rev. Tate, Rev. Sanders and Rev. Cassidy. After this reading, a motion was made by Rev. Rita Lee and seconded by Sister Norma Curtis that we unite as one conference. Those eligible to vote numbered 18 giving a unanimous "yes"

and was so carried. While singing "We're marching to Zion" a hearty fellowship was given. Election of Officers followed so the new members could be present as the folk from Tennessee had to leave for the 500 mile journey home. as a prayer for their safe return was made.

SATURDAY - 31 August 1957: 9:00 to 11:00 AM. This time given to the Missionary Society to complete their work. 11:00 AM. Memorial Services. Rev. J. W. Wilson in charge. 1:45 PM. Devotions led by Rev. E. Ramsey. Songs - "In the Garden", "Tell it to Jesus", and "Oh, How I Love Jesus." Scripture - Psalms 91. Prayer by Sister Marilyn Faxson. 2:30 PM Business. Minutes of last session read and received as read. A report from the Conference Aid was made by Sister Norma Curtis, Sunday School report by Sister Rita Lee, report by Sister M. Faxson for Long, Ohio and Rev. C. A. Pauley as conference Treasurer, report of Pastorial relations Committee and committee on Thanks. All were received as read. The President A. Gilmer gave a verbal report as to his activities this past year. Minutes of Youth convention and a report from Deaconess Theresa Clark were received. A letter was read by the President on the subject of modest dress was discussed and put to vote. Of the possible 18 votes, 16 were for and two against. All financial reports will be found in the statistical reports by the financial secretary and statistician. Invitation was made by Dayton Delegate Herbert Gates for the conference to meet in Dayton in 1958 and it was graciously accepted by the President and assembly. Adjournment followed. 7:30 PM. Choirs made up of the youth from all churches presented the Music and other entertainment. The 100th Psalms was recited by Miss Johnetta Crutchfield. A solo by three year old Aloma Crutchfield - "Jesus Loves Me." A religious film on Visual Education. A talk on the Four Things I must Know was made by Elva Johnson. Program Chairmen Misses Mary Howell and June Coatney. Prayer by Rev. Ramsey. Solo by Herbert Gates - "If I could Help Somebody."

SUNDAY - 1 September 1957: 9:30 AM Sunday School. The Sunday School was called to order by Ass't Supt. Sister

Norma Curtis. Opening Hymns "Child of the King" and "In the Garden. Scripture Reading - 33rd Psalm by Ass't Supt and school. Prayer by Rev. Wilson. Reading of Lesson by Ass't Supt and school. Title of lesson - "Freed From the Fiery Furnace." Golden Text "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us." Classes were in Session thirty minutes. Review of lesson by brother Curtis of Marietta, Ohio. Total attendance in Sunday School 80. Missionary Money - \$2.56. Total money of all classes \$17.56. Total money taken in Sunday School - \$20.12.

10:45 AM. Devotions by Rev. Mary Howell, Song- "Redeemed" Scripture Acts 3 by Rev. Anna Gilmer Prayer Brother E. Harris. Saxophone Solo "The Last Mile of the Way" by brother Johnson, Song by Davton Choir - Lord Touch Me. Elder Gertrude Harris gave the morning message saying we must go back to the early church and depend on God not on ourselves but lean on the holy spirit. Theme: "Love sacrifice service and obedience; the chief examples. Communion given by Elder Rita Lee. Benediction.

2:00 PM. Devotions led by Sister Harris. Song "Blessed Jesus", Prayer Sister Harris, Songs Haven of Rest and Pass Me Not. Scripture lesson Hebrew 11:20-34 by Rev. Pauley. By Faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau. Song "Christ is All", Prayer Sister Gilmer. Song. "Standing on the Promise Sermon by Rev. E. Ramsey "The Fruits of Faith". Out of weakness, we are made strong, we had just as well admit to ourselves we are weak. We are serving the Same God as did those men. God will do as much for us if we, in turn, do as much for God as did those men. Is anything too hard for God? Appointments given by the President. Offering for Conference President \$40.00. Offering for Miss Mary Howell \$36.00. Benediction. Closing Hymn "God be With You."

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#### PROPOSED SOUTH OHIO-WEST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE MERGER

Whereas, upon invitation of the ministers of the West Tennessee churches, a delegation of the South Ohio Conference composed of Rev. A. M. Gilmer, Rev. Eugene Ramsey, Rev. Anna Gilmer, and Rev. Gertrude Harris visited the churches of West Tennessee on July 11-14, 1957 for the purpose of

investigating the possibility of uniting the two groups; and

Whereas, the said committee was deeply impressed with the solidarity and spiritual condition of the churches in West Tennessee; and

Whereas, the said Committee of the South Ohio Conference invited a delegation of the west Tennessee churches to attend the South Ohio Conference Session held at Zanesville, Ohio, August 29 - September 1, 1957; and

Whereas, a delegation of the West Tennessee Churches composed of Rev. H. H. Sanders, Sr., Rev. H. H. Sanders, Jr., Miss Ophther Anderson, Mrs. Mary L. Sanders, and Mrs. Lizzie J. Sanders, is now attending this sixty-fourth Session of the South Ohio Conference; and

Whereas, the said members of the delegation of West Tennessee are impressed with the cordial welcome and the wholesome fellowship afforded them by the South Ohio Conference; and

Whereas, a committee representing the South Ohio Conference, composed of Rev. A. M. Gilmer, Rev. J. W. Wilson, Rev. C. A. Pauley, Rev. Eugene Ramsey, Rev. Gertrude Harris, Rev. Mrs. Anna Gilmer, Mrs. Terrell Tato, and Mr. Herbert Gates, was appointed; and

Whereas, a committee representing the West Tennessee churches, composed of Rev. H. H. Sanders, Sr., Rev. J. A. Cassidy, Rev. H. H. Sanders, Jr., and Miss Ophther Anderson, was appointed; and

Whereas, Dr. Harold K. Sheets, General Secretary of Home Missions and Church Extension, and Rev. Virgil A. Mitchell were asked to meet with the committee; and

Whereas, the Joint Committee took the following action: "We look with favor on the matter of uniting the West Tennessee churches and the South Ohio Conference, and that a committee be appointed to draft a resolution so this matter can properly be presented to the South

Ohio Conference;" and

Whereas, a committee, composed of Rev. Gertrude Harris, Rev. H. H. Sanders, Jr., Rev. Virgil A. Mitchell, Rev. A. M. Gilmer, and Rev. Eugene Ramsey, was duly appointed; therefore,

Resolved, that this Sixty-Fourth Session of the South Ohio Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America approve the uniting of the West Tennessee churches and the South Ohio Conference and that we extend to them a warm welcome into our fellowship. The approval of this resolution by the South Ohio Conference, and the previous favorable action of the West Tennessee churches, officially unites the Ministers and members of both groups into one Annual Conference to function according to the full usages of the Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America.

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#### SUMMARY OF HISTORICAL EVENTS

The 64th South Ohio Annual Conference adjourned at Zanesville, Ohio, Sunday September 1, 1957. We accept this as a very historic event which has been studied by Elders and Officers of our Conference for the past three years. The West Tennessee conference had already voted unanimously to unite with the South Ohio Conference. A delegation from South Ohio, namely Elder A. M. Gilmer, Elder Eugene Ramsey, Elder Mrs. Gertrude Harris and Rev. Mrs. Anna Gilmer had visited the West Tennessee group and gave favorable reports to the conference. Therefore, South Ohio voted unanimously.

Our National Board of Administration lately engaged the services of Rev. Virgil A. Mitchell to serve in the field of church extension. He had formerly served as a professor on the Staff of our Wesleyan Methodist College at Central, South Carolina. Therefore, the necessary resolutions were drawn up by Rev. Mitchell; and was accepted by all present. A very nice delegation was present

from West Tennessee Conference of Ministers and Elders and school teachers. The weeks meeting was highlighted with wonderful soul-stirring messages from all the representatives. The singing was excellent with such song leaders as Rev. H. H. Sanders, Jr., of West Tennessee, Brother Herbert Gates, Dayton, Ohio, Rev. John W. Holder of South America, Evangelist Mary Howell, Parkersburg, W. Virginia and student of Marion College, in Indiana and Elder Eugene Ramsey, Pastor of the Church with Rita E. H. Lee at the piano.

The election was presided over by Dr. Harold K. Sheets who is General Secretary of Church Extension - Home Missions. Elder Eugene Ramsey elected conference President. Elder H. H. Sanders, Sr., Vice President West Tennessee District, Mrs. Elva Johnson, Secretary - Dayton, Ohio, Mrs. Volorus Chandler, Ass't Secretary - Zanesville, Ohio.

✓ After the merger was voted on, Dr. H. K. Sheets asked Sister Rita Lee to strike up on the piano, the hymn "Faith is the Victory" that overcomes the world. The presence of the Holy Spirit was definitely felt and all hearts were rejoicing. Other officers were elected later.

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#### DECEASED MINISTERS OF South Ohio Conference

##### REVERANDS

J. E. Lucas  
A. E. Gulliford  
Peter Toliver  
B. F. Gardner  
H. C. Pierce  
Siconeos Grant  
D. E. Bass  
A. P. Mayle  
Charles Atwell  
A. C. Mayle  
Hazel Turner

Thomas Clinton  
J. C. Honesty  
A. D. Jackson  
Nora Stepson  
Henry Mayle, Sr.  
B. B. Gufford  
A. Oaky  
S. M. Saines  
J. E. Bass  
L. N. Gillam  
Grant Curtis

C. D. Higgins

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

REPORT NO. 1 - RULES AND ORDER

We, your committee on rules and order, submit the following report: We recommend that breakfast be served at 8:00 AM. Conference session to open at 8:45 AM. Adjourn at 12:00 noon to reassemble at 1:30 PM and to close at 4:00 PM.

Evening session to begin at 7:30 PM. We further recommend that the conference bar constitute the first six rows across the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Howell  
Rev. C. A. Pauley  
Norma Curtis

REPORT NO. 2 - CREDENTIALS

We, your committee on Credentials and membership beg leave to submit the following report:

The following delegates credentials were given to us:  
Dayton, Ohio - Brother Edward Harris  
Bartlett, Ohio - Sister Estella Norris  
Marietta, Ohio Sister Iduma Burke Long Ohio-Maylin Jackson  
Parkersburg, W. Virginia Sister Mary J. Howell  
Dayton, Ohio - Brother Herbert Gates  
Zanesville, Ohio Sister Norma Curtis  
Total No. Delegates - 7  
Total Amount Registration Fees - \$7.00

Respectfully submitted,

Rita E. H. Lee  
Estella Norris

REPORT NO. 3- RELIGIOUS SERVICE

Our Theme "Christ Preminent"

We, your committee on religious service wish to make the following report:

We recommend that on Thursday, 8:00 PM, a sermon by Rev. Henry H. Sanders; Friday, 8:00 PM - Rev. Harold K. Sheets. Saturday 11:00 AM Memorial Services - Rev. Jerome Wilson; Sunday 11:00 AM Rev. Gertrude Harris; Communion - Rev. Rita H. Lee. Sunday 2:00 PM Sermon by our Conference President.

Sister Anna M. Gilmer  
Sister Mary Howell  
Sister Iduma Burke

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

We, the committee on Itinerary and orders recommend that Sister Mary Howell be given a licence as a Licentiate and continue her studies at Marion College. That Rev. Jessie Lester's name be taken off our conference list since he has joined another conference. We further recommend Sister Elva Johnson be given a Deaconess license and that she shall take up the first year study for same, and that Brother John Holder be under the direction of his quarterly conference till next Annual Conference Session.

Yours in Christ's Service,  
Prayerfully submitted:

Gertrude Harris	Rev. J. W. Wilson
Layman Edward Harris	Rev. C. A. Pauley
Norma Curtis	Rev. Eugene Ramsey

#### REPORT NO. 5 MORAL REFORM

We, your committee on Moral reforms wish to submit the following report:

We realize from observation the moral standing of our country is not what it should be according to the standards of God. In our churches we need a closer relationship to God by having the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and men and women being wholly dedicated to God. On the other hand we find in the world relationship the moral standards are a low ebb and steps should be taken by the church consisting of true Christians reaching out in prayer and labor to draw the world to Christ. It is the prayer of our hearts

that the Lord give us more serious minded christians with clean hands and pure hearts.

Kindly submitted:

Edith Cottman  
Volorus Chandler

#### REPORT NO. 6 STATE OF COUNTRY

We, your committee on State of Country, submit the following report:

We are seeing much progress world-wide. When we think of the Billy Graham crusade and see thousands giving their lives to God, we surely feel the Lord is blessing. Seeing the spiritual condition of our country and such cities as New York, we thank God for a man who can, by his leadership, fill Yankee Stadium and Madison Square Garden with people who seek and find Jesus.

Thank God for world-wide progress, but we feel the need for more spiritual progress locally. We feel a need of a thorough examination of our lives personally.

Let us; as a South Ohio Conference, realize that it is not too late, the Lord has many hidden treasures for us but we must find them.

Mary Jane Howell  
Herbert Gates

#### REPORT NO. 7 MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Opening Song-----Nearer My God to Thee  
Prayer -----Rev. Anne Gilmer  
Song-----Looking This Way  
Scriptures--Ps. 39:4-7; Ps. 90 and 1 Cor. 15:20-26; 51-58  
by Evangelist Mary Howell from the Discipline  
Song-----Abide with Me  
Names of Deceased read by Sister Rita Lee

The Women's Missionary honored the service by a candle being held by Mrs. Corinna Crutchfield and lit by Mrs. Helen Wilson both of Dayton, Ohio. Mrs. Wilson made re-

marks in memory of Mrs. Hilda Johnson, Missionary member of Dayton, Ohio, and this candle burned throughout the calling of the deceased roll. Others on the Dayton list were Mr. Robert McGregor and Mr. William Hurley. Long Ohio: Mr. Elmer Jackson. Bartlett, Ohio: Mrs. Lula Ramsey. Zanesville, Ohio: Mrs. Emma Norman. Parkersburg, W. Virginia; Mr. Jacob Curtis. Hillsboro, Ohio; Mrs. Belle Kittrell, Miss Ella Hardin, Mr. Fred Thomas, with a Fellowship List of Mr. Doble Whaley, Mr. Otis Bolden, Mr. Percy Goins, and Infant Russell Thomas all of Hillsboro.

The Eulogy was given by Elder J. W. Wilson, Dayton Pastor and Benediction by Elder C. A. Pauley. Pianist, Sister Edith Cottman.

Elder J. W. Wilson  
Elder Rita E. H. Lee  
Mrs. Elva Johnson

#### REPORT NO. 8      COURTESY

We, your committee on Courtesy, are happy to present to the conference:

Rev. Henry H. Sanders Sr. and Mrs. Sanders Sr.  
Rev. Henry H. Sanders Jr. and Mrs. Sanders Jr.  
Master Paul James Sanders, Rev. J. A. Cassidy  
Sister O. Anderson. All of West Tennessee Conference.  
Rev. Harold K. Sheets from the General Conference  
Rev. Virgil A. Mitchell from the General Conference  
Mr. and Mrs. C. Roache of Zanesville, Ohio  
Mrs. Corrinne Crutchfield and daughters, Johnetta and Aloma of Dayton, Ohio  
Rev. Johnson of West Virginia.

Sister Helen Wilson  
Sister Norma Curtis

#### REPORT NO. 9      THANKS

We, your committee on Thanks, in the precious name of Jesus, submit the following report. First, we thank our Heavenly Father, for the privilege of assembling together in Christian Fellowship, for the safe trip from our

various homes. We thank the good people of Zanesville for the warm welcome into their homes. We thank the church and the community for their every effort toward our comfort, the christian men and women who worked so faithfully in the kitchen securing and preparing good substantial food. We thank the official board for the fine, efficient manner in which the sessions were carried.

To everyone who, in any way, contributed to the success of our conference, we thank all.

Prayerfully submitted:

Rev. C. A. Pauley  
Sister Iduma Burke

REPORT NO. 10

FINANCE

We wish to submit the following report:

Paid to Rev. A. M. Gilmer, Conference President	\$92.53
Paid to Rev. Eugene Ramsey, Conf. V. President	30.00
Paid Mrs. Elva Johnson, Conference Secretary	43.00
Paid Mrs. Volorus Chandler, Ass't Secretary	15.00
Total paid out	<u>\$180.53</u>

Herbert R. Gates  
C. A. Pauley

REPORT NO. 11

MINISTERIAL REGISTRATION DUES

REVERANDS

Gertrude Harris	1.00	Jerome W. Wilson	1.00
Clarence Pauley	1.00	Rita H. Lee	1.00
Hershel Williams	1.00	Lowell Flint	1.00
William Dugger	1.00	Eugene Ramsey	1.00
Arthur M. Gilmer	1.00	Clara M. Cooke	1.00
Anna M. Gilmer	1.00	Deaconess Sister	
		Theresa Clarke	1.00

\*TOTAL \$12.00

\*A total of \$7.00 sent to secretary by Rev. C. M. Cooke after conference. Turned in to treasurer.

Submitted by the Character Black Examiners:

Rev. C. A. Pauley  
Sister Helen Wilson

## REPORT NO. 12

AUDITING

We, your auditing Committee, wish to make the following report. We have checked the books and found them correct and in order.

Prayerfully submitted:

Fearl Tate  
Volorus Chandler

## REPORT NO. 13

PASTORIAL RELATION COMMITTEE

## Appointments.

Rev. A. M. Gilmer	Parkersburg, West Virginia
Rev. A. M. Gilmer	Marietta, Ohio
Rev. Anna Gilmer	Assistant to Rev. Gilmer at Parkersburg and Marietta Churches
Rev. J. W. Wilson	Dayton, Ohio
Rev. C. A. Pauley	Assistant to Rev. J. W. Wilson. Subject to the vote of the Dayton Ohio church.
Rev. C. A. Pauley	Conference Evangelist District #2
Rev. Rita Lee	Hillsboro, Ohio
Walter L. Thompson	Memorial
Rev. Henry H. Sanders	Sr. Bethel Springs, Tennessee
Rev. Cassidy	Acting as Supply Pastor Pleasant Hill Church
Rev. Henry H. Sanders Jr.	Purdy Church in Tennessee
Rev. Eugene Ramsey	Zanesville, Ohio
Bartlett Ohio church	is in the hands of the President
Cedar Ridge Church	is in the hands of the committee
Rev. Darrel Holty	Long, Ohio
Cuttler Church	in hands of President
Rev. William Dugger	Evangelist-at-large

## LICENTIATES:

Brother Hershel Williams	Sister Nannie Erwin
Brother Henry H. Sanders Jr.	Sister Mary Howell

REPORT NO. 14      CONFERENCE AIDE

To the President and co-workers of the South Ohio Conference, I bring greetings from the Conference Aide Societies of this Conference.

The past year, we held two Rallies, one at Barnett Ridge on November 4, 1956. Our churches were well represented. Marietta and Zanesville choirs rendered several selections. Rev. Ramsey was our speaker. Offering: \$50.20.

The second Rally was at Zanesville on April 14, 1957. Brother Queen and his group was present and took part in the service. Also Sister Gertrude Harris, Rev. and Sis. A. M. Gilmer and Frederick Curtis. Rev. Gilmer was the speaker. Offering was \$44.50.

Total from both rallies was \$94.70. \$50.00 of the total was earmarked for extension work of the conference. The remainder was left at the two churches.

Our joint session, the Young people and the Conference Aide, met the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in May. We feel it was one of the best conventions, spiritually.

The sum of \$100.00 was donated to Parkersburg, W. Virginia church on their new pews. Also a sum of \$100.00 as a love offering to Rev. Eugene Ramsey. At this time we present the sum of \$50.00 for extension work to our conference.

We covet your prayers for our work this coming year, we pray God's blessing on every one present in this annual conference.

Carefully submitted:

Norma Curtis  
President Conference Aide  
South Ohio Conference

SUPERANNUATED FUND REPORT:

To the South Ohio Annual Conference. Greetings in Jesus' name. As treasurer of the superannuated fund, I wish to submit the following report:

Have on the Superannuated List: Elder Clara Cook, Sister Elizabeth Canedy, Sister W. F. Jones, Sister Edith Cottman. They seem very grateful for blessings received and send a thanks and God bless you to the Conference.

Brought forward from last year---\$123.53. Received from the Clark sisters, September 10 - \$5.00.

Paid out September 14: Sister Cook \$25.00. Sister Canedy \$20.00. Sister Jones \$20.00. Sister Cottman \$20.00. Total including postage and fees \$85.27. Leaving a balance of \$43.26 in treasury.

Paid out December 1956: Sister Cook \$5.00. Sister Jones \$5.00. Sister Canedy \$5.00. Sister Cottman \$5.00. Total paid out including postage \$20.12. Leaving a balance of \$23.14.

June 1957 received from Sunday School Convention \$50.00. From Sunday School \$31.00. August 23, 1957, received of Rev. C. A. Pauley, Conference Treasurer, \$41.00. Making a total of \$145.14 in treasury to date.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Gertrude Harris,  
Superannuated Treasurer  
901 Clement Avenue  
Dayton 8, Ohio

REPORT FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT - Eugene Ramsey

Made a trip to Marion College and secured Rev. L. Flint to Pastor at Long, Ohio. Also visited this church to introduce Rev. Flint to congregation. Later in year,

made another visit to the Long, Ohio church.

Visited the church at Bartlett, Ohio during their revival. Spoke at the Area Missionary Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. In behalf of our conference, visited Marion, Indiana during the summer and secured Rev. Darrell Holtz to fill Dr. Flint's place for coming year, and held a week of evangelistic services at the Dayton, Ohio church.

Respectfully your brother in Christ,

Rev. Eugene Ramsey

### CONFERENCE EVANGELIST REPORT DISTRICT NUMBER 1

To the South Ohio Annual Conference, Greetings in Jesus!  
Dear Name. As conference evangelist of District No. 1, I submit the following report. By the Lord's help I have preached and served the Holy Communion at the following churches on the following dates:

#### ZANESVILLE, OHIO

October 12.	January 13.	April 14.	July 7.	
Offerings-----				60.00

#### CUTLER MISSION

October 21.	January 20.	April 23.		
Offerings-----				48.78

#### MARIETTA, OHIO

October 28.	January 27.	April 28.	July 28.	
Offerings-----				40.00

#### CEDAR RIDGE, OHIO

October 28 (2:30 PM).	January 27	April 28.		
Offerings-----				16.17

#### PARKERSBURG, W. VIRGINIA

October 28 (8:00 PM).	January 27	April 28		
July 28	Offerings-----			40.00

#### BETHEL CHURCH

November 4.	February 3.	May 12.	August 4	
Offerings-----				82.50

Total Visits

22

Total Offerings

\$287.45

Respectfully submitted: Mrs. Gertrude Harris

CONFERENCE EVANGELIST DISTRICT NO. 2 REPORT

Hillsboro, Ohio	Nov. 3	Offering:-----	5.55
Dayton, Ohio	Nov. 11	Offering:-----	27.26
Long, Ohio	Nov. 18	Offering:-----	10.00
Dayton, Ohio	Nov. 25	Offering:-----	20.87
Hillsboro, Ohio	Feb. 3	Offering:-----	6.00
Dayton, Ohio	Feb. 10	Offering:-----	20.00
Hillsboro, Ohio	Aug. 4	Offering:-----	9.00
Dayton, Ohio	Aug. 11	Offering:-----	17.30
Long, Ohio	Aug. 18	Offering:-----	10.00
Gift	Feb. 10		1.00
Dayton, Ohio	Mar. 31	Offering:-----	20.00
Dayton, Ohio	Jun. 16	Offering:-----	13.00
Dayton, Ohio	Jul. 14	Offering:-----	21.07
Dayton, Ohio	Christmas Gift		10.00
TOTAL			<u>\$191.05</u>

Respectfully submitted:

Rev. C. A. Pauley

EVANGELISTIC REPORT

To the South Ohio Conference, 64th Session, GREETINGS in the Name of Jesus. I wish to report on this year's activities. I preached the gospel of Christ every available opportunity. God blessed my work. There were those who were persuaded to believe. Praise His Holy Name.

Elder William Dugger.

REPORT FROM REV. CLARA M. COOKE

Greetings to South Ohio Conference.

Ministerial dues	\$1.00
Stewards	1.00
Conference	1.00
Public Missionary Meeting	1.00
Superannuated fund	1.00

Kitchen	1.00
Conference Missionary	1.00
Total	\$7.00

Submitted by: Rev. Clara M. Cooke

### EVANGELISTIC REPORT

To the South Ohio Conference convening at Zanesville, Ohio, August 29, 1957. The work to which I was assigned at the last annual conference, I began at once, faithfully laboring by example and word of mouth, leading the people into a higher experience of perfect love and entire sanctification. I have abided by the doctrine of our discipline, sought to promote the interest of Sunday Schools.

Our present work is showing improvement. Our spiritual activities are on the upward trend for which we thank the Lord. I am ready and willing to take whatever work the conference feels is needed.

Yours in the service of Christ,

Anna M. Gilmer,  
Ass't Pastor at Marietta, O.  
and Parkersburg, W. Virginia

### DEACONESS REPORT

To the South Ohio Conference, GREETINGS in Jesus' name. I have visited the sick and shut-ins in hospitals and homes; secured clothing and food for the needy; as a steward of the Lord's money, distributed to the necessities of His messengers that the gospel might be carried to those who have never heard; shared financially with those less fortunate and helped perform duties in the home where there was sickness. I counselled with the unsaved about their souls. Realizing my unworthiness before Him, I count it a privilege to serve Him. I do covet your prayers.

Respectfully,

Theresa M. Clark

To the South Ohio Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, the 64th Session, convening at the State Street church, Zanesville, Ohio, GREETINGS in the precious Name of Jesus.

The following is the report of my Christian Ministry for the conference year, September 1956 to August 1957: Sermons preached: 120. I serve as assistant to the Chaplain at the Miami Valley and St. Elizabeth Hospitals. I am also assistant to the Protestant Chaplain at the Veterans Administration Center. I am happy to report two conversions at the V. A. C. Also two baptized.

I have also made visits to the Good Samaritan Hospital, the State Hospital and the County Home and Rest Homes of our city, administering to the patients' spiritual guidance.

My wife and I continue the Sunday School and daily vacation Bible School in our home, known as the Alder Street Chapel, at 35 South Alder Street. One member to the Chapel has been added. God has wonderfully blessed us in this work for Him.

Prayerfully submitted,

Rev. Herschel F. Williams

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#### CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

Conference Treasurer's report for Conference Year ending August 29, 1957:

On deposit at the Merchants National Bank at Dayton, Ohio, August 28, 1956:-----\$1,325.99  
Deposits made as follows:

August 28, 1956	\$ 158.10
September 4	283.53
September 5	110.25
September 11	57.30
October 12	47.30

November 8	32.93
December 7	24.56
January 10, 1957	27.78
January 24	69.62
January 24	16.00
March 11	36.24
April 12	25.07
April 18	14.55
May 16	17.43
June 10	43.47
July 9	34.06
July 25	69.65
August 12	63.83
August 12	110.00
August 15	22.10
August 27	207.45

TOTAL

\$1,471.22

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT OF MONIES RECEIVED AT CONF.

Cash	\$ 361.90
Checks	311.55
Gross	\$673.45
Disbursed	180.53 (Conference Officials)
	\$492.92 Net Balance

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FINANCIAL TOTALS FOR GENERAL BUDGET AND SOUTH OHIO CONF.  
TREASURY

Financial Totals from churches which was budgeted  
for General Budget and South Ohio Conference Treasury:

Dayton, Ohio	\$440.00
To Conference President	55.00 (Elder A. M. Gilmer)
Total	\$495.00
Parkersburg, W. Virginia	133.00
Marietta, Ohio	187.80
Long, Ohio	116.65
Bartlett, Ohio	135.40

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Zanesville, Ohio	104.42
Barnett Ridge, Ohio	8.00
Cutler, Ohio	73.15
Hillsboro, Ohio	<u>146.35</u>
Total	\$1,399.77

Total Amount sent to Headquarters:

Office from one church, during Conf. yr. 42.00

Check sent to Dr. Roy Nicholson after Conf.  
by our Conf. Treasurer Elder C. A. Pauley 735.25

Sent to Hq by our Conf. Missionary Treasurer-  
Sister Gertrude Holbert 184.57

Sent to Dr. Rufus Reisdorph per capita money  
part of which was received at our last S. S.  
Convention by S. S. Secy Rita Lee 94.65

The amount received at Convention was held in  
S. S. Conv. Treasury until necessary balance  
was rec'd after conference budgeting.

TOTAL amount sent to Hq. Office \$1,056.47

Signed: Rita E. H. Lee

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## WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY MINUTES

Zanesville, Ohio

30 August 1957

The Women's Missionary Convention of the South Ohio Conference convened on the above date and place, with the President in the chair. Devotions were led by Rev. Henry Sanders Jr of Bethel Springs, Tennessee. Songs: "There is a Fountain", "Glory to His Name", "I Need Thee", "Take time to be Holy" and "Come, Thou Almighty King." Scripture: Psalms 34, 15 verses by Rev. Henry Sanders Jr. Prayer by Rev. Henry Sanders, Sr.

BUSINESS: Minutes were read and adopted. Remarks by the President, Mrs. Edith Cottman. They were based on prevailing prayer. We know that prayer changes things, when we ask and ask not amiss. It was very much in evidence throughout the sessions of this conference. May our Heavenly Father be praised, for His name should be exalted above all other names.

Roll call of officers and delegates.

Appointment of committees by the President and Vice Pres.

Rules and Orders: Mary Howell and Luella Campbell

Credentials and Membership: Gladys Singer and Thelma Adams

Finance and Claims: Thelma Adams and Elva Johnson

Courtesy: Rev. Anna Gilmer

Thanks: Helen Wilson and Alice Spriggs

Introduction of Visitors by Rev. Anna Gilmer

Conference membership roll with the following paying \$1.00:

Rev. Gertrude Harris	Rev. C. M. Cooke
Rev. Anna Gilmer	Theresa Clark
Florence Clark	

Total \$5.00

Report of membership and credentials read and adopted with the following sent as delegates:

Marietta, Ohio: Gladys Singer  
Dayton, Ohio: Corinne Crutchfield  
Parkersburg, W. Va: Mary Howell  
Hillsboro, Ohio: Louella Campbell  
Zanesville, Ohio: Thelma Adams

Rules and order report read and adopted. Auditing report read and adopted. Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Delegates reported from local societies-Marietta, Dayton, Zanesville, Hillsboro, Ohio, Parkersburg, W. Va., read and adopted. Moved and adopted that each society of the local churches send in \$1.00 as membership dues for the active and honorary.

Report of Magazine solicitor, Norma Curtis, adopted. Report of Thanks read and adopted. To be reread later. The service was turned into a praise time. How it pays to give time to the Lord. We felt the presence of the Lord during this service. We must learn that obedience is better than sacrifice. How great is He, who lifts the load, when we have toiled all night and seem to be getting nowhere. There should be new visions and greater determination. Let us pray and make the coming year the best that has been known in the WMS. We can, if we lay ourselves at the feet of Jesus. "If ye abide in me and I abide in you, ask what ye will and ye shall receive." What a wonderful promise. We have been drifting in water that has been too shallow. Let us plunge out into the deeper waters of our Lord. Thanks be unto God, for the victory through Jesus Christ, His son. Will we claim the victory?

Songs: "Ready", "I'll Fly Away" and "Power in the Blood."  
Benediction: Mary Howell.

7:30 PM.

Songs: "Ready", "I'll Fly Away" and "Lead me, Guide Me."

Prayer: Mrs. Henry Sanders, Sr.

Scripture: 13 verses of the 14th chapter of St. John.

Reading: Gladys Singer

Rev. Harold K. Sheets, General Representative, was introduced by Rev. A. M. Gilmer.

Rev. Sheets' sermon was taken from the book of Genesis, 17th chapter, verses 1-18. He left many good thoughts with us. The message was inspiring to all. Thoughts

taken from sermon were as follows:

Man is known by the company he keeps.

We miss a lot when we doubt.

So many are playing fast and loose with God. Where are you?

A person lives behind their day. When they should be seeing things over the hill. Get thee out is a message itself. We must get out of our slothfulness, ease, comfort, complacency, so Christ can lead us. When Jesus calls, He means business. Not when we get ready, but now. He speaks with authority. There is a price to pay, when we make Christ first and forsake all. Anything that comes between us and Jesus is idolatry. We have so much half-heartedness. Folk that will go only part way want to hang on to some of the world and are not willing to pay the price. Are you farther up the ladder of faith? There is no end to it and it is there for you. He also spoke of Barbed-wire Religion. A religion where you can't sit on the fence. If more of us had it we would do better things for the upbuilding of the Kingdom. There are so many things to hinder us- carnality, strife, etc. There is too much at stake to let these obstacles creep in our hearts. One with God is the majority. Weapons of warfare are mighty with God if they are prayer, love and the words of Jesus. Walk thou before me and be thou perfect. "And I will make my covenant between me and thee and will multiply thee exceedingly." Faith is the victory.

Offering: \$37.00

Announcements by Rev. A. M. Gilmer.

Benediction: Rev. Virgil Mitchell

Saturday 9:00 AM.

Devotions by Rev. Anna M. Gilmer

Songs: "Count your Blessings" and "When we all get to Heaven."

Prayer: The Lord's Prayer in unison.

Scripture: Jeremiah 23:1-11 verses.

Business.

Minutes read and adopted with necessary corrections.

Election of Officers:

President: Edith Cottman  
Vice President: Volorus Chandler  
Secretary: Gertrude Holbert  
Ass't Secretary: Mary Howell  
Magazine Solicitor: Norma Curtis  
Prayer Partner Secretary: Elva Johnson  
Financial Secretary: Norma Curtis  
Treasurer: Gladys Singer  
YMWB Superintendent: Thelma Adams  
Program Committee: Edith Cottman, Gertrude Holbert and Volorus Chandler.

Moved and adopted cards of cheer be sent to Rev. C. M. Cooke, Elta Stevens and other names turned into Secretary.

Suggested we make a program for our next session so as to redeem time. Moved and adopted to pay \$22.00 for printing of minutes. Moved and adopted that each society bring in money for kitchen of church where conference convenes. Moved and adopted to inquire about the Tennessee folk in the W. M. work. Finance and claims report read and adopted.

Suggested a candle be lit in the memorial services to represent the WMS deceased members. Program committee to get the candles. Adjourned to meet, God be willing, in 1958 at Dayton, Ohio.

Benediction: Rev. Anna Gilmer.

### REPORTS

We, your committee, on credentials, beg leave to submit the following report: We have before us credentials from the following churches:

Delegates: Corrine Crutchfield - Dayton, Ohio. Louella Campbell - Hillsboro, Ohio. Mary Howell - Parkersburg, W. Virginia. Gladys Singer - Marietta, Ohio. Thelma Adams - Zanesville, Ohio.

Kindly submitted:  
Gladys Singer and Thelma Adams

We, your committee on rules and orders, submit the following report: We recommend the same rules and orders for our Missionary Day as previously given by the conference. Conference Bar consists of the first five rows. Breakfast at 8:00 Devotional 8:45 AM. Business 9:00 AM. Adjourn 12:00. Reassemble 1:30 PM. Evening Service 7:30.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Howell and Louella Campbell

We, your committee on auditing beg leave to submit the following report. We find the treasurer's book correct and in order. Kindly submitted:

Corrine Crutchfield and Rev. Anna M. Gilmer

#### Treasurer's Report:

February 1, 1957 - \$35.00-

April 27, 1957 - \$10.00 which was sent to Ruby Reisdorph for self-denial from the Zanesville church. Received from Marietta, Ohio, July 25, 1957, \$50.00. Membership dues \$12.00. Received from Parkersburg, West Virginia, August 26, 1957 \$29.00. Balance to date \$371.17

Gladys Singer,  
Treasurer.

We, your committee on Finance and Claims humbly submit the following report: Money taken in - \$241.79. Money earmarked - \$199.79. Paid to President - \$20.00. Paid to Vice President - \$10.00. Paid to Secretary - \$15.00.

Yours in Christ's Service

Elva Johnson and Thelma Adams

#### Prayer Partner Report:

Prayer Partner Circles - 3. Number of prayer partners - 45. Total number of missionaries chosen: Home - 5 Foreign - 19. Number of YMWB Prayer Partners - 2.

Mrs. Lillian Beard.

Summary of Local Societies: Number of societies - 5.  
Total membership - 81. Active 67. Honorary 14. Number  
of Wesleyan Missionary taken - 28. Total receipts for  
year - \$1,465.40. Balance on hand in treasury \$275.17.

FINANCIAL REPORT:Dayton, Ohio:

Superannuated Fund	\$25.00
Hepzibah Orphanage	6.00
Foreign Missions	25.00
Jewish work	10.00
Mary Howell	25.00
Med. Student	3.00
Membership dues	8.00
Administration fund	4.00

Hillsboro, Ohio

Home Missions	5.00
Foreign Missions (Check)	14.25
Mary Howell	10.00
Membership dues	3.00
Superannuated Fund	2.00
S. O. Conference	10.00

Parkersburg, W. Va.

To Treasurer	29.00
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Zanesville, Ohio

To Treasurer	35.00
Hepzibah Orphanage	5.00
Foreign Missions	43.54
Med. Student	3.00
Administration Fund	3.00

Marietta, Ohio

To treasurer	62.00
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Conference WM Roll - 5.00 Friday Evening Offering \$37.00  
Grand Total \$367.79

## WESLEYAN YOUTH MINUTES

Long, Ohio  
4-5 May 1957

The sixteenth Annual Session of the Wesleyan Youth of the South Ohio Conference met at Long, Ohio May 4-5, 1957. Rev. Eugene Ramsey, President, presiding.

8:20 AM

Song service led by Sister Gertrude Harris. Devotions led by Zanesville delegates. Opening Song - "Near the Cross". Prayer by Robert Smith. Scripture, Rev. Eugene Ramsey. Proverbs, 3rd chapter. Song - "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms".

BUSINESS

Reading of minutes of 1956 session. Minutes approved. The president was given the power to appoint the necessary committees. Committees appointed were:

Credentials and membership: Sister Chandler, Icyle Norris Gale Harris.

Rules and Orders: Florence Coatney, Norma Curtis and Jackie Willis.

Courtesy: Sister Theresa Clark, M. Epps and C. Clemens.

Thanks: Richard Dent and Sister Chandler

Religious Service: Nathaniel Bailey, Jr., N. Curtis, Rev. Ramsey and G. Harris

Moral Reform: Joyce Gates, June Coatney, G. Holbert and Gloria Burden

Finance and Claims: Rev. Pauley, Harold Holbert and James Davis

Auditing: Mary Harris and Charlotte Holland

The president called for unfinished or new business. No unfinished business. New business. Sister Harris presented the Financial needs of the convention. The present ways and means being inadequate to meet the growing expense. New Business - Finance: It was suggested by Rev. Ramsey that each church be responsible for the local W. Y. roll whether they are operating or not. Dues of 25¢ per member be sent to convention each year (active, associate and

honorary members). It was suggested and also passed that a conference fund be originated and to be supported by the local societies each local W. Y. are responsible for a rally during the year. One half of the proceeds to be sent to convention treasurer and the other one half be left in the local treasurer. It was also adopted that local presidents and supervisors send in one dollar per year if they cannot attend the convention.

Report of Committees were as follows:

### RULES AND ORDERS

We, the committee on rules and orders, wish to submit the following report: We recommend that the convention open at 8:20 AM and adjourn at 12:00 for lunch. Open at 1:30 for afternoon service and adjourn at 4:30. Reassemble at 7:30 for evening services. We further recommend that the first five seats across the front constitute the convention bar.

Kindly submitted,

Mrs. Norma Curtis  
Jackie Willis  
Florence Coatney

### CREDENTIALS AND MEMBERSHIP

We your committee on Credentials and Membership wish to submit the following report:

#### Delegates

Zanesville, Ohio	Icyle Norris	1.00
	Harold Holbert	1.00
Long, Ohio	Marion Collins	1.00
	Gloria Burden	1.00
Cutler, Ohio	Gale Harris	1.00
	Junior Bailey	1.00

Hillsboro, Ohio	Jackie Sue Willis	1.00
	Marie Dent	1.00
	Richard Dent	1.00
Parkersburg, W. Va.	James Davis	1.00
Dayton, Ohio	Joyce Gates	1.00
	June Coatney	1.00
Bethel, Ohio	Robert Smith	1.00
	Total	<u>\$13.00</u>

## Officers Registration:

	Rev. E. Ramsey	1.00
	Rev. G. Harris	1.00
	Mrs. N. Curtis	1.00
	Mrs. G. Holbert	1.00
Members of the	(Miss Theresa Clark)	1.00
	(Miss F. Clark)	1.00
	(Mrs. D. Oldham)	1.00
Conference Aide	(Mrs. V. Chandler)	1.00
	(Charlotte Holland)	1.00
	(Mrs. Harris)	1.00
	ALL TOTAL	<u>\$23.00</u>

Kindly submitted,

Icyle Norris  
Gale Harris  
Volorus Chandler

AUDITING

We, the committee on auditing, find the bank book to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Mary Harris  
Charlotte Holland

RELIGIOUS SERVICE

We, the committee on Religious Service submit the following report: 10:30 AM, Speaker, Rev. Lowell Flint. Song Service led by Mrs. Gertrude Holbert and Mrs. Mary Harris. 1:30 PM, Rev. Eugene Ramsey will bring the message. Rev. Gertrude Harris leading the song service.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Norma Curtis  
Rev. Gertrude Harris  
Rev. Eugene Ramsey  
Nathaniel Bailey, Jr.

MORAL REFORMS

We, your committee on Moral Reforms, submit the following report. The Moral standing, today, is at a very low ebb. The crimes and sins of the world are growing greater. Narcotics, Alcohol, tobacco and fast living are taking the best out of youth. Instead of asking the Lord to help us, we are trying to seek an easier way out. May we recommend that our folk fight against these evils. The only source is through prayer and the blood of Jesus Christ.

Humbly submitted,

June Coatney  
Joyce Gates  
Gloria Burden  
Mrs. Gertrude Holbert

THANKS

We, your committee on Thanks, beg leave to submit the following report:

We are so thankful that the Lord has permitted us to gather in this convention one more time. We are thankful for the people at Long, who have invited us here and opened

their homes to us and the way they have attended to our every need. We thank them for the bountiful and delicious meals they have served.

We wish to thank the ministers, the Conference Aid Society, the Young Peoples Group who have made our stay so enjoyable. Most of all we wish to thank Almighty God for his kindnessm thoughtfulness, traveling mercy and all other blessings that can come only from Him.

We are so grateful for everything and have tried to make our stay a profitable one.

Humbly submitted,

Richard Dent  
Volorus Chandler

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

As treasurer of the Wesleyan Youth, I submit the following report:

Balance carried over -----	\$	338.99
Deposited May 29, 1956-----		30.93
Interest received June 30, 1956-----		4.30
Deposited August 3, 1956-----		15.75
Interest received December 31, 1956----		4.68
	\$	<u>394.65</u>

Withdrew

Rev. Ramsey October 23, 1956	\$15.00
Rev. Ramsey April 26, 1957	20.00

Received from Youth Week

Cutler, Ohio	21.51
Bethel (Bartlett)	15.00
Zanesville	11.83
Dayton	46.75
Long	25.00

Total 120.09

Disbursed to Rev. R. W. McIntyre \$120.29

Balance in treasury to date-----\$359.65

Respectfully submitted Gertrude Holbert, Treasurer

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Treasurer's report by Sister Holbert, adopted. Report of President adopted. 10:40 Recess. Meet your neighbor. Theme Song: "Whisper a prayer" led by Gloria Burden. 11:00 AM assembly. Song 258. Roll called. Report of Local Societies. Hillsboro, Long, Dayton read and adopted. No report from Bethel. They sent \$5.00 by secretary Robert Smith. No report from Marietta. Report from Parkersburg read and adopted. Report on thanks adopted but to be re-read on Sunday PM.

Motion and seconded to draw \$1.00 from day's receipts to pay sister Holbert for treasurer's book. An order for \$1.00 was written by secretary. Adjourned for lunch.

1:30 PM

Devotions led by delegates from Dayton. Song: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee". Scripture: Joyce Gates. Lord's Prayer in unison. Song "Yield Not to Temptation". Roll Call. Reading of minutes of AM session. Minutes read and adopted.

Rev. Walter W. Jeffries, our area president, was presented to the convention by Rev. Ramsey. He was to preside in his own way. Rev. Jeffries chose to bring us a message from the text II Kings 2:15. Brother Jeffries proved the necessity also the beauty of older folk and youth joining hands in the work of Christ. He stressed three points Elisha sought after Elijah. 1. Spirit of Victory. 2. Spirit of Opportunity. 3. Spirit of Blessings.

Rev. Jeffries closed his meeting with a series of questions and answers. An offering was lifted for Rev. Jeffries totalling \$14.00. Six dollars was drawn from the day's receipts to make an offering of \$20.00. Adjourned at 4:30 PM for supper.

7:00 PM

Devotions led by delegates from Cutler. Song: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling. Prayer: Rev. Ramsey.

Scripture by Gale Harris. Song: "Jesus is All the World to Me.

BUSINESS:

Report on Religious Services. Adopted. Report on Finance and Claims adopted. Sister Lee turned in \$5.00 for kitchen from Hillsboro. She introduced Rev. Robert Holder from New Guinea. He had been assisting her in the services at Hillsboro, Ohio. He spoke very encouragingly.

7:30 PM:

Devotions by Gale Harris, Junior Bailey and Robert Smith.

BUSINESS:

It was moved and seconded also carried to give Miss Mary Hughley a love offering of \$5.00 for printing the programs.

REPORT OF EUGENE RAMSEY - PRESIDENT SOUTH OHIO CONFERENCE YOUTH CONVENTION

I attended the area Council Meeting in Marion during the month of October. At this time we had the election of officers and discussed the coming meetings in Marion. Committees were also appointed, which met in the evening. Goals were set up for the coming year.

I also was able to be with the Dayton Youth during the month of April. April 25, 26, I attended the Marion Area Youth Convention which was quite inspiring.

Rev. Ramsey gave comments from the program.

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

(Not available for print)

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH OHIO CONFERENCE

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Secretary	Jackie Willes
Assistant Secretary	Marie Dent
Treasurer	Gertrude Holbert
Program Committee:	James Davis
	Richard Dent

A motion was entertained to adjourn to meet in Parkersburg, West Virginia, May 1958, Lord willing.

Evening Program: Discussion of Topics  
Offering for kitchen \$16.80

MEMBERSHIP ROLLSCUTLER, OHIO

Virginia Norris	.25
Catherine Tate	.25
Paul Tate	.25
Judy Tate	.25
Helen Harris	.25
Gary Harris	.25
Gale Harris	.25
Rosa Parsons	.25
Tommy Parsons	.25
Patty Norris	.25
Janie Dickenson	.25
Susie Dickenson	.25
Hazel Singer	.25
Kay Cunningham	.25
Lydia Mayle	.25
Junior Bailey	.25
Mae Mayle	.25
Genevieve Parsons	.25
Sue Mayle	.25
Mary Ellen Kennedy	.25
Juanita Dickenson	.25

ZANESVILLE, OHIO

Rev. E. Ramsey	.25	(Act.
Icyle Norris	.25	(Assoc.
Thomas King	.25	Act.
Mary King	.25	(Assoc.
Thelma Holbert	.25	(Assoc.
Gertrude Holbert	.25	(Act.
Rachel Holbert	.25	(Assoc.
Harold Holbert	.25	(Assoc.
Edward Holbert	.25	(Assoc.
Elizabeth Curtis	.25	(Assoc.
Ruby Curtis	.25	(Act.
Martha Simpson	.25	(Assoc.
Stanley Si pson	.25	(Assoc.
Yvonne Chandler	.25	(Assoc.
Loretta Chandler	.25	(Assoc.
Gary Chandler	.25	(Assoc.
Hazel Craig	.25	(Act.
Ronnie Craig	.25	(Assoc.
Jo Ellen Tabler	.25	(Assoc.
Shirley Earley	.25	(Assoc.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

Fearl Tate	.25
Elizabeth Harris	.25
Helen Bailey	.25
Total	<u>\$6.00</u>

HONORARY MEMBERS

Volorus Chandler	.25
Della Churchell	.25
Norma Curtis	.25
Ruth Tabler	.25
Lewis Tabler	.25
Cora Williams	.25
Rose Sells	.25
Thelma Adams	.25
George Adams	.25
Henry Williams	<u>.25</u>

TOTAL \$6.50

ANNUAL W. YOUTH STATISTICAL REPORTDAYTON, OHIO

Active Members	18	Associate Members	21
Wesleyan Youth Subs	12	Efficiency Rating	B
General Dues	\$15.00	Conference Dues	16.15
Education	55.52	Home Missions	10.00
Local Work	147.02	Easter Offering	19.25
Total Receipts		Total Disbursements	269.94
plus Balance	439.54	Cash on Hand	\$176.62

HILLSBORO, OHIO

Active Members	8	Associate Members	12
Wesleyan Youth Subs	6	General Dues	12.00
Conference Dues	24.50	Local Work	40.00
Easter Offering	10.00	Total Receipts	
Total Disbursements	86.50	plus Balance	89.28
Cash on Hand	2.78		

CUTLER, OHIO

Active Members	21	Associate Members	3
Wesleyan Youth Subs	12	Conference Dues	6.00
Local Work	87.00	Easter Offering	21.51
Total Receipts		Total Disbursements	114.51
plus Balance	120.51	Cash on Hand	6.00

LONG, OHIO

Active Members	13	Associate members	0
Wesleyan Youth Subs	1	Conference Dues	3.25
Local Work	13.86	Easter Offering	25.00
Total Receipts		Total Disbursements	44.11
plus balance	47.81	Cash on Hand	3.47

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH OHIO CONFERENCE

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PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

Active Members	7	Associate members	5
Wesleyan Youth Subs	6	General Dues	1.50
Church Extension	8.00	Education	2.00
Local Work	2.00	Easter Offering	11.83
Total Receipts		Total Disbursements	14.50
plus Balance	18.75	Cash on Hand	4.75

ZANESVILLE, OHIO

Active Members	30	Wesleyan Youth Subs	1
Conference Dues	7.50	Local Work	47.41
Total Receipts		Total Disbursements	66.74
plus Balance	66.74		

STATISTICAL REPORT  
OF THE SOUTH OHIO CONFERENCE

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1. Elders on conference roll -----9
2. Elders on stationed list -----5
  - Elder J. W. Wilson  
163 $\frac{1}{4}$  Germantown Street Dayton, Ohio
  - Elder A. M. Gilmer  
713 $\frac{1}{2}$  Second Street Marietta, Ohio
  - Elder Ralph Tate  
932 Keen Street Zanesville, Ohio
  - Elder Rita E. H. Lee  
Home Address: 35 S. Alder Street Dayton 7, Ohio  
Parsonage: 230 N. East & East North Streets  
Hillsboro, Ohio
  - Elder Eugene Ramsey  
905 W. Muskingum Avenue Zanesville, Ohio
3. Annual Conference Preachers on stationed list---2
  - Rev. Herschel F. Williams, with the assistance of his wife, Eunice E. Williams operates a mission in their home 35 S. Alder Street Dayton 7, Ohio. Work was set up by S. S. Secretary Rita E. H. Lee.
  - Rev. Anna M. Gilmer  
713 $\frac{1}{2}$  Second Street Marietta Ohio. She assists with work of her husband, Elder A. M. Gilmer.
4. Elders on the Reserve List -----None
5. Elders on the Unstationed list-----3
  - Elder William P. Dugger  
121 S. Summit Street Dayton 7, Ohio
  - Elder Gertrude Harris  
901 Clement Avenue Dayton 8, Ohio

STATISTICAL REPORT  
SOUTH OHIO CONFERENCE

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Elder C. A. Pauley  
255 Henry Street Dayton 3, Ohio

6. Elders on the Superannuated List-----1  
    Elder Clara M. Cooke  
    1007 E. Broadway Kokomo, Indiana
7. Elders deposed this year-----None  
8. Elders withdrawn this year-----None  
9. Joined the conference this year-----None  
10. Elders died during the year-----None  
11. Conference Preachers died during the year-----None  
12. SUMMARY OF STATISTICS - ALL CHURCHES

PASTOR'S LABORS ITEM I

Time employed (month)	124
Appointments	11
Organized church appointments	12

PERIODICALS ITEM II

Wesleyan Methodists taken	49
Wesleyan Missionarys taken	34
Wesleyan Youth taken	47
Wesleyan Lesson Helps taken:	
Sunday School Banner	46
Junior Class Paper	0
Children's Friend	20
Adult Teacher's Quarterly	)
Intermediate Teacher's Quarterly)	119
Junior-Primary Teacher's Quarterly)	
Senior Scholar's Quarterly	435
Intermediate Scholar's Quarterly	117
Junior Scholar's Quarterly	114
Primary Quarterly	44
Home Department Quarterly	0
Lesson Leaflet	10
Little Folks Cards	10
Bible Lesson Chart	1

SUMMARY OF STATISTICAL REPORTS

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Bible Lesson Stories with Handwork	15
Pict. - Art 36 Little Friends of Jesus	60

MEMBERSHIP ITEM III

Full Membership Reported Last Year-----	384
Full Members Received this Year -----	26
Expelled-----	0
Discontinued-----	56
Died-----	8
Granted Letters -----	0
Total Membership Lost -----	64
Present Full membership -----	432
Associate members -----	12
Junior Members -----	9
Total Present Membership -----	453
Total Membership Reported Last Year -----	418
Gain in Membership for year -----	14
Loss in Membership for year-----	0
Baptized	
Adults-----	20
Infant (Christened)-----	1
Infants Dedicated -----	8
Local Preachers -----	6
Unstationed Elders -----	3
Number of Family Altars -----	42
Membership Tithing -----	49
Number of Card Call Subscribers -----	8

SUNDAY SCHOOLS ITEM IV

Number of Sunday Schools -----	12
Whole Number of Officers and Teachers -----	119
Whole Number of Scholars in Main School -----	463
Total Number in Main School -----	582
Number in Home Department -----	14
Number in Cradle Roll -----	35
Total Number in Sunday School -----	631
Average Attendance -----	415
Number of scholars converted -----	30
Number of Scholars Joining Church -----	19

# SUMMARY OF STATISTICAL REPORTS

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## Sunday School Item IV (Continued)

Number of Departmental Superintendents -----	9
Number of Teachers' Training Course -----	14
Number of Organized Classes -----	23
Number of Books in Library -----	153
Enrollment Vacation Bible School -----	125
Average Attendance Vacation Bible School -----	91

## WESLEYAN YOUTH LOCALS

Number of Locals -----	7
Total Membership of Locals -----	101

## CHURCH PROPERTY ITEM V

Number of Church Buildings -----	12
Value of Buildings	\$82,500.00
Amount of Indebtedness	1,980.00
Amount of Insurance	43,000.00
Number of Parsonages -----	3
Value of Parsonages	\$10,500.00
Amount of Indebtedness	00
Amount of Insurance	5,000.00
Cash or Other Values on Hand	1,873.44

## DISBURSED FOR PASTOR ITEM VI

Salary -----	\$ 8,771.08
Parsonage Rent	None
Marriage and Funeral Fees -----	\$ 141.15
Gifts -----	\$ 189.30
Total Pastor's Receipts -----	\$ 9,101.53

## DISBURSED FOR CHURCH ITEM VII

Other Evangelistic Help -----	\$2,088.29
Sunday School Expense -----	1,831.13
Building -----	485.62
Repairs -----	864.40
Amount Paid on Indebtedness -----	520.00
Church Incidental Expense -----	3,378.80
	<u>\$9,168.24</u>

# SUMMARY OF STATISTICAL REPORTS

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## DISBURSED FOR BUDGET    ITEM VIII

<u>General Budget:</u>	<u>Assigned</u>	<u>Raised</u>
Our Conference Missionary		184.57
Foreign Missions		207.46
Home Missions		151.12
Education (Marion College)		217.96
Superannuate Ministers		
Pension Fund    We did not join		
Orphanage		37.64
Administrative Budget		58.72
Gen. Con. Travel & Entertainment		31.25
General S. S. Work		94.65
Australia		31.10
Total General Budget		<u>\$1,014.47</u>

<u>Conference Budget:</u>	<u>Assigned</u>	<u>Raised</u>
President's Salary		92.53
Conf. Evangelist's Salary		251.83
Conference Work	Dues	288.00
Conference Missions	Extension	50.12
Superannuated Love Offerings		41.65
Total Conference Budget		<u>\$ 723.13</u>
Total Budget		<u>1,737.60</u>

## DISBURSED FOR BENEVOLENCES    ITEM IX

Foreign Missions    (Africa)	25.00
Home Missions        (Local)	28.00
Education    (In our conference)	50.00
Conference Work	60.00
W. Y.	286.75
Australia	
Other Objects	182.70
Y. M. W. B.	17.00
I. V. Bible School	86.16
Donation of Long S. S. to their church	100.00
	<u>\$ 835.61</u>

DISBURSED TOTALS    ITEM X

Total for Pastor	\$ 9,101.53
Total for Church	9,168.24
Total for Budget	1,737.60
Total for Benevolences	835.61
Total for all Purposes	<u>\$ 20,842.98</u>

## 13. How the work is supplied -

- (A) Elder J. W. Wilson - First Wesleyan Methodist Church - Dayton 2, Ohio
- (B) Elder A. M. Gilmer - Wesleyan Methodist Church Marietta Ohio and Parkersburg W. Virginia
- (C) Elder Ralph Tate Wesleyan Methodist Church Bartlett, Ohio
- (D) Elder Rita E. H. Lee - First Wesleyan Methodist Church Hillsboro, Ohio. S. S. Secretary and Conference Statistician and Assistant to Elder C. A. Pauley in compiling General Budget Finances.
- (E) Elder Eugene Ramsey - State Street Wesleyan Methodist Church - Zanesville, Ohio
- (F) Elder William P. Dugger - Evangelist at large.
- (G) Rev. Anna Gilmer Assistant to her husband at Marietta, Ohio and Parkersburg, W. Virginia.
- (H) Elder Gertrude Harris - Conference Evangelist District No. 1, Superannuated Love Offering Treasurer and Assists W. Youth Work of Conference
- (I) Elder Clarence A. Pauley - Conference Evangelist of District No. 2.
- (J) Rev. Hotge, Long Ohio Church Greenville, Ohio Route 3 - Student of Marion College.
- (K) Barnet Ridge - Wesleyan Methodist Church in hands of the president.
- (L) Rev. Herschel F. Williams Evangelist at large
- (M) Elder H. H. Sanders Sr. of W. L. Thompson Memorial - At Bethel Springs Church W. Tennessee District
- (N) Rev. J. A. Cassady - Pleasant Hill Church West Tennessee District

- (O) Rev. H. H. Sanders Jr. Purdy Church  
West Tennessee District
- (P) Sister Irvin Evangelist in West Tenn.  
District.
- (Q) Sister Orpther Anderson Traveling Bible  
Teacher - West Tenn. District of the South  
Ohio Conference.

14. When and Where shall the next conference be held?

Next August 28-31 at First Wesleyan Methodist Church  
Dayton, Ohio

15. Conference Officers:

President Elder Eugene Ramsey  
Vice President Elder H. H. Sanders Sr.  
Secretary Mrs. Elva Johnson - Dayton, Ohio  
Sunday School Secretary Elder Rita E. H. Lee  
Tithing Secretary Mrs. Norma Curtis  
Treasurer Elder Clarence A. Pauley

Signed:

Rita E. H. Lee  
Statistical Secretary