# MINUTES

OF THE

# Forty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

# OKLAHOMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

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or Church, of America

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# THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

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William Washburn, 1309 N. May Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Pearl Ratcliffe, 2740 Northwest 17th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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G. C. Cockrell, Elder, 1947; Thomas Pinkerton, Elder, 1948 (filling unexpired term of Floyd Kaiser); Earl Richey, Layman, 1948;
 W. C. Brannon, Elder, 1949; W. F. Lee, Layman, 1949.

# COMMITTEES

Itineracy and Elders Orders—G. C. Cockrell, 1947; M. W. Washburn, 1948; James Harris, 1949; W. C. Brannon, 1950.

Camp Meeting—Thomas Pinkerton, 1947; James Harris, 1947; Raymond Tolle, 1948; G. C. Cockrell, 1949; C. L. Cummings, 1949.

Judiciary—G. C. Cockrell, Chairman; W. C. Brannon, H. V. Brannon, William Washburn.

Vacancies—G. C. Cockrell, Chairman; Paul Batman, James Harris, LeVerne Tolle, Pearl Ratcliffe.

Nomination—G. C. Cockrell, Chairman; W. C. Brannon, Thomas Pinkerton, Delegates-elect from Wesleyan Chapel and Ponca City.

Mid-Year Convention—G. C. Cockrell, Chairman; W. C. Brannon, Mrs. Effic Ross, James Harris, Mrs. Florence Atkinson.

President's Advisory-W. C. Brannon, LeVerne Tolle.

Sunday School-Florence Atkinson, Paul Batman, Dollie Gum.

Missionary—G. C. Cockrell, Chairman ex-officio; W. C. Brannon, William Washburn, Earl Richey, C. L. Cummings.

Member Local Board Miltonvale Wesleyan College—(On resignation of Rev. H. K. Sheets, the Vacancy Committee appointed Rev. G. C. Cockrell to the completion of the unexpired term: 1943-1947.)

#### SECRETARIES

Tithing—Mrs. W. C. Brannon. Education—Dollie Gum. Sunday School—Florence Atkinson. Evangelism—James Harris.

# CONFERENCE ROLL CALL

ELDERS				
Mrs. Faye Baker	T 0	W 0 0	Th 0 0	F 0 0
J. M. Batman	0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Paul Batman	1	1 1	1.1	11
A. B. Bissey	0	0 0	0 0	0 0
H. V. Brannon	1	1 1	1 1	1 1
W. C. Brannon	1	1 1	1 1	11
Erma Brannon	1	1 1	1 1	1 1
G. C. Cockrell	1	11	11	11
Dollie Gum	1	1 1	1 1	11
James Harris	1	11	1 1	11
Madalyn Johnson	0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Floyd Kaiser	1	0 0	0 0	0 0
John E. McGraw	0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Glen McMurphy	0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Thomas Pinkerton	1	1 1	1 1	1 1
*Pearl Ratcliffe				
Mrs. Ruth Sanchez	0	0 0	0 0	0 0
H. K. Sheets	0	0 0	0 0	0 0
William Washburn	1	1 1	1 1	1 1
*Ordained 1946 (Attended as Delegate)				
ANNUAL CONFERENCE PREA				
Mrs. Florence Atkinson	T 1	W 1 1	Th	F 1 1
Grace Groves	1	1 1	1 1	1 1
Fred Groves	1	1 1	11	11
Robert Hollen	1	1 1	11	11
Effie Ross	1	1 1	1 1	1 1
Christie Stites	0	1 1	0.1	1 1
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LeVerne Tolle, Alva	T 1	1 1	1 1	11
Mrs. Sallie Richey, Alva	0	1 1	11	1 1
Mrs. Mattie Fisher, Alva	1	11	11	1 1
Mrs. Jernigan, Blackwell	1	1 1	11	1 1
Mrs. May Ent, Carwile	1	11	11	1 1
Iro Hager, Cedar Grove	1	1 1	11	1 1
Bryan Thomas, Enid	1	1 1	11	1 1
Mary Croft, Enid	1	1 1	1 1	1 1
Mrs. Fred Money, Enid	0	1 1	0 0	1 0

Mrs. Brogleman, New Hope	0	0 0	0 0	11
Mrs. Robert Hollen, New Hope	1	11	1 1	11
Pearl Ratcliffe, Oklahoma City	0	11	11	1 1
Goldie Mae Sheldon, Oklahoma City	0	1 1	1 0	1 1
Ira Hickman, Ponca City	1	11	1 1	1 1
Mrs. Daisy Cockrell, Ponca City	1	11	1 1	1 1
W. F. Lee, Wesleyan Chapel	1	1 1	1 1	1 1
DEACONESS				
	T	W	Th	F
Thelma Hickman	1	1 1	1 1	1 1

# JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Opening—The forty-third annual session of the Oklahoma Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church assembled in Enid Wesleyan Methodist Church at 916 East Maine St., August 13, 1946, at 3:00 p. m. with Rev. G. C. Cockrell, President of the Conference, in the Chair.

The service opened by songs led by Rev. James Harris. These were "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" and "I Will Sing of My Redeemer." Prayer was offered by Rev. Robert Hollen. Rev. W. C. Brannon led devotions, reading from the fifth chapter of Ephesians, verses 1 to 20 inclusive.

Roll-was called. Ten Elders, five Conference Preachers, and one

Deaconess were present to answer the roll.

Credentials—Moved and supported James Harris and Paul Batman be the Committee on Credentials. The names of the following Delegates-elect were read and by vote were seated together with all who should later present like credentials to this body. Alva, LeVerne Tolle, Mrs. Mattie Fisher; Blackwell, Mrs. Jernigan; Carwile, Mrs. Mae Ent; Cedar Grove, Mr. Iro Hager; Enid, Bryan Thomas, Mrs. Fred Money, Mary Croft; New Hope, Mrs. Brogleman, Mrs. Robert Hollen; Oklahoma City, Pearl Ratcliffe, Goldie Mae Sheldon; Ponca City, Ira Hickman, Mrs. Daisy Cockrell; Weslevan Chapel, W. F. Lee.

Conference Bar—On motion the Conference Bar was fixed to include the first five rows of seats in the center and east section and the platform.

Report—Nominating Committee gave a report which was adopted by vote of the Conference body.

Report—Committee on Religious Services read their report which was adopted on motion. The Committee was granted the privilege to make any necessary changes which might be expedient.

Rev. G. C. Cockrell, Conference President, gave his report and on motion it was adopted. The financial part was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Character—Rev. Floyd Kaiser of the Alva church gave his statistical report. Character was passed.

Tellers—LeVerne Tolle and Robert Hollen were elected to this position for the Conference session.

Report—Missionary Treasurer's report was received by vote of the Conference body.

Motion carried to adjourn for committee work.

Benediction by Rev. Floyd Kaiser.

Wednesday Morning

Opening-Conference was called to order by Rev. G. C. Cockrell.

Song service led by Rev. Paul Batman. Prayer and devotionals were by Rev. William Washburn.

Roll was called. Minutes were read and approved after correction.

**Report**—The Courtesy Committee presented Rev. William Washburn and Rev. Roy S. Nicholson to the Conference body. Rev. Nicholson gave words of greeting and testimony.

Motion was made and carried that Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, Connectional Representative, be invited to preside during the remainder of the Conference session.

In the absence of Rev. J. M. Batman a motion carried that William Washburn act on the Ministerial Character Committee and H. V. Brannon act on the Memorial Committee to fill these vacancies of committees.

**Report**—Committee on Vacancies report was adopted by vote of the Conference. (See Report No. 12 following.)

Words of greeting were given by Rev. G. C. Cockrell for Rev. John E. McGraw. Character of Rev. McGraw was passed on motion.

Moved and supported to adjourn for committee work until the eleven o'clock "Orders of the Day." Carried.

Benediction was given by Rev. Roy S. Nicholson.

11:00 a.m. Conference called to order for the Orders of the Day.

Educational service was under the direction of the Miltonvale Wesleyan College Ladies' Trio and Miss Eva Gilger, manager. A very inspiring and interesting program was presented. Rev. James Harris was asked to offer prayer for this service. After the closing number rendered by the Trio Rev. Roy S. Nicholson gave the benediction.

#### Wednesday Afternoon

Opening—The song service was led by Miss Dollie Gum and prayer was offered by Rev. Robert Hollen.

Roll was called. Minutes were read and approved.

Report—Courtesy Committee presented Miss Fletcher and Miss Gilger, members of the Miltonvale Wesleyan College Trio, to the Conference. They gave words of testimony and greeting.

Motion carried to give honorary privileges to those introduced to the Conference.

Report—Camp Meeting Committee gave report which was adopted.

Conference Sunday School Secretary gave her report which was adopted by the Conference body.

Communication from Rev. H. K. Sheets was read and motion entertained and carried to pass the character of Rev. Sheets.

Moved and supported that the Conference Secretary be instructed to communicate with Rev. H. K. Sheets to acknowledge his communication.

Report—Conference Treasurer's report was read and received by vote of the Conference.

Moved and carried the Secretary be instructed to respond to all communications received by this Conference body. Due to the absence of Sister J. M. Batman, Mrs. Effic Ross was nominated to replace her as member of the Resolutions Committee.

Moved to suspend rules and proceed with the election of officers, an Order of the Day. Motion carried.

Order of the Day—By proper Parliamentary and Disciplinary procedure the election of Conference officials resulted as follows:

President-Rev. G. C. Cockrell.

Vice-President-Rev. W. C. Brannon.

Secretary-Rev. Fred W. Groves.

Treasurer-Raymond A. Tolle.

Trustee (Elder, 1949)-Rev. W. C. Brannon.

Trustee (Layman, 1949)-W. F. Lee.

Trustee (Elder, 1948)—Rev. Thomas Pinkerton. (Filling unexpired term of Rev. Floyd Kaiser.)

Ministerial Delegate to General Conference in Houghton, New York, (to begin the fourth Wednesday in June, 1947)—Rev. G. C. Cockrell.

Lay Delegate-LeVerne Tolle.

Alternate Ministerial Delegate-Rev. W. C. Brannon.

Alternate Lay Delegate-Mary Croft.

Moved and carried that the following offices be filled by vote of acclamation.

#### Secretaries

Sunday School-Florence Atkinson.

Tithing-Erma Brannon.

Evangelism-James Harris.

#### Committees

Itineracy and Orders—W. C. Brannon, 1950; (Filling unexpired term of Floyd Kaiser, 1948, William Washburn.)

Camp Meeting—G. C. Cockrell, Elder, 1949; C. L. Cummings, Layman, 1949.

Judiciary—G. C. Cockrell, Chairman; W. C. Brannon, H. V. Brannon, William Washburn.

Vacancies—G. C. Cockrell, Chairman; Paul Batman, James Harris, LeVerne Tolle, Pearl Ratcliffe.

Nominating—G. C. Cockrell, Chairman ex-officio; W. C. Brannon, Thomas Pinkerton, Delegate-elect from the Wesleyan Chapel charge and the Ponca City charge (first delegate).

Mid-Year Convention—G. C. Cockrell, Chairman; W. C. Brannon, Effic Ross, James Harris, Florence Atkinson.

#### Boards

President's Advisory-W. C. Brannon, LeVerne Tolle.

Sunday School—Florence Atkinson, Chairman; Paul Batman, Dollie Gum.

Missionary-G. C. Cockrell, Chairman ex-officio; W. C. Brannon, Wil-

liam Washburn, Earl Richey, C. L. Cummings.

Member Local Board Miltonvale Wesleyan College—(On resignation of Rev. H. K. Sheets the Vacancy Committee appointed Rev. G. C. Cockrell to the completion of the unexpired term 1943 to 1947.) This action was approved by the vote of the Conference body.

Benediction was given by W. F. Lee.

Thursday Morning

Conference called to order by Rev. Roy S. Nicholson.

Song service was led by Rev. H. V. Brannon.

Devotions and prayer were by Dollie Gum.

Roll was called. Minutes were read and approved after correction.

Communication from A. B. Bissey read. Motion made and supported to pass his character. Motion carried.

Motion to pass the character of Mrs. Faye Baker carried.

Report—Courtesy Committee presented Leslie Smith and Charles Boardman of the Kansas Conference. They gave their testimony.

Rev. and Mrs. Rufus Reisdorph were introduced. They gave words of greeting and testimony.

Moved and supported to adjourn for committee work subject to the Orders of the Day. Motion carried.

Benediction by Rev. Rufus Reisdorph.

Orders of the Day—Sunday School service was under the direction of Mrs. Florence Atkinson. Prayer was offered by Earl Richey after the opening song. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Batman sang a special number, after which Rev. Roy S. Nicholson brought a message of vital interest to the Church on Sunday School work.

Benediction was by Mrs. Daisy Cockrell.

Thursday Afternoon

Song service conducted by Mrs. Paul Batman. Prayer by Rev. Christie Stites, Rev. Paul Batman, and Mrs. Erma Brannon.

Roll was called, minutes were read and approved.

Report—Auditing Committee's report was adopted by vote of the Conference body.

Communication from Rev. Glen McMurphy was read by Rev. M. W. Washburn. Moved to receive the report and pass his character. Carried.

Report—Pastoral Relations Committee gave a partial report.

Ministerial Character Committee's report was received on motion with its support and carried.

Tithing Secretary's report was adopted on motion with its support.

Moved and supported the Rev. Rufus Reisdorph, newly elected President of Miltonvale Wesleyan College, be extended an opportunity to speak a few words concerning the school. Motion carried.

Order of the Day—3:00 p. m. Examination of characters and reports of pastors. The following names were called and characters passed: Elders—J. M. Batman, H. V. Brannon, W. C. Brannon, Mrs. Erma Brannon, G. C. Cockrell, Dollie Gum, James Harris, Thomas Pinkerton, Madalyn Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Sanchez; Conference Preachers—Mrs. Florence Atkinson, Grace Groves, Robert Hollen, Mrs. Effic Ross, Christie Stites, Fred Groves; Deaconess—Thelma Hickman.

Motion to adjourn for committee work was supported and by vote carried.

Benediction was by Raymond A. Tolle.

# Friday Morning

Opening—Song service led by Bryan Thomas. Devotions and prayer were by Rev. H. V. Brannon.

Roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

Reports—Committee on Memorials report was adopted on motion with its support.

Committee on Resolutions report was adopted on motion with its support.

Committee on Finance report was adopted on motion with its support (as read on the Conference floor).

Communications from Rev. F. R. Eddy concerning the Inter-church Fellowship of the Free Methodist and Wesleyan Methodist Churches was read and explanations of the meeting were given by Rev. Roy S. Nicholson. Motion made and supported that the Conference President, Rev. G. C. Cockrell, be instructed to attend this meeting and the expense of his trip be paid from the Conference General Fund. The motion carried.

Moved and supported the following resolution be placed in the permanent resolutions. Motion carried. "Two copies of each written report shall be given to the Secretary of the Conference. These shall be type-written and double spaced."

Moved, supported and carried that the Member of the Local Board of Miltonvale Wesleyan College be elected. Results of the voting by ballot G. C. Cockrell was elected. Term 1947-1951.

Moved to adjourn for committee work. Carried.

Benediction by Rev. M. W. Washburn.

Order of the Day—11:00 a. m. The memorial service was under the direction of Rev. H. V. Brannon. The song service was led by Rev. James Harris. Rev. W. C. Brannon led in prayer after the devotions which were led by Rev. H. V. Brannon from Psalm 1. Special number in song, "When Storms Have Passed" was by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groves. A sketch of the lives of the following, who had passed away since the last Annual Conference, was given:

Jim Hughes of Alva—Mrs. Mattie Fisher. Rebecca Sutton of Alva—Mrs. Sallie Richey.

Rev. W. J. Kuntz of Enid-Rev. Thomas Pinkerton.

L. A. Larssen of Enid-Rev. Paul Batman.

W. J. Morris of Enid-Mrs. Florence Atkinson.

Leslie Nelson of Enid-Rev. W. C. Brannon.

Birdie Higgins of Enid-Mrs. May Ent.

Raymond Kemph of New Hope-Mrs. Brogleman.

Special song, "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone" was sung by Mrs. Paul Batman.

Benediction by W. F. Lee.

# Friday Afternoon

Opening—Songs were led by Bryan Thomas. Prayer was led by Mrs. Grace Groves. Roll was called. Minutes were read and approved after correction.

# Reports-

Report of Committee on Thanks was adopted on motion. Instructions were given that it be read at a public service, Sunday.

Report of Committee on Pastoral Relations, second reading.

Report of Committee on Itineracy and Elders Orders was adopted.

Report of Statistical Committee was adopted after corrections.

#### Motions-

Moved and supported that Rev. G. C. Cockrell preach the Conference Sermon for 1947 Annual Conference. Motion carried.

Moved, supported and carried that the Conference accept the invitation of the Enid church to hold its next Annual Conference of the Oklahoma Wesleyan Methodist Church in the Enid church.

Motion properly carried that Conference begin the first Tuesday in August, 1947. (Date: August 5, 1947.)

Motion to adjourn for committee work was carried.

Benediction was given by Rev. Rufus Reisdorph.

Conference called to order by the Chair.

A recommendation to make the Conference Treasurer a member of the Finance Committee and an honorary member of the Conference body with a right to speak but not to vote was made a motion, supported and carried.

Motion supported the above motion be placed in the Permanent Resotions. Carried.

Report—The report of the Finance Committee on items 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, 15, which were not included in the previous reading was properly voted upon and carried.

Moved and supported that Mary Croft's resignation as Educational

Secretary be accepted. Carried.

Miss Dollie Gum was elected on vote of the Conference to fill this vacancy.

Report—(Third reading of the Pastoral Relations Committee's report.)
On motion with its support the report was adopted.

(Note: The ordination of Miss Pearl Ratcliffe was duly carried out on Sunday, August 18, 1946, as recommended by the Committee on Itineracy and Elders Orders.) Time for this service was 2:30 p. m.

Adjourned sine die.

Benediction by Fred Groves.

Signed: FRED GROVES, Secretary.

#### PERMANENT RESOLUTIONS

 All Trustees of the Oklahoma Conference shall reside within the bounds of said Conference.

When a pastor provides his own place of residence, all rent from the regular parsonage shall be paid to said pastor.

3. The Conference Treasurer shall close his books one week before the opening day of Conference and all money received after that time shall be applied on the next year's business.

4. The Conference Trustees shall be the Committee on Church and Parsonage Location.

5. The Committee on Religious Services shall consist of the Conference President and the Pastor and Delegate of the church entertaining the Conference.

6. We recommend that the following orders of business be observed in our Annual Conference sessions:

Tuesday, 3:00 p. m.—Conference convenes.

Tuesday evening-Conference sermon.

Wednesday-Election of officers.

Thursday-Examination of characters.

Friday-Reports of Committees.

Saturday-W. Y. P. S.

7. A Nominating Committee be elected, composed of three elders; one of which shall be the President of the Conference as Chairman exofficio, and the delegates-elect from two churches designated by the Conference. This committee shall: First, examine the credentials of all delegates to the Annual Conference. Second, nominate all session committees, not already provided for, and be prepared to report at the first meeting of Conference.

8. The Conference fiscal year shall be from August first to the next July 31st inclusive, and all statistical reports shall be based on monies received and disbursed during that period, except when Conference shall convene before August 10th, in which case the Conference year shall end ten days before the opening day of Conference. In order to eliminate errors and to expedite the business of the Conference, it is recommended that each pastor send a COPY of the BUDGET section (item VIII) of his statistical report together with receipts to the Conference Treasurer not later than one week before the opening day of the Conference.

- 9. Two copies of each written report shall be given to the Secretary of the Conference. These shall be typewritten and double spaced.
- 10. The Conference Treasurer shall be a member of the Finance Board and an honorary member of the Conference body with a right to speak but not to vote.

# SCHEDULE OF SERVICE—CONFERENCE SESSIONS

# Tuesday

- 2:00 p. m. W. Y. P. S. Conference Organization.
- 3: 00 p. m. Devotionals W. C. Brannon.
- 3:15 p. m. Conference Organization.
- 8:00 p. m. Conference Sermon, Rev. G. C. Cockrell.

# Wednesday

- 8:00 a. m. Organization.
- . 9:00 a. m. Devotionals, Rev. William Washburn.
  - 9:15 a. m. Conference Business.
- 11:00 a. m. Educational Service, M. W. C. Ladies' Trio.
- 1:00 p. m. Service.
- 2:00 p. m. Conference Session and Committee work.
- 3:00 p. m. Election of Officers and General Conference Delegates.
- 8:00 p. m. Connectional Address, Rev. Roy S. Nicholson.

#### Thursday

- 9:00 a. m. Devotionals, Miss Dollie Gum.
- 9:15 a. m. Conference Session and Committee work.
- 11:00 a. m. Sunday School Service, Mrs. Florence Atkinson.
- 2:00 p. m. Conference Business.
- 3:00 p. m. Examination of Character.
- 8:00 p. m. Public Missionary Service, Rev. Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph.

#### Friday

- 9:00 a. m. Devotionals, Rev. H. V. Brannon.
- 9:15 a. m. Conference Business and Committee work.
- 11:00 a. m. Memorial Service.
- 2:00 p. m. Conference Session.
- 3:30 p. m. Reading of reports.
- 8:00 p. m. Evangelistic Service, Rev. R. D. Reisdorph.

#### CAMP SCHEDULE OF SERVICES DAILY

10:30 a. m.

2:30 p. m.

8:00 p. m.

## SPECIAL YOUTH DAY

Saturday, August 24

Rev. Ruby Reisdorph, Speaker.

Rev. James Harris, W. Y. P. S. President in charge.

# OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daily Prayer Meeting, 6: 30 a. m. Ring Service, 7: 30 p. m. Children's Meetings, Mrs. Alice Harris, 9: 30 a. m.

# REPORTS

# Report No. 1

# REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pastoral Relations—G. C. Cockrell, Chairman ex-officio; W. C. Brannon, Paul Batman, LeVerne Tolle, Iro Hager, Mary Croft, Dollie Gum.

Ministerial Character—G. C. Cockrell, Chairman ex-officio; Sister Jernigan, Rev. William Washburn.

Finance-W. C. Brannon, G. C. Cockrell, LeVerne Tolle.

Resolutions-Sister Mattie Fisher, Effie Ross, Sister W. C. Brannon.

Thanks-Sister Grace Groves, Sister Fred Money.

Auditing-Rev. James Harris, William Washburn.

Statistical—G. V. Brannon, Robert Hollen, Pearl Ratcliffe.

Itineracy and Elders Orders—Bryan Thomas, Sister Richey, Sister Mae Ent.

Reporter-Mrs. Florence Atkinson.

Memorial-G. V. Brannon, Ira Hickman, Sister Daisy Cockrell.

# Report No. 2

# COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

Committee on Ministerial Character met and passed on the following Elders and Conference Preachers:

Elders—Rev. Paul Batman, Rev. James Harris, Rev. Glen C. Cockrell, Rev. W. C. Brannon, Mrs. W. C. Brannon, Rev. H. V. Brannon, Rev. Floyd Kaiser, Rev. William Washburn, Rev. Glen McMurphy, Mrs. Faye Baker, Rev. J. M. Batman, Miss Dollie Gum, Miss Madalyn Johnson, Rev. John E. McGraw, Rev. Tom Pinkerton, Rev. H. K. Sheets, Rev. A. B. Bissev.

Conference Preachers—Rev. R. G. Hollen, Mrs. Effic Ross, Mrs. Florence Atkinson, Mrs. Grace Groves, Rev. Fred Groves, Rev. Christic Stites.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. COCKRELL, Chairman; M. WILLIAM WASHBURN, MRS. JERNIGAN.

# Report No. 3 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Members and Friends of the Oklahoma Conference: Greeting in the name of our Wonderful Lord and Savior.

Under the providence and blessing of our Lord we meet in forty-third annual Conference conscious of His Divine nearness and interest in all the work of the Church which has been signally blest through the years. In this cold, impersonal, rationalistic atmosphere the Church has sent forth blessing into this strangely confused age. The secret of course is, God is in the midst of her. His presence inspiriting our ranks assures us of certain victory. In every rocky way of dury, in every thorny way of suffering, in the approach to every human problem grace is given to achieve in His Name.

By His grace I believe almost every church will show some advance this year over last. I am sure that the Conference has grown spiritually and financially; most churches will report a full budget. To the loyal pastors and their members goes this credit, and to our God praise and thanks for His blessings upon their efforts. Surely the Lord hath helped us. Let us as pastors and members of the Conference begin now to lay the foundation for a forward movement in Oklahoma and Texas. May we regird for the task before us. May His great grace continue to rest upon my brethren in the ministry, and our loyal and devoted laity.

# Official Acts

August 16—Drove to Carwile to counsel with the church and pastor. September 1—Received a letter to transfer of Rev. William Washburn of the California Conference.

September-Made a trip to Oklahoma City in interest of revival.

September 11—Drove to Oklahoma City in interest of church.

September 17—Drove to Tulas, Oklahoma to investigate the field for pioneer work.

September 28—Attempted trip to Enid for Missionary Board meeting was hindered by flood waters.

October 13—Drove to Blackwell to advise in the purchase of a parsonage.

October 21-Held first Quarterly Meeting at Blackwell.

October 23-Held first Quarterly Meeting at Carwile.

October 24, 25-Held first Quarterly Meeting in Alva.

October 26, 27-Held first Quarterly Meeting at Cedar Grove church.

October 28, 29—Held first Quarterly Meeting at New Hope.

October 17—Held first Quarterly Meeting at Ponca City.

November 7—Held the first Quarterly Meeting at Oklahoma City.

November 18—Made trip to Wesleyan Chapel and held first Quarterly Meeting.

November 19-Held first Quarterly Meeting at Enid.

November 26-Made a trip to Blackwell to help with the parsonage.

January 22—Made a trip to Springdale to ascertain the probability of having services in the church.

February 27-Made a trip to Miltonvale to attend special board meeting.

April 25-Drove to Blackwell to hold Quarterly Meeting service.

May 7—Drove to Etna to investigate the field relative to reopening work.

May 14—Drove to Oklahoma City to counsel in the building program.

May 27—Drove to Wichita Falls, Texas with members of the Missionary Board to investigate the field.

June 15—Drove to Miltonvale, Kansas to meet Miltonvale Board of Managers.

June 21—Drove to Enid to hold the fourth Quarterly Meeting.

June 23, 24—Held the fourth Quarterly Meeting at Enid.

June 24—Drove to New Hope and held Quarterly Meeting services.

June 27, 28—Drove to Carwile church for Quarterly Meeting.

June 29, 30—Drove to Alva for fourth Quarterly Meeting.

June 30, July 1—Drove to Cedar Grove for fourth Quarterly Meeting. July 2—Made a trip to Etna to meet with people concerning a pastor for the coming Conference year.

July 4-Drove to Oklahoma City for fourth Quarterly Meeting.

July 9—Held fourth Quarterly Meeting at Arkansas City for the Kansas Conference.

July 30—Held fourth Quarterly Meeting at Blackwell, Oklahoma.

August 1—Granted Rev. Floyd Kaiser letter of transfer to Kansas Conference.

### Summary of Services

Number of services conducted	34
Pieces of mail sent out	175
Miles traveled by car in Conference duties	4265
Miles traveled by train or bus	200

# Financial Statement Official Receipts

From Conference on President's Salary	\$300.00
From Conference on President's expense	125.00
Contributions from the field	73.30

#### Official Expense

Telephone and telegraph	\$ 29.14
Postage	4.25
Travel expense by car	170.60

Total expense \$203.99
Total received on expense 198.30

G. C. COCKRELL, President.

# Report No. 4

# REPORT OF ITINERACY AND ORDERS 1945-1946

Your Committee on Itineracy and Elders Orders begs to submit the following report:

We recommend that the records of all candidates pursuing the Course of Study be sent to the Chairman of the Itineracy and Elders Orders Committee on the completion of each subject for the purpose of permanent record.

We recommend that the Ordination Service be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30, and that our Connectional Representative, Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, bring the ordination sermon.

Florence Atkinson is continued in the second year of the Course of Study with permission of pressing on into the third year.

Effice Ross is placed in the third year of the Course of Study with permission of pressing on into the fourth year.

Fred and Grace Groves are continued in the fourth year of the Course of Study.

Robert Hollen is continued in the first year of the Course of Study.

Pearl Ratcliffe, having completed the Course of Study prescribed by the Discipline, is recommended as a candidate for ordination at this session of Conference.

Christie A. Stites is continued in the fourth year of the Course of Study.

WILLIAM WASHBURN, Chairman; JAMES J. HARRIS, Secretary; G. C. COCKRELL, W. C. BRANNON, MRS. EARL RICHEY, MRS. MAY ENT, BRYAN THOMAS.

# Report No. 5

# REPORT OF THE PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Alva—To be supplied by Dollie Gum.
Blackwell—Paul Batman.
Carwile—Mrs. Effic Ross.
Cedar Grove—Forrest C. O'Neal.
Enid—W. C. Brannon and Wife.
Etna—Leslie D. Smith.
New Hope—Robert Hollen.
Oklahoma City—William Washburn.

Ponca City-James Harris.

Springdale—In the hands of the President.

Wesleyan Chapel-H. V. Brannon.

Conference President-G. C. Cockrell.

General Evangelists-Mrs. Faye Baker, and Rev. J. M. Batman.

Conference Evangelists—Mrs. Florence Atkinson, Rev. Tom Pinkerton, and Christie Stites.

Attending School-Glen McMurphy.

Song Evangelists—Fred Groves, Grace Groves, Madalyn Johnson and Pearl Ratcliffe.

Deaconess and teaching at Miltonvale Wesleyan College—Thelma Hickman.

Labor at Publishing House and Pastor of the Gospel Beacon Tabernacle at Baldwinsville, New York—John E. McGraw.

President of Connectional W. Y. P. S.-Rev. H. K. Sheets.

Unstationed—A. B. Bissey.

Laboring within bounds of California Conference—Mrs. Ruth Sanchez. Transferred to Kansas Conference—Floyd Kaiser.

Deceased-W. J. Kuntz.

Perry Tudor withdrew having joined another body.

We recommend that the Conference President hold three Quarterly Meetings on each charge and devote such other time to Conference visitation as shall seem to be necessary.

G. C. COCKRELL, MARY K. CROFT, Secretary.

# Report No. 6

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### Recommended:

- 1. That we employ a full-time Conference President.
- 2. That 10% of the cash receipts raised for all purposes by each local charge be paid to Conference Treasurer for Conference work. Said payment is to be made monthly.
- 3. That the Conference President's salary be \$50.00 per week plus four cents per mile for use of car. To be paid weekly.
- 4. That the Conference Trustees make provision for a place of residence for Conference President.
  - 5. That Fred Groves be paid \$10.00 for secretarial service.
  - 6. That Raymond Tolle be paid \$10.00 for Treasurer's work.
- 7. That the Conference Sunday School Secretary be paid \$6.00 from the Conference Fund for promotion work.

And that each Sunday School send five cents per member to Rev. F. R. Eddy. (See Item IV Sunday School Statistics.)

\$8.50

- 9. That we vote a special \$2.00 per member per year assessment for five years, above the regular Educational Budget, to assist in financing the Five Year Achievement Goal of \$100,000.00 toward a building program for Miltonvale Wesleyan College as requested by Miltonvale Local Board of Managers. It is understood this assessment shall be on a year to year basis subject to action of the Annual Conference. It is further understood that this item is a benevolence and not applicable on the budget.
- That all Conference and Camp Meeting expense be referred to the Camp Meeting Committee.
- 11. That it be the sense of the Conference body that the Conference President be fully supported by the Conference in urging increases in pastoral salaries.
- 12. That the Conference President be reimbursed \$5.69 from the Conference Fund for deficit in expenses for past year.
- 13. That moving expenses of Conference President be paid by the Conference Treasurer.
- 14. That a special offering be taken on each charge at time of first Quarterly Meeting for purpose of paying General Conference Delegates expense and for purpose of paying expense of Conference President to Winona Lake, Indiana Convention.
- 15. We especially recommend that each pastor be diligent in pressing for full coöperation in fulfillment of aforementioned financial recommendations through emphasis on tithing and church obligation.

W. C. BRANNON, Chairman; LE VERNE TOLLE, Secretary; G. C. COCKRELL; THOMAS PINKERTON, W. F. LEE.

# Report No. 7

# COMMITTEE ON THANKS

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth

forever." We feel to give praise to the Lord for crowning the efforts of the past year with such a gracious Conference.

We as a body want Rev. W. C. Brannon and the good people of Enid church to know that we deeply appreciate the sacrificial efforts made to so royally entertain the Conference. To those who have opened their homes for entertainment, to Rev. Thomas Pinkerton, Miss Thelma Hickman, Miss Fanny Cooper and those who have assisted in any way in the dining hall and kitchen, we offer sincere thanks.

The able and very fruitful ministry and administration of Dr. Roy S. Micholson, the Connectional Editor, merits our sincere appreciation. The inspiring messages of Rev. and Mrs. Rufus Reisdorph, directed to our hearts by the Holy Spirit, was indeed a blessing to all. Appreciation is extended to the Miltonvale Wesleyan College Ladies' Trio and to Eva Gilger for their Spirit-filled ministry in song and good educational program.

The adding machine of Earl Richey aided in the dispensing of the work of the Conference more efficiently. It was greatly appreciated.

The labors of love and faithfulness of our Conference officials, G. C. Cockrell, President; Raymond Tolle, Treasurer; Fred Groves, Secretary will long be remembered in the Oklahoma Conference.

"Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord." "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable."

Sincerely submitted,

MRS. FRED GROVES, MRS. FRED MONEY.

# Report No. 8

#### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, we believe the Word of God to be the standard by which we are judged, we, the members of the Oklahoma Conference resolve to become more diligent students of the Word, and by our lives, words and deeds exalt the blood of Christ as the remedy for the sins of the world.

We further resolve, that the membership of our churches adhere more closely to the rules of the Discipline relative to the wearing of modest apparel, the laying off of jewelry, the abstinence of the use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages since we are admonished to, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

Inasmuch as we acknowledge the demoralizing effects of present day worldly amusements upon our young people we advise that our churches consider prayerfully their responsibility in providing wholesome recreation and a supervised guidance of youth's leisure.

Be it further resolved, that we wholeheartedly support our Church schools with our finances and by urging our young folk to attend, and that we loyally subscribe to and read our Church periodicals. Seeing the whitened harvest field waiting for the sickle of the reapers, within the bounds of our own Conference, and the near approach of our Lord's return, we resolve to intensify our efforts in the realm of evangelism and Church Extension.

MATTIE FISHER, ERMA S. BRANNON, EFFIE A. ROSS.

# Report No. 9

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD

# Conference Year, 1945-1946

Receipts		
Budget from churches	\$1142.09	
Home Mission Department	324.80	
Oklahoma W. H. & F. M. S	36.60	
Received this year		\$1503.49
Balance from last year		283.43
Total		\$1786.92
Disbursements		
Supplemental Salary, M. W. Washburn	\$ 125.00	
Remodeling and Equipment, Oklahoma City	755.00	
Revival Meeting Expense, Oklahoma City	75.00	
On Principal of Note, F. R. Birch	200.00	
Interest, F. R. Birch	211.75	
Moving Expense, M. W. Washburn	125.00	
Insurance, Oklahoma City	15.13	
To Blackwell, Card Calls	13.00	
To Blackwell (from Enid)	130.00	
Advertising	10.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	26.00	
Total paid out		\$1685.88
Balance on hand, August 7, 1946		101.04
Accounted for		\$1786.92
RAYMOND A. T	OLLE, Tr	easurer.

Report No. 10

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TREASURER, 1945-46

#### Receipts By Cash By Receipt Total Alva ..... \$ 473.49 \$ 249.89 \$ 723.38 Blackwell ..... 85.25 47.13 132.38 Carwile ..... 100.70 5.25 105.95 Cedar Grove ..... 340.86 35.59 376.45 Enid ..... 1186.80 1388.19 2574.99 New Hope ..... 116.67 106.12 222.79 Oklahoma City ..... 109.00 28.98 137.98 Ponca City ..... 462.30 201.54 663.84 Wesleyan Chapel ..... 158.92 78.03 236.95 Total Paid by Churches ...... \$3033.99 \$2140.72 \$5174.71 Public Offerings ..... 133.68 133.68 Interest ..... 33.00 33.00 Home Mission Department ..... 524.80 524.80 Litell Estate ...... 100.00 100.00 Oklahoma W. H. & F. M. S. ..... 36.60 36.60 Oklahoma W. Y. P. S. ..... 27.05 27.05 Total Received This Year ..... \$3889.12 \$2140.72 \$6029.84 Balance From Last Year ..... 2058.53 2058.53 Total Received ..... \$5947.65 \$2140.72 \$8088.37 Disbursements By Cash By Receipt Total Foreign Missions ..... \$ 512.20 \$1256.62 \$1768.82 Home Missions ..... 176.32 424.66 600.98 Education ..... 348.93 339.46 688.39 Orphanage ..... 55.75 63.18 118.93 Conference Extension (Missions) ...... 1474.13 36.60 1510.73 Interest on Oklahoma City Note ...... 211.75 211.75 Principal on Oklahoma City Note ...... 200.00 200.00 Conference President's Salary ..... 300.00 300.00 Conference President's Expense ...... 125.00 125.00 Incidental Expense ..... 8.67 8.67 Annual Conference Expense ..... 61.85 61.85 Conference Sunday School Secretary ..... 6.00 6.00 Secretarial Services ..... 7.50 7.50 Interest Super. Min. Fund (Kuntz) .....

United States Bonds .....

30.36

1200.00

30.36

1200.00

WESLEYAN METHODIST	CHUR	CH	25
Mid-Year Convention Expense	107.14 180.00 6.05	20.20	107.14 180.00 26.25
General Conference President's Salary Miscellaneous Expense	4.40 26.70	20.20	4.40 26.70
Total Paid Out \$ Balance, August 7, 1946	904.90	\$2140.72	\$7183.47 904.90
Total Accounted For \$	5947.65	\$2140.72	\$8088.37
Distribution of Conference	e Funds		
General Fund		\$ 15.43	
Extension Fund		101.04	
Campground Fund		169.55	
Superannuated Ministers' Fund		314.79	
Student Loan Fund		295.99	
Conference President's Fund		8.10	
Total			\$904.90
Conference Liabiliti	es		
Note at 51/2% to Foreign Mission Department	t		\$3700.00
Notes and Bonds Rece	ivable		
Note at 6% (Superannuated Min. Fund) Enid	1	\$ 300.00	
Note at 6% (Superannuated Min. Fund) Geo.	Prudot	20.00	
U. S. Bond No. D2 072 227G (Campground F		500.00	
U. S. Bond No. D2 072 228G (Campground F	und)	500.00	
U. S. Bond No. C4 042 468G (Super. Min. Fu	ınd)	100.00	
U. S. Bond No. C4 042 469G (Super. Min. Fu	ınd)	100.00	

RAYMOND A. TOLLE, Conference Treasurer.

### Report No. 11

Total

# REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE, 1945-46

We, the Auditing Committee, having examined the financial statements and records of the Conference Treasurer, have found them to be correct according to receipts and vouchers. His books, to our knowledge are without error. We recommend that a standing vote of appreciation be given Raymond A. Tolle for his efficient method of bookkeeping.

Having found a certain note past due and payable, we recommend the Conference instruct the Treasurer to take steps in collecting the same.

We also have examined the Treasurer's Annual Report of the Missionary Board and have found this report to be true and correct.

Signed: JAMES J. HARRIS, M. WILLIAM WASHBURN.

# Report No. 12

#### MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Lord in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst a few of the choice saints of the Oklahoma Conference, giving us the assurance that our loss is their gain. The words of Jesus, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die," calls to our hearts the fact that our faithfulness and service for Him in this life offers us the rich reward of eternal life and bliss.

The following are those who have passed away this past year:

Mr. Jim Hughes and Mrs. Rebecca Sutton from Alva; Rev. W. J. Kuntz, Mr. W. J. Morris, Mrs. Birdie Higgins, Mr. L. A. Larssen, Leslie Nelson from Enid; Raymond Kemph, New Hope.

REV. H. V. BRANNON, Chairman; MR. IRA HICKMAN, MRS. DAISY COCKRELL.

#### Report No. 13

# REPORT OF CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY

Financial Statement, August 8, 1945-August 13, 1946

# Cash Receipts

Offerings	6.00 3.67	
Total Cash Receipts		\$9.67
Disbursements		
Telephone Calls	\$ .90	
Attendance Contest Awards	3.50	
Visual Education Aids (Mid-Year)	1.00	
Postage	1 03	

# WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

Mimeographing	
Total	\$8.33
Balance on Hand	\$1.34
Sunday Schools Visited	9
Training for Leadership Books Introduced	15
Sunday School Messages Delivered	10
Attendance Contests Held	1
Sunday School Pamphlets Distributed(Several Hur	idred)
Statistical Report	
Number of Sunday Schools	10
Whole Number of Officers	49
Whole Number of Teachers	53
Number in Home Department	123
Number of Scholars in Cradie Roll  Number in Main School	684
Total Number in the Sunday School	920
Average Attendance	546
Number of Scholars Converted	45
Number of Scholars Joining Church	20
Number of Departmental Superintendents	14
Number in Teachers' Training Course	7
Number of Organized Classes	26
Number of Books in Library	410
Wesleyan Lesson Helps Taken:	307
Sunday School Banner	136
The Children's Friend	129
Teacher's Quarterly	72
Home Department Quarterly	35
Senior Quarterly	383
Intermediate Quarterly	86
Junior Quarterly	120 -
Primary Quarterly	44
Our Little Folks Cards	109
Bible Lesson Chart	5
Financial Statement:	138.85
Sunday School Expense (Bocar)	383.19
For Connectional Sunday School Work	38.25
For Other Benevolences	951.27
For Other Benevolences	
Report of the Work	

To what extent have you traveled in the interest of the Sunday School

work of your Conference? Visited nine Sunday Schools; corresponded with ten schools (complete number of schools).

How many local or circuit Sunday School Institutes or Conventions have been held in your Conference this year? Four.

How many District or Conference Institutes or Conventions? One.

What is the general condition of the Sunday School Work of your Conference? Definite increase in both attendance and finance.

Signed: FLORENCE ATKINSON, Conf. S. S. Sec.

# Report No. 14

#### TITHING SECRETARY'S REPORT

I have appreciated the privilege God has given me the past year of presenting the glorious message of tithing to the Oklahoma churches. I have personally visited Wesleyan Chapel, Alva, New Hope, Ponca City, Cedar Grove, and Blackwell and found a responsive attitude to the message. A number of pieces of literature have been distributed.

ERMA S. BRANNON, Tithing Secretary.

#### Report No. 15

#### REPORT OF THE CAMP MEETING COMMITTEE

The Camp Meeting Committee of the Oklahoma Conference met at Enid, Oklahoma, for its first meeting November 20, 1945, with the Rev. G. C. Cockrell, Conference President, in the Chair. The principal item of business was a decision to not participate in a joint Conference as was done last year, but to hold it as in the past. The invitation of the Enid church, extended by the pastor, Brother Brannon, to hold Conference at that place was accepted. After some consideration of other Conference matters, the meeting adjourned.

The second meeting was held at Enid on July 10, 1946. The matter of dining hall management was discussed, and Brother Thomas Pinkerton was chosen manager. Dining hall rates were set, and provision was made for workers in the dining hall. Other matters pertaining to the Conference and Camp Meeting were discussed, after which the meeting adjourned. A full report of these meetings is in the files of the Conference President.

RAYMOND A. TOLLE, Secretary pro tem.

# Report No. 16

# COMMITTEE ON VACANCY REPORT

Upon the resignation of the Rev. H. K. Sheets from the Local Board of Managers of Miltonvale Wesleyan College, Rev. G. C. Cockrell was nominated to fill out the unexpired term.

Done by said members of the committee, June 4, 1946.

Committee Members:

G. C. COCKRELL, LE VERNE TOLLE, CLIFTON CUMMINGS, THOMAS PINKERTON, PAUL BATMAN.

# THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

# Report No. 17 STATISTICAL REPORT

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Name of Charge	Time Employed (Months	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists Taken	Wesleyan Missionarys Taken	Wesleyan Youths Taken	Sunday School Banners	Junior Class Papers	Children's Friends	Teacher's Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly		Our Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Chart	Pupil's Lesson Stories, Etc.
lva lackwell arwile edar Grove nid na ew Hope klahoma City oringdale esleyan Chapel	12   12   12   12   12   12   12   12   12	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1	16 4 6 12 53  20 4 21	18 12 51. 9 35  5. 4 17	1 6 10 1 4 8	20 15 25 10  20 12 30	25 15 8 10 30  12 6 20	10 15 6 8 30 8 20 10 14	10 4 6	241	10  25 8 10 10	20 15 10 10 30 8 15 10 13	15	2	10 18  40  20 10 10 15	10 15 6 15  14 20 10 	2 1	24

# STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

# Report No. 17 STATISTICAL REPORT

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Name of Charge	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Total Members Lost	No. Reported Last Year	Present Number	Loss (or)	Gain	No. Under 14 Years of Age	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Local Preachers	No. of Family Altars	Membership Tithing
Alva Blackwell Carwile Cedar Grove Enid Etna New Hope Oklahoma City Ponca City Springdale Wesleyan Chapel Totals	19		7 2 1	2 4 1	2 3 1  10 	1 1 1	13 19 156 31 32 13 46 6 28	12 19 161 31 32 16 47	1 1 1 1	5	  i	18  3 2 15  6 	6	1  1  1	1 1 1 1	12 6 4 7 42  5	45 10 8 13 75  15 14 25

# WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

# STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued '

I	tem	IV.	S	unda	ay S	cho	ols							7			
Name of Charge	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. of Officers	Whole No. of Teachers	Whole No. of Scholars	Total No. in Main School	Average Attendance	No. Schol. in Home Dept.	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	No. Scholars Converted	No. Schol. Joining Church	No. Departmental Supts	Teacher's Training Course	No. of Organized Classes	No. Books in Library	No. W. Y. P. Societies	Total Mem. of Societies
Alva Blackwell Carwile Cedar Grove Enid Etna New Hope Oklahoma City Ponca City Springdale Wesleyan Chapel Totals	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	5 6 3 5 9 4 7 2 3 5	8 6 5 4 11 5 5 4 6  5 9	92 40 20 53 218 23 75 34 89  27	105 52 28 62 285 32 102 38 98  37	77 44 18 35 172 31 55 23 62  29	17 2  12 10  12 	17 11 11 8 35 10 15 3 10  3	102 41 120  40	10 13  2 25  13 9  72	3  19  9 6 	2 2 1 2 5  1 1 3  1	7	10 4 5	20 11  75  25 12 107	1 2  1 1 1 1	16  13 36  15 8 14  11

Item	v.	Church	Prop	erty		H.	The state of		
Name of Charge	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Alva Blackwell Carwile Cedar Grove Enid Etna New Hope Oklahoma City Ponca City Springdale Wesleyan Chapel Totals	1 1 1 1	1000 2100 25000 700 1000 7000 4000 800 800	\$2600	3500 1000	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	2500 500 1300 6000 350 410 3000 3500	787.20	800 3000 1000 2000	911.41 2568.97 285.52 998.51 270.00

# THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

# STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item VI. Amount Contributed for Pastor											
Name of Charge	Pastor's Salary Parsonage Rent Marriage and Funeral Fees Gifts Total Pastor's Receipts										
Alva Blackwell Carwile Cedar Grove Enid Etnid	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$										
New Hope Oklahoma City Ponca City Springdale	805.20 120.00 7.00 412.35 1344.55 1110.99 300.00 5.00 183.00 1598.99 1950.00 480.00 10.00 311.30 2751.30										
Wesleyan Chapel	990.00   200.00     153.00   1343.00     \$10848.19   \$2095.00   \$152.00   \$2530.49   \$16625.68										

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Item VII. Amount Contributed for Church									
Name of Charge	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Church Incidental Expense	Furniture and Equipment	Other Church Expense	Total for Church	
Alva Blackwell Carwile Cedar Grove Enid Etna New Hope Oklahoma City Ponca City	352.83 337.67 600.00 299.00 18.05 504.51	124.08 32.42 47.24 238.45  91.18 102.28 136.82	218.91 226.06	13.55 823.25 	258.96 7.80 161.84 947.98 44.18 204.05 372.58			1524.45 53.77 546.75 2634.68 	
Springdale Wesleyan Chapel Totals	217.45	45.00		248.89	89.24			600 59	
101015	192090.33	9747.00	\$1233.55	\$1315.62	\$2300.11	\$37,00	\$164.16	\$8719.64	

# STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item VIII. Contribute	d fo	or Confe	erence B	udget			1
Name of Charge		Work Assigned	Work Raised	Missions	Missions Raised	nated Ministers'	uated Ministers'
Name of Charge		Conference	Conference	Conference Assigned	Conference	Superannuated Fund Assign	Superannuated Fund Raised
Alva			\$110.40	\$67.00		\$33.50	
Blackwell		28.80		24.00	12.51	12.00	10.00
Carwile Cedar Grove		15.60		13.00	13.00	6.50	6.50
Enid		22.80 187.20		19.00 156.00	25.00 668.34	9.50 78.00	9.50 78.00
Etna							78.00
New Hope		38.40	30.00	32.00	23.25	16.00	
Oklahoma City				18.00			
Ponca City		55.20			180.83	23.00	
Springdale							
Wesleyan Chapel		33.60	37.25	28.00	28.00	14.00	14.00
Totals		\$483.60	\$542.70	\$403.00	\$1176.24	\$201.50	\$183.50

Item VIII. Contributed for	Conferen	ice Bud	get—Cont	inued	Parky.	
	Assigned	Raised		t Raised	ssigned	þ
	Fund	Fund	Budget	Budget	4	t Raised
Name of Charge	Campground	ampground	Conf.	Conf.	Budget	Budget
	Сатр	Сатр	Total Assi	Total	Total	Total
Alva Blackwell						
Carwile Cedar Grove Enid	10.45 85.80	10.45	61.75	85.20	155.50	376.45
Etna New Hope Oklahoma City	17.60 9.90		58.50	53.25 109.00	259.85 145.65	137.98
Ponca City Springdale Wesleyan Chapel	15.40	15.40	91.00	94.65	226.55	236.95
Totals	\$221.65	\$185.95	\$1309.75	\$2088.39	\$3251.75	\$5186.71

# THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

# STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

, Item VIII. Contributed fo	r Conne	ctional B	udget			
Name of Charge	Foreign Missions Assigned	Foreign Missions Raised	Home Missions Assigned	Home Missions Raised	Education Assigned	Education Raised
Alva Blackwell Carwile Cedar Grove Enid Etna New Hope Oklahoma City Ponca City Springdale Wesleyan Chapel Totals	48.00 26.00 38.00 312.00  64.00 36.00 92.00	19.32 26.00 177.00 1068.66  54.49 10.10 94.45	24.00 13.00 19.00 156.00  32.00 18.00 46.00	18.15 13.00 67.30 172.02  35.82 4.00 140.57	36.00 19.50 28.50 234.00 48.00 27.00 69.00	19.50 35.11 262.85 70.03 11.75 92.00

Item VIII. Contributed for Connectional Budget-Continued									
Name of Charge	Orphanage Assigned	Orphanage Raised	Connectional S. S. Work Assigned	Connectional S. S. Work Raised	Total Connectional Budget Assigned	Total Connectional Budget Raised			
Alva Blackwell Carwile Cedar Grove Enid Etna New Hope Oklahoma City Ponca City Springdale	39.00 8.00 4.50 11.50	7.70 3.25 8.34 0.39.32 9.20 9.20 3.13 0.17.49	1.95 3.50 10.00 3.85 1.65 6.00	2.70 1.95 3.50 10.00	116.76 63.70 93.75 751.00 155.85 87.15 224.50	75.87 63.70 291.25 1552.85 169.54 28.98 356.51			
Wesleyan Chapel			-	-	128.55	The second second			

# STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item IX. Contributed for Benevolences									
Name of Charge	Missions	Missions	E E	ase	ce Work	P. S.	Objects	r Benevolences	
	Foreign	Home N	Education	Orphanage	Conference	W. Y. I	Other C	Total for	
Alva Blackwell Carwile Cedar Grove Enid		2.00	23.69		2.00 3.25	\$20.50	57.91	57.91 25.69 199.70	
Etna New Hope Oklahoma City Ponca City	11.74	254.50	14.95	31.00	86.17	7.50	56.86 14.69	79.35 14.69	
Springdale Wesleyan Chapel Totals	7.95	10.00	81.00		5.55	9.00			

Item X. Contributed Totals									
Name of Charge	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total For All Purposes				
Alva Blackwell Carwile Cedar Grove Enid Etna New Hope Oklahoma City Ponca City Springdale Wesleyan Chapel Totals	2751.30	1524.45 53.77 546.75 2634.68 	105.95 376.45 2574.99 	57.91 25.69 199.70 1910.68 	3213.47 1034.10 2342.49 10404.35 2299.96 2308.31 5756.07				

# Nineteenth Annual W. Y. P. S. Conference of Oklahoma

Enid, Oklahoma, August 13, 1946.

The Young People of the Oklahoma Conference assembled at Enid, Oklahoma, at the Wesleyan Methodist church, 916 E. Maine Street, August 13, at 2:00 p. m.

The service was opened by singing "Sound the Battle Cry" and "In the Service of the King," led by Sister Dollie Gum. Prayer was offered by Rev. Paul Batman. Time was spent in introducing members from each charge.

Committee on Credentials was elected, which consisted of Dolly Gum, Carl Jackson.

Motion was made and seconded that first four rows of seats comprise Conference Bar.

Moved and seconded we meet at 8:00 a. m. following day for further business.

Motion was made and seconded we adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Fred Tremaine.

The second session of the Conference was called to order by the President, Wednesday morning at 8:00. Service was opened by singing "Jesus Will Walk With Me." Led in prayer by Rev. Robert Hollen.

The following Nominating Committee was elected: Rev. H. V. Brannon, Mrs. Evelyn Cariker, Rev. Miss Dollie Gum.

Moved and seconded that 10:30 a.m. be the time designated for W. Y. P. S. work.

Adjourned for Conference work.

The third session of the W. Y. P. S. opened at 10: 30 a. m., Wednesday. The service was opened with prayer by Sister Dollie Gum.

Credentials presented from Oklahoma City charge.

Report of Nominating Committee was read and adopted. The following Committees were elected:

Courtesy-Orvel Day, Eugene Cockrell.

Statistical—Rev. Paul Batman, Fred Tremaine, Goldie Sheldon.

Efficiency-Leon Jackson, Rev. Paul Batman, President of W. Y. P. S.

Finance-Dollie Gum, Mrs. Frank Mackey, Wilma Cockrell.

Recommendation—Pearl Ratcliffe, Charles Steers, Eileen Eggleston.

Auditing-Mary Croft, Quita Joy Marshall.

Wesleyan Youth Solicitors—Lorene Worline, Gerald Brannon, Bill Washburn.

Thanks-Mrs. Evelyn Cariker, Miss Iva Jane Richey.

Reporter-Mrs. Frank Mackey.

Special Order of the Day for election of Conference Officers was set for Thursday, 10:15 a. m. or immediately after Conference session.

Adjourned for Committee work.

The fourth session was called to order Thursday, 10:15 a. m. Service opened by singing "Jesus and Others and You." Led in prayer by Ronald Brannon.

Election of officers was held. The following officers were elected:

President-Rev. James Harris.

Vice-President-Rev. Fred Groves.

Secretary-Pearl Ratcliffe.

Treasurer-Rev. H. V. Brannon.

General Conference Delegate-Rev. Paul Batman.

Alternate-Mrs. Alice Harris.

Motion made and seconded we adjourn.

The fifth session of W. Y. P. S. was called to order Friday morning, 10:30. Service opened by singing several choruses led by Alice Harris. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Evelyn Cariker.

Statistical Committee gave a report.

Meeting adjourned for Committee work.

The sixth session was called to order Saturday morning. Service opened by singing group of choruses led by Leon Jackson, assisted at the piano by Maxine Engleman. Led in prayer by Sister H. V. Brannon.

Report of following committees were given: Treasurer, Finance,

Thanks, Auditing, Recommendations.

Passed as permanent record that President of Society be a member of

Efficiency Standard Committee.

Motion passed that a Nominating Committee to nominate Session Committees for Annual W. Y. P. S. Conference Work be composed of Executive Committee and Delegates-elect from Wesleyan Chapel and Ponca City.

Recommended Committee for Recreation—Brother Brannon, Charles

Steers, Fred Tremaine, Quita Joy Marshall.

Moved and seconded that this Committee be accepted for Conference year.

Recommended that a "Quiet Hour" be spent in reading Bible, prayer,

meditation.

Motion was made to meet each evening before service for prayer.

Dismissed in prayer by Brother Cockrell.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

We truly thank God for His blessings to us in the Oklahoma Conference, and for His presence in every session.

At this time, we, the visiting young people, wish to thank the Enid

church for their hospitality in opening their homes to us. We enjoyed the prayers and sweet fellowship in the Lord.

We further express our appreciation to the delegates who have been faithful in attending the business sessions throughout this Conference.

IVA JANE RICHEY, MRS. JOHN CARIKER.

### REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend:

- 1. That Romans 12:2 be the motto for the Oklahoma W. Y. P. S. in this ensuing year: "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."
- 2. That the entire membership of the Oklahoma W. Y. P. S. be assured of the witness of the Holy Spirit and the witness of their own spirit that their heart is pure. And that those that are not so assured seek the experience with their whole heart.
- 3. That the Conference Prayer and Fast League be given new emphasis and we submit the name of Alice Harris for League Superintendent, also, that each society elect a Superintendent to supervise the following in the local society:
  - 1. A definite time for prayer and fasting.
  - 2. That a self-denial offering be set aside for designated purposes.
  - 3. That the local Superintendent make regular reports to the State Superintendent.
- 4. That the local President of each Society be responsible for promoting the following:
  - That the youth become better acquainted with the Wesleyan doctrine by setting aside a definite time to study the Discipline and the Wesleyan Catechism, with a special emphasis on the Course of Study in the "Wesleyan Youth."
  - That each Society through its Devotional and Program Committees endeavor this next year to create greater enthusiasm by membership drives and contest, and that we extend a sincere welcome to all visitors and friends.
  - That the Wesleyan Youth be received regularly by each member, also that each member support our other Church periodicals by subscription.
  - 4. That our young people take advantage of our Church schools in preference to other schools and that we make use of the W. Y. P. S. Student Loan Fund. Loans to be recommended by the Student's pastor and paid by the Conference W. Y. P. S. Treasurer. Interest on the W. Y. P. S. Loan is 4%.
- 5. That there be a youth rally in every church in the Conference, and an endeavor made for a district rally in each district this year.

- 6. That two copies of the Statistical Report be turned in to the Statistical Committee. Both copies audited. One for Conference record, the other report to be turned to the Society for their information.
- 7. That the Wesleyan Youth of the Oklahoma Conference cooperate fully with the Wesleyan Hour Program, and that we endeavor to contribute 25 cents per member to the same.
- 8. That there be an organized Society, with certificate of organization, for every charge.
- 9. That there be wholehearted, 100% response in the payment of Connectional dues, 50 cents per member, and sent directly to the Conference Treasurer.

PEARL RATCLIFFE, Chairman; MARY K. CROFT, EILEEN EGGLESTON, CHARLES F. STEERS.

### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

- 1. That \$15.00 be paid toward the expense of printing the Conference Minutes.
- 2. That dues be \$1.00 per member a year, each Society remitting quarterly to Conference W. Y. P. S. Treasurer. The dues to be divided as follows: 50 cents per member a year for Connectional W. Y. P. S. 50 cents per member a year for Conference W. Y. P. S.
- 3. That the W. Y. P. S. Conference Fund (50 cents per member) be distributed by vote of the Executive Committee.
- 4. We encourage each Society to subscribe to the Card Call Plan of the Home Missionary Department of the Church.
- 5. That each Society be assessed \$1.00 per member to be used for the traveling expenses of the Conference W. Y. P. S. Delegate and President to General Conference.

DOLLIE GUM, Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER, Balance on hand, August 31, 1945		
Receipts		
Ponca City	\$ 32.05	
Enid	37.35	
Wesleyan Chapel	9.00	
Cedar Grove	18.00	
Alva	31.89	
Oklahoma W. Y. P. S. Registration	61.00	
Total Receipts		\$352.63

### Disbursements

Garfield County News, Enid, Okla	\$ 4.00	
Davis Paint Store, Enid, Okla., Picture and Trophey	9.18	
Printing of Minutes	10.00	
Connectional Dues	51.50	
Rev. Clinton Jones, Youth Evangelist	40.00	
O'Mealey's Cafe, Youth Banquet	36.78	
Raymond Tolle, Education	17.05	
Total Expenditures		\$168.51
Balance on Hand		
Deposit	\$180.23	
Cash	3.89	
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Total Balance		\$184.12

### AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined receipts, check stubs, and Treasurer's books of the W. Y. P. S. and find them to be correct.

ROBERT G. HOLLEN, RONALD BRANNON, CHARLES STEERS.

### W. Y. P. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Name of Society	Organized	Active Members	Associate Members	Wesleyan Youth	Total Receipts for the Year	Church Extension	Education
Oklahoma City Blackwell New Hope Wesleyan Chapel Cedar Grove Enid Ponca City Alva Totals	No Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes	8 7 15 9 13 29 14 15	2	1  6 10 7 24	77.12	\$5.00	17.05 25.13

## W. Y. P. S. STATISTICAL REPORT-Continued

Name of Society	Local Work	Conference Dues	General Dues (Connectional)	Radio Fund		Total Disbursements	Cash on Hand
Oklahoma City			The state of the s			\$119.58	\$7.55
New Hope	23.47		\$7.50				
Wesleyan Chapel							
Cedar Grove	7.00	6.50	6.50		\$53.70	73.70	
Enid				\$25.00			
Ponca City				10.00			
Alva		10,000,000		The state of the s			-
Totals	\$259.64	\$43.35	\$59.00	\$36.00	\$165.99	\$629.16	\$80.89

# Minutes of the Twenty-Third Annual Session of the

# Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Oklahoma Conference

### OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE SOCIETY

President—Mrs. Effie Ross, Route 2, Aline, Oklahoma. Vice-President—Mrs. Erma Brannon, 924 E. Maine St., Enid, Okla. Secretary—Mrs. Alice Harris, 411 W. Highland Ave., Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Treasurer—Mrs. Ava Tolle, 116 Center St., Alva, Oklahoma. Y. M. W. B. Superintendent and Treasurer—Mrs. Grace Groves, Waukomis, Oklahoma.

### PRESIDENTS OF LOCAL SOCIETIES

Alva—Mrs. Birdie Fisher, 900 Choctaw St., Alva, Oklahoma.
Blackwell—Mrs. Vivian Batman, 503 S. First St., Blackwell, Oklahoma.
Carwile—Mrs. Effic Ross, Route 2, Aline, Oklahoma.
Cedar Grove—Mrs. Martha Williams, Route 9, Alva, Oklahoma.
Enid—Mrs. Charles Crooks, Second and Market, Enid, Oklahoma.
New Hope—Mrs. J. M. Batman, Ringwood, Oklahoma.
Oklahoma City—Miss Pearl Ratcliffe, 3101 N. McKinley, Oklahoma
City 6, Oklahoma.
Ponca City—Mrs. Julia Engleman, 706 E. Cleveland, Ponca City,
Oklahoma.

Wesleyan Chapel-Mrs. Grace Groves, Waukomis, Oklahoma.

### ROLL CALL

# Conference Officials, Local Presidents and Delegates

Mrs. Effie Ross	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mrs. Erma Brannon	1	1	1	0	1	0
Mrs. Alice Harris	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mrs. Ava Tolle	1	1	1	1	1	0
Mrs. Grace Groves	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mrs. Birdie Fisher	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mrs. Vivian Batman						
Mrs. Martha Williams	1	1	1	1	1	1

Mrs.	Charles Crooks	1	0	1	1	1	1
Mrs.	J. M. Batman	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miss	Pearl Ratcliffe	1	1.	1	1	1	0
Mrs.	Julia Engleman	0	0	0	1	1	0
Mrs.	Mittie Belle Tolle	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mrs.	May Ent	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mrs.	Melissa Clark	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mrs.	Elva Conaway	1	0	1	1	1	1
Mrs.	Helen Hollen	1	1	1	1	1	0
Mrs.	M. W. Washburn	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mrs.	Renas Stangeland	0	0	0	0	1	1
Mrs.	Amelia Maddox	0	1	1	1	1	1

# JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS

First Meeting, Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.

Opening—The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Oklahoma Conference convened for its twenty-third annual session at Enid, Oklahoma, August 14, 1946.

Song service led by Pearl Ratcliffe.

Sister Ross brought us soul stirring thoughts on going "Forward" as followers of Christ.

The roll of officers was called.

Committee on Credentials consisting of Mrs. Fred Money was elected. The credentials of six delegates-elect were read and accepted.

Motion carried that the first four rows of seats be made the Conference Bar.

Motion carried that the Nominating Committee consist of the following: Mrs. Erma Brannon, Mrs. Daisy Cockrell, Mrs. May Ent.

Motion carried that the W. H. & F. M. S. Conference convene each day at 8:00 a. m. and 1:00 p. m.

Motion carried that Orders of the Day follow report of the Nominating Committee and election of session committees.

Motion carried to recess for committee work.

# Second Meeting, Wednesday, 1:00 p. m.

Opening—Song, "Covered by the Blood." Sister Vivian Batman offered prayer with a special petition for our missionaries in Africa.

The following report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted.

Auditing-Mrs. Vivian Batman, Mrs. W. M. Washburn.

Plan of Work-Mrs. Effie Ross, Local Presidents.

Magazine Solicitor-Mrs. Elva Conaway.

Statistical-Mrs. Ava Tolle, Mrs. Helen Hollen.

Reporter-Mrs. Mittie Belle Tolle.

Memorial—Mrs. Daisy Cockrell, Mrs. May Ent, Mrs. Melissa Clark.

Apportionment—Mrs. Grace Groves, Mrs. Mittie Belle Tolle, Miss

Apportionment—Mrs. Grace Groves, Mrs. Mittie Belle Tolle, Miss Pearl Ratcliffe.

The election of Conference Officials resulted as follows:

President-Mrs. Effie Ross.

Vice-President-Mrs. Erma Brannon.

Secretary-Mrs. Alice Harris.

Treasurer-Mrs. Ava Tolle.

Y. M. W. B. Superintendent-Mrs. Grace Groves.

Prayer Partner Secretary-Mrs. Daisy Cockrell.

General Conference Delegate-Mrs. Erma Brannon.

Alternate Delegate to General Conference-Mrs. Ava Tolle.

The report of the President was read and adopted.

The report of the Y. M. W. B. Superintendent was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Adjourned on motion.

### Third Meeting, Thursday, 8:00 a.m.

Opening—Songs, "Lily of the Valley" and "The Child of A King." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Grace Groves with a special petition for our missionaries in South America. Sister Ruby Reisdorph, Connectional President of the W. H. & F. M. S., encouraged our hearts by bringing enlightening thoughts from the ninety-first Psalm.

The Courtesy Committee introduced Sister Insley.

Motion was carried to hear the Annual Reports from the Local Societies.

Adjourned on motion.

Dismissal prayer was offered by Sister Washburn.

# Fourth Meeting, Thursday, 1:00 p. m.

Opening—Song, "Covered by the Blood." Prayer was offered by Sister Insley.

Local Societies gave their reports.

Motion carried to adjourn.

## Fifth Meeting, Friday, 8:00 a.m.

Opening—Song, "Constantly Abiding." Prayer was offered by Sister Larson with a special petition for our missionaries in India. Devotions from Hebrews 10:13.

The Secretary called the roll.

Auditing Committee report was read and adopted.

The report of the Statistical Committee was adopted subject to this change, that the money allocated to Mrs. Ruth Sanchez be designated as an improvement fund for Abbot Hall.

Adjourned on motion. Prayer offered by Sister Reisdorph.

## Sixth Meeting, Friday, 1:00 p. m.

Opening—Song, "Tell the Blessed Story of the Cross." Sister Harris led in prayer. Sister Reisdorph told of her experiences while touring South America.

Motion carried to use \$25.00 from the W. H. & F. M. S. treasury for use in publishing the Conference Minutes.

Motion carried that we adjourn to meet immediately following the afternoon church Conference session.

Dismissal prayer by Sister Brannon.

The sixth meeting reconvened at 3:45 p. m. at the call of the Chair.

The Apportionment report was read and adopted.

The Plan of Work was read and adopted.

The Memorial report was read and adopted.

Motion carried to take \$7.92 from the W. H. & F. M. S. Treasury and add this to the apportionment raised for Mrs. Ruth Sanchez, but designated for improvement of Abbot Hall.

At the close of the business session the Chair gave Sister Reisdorph the floor to answer any questions concerning the W. H. & F. M. S. work. Adjourned on motion.

# REPORTS

# Report No. 1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Women of the Oklahoma Conference:

Greeting in the eloquent name of Him who hears our prayer, meets us in His word and gives us refreshment and rest; rest in listening to His words of Eternal Life, in reposing our souls on it, taking the mold and fashion it gives to every thought, affection, faculty and desire. Rest in being changed into His image, reflected in every part of that bright mirror—"Changed from glory to glory by the Spirit of the Lord." What a wonderful Christ! But a sense of sadness grips the heart when we are reminded that so few in the world are actually enjoying this rich experience and that a large majority may never know its delights. Our responsibility to a lost world is beautifully expressed in the words of another who wrote: "We are debtors to all men to give them the gospel in the same measure as we have received it."

How gracious the Lord has been to us this year! Since the close of our last Conference session, we have witnessed the end of the bloodiest world conflict in all history. Many of our loved ones have safely returned from overseas service and many wartime restrictions and inconveniences which have hindered the advancement of God's kingdom have been removed, for which we praise the Lord.

With the close of the war, we are giving vent to the Missionary and Evangelistic spirit. As a Conference we have been lifting our eyes to behold the whitened harvest fields, waiting for the sickle of the reapers. We are pleased to note the enthusiasm of our dear women in reference to the forward plans of the Home and Foreign Missionary Departments of the Church in entering new mission fields and in meeting the demands of enlarging fields. In the execution of these plans, we are each privileged to have a part. Thank God! Indirectly their success depends upon us. Sacrifice and intercession are potent factors in the success of every missionary enterprise. Shall we not faithfully discharge this holy obligation?

Someone has written: "Is not this what we need? Is it not such a new discovery of God, such a new obedience, such daring plans and an expanding faith that new measures of God's power may be released? We need to be shaken, so that choked channels may be opened, new ones riven where none are now channels big enough for God and big enough for this hour."

Shortly after the last Conference session, our General Conference Officers launched a prayer program for the General W. H. & F. M. S., the purpose of which was to enable us to pray more systematically and effectually. They name the new organization, "Prayer Partners." I am pleased

to report that in response to the written presentation of the plan to the Conference, several "prayer partner" groups were organized. May they continue to perform this God-given responsibility.

The visit to the Conference last fall by Sister Grace Davis, returned Missionary to Africa, was deeply appreciated. Those who were privileged to attend the Missionary Rally, held at Enid on Sunday afternoon, December the second, were blessed and inspired by her message and by the songs of the Miltonyale Quartette.

We are indeed gratified to report that our Missionary Circle has been enlarged this year. The enterprising ladies of the church at Oklahoma City expressed the desire for a Missionary Society, the organization of which I authorized in the middle of January. May heaven's rich blessings rest upon them.

It was a real disappointment, when I found it impossible to attend the Mid-Year Convention at Alva, because of sickness in our family. Reports, reaching us from there, indicate that it was a very profitable season of fellowship and inspiration and blessings from the Lord.

Looking toward the new Conference year with its unknown problems and toils, losses and crosses, battles and victories, we are reminded of the Apostle Paul's attitude toward both the past and the future, which is described in his letter to the Philippian church in these words: "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." May we too, adopt this bit of the great Apostle's religious philosophy, of forgetting the past with its joys and sorrows, failures and successes, defeats and victories, and pressing forward to more devoted and efficient service and greater victories for Christ, being assured of the invisible presence of Him who said: "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." May God bless you all. In loving service,

EFFIE A. ROSS.

#### Report No. 2

# W. H. & F. M. S. CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR CONFERENCE YEAR 1945-46 Receipts

Receipts	
Alva	\$ 282.22
Plackwell	54.12
Carwile	24.76
Cedar Grove	42.57
Enid	1510.79
New Hope	87.63
Oklahoma City	6.25

Ponca City		544.73	
Wesleyan Chapel		68.17	
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Total Received from Societies		\$2621.24	
		27.24	
Received from Public Offerings		103.05	
Balance from last year		103.05	
		+0554 50	
Total Received		\$2751.53	
Disbursements			
		By Cash	By Receipt
Foreign Missions		\$1156.99	\$ 52.57
Home Missions		237.58	426.34
Education		80.27	83.17
		84.18	74.33
Orphanage		36.60	.84
Conference Extension			.04
Ruth Sanchez		4.22	
General Conference General Fund		45.06	
Miscellaneous:			
Mexican Church	\$100.00		
Missionary Headquarters	56.55		8.00
Grace Davis (Love Offering)	9.22		
Grace Davis (Expense)	1.00		
Medical Students	10.00		
Jewish Missions			15.00
Macon Church	9.78		
Gift to Oklahoma City Church	5.00		
Envelopes	1.50	193.05	
Envelopes	1.00		
Total Paid Out		\$1837.95	\$ 660.25
Balance on Hand, August 7, 1946		253.33	φ σσσ.Ξσ
Balance on Hand, August 7, 1940		255.55	
Total		\$2091.28	\$ 660.25
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Summary			
Received:			
Balance from last year			\$ 103.05
			1988.23
Credit by Cash			1700.20
m . 1 G . 1			\$2091.28
Total Cash			
Credit by Receipts			660.25
			\$2751 52
Total Received			\$2751.53
Paid Out and On Hand:			01007 07
Paid Out in Cash			\$1837.95
Balance on Hand, August 7, 1946:			

For Ruth Sanchez \$	92.94	
For General Delegate Dues	115.06	
For Oklahoma Conference Fund	45.33	253.33
Total		\$2091.28 660.25
Total Paid Out and on Hand		\$2751.53
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MRS. AVA TOLLE, Treasurer.

# Report No. 3 OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE Y. M. W. B. REPORT Receipts

Alva	\$ 63.34	
Blackwell	3.92	
Cedar Grove	6.02	
Enid	116.44	
New Hope	14.85	
Ponca City	20.71	
Wesleyan Chapel	21.31	
Total Receipts		\$246.59
Disbursements		
Sent to Aileen O. Shea	\$246.59	
Total Disbursements		\$246.59
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MRS. GRACE GROVES, Y. M. W. B. Superintendent.

# Report No. 4 AUDITING REPORT

We, the Auditing Committee, having examined the Treasurer's books of the W. H. & F. M. S. and the Y. M. W. B., find them to be correct. We are very grateful to Mrs. Ava Tolle and Mrs. Grace Groves for their faithfulness and efficiency in their work in the Conference Missionary Societies.

Signed: MRS. VIVIAN BATMAN, MRS. VIRGINIA WASHBURN.

### Report No. 5

### MEMORIAL REPORT

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: yea, saith the Spirit, that

they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13. The Lord in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst two faithful sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Sutton and Mrs. Birdie Higgins to their reward. As women of the Oklahoma Conference, we extend sincerest sympathy to the loved ones of these our sisters. We also recommend that cards of sympathy be sent to the following bereaved: Mrs. Louthan, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Larssen and Mrs. Ent.

MRS. DAISY COCKRELL, Chairman; MRS. MAY ENT, MRS. MELISSA CLARK.

### Report No. 6

#### APPORTIONMENT REPORT

The following methods shall be used in determining the membership budget and goal:

- 1. Membership-A five per cent gain.
- 2. Miltonvale Wesleyan College—\$100.00 divided on basis of Society membership.
  - 3. Foreign Missions—\$50.00 divided as above.
  - 4. Home Missions-\$110.00 divided as above.
  - 5. Orphanage—\$50.00 divided as above.
  - 6. Conference Church Extension—\$35.00 divided as above.
- 7. Education—Apportioned to one-fourth of local church membership at \$1.50 per member.
- 8. General Conference Delegate Fund—\$.25 per member, based on 1947 membership.
  - 9. Goal: Double the amount of the budget.

Society	Membership	Gain	Miltonvale Wesleyan College Improvement	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Orphanage	Conference Church Extension	Education	Total Budget	Total Budget Goal
Alva Blackwell Carwile Cedar Grove Enid New Hope Oklahoma City Ponca City Wesleyan Chapel	33 7 5 13 49 20 5 19	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	\$20.48 4.36 3.12 8.08 30.40 12.42 3.12 11.80 6.22	1.43 3.99 15.50 6.23 1.43	4.71 3.33 8.85	15.50 6.23 1.43	\$7.25 1.49 1.05 2.81 10.70 4.40 1.05 4.10 2.15	\$24.75 8.62 4.50 7.12 60.37 12.00 2.40 17.62 10.12	23.32 14.86 34.84 166.16 54.96 12.76 58.33	29.72 69.68 332.32 109.92 25.52
Totals	161	9	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$110.00	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$147.50	\$492.50	\$985.00

Signed: MRS. GRACE GROVES, MRS. MITTIE BELLE TOLLE, MISS PEARL RATCLIFFE.

### Report No. 7 PLAN OF WORK

The Committee on Plan of Work submits the following plan of work:

- 1. That we send to Mrs. Ava Tolle, Treasurer, the specified budget, together with all receipts for gifts and boxes to home and foreign work.
  - 2. That the Conference Society be divided into three districts:

District No. 1-Alva and Cedar Grove.

District No. 2—New Hope, Carwile, Wesleyan Chapel and Oklahoma City.

District No. 3-Blackwell, Enid, and Ponca City.

The President to choose one person from each district at Conference to be responsible for arranging the rally.

District No. 1-Chairman, Sallie Richey.

District No. 2-Chairman, Pearl Ratcliffe.

District No. 3-Chairman, Erma Brannon.

- 3. That we hold one convention in the Conference during the year to be held jointly with the Ministerial and W. Y. P. S. Conventions.
- 4. That we arrange with the pastor for our missionary prayer service, the second week of each month, the same to be preceded by fasting.
- 5. That we hold twelve meetings during the year in which prayer service and business is conducted.

- 6. That there be five Red Letter Days:
  - (a) Harvest Day-Educational Day.
  - (b) Thanksgiving—Programs, gifts and offerings for Home Missions.
  - (c) World Day of Prayer—That we observe the World Day of Prayer.
  - (d) April—Self-Denial Month.
  - (e) May Day—Gift Day. Bandages and such as can be sent with outgoing missionaries or used in our Home Mission Field.
- 7. That we use the Study Book.
- 8. That we read the Conference Plan of Work and Efficiency Standard twice each year, and read the Connectional Plan of Work once each year.
- 9. That we take a definite position against the use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages and their advertisements.
- 10. That we pay twenty-five cents per member for General Delegate Fund, to be based on 1946-47 membership, for the expense of our representatives to General Conference, one of whom is expected to visit each local Society later, her traveling expense to be borne by the Conference.
- 11. That each Society render a public program at which time an offering is taken for Missions.
- 12. That we support an Educational improvement fund for Abbot Hall at Miltonvale Wesleyan College.
- 13. That the Conference Treasurer pay the registration fee for the Conference Officials out of the Oklahoma General Fund.
- 14. That the local Delegate shall check the statistical report with the Conference Treasurer before the same is read publicly.
  - 15. That we fill a gift box for Orphanage and Home Missions.
- 16. That each Society contribute materials to the Missionary exhibit to be displayed at the Annual Conference.
- 17. That each Society plan during the year to bring provisions to the Annual Conference.
- 18. That each Society coöperate with the Home Missionary Secretary by subscribing to the Card Call Plan.
- 19. That the dues be sent in quarterly and that it be designated as to where one half will be sent, either to be applied on Home or Foreign Missions or the Orphanage.

# Report No. 8 EFFICIENCY STANDARD

Each of the following items count ten, making a possible score of 150.

1. Arrange with Pastor for one Missionary prayer service one week of each month at which service a missionary offering is taken.

- 2. Ten meetings held during the year in which prayer service is held and business transacted.
  - 3. Red Letter Days:
    - (a) Harvest Day-Education work.
    - (b) World Day of Prayer—That we observe the World Day of Prayer.
    - (c) Self-Denial.
  - 4. One public meeting.
- 5. Correspond with Missionaries through Corresponding Secretary of each Society.
- 6. The President, Secretary and Treasurer a subscriber to the Wesleyan Methodist and Missionary Magazine and fifty per cent of the members taking the magazine. A Magazine Solicitor elected for each local Society.
- 7. Report blanks properly filled out on time and sent to the Conference Treasurer to be checked before Conference.
- 8. The local Society instruct the Delegate the amount to pay for the Society for current Conference and Camp Meeting expense. The same to be paid to the Camp Meeting Committee.
  - 9. A Superintendent and fully organized Y. M. W. B.
  - 10. A five per cent gain in membership.
- · 11. All money must be sent in and purpose designated twelve days before Conference.
  - 12. Pay Missionary Budget in full.
  - 13. Reach money goal.
  - 14. Pay Miltonvale Wesleyan College Improvement Fund in full.
- 15. Each Society appoint a representative to attend the Mid-Year Convention.
- 16. That we pay twenty-five cents per member for General Delegate Fund based on 1946-47 membership. (See Item 10 in Plan of Work.)

## Report No. 9

# W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Receipts										
Name of Society	Active Members	Honorary Members	Members Gained	Members Loss	Regular Meetings Held	Special Meetings Held	Do You Use Missionary Programs?	No. Wes. Missionarys Taken	Rank Under Efficiency Standard %	Cash on Hand From Last Year
Alva Blackwell Carwile Cedar Grove	33 7 5 13	4	1 2		23 12 8 12	1 1	No Yes Yes	17 10 4 9	150%	11.44
Enid New Hope Oklahoma City	49 20 5	16	7		20 45 14	1	Some Yes Yes	7 3	150% 65% 80%	1.86 4.15
Ponca City Wesleyan Chapel	19 10		4		17 10	1	Yes Yes	17	140%	4.78
Totals	161	21	18		161	22		102		\$123.54

# W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT-Continued

Receipts										
Name of Society	Membership Dues	Offerings	Labor	Clothing and Other Gifts to Home Work	Bandages and Other Gifts to Foreign Work	Local Church Work	Total			
Alva Blackwell Carwile Cedar Grove Enid New Hope Oklahoma City	\$37.00 7.00 5.00 13.00 63.00 20.00 6.25	138.54 1305.82 38.48 51.72	\$25.00 5.00	15.13 127.00 191.75	5.75 13.00	16.00	\$437.85 70.05 42.71 291.85 1575.43 103.63 62.97			
Wesleyan Chapel	19.00	58.17		282.50			575.45			
Totals	\$100.25	\$2132.19	\$30.00	\$678.79	\$34.99	\$48.35	\$3228.11			

### W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT-Continued

Disbursements									
Name of Society	Educational Project	Home, Cash	Home, Clothing and Other Gifts	Hephzibah, Cash	Hephzibah, Provisions	Foreign, Cash	Foreign, Bandages and Other Gifts	Medical Students	Education, Cash
Alva Blackwell Carwile Cedar Grove Enid New Hope Oklahoma City Ponca City Wesleyan Chapel Totals	35.01 8.36 10.95 6.40	9.23 2.84 12.80 155.12 9.23  170.57 27.55	85.50 73.00  282.50	17.32 4.20 3.13 5.49 3.25	40.00 60.00	10.32 4.63 11.84 1014.50 25.59 10.00 19.94	5.75 28.00	\$10.00	8.25 4.87 12.14 7.50 12.00 17.25 10.50

### W. H. & F. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT-Continued

Disbursements										
Name of Society	Education, Provisions	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	General Delegate Fund	Conference Extension	Cash on Hand	Total	Missionaries Supported	Children Supported
Alva	\$9.60		3.50	\$13.60 .80	1.75	5.01	\$103.48	70.05		1
Carwile	1.50	1.62 84.03	2.50	4.00		2.45	16.33 2.50	42.71 291.85		
Enid	51.25	33.39	31.50	15.00		12.34	25.25	1575.43	· · i	• • •
New Hope		16.00	10.00		5.00			103.63		
Oklahoma City		42.15	3.12			3.83	4.57	62.97 575.45		
Ponca City Wesleyan Chapel				11.54	4.75 2.50	3.83	29.18	575.45		1
								\$3228.11		3

# Y. M. W. B. STATISTICAL REPORT

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Name of Band	No. of Members	No. of Meetings Held	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Total
Alva Blackwell	24		\$37.84 1.20		\$19.00 2.00	
Carwile	9 20 17	12 28 50			38.60	
New Hope Oklahoma City Ponca City Wesleyan Chapel	5 12	47	2.71	3.00		20.71
Totals			\$107.48	The Advantage of	The second second	