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Nominating Committee—W. C. Brannon, Lcon Jackson, delegateselect from Alva and Blackwell churches.

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Chairman, Auditing Committee-Ronald Smeange

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STANDING RULES

- 1. All Trustees of the Oklahoma Conference shall reside within the bounds of the Conference.
- 2. When a pastor provides his own place of residence, all rent from regular parsonage shall be paid to such pastor.
- 3. The treasurers of the various Conference Funds shall close their books on July 20th. No budget credit shall be given after that date. 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 Building and Location.
- 5. The Committee on Religious services shall consist of the Conference President; W. M. S. President; W. Y. President and the Conference President's Advisory Board,
- 6. We recommend that the following order of business be observed in our Annual Conference sessions:

Tuesday, 3:00 p.m.—Conference convenes Tuesday evening—Conference sermon Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.—Election of officers Friday—Reports of Committees Saturday—W. Y. business session

- 7. A Nominating Committee shall be elected composed of three clders, one of which shall be the Conference President as chairman ex-officio, and the Delegate-elect from two churches designated by the annual conference; these churches to be designated in alphabetical order. This committee shall first examine the credentials of all delegates to the annual Conference, and, secondly, 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 end on June 30th, and all statistical reports shall be based on monies received up to and including that date. When the receipts for the final budget payments by the various departments of the church are turned to the pastor, he shall fill out a statement of the amount of budget credit he wishes to receive for monies not sent to the Conference Treasurer, according to the receipts he has in hand. This, with the final budget payment, if any, should be sent to the Conference Treasurer as soon as possible after the close of the conference year. The Treasurer will then send each pastor a statement of total amount credited to his church for budget during the year.
- 9. Two copies of each written report shall be given to the secretary of the Conference. These shall be typewritten and double spaced. Size of paper, $8\frac{1}{2}$ by 11 inches.
- 10. The Conference Treasurer shall be a member of the Finance Committee, and an honorary member of the conference body with a right to speak, but not to vote.

11. The annual conference shall elect a Spiritual Life Conference Committee, composed of seven members. This Committee shall plan for the coming together of Christian workers of the Oklahoma Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. This Committee includes the Conference W. M. S. President, W. Y. President, and the Conference President.

Emphasis at the Conference shall be given to spiritual quickening, edifying and fellowship. This committee shall also plan for the coming together of the pastors and their wives, and all interested laymen for a time of prayer and fasting in the interest of the Oklahoma Conference.

12. Conference shall convene annually on the Tuesday following the first Monday of August.

18. In case of a change of pastors, the out going pastor shall be paid a salary for the two Sundays of Conference and Camp.

- 14. The Conference Treasurer and the Conference Secretary shall be paid twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) annually for their services.
- 15. The Conference President and the Conference Presidents of the W. M. S. and the W. Y. shall serve as members of the Spiritual Life Conference Committee and of the Missionary Board, with five other members.
- 16. The treasurers of the various Conference funds are to bring their account books, receipts, check books, cancelled checks and the latest bank statement to conference, and place these books in the hands of the Auditing Committee on the first day of the Conference session.
- 17. The Conference body recommends that each pastor be given a two weeks vacation, exclusive of the Conference and Camp session. This vacation is to include two Sundays with pay.
- 18. All monies received for the Conference Enlargement Fund shall be used for new works only in the bounds of the Oklahoma Conference.
- 19. Each Pastor shall send a complete Statistical Report to the Conference treasurer for his signature not later than July 20th, and he in turn will send the completed Statistical Report to the Chairman of the Statistical Committee.
- 20. The Chairman of the Statistical Committee and the Chairman of the Auditing Committee shall be elected a year ahead of Conference, and their names included in the Minutes with the Standing Committees.
- 21. Each church shall be entitled to count in local Sunday School att-ndance the number of their members in attendance at Sunday School at the location of the Annual Conference. The responsibility of identification shall rest with the visiting members and the Sunday School secretary of the host church. This shall be applicable to the two Sundays of conference and camp.
- 22. The budget shall be figured on the full membership as reported in Item III of the Statistical Report in the current Conference minutes.

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS

OPENING—The fifty-third session of the Oklahoma Conference of the Wesl-yan Methodist Church of America met in annual session at the First Wesleyan Methodist Church, Enid, Oklahoma, on Tuesday, August 7th, 1956 at 3:00 p.m. with the Rev. D. O. Dorr, Conference President in the chair. Song service was lcd by Rev. Robert Hughes. Rev. Leon Jackson read a selection from the book of Acts and gave a brief meditation.

ROLL CALL—The roll was called with fourteen members responding.

MOTION—Motion prevailed that the first five rows of seats across the front of the Church and the rostrum constitute the Bar of Conference.

REPORT—The Committee on Nominations brought in a report nominating committees for the Conference. See report number One.

REPORT—Committee on Credentials read the list of delegates, and the list was accepted by motion and the delegates were seated in the Bar of Conference.

ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES—The roll was called for delegates with fourteen delegates responding and present.

REPORT—The Conference President read his report including Official Acts and Financial Report, and the report was accepted by motion. See report number Two.

COURTESIES—Robert Farley and Bob Robison were introduced to Conference and each of the men spoke briefly. Richard Ernst was then introduced and gave a brief word of testimony.

MOTION—Motion prevailed that Robert Farley and Bob Robison be stated as members of the Conference.

REPORT—The Conference Treasurer read his report and it was accepted by motion. See report number Three.

REPORT—In the absence of the Secretary of the Missionary Board, the report from said Board was read by Conference Secretary and accepted by motion. See report number Four.

MOTION-RECOMMENDATION—A recommendation was read from the Cedar Grove Church recommending Robert Farley to travel under direction of the Conference. Motion prevailed that he be received and that the recommendation be referred to the Committee on Itineracy and Orders.

COURTESIES—Ronald Smeenge, pastor at Borger, Texas, was introduced to the Conference body and spoke briefly.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED—The following members of the Conference sent greetings to the Conference: Dr. H. K. Sheets, Marion, Indiana; Rev. Carroll Blomberg, Clay Center, Kansas; Raymond Anderson and Donald Dorr, licentiates, both of Marion, Indiana. Motion prevailed that the greetings be received and acknowledgement be made by the Conference Secretary.

REPORT—The treasurer of the Superannuate Pension Plan Fund rad his report and it was accepted by motion. See report number Five.

REPORT—The Camp Meeting Treasurer read his report and it was accepted by motion. See report number Six.

REPORT—The report of the Conference Card Call Secretary was read, and upon motion was accepted. See report number Seven.

REPORT-The report of the Tithing Secretary was read and accepted by motion. See report number Eight.

REPORT-The report of the Board of Trustees was read and by motion accepted. See report number Nine.

RESOLUTION-The following resolution was read by a member of the Alva Church:

"Each Church shall be entitled to count in local Sunday School attendance the number of their members in attendance at Sunday School at the location of Annual Conference. The responsibility of identification shall rest with the visiting members and the Sunday School secretary of the host church. This shall be applicable to the two Sundays of Conference and Camp. This action to become part of standing rules of Conference."

The resolution was accepted by motion and thus becomes part of Standing Rules of Conference.

MOTION—The motion prevailed that Conference convene at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily.

MOTION TO ADJOURN-Motion prevailed that we adjourn for committee work.

Wednesday Morning, August 8th, 1956

DEVOTIONAL PERIOD-Rev. Leon Jackson led in a song service. Rev. Robert Hughes read from II Corinthians 5:14-19 and brought a meditation on that portion.

CALLED TO ORDER-Conference was called to order by Conference President.

ROLL CALL—The roll was called with twelve ministers and seventeen delegates responding. Minutes were read and approved as read.

COURTESIES-Dr. and Mrs. David A. Re's, Syracuse, New York, were introduced to the Conference body and each of them spoke briefly.

MOTION-Motion prevailed that Dr. Rees be asked to serve as Chairman for the remainder of the Conference.

REPORT-The Secretary for Promotion of the Wesleyan Men's

Fellowship read his report and it was adopted by motion. report number Ten.

PASTOR'S REPORTS-The Rev. D. O. Dorr, Alva, read his pastoral report; and the pastoral reports of Rev. Floyd Joslin, Highland, and Arthur Schmidt, New Hope, were read in the absence of the latter two men.

MOTION-CHANGE IN STANDING RULES-Motion prevailed that the following change be made in Item 7 in the Standing Rules: The following words are to be deleted: 'Beginning with the 1956 Annual Conference." This action taken in order to clarify the Standing Rule involved.

RESIGNATION—Rev. Marvin E. Jones resigned from the Committee on Pastoral Relations. The resignation was accepted. ELECTION—Rev. Robert Hollen was elected to fill the vacancy

in the above mentioned Committee.

ADJOURNED BY MOTION.

Wednesday Afternoon, August 8th

DEVOTIONAL PERIOD—We were led in song by Richard Ernst, and then were led in a devotional by W. C. Brannon reading and commenting on Matthew 7:7-11.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS—Orders of the Day called for the election of officers.

TELLERS APPOINTED—The following men were appointed as tillers for the election: Leon Jackson, Robert Hollen, James Hane, Ronald Smeenge.

By proper parliamentary and disciplinary procedures the following officers were elected:

President—D. O. Dorr Vice President—W. C. Brannon Secretary—Marvin E. Jones Treasurer—Raymond A. Tolle

MOTION—Motion prevailed that the various Conference Secretaries be el cted by acclamation, with the following persons elected to office:

Sunday School Secretary-Robert Hughes

Tithing Secretary-James Hane

Educational Secretary—Thelma Campbell

Secretary of Evangelism-Marvin E. Jones

Card Call Secretary-A. D. Royalty

Secretary for Promotion of Wesleyan Men's Fellowship-Joe Sawyer

Temperance Secretary—Robert Farley

Secretary for Child Evangelism-Mrs. D. O. Dorr

RESIGNATION—Mrs. D. O. Dorr resigned from office of Secretary of Child Evangelism. Her resignation was accepted by motion. Secretary of Child Evangeilsm—Mrs. Joe Sawyer

To Committee on Itineracy and Orders—Joe C. Sawyer (term to expire 1960

Camp Meeting Board—Dwight Little, layman; D. O. Dorr, elder (See complete list of officers for other members)

Judiciary Committee—D. O. Dorr, W. C. Brannon, Leon Jackson, Robert Hollen

Nominating Committee-W. C. Brannon, Leon Jackson, delegateselect from Alva and Blackwell

Spiritual Life Conference Committee—D. O. Dorr, Robert Hughes, Marvin E. Jones, Mrs. D. O. Dorr, C. L. Cummings

Publisher and Editor the Oklahoma Beacon—W. C. Brannon

S cretary-Treasurer the Oklahoma Beacon-Robert Hughes

Vacancies Committee—W. C. Brannon (elder), Marvin E. Jones (elder), A. D. Royalty (elder), Russell Cockrell (layman), S. L. Taylor (layman).

Chairman of Statistical Committee-E. Leverne Tolle

Chairman of Auditing Committee-Ronald Smeenge

The Conference President nominated members to his Advisory Board and they were elected as follows:

E. LeVerne Tolle, W. C. Brannon

Sunday School Board—Allison Weatherby, Robert Farley (Conference Sunday School Secretary is chairman of this Board)

Pension Plan (Superannuate Pension Fund) Committee—A. D. Royalty (term to expire 1959). See complete list of Conference officers for other members of this committee.

Elected to Board of Trustees—Alvin D. Royalty, Leon Jackson. (Sce complete list under Conference Committees)

Missionary Board—W. C. Brannon, Marvin E. Jones, C. L. Cummings, Mrs. D. O. Dorr (See list of Conference Committees for other members)

MOTION—Motion prevailed that the Conference President be a member of the Spiritual Life Conference Committee by virtue of office and that this become a Standing Rule.

PARTIAL REPORT—The Committee on Passage of Character read a partial report and it was accepted by motion. See complete report number Eleven.

MOTION—Motion prevailed that the Pastor's reports read prior to the reading of the above report be accepted.

PASTOR'S REPORTS—The following pastors read their reports of the year's labors: W. C. Brannon (Enid First Church), A. D. Royalty (Etna), Marvin E. Jones (Ponca City), R. J. Eling gave his testimony, and J. M. Batman gave a testimony.

ADJOURNED SUBJECT TO CALL OF THE CHAIR.

Thursday Morning, August 9th

DEVOTIONAL PERIOD—We were led in song by Rcv. Walter Rowell. Rev. E. A. Anderson read from Psalm 24 and brought a meditation from that portion.

ROLL CALL—Twelve ministers and fifteen laymen responded to the roll call. The minutes of the previous day's meetings were read, corrected and approved.

RECOMMENDATION — A recommendation from the Borger Church was read recommending Ronald Smeenge to travel under Conference direction. Accepted by motion.

RECOMMENDATIONS—The Enid First Church recommended Floyd Larson and Gordon Clark to study under Conference direction, and Richard Ernst to travel under the direction of the Conference. James and Evangeline Hane were recommended by Enid First Church to travel as Song Evangelists. Each of the above mentioned persons were accepted by proper parliamentary procedure.

REPORT—The Committee on Resolutions brought in a report and the report was adopted by motion. See report number Twelve.

REPORT—The report of the Religious Services Committee was read and accepted by motion. See report number Thirteen.

RECOMMENDATION—The San Antonio Church recommended Hideo Kunihiro to study under Conference direction preparatory to travel. Accepted by motion.

PASTOR'S REPORTS—The following pastors read their reports: Robert Hollen (Wesleyan Chapel), E. A. Anderson (Rogers), Joe C. Sawyer (San Antonio), Ronald Smeenge (Borger), Robert Hughes (Enid West Side), Bob Robison (Whittenburg), Robert Farley (Cedar Grove)

MOTION PREVAILED TO ADJOURN FOR COMMITTEE WORK

Thursday Afternoon, August 9th

ORDERS OF DAY—Orders of the day called for the Ordination service for 1:30 p.m. Dr. D. A. Rees delivered a challenging message, and then E. L. Smith of Wichita, Kansas was ordained to the Wesleyan Methodist ministry.

CALLED TO ORDER—The Conference President called the Conference to order. We were led in song by Walter Rowell, and Tom Pinkerton led in prayer. Dr. D. A. Rees gave an explanation of Social Security as it pertains to ministers, and also discussed our own Superannuate Pension Plan, recommending that our ministers join both Social Security and the Pension Plan if possible.

REPORT—The report of the Treasurer of the Oklahoma Beacon was read and by motion accepted. See report number Fourteen.

REPORT AND REFERRAL—The report of the Committee on Finance was read by a member of the Committee. Motion prevailed that the report be referred back to the Committee for further study and recommendations.

PASTOR'S REPORTS—The following pastors read their reports: Leon Jackson (Blackwell), Walter Rowell (Tulsa)

COURTESIES—The following representatives of the Brother-hood Mutual Life Insurance Company were introduced: Dr. E. Boyd Shannon, Titus W. Schrock, Keith Pagan. Later in the day they presented an insurance plan for ministers.

ADJOURNED FOR COMMITTEE WORK

Friday Morning, August 10th

DEVOTIONAL PERIOD—Rev. Leon Jackson led in a song service, and Ronald Smeenge conducted the devotions, reading and commenting on Isaiah 59:19.

CALLED TO ORDER—Conference was called to order by the Conference President. Roll call was made with thirteen ministers and fourteen delegates present. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved as read.

REPORT—Motion prevailed that we have a special committee of not less than three members to study and present plans for putting the Conference President in the field full time by next Conference time, these plans to be presented at next year's Conference.

ELECTION—The following persons were elected to the special committee mentioned above: Joe C. Sawyer, chairman; Robert Hughes, Raymond A. Tolle.

REPORT—The report of the Secretary on Evangelism was read and accepted by motion. See report number Sixteen.

REPORT—The report of the Committee on Thanks was read and accepted by motion. See report number Seventeen.

Friday Afternoon, August 10th

DEVOTIONAL PERIOD—Rev. Robert Farley led in a song, and the meditation was brought by Rev. Joe C. Sawyer, reading and commenting on Psalms 91:1.

CALLED TO ORDER—Conference was called to order by the chairman. Twelve ministers and twelve laymen were present for the roll call.

REPORT—The Committee on Itineracy and Orders read their report and the report was accepted by motion. See report number Eighteen.

Motion prevailed to Adjourn for committee work.

CALLED TO ORDER—Conference was called to order for the closing meeting of the 1956 session.

MOTION—Motion prevailed that the following changes be made in the Standing Rules:

- Change Standing Rule number Three by substituting "20" for "15" in the first sentence, and substituting for the sccond sentence, "No budget credit shall be given after that date."
- 2. Change Standing Rule number Eight by deleting the second sentence and substituting therefore: "When the receipts for the final budget payments by the various departments of the church are turned to the pastor, he shall fill out a statement of the amount of budget credit he wishes to receive for monies not sent to the Conference Treasurer, according to the recripts he has in hand. This, with the final budget payment, if any, should be sent to the Conference Treasurer as soon as possible after the close of the Conference year."
- 3. Change Standing Rule number Sixteen by deleting the last two sentences.
- Change Standing Rule number Nineteen by substituting "20" for "15."
- 5. Add Standing Rule number Twenty-two: "The budget shall be figured on the full membership as reported in Item III of the Statistical Report in the current Conference minutes. (Associate and Junior members are not included in Budget considerations.)

REPORT—The report of the Sunday School Secretary was read and by motion accepted. See report number Nineteen.

REPORT—The final reading of the report of the Committee on Pastoral Relations was read and by motion accepted. See report number Twenty.

REPORT—The report of the Auditing Committee was read and accepted by motion. See report number Twenty-one.

REPORT—The report of the Conference Educational Secretary was read and by motion accepted. See report number Twenty-two. REPORT—The report of the Treasurer of the Spiritual Life Conference Fund was read and accepted by motion. See report number Twenty-three.

MOTION—Motion prevailed that the Conference Minutes be printed by the Woods County Publishing Company, Alva.

MOTION—Motion prevailed that the Religious Services Committee prepare a mimeographed agenda, a copy to be sent to each pastor prior to Conference, and a supply to be available at Conference time for ministers and delegates. Said agenda to list time various committees are to report, name of one to bring devotions at each meeting, etc.

MOTION—Motion prevailed that consideration be given to establishing a Junior Youth Camp for boys and girls, and that the Secretary of Child Evangelism be chairman of a Committee of three members to study plans for such a camp. The Sunday School Secretary and one other appointed by the Child Evangelism Secretary, to be the additional members of the committee.

MOTION—Motion prevailed that the Conference Secretary be authorized to secure secretarial help as needed.

CONFERENCE SERMON FOR 1957—Motion prvailed that Rev. W. C. Brannon be chosen to deliver the Conference sermon at our next Conference.

ELECTION—A Publicity Committee for next Conference and Camp Meeting was elected as follows: Robert Hughes, Ronald Smeenge.

MOTION—Motion prevailed that the Conference Sunday School Secretary plan a Sunday School Rally at our next Conference.

MOTION—The motion carried that the Conference President and his Advisory Board take care of any unfinished business.

MOTION—The motion carried that the Conference Secretary be authorized to edit and/or delete material for the Conference Minutes.

MOTION—Motion prevailed that the Conference Secretary be authorized to prepare short form blanks for report of Pastors to be used on Conference floor.

COMMUNICATION RECEIVED—A letter was received from Carl Jackson, Marion, Indiana, a licentiate. The letter was read to the Conference body.

MINUTES READ—The Minutes for all meetings today were read and approved as read.

Motion prevailed that Conference session be adjourned sine die.

REPORTS

Report No. 1

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

The Committee on nominations submit the following report: COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS

D. O. Dorr-Chairman, Marvin E. Jones, Joe C. Sawyer, W. C. Brannon, E. LeVerne Tolle, H. L. Snowden, Dwight Little.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

D. O. Dorr-Chairman, R. J. Eling, Minnie Maddox.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Marvin E. Jones—Chairman, A. D. Royalty, E. A. Anderson, Russell Cockrell, James D. Wright.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Leonard Stangeland—Chairman, Ethel Brenton, Evelyn Garwood.

COMMITTEE ON THANKS

Mrs. Fred Money-Chairman, Stella Ann Noe, Anna Waterman.

COMMITTEE ON AUDITING

Walter Rowell-Chairman, Robert Farley, Bob Robison.

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

Leon Jackson-Chairman, Ronald Smeenge, Robert Hughes.

COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ELDERS ORDERS Rafael Marrujo, C. L. Cummings, S. L. Taylor

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

Oral Royalty, Thelma Campbell, C.L. Cummings Ruth Anderson.

REPORTERS

Robert Hughes, Ronald Smeenge.

COMMITTEE ON COURTESY

W. C. Brannon, Joe C. Sawyer.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS Robert Hughes.

Report No. 2 CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Members and Friends of the Fifty-third Annual Scssion of the Oklahoma Conference, Greetings:

In the providences of God we are privileged once again to sit in heavenly places with you as ministers of the gospel, lay delegates, members and friends of the Oklahoma Conference. We have felt a deep sense of His Divine presence and leadership, as we have endeavored to carry on His work in this part of His vineyard during the past twelve months.

We wish to express our appreciation to the members of the various Boards of the Conference, and the entire constituency of the conference for the whole-hearted support rendered in the advancement of the Cause of Christ, and in behalf of our Beloved

It gives us great pleasure to report the organizing of a new church at Whittenburg, Missouri, and the purchase of church property there. Also, we have purchased the Episcopal church property at Borger, Texas. A beautiful, new church building has been erected at Ponca City, and at San Antonio, a new educational building has been erected on the rear of the church, providing adequate facilities for both Sunday School and church. Enid First church has built an educational unit and fellowship hall which will be used advantageously during Conference and Camp. The new parsonage at Tulsa has been completed with exception of a few minor items. The annex at West Side church is completed, and in use as housing for the pastor, and educational purposes. We are sorry that we find it necessary to report that we could not reonen the Oklahoma City field as yet, but we are working toward that end, and trust that it shall become a reality in the near future.

For all that has been achieved, we give God all the praise and the glory. We are persuaded that under God we shall yet make greater advances as each of us rededicate our lives, and consecrate our all to Him who has made possible these blessings in the Oklahoma Conference.

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August 5	-Met with Board of Trustees in Enid.	
August 9	-Made trip to Oklahoma City to investigate paving of streets on the north and east of church site.	
August 11	-Met with Camp Meeting Board in Enid.	
August 13	-Met with Missionary Board in Enid.	
August 14	—Met with Spiritual Life Committee and arranged for convention.	
August 15	—Signed petition for paving of streets bounding Oklahoma City property.	
August 20	 Accopted recommendations from Enid First Church for Jim Hane to Song Evangelism and appointed him to this special work with consent of Advisory Board. 	
September 12	-Made trip to New Hope and consulted with members of the church relative to securing pastor for	

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- September 22 —Met with W.Y. Executive Committee in Enid. September 22 —Met with Missionary Board in Enid.
- Septomber 22 -Met with Board of Trustees in Enid.
- Sentember 22 —Drew up legal instruments for sale of Ponca City property.
- September 26 —Recorded deed to Ponca City property in Newkirk.

 This deed was for Lots 13. 14 Block 12, Highland
 Addition.
- September 27 —Excuted proper legal instruments preparatory to sale of Ponca City property.
- October 6 —Executed documents for loan for Educational Building at Enid First church.
- October 7 —Appointed the Rev. John Friske supply pastor of New Hope church with approval of Advisory Board.
- October 13-14 —Attended Area Advance Convention at Miltonvale, Kansas
- October 15 —Granted letter of transfer for the Rev. Glen Mc-Murphy to the Iowa Conference.
- October 26 —Consulted with conference attorney in Enid and drew up initial legal instruments preparatory to purchase of Episcopal church in Borger, Texas.
- October 26 —Executed final legal documents for renewal of loan with the Liberty Federal Savings and Loan Ass'n for West Side church.
- October 27 Negotiated loan in the amount of \$6,000.00 from Mary E. Walker of San Antonio, Texas for San Antonio church.
- October 31 —Granted the Highland church permission to use the Rev. and Mrs. Martin as evangelists.
- November 11 —Granted the Rev. Carl Jackson permission to pastor the Friends Church at Burr Oak, Kansas with approval of Advisory Board.
- January 3-4 —Attended Board of Trustee meeting in Miltonvale, Kansas.
- January 5 —Appointed the Rev. E. L. Smith to supply Wichita Wesleyan Mission in Wichita, Kansas with approval of Advisory Board.
- January 25 —Executed legal instruments for renewal of loan and securing of additional funds for Tulsa parsonage.
- January 26 —Advised with pastor at New Hope relative to local church business, and accepted his resignation as pastor.
- February 1-2 —Made trip to Tulsa to investigate legal status of church property and to complete negotiations for loan for the local church.
- February 7 —Made trip to Meno, Oklahoma to interview Rev.

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- February 13 —Participated in dedication of Educational Unit and Fellowship Hall at Enid First Church.
- February 14-20 —Made trip to Marion College in interest of conference.

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SERVICES RENDERED

Pieces of mail handled	532 33 1,554
FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
	55.76 80.00 80.00
Total Receipts\$1,49	5.76
OFFICIAL EXPENSE	
Telephone and Telegraph	38.83 93.84 29.88 18.37 67.56
Total Received from all sources on expense\$1,01 Respectfully Submitted, Dudley O. Dorr Conference President	15.76

Report No. 3

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TREASURER

RECEIPTS

]	By Cash	By Receipt	Total
From Churches:			
Alva\$		\$ 240.28	\$ 1,299.96
Blackwell	407.28	53,05	460.33
Borger	300.58	28.73	329.31
Carwile	275.95	18.11	294.06
Cedar Grove	482.60	104.70	587.30
Enid First	2,771.81	955.75	3.727.56
Enid Westside	1,295.00		1,295.00
Etna	305.65	58.50	364.15
Highland	220.50	5.10	225.60
New Hope	218.54	77.30	295.84
Ponca City	723.16	176.86	900.02
Rogers	399.10	49.05	448.15
San Antonio	390.86	240.68	631.54
Tulsa	641.04	33.00	674.04
Wesleyan Chapel	353.73	47.45	401.18
Sub-total\$	9,845.48	\$ 2,088.56	\$11,934.04
From Other Sources:			
Rent from President's Home	805.00		
Offerings for President's Salary	166.82		
Oklahoma W. M. S.	109.75		
Home Mission Department	380.00		
Refunds	745.45		
Notes Receivable	214.05		
Interest	40.75		
Loans (Notes Payable)			
Thanksgiving Offering for	24,000.00		
Church Extension (Through			
General S. S. Department)	441.82		
Miscellaneous Receipts	72.16		27,475,80
Miscenaneous Receipts	12.10		21,410.00
Total received this year\$	37,321.28	\$ 2,088.56	\$39,409.84
Balance brought forward			
from last year	9,683.78		9,683.78
Total to account for\$	47,005.06	\$ 2,088.56	\$49,093.62

DISBURSEMENTS

	By Cash	By Receipt	Total
General Budget:	_,	DJ MCCCIPO	10001
Foreign Missions	261.54	\$ 1.230.14	\$ 1,491.68
Home Missions	365.41	275.49	640.90
Education	909.82	418.46	
Australia		410.40	1,328.28
Australia	103.23		103.23
Pension Plan	640.50		640.50
Orphanage	87.70	39.41	127.11
Administrative Budget	213.04		213.04
General Conference Expense	84.24		84.24
General Sunday School Work	132.30	33.30	165.60
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Total for General Budget\$	2,797.7 8	\$ 1,996.80	\$ 4,794.58
Conference Work:			
Notes Parchle Dringing	01 541 50		
Notes Payable, Principal\$	041.02		
Interest	2,114.50		
Taxes & Insurance	353.82		
Conference President's Salary	440.00		
Conference President's Expense	866.18		
General Expense	59.18		
Mileage—Official Boards	49.28		
Legal & Sales Expense	121.10		
1955 Conference Minutes	342.00		
Expense—Conference Officials	65.00		
Moving Expense (Borger)	116.48		
Long Doid (Workside)			
Loans Paid (Westside)	1,500.00		
Building Expense (Westside)	2,623.80		
Building Expense (Tulsa)	2,611.16		
Spiritual Life Conference	65.69		
Westside— General Card Call 90	280.00		33,149.71
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Miscellaneous:		1	
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Paid Out-later refunded\$	597.4 8		
Overpayments refunded to			
Churches	37.51		
Miscellaneous Expense	45.81		680,80
Total Paid out this year\$	36.628.29	\$ 1,996.80	\$38,625.09
Duplicated credit for receipts—	00,020.20	Ψ 1,000.00	ψυυ,υΔυ,υσ
(paid through the W.M.S.)		91.76	91.76
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Balance, July 20, 1956	10.910.11		10,376.77
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Total accounted for\$	47,005.06	\$ 2,088.56	\$49,093.62

BALANCES IN CONFERENCE FUNDS

Special Funds: 60 General Conference Expense 50 Conference Sunday School Work 149.14 Oklahoma City Building Funds 1,394.16 President's Home 390.25 Campground 304.05 Superannuated Ministers Fund 254.10 Spiritual Life Conference 20.00 Endowment 474.72 Pension Plan Deficit (from offering in 1955) 5.10 Student Loan 14.80 Total in Special Funds \$ 3,006.9	02
Working Funds: \$ 168.30 Conference General Fund \$ 898.32 Conference Extension Fund 3,303.23	-
Total in Working Funds \$ 7,369.8	35
Total in all Funds	7
Total, July 20, 1956\$10,376.77	
NOTES AND LOANS RECEIVABLE	
Blackwell Church, note at 2½%	0
Dudley O. Dorr, note at 5%	0
Enid Westside Church, loan	18
Tulsa Church, note at 2%	0
Southwest District (Oklahoma) Church of the Nazarene, note at 6%	4
Total Receivable\$ 8,397.6	2

CONFERENCE LIABILITIES

As of July 15, 1956

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W. L. Eagleton, Trustee, Note at 6%	4,263.93
William Dunn Jackson & Margaret B. Jackson, Note at 6%	3,464.13
Liberty Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n, Note at 6% 1 (Westside)	9,655.54
Home Mission Department, Note at 5%	2.000.00
Home Mission Department, Note at 5%	4,000.00
Charles L. Simpson & Orta A. Simpson, Note at 6% (Oklahoma City Airline)	2,000.00
Mittie Belle Tolle & E. LeVerne Tolle, Note at 5% (Extension Fund)	1,500.00
American National Bank, Note at 6%	1,054.55
Lanorah Jamison, Note at 6%(Blackwell)	5,748.28
Martha E. Walker, Note at 5%	5,283.42
Liberty Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n, Note at 51/2 % 1 (Enid First)	9,671.12
Ponca City Savings & Loan Ass'n, Note at 51/2% 1 (Ponca City)	1.955.00
Total Liabilities\$8	0.595.97

Raymond A. Tolle
Conference Treasurer

Report No. 4 MISSIONARY BOARD REPORT

August 13, 1955-It was moved and supported that the Conference pay the moving expense of Rev. Ronald Smeenge to Borger, Texas.

September 3, 1955-The Missionary Board unanimously approved

by correspondence, the payment of the Arthur Stangeland note, the amount of \$1,500.00 in full.

September 22, 1955—It was moved and supported that the Rev. Carroll Blomberg note of \$2,300.00 be paid in full.

November 2, 1955—The Missionary Board moved and supported the cancelling of the \$2,000.00 note to the West Side Church as the Conference obligation on the new edition.

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It was moved and supported that sufficient money be taken from the Conference Funds to complete payment for the Episcopalian Church building at Borger, Texas.

March 1, 1956-The Missionary Board authorized the purchase

of the Whittenburg Church from Rev. E. A. Anderson.

April 3, 1956—It was moved and supported that the Patzkowski note be paid with interest from the Conference Extension Fund.

April 27, 1956—The motion was moved and supported that the Jim Hanc note of \$750.00 with interest if necessary, be paid from the Conference Extension Fund.

July 26, 1956—It was moved and supported that the \$1,000.00 received on card call from the Home Mission Department for Borger, Texas, be paid on the E. LeVerne Tolle note which was borrowed for the Borger Church.

It was moved and supported that the conference Treasurer at was moved and supported that the conference Treasurer be authorized to pay \$5,800.00 toward the purchase of the property at 3rd and McGce, Borger, Texas, with the remaining \$500.00 to be paid when the Merchantable Title is presented. \$2,000.00 to be paid from the Conference Enlargement Fund and \$4,300.00 to be paid from the Conference Extension Funds.

Respectfully Submitted. Mrs. Opal Royalty Secretary Missionary Board

Report No. 5 SUPERANNUATE PENSION PLAN TREASURER REPORT July 23, 1956

RECEIPTS	
Assessments (1954-1955)	\$ 259.16
Assessments (1955-1956)	91.29
Conference (Budget 1954-1955)	172.16
Conference (Offering)	9.41
Conference (Budget 1955-1956)	640.50
Total Receipts	\$1,172.55
Carried over from last year	
	\$1.172.80 \$1.172.80
Total DISBURSEMENTS	\$1,172.80 \$1,172.80
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Treasurer

Report No. 6

CAMP MEETING TREASURER REPORT

Bank Balance as of July 18, 1955	
DISBURSEMENTS	
Evangelistic help\$	650.00
Dining room expense	486.29
Utilities	40.00
Janitor	40.00
Equipment	89.68
Advertising	44.65
Miltonvale College	103.00
Miscellaneous	14.42
Bank Charge	.39
Total expense\$1	 ,468.43

W. C. Brannon Treasurer

Report No. 7

 Total Receipts
 \$2,417.23

 Less Disbursements
 1,468.43

 July 13, 1956, leaves a bank balance of
 948.90

CONFERENCE CARD CALL SECRETARY

Our labors have been limited in this needy field for the work of Church Extension, but not because of a lack of interest or desire on the part of your servant.

We contacted by mail the Rev. George Hawthorn who is our Denominational Card Call Representative. He could not tour our Conference during the year, but thought he might get to us in August. He was to have written again but have not received a communication from him at this time.

We were able to visit the Borger Church, and enjoyed a blessed time of fellowship with the good people there. We need, as pastors, to get behind this great work. We desire the financial assistance that the Home Mission Department can give us when we need it, so let us get back of this work ourselves as pastors.

I received from the Conference Treasurer\$15.00 Received from the Church contacted for travel expense 25.00	
Total Received	\$40.00
Returned to Conference Treasurer\$15.00 Mileage Expense	
Total	\$40.00

Report No. 8

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TITHING SECRETARY

Fourteen churches were visited during the year and services held in the interests of tithing. Much credit is due the group of girls from the Alva church who so loyally and faithfully gave of their time, talent and finance to assist your Conference Tithing Secretary in this work.

We wish to express thanks to Him whose all-protecting hand enabled us to travel 3879 miles on the highways this year without

an accident of any kind.

We were graciously received and royally entertained at each church visited, and gladly leave in the hands of God the results of our feeble efforts.

E. LeVerne Tolle Conference Tithing Secretary

Conference Tithing Secretary Financial Report

RECEIPTS

From Conference \$ 15 Offerings from churches visited 100 Contributed by team members 43	00.0
Total Receipts\$159	.61
DISBURSEMENTS	
Promotional material \$ 13 Printing 6 Telephone and postage 2 Meals and lodging 56 Car expense 81	3.85 2.00 3.02
Total Disbursements \$159.61 Total Receipts \$159.61 Total Disbursements \$159.61 Balance on hand \$0.00	.61

E. LeVerne Tolle Conference Tithing Secretary

Report No. 9 TRUSTEE'S REPORT

A summary of the action of the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Conference is as follows:

August 5, 1955—Motion with its support: Alvin D. Royalty was appointed secretary for the ensuing year.

Motion with its support: Rev. D. O. Dorr was authorized to sign the petition for the paving of 51st St. and May Ave. S. W., Oklahoma City, Okla., adjoining the Church property.

August 10, 1955—Motion with its support: Rev. Joe C. Sawyer was granted permission to investigate a loan for the erection of an addition on the Church at San Antonio, Texas, and to draw up plans and present the same to the Committee on Church and Parsonage location for approval.

Motion with its support: Rev. D. O. Dorr was authorized to make contact with the Home Missionary Secretary in regard to the purchase of the Whittenburg Church.

September 22, 1955—The president and Secretary of the Conference were authorized and empowered to negotiate and sell the former Church property at Ponca City, Okla., for the sum of \$10,500.00), and to execute a proper Warranty Deed for the same.

Motion with its support: Enid First Church was granted permission to borrow the sum of (\$20,000.00) for the purpose of erecting an Educational Building.

It was further resolved: that the President and Secretary of the Conference be authorized and empowered to sign all legal instruments necessary for the above loan.

November 5. 1955—Motion with its support: Authorizing the purchase of the Church at Borger, Texas, from the Protestant Episcopal Board for the sum of (\$6,300.00).

It was further resolved: that the Conference President and Secretary be authorized and empowered to complete said transaction and to sign all necessary papers.

Motion with its support: The Church at San Antonio, Texas, was granted permission to construct a building on the rear of the present Church according to the plan as submitted.

It was further resolved: that the Conference President and Secretary be authorized and empowered to borrow from Mrs. Martha E. Walker of San Antonio, Texas the sum of (\$6,000.00) and to execute all necessary papers to complete said transaction.

Motion with its support: The Conference President and Secretary were authorized and empowered to negotiate a loan of (\$3,000.00) with the First National Bank of Borger, Texas, said sum to be applied on the purchase of the Church in that city.

January 27, 1956—Motion with its support: That the Conference President and Secretary be authorized and empowered and delegated to borrow from W. L. Eagleton, Successor Trustee under the Deed of Trust of R. M. McFarlin and Ida May McFarlin under the date of September 3, 1930, the sum of (\$4,900.00). the same to pay off the present loan on the Tulsa Church, and be used in completing the parsonage.

It was further resolved: That the Conference President and Secretary be authorized and empowered to execute any and all legal papers necessary to complete said transaction. March 1, 1956—Motion with its support: That the Conference President and Secretary be authorized and empowered to draw up all legal instruments for the purchase of the Whittenburg Church from Rev. E. A. Anderson and Myrtle Anderson in McDonald County, Missouri, for the sum of (\$1,500.00).

Motion with its support: That the note to Rev. D. O. Dorr from the Student Loan Fund, be renewed for another year or until it is needed for a student loan.

Arril 3, 1956—Motion with its support: That the Conference President and Sacretary be authorized and empowered to negotiate a loan from the Ponca City Savings and Loan Association of Ponca City. Okla.. for the sum of (\$12,000.00) to be used by the Ponca City Church.

Motion with its support: To grant a Deed of Easement to the County Commissioners of Blaine County, Okla.. of a strip of land amounting to (7 feet) wide, from the front of the property known as Etna Church, for the purpose of building a new Public highway.

It was therefore resolved: That the Conference President and Scretary be authorized and empowered to draw up the said deed of Easement to the above property.

July 26. 1956—Motion with its support: That the recommendation of the Attorney in regard to the Church property of Borger, Texas, be accepted.

Motion with its suprort: That Rev. Joe C. Sawyer he granted permission to horrow (\$750.00) from Mrs. Martha E. Walker, of San Antonio, Texas, for one year.

It was further resolved: That the Conference President and Secretary be authorized and empowered to sign all legal papers for the above mentioned loan.

Alvin D. Royalty, Sec'y.

Report No. 10 WESLEYAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

I consider the Wesleyan Men's Fellowship, if properly organized and promoted, not only another arm of the church but a very greatly needed branch. It gives the men of our church an outlet for the social, spiritual and promotional interests on a local and denominational level.

My sincere prayer is that your incoming secretary will be able to accomplish far more than I have in organizing and promoting this work.

It was my privilege to meet with the pastors at the Tulsa Spiritual Life Conference urging each of them to proceed in the organization of their men's fellowship groups.

Also letters were mailed to all pastors expressing our desire to assist in any possible way we might help them in perfecting an organization among their men.

This is a worthy project and should be encouraged by all.

W. C. Brannon, Secretary.

Report No. 11

Report of Committee on Character Examination have passed the following names.

Leon Jackson
Bob Robison
R. G. Hollen
Floyd Joslin
Joe C. Sawyer
Opal Royalty
Aivin D. Royalty
Walter Rowell
D. O. Dorr
Erma Brannon
H. K. Sheets
A. B. Bissey
John E. McGraw
Mrs. Effie Ross
Mrs. Faye Baker

W. C. Brannon
E. A. Anderson
Robert Hughes
R. J. Eling
Charles Steers
Marvin Jones
J. M. Batman
Robert Farley
Ronald Smeenge
Raymond Anderson
Don D. Dorr
John Friske
Tom Pinkerton
Carrol Blomberg
J. M. Batman

Committee:
D. O. Dorr
R. J. Eling
Minni Maddox

Report No. 12

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Whereas we believe "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness," and 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, that by our lives of "Holy conversation and Godliness," we may more effectively exalt the Blood of Christ as a remedy for the sins of the world.

Realizing the need for a Spiritual awakening, we further resolve that we pray diligently for a nation-wide revival. The Lord has promised in II Chron. 7:14 "If my people who are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sins and heal their land."

Be it further resolved that we support our schools with our finances and encourage our young people to attend them and prepare themselves to be "Workmen that needeth not to be ashamed." Also that we subscribe to and faithfully read our church periodicals.

Finally, let it be resolved that we pray earnestly for the President of our country and all who have authority over us. Let us first adhere to the commands of God; also to the requests and advice of our connectional, Conference and Pastoral leaders.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Leonard Stangeland Ethel Brenton Ruth Anderson

Report No. 13 RELIGIOUS SERVICE

The Religious Service Committee submits the following report:

Tuesday, August 7, 7:45 p.m.—Conference Sermon by Rev. Joe Sawyer.

Wednesday, August 8, 7:45 p.m.—Denominational Address. Dr. David Rees, speaker.

Thursday, August 9, 1:30 p.m.—Ordination Service.

Thursday, August 9, 7:45 p.m.—Missionary Service. Miss Marie Evatt, speaker.

Friday, August 10, 11:00 a.m.-Memorial Service.

Friday, August 10, 7:45 p.m.—Sunday School Rally.

Saturday, August 11, 7:45 p.m.—Educational Service. Rev. W. S. Freeborn, speaker.

Sunday, August 12, 11 a.m.—Camp Meeting.

Committee
Dudley O. Dorr
Robert Hughes
W. C. Brannon
E. Levern Tolle
Opal Royalty

Report No. 14

TREASURERS REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BEACON

Bal. brought forward August 15, 1955	\$ 42.34 117.50
Total to be accounted for	\$159.84 \$111.27
Balance on hand August 9	\$ 48.57

Report No. 15

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Your Committee on Finance submits the following recommendations:

- 1. The Total Budget be as follows:
 - A. General Budget: Foreign Missions, \$2.00; Home Missions. \$1.25; Education, \$3.00; Australia, \$.25; Orphanage, \$.25; Superannuate Pension Plan, \$1.50; General Conference Entertainment, \$.20; Administrative, \$.60; Total, \$9.05.
 - B. General Sunday School Assessment, \$.15. (This Item based on the total number in the Main School as listed in Item IV of the Statistical Report of 1956 Minutes.)
 - C. Conference Budget: General Fund, \$3.00; Extension Fund, \$7.20; Enlargement Fund, \$2.50; Total. \$12.70.
 - D. Conference Sunday School Assessment, \$.10. (This Item based on Total number in Main School as in Division (B) above.)
- 2. That the Conference President be authorized to secure sceretarial assistance as he finds necessary.
- 3. That the Conference Tithing Secretary, the Secretary of Evangelism, Child Evangelism Secretary, and Card Call Secretary be paid \$15.00 each from the Conference General Fund for promotional expense; and that an offering be taken by each Church visited for their expense.
- 4. That the Conference President be paid \$50.00 per month in addition to 7c per mile for all miles traveled, regardless of how he travels. This shall be a token salary. We recommend that each Church visited by the Conference President, in relation to Conference business, take an offering which shall be returned to the Conference Treasury to apply on the President's salary and expense. We further recommend that these offerings be stressed by the pastors this year; and if the response warrants, that the salary be increased next year, with special consideration being given to putting a full time President in the field.
- 5. Resolution: That the Conference Treasurer be authorized, in case of insufficient funds in the General Fund, to care for the expense of the Conference President, to make up any deficit from Conference Extension or Conference Enlargement Funds as seems proper.

Committee:

Marvin E. Jones Alvin D. Royalty A. E. Anderson Russell Cockrell James Wright

Report No. 16 REPORT OF SECRETARY OF EVANGELISM

As your Secretary of Evangelism, I wish to submit the following report:

Two mailings were made during the year announcing revival meetings being held in various churches, and asking prayer for said meetings. Meetings were held by some of the churches, but your Evangelism secretary was not informed of said meeitngs. so was unable to send word out to other churches with a prayer call for those meetings.

Recommendations:

- 1. Your secretary of Evangelism recommends that whenever your Church is to have a revival meeting, word of that fact be sent to him at least three weeks before the date of the revival;
- 2. That every Church plan definitely for one, or more, revivals each year, and that the whole Conference back up these revival efforts with urgent, believing prayer. "Let us pray one for another."

Statement: We will plan to bring some evangelist into the Conference for a series of three, four or five meetings, if there is sufficient interest on the part of the pastors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary of Evangelism, Marvin E. Jones

Report No. 17 REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." We give praise and thanks to the Lord for the work that has been accomplished the past year.

We express our appreciation to our Conference President and all other officials for their faithful and efficient services.

The presence and helpful messages of our Denominational Representative, Dr. David A. Rees, have been a source of inspiration to the conference. For these we desire to express our heartfelt gratitude.

We desire to thank Reverend and Mrs. W. C. Brannon and the good people of Enid for their hospitalities in opening their homes for the entertainment of guests.

And again we express our appreciation to Brother W. F. Lee for the beef, and also to the Ladies' Missionary Societies for their donations.

We truly thank Sammie Fisher and Phyllis Tolle for their faithfullness in conducting the nursery during the conference.

To Reverend A. D. Royalty, Viola Paris, Virginia Brannon, Mr. Patzkowski and the waitresses, we express our sincere thanks for all pleasant services rendered in the kitchen and dining room.

"Bless the Lord. oh my soul and forget not all His benefits."

Sincerely submitted.

Mrs. Fred Money Mrs. Stella Noe

Report No. 18

COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ELDERS ORDERS

We recommend that the records of all candidates pursuing the course of study be sent to the chairman of the committee on Itineracy and Elders Orders on completion of each subject for the purpose of the permanent record.

We recommend that each elder on the committee be responsible for one year of the examination of the course of study. Each candidate is required to pass two books during the year and may choose his books on which he desires to be examined.

Examiners for the Course of Study shall be as follows: Rev. W. C. Brannon, first year; Rev. Joe C. Sawyer, second year; Rev. D. O. Dorr, third year; Rev. Robert Hughes, fourth year.

We recommend that the ordination service be set for 1:30 p.m. Thursday, August 9, 1956, and that Dr. D. A. Rees bring the ordination sermon.

We recommend that E. L. Smith be elected to elders orders and that his name be placed immediately on the roll of elders.

We recommend that Robert Burrows, Bob Robison, Floyd Joslin continue in the first year of course of study.

We recommend that Abe Schmidt and Ella Valdiviese be referred back to their quarterly conference.

We recommend that Charles Steers pursue the third year of course of study.

We recommend that Donald D. Dorr, Carl Jackson, Gerald Brannon, Raymond Anderson, and Sow Kunihiro continue to study preparatory to travel.

We recommend that Floyd Larson, Gordon Clarke, and Hideo Kunihiro be received as suitable persons to study preparatory to travel.

We recommend that Robert Farley. Richard Ernst, Allison Weatherby and Walter Rice be received as suitable persons to travel under conference direction.

We recommend that Ronald Smeenge be received as a suitable person to travel under conference direction and complete study.

We recommend that James H. Hane and Evangeline Hane be received and appointed to song evangelism.

Committee:

D. O. Dorr
Joe C. Sawyer
W. C. Brannon
Robert Hughes
C. L. Cummings
Rafael Marrujo

Report No. 19 REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY

We are sorry that the past year was one of little activity in the realm of Conference Sunday School work, due to a local building program and other conference offices of the secretary. However, a busy year is anticipated this year, as time will be given to this work.

There is no financial report to make as no monies were drawn from the treasury so that a backlog of funds could be saved to buy worthy prizes for this coming year.

Sunday School Secretary, Robert Hughes

Report No. 20
COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS
The committee on Pastoral Relations submits the following

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS AND CHURCHES

Alva—D. O. Dorr
Blackwell—Leon Jackson
Borger—Ronald Smeenge
Carwile—In hands of President
Cedar Grove—Robert D. Farley
Enid First—W. C. Brannon and Erma Brannon
Enid West Sidc—Robert Hughes
Etna—Alvin D. Royalty and Opal Royalty
Highland—Floyd Joslin
New Hope—In hands of President
Oklahoma City—In hands of President
Ponca City—Marvin E. Jones
Rogers—E. A. Anderson
San Antonio—Joe C. Sawyer
Tulsa—Allison Weatherby
Wesleyan Chapel—R. G. Hollen
Whittenburg—Bob Robinson

report:

OTHER CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Conference President—D. O. Dorr
Missionary Evangelist—Tom Pinkerton
General Secretary of Home Missions—H. K. Sheets
Employed at Publishing House—John McGraw
Superannuate—R. J. Eling
Unstationed Elder—A. B. Bissey
Deaconess—Thelma Campbell
Conference Evangelists—J. M. Batman, Effie Ross

Conference Evangelists attending college—Gerald G. Brannon, Carl S. Jackson, Donald D. Dorr, Raymond Anderson, Floyd Larson, Gordon Clarke

Chaplain, U. S. Air Force—John C. Friske Attending Kansas Wesleyan University—Walter Rowell Song Evangelists—James H. Hane and Evangeline Hane Associate Pastor at Blackwell—Charles Steers Associate Pastor at San Antonio—Walter Rice Youth and Educational Director, Enid First—Richard Ernst Supplying Wichita Wesleyan Miss.on—E. L. Smith Missionaries to Brazil—Sow Kunihero and Virginia Frye Kuni-

Missionaries to Brazil—Sow Kunihero and Virgini hero

To choose own field of labor—Faye Baker, Carroll Blomberg Transferred to Iowa Conference—Glen McMurphy Withdrawn—Paul Batman

Respectfully,
D. O. Dorr, Chairman
W. C. Brannon
Joe C. Sawyer
R. G. Hollen
Harold Snowden
Dwight Little
E. LeVerne Tolle, Sec.

Report No. 21
AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the auditing committee have audited the following reports: Conference Treasurer, Financial Report of the Conference President, Conference "Beacon" Treasurer, Camp Meeting Treasurer, and the Superannuate Pension Plan. These were audited to the best of our ability and found to be correct.

Walter Rowell. Chairman Robert Farley Bob Robison

Report No. 22

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY REPORT

Although no travel was made directly for the interest of Christian Education, and no mail sent to the pastors, the secretary did all on his field and in other places to encourage many to support our College. I did my best to encourage our Young People to attend Miltonvale.

I feel a definite need in our Conference to stand behind Miltonvale College as never before. Great things are in store for the College and us as we do our best to channel our young people

in our Wesleyan schools.

Submitted,

Walter Rowell Report No. 23

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE 1956

Received from the churches	$90.00 \\ 30.42$
Total	120.42
Balance on hand from 1955 Conference	65.69
Total	186.11
Disbursements Rev. George E. Failing	158.11
Rev. D. O. Dorr for meals for Rev. Failing	6.00
Rev. Marvin E. Jones for advertising	2.00
Total	166.11
Total Receipts	186.11
Total Disbursements	166.11
Balance on hand	20.00
Signed:	

Rev. R. G. Hollen, Treas.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

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For Oklahoma Conference

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Charge	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	Organized Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists taken	Wesleyan Miss. taken	Wesleyan Youths taken	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Adult Teach. Quar.	each. Q	JrPrim. Teach. Quar.	Sr. Scho	Interm. Scholar's Quar.	Jr. Scholar's Quarterly	ry Que	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflet	Other Helps taken
Alva Blackwell Borger Carwile Cedar Grove Enid, First Enid, West Etna Highland New Hope Ponca City Rogers San Antonio Tulsa Wesleyan Chapel Whittenburg	12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12			29 11 13 2 12 84 8 14 2 10 22 6 15	28 8 6 2 9 41 7 5 7 19 5 8 6 8	19 5 12 8 32 3 1 6 4 7 6	50 25 15 12 20 90 16 22 50 12 30	18 25 10 12 12 25 4 10 14 22 12 20 5 10	20 8 8 12 18 10 15 12 12 11 15	8 2 3 5 6 12 4 12 13 11 6 16 16	2 2 2 2 1 2 1 1 1 1 2 1 2	3 1 1 1 1 4 4 4 4 1 2 2 1 2 1 2 1 2	83 20 30 40 100 50 25 57 10 30 15 20 20	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1	21 20 12 11 20 20 16 16 17 12	5 6 16	15	30 30 10 20 20	16 21 11 13 14 17 8

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Charge Cha	Item IV. Sunday Schools																
Alva		Sunday Schools	o. Officers & Teachers	Scholars in Main School	Tot. No. in Main School	No. in Home Dept.	o. on Cradle Roll	No. in Sunday School	Attendance	Scholars	Scholars Joining			Vacation Bible	Att. Vac. Bible		Membership
Totals 16 148 1199 1347 31 146 1524 1008 86 51 24 58 472 416 363 12 144	Blackwell Borger Carwile Cedar Grove Enid, First Enid, West Etna Highland New Hope Ponca City Rogers San Antonio Tulsa Wesleyan Chapel Whittenburg	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	12 5 6 9 14 17 6 9 8 9 11 10 6 11	81 48 20 65 196 155 57 65 129 19 84 95 26	93 53 26 74 210 172 40 66 73 138 22 95 105 32	10	11 18 35 10 2 5 22 13 6	104 53 26 92 255 172 50 66 75 148 22 117 118 38 37	58 30 29 69 168 99 32 50 42 100 25 79 59 35	8 14 11 6 15 31	3 6 5 1 9 5 2	1 6 10 5 1 1 1 2 2 2 3 1 1 1	50 50 50 130 15 10	31 75 20 86 60 70	28 69 17 70 45 65	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	17 12 10 9 26 12 11 20 10 7

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Charge	No. of Church Bldgs.	Value of Build	Amt. of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	No. of Parsonages	Value	Amt. of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Cash or other val. on hand	
AlvaBlackwell		10,000		7,300				2,700 3,000		
Borger	1	7,500	3,000	7,500	j	l				
Cedar Grove	1	3,000	[1.500	1	500 5,000		1,500		
Enid. First	2	90,000	19,671.12	38.000	î	10,000		4,000	305.44	
Enia, west	2	47,000	25,088.30]][278.04	
Etna	1	10,000		2,500 3,000] 1	7,000		3,000		
				2,500	 1	3 500		2 500		
Ponca City	1	50,000	11,955	28,000	l					
Rogers	1	4,500		2.500	1	4,000	1,054.55	1,600		
San Antonio	1	39,536	14,671.13	6,500	1	5,000		3,500		
Tulsa. Wesleyan Chapel	1	14,000	2,813.93	10,000		10,000	2,450		J	
Whittenburg	1	1,000		0.500	1	2,000		2,500		
Oklahoma City	- 1	∠,500	1,000	2,500	••••				5,000.00	
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WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

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Item VI. Disburse	d for Pa	stor			
Charge	Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage & Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
AlvaBlackwell			60.00 7.00	70.00 172.70	3,270.00 3,409.70
Borger			7.00	329.00	2,711.00
Carwile					585.00
Cedar Grove	1,275.00		10.00	300.13	1,885.13
Enid, First	3,111.89		64.00	64.00	
Enid, West	2,330.00		35.00		2,835.00
Etna	650.79			251.75	1,382.54
Highland	880.00			156.00	1,036.00
New Hope Ponca City			30.00	119.17 240.00	1,538.23 3,438.50
Rogers			5.00	123.81	1.668.81
San Antonio	2.750.00		55.00	291.00	
Tulsa		360	20.00	75.00	
Wesleyan Chapel	1,300.00	120	20.00		
Whittenburg	240.00		5.00	234.50	
Totals	28,285.24	4,997	305.00	2,682.06	36,269.30

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	It	em VII	. Disbu	rsed for	Churc	<u>b</u>		
Charge	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amt. Pd. on Indebtedness	Amt. Pd. Indebtn. Exp.	Church Incidental Exp.	Total for Church
Alva	252.50]	J	558.02	
Blackwell	665.00				246.16			
Borger	75.00	63.94	l _.	3.30]		235.19 69.00	
Cedar Grove	22.501			58.67			431.98	132.94 693.49
Enid, First	817.50				3,528.88	633.12	11 734 71	8.768.60
Enid. West	1 157 871	451.23	890.00	15.14	1,295.00		998.94	3.808.18
Etna	52.60	81.55		5.69	[144.75	376.95
Highland	1 130,00	156.56		135.00			61.00	482.56
New Hope	25.67				100.00		233.33	
Ponca City	[195.00]		29,163.00			58.75	1,084.69	30,837.03
Rogers		72.60			225.45	63.05	71.01	448.45
San Antonio		211.01			869.96		1,673.05	10,516.27
Tulsa Wesleyan Chapel		74.40	3,843.03					
Whittenburg	195 001	238.28					140.19 30.00	251.49 463.28
Totals								166,490,47
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Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget										
Charge	Foreign Missions Assigned	Foreign Missions Raised	Home Missions Assigned	Home Missions Raised	Education Assigned	Education Raised				
Alva	116.00	127.59 45.37		75.15 27.98	174.00 60.001	174.02 62.98				
Blackwell		34.80		18.35	39.001	39.00				
BorgerCarwile	28.00	36.61	17.50	16.25	42.00	39.00				
Cedar Grove		90.82	30.00	34.38	72.00	72.00				
Enid Firet	304.001	677.70	190.00	196.76	456.00	456.00				
Enid, West	ן נוטייסד ן		10.00		24.00					
Tens	1 32.001	34.75		21.75	48.00	48.00				
Highland	1 42.00	8.10		2.00	63.00	63.00				
Your Hono	1 30.001	30.23		22.78	45.00	47.90				
Domas Cites	1 /0.001	96.39		56.01	114.00	114.12 60.00				
Rogers	1 40.00	70.00		27.63 94.24	60.00 42.00	55.75				
				94.24 24.50	30.00	40.00				
Tulsa	24.00	48.64				56.51				
Tulsa	34.00	70.04		1 20.10	01.00	00.01				
Willittenburg	,			640.001	1 220 001	1 200 00				
Totals	1080.001	1,491.68	330.00	1040.901	1,320.00	1,320.28				

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Item VIII, Disbursed for General Budget—Continued										
Charge	Pensiont Plan Assigned	Pension Plan Raised	Orphanage Assigned	Orphanage Raised	Adm. Budget Assigned	Adm. Budbet Raised	Genl. Conf. Travel & Entertainment Assigned	Gen. Conf. Travel & Entertainment Raised		
Alva. Blackwell. Borger. Borger. Cedar Grove. Enid, First.	21 36 228	87 30 19.50 19.50 36 228	14.50 5 3.25 3.50 6 38	14.50 5 5.25 3.25 6 38	29 10 6.50 7 12 76	29 10 6.50 6.50 12 76	11.60 4 2.60 2.80 4.80 30.40 1.60	11.60 4 2.60 2.60 4.80 30.40		
Etna. Highland New Hope. Ponca City. Rogers. San Antonio. Tulsa. Wesleyan Chapel. Whittenburg.	24 31.50 22.50 57 30 21 15 25.50	15.04 57 30 21	4 5.25 3.75 9.50 5 3.50 2.50	6.75 8.48	8 10.50 7.50 19 10 7 5 8.50	8 10.50 5.04 19 7 5 8.50	3.20 4.20 3 7.60 4 2.80 2 3.40	3.20 4.20 1.64 7.60 4 2.80 2 3.40		
Totals		639.04	110	127.11	220	213.04	88	84.84		

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Item VIII. Disbursed for	Genera	l Bud	get—C	ontinu	ed	
Charge	General Sunday School Work Assigned	General Sunday School Work Raised	Australia Assigned	Australia Raised	Total General Budget Assigned	Total General Budget Raised
Alva	18.00	18.00	14.50	14.50	537.10	
Blackwell	9.60	9.60 5.251	5.00 3.25	5.00 3.25	188.60 121.60	
Borger	5.25 4.65	4.65	3.25	3.25	121.60	
Cedar Grove	12.30	12.30	6.00	6.00	227.10	
Enid, First	33.30		38.00		1,393.70	
Enid, West	27.60		2.00	i i		0
Etna	6.15	6.15	4.00	4.00	149.35	
Highland	9.30	10.00	5.25	2.00	197.25	
New Hope	11.25	3.20	3.75	2.48	145.50	
Ponea City	22.20	22.20	9.50	9.50	362.30	
Rogers	4.50	4.05	5.00	5.00	183.50	
San Antonio	15.60	15.60	3.50	3.50	140.90	364.41
Tulsa	15.90		2.50	2.50	105.40	
Wesleyan Chapel	4.80	4.80	4.25	4.25	156.95	181.13
Whittenburg	11	1		l <u></u>]		
Totals	1200.40	165.00	110.00	103.23	4,138.40	4,793.12

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Item VIII. Disbu	rsed fo	r Conf	erence	Budget		
Charge	General Fund Assigned	General Fund Raised	Ext. Fund Assigned	Ext. Fund Raised	Enlarge. Fund Assigned	Enlarge. Fund Raised
Alva. Blackwell. Borger. Carwile. Cedar Grove. Enid, First. Enid, West. Etna. Highland New Hope. Ponca City. Rogers. San Antonio. Tulsa. Wesleyan Chapel.	174.00 60.00 39.00 42.00 72.00 456.00 24.00 45.00 45.00 414.00 60.00 42.00 30.00 51.00	48.00 63.00 30.00 114.00 60.00 43.93 43.22 51.75	100.80	417.60 144.00 93.60 82.35 172.80 1,095.21 115.20 20.30 75.75 273.60 146.09 100.80 74.00 122.40	50.00 32.50 35.00 60.00 380.00 20.00 40.00 53.00 95.00 95.00 35.00 25.00	50.00 32.50 32.50 60.00 380.00 40.00 7.00
Totals			13.168.00	12 933 70	11 100 50	1 020 36

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Item VIII. Disbursed for	Conf	erence	Budge	t—Cont	inued	
Charge	S. S. Work Assigned	S. S. Work Raised	Tot. Conf. Budget Assigned	Tot. Conf. Budget Raised	Total Budget Assigned	Total Budget Raised
Aıva Blackwell	12.00	12.00	748.60	748.60 260.40	1,285.70	
Borger	6.40	6.40 3.50	260.40 168.60	168.60	449.00 290.20	
Carwile	3.10	3.10	180.90	162.45	310.85	
Cedar Grove	1 8.201	8.20	313.00	313.00		
Enid, First	1 22,201		1,952.60			
Enia, West	18.40		120.00		219.20	
Etna	4.10	4.10	207.30	207.30	356.65	364.15
Highland	12.20	2.00	279.40	92.30	476.65	225.60
New Hope	7.50	3.20	198.00	133.99	343.50	295.84
Ponca City	14.80	14.80	497.40	497.40		
Rogers	1 3 001	4.05	257.00	260.14		
San Antonio	10.40	10.40	188.20	190.13	329.10	
Tulsa	10.60	10.60	137.60	153.64		
Wesleyan Chapel	3.20	∣ 3.40 <u> </u>	219.10	220.05	376.05	401.18
Whittenburg						
Totals	139.60	107.95	5,728.10	5,361.41	9,866.50	10,154.53

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Item IX. Disbursed for Benevolences										
Charge	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Conference Work	W. Y.	Other Objects	Tot. for Benev.		
Alva. Blackwell. Borger Carwile.	29.94	16.64	Í	38.25	172.72 10.00 39.05	23.71	466.69			
Cedar Grove Enid, First	33.88 204.99	54.07			32.35		97.67 2,918.30			
Enid, West Etna Highland		50.00	5.00 10.00		15.00 8.00		57.36	127.36 25.10		
New HopePonca City	15.10 23.61	10.25 41.50	1.25 11.00		18.06	53.16 23.00	48.50	186.77 147.61		
Rogers	(219.91 67.23	24.56 16.40	13.50		5.20	228.70		3,819.83 119.83		
Wesleyan Chapel Whittenburg Totals	<u> </u>			1	84.25 4.77	8.00		189.82 4.77		
TOURIS	832.Ub	3/2.47	334.90	38.25	1448.65	055.77	17,693.76	10,375.86		

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

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Item X. Dis	bursed '	Totals			
Charge	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes
Alva	3,270	1,313.78	1,299.96	1,187.67	
Blackwell		2,143.74	452.21	500.40	
Borger		436.89	303.10	278.33	3,729.32
Carwile	585	132.94	294.06		1,012
Cedar Grove			587.30 3.727.56	283.62	3,449.54 19,744.73
Enid, First		8,768.60 3,808.18		3,287.68	6,643.18
Enid, West			364.15	127.36	2,251
Etna				25.10	1,769.26
New Hope			295.84	186.77	2,543.82
Ponca City		30,837.03	888.72	147.61	35,311.86
Rogers			448.15	217.07	2.782.48
San Antonio		10,516.27	554.54	3,819.83	
Tulsa		5,293.82	304.04	119.83	
Wesleyan Chapel		251.49	401.18	189.82	2,382.49
Whittenburg				4.77	1,177.55
		66,490.47	10,146.41	10,375.86	123,282.02

Woman's Missionary Society Oklahoma Conference

Minutes of the Thirty-Third Session

Officers of the Conference Society:

President-Mrs. Opal Royalty, Geary, Oklahoma

Vice-President-Mrs. Erma Brannon, 924 East Maine, Enid, Okla.

Secretary-Mrs. Mavabelle Farley, Rt. 9, Alva, Okla.

Treasurer—Mrs. Ava Tolle. Box 22, Alva, Okla. Assistant—Mrs. Mavabelle Farley

Y.M.W.B. Superintendent—Mrs. LaVerne Jones, 600 North Fourth, Ponca City, Okla.

Prayer Partner Secretary—Mrs. Connie Davis, 1419 Hazelwood St., Borger, Texas

Mission Study Secretary—Mrs. Bethel Sawyer, 1107 W. Hildebrand, San Antonio, Texas.

Magazine Solicitor-Mrs. Helen Hollen, Ames, Okla.

Presidents of Local Societies:

Alva-Mrs. Charles Fisher, 900 Choctaw Alva. Okla.

Blackwell-Mrs. Maxine Jackson, 511 S. First St., Blackwell. Okla.

Borger-Mrs. Evelyn Smeenge, 1006 East Sixth St., Borger, Tcx.

Cedar Grove-Mrs. Crozier Bush, Rt. 9, Alva, Okla.

Enid-Mrs. Loren E. Jackson, 734 N. Eleventh, Enid, Okla.

Etna-Mrs. Opal Royalty, Rt. 1, Geary, Okla.

Highland-Mrs. Alice Robinson, Rt. 6, Harrison, Ark.

New Hope-Minnie Farnsworth, Ringwood, Okla.

Ponca City-Mrs. LaVerne Jones, 600 N. Fourth, Ponca City, Okla.

Rogers-Miss Ethel Brenton, 218 N. Fifth St., Rogers, Ark.

San Antonio—Mrs. Bethel Sawyer, 1107 W. Hildebrand Ave., San Antonio, Texas.

Tulsa—Mrs. Stella Ann Noe, 1547 N. Howard, Tulsa, Okla.

Wesleyan Chapel-Mrs. Helen Hollen. Ames, Okla.

Standing Rules

- 1. Send all money, voucher receipts for cash sent to places other than to the Conference Treasurer, voucher receipts for new clothing and other new merchandise, to the Conference Treasurer quarterly or more often.
- 2. All local W.M.S. and Y.M.W.B. treasurers shall close their books June 30th, and and money and receipts must be sent in and PURPOSE DESIGNATED not later than July 5th, and the Annual Report blanks properly filled out and sent to the Conference Treasurer not later than July 12. Reports received after July 15 shall not be accepted.
- 3. Conference shall convene annually on Tuesday following the first Monday of August at 3:00 p.m. The morning sessions shall convene at 9:00, and afternoon sessions at 1:00.
- 4. A Nominating Committee shall be elected composed of one local president and two delegates-elect from the three societies designated by the Annual Conference, with the Conference President as chairman ex-officio. This committee shall nominate session committees and all officers with the exception of those elected by ballot, and be prepared to report at the first session of the Annual Conference.
- 5. Three copies of each written report shall be given to the Secretary of the Conference. These shall be typewritten on typing paper size $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 11, and double spaced.
- 6. The conference Bar shall be composed of the Conference Officials, Delegates, newly elected Presidents, Elders, Pastor's wives, and Y.M.W.B. Superintendent.
- 7. Dining room expenses of executive officers shall be paid by the Annual Conference.

Journal of Daily Proceedings

Tuesday, 3:00 P. M.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Oklahoma Conference convened for its Thirty-third Annual session at Enid, Oklahoma. Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 P.M. of August 7, 1956.

OPENING-Song led by Mrs. Louise Dorr. Devotions by Mrs. Dollie Binford.

The President appointed Mavabelle Farley to serve as secretary until a new secretary could be elected.

The President appointed Mrs. Goodno to serve as the committee on Credentials.

The President appointed Mrs. Brannon to serve as the Courtesy Committee.

MOTION-To accept the credentials of the delegates. Carried. MOTION-The first two rows be made the conference bar. Carried.

REPORT—Nominating Committee gave report selecting committees. Motion to accept. Carried.

The election of Committees resulted as follows:

Orders of the Day-Mrs. Hade, Mrs. Binford, Mrs. Fisher.

Auditing-Mrs. Groves, Miss Brenton, Helen Hollen.

Plan of Work-In the hands of the President.

Finance-Mrs. Brannon, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Farley.

Memorial-Mrs. Jackson.

Magazine Solicitor-Thelma Campbell, Alma Robison.

Reporter-Mrs. Dorr.

Nominating-Bethel Sawyer, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Dorr, Mrs.

MOTION-That Ione Hada replace Mrs. Jones on Orders of the Day Committee.

MOTION-To postpone Treasurer's report until Wednesday. Carried.

Adjourned for Committee work.

Wednesday, 9:00 A. M.

OPENING—Song led by Mrs. Jones. REPORT—Courtesy Committee presented Miss Marie Evatt, our Missionary to Africa. Miss Evatt led devotions.

Roll was called. The minutes were read and approved.

REPORT-Orders of the Day gave partial report.

REPORT-Courtesy Committee presented Sara Ernst.

REPORT-President gave her report. Motion to accept. ried. A rising vote of thanks given to her.

REPORT-Statistical report by treasurer received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

REPORT-Nominating Committee gave report. Accepted.

ELECTION-Officers were elected.

REPORT-Prayer Partners Committee gave report. Accepted.

MOTION—That we dispense with reading of individual reports of societies. Carried.

MOTION—That President of Ponca City Society be President of Nominating Committee, Carried.

MOTION-That delegates from Cedar Grove and Tulsa be members of Nominating Committee. Carried.

Mrs. Dorr presented the Charles City. Iowa, workshop.

MOTION—That we send representatives to Charles City Convention. Carried.

MOTION—That we arrange for a workshop during Spiritual Life Conference. Carried.

Adjourned for Committee work.

Wednesday, 1:00 P. M.

OPENING—Song led by Mrs. Bethel Sawyer. Devotions by Miss Marie Evatt. Prayer by Bethel Sawyer.

Adjourned for election of officers in main body.

Wednesday, 3:15 P. M.

REPORT-Mission Study Secretary gave report. Motion to accept. Carried.

REPORT-Y.M.W.B. Superintendent gave report. Motion to accept. Carried.

Mrs. Dorr gave discussion on finance plan.

MOTION—That President appoint a committee to make a list of available adopted families. Carried.

MOTION—That the girls be engaged for children's work for another year. Carried.

MOTION—That we allow \$5.00 for girl's expenses for materials. Carried.

MOTION—To adjourn. Carried. Prayer by Dollie Binford.

Thursday, 9:00 A. M.

OPENING—Song led by Helen Hollen. Devotions by Miss Marie Evatt. Prayer by Mrs. Jones.

REPORT—Courtesy Committee presented Rev. and Mrs. Rees. Roll was called. Minutes were read and approved.

REPORT—Orders of the Day gave a partial report.

MOTION-To adjourn for committee work. Carried.

Thursday, 3:00 P. M.

Y.M.W.B. Workshop conducted by Mrs. Jones.

MOTION-To hear Finance report. Carried.

MOTION-To hear Finance report again at a later time. Carried.

Friday, 9:00 A. M.

OPENING—Song led by Mrs. Dorr. Devotions by Miss Marie Evatt. Prayer by Helen Hollen.

Roll was called. Minutes were read and approved. The numbers for the societies were read by Helen Hollen.

REPORT-The Auditing Committee gave a report. Motion to accept. Carried.

REPORT-Memorial Committee gave report. Motion to accept. Carried.

REPORT—Rereading of the Finance Committee report. Motion to accept. Carried.

The Plan of Work was presented by the President. Motion to accept. Carried.

 ${\tt MOTION-To}$ make changes in Standing Rules as suggested by the Treasurer. Carried.

MOTION—That the Magazine Solicitor's report be placed in proper place. Carried.

Final reading of the Minutes. Motion to accept. Carried.

Closing song-Blest Be the Tie That Binds.

Dismissed by President.

Reports

MISSIONARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

When the Lord gave the Great Commission to His disciples, the one thing uppermost in His mind, the one burden upon His heart during His latest moments on earth, was that the message of redemption wrought out by His death and resurrection should be carried to the whole world. Only so long as we consistently obscrve and fulfill the terms of this Commission by giving ourselves faithfully to its appointed task of taking the Gospel to the whole world, do we have any right to retain Christ's name or claim the promises of His continued presence and power.

Nothing is clearer than the missionary enterprise. It was no side issue, no secondary affair, not merely one of a number of equally important things. It was the Primary thing, the main drive, the supreme object in view which took precedence over everything else.

Only as each one individually contributes her part, and is gripped by a burning conviction that souls everywhere are lost without Christ, will we reach the Missionary achievement Christ expects of us.

The departing Lord left a distinctive program for us to carry out during His absence. His promise of return was then added. Let us ask ourselves. if Jesus comes today, have I carried out His commission?

I want to commend each of you for your faithful labors in the Lord. May He reward you abundantly. It has been a pleasure to work together with you. Your lives have been an enrichment to my heart as we have met from time to time during this conference year.

I have contacted each society by letter and visited some of the societies. I planned the itinerary of the Bankers and Miss. Clocksen in the conference. Engaged our Missionary speaker, planned the workshop at Tulsa, attended all Missionary Board meetings. I have written 165 letters and 19 cards. It has been a pleasure to serve the Lord.

Respectfully Submitted, Opal Royalty

W.M.S. CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT CONFERENCE YEAR 1955-1956

RECEIPTS:	
Total from W. M. S.	86737.01
Total from Individuals	31.32
Other Sources:	
Public Missionary Service Offering	57.27
Total Receipts for the year	\$6825.60
Old Balance from last year	
GRAND TOTAL	\$6934.08
DISBURSEMENTS:	
General Home	2 991 75
Australia-Self-Denial Offering	130.92
Card Calls	29.00
Brainerd Indian School	61.65
Hephzibah Children's Home	119.18
General Foreign	541.01
Africa	25.00
Haiti-Ladies' Residence at Port Margot	
IndiaIndia	288.80
Rengil	13.45
BrazilSouth America-Support of Erma Steinacker	3054.31
Journal World	
Jewish Work	67.66
Education	358.60
Medical Student	27.06
Membership Dues (General)	48.50
Administrative Fund	39.75
Conference Work	
Conference Extension	84.75
M.W.C. Parlor Furniture Fund	61.25
Official Expense	16.65
Miscellaneous	270.92
Other Objects:	
Local Church Work	155.59
M.W.C. Honorary Enrollments	242,10
Mission Equipment Fund (Foot of Dimes)	90.30
Wesleyan Commission for Service Men	39.40
Total Disbursements	6878.85
New Balance on Hand	55.23
GRAND TOTAL	6934.08
SUMMARY OF CASH:	
Oklahama Cantanana Canti Tima (1/ Danis)	1001
Oklahoma Conference Gen'l. Fund (¼ Dues)	8.62
Total	E 500
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Mrs. Ava L. Tolle W.M.S. Conference Treasurer

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 wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst:

Mrs. Violet Goodale
Miss Ruby Pumford
Mrs. Mattie Marcum
Mrs. Lula Blake
Mrs. Issac
Mrs. Freeman
We as women of the W.M.S. extend our sympathy to the bereaved families.

Maxine Jackson

REPORT OF MISSION STUDY SECRETARY

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Alva	7 ·		11
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Borger		5	1 5
Cedar Grove			
Enid	6	4	3
Etna	2		
Highland			
New Hope	10		
Ponca City	5	2	3
Rogers			
San Antonio	1	2	6
Tulsa			
Wesieyan Chapel			
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TOTAL	32	13	29
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ANNUAL W. M. S. PRAYER PARTNER REPORT

Name of Conference	Oklahoma
Number of Prayer Partner Circles	13
Number of Prayer Partners	240
Total Number of Missionaries Chosen:	
Home:	178
Foreign	262
Number of Y. M. W. B. Prayer Partners	46
Mrs. Connie Davis	

Conference Prayer Partner Sec'y

PLAN OF WORK

I. Home Work

- 1. We recommend that each local society contribute liberally to the General Home Fund for the support of Special Missions (see Wesleyan Missionary) and church Extension work.
- 2. We recommend that each local society contribute five dollars or more annually for the support of the Hephzibah Orphanage, the same to be applied on budget.
- 3. We recommend the use of designated Thank-offering envelopes for Home Missions.
- 4. We recommend that local societies inquire into the needs of the home mission stations and orphanages before sending used clothing, and that no monetary value be placed on same; that such boxes of new merchandise be reported as to monetary value and that the sending society evaluate the same, the voucher evaluation signed by the missionary be forwarded to Conference Women's Missionary Society Treasurer for proper receipting.
- 5. We recommend and urge each local society to respond to the Card Call Plan and thus assist in the extension program of the Church.
- 6. We recommend that each local society plan during the year to bring provisions or cash offering to the annual conference.

II. Foreign Work

We recommend:

- 1. That we co-operate with the Foreign Missionary Department in the support of its entire foreign missionary program.
- 2. That we forward Sunday School charts, cards, and flannel-graph materials to our Missionary Home.
- 3. That each society present and support the "Million For Lost Millions" project.

III. Medical Missions

We recommend:

- 1. That our local societies make bandages* and that these be forwarded promptly to the Missionary Home to await outgoing missionaries, the number of pounds to be reported with no value attached.
- 2. That each local society contribute \$3.00 or more annually to the Medical Student Fund, not to apply on budget.
- *Bandages should be 2", 3" or 4" in width, sewn together in 10 yard lengths with flat seams, and rolled firmly into rolls. not to exceed 3" in diameter. Bound squares of blankets are needed in infant care.

IV. Educational

We recommend:

- 1. The cooperation of our local societies in the promotion of the Honorary Enrollment Plan for the Colleges. The monies for this project should be channeled through the Local Conference and General W. M. S. Treasurers.
- 2. The observance of Educational Harvest Day with program and contributions of supplies and cash; all cash to apply on educational budget excepting that applying on special projects presented by college presidents.

V. Literature

We recommend:

- 1. The use of the combination treasurer's blank for the remitting of money by the Local Conference and General Conference Treasurers.
- 2. That a concerted effort be made to increase the subscription list of the WESLEYAN MISSIONARY by faithfully securing renewals and new subscriptions to include every home in the church and Sunday School, with January being observed as campaign month.
- 3. That we promote the Mission Study and Reading Course; the use of the Study Book designated each year with Program Calendars and other helps.

VI. Devotional

We recommend:

- 1. That we carefully observe the monthly prayer requests in the Wesleyan Missionary magazine and other special requests as presented.
 - 2. The observance of the Monthly Fast and Prayer Day.
 - 3. That April be designated Self-Denial Month.
- 4. The promotion of a Prayer Partner Circle in each society making use of new prayer partner reminders, and that reports be sent to the General Conference Prayer Partner Secretary before January 1st.
- 5. That stress be placed upon personal evangelism including children, adolescents, the aged, and with special emphasis upon the J.w.

VII. Area Work

- 1. We urge the provision for one Area convention during the Quadrennium.
- 2. We recommend that all home and foreign appeals for special netds be made to the General Executive Board of our Woman's Missionary Society, and that they in turn channel these needs to the Area Chairmen who will present them to the sonference presidents in their areas.

We further recommend that the gifts be sent as directed by the Area Chairmen.

We further recommend that the Conference W.M.S. President direct Christmas gifts according to suggestions from Area Chairmen.

VIII. Conference Work

We recommend:

- 1. That at least one workshop for the Y.M.W.B. and Children's Workers be held annually in each conference.
- 2. That cach conference be divided into districts for conventions; the same to be supervised by a district chairman under the direction of the Conference W.M.S. President.
- 3. We recommend the continuance of the "MILE OF DIMES" project, monies from such to be allocated for mission field equipment.
- That each society contribute a poster and curios for display at conference.
- 5. That each society bring items for missionary box to be made up at conference.

STANDARDS OF EFFICIENCY

(A) Local Society

We recommend:

- 1. That the Efficiency Standard be read in the society the first monthly meeting after Conference (5% credit) and that arrangements be made with the pastor for one missionary prayer meeting each month (the third Wednesday), the same to be preceded by fasting, and at which time an offering is taken. (5% credit).
- That a minimum of 10 meetings be held during the year at which time prayer requests are present d and remembered and business transacted (5% credit) at which time an offering is taken for missions.
- 3. The formation of one or more Prayer Partner Circles in each society with a Prayer Partner Secretary, who shall report the names of same to Conference Prayer Partner Secretary within 60 days after the sitting of Annual Conference.
- 4. That the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the $\varepsilon quivalent$ of 75% of the active membership be subscribers to THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY.

5. That a Solicitor be elected for THE WESLEYAN MISSION-

ARY gaining not less than two subscriptions a year.
6. That a delegate be elected to the Annual Conference Women's Missionary Society, and that she be instructed by local society regarding the amount to be pledged by that society at the Annual Conference session (5% credit) and that the President attend the Annual Conference session. (5% credit).

7. That the dues \$1.00 per member be sent directly to the Conference Treasurer, 50c of which shall be divided by her as specified, equally between Home and Foreign, and applied on budget, (5% credit). and that all monies, and vouchers be sent to the Con-

ference treasurer at least quarterly. (5% credit.)

8. That we secure every woman in the church as a member of the Society, or achieve a 10% gain in the total membership.

9. That each local society pay annually an amount equal to 25c per active member to be used as a General Administrative Fund,

not to apply on budget.

10. That the local Y.M.W.B. Superintendent be seated in the Annual session and be granted the privilege of speaking, and provision be made by her society for such representation. (Ten per cent credit shall be given for each of the above items, and all societies making a grade of 80 per cent shall be placed on the Honor Roll).

Y.M.W.B.

Let us emphasize the work of the Y.M.W.B. and take great care in training our youth by interesting them in mission study. We recommend that each band adopt the Standard of Efficiency.

- 1. Twelve band services in which prayer, God's Word and personal service were stressed. (10%)
 - 2. One public service during the year (10%).
 - 3. Band funds remitted quarterly (10%).
- 4. The use of mite boxes, envelopes, membership cards or some other systematic method for gathering in dues and offerings (10%).
- 5. The Superintendent of the Band be a reader of THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY (10%).
 - 6. An increase in membership (5%).
 - 7. An increase in funds raised (5%).
 - 8. An offering for Home Missions (10%).
 - 9. An offering for Education (10%).
- 10. One cent per member sent to the Conference Y.M.W.B. Superintendent as desk fund (10%).
- 11. The annual report sent in on time (10%). (That is at the time the Conference Superintendent designates.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Finance Committee, recommend that each local society observe the following program for the year's work:

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER Harvest Day and Educational Day (refer to Item 2 under IV Educational PLAN OF WORK). An offering taken equivalent to 50c per member for a project at Miltonvale. Non-budget.

Also apportioned one-fourth of local church membership budget at \$3.00 per member. Budget.

NOVEMBER Jewish work (offering taken). Non-budget.

DECEMBER White gifts (Refer to Item 2 under VII Area Work). Non-budget.

JANUARY Wesleyan Missionary (Refer to Item 2 under V Literature).

FEBRUARY World Day of Prayer (offering taken for Wesleyan Commission for Men in service). Non-budget.

MARCH Home Missions (Refer to Items 1, 3 and 4 under I Home Work). Budget,

APRIL Self-Denial (As designated by General Society). Non-budget.

MAY Offering for Foreign Missions (Refer to Items 1 and 2 under II Foreign Work). Budget.

JUNE Orphanage (Refer to Item 2 under I Home Work). Budget.

JULY Medical Student (Refer to Item 2 under III Medical). Non-budget.

AUGUST Conference Church Extension. Budget.

CONFERENCE ASSESSMENTS

- 1. Dishwashing fund 10c per member. Non-budget.
- 2. Desk Fund 10c per member. Non-budget.
- 3. W.M.S. General Administrative Fund 25c per member. (Refer to Item 9 under A. Local Society Standards of Efficiency). Non-budget.

We recommend:

- 4 That each society immediately send in 25c per member to pay the expenses of our representative to the Leader's Workshop at Charles City, Iowa.
- 5 That \$25.00 be paid from the Conference General Fund for $ou_{\rm T}$ share of the printing of the Minutes.
- 6. That the public offering be divided three ways—Conference, Home and Foreign. Budget.

That the travelling missionary be reimbursed for her expenses.

Erma Brannon La Verne Jones Mavabelle Farley

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Band	Active Members	Honorary Members	Meetings	Efficiency Standard	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Special Projects (Credit)	Total (Band Credit)	Non-Credit Total	Grand Total
Alva	12		19		27.89 9.36 4.27	1.07	43.81 2.98	74.21	145.91 15.32 5.34	1.00	149.44 16.32 5.34
Cedar Grove Enid, First	10 12	7	48 12	100 75	20.60 32.46	10.30	5.00	32	35.90 58.78	.17 1.50	36.07 60.28
Harrison, Ark	11	1 39	12	100	26.00	1.00	1.00		28.00	6.00	34.00
New Hope	13 4 13	8 1		100	35.04 4.15	8.11 1.55	3.00 1.55		46.15	.23	
Ponca City	13	8	12	65	52.85	1.55	2.87	32.54	7.25 88.26	.13	7.25 88.39
San Antonio	21		12	100	30.92	2.00	4.00	[36.92	2.75	39.67
Tulsa	15	ļ <u>.</u>]	12	70	7.80	3.07	5.00	3.06	18.93	.20	19.13
Wesleyan Chapel	4		40			1.00	1.26		7.98	.12	8.10
Totals	127	112	۱. ا		256.79	44.08	183.471	110.13	494.47	15.63	510.37

AUDITING REPORT

We, the members of the Auditing Committee have examined the records of the Conference W. M. S. Treasurer and the records of the Conference Y. M. W. B. Treasurer and find them to be correct.

Signed,
Mrs. Grace Groves
Mrs. Helen Hollen

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT BLANK OF THE CONFERENCE W. M. S. OF OKLAHOMA

Conference for 1955-1956

RECEIPTS																	
Name of Society		shi		r-	No. Meetings Held	f Wesleyan onary Taken	Under Efficiency Standard %	f Missionaries upported	ership Dues	fferings	Labor	Memorials"	ner Receipts	Sources	RECEIPTS for Year	sal. from Last Yr.	ND TOTAL
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Alva Blackwell Borger	36 7 10	4 4 2	3		29 12 23	7	90.0 60.0 50.0		40.00 11.00 12.00	515.52 87.05 51.22			20.00 148.55	8.00 10.50	211.77	30.26	613.78 108.55 211.77
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San Antonio Tulsa Wesleyan Chapel	12 7		1	8) 1	25 10	 6	<u> </u>		6.001 12.001 7.001	98.85 93.20 69.44]	32.00 30.00		152.20 106.44	5.06	152.20 111.50
Grand Totals	163	29	131	25	226	141	'	1	194.00	2,291.30	222.95		436.15	3,302.03	6,446.43	618.41	7,064.84

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ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT BLANK OF THE CONFERENCE W. M. S. OF OKLAHOMA

Conference for 1955-1956

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Name of Society	Home	Foreign	Medical Student	Cash	Provisions	Cash	Honorary Enrollment	Local Church Work	Membership Dues (1/2)	Other Objects	M.W.C. Parlor Furniture Fund	Conference Work	Total Disbursements	New Balance on Hand	GRAND TOTAL
Alva Blackwell Borger Cedar Grove Enid, First Etna Highland New Hope Ponca City Rogers San Antonio Tulsa Wesleyan Chapel	87.71 46.53 21.64 38.12 98.77 26.75 5.00 76.22 43.98 113.13 42.80	104.07 15.98 59.45 72.10 784.37 20.75 18.10 15.85 28.50 53.73 197.97 50.00 16.33	5.00 1.54 3.00 .36 3.00 3.00 3.40 3.00 3.00	21.00 2 2.94 2.00 35.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 1.75 5.41 5.00	22.25		100.00 62.00 18.00 5.00 5.00 2.60 39.50 15.00	12.00 1.08 84.50 59.09 2.40 51.51	20.00 5.50 6.00 19.50 6.00 3.50 7.50 7.00 9.50 6.00	73.10 15.46 3.85 140.50 181.18 4.25 5.75 3.00 19.25 3,110.46 8.00 3.75	3.50 3.50 19.50 3.50 1.25 6.00 3.00	42.36 5.00 18.60 17.80 30.96 11.40 11.10 22.39 11.69 14.26 12.40	572.19 - 108.55 211.77 379.61 1,373.28 97.91 1 18.10 1 120.86 1 148.40 3,505.73	11.59 10.84 3.83 14.31 1.46 .15 6.45	613.78 108.55 211.77 379.61 1,384.12 101.74 18.10 135.17 187.57 148.55 3,512.18
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Received and Disbursed:
W.M.S. Administrative Fund \$ 39.75
Australia Self-Denial Fund \$130.92

Twenty-Ninth Annual W. Y. Canference of Oklahoma

OFFICERS OF THE OKLAHOMA W. Y.

President-Reverend Dick Ernst. 924 E. Maine, Enid, Oklahoma Vice-President-Reverend-Robert Farley, Rural Route, Alva, Oklahoma

Secretary-Miss Sammie Fisher. Rural Route 1. Waynoka, Okla-

Treasurer-Reverend Leon Jackson. 511 So. 1st St., Blackwell, O klahoma

Local W. Y. President

Alva—Miss Norma Dorr, Box 8, Alva, Oklahoma Blackwell—Charles Steers, Box 853, Blackwell, Oklahoma Borger—Evelyn Smeenge, 1000 E. 6th. Borger, Texas.

Cedar Grove-Miss Barbara Hada, Rural Route 9, Alva, Okla-

Enid No. 1—Mervin Snowden, 502 West Iowa, Enid, Oklahoma Enid No. 2—Raymond Garis, 311 W. Wabash, Enid, Oklahoma New Hope—Darlene Bolser, Ringwood, Oklahoma Ponca City—Miss Elizabeth Brown, Rural Route 4, Ponca City,

Oklahoma

San Antonio-A/3c George L. Pederson. P. O. Box 1526 B. P., Lackland A.F.B., San Antonio, Texas

ANNUAL W. Y. BUSINESS SESSION

Enid, Oklahoma, August 11, 1956

The twenty-ninth annual session of the Oklahoma W. Y. assembled in Enid at the First Wesleyan Methodist Church, 916 E. Maine, Saturday at 9:30 a.m. on August 11, 1956. Dick Ernst led the song service; Rita Snowden led in prayer.

The chairman appointed Charles Steers and Hope Sprowls as Committee on Credentials. The following names were read: Mrs. Dollie Binford, Edgar Gordon, Max Jones, Phyllis Tolle, Phyllis Barclay, Barbara Hada, Gayle Hada, Warren Little. Claudette Trudgeon, Mrs. Opal Abel, Sue Rorabaugh, Phyllis Steers, Claudia Prouty, Rita Snowden, Hope Sprowls, Dale Conaway.

MOTION—that first three rows of seats across the auditorium

and the platform be designated as conference bar. Carried.

MOTION—that Glen and Donna Hollen be seated as delegates from Wesleyan Chapel. Carried.

MOTION-that Mrs. Sawyer be seated as a delegate from San Carried.

Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Reverend Robert Hughes, chairman, Robert Farley, Hope Sprowls, Phyllis Tolle, Barbara Hada.

MOTION—that order of the day be set for 10:30. Carried. Saturday. 10:30 A.M.

Reverend Robert Hughes called the meeting to order.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted. It was as follows:

Auditing-Leon Jackson, Warren Little, Phyllis Tolle, Claudette

Trudgeon. Efficiency Standard-Mrs. Sawyer, Charles Steers, Sue Rorabaugh, Glen Hollen.

Stewardship-Ronald Smeenge, Claudia Prouty, Barbara Hada. Dale Conaway, Rita Snowden.

Goals and Methods-Robert Farley, Mrs. Onal Abel, Gayle Hada, Donna Hollen.

Statistical-Dick Ernst. Walter Powell Hope Sprowls. Phyllis Steers.

Courtesy-Joe Sawyer.

Thanks—Phyllis Barclay, Mrs. Dollie Binford. Youth Solicitor—Elizabeth Brown.

Reverend Robert Hughes, conference president, read his report. It was adopted. (See Report No. 1).

The treasurer's report was read. It was adopted. (See Report No. 2).

MOTION—that orders of the day be set for 1:30 p.m. for election of officers. Carried.

MOTION-that we adjourn. Carried.

Saturday 1:30 P.M.

Reverend Robert Hughes called the meeting to order and Reverend Bob Farley led the song scrvice: Reverend Joe Sawver led in prayer.

MOTION—that Leota Bess be seated in the Conference bar. Carried.

Max Jones and Warren Little were appointed as distributing and reading tellers.

The following officers for the coming year were elected by

ballot:

President-Reverend Dick Ernst Vice-President-Reverend Bob Farley

Secretary-Miss Sammie Fisher

Treasurer-Reverend Leon Jackson

Report of Stewardship Committee read.

MOTION—that report of Stewardship Committee be adopted. Carried. (See Report No. 3.)

Report of Efficiency Standard read.

MOTION-that report of Efficiency Standard be adopted. Carried.

MOTION—that in Section 9, articles A and B, the date be changed from July 12 to July 5. Carried.

MOTION—that report of Efficiency Standard, as amended, be adopted. Carried. (See Report No. 4.)

Report of Committee on Goals and Methods read.

MOTION—that the Report of Committee on Goals and Methods be adopted. (See Report No. 5.) Report of Statistical Committee read.

MOTION—that report of Statistical Committee be adopted. Carried.

MOTION—that special project fund be transferred to Foreign Mission fund. Carried.

MOTION—that the report, as amended, be adopted. Carried. (See Report No. 6.)
Committee on Thanks read.

MOTION—that report be adopted. Carried. (See Report No. 7.) MOTION—that our special project be the support of Miss Knight in Nepal for the coming year. Carried.

Report of the Auditing Committee read. (See Report No. 8.) MOTION—that report be adopted. Carried.

Minutes were read and adopted.

MOTION—that we adjourn. Carried.

W. Y. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the twenty-ninth annual session of the Oklahoma Wesleyan Youth assembly at Enid, Oklahoma, August 11: Greetings in the name of our riscn Lord. I wish to submit the following report of our activities for the past conference year.

August 22-26—Supervised youth camp at Quaker Haven youth camp with 60 in attendance.

September 20—Wrote Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Co. concrning insurance for youth camp and also Fall Youth Retreat.

September 22—Met with Executive Board in Enid concerning Fall Youth Retreat.

September 23-Sent out mail concerning Fall Youth Retreat.

October 7, 8-Attended and conducted Fall Youth Retreat at Boiling Springs State Park.

March 14—Met with Executive Committee at Tulsa during the Spir.tual Life Conference concerning Spring Youth Retreat.

March 27—Attended Miltonvale Area President's workshop at Kansas City and conducted workshop on "Programming." Was elected to committee to plan Area-Wide Congress for this coming summer at some suitable camp.

May 4, 5-Conducted Spring Youth Retreat at Camp Redlands.

July 2-Met with Executive Committee at Enid to make plans for Youth Camp.

July 4—Mailed Youth Camp advertisements to local churches.

August 8—Met with Executive committee at Enid relative to coming youth camp. Because of unavoidable conflicts decided to postpone planned youth camp.

Respectfully. submitted

Robert Hughes

OKLAHOMA W. Y. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 195	5-1956
Balance on hand August 5, 1955	\$ 263.91
RECEIPTS \$ 29.86 Home Missions 26.54 Foreign Missions 15.11 Youth Camp 123.00 General Dues 134.09 Conference Dues 74.00	eta e
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1526.98
Total Receipts plus cash on hand	\$1790,89
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Walter F. Rowell

REPORT OF STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

We Recommend:

1. That the Wesleyan Youth Budget be \$4.00 per active member as recorded in the 1956 Annual Conference Statistical Blank. This is to be divided as follows:

Youth Camp	\$1.50
General WY Fund	1.50
Conference WY Fund	.75
Education	.15
Miltonvale Area	.10

- 2. That each society take out an offering each month for missions. These funds to be sent to Conference W. Y. Treasurer.
- 3. That each society be a subscriber to the Oklahoma Conference Card Call Plan.
- 4. That budget be paid quarterly to the Conference W. Y. treasurer.
- 5. That each society appoint a budget secretary to be responsible for the collection of budget on a weekly or monthly basis.
- 6. That each active member be responsible for the payment of his own portion of the budget.
- 7. That the Oklahoma Conference Wesleyan Youth President be paid 7c per mile for travel.

Ronald Smeenge Dale Conaway Claudia Prouty Barbara Hada Rita Snowden

	REPORT OF EFFICIENCY STANDARD COMMITTEE	
1.	A. Each society hold a Certificate of organization from the General Secretary's Office	5
	B. W. Y. meetings held regularly. (At least 40 per year)	20
2.	A monthly Missionary service with Missionary offering	15
3.	One Educational service with offering for education	15
4.	Membership gain—2 points for each 1% gained Note: The goal is a 10% gain which would net	20
5.	A. Observance of Youth Week	15 10
6.	The "Wesleyan Youth" A. Blue Ribbon Society (150% subscribing)	25 20
7.	Budget paid in full, based on last year's membership, with one-half paid by the 1st of February	25
8.	A. A systematic Bible Study and Scripture Memorization in operation	15
	B. 75% of the members reading the Wesleyan Youth	15
9.	A. Statistical reports in the hands of the Conference W. Y. Secretary by July 5	10
	B. Local treasurer books to close June 0, and all monies in the hands of the Conference W. Y. Treasurer by July 5	10
10.	Some special local project planned and executed.	
	A. That the word project be interpreted as material improvement to the church premises. For example: (Cleaning, painting, etc.)	10
	B. Some special services outside of regular youth services. For example: (Jails, Hospital, and shutin)	
11.	That each society have at least one subscription to the Oklahoma Conference Card Call Plan for new churches, and that it be paid	25
12.	Each society read and post the reports of the Efficiency Standard Committee, Stewardship Committee, and the Committee on Goals and Methods and refer to deemed best1	
this	This gives a total of 260 points with a possibility of exceeding in greater membership gain.	ıg
	200 points or more necessary for an "A" Society.	
	170-200 points for a "B" Society.	
	140-170 points necessary for a "C" Society.	
	Mrs. Joe Sawyer, Chairman	
	Rev. Chas. Steers	
	Glen Hollen	
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GOALS AND METHODS

We recommend:

- 1 That each member of the Wesleyan Youth be a born-again Christian, keeping always in mind as his goal this verse of scripture. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. rightly dividing the word of truth," which is found in II Timothy 2:15.
- 2. That each member of the Wesleyan Youth be impressed with the importance of witnessing for Christ and of winning souls.
- 3. That the officers of each society be responsible for promoting the following:
 - a. That their society through its devotional and program committees endeavor this year to create greater enthusiasm by more activities such as membership drives and contests; and that each service be vital, well planned, and interesting.
 - b. That their society maintain a friendly, courteous spirit thus making welcome those visitors and friends who might attend.
 - c. That each member be a subscriber and reader of the Wesleyan Youth.
 - d. That each society set aside one evening a month other than their regular meeting for business matters.
 - e. That each society endeavor to have not less than 45 minutes for each Sunday evening service.
- 4. That each society take charge of one Weekly Prayer Service each month.
- 5. That each society have one service each quarter set aside for the study of our church discipline, and Constitution and the Wesleyan Youth and the Wesleyan Methodist Catechism.
- 6. That each society endeavor to have 100% attendance at our Youth Camp.
- 7. That each society have an Educational Secretary to create more interest in supporting our Educational facilities.
 - a. That our young people take advantage of our Church schools in preference to other schools.
- 8. That each society give their wholehearted support to the rallies and other activities planned by the executive committee.
- 9. That the secretary be instructed to send copies of the reports of the committees of Stewardship, Goals and Methods, and the Efficiency Standard Standard to each local president at the beginning of the year, these reports to be read and studied in each society.

Robert Farley Mrs. Opal Able Donna Hollen Gayle Hada

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ANNUAL W. Y. STATSTICAL REPORT OF OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

Name of Local	Active Members	Associate Members	Wesleyan Youth Subs.	"A" Rating	នវន	General Dues	Conference Dues	Church Extension	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Local Work	Other Items	Youth Offering	Total Receipts Plus Balance	Total Disbursements	Cash on Hand
Alva Blackwell Borger Cedar Grove Enid Builders Enid Crusaders New Hope Ponca City	9 12 14 11	8	5 12 8 16 16			129.59 17.00 10.12 13.50 12.47 18.00 19.50	20.00 18.00 12.00 21.00 28.00	4.00 5.00		7.30 5.34 2.73 11.15	6.00 2.72 11.16	7.52 97.00 108.00 128.93 128.93	1.00 19.96 4.00 7.25	1.36	23.71 42.98 59.68 142.41 184.68. 63.41	53.16 211.84 364.87	1 2 4.56 1 1 1.00 115.98 5 10.25 1 .39 7 8.30

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REPORT NO. 7

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS

"Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to his excellent greateness."

We truly are thanking and praising the Lord for the gracious outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon the Conference.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all those who, in any way, have helped make our 29th Annual Conference a success. Words cannot show our gratitude.

We only wish we could thank individually, all who worked so hard this year. We are grateful for the "Labors of Love," our officers.

The consecrated efforts of our Conference Treasurer, Reverend Walter Rowell, have been deeply appreciated and we shall indeed miss him as he leaves to continue the Lord's work.

We, the Young People, truly enjoyed the Youth Banquet and wish to thank all who helped in any way.

Phyllis Barclay
Dolly Binford

REPORT NO. 8

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE:

We have audited the treasurer's books and find them correct.

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Leon Jackson Warren Little

Claudette Trudgeon

Phyllis Tolle