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HELD AT

Chattanooga, Tennessee July 8-10, 1947

REV. D. P. DENTON, President MRS. R. E. RICE, Secretary

PAGE OF INFORMATION

- Remit your Conference Budget money to the Conference Treasurer by the last day of each current month.
- Your Conference Treasurer's address is Mr. O. A. Collins, 325 S. Leslie St., Knoxville 16, Tenn.
- 3. Your Connectional Budget may be sent to the various treasurers direct if you prefer, but a copy of the receipt MUST BE MAILED to the Conference Treasurer for credit on your Budget.
- 4. PASTORS PLEASE NOTE: If you desire to call help outside our Denomination you must FIRST consult the President and his Advisory Board as required by the Discipline paragraph 168 (b).
- 5. Send your Delegates Credentials to O. A. Collins, 325 S. Leslie St., Knoxville 16, Tenn. not later than July 6, 1948.
- 6. Money raised for Pioneer Evangelism is to be reported under Benevolences Item IX, under Conference Work.
- 7. The Conference Treasurer's Books close June 30.
- 8. The Women's Missionary Society's Treasurer is Mrs. J. R. Edmonds, 228 Moody Avenue, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 9. Send one (1) copy of your Statistical Blank properly filled out not later than July 6, 1948 to Rev. M. L. Arnold, 1111 Middle-brook Pike, Knoxville 16, Tenn.
- Your W. Y. P. S. Treasurer is W. C. Shook, 2523 Washington Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.
- 11. Your Budget Apportionment per member is:

Foreign Missions\$	2.00
Home Missions	1.00
Education	
Orphanage	.25
Connectional S. S. work (per member of S. S.)	.05
Executive Budget (Gen. Conf. Pres. expense)	.25
General Conference expense	.20
Conference President's Salary	4.00
Conference Fund	1.75
Superannuated Ministers' Fund	.10

Total Budget _____\$11.60

12. Ten (10) cents for each of scholars in main school shall be raised in addition to the Budget for Pioneer Work within the Conference.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

Officiary

President—Rev. D. P. Denton, 1111 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville 16, Tennessee.

Vice-President-Rev. C. F. Smith, Rockwood, Tennessee.

Secretary—Mrs. R. E. Rice, 323 Columbia Road, Bristol, Tennessee.

Treasurer—Mr. O. A. Collins, 325 S. Leslie St., Knoxville 16, Tennessee.

Sunday School Secretary—Rev. W. T. McMahan, 203 E. 5th Ave., Knoxville, Tennessee.

Tithing Secretary—Rev. A. L. Lowrance, 4015 12th Ave., Chattanooga 7, Tennessee.

Advisory Board

Ministerial—Rev. A. L. Lowrance;

Layman-J. E. Comer.

Board of Trustees

Ministerial—A. L. Lowrance (1950); David P. Denton (1949); J. A. Cassady (1948).

Laymen—M. Houser (1949); J. E. Comer (1948).

Committee on Nominations

D. P. Denton

J. A. Cassady

J. F. Biddle

O. A. Collins

Camp Meeting Board

D P. Denton, President ex-officio; C. F. Smith, Vice-President; Clyde Blazer, O. A. Collins, J. E. Comer

Standing Committees

Itineracy and Orders—A. L. Lowrance (1951); C. F. Smith (1950); D. P. Denton (1949); J. A. Cassady (1948).

Judicial—C. F. Smith, J. F. Biddle, D. P. Denton, R. E. Rice.

Vacancies—H. A. Harvey, Clyde Blazer, J. A. Cassady, Hubert Lynn, J. E. Comer.

Missionary Board—D. P. Denton, Chairman ex-officio, M. L. Arnold, C. F. Smith, O. A. Collins, Miss Dortha Shook.

Educational Secretary—Clyde Blazer.

Statistical-M. L. Arnold, Edward Schade.

Sunday School Board—W. T. McMahan, D. P. Denton, Mrs. H. A. Harvey.

Nominee to Central College Board of Managers-D. P. Denton.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Knoxville:	Second Church	2016 Woodbine Ave. 500 Middlebrook Pike 114 Stair Ave. 207 Hinton St. Concord, R. I.
Bristol		323 Columbia Road
	a: First Church	4th Ave and 36th St. 5304 Slayton Ave.
Corinth		4th and Washington
Old Liberty		Bethel Springs, Tenn.
Elizabethton	ι	East Street
Freedom H	ill	Ethridge, Tenn.
Harriman		South Harriman
Johnson Cit	у	801 Wilson Ave.
Mascot		Shippe Addition Road
Nashville		611 Shelby St.
Rockwood		Eureka Road
Erwin		Okolana Drive
Green Mour	ntain Mission	Elizabethton, R. 4
Mountain V	iew	Tate Springs, Tenn.

CONFERENCE ROLL

Elders on Stationed List

Name	Address
Arnold, M. L. (5)	Knoxville 16, Tenn., 1111 Middlebrook Pike
	Jonesboro, Tenn., Box 311, R. 3
Blazer, Clyde (5)	Harriman, Tenn., Box 250½, R. 4
Cassady, J. A. (5)	Corinth, Miss., 1720 Webster St.
Denton, D. P. (5)	Knoxville 16, Tenn., 1111 Middlebrook Pike
Harvey, H. A. (4)	Powell Station, Tenn.
Harvey, Willa E. (4)	Powell Station, Tenn.
	Winston Salem, N. C., 1613 Academy St.
Lowrance, A. L. (5)	Chattanooga 7, Tenn., 4015 12th Ave.
	Knoxville, Tenn., 203 E. 5th Street
	Bristol, Tenn., 323 Columbia Road
Scarborough, W. L. (1)	Harriman, Tenn., R. 1
Shook, Dortha (2)	Knoxville 15, Tenn., 2523 Washington Ave.
	Rockwood, Tenn.
Whitaker, Jennie F	Knoxville 16, Tenn., 107 Keith Ave.

Conference Preachers on Stationed List

Name	Address
Akers, George (4)	Johnson City, Tenn., 801 Wilson Ave.
Bross, Geo. H. (5)	Knoxville 16, Tenn., 208 Miss. Ave.
Carnes, E. B. (5)	Rossville, Ga., R. 2
Cochran, J. C. (4)	Mascot, Tenn., R. 1
	Concord, Tenn., R. 1
Gatlin, M. R. (2)	Nashville, Tenn.
	Chattanooga, Tenn., 4104 14th Ave.
	Mascot, Tenn., R. 1
Hampton, Thomas (4)	Ethridge, Tenn., R. 2
	Mascot, Tenn., R. 1
	Hixson, Tenn.
Patterson, Geo. (2)	Chattanooga, Tenn., 2908 E. 38th St.
Revis, Calvin	Tate Springs, Tenn.
	Oak Hill, W. Va.
	Knoxville 17, Tenn., 211 Hinton St.
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Schade, Edward (2)	Nashville, Tenn., 720 N. 1st St.
	Chattanooga, Tenn., 3900 Calhoun Ave.
Taylor, Kate	Johnson City, Tenn., R. 2
Winebarger, Grace	Bristol, Tenn., P. O. 219

Delegates

Name	Address	
Vince Buey (5)	Ethridge,	Tenn.
Alma Lane (5)	Rockwood,	Tenn.
Gwendolyn Lawson (4)	Knoxville,	Tenn.
O. A. Collins (5)	Knoxville,	Tenn.
Glenn Johnson (5)	Knoxville,	Tenn.
Ella Harwell (5)		
Charlie Harwell (5)	Knoxville,	Tenn.
J. E. Comer (5)		
Mrs. J. P. Harwell (5)	Mascot,	Tenn.
J. C. Martin (4)	Johnson City,	Tenn.
G. W. Ryan (4)		
Ruby Surratt (5)	Corinth,	Miss.
Ann McJunkin (5)		
Lizzie Smith (5)	Bristol,	Tenn.
Eugene Turner (4)	Chattanooga,	Tenn.
M. R. Gatlin (2)		
J. M. Johnson (1)	Harriman,	Tenn.
Audrey Morton (1)	Harriman,	Tenn.
Mrs. O. H. Crabb (1)	Concord,	Tenn.
Mrs. J. P. Greene		
Cleo Swafford	Harriman,	Tenn.

(Figures after name indicates times answered Roll Call)

IOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 2 P.M.

The Tennessee Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church convened for its eighteenth annual session at the First Wesleyan Methodist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee, at 2 p. m. Tuesday, July 8, 1947.

An inspirational song and praise service was conducted by the Rev. C. F. Smith, Vice-President. Rev. J. F. Biddle led in prayer. Rev. Smith conducted the devotions, reading II Timothy 2. The meeting was then called to order by the President, the Rev. D. P. Denton.

The roll was called with 11 Elders and 7 Conference Preachers responding to the call of their names. Rev. M. R. Hayes reported that he had united with another religious body. Communications were read from the Rev. G. E. Davis and S. J. Lawrence, regretting their inability to be present.

Delegate credentials were presented and Delegates were seated. See Roll. Upon vote the Conference Bar was set to include the first five seats on each side of the auditorium. The Conference was then declared open for business. The Committee on Nominations presented the following nominations for the sessional committees, which were adopted:

Reporter-W. T. McMahan

Courtesy-J. E. Comer, Chairman; Mrs. C. G. Blackburn

Tellers-Clyde Blazer, Chairman; J. C. Cochran, Eugene Turner

Post Office Addresses—Ruby Surratt

Apportionment—D. P. Denton, Chairman; O. A. Collins, A. L. Lowrance

Pastorial Relations—D. P. Denton, Chairman; J. A. Cassady, J. F. Biddle, R. E. Rice, O. A. Collins, Mrs. Alma Lane, Mrs. C. H. Cummings

Resolutions—C. F. Smith, Chairman; W. T. McMahan, Geo. Akers Religious Services—A. L. Lowrance, Chairman; D. P. Denton, Edward Schade

Memorial Services—Clyde Blazer, Chairman; Mrs. C. H. Cummings, Mrs. J. P. Greene

Prohibition—J. E. Comer, Chairman; Gwendolyn Lawson, Charlie Harwell

Thanks—Thomas Hampton, Chairman; Ruby Surratt, Mrs. J. P. Harwell

Auditing-Clyde Blazer, Chairman; C. F. Smith

Character Committee—J. F. Biddle, Chairman; J. A. Cassady, G. W. Ryan

The time for opening and closing the meetings of Conference was fixed as follows: Morning meeting opening at 8 a.m., and closing at 12:30 p.m.; the afternoon meeting opening at 2 p.m. and closing by vote of Conference. Night services at 7:30 p.m. Meals to be served 7:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

The time for Special Orders was set as follows: Conference Sermon Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Election of Officers Wednesday 9 a.m. Hepzibah Orphanage Wednesday 3 p.m. Women's Missionary Society Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Connectional Address Thursday 11 a.m. Educational Service Thursday 3 p.m. W. Y. P. S. Service Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Upon motion Conference recessed for committee work. Following the recess the Conference was called to order by the President. The Committee on Religious Services reported that Rev. J. F. Biddle would preach the Conference Sermon. A communication was read by J. E. Comer from the Rev. Geo. E. Davis relating to the transferring of his membership to the Indiana Conference. This transfer was granted.

Vice-President, C. F. Smith, was called to the Chair and the President's Report was read and adopted, with matters necessary being referred to the Committee on Itineracy and Orders, Missionary Board and Pastorial Relations Committee. See Report No. 1.

Adjourned upon motion. Benediction, Rev. Edward Schade.

Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.

A rousing song and praise service was conducted by Emmett Wallin. Special numbers in song were rendered by Miss Trixie Rozzelle, J. E. Comer and Henry Sellers. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. R. Swauger. The Conference Sermon was preached by Rev. J. F. Biddle, who brought a stirring, heart-searching message from the text: "A Highway," using for his scripture Isaiah 35, Isaiah 62:10 and Jeremiah 31:21. Benediction, Rev. Clyde Blazer.

Wednesday, 8 A.M.

Conference opened by singing "Near The Cross," with Rev. W. T. McMahan conducting the song service. Devotions were conducted by the Rev. S. D. Herron, of Pell City, Alabama, using for a scripture lesson, Matthew 15:21-28. He especially stressed "Humility and Prayer."

Roll was called and minutes read and approved. Eugene Turner and M. R. Gatlin were seated as delegates. The Committee on Courtesy presented Rev. J. R. Swauger, Connectional Representative, who took the Chair. The Committee on Courtesy then introduced Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Herron, Pell City, Ala., M. R. Gatlin, Nashville, Mrs. Ann McJunkin, Mrs. Lois McJunkin and Frank Kirklin, Chattanooga, and Miss Kate Taylor, Green Mountain Mission.

General Orders were called, and motion carried that Pastors read only designated items on their Statistical Report. The following named ministers were called, reports read and their characters passed: Clyde Blazer, J. A. Cassady, G. E. Davis (report read by J. E. Comer, delegate). Motion carried that the Conference President be authorized to ask Rev. F. R. Birch, Foreign Missionary Secretary, to send a missionary to tour the Conference, speaking at each Church, with all offerings being given to Foreign Missions and not to be counted on the Church Budget.

Special Orders of the Day were called, and Officials and Standing Committees were elected. See page of Conference Officials.

A petition was read by Rev. M. L. Arnold, pastor of Tabernacle Wesleyan Methodist Church, asking that the name of the Tabernacle Church be changed to read Second Wesleyan Methodist Church, by request of said Church. This petition was referred to the Committee on Boundaries for action. The Committee on Nominations nominated the following to serve on the Committee on Boundaries, and they were elected: H. A. Harvey, Chairman; W. L. Scarborough, Charlie Harwell.

The Missionary Board gave their report, which was adopted. Reading of reports was resumed. The following names were called and reports given: R. E. Rice, C. F. Smith, M. L. Arnold. Motion carried that the character of Mrs. Jennie Whitaker be passed.

Motion carried that a Committee be appointed to serve with the Secretary for editing the Conference Minutes. Rev. D. P. Denton was elected.

Motion carried that the Conference President, the Missionary Board and the Camp Meeting Board be authorized to search and purchase, if costs are net prohibitive, a suitable and permanent meeting place for Camp and Conference.

Motion carried that Rev. J. R. Swauger appoint a Committee of not less than three to study the Pension Plan for Superannuated Ministers that was passed at recent General Conference and report to this body so that either the body can act or refer back to the Committee for further study during the year. Rev. Swauger appointed D. P. Denton, C. F. Smith and O. A. Collins to serve on this Committee.

Motion carried to adjourn. Benediction, Rev. C. F. Smith.

Wednesday, 2 P.M.

Conference opened by singing "The Old Time Power" led by Rev. Clyde Blazer. Rev. F. K. Smith led in prayer. Roll was called. J. M. Johnson and Audrey Morton seated as delegates. Reading of reports resumed, as follows: Edward Schade, W. L. Scarborough, George Akers, J. C. Cochran, Thomas Hampton.

The Committee on Courtesy presented Rev. F. K. Smith, former President of the Tennessee Conference, Miss Mary Harness, Hepzibah Orphanage, H. D. Clark, Alabama Conference, and Rev. George Patterson, Chattanooga.

The time for Orders of the Day having arrived, the meeting was turned over to Miss Mary Harness, of Hepzibah Orphanage, Macon, Ga. She spoke on the work at the Orphanage, especially emphasizing the duties, problems and needs of the workers there. She emphasized prayer and a greater vision for the enlargement of Hepzibah.

Rev. J. R. Swauger then took the Chair and General Orders were resumed. The following names were called, reports read and characters passed: Henry Sellers, Ida Sellers, E. B. Carnes, George Bross, J. F. Biddle, George Patterson. The Temple Wesleyan Methodist Church, Chattanooga, was referred to the Committee on Boundaries for recommendation as a member of the Conference.

Grace Winebarger and Charlie Haire were not present, but their characters were passed.

Motion carried that all who had been introduced to the Conference become Honorary Members of the Conference, with the privilege of speaking.

The Committee on Prohibition gave their report, which was adopted. See Report No. 7.

Motion carried to adjourn. Benediction, Rev. J. R. Swauger.

Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

This service was in charge of the Women's Missionary Society, Rev. Willa E. Harvey, President, presiding. The song service was conducted by Rev. R. E. Rice, after which prayer was offered by Miss Kate Taylor. Mrs. R. E. Rice spoke briefly of the work of the Y.M.W.B., and Miss Dortha Shook gave an interesting report of her trip to General Conference as Missionary delegate. The Missionary address was then delivered by the Rev. J. R. Swauger, Home Missionary Secretary, his text being "Great Cause of Home Missions." Offerings and pledges were taken amounting to \$2200.00. Benediction, Rev. D. P. Denton.

Thursday, 8 A.M.

Conference opened with Rev. Clyde Blazer conducting the song service. Devotions were conducted by Rev. F. K. Smith, former President of the Tennessee Conference, basing his remarks on Psalm 37. He closed his remarks with prayer.

Roll was called. Minutes read and approved. General Orders were called and the following names called, reports read and character passed: W. T. McMahan, A. L. Lowrance, H. A. Harvey, Mrs. Willa E. Harvey. Mrs. Harvey and Missionary Delegates were excused for missionary work.

The Auditing Committee reported as follows: "We have examined the Conference Treasurer's books and find them correct." This report was adopted. The Committee on Resolutions and the Statistical Committee were excused for Committee work.

Motion carried to remunerate the Conference Treasurer the sum of \$25.00 per year above his incidental expenses in carrying on this work. A love offering was then taken for our Conference President, Rev. D. P. Denton, amounting to \$30.25.

The Committee on Itineracy and Orders gave their report, which was adopted. See Report No. 3.

Motion carried that Mrs. J. P. Harwell fill the vacancy of Mrs. C. H. Cummings on the Pastorial Relations Committee.

The Conference Treasurer gave his report, which was adopted. See Report No. 8.

The Committee on Boundaries approved the petition of Tabernacle Wesleyan Methodist Church to change their name to Second Wesleyan Methodist Church, and that local Trustees and Conference Trustees be empowered to take necessary legal steps to effect this change of name. This report was adopted as a body (24 votes). The Committee on Boundaries further recommended that the Conference accept the Temple Wesleyan Methodist Church, located at 5304 Slayton Avenue,

Chattanooga, as a member of the Conference. Motion carried that this report be adopted. See Report No. 6.

The Treasurer of the Camp Meeting Association read his report, which was adopted.

A five minutes recess was taken until the Orders of the Day.

The time for Orders of the Day having arrived, Rev. E. B. Carnes led in the congregational singing. Rev. C. F. Smith led in prayer. Rev. J. R. Swauger, Home Missionary Secretary and Connectional Representative, presented the Connectional interests He presented some interesting facts regarding achievement records for both established and mission conferences, and called attention to the honor roll of those Conferences having a gain of 15% or over. He closed his message with a challenge to broaden our vision and undertake greater things for God and our Church.

The Committee on Courtesy presented Rev. V. A. Mitchell, Central College, and Rev. C. K. Crawley, pastor of Alton Park Nazarene Church, Chattanooga.

Motion was made to adjourn. Benediction, Rev. C. K. Crawley.

Thursday, 2 P.M.

Conference was called to order by the President. The service was opened by singing "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone." Rev. J. F. Biddle led in prayer. Roll was called and Mrs. O. H. Crabb seated as delegate. Reading of reports resumed, as follows: C. O. Goins, O. H. Crabb, Dorotha Shook.

The Committee on Resolutions gave their report. After much discussion, motion carried that the report be adopted after amendments were made.

The time for Orders of the Day having arrived, the meeting was turned over to Rev. V. A. Mitchell, of Central College, for the Educational Address. He read Psalm 93, using as his subject, "The Holiness Church." Both the spiritual and scholastic interests of Central College were emphasized; also the growth of the enrollment and the prospects were brought to our attention, as well as their building program.

The Statistical Committee gave their report. Motion carried that the statistician read only the totals of each item which appears on the Pastor's Statistical Report. Report adopted as read.

The second reading of the Pastorial Relations Committee was given. The Committee on Thanks read their report, which was adopted. See Report No. 2.

The Rev. J. R. Swauger, Connectional Representative, was called to the Chair. Motion carried that the Committee on Apportionment be allowed to prepare their report and place it in the Minutes in the proper place as the official action of the Conference. See Report No. 5.

Motion carried that the Committee on Pension Plan for Superannuated Ministers be allowed to study this plan until the next session of Conference.

It was voted to adjourn for committee work, to meet at the call of the Chair.

Conference re-convened and the Pastorial Relations Committee gave the third and final reading of their report, which was adopted as read. See Report No. 4.

The Committee on Religious Services reported Memorial Services to be held immediately after adjournment of the business session of the Conference, and the Ordination Service to be held at 7 p.m. Report adopted.

It was voted to leave the date and place of meeting of the 1948 annual conference in the hands of the Conference President, his Advisory Board and the Missionary Board. The President and his Advisory Board were instructed to take care of any unfinished business of the Conference. Motion carried that the minutes of the day be approved by the Secretary, without reading.

Conference adjourned on motion, with Memorial Service to follow.

The Memorial Service was in charge of Rev. Clyde Blazer. The service opened by singing "In The Sweet Bye and Bye." Rev. F. K. Smith read the scripture. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. L. Lowrance. The Girls Trio of the Second Wesleyan Methodist Church sang, "Twill Not Be Long," and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." Rev. J. A. Cassady spoke concerning the life of Samuel L. Henry, charter member of the Old Liberty Church. Rev. M. L. Arnold and O. A. Collins spoke concerning the life of Mrs. Launah Allison. George Bross spoke concerning the life of Mrs. Minnie Colclazer. C. F. Smith spoke concerning the life and labors of Howell Cobb, charter member of the Rockwood Church. Benediction, Rev. O. H. Crabb.

Thursday, 7 P.M.

The Ordination Service was held, when Rev. M. L. Arnold was ordained to the Office of Elder in the Wesleyan Methodist Church. The Ordination address was given by Rev. J. R. Swauger, basing his remarks on Hebrews 5:19. Rev. D. P. Denton presented Rev. Arnold to the Conference, and the following Elders assisted in the Consecration Service: C. F. Smith, Clyde Blazer, A. L. Lowrance. The service closed by singing "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand."

Thursday, 8 P.M.

W. Y. P. S.

The services were in charge of Rev. W. T. McMahan, President of the Tennessee W. Y. P. S. The meeting was opened by singing "Joy Unspeakable." Rev. J. R. Swauger led in prayer. Special numbers in song were given by Miss Trixie Rozzelle, the Girls Trio of Second Wesleyan Methodist Church and W. T. McMahan. Rev. J. R. Swauger rendered an enjoyable piano solo, "Sail On." The address of welcome was given by Eugene Turner, of Chattanooga. Response by Miss Frances Harwell, of Mascot. Rev. V. A. Mitchell, of Central College, brought a heart-searching message from Exodus 14:14, using as his subject "Tennessee Youth—Forward March." A special offering was taken for W. Y. P. S. work.

RESOLUTIONS AND LAWS OF THE TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

We, the Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report: Be it resolved, that these articles shall become the standing rules and law of this Conference:

- 1. Before a local building committee proceeds with a building plan or program that they be required to have all plans approved by the President and his Advisory Board and the Missionary Board; and further that no financial obligations be assumed without the consent of the Conference Trustees.
- 2. That the Board of Conference Trustees be, and they are hereby, empowered to sign all papers necessary for the sale or transfer of Conference, Church or Parsonage property, providing the said sale or transfer is authorized by the President and his Advisory Board and shall not violate the spirit of paragraphs 386, 387 of our book of Discipline.
- 3. The Board of Conference Trustees are hereby authorized to execute papers to secure funds for the liquidation of Conference, Church or Parsonage indebtedness, providing that the Churches set forth in writing the amount and the purpose for which the loan is to be used; and that no funds so secured shall be used for any other purpose than that set forth in the notice to the trustees of the Conference.
- 4. When a deed for Conference, Church or Parsonage property is received and before it is recorded it shall be referred to the President and his Advisory Board who are hereby designated as a Deed Examining Committee whose duty shall be to examine the deed and see that there are such disciplinary clauses included as may be necessary to make the property secure to our Church. Said Committee shall have power to engage such legal advice as may be needed to insure the proper steps regarding the reception or transfer of the property. See paragraphs 388, 389 of present book of Discipline.
- 5. A. Any Elder of the Conference shall be eligible to be Conference President. He shall not go outside the bounds of the Conference for more than four meetings during any one Conference year. B. The President's salary be raised from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 per year plus traveling expenses for Quarterly Meetings, said expenses to be paid from Conference Fund, and the Conference Treasurer is hereby authorized to remit the President's salary semi-monthly. The Committee suggests that the apportionment for Conference President's salary be raised from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per member to meet this demand.
- 6. We shall proclaim with voice and pen and holy living the gospel of full salvation, recognizing our dependence upon, and need of the indwelling power and presence of the Holy Spirit.
- 7. Because of the alarming increase in worldiness, immorality, drunkenness and Sabbath desecration, as well as the tendency to shallow living among the people professing holiness, we pledge ourselves to an uncompromising stand against such evils and implore God's presence by the maintenance of the family altar in our homes.
- 8. We urge all Conference Preachers and Elders to become members of the Women's Missionary Society, and that the pastors attend each meeting and encourage the women, this being one of the

strong arms of the Church.

- 9. Each Church shall make a special effort in behalf of, and loyally support the Church Extension Card Plan.
- 10. Each pastor, or charge, shall have in the hands of the Statistical Secretary not less than five days before the Annual Conference one copy of his statistical report in full. This report shall be accompanied by a statement from the Conference Treasurer giving the amounts paid on budget under Item VIII in the pastor's statistical report, and the pastor's report must check with that of the Conference Treasurer.
- 11. The Conference Treasurer's books shall close on June 30 of each year and no credit shall be given on the Budget for that fiscal year for money received after this date.
- 12. The President's, Secretary's and Treasurer's correspondence expenses shall be paid from the Conference Fund by the Conference Treasurer.
- 13. The fourth Sunday in October shall be known as Educational Sunday and pastors shall emphasize and take offerings for the same.
- 14. Minutes of this Conference shall be published and delivered to the pastors in numbers equal to 50% of their Church membership, and the sum of 25c per copy be paid to the Conference Treasurer within thirty days after receipt of same.
- 15. Preachers and Delegates shall remain throughout the entire Conference session unless providentially hindered or excused by the Conference.
- 16. All Elders received from other denominations shall be required to pass examination on our book of Discipline, and must have passed a course of study which is equivalent to our course for ordination, and harmonize with our theological views. They shall give special attention to the requirements found in paragraph 171 of our book of Discipline.
- 17. Copies of these resolutions together with the apportionments and the addresses of the President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be in the hands of each pastor within two weeks of the close of the Annual Conference.
- 18. Pastors shall mail all Delegate's credentials to the Conference Secretary not less than five (5) days before convening of Conference.
- 19. The Conference Budget shall be raised and remitted monthly to the Conference Treasurer.
- 20. All moneys which are reported through the Conference Treasurer shall be sent to him either as cash or receipts and he shall give a Conference Treasurer's receipt for each item, and no money shall be listed paid out by the Treasurer except by check, on order of the President, and he shall be required to present cancelled checks and vouchers for each bill paid.
- 21. In order to promote a progressive program of Pioneer Evangelism, we recommend (a) That the churches of the Conference shall support this program by raising a sum of not less than 10 cents per month for each scholar in main school of Sunday School as reported on Statistical blank, and this money shall be remitted monthly with the regular Budget to the Conference Treasurer, who shall hold in

trust all such money thus designated; and shall pay out of this fund only at the time and in the amounts ordered by the Missionary Board. (b) This money shall be wisely and carefully used exclusively for Pioneer Work, and for those places and pastors where there is a definite prospect of establishing a prosperous Wesleyan Methodist Church.

- 22. All preachers taking the Course of Study shall have the answers to their examinations of various books in hands of Itineracy and Orders Committee before June 30 for credit for that year.
- 23. In view of our disciplinary stand on the matter of jewelry and our interpretation of the Scriptures in regard to it, we do not think it consistent with our standards for a Wesleyan Methodist minister to use the ring ceremony in performing a wedding. Therefore, preachers of this Conference shall be asked to refrain from performing a ring ceremony involving a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.
- 24. It shall be a standing rule that the Secretary shall be remunerated the sum of \$50.00 for each session of Conference.
- 25. We recommend that the Conference Treasurer be given \$25.00 per year for services.
- 26. Because of the necessity for living quarters for the President, an agreement shall be made with the Second Wesleyan Methodist Church whereby the second floor of the parsonage at 1111 Middlebrook Pike shall be the Conference President's living quarters and Conference shall contribute to the church the amount of \$300.00 per year for these accommodations.
- 27. We recommend that when the Conference President labors as an evangelist in any of our churches he be paid as other evangelists are paid.
- 28. We request the Committee on Apportionment to advise means of raising sufficient money to meet expense of travel and house rent for the Conference President.
- 29. Since we now have some good works going that are not organized, and expect to have new ones all the time, and since one Mission is already recognized by being permitted to elect an honorary delegate to the Annual Conference, we recommend that each work which is being run under the direction of the Conference and served by a member of this body, be allowed to elect an honorary delegate who shall be permitted to sit with the Conference and speak on matters of business, but not allowed to vote.
- 30. The Conference President shall be required to hold Quarterly Business Meetings at all unorganized works that are under the Conference Missionary Board or within the Conference, and the pastors of these works shall receive an offering quarterly to be sent to the Conference Treasurer and used toward the President's salary.
- 31. Resolved that the Tennessee Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church express to the Chattanooga Free Press their appreciation of a staff of editors who keep their paper free from the advertising of intoxicating beverages, and appreciation of the liberal space given to the cause of prohibition.

C. F. SMITH, Chairman W. T. McMAHAN

GEO. D. AKERS

REPORT OF COMMITTEES REPORT I

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, JULY 8, 1947

To the Members of the Tennessee Conference:

Our report will be brief for the work of the year is done and the record will speak for itself. We have no time nor inclination to try to either boast of or apologize for the work or lack of work of the past twelve months. We do wish to praise God for all that He has done for us personally and for the Conference. Surely there are not words in the english language to describe the wonders of His grace. In the words of the poet,

"Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small, Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all."

During the past year we have held two Quarterly Conferences in each Church, and three in several of them.

We have travelled more than 40,000 miles, by car, bus and hitchhiking, all of it in the interest of the Conference, and all of it within the bounds of the Conference except two trips to Central College for Board Meetings, and the one trip to New York for the General Conference.

We have held 13 revival meetings of one week or more, at an average offering of \$34.23.

I have preached 325 times and held several other services.

We have seen a good number saved, sanctified and reclaimed, in these services.

We feel that we can truthfully say that, under the circumstances, we have done our best to push the work of the Lord in the Tennessee Conference during the past year.

My Official Acts

- On August 20, 1946, I licensed M. R. Gatlin of Nashville to preach.
- On March 5, 1947, I licensed Miss Ima Lee Reed of Corinth to exhort.
- On March 21, 1947, we were notified by W. A. Soward, Elder, that he had joined the Church of the Nazarene, and we thus listed him as removed.
- On February 25, 1947, M. R. Hayes, Elder, wrote that he had joined the Southern Methodist Church, and we thus listed him as removed.
 - On September 25, 1943, I accepted the transfer of O. C. Rushing, Conference Preacher, from the Nebraska Conference.
 - On September 2, 1946, we completed the transfer of R. R. Prickett, Elder, from this Conference to the Indiana Conference.
 - On September 30, 1946, I accepted the resignation of G. D. Akers, as pastor of the Elizabethton Church.
 - On October 1, 1946, I appointed J. F. Biddle, Elder, as Pastor of the Elizabethton Church, and Miss Grace Winebarger, Conference Preacher, as the assistant.

- During the winter, we planned and helped to promote a Ministerial Convention, which was held at Rockwood in January and proved to be a great success.
- Following last Conference we were left with some churches unsupplied. Consequently, on August 1, I appointed Clyde Blazer, Elder, as pastor of the Harriman Church. Also, on the same date, I appointed William T. McMahan, Elder, as Pastor of the Stair Avenue Church.
- On June 5, 1947, I licensed J. B. Smith of Chattanooga, First Church, to preach.
- On June 5, 1947, I licensed George Patterson of Chattanooga, First Church, to preach.
- On June 5, 1947, I licensed Frank Kirklin of Chattanooga, First Church, to preach.
- On May 29, 1947, I licensed Kate Taylor of Johnson City to preach.
- On May 29, 1947, I licensed Mrs. Mabel Akers of Johnson City to preach.
- On June 2, 1947, I licensed Frances Harwell of Mascot to preach.
- In December 1946, we accepted the work at Green Mountain as a Mission under the Conference, later transferring it to the Connectional Board, and appointed, with the consent of our Connectional Home Missions Secretary, Kate Taylor as Director of the Mission
- In March 1947, we accepted the property and work at Mt. View, Tate Springs, Tennessee, and opened it as a Mission under the Conference
- In November 1946, we helped to secure the property in St. Elmo, Chattanooga, and opened this as a Chapel work under the Conference. On July 6, 1947, we organized this into a Wesleyan Methodist Church, under the pastorate of George Patterson.
- In November, 1946, we accepted the work being done by George Akers in Erwin, Tennessee, and declared it a Mission under the Conference. In March 1947 we helped to secure some property for this work, and there now stands a nice basement church on this property.

My Income

I have received for my services during the past twelve months:

Salary \$	1000.00
Revivals	465.00
Living Quarters	300.00
Offerings	295.00
Expense Money	190.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS ____\$2250.00

Report II

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THANKS

We, the Committee on Thanks, submit the following report:

We thank our Heavenly Father for His blessings upon this session of Conference, and for His presence throughout the gathering as manifested by the spirit of unity and cooperation that has prevailed.

We express our gratitude to Rev. J. R. Swauger, our Connectional Representative, for his splendid services in our midst.

We are grateful for the efficient manner in which our Conference officials and various committees have handled the business of the Conference.

We appreciate the labors of Rev. A. L. Lowrance, and all those who have ministered to our temporal needs in any way, including those of the vicinity of the Chattanooga Church who have opened their homes for the entertainment of delegates and visitors.

We do extend our thanks to the local newspapers for the printing of reports of our gathering.

REV. THOMAS HAMPTON, Chairman RUBY SURRATT MRS. J. P. HARWELL

Committee

Report III

COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS

We, the Committee on Itineracy and Elders Orders submit the following report:

M. L. Arnold has passed the required course of study and we recommend him for ordination.

We recommend that Edward Schade be placed in the fourth year of the course of study.

George Akers is to be continued in the first year of the Course.

Thomas Hampton is to be passed to the third year of the course and is instructed to complete the reading of the second year reading course.

Henry Sellers is to be continued in the first year course of study.

Ida Sellers is to be continued in the first year course of study.

J. C. Cochran is to be passed to the second year course of study and instructed to finish the first year reading course.

Grace Winebarger is to be continued in the first year course of study.

E. B. Carnes is to be continued in the first year course of study.

George H. Bross is to be placed in the fourth year course of study pending confirmation of his record.

- O. H. Crabb is to be continued in the first year course of study.
- Ollie Hanshew is to be continued in the Deaconness Course of study.
- C. O. Goins is to be continued in the first year course of study.
- O. C. Rushing is to be received as a Conference Preacher and to be continued in the first year course of study.

Frances Harwell is to be received as a conference preacher and placed in the first year course of study.

M. R. Gatlin is to be received as a conference preacher and to be placed in the first year course of study.

Kate Taylor is to be received as a conference preacher and placed in the first year course of study.

J. V. Smith is to be received as a conference preacher and placed in the first year course of study.

George Patterson is to be received as a conference preacher and placed in the first year course of study.

Frank Kirklin is to be received as a conference preacher and placed in the first year course of study.

W. A. Soward, elder, is to be dropped due to his having joined another religious body.

M. R. Hayes, elder, is to be dropped due to his having joined another religious body.

Charles Haire is to be continued in the first year course of study.

Signed by the Committee:
C. F. SMITH
J. A. CASSADY
A. L. LOWRANCE
J. E. COMER
ALMA LANE
D. P. DENTON, Sect.

Report IV

COMMITTEE ON PASTORIAL RELATIONS

We, the Committee on Pastorial Relations, submit the following report: $\dot{}$

Conference Officers:

President—D. P. Denton Vice-President—C. F. Smith Secretary—Mrs. R. E. Rice Treasurer—O. A. Collins Sunday School Secretary—W. T. McMahan

Tithing Secretary—A. L. Lowrance

We recommend the circuits be supplied as follows:

Bristol-R. E. Rice

Byrd's Chapel-O. H. Crabb

Chattanooga: First—A. L. Lowrance

Temple Wesleyan—George Patterson

Corinth—J. A. Cassady

Old Liberty-In hands of President

Elizabethton—R. E. Rice

Freedom Hill-Thomas Hampton

Harriman—Clyde Blazer

Hinton St. Mission—Henry and Ida Sellers under President and Advisory Board and Pastor First Church Johnson City--George Akers

Knoxville: First-In hands of President

Second-M. L. Arnold

Mascot-Charlie Haire Nashville-Edward Schade Rockwood-C. F. Smith Stair Avenue-W. T. McMahan Green Mountain Mission-Miss Kate Taylor Mountain View-Calvin Revis

Erwin-In hands of President

General Evangelists-J. F. Biddle, H. A. Harvey, Willa E. Harvey, Jennie F. Whitaker

Conference Evangelists-W. L. Scarborough, Dortha Shook

To seek their own field of labor-S. J. Lawrence

DAVID P. DENTON, Chairman R. E. RICE ALMA LANE MRS. J. P. HARWELL J. A. CASSADY J. F. BIDDLE

Report V

REPORT OF THE APPORTIONMENTS COMMITTEE

The Committee on Apportionments recommends that the following be the apportionments for the year:

Connectional Budget:

Foreign Missions	\$2.00
Home Missions	1.00
Education	2.00
Orphanage	25
Con. Sunday School work	05
Executive Budget, (Gen. Conf. Pres. expense)	
General Conference expenses	
Total Connectional Budget	\$5.75
Conference Budget:	
Conf. President's Salary	\$ 4.00
Conference Fund	1.75
Superannuated Ministers	.10
Total Conference Budget	\$ 5.85
Total Budget	\$11.60

Committee:

O. A. COLLINS A. L. LOWRANCE

D. P. DENTON

Report VI

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES

We recommend that the Conference accept the Temple Wesleyan Methodist Church, located at 5304 Slayton Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee, as a member of this Conference.

We further recommend that Tabernacle Wesleyan Methodist Church, located at 500 Middlebrook Pike, 22 Ward 8th District, Knoxville, Tennessee, be changed to read Second Wesleyan Methodist Church, by request of said Church.

H. A. HARVEY, Chairman W. L. SCARBOROUGH CHARLIE HARWELL

Committee

Report VII

PROHIBITION

Prohibition is a question of vital importance and it should concern every God-fearing man and woman. America is now in the throes of one of the most deadly internal foes that could clasp its fangs into the heart of a nation.

Legalized beer, wine and whiskey, to the youth of the land is an evil and corrupt social serpent which beguiles careless sons, and tempts the innocent daughters of Eve. We were told by the enemies of prohibition that the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment of the Constitution would bring about better conditions, do away with bootlegging, fill our treasuries and solve all our national problems, but it has proved to be just the opposite. We have increased taxes, a greater unbalanced budget and more than eleven million unemployed.

During the period of national prohibition liquor advertising was banned from printed publications leaving a free field for the sale appeals of other products, but the liquor advertisements of today are doing much to poison the minds of the youth, destroy their noble ideals and lower their standards of behavior.

When we think of the lives that have been wrecked because of the evil of alcohol it is reason enough that every thoughtful man is prejudiced against the legalization of such degradation that wipes out national honor of Christian nations for "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

When America repealed prohibition she did not repeal the heartaches and despair that are in legalized liquors. She did not repeal the crimes and lawlessness that beer and whiskey produce. She did not repeal the law that passes on to the next generation the terrible physical effect of drinking by potential fathers and mothers. She did not repeal the unsteadiness and lack of judgement that liquor engenders and which produce accidents, injuries and deaths. America should look with shame upon the conditions that have come upon the people since repeal. Increased drunkenness and crime, the increased hazard of drunken drivers, and the growing disrespect for law bring shame, not honor; terror, not safety; despair, not hope. It has made wives, widows, children, orphans and fathers fiends, for the effect of drink can soon remove the restraints that years of training and culture have built up. If we sow the seed there will be a harvest to reap in this life and possibly in the life to come, for no drunkard can inherit the kingdom of God. Therefore, be it resolved:

- 1. That we, the Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America, assembled at Chattanooga this ninth day of July nineteen hundred and forty-seven do emphasize our disapproval of the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution.
- 2. That we as a Church unite our effort against the legalized sale of all intoxicating beverages.
- 3. That we pledge ourselves as favoring the reenactment of the federal prohibition laws for our country, either national or local.
- 4. That we further recommend that our educational institutions and publications, as well as our ministers, continue to teach and inform the people concerning the evil of intemperance.

J. E. COMER, Chairman GWENDOLYN LAWSON CHARLIE HARWELL Committee

Report VIII

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand, July 10, 1946:	
In General Fund	\$ 560.98
In Superannuated Ministers' Fund	97.61
Pioneer Fund	205.45
Received-By cash and checks	3163.93
For Pioneer Fund	556.80
For Superannuated Ministers' Fund	30.80
Total Receipts	\$4615.57
Disbursed:	
For Pioneer Work	\$ 761.25
For all other purposes	3394.80
Balance in Pioneer Fund	1.00
Balance in Superannuated Ministers	128.41
Balance in General Fund	330.11

\$4615.57

STATISTICAL REPORT

Item I.	Pasto	r's I	abor	s					Item	II.	Ī	eri	odi	cals			
Name of Charge	Time Employed (Months) Appointments	of Church Societ	Wesleyan Methodists takn Wesleyan Missionarys taken	Wesleyan Young People's Journal	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Teachers' Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflet	Our Little Folks Cards	Chart	Pupils Lesson Stories with hand work Bible Lesson Stories with hand work
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Name of Charge	No. of Buildings	Value of Buildings	emount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	No. of Parsonages	alue of Parsonages	mount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Sajnor Other Values on Hand
Bristol	1					\$ 2,000			
Byrd's Chapel	1		2,675.00						45.00
Corinth & Old Liberty		7 500	2,615.00	9,000		£ 000	2,720.00	9 000	
Elizabethton	1	5,000		************	1	9,000	2,120.00	2.000	13.18
Erwin		1,500	468.06						2.70
Freedom Hill			100.00	800	1	1 200		400	
Green Mt.		1,000			i	1,200		100	20.00
Harriman		3,000		1,000	1	3 000		1.500	7.42
Hinton St				3.200					1,713,76
Johnson City			2,320.00						
Knoxville 1st							1.304.43		
Knoxville 2nd							1,648.00		
Mascot		4,500		2,000]				
Mt. View		1,000							
Nashville	1		1,500.00	700	ļ!				
Rockwood	1;	3,000			1	2,500			805.64 150.00
Temple	1	3,000	658.00	0.000					150,00
Stair Avenue									
Totals	19	\$101,500	\$8,367.06	\$31,000	9	\$35 200	\$5,672.43	\$12,700	\$3,184.84

Item VI. Amount C	ontributed	for Pastor							
Name of Charge	Pastor's Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts				
Bristol Byrd's Chapel Chattanooga Corinth & Old Liberty Elizabethton	350.00 2,040.00 824.25 230.00	300	50.00 106.00	665.00	640.00 2,811.00 1,291.70 230.00				
Eiwin Freidom Hill Green Mt. Harriman Hinton St. Johnson City	615.60 125.00 575.00 1,300.00	220		189.20 15.00 575.00 72.50	984.80 140.00 1,370.00 1,322.72 1,307.70				
Knoxville 1st Knoxville 2nd Mascot Mt. View Nashville	2,600.00 1,785.00 470.81	360 360	5.00		2,258.75				
Rockwood Temple Stair Avenue Totals	1,540.00 63.02 1.100.00	150	10.00	18.00 150.00	1,932.75 81.02 1,280.60				

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Name of Charge	Evangelistic Help	l Expense		on Indebtedness	Expenses	Church
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		Sunday	Repairs	Amount	ırch	
	Other					Total
Bristol	8 254.75 8	166.76 \$ 56	4.25 \$ 186.59	\$ 802.76		
Byrd's Chapel	20.00	123.02	481.00		20.20	644.22
Chattanooga		193.65 1,25	6.20	300.00	481.72	2,507.06
Corinth and	1					
Old Liberty	52.31	24.46		180.00	13.50	270.27
Elizabethton	56.85		5.00 25.00			1,673.03
Erwin	!		0.00!	584.00		665.85
Freedom Hill	334.41	57.80			164.71	848.01
Green Mountain	47.00	35.89			60.00	142.89
Harriman	227,94	107.41	231.87	200.00	153.68	929.90
Hinton St.	342.85	357.83			753.61	1,754.29
Johnson City	153.44		0.00		168.22	588.64
Knoxville 1st		180.90			192.24	3,081.53
Knoxville 2nd	. 241.83	129.91 1,23			317.97	5,458.53
Mascot	126.98	39.57	288.00	226.00	20.88	416.31
Mt. View	.1					220.25
Nashville			0.00 150.00	1	520.00	860.00
Rockwood	. 316.34	90.05			464.46	1,026.59
Temple	55.76]]	34.00	97.41
Stair Avenue		59.82		ll	140.97	491.36
Totals	\$3,649.26 \$1	,748.72 \$3,87	1.15 \$2,167.59	\$7,134.12	\$4,874.53	23,965.61

Connectional Budget I	tem \	III.	Amou	nt Cont	ributed	for Be	nevale	nces
	İ] 		Work	Budget
Name of Charge		ded Budget	Missions	Missions	. uo	อสย	tional S. S.	Connectional
		Undivided	Home	Foreign	Education	Orphanage	Connectional	Total C
Bristol			\$ 66.77	\$ 53.51	\$ 22.50	\$ 4.50	\$ 3.50	
Byrd's Chapel						5.00		
Chattanooga			41.00	82.00			2.41	186.91
Corinth & Old Liberty			10.00	12.60	5.00	7.00	2.00	38.60
Elizabethton								
Erwin		٠	20.00					
Freedom Hill	:		20.00	40.00	25.00	5.00	1.00	91.00
Harriman			17.00	24.00	5.00			
Hinton St.			14.00	34.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	65.50
Johnson City			47.50	21.01	6.00			74.54
Knoxville 1st	1	- 1	108 00	236 34	135.00			
Knoxville 2nd			55.00	110.00	82.50	17.00		
Mascot			00.00	110.00	02.70			201.20
Mountain View								
Nashville							l	
Rockwood			49.00	82.36	232.27	14.80	7.00	385.43
Temple		i						
Stair Avenue		!	15.00	30.00	22.50	3.75	.75	72.00
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Item VIII. Amou	ınt Contri	buted f	or Bene	volenc	esCo	ntinued	
Name of Charge	President's Salary	Conference Work	Conference Missions	Superannuated Minister's Fund	Other Objects	Total Conference Budget	Total Budget
Bristol Byrd's Chapel Chattanooga Corinth & Old Liberty Elizabethton Erwin	9.00 123.00 30.00 6.00	30.75 5.00	3.00 41.00 15.00	4.10 3.00		$\begin{array}{c} 12.30 \\ 198.85 \\ 48.00 \\ 11.00 \end{array}$	38.20 385.76 86.60
Freedom Hill Green Mountain Harriman	60.00	15.00	20.00	2.00		97.00 74.50	
Hinton St. Johnson City Knoxville 1st Knoxville 2nd Mascot Mountain View	25,42 324.00 165.00 12.00	5.00 81.00 41.25 3.80	5.00 108.00 55.00	10.80 5.50	**********	35.42 523.80 266.75 15.80	109.96 1,035.54 534.00 15.80
Mountain View Nashville Rockwood Temple Stair Avenue	105.00	26.25	38.57	4.00			559.25
Totals	\$1,009.42	\$241.50					

Item IX. Benvolences									
Name of Charge	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Conference Pioneer Work	W. Y. P. S.	Other Objects	Total for Benevolences	
Bristol	\$ 16.50		\$ 16.77		\$103.86	\$ 50.50	\$ 74.30	\$ 261.43	
Byrd's Chapel Chattanocga	17.17	70.49	10.00		168 00	7.50	25,00	307.09	
Corinth & Old Liebrty	12.60	10.00						35.60	
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Elizabethton Erwin Freedom Hill Green Mountain Harriman Hinton St		8.00	13.00		53.34	5.00	18.15	97.49	
Green Mountain			5.00				105.00	. 110,00	
Harriman	7.40	20.00	10.66		4.00	i 	99.06	141.12	
Hinton St	107.15			29.50	50.00		409.05		
Johnson City		5.00			3.00	10.00	40.00	68.00	
Knoxville 1st			100.00		258.00		355.72		
Vnovville 2nd	'		35 25		97.00		82.45	214.70	
Mayent	ł	6.65		i	4	5.00		11.65	
Mountain View			**********						
Nachvillo					l				
Rockwood	25.00				137.00	18.00	312.16	492.16	
Temple Stair Avenue									
Stair Avenue		37.22	[-76.95]		15.00		50.85	180.02	
Totals	\$185.82	3164.29	\$272.63	\$36.50	\$899.20	\$107.00	\$1.608.72	\$3,273,68	

Item X.	Contribut	ted Totals			
Name of Chargo	Pastor	Church	Budget	Benevolences	All Purposes
	for	for	for	for	for
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Bristol Byrd's Chapel Chattanooga Corinth & Old Liberty Elizabethton Erwin Freedom Hill Green Mountain Harriman Hinton St. Johnson City Knoxville 1st Knoxville 2nd Mascot Mountain View Nashville Rockwood Temple	640.00 2.811.00 1,291.70 230.00 111.00 984.80 140.00 1,370.00 1,372.70 1,307.70 2,258.75 495.81 136.00 1,932.75 1,932.75 81.02	644.22 2.507.06 270.27 1.673.03 848.01 142.89 920.90 1.754.29 588.64 416.31 220.25 860.00 1.026.59 97.41	38.30 385.76 86.60 11.00 188.00 140.00 109.96 1,035.54 534.00 15.80	307.09 55.60 20.00 97.49 110.00 68.00 713.72 214.70 11.65	1,704.17 1,919.03 796.85 2,118.30 392.89 2,567.02 3,722.69 2,074.30 8,145.44 8,465.98 939.57 220.25 996.00 4,010.75 178.43
Stair Avenue Totals				180.02 \$3,273.68	

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

President—Miss Dortha Shook, 2523 Washington Ave., Knoxville 15, Tenn.

Vice-President—Mrs. D. P. Denton, 1111 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville 16, Tenn.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. R. Edmonds, 228 Moody Ave., Knoxville, Tenn. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Edmonds, 228 Moody Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. C. G. Blackburn, Route 2, Rockwood, Tenn. Y.M.W.B. Supt.—Mrs. R. E. Rice, 323 Columbia Road, Bristol, Tenn.

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Tuesday, July 8, 1947

The Women's Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church met in Chattanooga, July 8, 1947, for their annual business session. Mrs. Willa E. Harvey, President, presided, conducting a brief devotional service, reading as her scripture Psalm 2. Miss Kate Taylor led in prayer. The business session was called to order by calling the roll and officially seating the delegates. The following representatives were present: Knoxville, First, Mrs. J. R. Edmonds; Knoxville, Second, Effie Ridge; Ethridge, Mrs. Thomas Hampton; Rockwood, Mrs. C. G. Blackburn; Johnson City, Kate Taylor; Corinth, Mrs. J. A. Cassady.

The reading of the Treasurer's report by the President in the absence of Mrs. Pearl Grow was approved. The Secretary, Mrs. Edmonds, read a personal letter from the Treasurer, Mrs. Grow, explaining her absence and sending her very best wishes for the work during the coming year. The President, Mrs. Harvey, gave her report, which was also passed upon. The Conference was much pleased with the growth of the work since 1942. There was a 50% increase in membership, many newly organized societies and a good increase in the Missionary Magazine subscriptions. The finances more than doubled since 1942. The delegates from the local churches gave most interesting reports, and much enthusiasm was shown for a very progressive year ahead. The business session adjourned until Wednesday morning.

Wednesday, 10:30 A.M.

The second business session was held with Mrs. Willa Harvey in charge, who also conducted the devotionals. A good spirit was felt throughout the session. Roll was called and the minutes were read and approved. The reports from all delegates were adopted. A Nominating Committee was named by the President, as follows: Mrs. J. R. Edmonds, Mrs. C. G. Blackburn and Mrs. Effic Ridge. The following committees were named:

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										REC	EIPTS					•	
Name	of Socie	ety		Active Members Honorary Members	1 9 1 5	Members Loss Regular Meetings Held	Special Meetings Held Do you use Missionary	Programs? Missionary" taken	Cash on Hand from Last	Membership Dues	Offerings	Labor	Clothing and other Gifts to Home Work	Bandages and other G.ft. to Foreign Work	Benovelences	Other Objects	Total .
Bristol. Byrd's Chapel. Chattaneoga. Corinth Freedom Hill Harriman Johinson City Knoxville, First. Knoxville, Second. Mascot. Rockwood				15 4 21 10 11 1 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	3 3	0 9 1 11 11 9 12 12 11 12 12 12 12 8 93	1 Y 2 N 1 2 Y 4 1 Y 4 1 1 Y 4 1 2 N 1 1 Y 4 1 2 N 1 1 Y 4 1 2 N 1 1 Y 4 1 2 N 1 1 Y 4 1 2 N 1 2	es 12 5 6 6 1 1 es 9 es 10 1 es 1 es	18.21 10.40 6.00 4.34 37.75 14.98	\$ 11.00 \$ 5.00 5.10 9.70 12.00 42.75 24.00	\$ 18.97 22.90 62.46 8.08 33.80 88.93 213.48	\$5.25.78 35.00 36.00	45.00 70.00 17.00	3.00 3.00 3.00 3.00 3.00 3.00 3.00 3.00	95.00 24.00	25.00 30.00 \$55.00	\$ 973.96 73.30 108.36 53.78 115.14 290.50 210.91
Name of Society	Home-Cash	Home, Clothing and Other Gifts Hephzibath- Cash	Hephzibath	Foreign-Cash	Foreign, Bandages and Other Gifts	Sducation—Cash	Education—Provisions	Local Church Work	dembership Dues	Other Objects	Cash on Hand	Tota]	of Members	No. of Meetings Held Foreign Missions		Education	Total
Bristol Byrd's Chapel Chattanooga Corinth Freedom Hill Harriman Johnson City Knoxville, First Knoxville, Second Mascot	40.00	45.00	17.00	45.00 5.72 133.75	6.40		5.00	102.46 5.00	0 12.00 0 42.75	\$ 6.00 45.20 1.00	\$.28		25 18 3 15 0 26	50 \$ 9 51 81 5 10 9 31 63	.50 \$17.8 .00 4.8 .32 2.8 .38 6.1	38	\$ 27.35 81.00 9.38 11.82 69.48
Rockwood		90.00 82.	36	15.00			1.35	***************************************		88.00	17.84	393.55	25	50 18	.46 25.0	00	43.46

Statistical—Miss Kate Taylor, Mrs. C. G. Blackburn Religious Services—Miss Gwen Lawson, Miss Kathleen Wheeler Musical—Mrs. Willa Harvey, Mrs. Alma Lane

Speakers for the evening were announced as Miss Dortha Shook, Knoxville, Miss Kate Taylor, Johnson City, and the main speaker of the evening, Rev. J. R. Swauger, Apollo, Pa.

Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

The evening public service was in charge of the President, Mrs. Willa E. Harvey. The services were opened by singing "Tell Me The Old, Old Story." The address of welcome was given by Mrs. W. E. Bryant, President of the Chattanooga Society. Response by Mrs. C. G. Blackburn, Rockwood. Prayer was offered by Miss Kate Taylor, Green Mountain Mission. Mrs. R. E. Rice spoke briefly of the work of the Y.M.W.B. Miss Dortha Shook, newly elected President, brought a message on some interesting facts concerning missionary work. The Missionary address was then delivered by the Rev. J. R. Swauger, Home Missionary Secretary, his text being "Great Cause of Home Missions," taken from Isaiah 54:2. Offerings and pledges were taken amounting to \$2,200.00. Benediction, Rev. D. P. Denton.

Thursday, 10:30 A.M.

The Women's Missionary Society closed their business session by electing the following officers for the coming year:

President—Miss Dortha Shook
Vice-President—Mrs. D. P. Denton
Treasurer—Mrs. J. R. Edmonds
Cor. Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Edmonds
Rec. Secretary—Mrs. C. G. Blackburn
Y.M.W.B. Supt.—Mrs. R. E. Rice
Assistant Organizer—Mrs. J. R. Edmonds

Never was such a spirit of enthusiasm witnessed as was in the closing of this year's Conference work.

MRS. J. R. EDMONDS, Secretary

W.Y.P.S. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Again we have come to the end of another conference year, and can see progress has been made. We believe more lasting results can be seen from this year's labor than any other one. Our main work has been with the Districts, of these four meetings have been held, and four Districts organized—which are working at this time. They are: Bristol, Knox County, Rockwood and West Tennessee.

Each local contacted responded with cooperation and two locals have been added this year.

The annual State Convention was held June 8th at Rockwood, Tenn. We had representatives from nearly all locals over the state. This was perhaps the best convention in the history of the Tennessee W.Y.P.S. The blessings of the Lord were upon this service. Following the Youth Rally Program led by Miss Grace Winebarger of Bristol the Chair called the business session to order and officers for the coming year were elected.

My desire is to see the work continue with the blessings of the Lord on it.

(Signed) HOUSTON HOUSER, President Tenn. Conference W.Y.P.S.

Receipts	
Balance brought forward	\$ 10.25
Chattanooga	27.50
Freedom Hill	5.00
First Church, Knoxville	35.00
Stair Avenue, Knoxville	5.00
Second Wesleyan, Knoxville	22.00
Rockwood	18.00
Elizabethton	5.00
Mascot	5.00
Johnson City	10.00
Bristol	22.00
Rockwood Convention offering	15.00
Knoxville District Offering	6.00
Rockwood District Offering	15.00
Total Receipts	\$201.25
Disbursements	
Connectional Dues	\$ 53.50
Delegates expense to General Conference	100.00
Transportation to Rockwood Convention	10.25
Childs Memorial Hall	37.50
Total Disbursements	\$201.25
Recapitulation	
Balance at beginning of year	10.25
Receipts	191.00
Total Receipts	\$201.25
Disbursements	201.25
Balance on hand	000.00

CLINTON SHOOK, Treasurer 2523 Washington Avenue Knoxville, Tennessee

Name of Society	Active Members	Associate Members	Wesleyan Youth	Total Receipts for Year	Connectional Dues	Local Expense	Education	Delegate to General Conference	Other Items
Bristol, Tenn.	23	2	15		£ 6.50	\$28 62	1	\$15.00	
Chattanooga, Tenn.	19							20.00	97.36
First, Knoxville	30	4		31.05				5.00	
Second, Knoxville	14	1	14	39.12	7.00	9.78	1.00	10.00	9.60
Freedom Hill	10		5			3.00	5.00		10.00
Johnson City Rockwood			10	11.33				10.11	••••••
Stair Avenue		6	13						

W. Y. P. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Visible results can be seen from this year's efforts in the Tennessee W.Y.P.S. The State has been divided into Districts, and District Meetings held.

The State Convention and Annual Business Meeting was held June 8, 1947 at Rockwood, Tennessee. Miss Grace Winebarger had charge of the youth rally. Theme: "Christ First, Christ Forever." Miss Gwen Lawson (Second Church), Miss Kate Taylor (Johnson City), Dorothy Averett (Chattanooga), Miss Grace Winebarger (Bristol) and Rev. Clyde Blazer (Harriman) spoke from "How To Know Christ Better," "Living The Life," "Made Rich by Christ," "Christ The Great Saviour" and "Service For Christ." Special numbers in song were rendered by the Second Church Quartet, Misses Betty Comer and Charlotte Smith. Rev. D. P. Denton, Tennessee Conference President, was present and spoke briefly.

Immediately following the rally the business session was called to order by the Chair. Representatives were present from practically all local societies. The minutes were read and approved.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Rev. W. T. McMahan Vice-President—Miss Grace Mohl Secretary—Miss Agnes Houser Treasurer—Mr. Clinton Shook

Moved and carried that \$50.00 be designated as the amount for each delegate to General Conference.

Moved and carried that the Executive Board approve the Secretary's minutes before going to publication. (Adjournment)

Thursday evening, July 11, was designated as Youth Night at the Tennessee Annual Conference. Rev. Mitchell, representative from Central College, was the speaker of the evening. Among the special features so enjoyed by each one present was a piano solo "Sail On" by our Home Missionary Secretary, Rev. Swauger; and special numbers in song by Rev. McMahan and by the Second Church Ladies Trio.

AGNES HOUSER Secretary

Approved:

REV. DAVID P. DENTON President, Tennessee Conference REV. WILLIAM McMAHAN

President, Tennessee W.Y.P.S.

EVANGELISTS' REPORT

Number-of Evangelists reporting	4
Labors:	
1. Time employed (months)	42
2. Revivals held:	
a. In local conference	7
b. In other Conferences	
c. In other denominations	6
3. Quarterly Meetings held	
4. Other services held	179
Receipts:	
1. Offerings and/or salary	\$1,399.66
2. Marriage and funeral fees	10.00
3. Gifts	139.44
4. Traveling Expenses	24.00
5. Total net evangelists receipts	1,572.60