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# FLORIDA CONFERENCE

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## Officers

President- Rev. Foster Piatt, 506 6th Ave. SW.  
Largo, Florida. Phone 514372

Vice President- Rev. N. Lee Shultz, P.O Bx581  
Brooksville, Florida

Secretary- Mrs. Ethel Coile, 3415 N. Fla. Ave.  
Lakeland, Fla. Phone MU 5-9403

Treasurer- Rev. Cecil W. Shaffer, Route 1, Bx  
145, Sanford, Florida. Phone 1682W10

Sunday School Secretary- Rev. Wilbur Coates,  
PO Bx. 629, Pinellas Park, Florida.

Writing Secretary- Rev. Margaret Taylor, P.O.  
Bx. 823, Largo Fla. Phone 51-5674

Wesleyan Men- Rev. Everett Putney, St. Petrbg.

Pension Plan Treasurer- Rev. Everett Putney.

Child Evangelism Director- Rev. Gordon Carrier  
1116 W. 13th. St. Lakeland. Ph 55415

## OFFICIAL BOARDS

### Trustees

#### Elders-

Shultz, N. Lee.....Term Expires 1960  
Coates, Wilbur.....Term Expires 1959  
Groves, Charles N...Term Expires 1958

#### Lay-

Baer, Robert.....Term Expires 1959  
Martin, Clarence....Term Expires 1958

## Itinerary and Orders

Groves, Charles N.....Term Expires 1961  
Coates, Wilbur.....Term Expires 1960  
Shaffer, Cecil W.....Term Expires 1959  
Shultz, N. Lee.....Term Expires 1958

## FLORIDA CONFERENCE

## Advisory Board

Groves, Charles N.

Martin, Clarence

## Judiciary Committee

Piatt, Foster

Shultz, N. Lee

Myers, James F.

Shaffer, Cecil W.

## Committee on Vacancies

Piatt, Foster

Taylor, Margaret

Rogers, Ruth

Roll, Grace

Rickey, Earl

## Conference Camp Committee

## Elders-

Piatt, Foster.....\*Conference President

Shultz, N. Lee..... Term Expires 1960

Groves, Charles N... Term Expires 1959

Shaffer, Cecil W.... Term Expires 1958

## Lay-

Martin, Clarence.... Term Expires 1960

Rickey, Mary..... \*W. M. S. President

Rickey, Earl..... \*W. W. President

## \* Ex Officio Members

## Statistical Committee

Coile, Ethel

## Sunday School Board

Coates, Wilbur - Secretary Term Expires 1960

Paulk, John..... Term Expires 1959

Shultz, N. Lee..... Term Expires 1958

Member of Trustee Board of Central College  
Central, South Carolina

Piatt, Foster

## Missionary Board

Foster Piatt..... Conference President  
Charles N. Groves.... Advisory Board Member  
Clarence Martin..... Advisory Board Member  
Mary Rickey..... W. M. S. President  
Cecil W. Shaffer

## MEMORIAL ROLL

## Ministers

C. F. Smith . . . . . 1954  
R. S. Taylor. . . . . 1956

## Lay

Charley E. Murphy . . . . . 1952

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

Apalachicola - At Chapman's School on U.S. 98  
turn west and go one block, then left.

Clearwater- 300 Hillcrest Ave., Clearwater.

Grand Ridge- State Road 69, north 3 miles to-  
ward Dellwood. Turn right on dirt  
road, approx.  $3\frac{1}{4}$  miles to church.

Greenville- Pine Island- 3 miles north of  
Greenville on State road 55, on hill.

Intercession City- One block N. of Post Office.

Lakeland- 3500 North Florida Ave., Lakeland.

Largo- 1300 Eighth Ave. N.W., Largo, Fla.

Merritt Island- Cross causeway from Cocoa,  
turn left at stop light on Merritt  
Island. Continue one block North.

Paola- State Road 46, Six miles West of San-  
ford, near Wilson's corner.

Pinellas Park- Corner Park Blvd & 54th St. N.

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

St. Petersburg- 4327 15th Ave. S.

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

# CONFERENCE ROLL

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## ELDERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Address</u>
Zuch, James C.	0	Bx206 Riviera Beach, F.
Zuch, Ella V.	0	Bx206 Riviera Beach, F.
Shaw, Bertie M.	3	113 W. Paterson St., Lakeland, Fla. MU32322
Francisco, L.E.	1	943 Oleander St., Lakeland, Fla MU4-1514
Strickland, J.T.	0	236 Daytona Ave., Holly Hill, Fla.
Shaw, C.E.	3	(See Bertie Shaw above.
Wireman, C.L.	2	Intercession City, Fla.
Rogers, Ruth	4	2107 E Ida Ave., Tampa
Piatt, Foster	4	506 6th Ave. Largo, Fla.
Taylor, Margaret	0	Bx 823, Largo, Fla Phone 515674
Myers, James	0	R4 Bx73 Tallahassee.
Shaffer, Cecil W.	4	R1 Bx145, Sanford, Fla. Phone 1682W10
Shaffer, Anna	4	Same
Robb, C. I.	0	5433 Essex Ave. Gulfport
Shultz, N. Lee	4	Bx 581 Brooksville, Fla.
Groves, Charles N.	4	1377 Franklin St., Clearwater Ph34-5182
Chapman, Bertha	0	317 W. 25th Marion, Ind.
Williams, D.W.	3	Intercession City, Fla.
Brainard, S.E.	3	Bx 234 Intercession Cty.
Coates, Wilbur, W.	3	Bx629 Pinellas Pk, Fla.
Putney, Everett	3	2490 Queensboro Ave S. St. Petersburg, Fla.

## CONFERENCE PREACHERS

Bouington, W.H.	3	Bx402 Apalachicola, Fla
Paulk, John	2	R1 Bx28A Sneads, Fla.
Lighty, James	3	1401 Elizabeth Ave., Cocoa, Fla. Ph 2225
Catron, Leonard	4	413 Fourth St. N. St. Petersburg, Ph748474
Carrier, Gordon	4	1116 W. 13th St. Lakeland, Fla. Ph55415

## DELEGATES

<u>Charge</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Name &amp; Address</u>
Apalachicola	3	Lillian Sorenson-48 13th Apalachicola, Florida
Clearwater	4	Claude Rickey-R1 Box 715 Clearwater, Florida
	2	Beulah Groves-1377 Frnkl Clearwater, Florida
Grand Ridge	2	W.E. Money-Bx358 Marianna, Florida
Intercession City	1	A.N. Love, Inter. City, F. Ethel Earnhart, I.C. Fla. Etta Williams, I.C. Fla.
Lakeland	4	Ethel Coile-3415 N. Fla. Ave., Lakeland, Fla.
	4.	Dora Lois Coile-(Above)
	4	Rachel Coile-(Same)
Largo	4	Clarence Martin-607 12th St. N.W., Largo, Fla.
	3	Lois Lynn-Bx 55 Largo, F.
	3	Dorcas Miner-611 12th St. N.W., Largo, Florida.
Merritt Island	4	Orman Marsh-R1 Bx660 Eau Gallie, Florida
Paola	2	Woodrow Davis-R1 Bx171 Sanford, Florida
	2	Ella Davis-(Same as above)
Pinellas Park	4	U.E. Lushy-5748 60th Way N. St. Petersburg, Florida
	4	May Donald-1320 19th St N. St. Petersburg, Fla.
	4	Grace Roll-4738 7th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, Fla.
St. Petersburg	4	Pauline Stonebrook-4225 78th Way N. St. Pete, Fla.
Tampa	3	Floribelle McKenzie-Rt2 Box 169A11, Zephyrhills, Florida



## STANDING RULES

1. The treasurer shall be paid \$25.00 and the Secretary \$15.00 p/yr. for their services.

2. Nominating Committee- There shall be four elected members and the President, who is to be chairman. Two elected members to be elders and two lay delegates, to be designated by the selection of local churches whose delegates are to serve. It is understood that members of this committee are not to be from the same church.

3. Each pastor shall have a two weeks vacation with pay, or if he desires to hold a two weeks meeting, this will be considered in lieu of his vacation.

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

5. Any work or worker using the name "Wesleyan Methodist" within the boundaries of this annual Conference must have the approval of the Annual Conference or the President and his Advisory Board.

6. No new work shall be organized until all involved property is duly deeded to the Annual Conference and local trustees, or such steps are being taken and has the approval of the conference trustees.

## STANDING RULES (CONT.)

7. The date for beginning the Annual Conference and Campmeeting shall be the fourth Tuesday in June.

8. Fiscal year- the closing date of the fiscal year shall be May 31. The conference treasurer's books close June 7, and no money or receipts shall be honored after that date. The treasurer shall forward the statistical blanks to the statistical chairman.

9. The introduction of all new business of such nature as to require an election, must be presented not later than noon of the third day of conference.

10. The Campmeeting and Campground Committee shall also be the permanent Orders of the Day Committee. They shall prepare the Conference and Campmeeting program in advance for publication.

11. Inasmuch as the pastor and delegates are actually representatives of the local church at the Annual Conference, we recommend the local church pay the expenses, in advance, of their pastor and delegates. This is to include transportation, meals, and lodging.

12. That each of our churches release their pastor, if on call and under the direction of the Conference President and his Advisory Board, to hold one evangelistic meeting on a new field or in one of the weaker charges, and that the local church continue to pay his salary during his absence.

13. The election of Conference Officers shall be in the morning meeting of the third day of Conference.

14. The Conference Wesleyan Youth Pres. shall be a member of the Campmeeting Committee.

15. Each pastor is to take an offering at each Quarterly Conference for the Conference President's traveling expense. This is not to apply on Budget credit but is to be receipted to Conference Work Fund.

16. The Conference President shall be reimbursed for his traveling expense at \$.05 per mile. This is to be paid from the Conference Work Fund.

17. The Conference President is to visit the local churches as he sees the need.

18. Quarterly Conference business meetings shall be held as follows:

First Quarter -Immediately after August 31

Second Quarter-Immediately after November 30

Third Quarter--Immediately after February 28

Fourth Quarter-Immediately after May 31

19. All pastors are to read these standing rules to their local churches at least one month before Annual Conference. Furthermore, each pastor should pay special attention to notes on the statistical blanks and to the first paragraph in particular.

20. Pastors are to fill their pulpits through the conference session.

21. The Conference President shall be Chairman ex officio of Campmeeting Committee.

22. The Woman's Missionary Society President shall be a member ex officio of the Campmeeting Committee.

## DAILY PROCEEDINGS

FIRST MEETING, Tues. June 25, 1957, 9:00 a.m.

The eighth session of the Florida Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America opened at 9:00 a.m. June 25, 1957 at the Largo church.

After singing, Rev. Gordon Carrier brought the scripture lesson from Matt. 16:18, and Rev. E.A.Coates led in prayer.

ROLL CALL-Elders 11, Conference Preachers 3.

Credentials collected and 14 delegates placed  
CONFERENCE BAR-Platform and first 6 rows seats.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE-Report read and adopted.

AUDITING-Dora Lois Coile, W.H.Bouington

BUDGET APPORTIONMENT- C.E.Shaw, Claude Rickey  
John Swentzel, D.W.Williams, U.E.Lusby

COURTESY- Cecil W. Shaffer

CREDENTIALS- James Lighty, Leonard Catron.

JUDICIARY- Foster Piatt, N.Lee Shultz, James  
F. Myers, Cecil W. Shaffer.

MINISTERIAL CHARACTER -C.E.Shaw, Pauline  
Stonebrook, Mary Swentzel.

PASTORAL RELATIONS- Foster Piatt, Charles N.  
Groves, N.Lee Shultz, Cecil W.Shaffer, Claude  
Rickey, E.U.Lusby, Clarence Martin.

RESOLUTIONS- D.W.Williams, Charles N. Groves,  
Ella Davis, John Paulk, Lois Lynn.

STATISTICAL- Ethel Coile

THANKS- Orman Marsh, Anna Shaffer

VACANCIES- Foster Piatt, Margaret Taylor,  
Ruth Rogers, Earl Rickey, Grace Roll.

MORAL REFORM- N. Lee Shultz, Cecil Shaffer,  
Margaret Taylor, W.E.Money, Dora Lois Coile.

Since the committee on Moral Reform was new for this conference, a special motion prevailed approving the formation of such a committee.

COURTESY COMMITTEE- reported by introducing:  
Dr. Harold K.Sheets-Home Missionary Secretary  
and denominational representative. Rev. & Mrs,

Joni Miller and Rev. H.M. Robison, Sarasota, Florida. Rev. S.E. Brainard and Son, Intercession, City, Fla. Misses Grace and Stella Woodformer missionaries to India. Rev. & Mrs. William Smith- Gen'l Evangelist and wife, Kan. Conference. Rev. E.A. Coates, Rev. Wilbur Coates Rev. Gordon Carrier, Kansas. Rev. E.A. Coates brought greetings from the Kansas Conference. Rev. Everett Putney, Tipton, Indiana.

A motion prevailed for Dr. Harold K. Sheets to preside.

ORDERS OF THE DAY COMMITTEE- Report was read and adopted. The committee makes the following recommendations:

- That the Conference business sessions be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- That the conference president select the person to lead devotions.
- That Wesleyan Youth sessions be from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- That Woman's Missionary Society meet 2:00 p.m.
- That President Mullinax speak Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- That Rev. Sheets give the connectional address Thursday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- That Memorial Service for Rev. R.S. Taylor be held Friday, 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. with Rev. Foster Piatt in charge.
- That the evening services starting at 7:30 p.m. be designated as Camp Meeting Services, Rev. Piatt to be in charge and to select ushers.
- That the Friday night service be the missionary service.
- That Rev. Coates be the song leader, that he select the pianist, and that Mrs. Taylor be the organist.
- That the Sunday morning offering go to the Largo Church.

That Rev. Smith be reimbursed for the meals he buys and be paid \$100.00.

That the Sunday School Secretary be in charge of the 1:00 p.m. Friday service.

Rev. Foster Piatt, Chairman  
Earl Rickey, Secretary  
Rev. N. Lee Shultz  
Rev. Charles N. Groves  
Clarence Martin

Nominating Committee report reread.

Adjourned for committee work to call of Chair.

Reconvened at 11:15 a.m. A motion prevailed that because of the lateness of the hour, further business be continued Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. Everett Putney.

SECOND MEETING, Wednesday June 26, 1957, 9a.m.

After singing, Rev. Everett Putney read the scripture lesson from John 14:16-26. Rev. O.C. Ahlbrand led in prayer.

ROLL CALL- Elders 10, Conference Preachers 3, Delegates 15.

Minutes of the first meeting were read and adopted.

COURTESY COMMITTEE- reported by introducing: Dr. R.C. Mullinax, President of Wesleyan Meth. College, Central, South Carolina. Rev. W.E. Budget, Pinellas Park, Florida. Rev. A.J. McKenzie, Tampa, Florida. Mrs. Katherine French, Southern Area W.M.S. President from Central, South Carolina.

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-read and adopted, with the financial report referred to the auditing committee. (Report No. 1).

A motion prevailed that the Pastoral Relations Committee become a nominating committee for the Missionary Board.

Each recommendation of the President's report was, after discussion, favorably referred to the Missionary Board.

Adjourned for committee work to call of the Chair.

### THIRD MEETING, Thursday June 27, 1957 9:00 a.m.

After singing, Rev. S.E. Brainard read from IICor 6, & Rev. John Paulk led in prayer.

ROLL CALL- Elders 14, Conference Preachers 4, Delegates 20.

Minutes of the second meeting were read and adopted.

AUDITING COMMITTEE- A partial report which was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT- read and adopted (Report number 4).

A motion prevailed to grant Rev. John F. Swentzel and Rev. Mrs. Mary Swentzel letters of standing.

CAMPMEETING COMMITTEE REPORT- read and adopted, with the financial report referred to the auditing committee. (Report No. 10).

ORDERS OF THE DAY - Election of officers.

Tellers appointed: Distributors-James Lighty

-W.E. Money

Collectors -Gordon Carrier

-Orman Marsh

The following officers were elected by ballot:

President - Foster Piatt

Vice President -N. Lee Shultz

Secretary -Ethel Coile

Treasurer -Cecil W. Shaffer

Trustees (Elders) -N. Lee Shultz

Term Expires 1960

-Wilbur Coates

Term Expires 1959

## 14 DAILY PROCEEDINGS (Cont.)

The following officers and committees were elected by acclamation:

Sunday School Board Member - Wilbur Coates

Wesleyan Men - Everett Putney

Tithing Secretary - Margaret Taylor

Nominating Committee - Foster Piatt

Charles N. Groves - Cecil W. Shaffer

Largo Church delegate

St. Petersburg Church delegate

Itineracy and Orders Committee -

Charles N. Groves - Term Expires 1961

Wilbur Coates - Term Expires 1960

Pension Plan Treasurer - Everett Putney

Sunday School Secretary - Wilbur Coates

A motion prevailed that the campmeeting committee be composed of:

Conference President (ex officio)

Three elders - staggered service terms.

Three lay members:

1. W.Y. President

2. W.M.S. President

3. Member for a three year term

The following were elected to serve, with those already designated, on this Campmeeting Comm:

ELDERS- Cecil W. Shaffer - Term Expires 1958

Charles N. Groves- Term Expires 1959

N. Lee Shultz - Term Expires 1960

LAY - Clarence Martin - Term Expires 1960

Adjourned with prayer by N. Lee Shultz.

FOURTH MEETING, Friday, June 28, 1957, 9:00a.m.

Meeting opened with singing, prayer led by Rev. Leonard Catron, and devotional message by Rev. W.E. Budget.

ROLL CALL - Elders 10, Conference Preachers 2, Delegates 14.

Minutes of the third meeting read, corrected, and adopted.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE gave first reading of report.



COMMITTEE ON VACANCIES- report was read and adopted. (Report No. 8)

The item of business for General Conference concerning a vote to be taken on Paragraph 46 of the Discipline was considered.

Number of votes cast: 22

Number of votes in favor of amendment: 22

Number of votes opposing amendment: None

Conference Secretary was instructed to notify each church concerning the vote to be taken on this Paragraph 46 of the Discipline.

BUDGET APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE -report read and adopted. (Report No. 12)

Resolutions Committee report read and adopted (Report No. 7)

COURTESY COMMITTEE - reported by introducing Rev. Alton Liddick, returned missionary from India.

WESLEYAN YOUTH -report for approval of officers read and adopted.

AUDITING COMMITTEE -gave final report which was adopted. (Report No. 6)

PENSION PLAN TREASURER'S -report read and adopted. (Report No 5)

MINISTERIAL CHARACTER COMMITTEE -reported the characters of all elders and conference preachers passed. This report adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD - reported nomination of Rev. Gordon Carrier for Child Evangelism Director. This nomination was adopted.

THANKS COMMITTEE - report read and adopted. (Report No. 11)

STATISTICAL COMMITTEE -report given and adopted. (Report No. 13)

ITINERACY AND ORDERS COMMITTEE - report read and adopted. (Report No. 2)

A motion prevailed that the Missionary Board be the Parsonage and Church Planning Board.

Campmeeting Committee presented the following special recommendation which was adopted:

That the Conference Camp Committee and the conference trustees select an area on the camp ground to be dedicated for the specific purpose of home sites for retired Wesleyan Methodist workers.

That these workers have free lease of the ground until their decease.

That the future use of these buildings be determined by the donor if desired; if no wish is expressed, it will be determined by the campground authorities.

That improvements be made by the builders of such homes.

That the landscaping and maintenance of grounds and maintenance of buildings become the responsibility of the campground committee immediately upon completion of buildings erected on this site.

That power, water, and sanitary connections be provided by campground authorities and utility costs be paid by the occupants.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE -report read and adopted. (Report No. 3)

This committee recommended that the Missionary Board be composed of the Conference President, his advisory board, the W.M.S. President, and one other member. The recommendations were adopted. MISSIONARY BOARD:

Foster Piatt, Conference President

Charles N. Groves, Advisory Board Member

Clarence Martin, Advisory Board Member

Mary Rickey, W.M.S. President

Cecil W. Shaffer

Rising vote of thanks was given to Dr. Harold K. Sheets. Place of next Conference in hands of President and his Advisory Board.

Minutes read and adopted for publication.  
Adjourned Sine Die. Dismissal prayer-Dr. Sheets

Ethel Coile  
Secretary

## R E P O R T S

## Report No. 1

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## Part I

TO the members of the Eighth Annual Conference of Florida:

We have many things for which to thank our Heavenly Father. Many times this year we wondered if we were getting much accomplished. We see so much that needs to be done and seemingly so few to get it done.

The greatest instruments in the work of the Lord and in winning souls are unity and the spirit of oneness. Often it is said that we are in need of workers who have a clear through experience with the Lord and that will work with the church and conference. I wish to remind the conference that any worker who is in love with God and works rightly by his church will automatically be working for the Conference.

We are aware of the fact that this is a busy, greedy, money-mad age. It seems easier to get people to give their money than to give their time and service to the work of the Lord. Let us remember that God wants our time, devotion, and love.

Most of our pastors have to work at least some, if not full time, to supplement their salary. I trust that none will get so busy obtaining a livelihood that they will lose the concern and burden for souls and our church. I hope the day is near when no pastor will have to work at secular work but can put all his time in building up the church. I am sure the need of this hour is for us to pray, wait, and believe God for a real Heaven-sent revival that

will move the hearts of people toward God. That is what will build up our churches.

This year has been a turning point in our conference. First, because several new workers have felt the call of God to come to our conference to begin pioneer work. Second, the conference has launched the new campground project that will mean more for the conference than we can realize at this time. Third, some of the churches are getting over the hump of indebtedness and are able to launch new programs.

We feel if the conference is to make the progress that it should, some definite decisions must be made. We are trusting the Lord to help us make these and go forward for Him.

We took a group of men to Apalachicola for a week and plastered, painted, and finished the church there. We are glad to report this work is growing and coming along nicely.

Also, with a group of men, we spent nearly a week finishing and getting the West Tampa Church building ready for services. We are happy to report that this work is coming along so good that it could use some new Sunday School rooms. Under the leadership of Rev. Leonard Catron, in less than a year we can see that the church there can be a strong one.

We are seeking steps to start a new church in Sarasota and also in Marianna, Florida. We believe we can have a good church in each of these growing towns.

At the first of this year I took my family and spent six weeks in a northern part of the state doing my best to strengthen the work

in this section of the State. I have contacted some men who we feel could be a great blessing to our conference. We are expecting some of these to take work in our conference this year.

We are aware of the fact that we have had to do some things that some could not understand, but I assure you, God being my helper, that we did nothing to hinder His work. My desire is to see His work go forward.

## PART II

### Official Acts of the year:

January 4, 1957 - Appointed Rev. S.E.Brainard as pastor of the Intercession City Church.

January 5, 1957 - Granted letters of transfer to the South Georgia Conference for Rev. Fred Hughes and Rev. Mrs. Stella May Hughes.

January 7-9, 1957 - Attended and served on the Board of Trustees at Wesleyan Methodist College, Central, South Carolina.

January 15, 1957 - Received a letter of transfer from the Champlain Conference to the Florida Conference for Rev. S.E.Brainard.

May 6, 1957 - Received a letter of transfer from the Kansas Conference to the Florida Conference for Rev. Wilbur W. Coates.

June 11, 1957 - Received a letter of transfer from the Indiana Conference to the Florida Conference for Rev. Everett Putney.

## PART III

### Work done this conference year:

Number of Quarterly Meetings held .....	28
Sermons preached.....	53
Pieces of mail sent out.....	195
Miles traveled.....	13204

## PART IV

## Financial Report:

Salary received from churches...	\$481.50
Gifts and Donations.....	114.30
Offerings taken at Quarterly Mtgs	<u>46.25</u>
Total received .....	642.05
Paid out for gas and oil....	118.00

## PART V

## Recommendations:

1. Because of the proven fact that churches can only be started and built on Revival Fire, I recommend the conference, if at all possible, put a man to work as Pioneer Evangelist in the conference.

2. That the churches in this area group together and have a weekly radio broadcast to promote Wesleyan Methodism in the State.

3. That the conference study the idea of starting a day school in connection with the West Tampa Church.

4. That the conference begin immediately to assist in starting a church in Marianna, Florida, and one in Sarasota, Florida.

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Foster Piatt

## REPORT NO. TWO

## ITINERACY AND ORDERS

We recommend:

That William E. Money, having passed Robert's Rules of Order, be continued in the course of study.

That John Paulk, having passed Robert's Rules of Order, be continued in the course of study.

That Leonard Catron be continued in course of study and travel. No books passed.

That Robert L. Morgan be dropped from study.

That Elizabeth Jones be received and continued in course of study.

That Gene Eavis be received to follow work in course of study.

That W.H. Bouington be continued in study.

That Arlene Rickey, having passed Robert's Rules of Order, be continued in course of study and travel.

That Gordon Carrier's course of study from Marion College be accepted and he be appointed to travel.

That James Lighty be continued in course of study and to travel. That he study History of Wesleyan Methodist Church and the Wesleyan Methodist Discipline.

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

Cecil W. Shaffer - Bible, Sell, all four years; Binney's Compound; Elements of Divinity, Three years.

Wilbur Coates - Discipline; Applied Business English, H.A. Hagar; Homeletics, Kern; How to Prepare an Expository Sermon, Knott; System of General Ethics, Keyser; Church History, Fisher.

Charles Groves - Robert's Rules of Order; All About the Sunday School, French; History of Wesleyan Methodist Church, McLeister; Psychology, Halleck; Bible Geography, Hurlbut.  
N. Lee Shultz - Perfect Love, Wood; Foundations of Christian Doctrine, Jessop; All about the Bible, Collett; System of Christian Evidence, Keyser.

Charles N. Groves  
 Cecil W. Shaffer  
 N. Lee Shultz  
 John F. Swentzel

## REPORT No. THREE

## PASTORAL RELATIONS

## We recommend:

APALACHICOLA	- In hand of President
CLEARWATER	- Charles N. Groves
GRAND RIDGE	- In hands of President
GREENVILLE	- In hands of President
INTERCESSION CITY	- S. E. Brainard
LAKELAND	- Gordon Carrier
LARGO	- Margaret Taylor
MERRITT ISLAND	- James Lighty
PAOLA	- Cecil & Anna Shaffer
PINELLA, PARK	- Wilbur Coates
STEINHATCHEE	
(Fenholloway Church-	In hands of President
ST. PETERSBURG	- Everett Futney
TAMPA	- Ruth Rogers
PALMA CEIA MISSION (Tampa)	- Leonard Catron
BROOKSVILLE PIONEER	- N. Lee Shultz
Conference President	- Foster Piatt
General Evangelist	- C. L. Wireman
Conference Evangelists-	John Paulk
	- W.H. Bouington
- D. W. Williams	- James Myers



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Superannuated Elders	- James C. Zuch
Ella V. Zuch	- Bertie M. Shaw
Missionary to Honduras	- Eloise Wood
Returned Missionary to	
South America	- Arlene Rickey
Unstationed Elders	- J.T. Strickland
	- C.W. Robb
- L.E. Francisco	- Bertha Chapman
To choose own field	- C. E. Shaw
Foster Piatt	Cecil W. Shaffer
Charles N. Groves	Claude Rickey
N. Lee Shultz	U. E. Lusby
Clarence Martin	

## REPORT No. FOUR

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Conference Work

##### Receipts

##### Disbursements

Bal. on hand	Journals .....	\$313.44
5/1/56 .....\$ 4.54	Centralian Ad...	14.00
Budget ..... 243.59	Home for Aged...	5.00
Journals ..... 17.75	Receipt books...	14.67
Award ..... 87.19	Floral Supply...	15.00
Offering ..... 101.08	Supplies .....	12.69
Charles Groves 5.00	Secretary's Sal.	15.00
	Treasurer's Sal.	25.00
	Pension Plan '57.	11.58
Educational offering to R.C. Mullinax..		20.05
		446.43
	Bal. 6/24/57 ...	12.72
Total..\$459.15	Total .....	\$459.15

#### Church Extension

##### Receipts

##### Disbursements

Bal. 5/1/56..\$539.47	A.F. Goldman....\$1037.14
Budget..... 560.83	L.P. Catron..... 85.55

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Fred Hughes...	<u>\$200.00</u>	O.G. Wilson...	\$ 50.00
		Earl Alexander	<u>50.00</u>
			1222.69
		Balance on hand 6/14/57..	<u>77.61</u>
Total....	\$1300.30	Total....	\$1300.30

Camp Meeting Fund

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Bal. 5/1/56...	Cook Reality...
<u>\$142.83</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
Pledges.....	C. H. Martin...
<u>75.00</u>	<u>117.83</u>
Total....	Total.....
\$217.83	\$217.83

President's Salary

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Budget.....	Foster Piatt...
\$481.50	\$481.50

Home Missionary Department

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Gifts & Loans	West Tampa....
\$2805.00	\$ 650.00
	Apalachicola..
	475.00
	Camp ground...
	500.00
	James Lighty..
	100.00
	Foster Piatt..
	1050.00
	W.H. Bouington..
	<u>30.00</u>
Total...	Total.....
\$2805.00	\$2805.00

Foreign Missions

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Budget-Cash..	F.R. Birch.....
\$105.48	\$408.19
-Receipts..	From 1956
<u>330.78</u>	(Overpaid)..
	<u>28.07</u>
Total...	Total.....
\$436.26	\$436.26

Home Missions

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Budget-Cash..	Harold Sheets..
\$ 72.03	\$236.58
- Receipts..	Overpaid 1956..
<u>168.14</u>	<u>3.59</u>
Total.....	Total.....
\$240.17	\$240.17

Hephzibah OrphanageReceiptsDisbursements

Budget - Cash.	\$49.13	Harold Sheets..	\$79.22
-Receipts..	<u>30.09</u>		
Total.....	\$79.22	Total.....	\$79.22

AustraliaReceiptsDisbursements

Budget - Cash.	\$22.34	Harold Sheets..	\$33.84
-Receipts..	<u>16.25</u>	Overpaid 1956..	<u>4.75</u>
Total.....	\$38.59	Total.....	\$38.59

EducationReceiptsDisbursements

Budget - Cash.	\$366.44	R.C.Mullinax..	\$445.36
-Receipts..	<u>78.92</u>		
Total.....	\$445.36	Total.....	\$445.36

Pension PlanReceiptsDisbursements

Budget.....	\$246.42	David A. Rees.	\$246.42
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Sunday School WorkReceiptsDisbursements

Budget.....	\$103.49	R.D.Reisdorph..	\$103.49
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General Conference ExpenseReceiptsDisbursements

Budget.....	\$ 32.33	F.R.Eddy.....	\$ 32.33
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Administrative ExpenseReceiptsDisbursements

Budget.....	\$ 99.24	F.R.Eddy.....	\$ 99.24
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<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Balance on hand		Florida Conf. \$2368.45
5/1/56....\$ 686.84		Difference from
Florida Conf. 1771.94		1956.... \$ 36.41
General Conf. <u>1721.08</u>		General Conf. <u>1684.67</u>
		<u>\$4089.53</u>
	Balance on hand 6/24/7	<u>90.33</u>
Total...\$4179.86		Total.... \$4179.86

Yours for Him,  
Cecil W. Shaffer, Trea.

## REPORT No. FIVE

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Pension Plan Treasurer</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Ruth Rogers...\$ 25.00		David A. Rees..\$50.00
Foster Piatt...\$ <u>25.00</u>		
Total.... \$50.00		Total.....\$50.00

Charles Groves  
Treasurer

## REPORT No. SIX

Auditing Committee

We have examined the Conference Treasurer's books, the financial report of the President, the Wesleyan Youth Treasurer's books, and the report of the Pension Plan Treasurer and find them correct.

W. H. Bouington  
Dora Lois Coile

## REPORT No. SEVEN

Committee on Resolutions

We recommend:

That Standing Rule No. 18 be amended as follows:

Quarterly Conference business meetings be held as follows:

First Quarter -Immediately after Aug. 31

Second Quarter-Immediately after Nov. 30

Third Quarter -Immediately after Feb. 28

Fourth Quarter-Immediately after May 31

Standing Rule No. 20 - Pastors are to fill their pulpits through the conference session.

Standing Rule No. 21 - The Conference President shall be chairman ex officio of the Campmeeting Committee.

Standing Rule No. 22 - The Woman's Missionary Society President shall be a member ex officio of the Campmeeting Committee.

The Conference recommends:

That the Lakeland Wesleyan Methodist Church discontinue the use of the C.E.Shaw property for their meeting place; that all evidence that said property is Wesleyan Methodist be removed.

Charles N. Groves

D.W.Williams

John Paulk

Lois Lynn

Ella Davis

## REPORT No. EIGHT

### Committee on Vacancies

The committee met on July 16, 1956, and elected the following to replace Rev. R.S.Taylor:

Office as Vice President - N. Lee Shultz

Office on Judiciary Committee-Charles N.Groves

Office as Trustee - N. Lee Shultz

Office on Itineracy and

Orders Committee - Charles N.Groves

In June 1957, Cecil J. Shaffer was elected to fill the vacancy left by Rev. R.S.Taylor on the Nominating Committee. -Foster Piatt

-Ruth Rogers

-Charles N. Groves

## REPORT No. NINE

Committee on Moral Reform

We urge our people to a more vigorous effort to train our children and evangelize our young people. To accomplish this we urge the use of the family altar and kind, but firm, home discipline and training.

We suggest a positive effort be made to lift the moral and spiritual level of our communities by cooperation, as much as possible, with parent-teacher and like organizations.

We reaffirm our stand on matters of Christian doctrine and practice. We urge careful adherence to the Discipline on standards of dress, Sabbath observance and reverence for holy things.

We further urge a positive warning against the divorce evil and the use of alcoholic beverages, narcotics, and tobacco.

N. Lee Shultz  
Cecil W. Shaffer  
Margaret Taylor  
W.E. Money  
Dora Lois Coile

## REPORT No. TEN

Campmeeting Committee

According to orders, the campmeeting committee undertook to promote a winter campmeeting at Intercession City, Florida. We experienced many difficulties. Because we heard of plans for a sister denomination to take over the facilities there it seemed wise not to attempt another such operation in that area.

We were agreed that the unity of the conference in purpose, doctrine, and standards was essential if the conference was to experience the growth we believe God expects.

We further believed that this unity of purpose could best be accomplished by an annual campmeeting which would be within the financial reach of the families of the conference. The city of Brooksville was selected for this site because it was nearly equal distance from the extreme possible limits of the conference.

For the purpose of locating and selecting such a site the committee met in Brooksville on January 12, 1957. Some preliminary searching had been done and a plot of 28.95 acres located by Rev. Cecil W. Shaffer. This seemed to the entire committee to fulfill all the requirements for a campground. A binder of \$100.00 was left with real estate broker Ed Cook, with instructions to draw up a contract.

On January 16, 1957, the combined campmeeting committee and conference trustees met in Brooksville. The trustees approved the choice and signed the contract. We were to pay a total of 6780.00 for the tract, with \$2780.00 as a down payment. On this same date \$900.00 was given as binder until final papers could be drawn up.

On January 22, 1957, the trustees signed mortgage papers for \$4000.00, and \$1380.00 more was paid on the down payment, the balance of \$400.00 to be paid within 30 days. This amount was paid in March. The mortgage was to bear 5% interest. Fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus interest was to be paid each month.

The campmeeting committee met with the trustees on January 27, 1957, to decide on a plan to finance this venture. It was agreed to sell forty-five lots, 60x90 at \$300.00 each and to lease sixty lots, 30 x 50, at \$150.00 each. The said lease is to run for the life time of the lessee. These lots are available to any Wesleyan Methodist. This will provide over \$20,000.00 from which sum

## REPORT No. TEN (Cont.)

the cost of the land will be paid, streets cut and graded, a water system installed, and sanitary facilities provided for campground property which will include lease lots. The remainder will be used as far as it will go to erect camp buildings.

-W. E. Money                      -Foster Piatt  
 -Earl Rickey                      -N. Lee Shultz  
 -Clarence Martin               -L. E. Francisco

## Financial Statement of Campmeeting Committee.

From campmeeting fund.....	\$ 217.83
1956-57 camp .....	10.09
1956-57 camp pledges .....	459.00
From Home Mission Department....	500.00
From sale of lots .....	2480.00
From lease of lots .....	<u>1175.00</u>

Total .....\$ 4832.92

Paid on land .....	\$ 3308.02
Paid on improvements.....	<u>1303.96</u>

\$ 4611.98

Balance on hand.. 220.94

Total.....\$ 4832.92

## REPORT No. ELEVEN

Thanks Committee

We wish here to convey to the Largo Church and their pastor, Rev. Margaret Taylor, and to the friends of the church our heart felt thanks in appreciation for the excellent hospitality they have shown the conference during this session. The fine results of their labors which have been in abundant evidence bespeak of careful planning and preparation coupled with efficient fulfillment of purpose for which all are to be congratulated.



To Dr. Harold K. Sheets, our Home Missionary Secretary and denominational representative, we owe a deep vote of thanks for his outstanding and inspired leadership throughout this conference session. Our lives have been enriched and our business well accomplished with his capable help.

We are most thankful to our loving and provident Heavenly Father who has worked here through His servants on our behalf, and we pray His richest blessings to abide with and upon these His children always, in all ways.

Orman D. Marsh  
Anna Shaffer

## REPORT No. TWELVE

Budget Apportionment

## General:

1. Foreign Missions .....	\$2.00 per member
2. Home Missions .....	1.25 per member
3. Australia.....	.25 per member
4. Education.....	2.50 per member
5. Pension Plan.....	1.50 per member
6. Hephzibah Orphanage.....	.25 per member
7. General Conference expense	.20 per member
8. Administrative Expense...	.60 per member

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\$8.55 per member

9. Sunday School Work .....	\$ .15 per Sunday-School member
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## Conference:

1. Church Extension...	1 S.S. offering p/month
2. President's Salary.....	\$3.00 per member
Conference Work.....	1.50 per member
Total for Conference...	\$4.50 per member
Total for General.....	8.55 per member
GRAND TOTAL.....	\$13.05 per member

C.E. Shaw - Urban E. Lusby  
D.W. Williams - C.E. Rickey

	Members	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Australia	Education	Pension Plan	Orphanage	General Conf. Expense	Administrative Expense	Sunday-school Work	TOTAL GENERAL BUDGET
alachicola	9	18.00	11.25	2.25	22.50	13.50	2.25	1.80	5.40	7.05	84.00
earwater	19	38.00	23.75	4.75	47.50	28.50	4.75	3.80	11.40	10.80	173.25
and Ridge	11	22.00	13.75	2.75	27.50	16.50	2.75	2.20	6.60	7.50	101.55
eenville											
ter. City	9	18.00	11.25	2.25	22.50	13.50	2.25	1.80	5.40	7.05	84.00
keland	13	26.00	16.25	3.25	32.50	19.50	3.25	2.60	7.80	3.45	114.60
rgo	37	74.00	46.25	9.25	92.50	55.50	9.25	7.40	22.20	21.30	337.63
rritt Isl.	7	14.00	8.75	1.75	17.50	10.50	1.75	1.40	4.20	7.50	67.35
ola	15	30.00	18.75	3.75	37.50	22.50	3.75	3.00	9.00	9.60	137.85
nellas Pk.	31	62.00	38.75	7.75	77.50	46.50	7.75	6.20	18.60	19.35	284.40
einhathee											
. Peterbg	14	28.00	17.50	3.50	35.00	21.00	3.50	2.80	8.40	9.90	129.60
mpa	10	20.00	12.50	2.50	25.00	15.00	2.50	2.00	6.00	8.70	94.20
TOTALS:	175	\$218.75	\$437.50	\$43.75	\$43.75	\$105.00	\$1605.45				
		\$350.00	\$43.75	\$262.50	\$35.00	\$109.20					

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General Budget Apportionment

	Members	Conference President's Salary	Conference Work	Total Conference Budget	Total General and Conference Budget
Apalachicola	9	27.00	13.50	40.50	124.50
Clearwater	19	57.00	28.50	85.50	258.75
Grand Ridge	11	33.00	16.50	49.50	151.05
Greenville					
Intercession City	9	27.00	13.50	40.50	121.50
Lakeland	13	39.00	19.50	58.50	173.10
Largo	37	111.00	55.50	166.50	504.15
Meritt Island	7	21.00	10.50	31.50	98.85
Paola	15	45.00	22.50	67.50	205.35
Pinellas Park	31	93.00	46.50	139.50	423.90
Steinhatchee					
St. Petersburg	14	42.00	21.00	63.00	192.60
Tampa	10	30.00	15.00	45.00	139.20
TOTALS:	175	\$525.00	\$262.50	\$787.50	\$2392.95

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Conference Budget Apportionment

	Intermediate Scholar's Quarterly	Senior Scholar's Quarterly	Junior-Primary Teacher's Quarterly	Intermediate Teacher's Quarterly	Adult Teacher's Quarterly	Children's Friend	Junior Class paper	Sunday-school Banner	Wesleyan Youths	Wesleyan Missionaries	Wesleyan Methodists	Organized Church Societies	Appointments	Month's Employed
Apalachicola	6	6	1	2	2	10	10	25	12	2	7	1	1	12
Clearwater	6	50	2	1	6	5	10	25	12	11	19	1	1	12
Grand Ridge	12				1	1			4	4	4	1	1	12
Greenville							6	20	3	7	9	1	1	12
Intercession City	4	15	2	1	2	6	5	12	6	6	17	1	1	12
Lakeland	12	30	3	1	6	6		35	6	14	19	1	1	12
Largo			1		2	2	20	10		6	3	1	1	12
Merritt Island	15	35	2	2	4	15	23	30	3	4	11	1	1	12
Paola	15	55	1	1	2	24		36	7	12	18	1	1	12
Pinellas Park														
Steinhatchee						5	16	32	3	9	14	1	1	12
St. Petersburg	10	15	3	1		10	10	18	2	4	2	1	1	12
Tampa														
TOTALS:	80	243	17	9	35	85	90	218	46	79	123	11	11	132

Item I. Pastor's Labors      Item II. Periodicals

REPORT No. THIRTEEN

Members	1	2	9	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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Apalachicola  
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St. Petersburg  
Tampa

Department														
Total No. In Main School	47	72	50	27	23	142	50	64	129	66	58			
No. of Scholars in Main School	40	65	44	23	19	133	43	54	120	60	52	653	728	--
No. of Officers and Teachers	7	7	6	4	4	9	7	10	9	6	6	75		
No. of Sunday-schools	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11		
No. of Card	3	3	5	6	7	6	7	7	13	2	2	52		
Call Subscribers	3	30	4	6	9	10	7	12				87		
Membership thing	1	6	4	6	7	15	4	6				52		
Number of Family Alters	1	6	4	6	7	15	4	6				3		
Unstationed Elders									1					
Local Preachers	1	1	2	1								6		
Infants Dedicated					8	2		4				14		
Baptized				4		12								
Loss in Members For the year			5		10							16		
Gain in Members For the year	4	15				14	1			2		37		
Total Membership Reported Last Year	11	25	19	9	28	41	6	18	39	12	16	224		
Total Present Membership	15	40	14	9	18	55	7	15	39	14	10	236		
Junior Members		15										36		
Associate Members	6	6	3		5	3			2			25		
TOTALS:	25	36	236	224	37	24	16	14	6	1	52	87	52	11
Item III. Membership Cont.												Item IV. Sunday-		

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	Value of Buildings	Number of Church Buildings	Total Membership of Societies	No. Wesleyan Youth Societies	Average Attendance Vacation Bible School	Enrollment Vacation Bible School	No. of Books in Library	No. of Organ- ized Classes	No. in Teachers Training Courses	No. of Dept.	Supts. No. of Scholars Joining Church	No. Scholars Converted	Average Attendance	Total No. in Sunday-school	No. on Cradle Roll	
Apalachicola	10,000	1	17	1						2	5	1	38	93	46	
Clearwater	14,000	1	12	1						1	15	3	51	84	12	
Grand Ridge	6,000												55	50		
Greenville	6,000	1					25	3		1			27	27		
Intercession City			9	1							1	2	31	28	5	
Lakeland	19,000	1	19	1	66	80	20				14	11	110	152	10	
Largo	12,000	1						4		1		3	35	50		
Merritt Island	7,000	1	15	1	41	61	42	2		1		10	54	72	8	
Paola	15,000	1	16	1	41	47		2			5	6	88	129		
Pinellas Park																
Steinhatchee	30,000	1	10	1			45	5			3	3	61	66		
St. Petersburg					21	25	105	5		1			30	58		
Tampa																
TOTALS:	\$119,000.	8	98	7	169	213	237	36		10	40	39	580	809	81	
Item IV. Sunday-schools															Item V Church Proper	

	Amount of Indebtedness (Church Building)	Amount of Insurance	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Apalachicola	600.						6.14
Clearwater	1,000.			11,000			274.30
Grand Ridge	566		1	5,000	176.		22.00
Greenville							
Intercession City	1,500	2,000					115.00
Lakeland							20.35
Largo	2,850	7,000	1	10,000	8,125	8,000	141.17
Merritt Island	1,600	10,000					
Paola	500	3,500	1	4,000		3,500	651.41
Pinellas Park		8,000	1	10,000			
Steinhatchee							
St. Petersburg	4,000						
Tampa							
TOTALS:	\$12,116	\$30,500	5	\$40,000	\$8,301	\$11,500	\$1,241.87
Item V. Church Property (Cont.)							

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	Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Apalachicola	30.00			10.00	40.00
Clearwater	1,950.00	720.00		87.00	2,757.00
Grand Ridge	260.00		10.00	50.00	320.00
Greenville					
Intercession City	508.00		10.00	85.00	603.00
Lakeland	1,484.88				1,484.88
Largo	1,952.00			41.67	1,993.67
Merritt Island	115.00		10.00	56.00	181.00
Paola	1,680.00	480.00	5.00	74.26	2,239.26
Pinellas Park	2,005.00	600.00	65.00	300.00	2,970.00
Steinhatchee					
St. Petersburg	1,820.00		35.00	58.00	1,913.00
Tampa	638.66		2.00		640.66
TOTALS:	\$12,443.54	\$1,800.00	\$137.00	\$761.93	\$15,143.47
Item VI. Disbursed for Pastor					

	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday-school Expenses	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Incidental Church Expense	Amount Paid On Expense of Indebtedness	Total For Church
Apalachicola	74.22	102.55	477.67		192.07	50.00		861.51
Clearwater	283.19	179.48		153.22	1750.00	1457.50		3981.45
Grand Ridge	95.00	80.00	120.00	80.00	500.00	30.00	158.06	905.00
Greenville								
Inter. City	150.00	64.00			500.00	273.00	81.00	1068.00
Lakeland	250.00	123.43				70.25		443.68
Largo	174.78	818.37	3631.02		3525.00	869.92	217.00	9236.09
Merritt Isl.	188.75	112.77	411.48		500.00	728.20	104.25	2045.45
Paola	276.34	260.45	779.55	30.00		156.41		1502.75
Pinellas Pk.	140.00	249.45	300.00	264.64	389.56	389.56	98.16	1830.70
Steinhatchee								
St. Petersburg	75.17	477.21	500.00	255.56	1400.00	489.72	75.00	3272.66
Tampa	57.05	250.33		25.00		77.89		410.27
TOTALS	\$1764.50		\$6219.72		\$8755.96		\$733.47	
		\$3718.04		\$808.42		\$4592.45		\$25557.56

ITEM VII. Disbursed for Church

REPORT No. THIRTEEN (Continued)

	Orphanage Raised	Orphanage Assigned	Superannuated Ministers' Fund Raised	Superannuated Ministers' Fund Assigned	Education Raised	Education Assigned	Home Missions Raised	Home Missions Assigned	Foreign Mission Raised	Foreign Mission Assigned	Undivided Budget Raised	Undivided Budget Assigned
Apalachicola	2.00	2.00	12.00	12.00	20.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	16.00	16.00		
Clearwater	16.94	4.25	25.50	25.50	51.39	42.50	25.70	21.25	75.24	34.00		
Grand Ridge	2.00	3.25	15.00	15.00	10.09	32.50	6.00	16.25	4.00	26.00		
Greenville												
Inter. City	2.25	2.25	13.50	13.50	47.50	22.50	11.25	11.25	22.85	18.00		
Lakeland	11.11	5.50	33.00	33.00	55.00	55.00	29.67	27.50	45.50	44.00		
Largo	19.06	4.75	28.92	28.92	47.85	47.50	35.49	23.75	56.85	38.00		
Merritt Isl.	1.50	1.50	9.00	9.00	23.68	15.00	14.65	7.50	19.12	12.00		
Paola	6.44	4.50	27.00	27.00	45.00	45.00	25.96	22.50	45.95	36.00		
Pinellas Pk.	6.75	6.75	40.50	40.50	67.90	67.50	36.75	33.75	57.00	54.00		
Steinhatchee												
St. Petesbrg.	3.00	3.00	18.00	18.00	30.00	30.00	22.00	15.00	31.00	24.00		
Tampa	6.90	2.50	16.50	16.50	34.50	25.00	16.50	12.50	54.00	20.00		
TOTALS:			\$40.25	\$241.50	\$492.86	\$402.50	\$233.97	\$201.25	\$427.51	\$316.00		

Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget

REPORT No. THIRTEEN (Continued)

Apalachicola  
Clearwater  
Grand Ridge  
Greenville  
Inter. City  
Lakeland  
Largo  
Merritt Isl.  
Paola  
Pinellas Pk.  
Steinhatchee  
St. Petersburg  
Tampa

	Total General Budget Raised	Total General Budget Assigned	Australia Raised	Australia Assigned	General Sunday School Work Raised	General Sunday School Work Assigned	Gen'l Conf. Travel & Enter. Raised	Gen'l Conf. Travel & Enter. Assigned	Administrative Budget Raised	Administrative Budget Assigned
	74.70	74.70	2.00	2.00	6.30	2.00	1:60	1:60	4.80	4.80
	224.32	157.05	4.25	4.25	11.70	4.25	3.40	3.40	10.20	10.20
	47.09	120.15			6.00	3.25	1.00	9.00	3.00	7.80
	112.05	82.20	2.25	2.25	5.25	2.25	1.80	5.25	5.40	5.40
	202.94	193.65	5.50	5.50	5.55	5.50	4.40	5.55	13.20	13.20
	226.94	175.95	4.84	4.84	13.88	4.75	4.38	13.50	15.65	11.40
	80.50	57.60	1.50	1.50	6.30	1.50	1.20	6.30	3.60	3.60
	180.78	165.45	4.50	4.50	11.55	4.50	3.60	11.55	10.80	10.80
	252.70	246.45	6.75	6.75	15.45	6.75	5.40	15.45	16.20	16.20
	130.60	111.60	3.00	3.00	14.00	3.00	2.40	9.00	7.20	7.20
	147.01	92.85	2.75	2.75	7.51	2.50	2.15	7.35	6.20	6.00
TOTALS:										
	\$1477.65	\$93.49	\$40.25	\$37.34	\$100.65	\$96.24	\$31.33	\$31.60	\$96.60	\$96.60
	\$1679.63									

Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget (Cont.)  
REPORT No. THIRTEEN (Continued)

	President's Salary Assigned	President's Salary Raised	Conference Work Assigned	Conference Work Raised	Church Extension Raised	Minutes	Total Conf. Budget Assigned	Total Conf. Budget Raised	Total Budget Assigned	Total Budget Raised
Apalachicola	24.00	24.00	12.00	12.00	11.65		36.00	47.65	110.70	122.35
Clearwater	51.00	51.00	25.50	25.50	95.99		76.50	172.49	233.55	396.81
Grand Ridge	39.00	15.00	19.50	10.00			58.50	25.00	178.65	72.09
Greenville										
Inter. City	27.00	27.00	13.50	13.50	46.22	3.75	40.50	90.47	122.70	202.52
Lakeland	66.00	66.00	33.00	33.00	35.19	6.00	99.00	140.19	292.65	343.13
Largo	57.00	61.50	28.50	28.54	162.01		85.50	252.05	261.45	478.99
Merritt Isl.	18.00	18.00	9.00	9.00		4.00	27.00	31.00	84.60	111.50
Paola	54.00	54.00	27.00	27.00	65.28		81.00	146.28	246.45	327.06
Pinellas Pk.	81.00	81.00	40.50	40.50	63.35		121.50	187.40	367.80	440.10
Steinhatchee										
St. Petersburg	36.00	36.00	18.00	18.00	53.29		54.00	107.29	165.60	237.89
Tampa	30.00	33.00	15.00	16.50	27.85		45.00	81.35	137.85	238.36
TOTALS:	\$483.00	\$241.50	\$241.50	\$236.09	\$560.83	\$17.75	\$724.50	\$1281.17	\$2202.00	\$2960.80
Item VIII. Disbursed for Conference Budget										

	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Conference Work	Wesleyan Youth	Other Objects	Total For Benevolences
Apalachicola	316.66	25.60	25.98		230.00	25.80	553.69	1197.73
Clearwater								
Grand Ridge								
Greenville								
Intercession City								
Lakeland	177.11	10.00	22.00		6.70		82.25	82.25
Largo							297.81	513.62
Merritt Isl.								
Paola	80.04	1.45						
Pinellas Pk.	80.00		7.00		16.40		85.26	166.75
Steinhatchee							120.21	233.61
St. Petrsbg.	317.55	65.50	14.00					
Tampa	25.00	10.00	5.00			6.00	100.57	503.62
							201.10	241.10
TOTALS:	\$996.36		\$73.98		\$273.10		\$1440.89	
	\$112.55				\$31.80		\$2938.68	
Item IX. Disbursed for Benevolences								

REPORT No. THIRTEEN (Continued)

	Total For Pastor	Total For Church	Total For Budget	Total For Benevolences	Total For All Purposes
Apalachicola	40.00	896.51	122.35		1058.86
Clearwater	2757.00	3981.45	396.81	1197.73	8332.99
Grand Ridge	320.00	905.00	72.09		1297.09
Greenville					
Intercession City	603.00	1068.00	202.52	82.25	1955.77
Lakeland	1484.88	443.68	343.13	513.62	2785.31
Largo	1993.67	9236.09	478.94		11708.70
Merritt Island	181.00	2045.45	111.50		2337.95
Paola	2239.26	1502.75	327.06	106.75	4235.82
Pinellas Park	2970.00	1830.10	440.10	233.61	5469.41
Steinhatchee					
St. Petersburg	1913.00	3272.66	237.89	503.62	5927.17
Tampa	640.66	410.27	228.36	241.10	1520.39
TOTALS:	\$15,142.47	\$25,591.96	\$2,960.75	\$2,938.68	\$46,629.46
Item X Disbursed Totals					

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## ROLL CALL

<u>Society</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Present</u>
Apalachicola.....	Marie Boughington	3
Clearwater.....	Mary Rickey	4
Grand Ridge.....		
Intercession City..		
Lakeland.....	Ethel Coile	4
Largo.....	Alice Day	3
Merritt Island.....		
Paola.....		
Pinellas Park.....	Grace Roll	4
St. Petersburg.....	Hazel Herman	3
Tampa.....	Ruth Rogers	4

<u>Society</u>	<u>Delegate</u>	<u>Present</u>
Apalachicola.....	Mrs. Sorensen	3
Clearwater.....	Evelyn Rickey	4
Grand Ridge.....		
Intercession City..		
Lakeland.....	Dora Lois Coile	4
Largo.....	Ruby Crook	3
Merritt Island.....	Louise Marsh	3
Paola.....	Marjorie Shaffer	4
Pinellas Park.....	May Donald	4
St. Petersburg.....	Mary Swentzel	3
Tampa.....	Orena Robinson	4

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PRESIDENTS AND

## SECRETARIES of 1957-58

<u>President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
Apalachicola: Inez Huckeba P.O. Bx. 58 Apalachicola, F.	Lillian Sorenson 48 13th St. Apalachicola, F.
Clearwater: Mrs. Mary Rickey R#1 Bx. 715 Clearwater, Fla.	Mrs. Orpha Martin R#1 Bx 180 B Palm Harbor, Fla.

## PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES (Cont.)

<u>President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
Grand Ridge: Mrs. Josie McMillan Sneads, Fla.	Mrs. Jessie Paulk P.O. Bx 858 Mariana, Fla.
Intercession City:	Mrs. Callie Love Inter. City, Fla.
Largo: Mrs. Alice Day P.O. Bx. 823 Largo, Fla.	Mrs. Opal Trotter R#1 Bx 4 N.W. Largo, Fla.
Lakeland: Mrs. Ethel Coile 3415 N. Fla. Ave. Lakeland, Fla.	Miss Rachel Coile 3415 N. Fla. Ave. Lakeland, Fla.
Merritt Island: Mrs. Elizabeth Jones Merritt Isl., Fla.	Mrs. Alice Hammand 894 Hillside Dr. Coca, Fla.
Paola: Mrs. Mianni Kelly R#1 Bx 268 Sanford, Fla.	Mrs. Ella Davis R#1 Bx 171 Sanford, Fla.
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Pinellas Park: Mrs. Madlyn Padgett 5640 Orange St. St. Petersburg, Fla.	Mrs. Anna Baer 7151 54th St. N. Pinellas Park, Fla.
Tampa: Mrs. Ruth Rogers 2107 Ida. Ave. Tampa, Fla.	Mrs. Jos. Perry 2016 E. Buffalo, Av Tampa, Fla.

## DAILY PROCEEDINGS

## Tuesday Afternoon

The seventh annual session of the Women's Missionary Society of the Florida Conference convened at Largo Wesleyan Methodist Church on Tues. June 25 at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Mary Rickey our Missionary President opened the session by a few words of welcome and greeting. Mrs. Dorothy Coates led us in singing "Rescue the Perishing" and "A Wonderful Savior", with Shirley Hann at the piano.

Sister Wm. Smith of the Kansas Conference led us in our devotions using Jer. 33:3 and James 4:2 as scriptural basis for her remarks. She admonished us to beware of letting prayer become so common place in our living that we fail to recognize the divine privileges of prayer.

Credentials were handed in and roll call established.

Committee on Committees report read and adopted.

Committee on Courtesy presented Sister Stella Wood, Dorothy Coates, Shirley Hann, Louise Marsh Mae Donald, and Mrs. Miller.

The conference Missionary posters were presented explaining the theme: PROGRESS THROUGH PRAYER.

A motion was made and carried that we adjourn. Sister Rogers prayed the dismissal prayer.

## Wednesday Afternoon

Wednesday June 26, meeting opened by singing "Blessed Assurance" led by Betty Norstworthy, with Ella Davis at the piano.

Sister French our Area chairman had devotion using Psalm I as a basis for her comments. She stressed the fact that prayer and the power of Pentecost are the secrets of progress.

Roll call with 15 delegates and presidents

present. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted.

Committee on Courtesy presented Dr. and Mrs. Mullinex, and Sister Grace Wood.

Report on Orders of the Day was read and adopted.

Post Office Committee gave partial report with corrections made.

Prayer Partner report given and accepted.

Report of Committee on Thanks was read and accepted.

Committee on Resolutions report was given and accepted.

Sister French gave a very inspiring talk in the interest of our Area Missionary work and plans for future financial goal concerning our share in the building program of the Headquarters building in Marion, Indiana. She likened our W.M.S. "As a Tree" with Sister Reisdorph and her official board as the trunk. Seven limbs as societies and leaves as individual members. Also we need an elevated vision and this often comes only by going down on our knees. The trunk of the tree has set forth goals, we must cooperate with their plans, thus bearing fruit. Five thousand dollars is the goal for the Southern Area. We also are asked to give seven cents per. member for quadrennial area convention expenses to be sent through our conference missionary treasurers.

Study books were presented with brief explanation of contents.

Motion to adjourn was made and supported.

Dismissed in prayer by Sister Stella Wood.

#### Thursday Afternoon

Meeting opened by singing "Anywhere with Jesus", led by Sister Lynn, with Sister Dorothy coates at the piano.

Sister Wm. Smith led us in devotions using John 19:30 as the scripture reading. Prayer by

Sister Coates. Roll Call was taken with 13 presidents and delegates present. Sister Stonebrook was seated within the bar of conference to represent St. Petersburg.

Minutes were read and approved as read.

Nominating committee read report, it was accepted.

We proceeded with election of officers with results as follows:

President.....Mrs. Mary Rickey.  
 Vice President.....Mrs. Hazel Hermann.  
 Secretary.....Mrs. Alice Shultz.  
 Treasurer.....Mrs. Anna Shaffer.  
 Y.M.W.B. Supt.....Peggy Rickey.  
 Magazine Solicitor....Mrs. Lois Lynn.  
 Missionary Study Secr..Mrs. Hazel Hermann.  
 Statistical Chairman...Mrs. Grace Roll.  
 Prayer Partner Secr....Sister Stella Wood.  
 Conference Reporter....Mrs. Evelyn Rickey.  
 Delegate to Area Quad Conf..Mrs. Alice Shultz

Courtesy - Rev. and Mrs. Alton Liddick.

Y.M.W.B. report given and adopted.

Motion to adjourn - prayer by Bro. Liddick.

#### Friday Afternoon

The meeting opened by singing "Ready", led by Dorothy Coates with Dora Coile at the piano.

Sister Liddick read Isaiah 58 as the scripture lesson for devotions. She commented mentioning a true fast and a service to others with unselfish love. She spoke of the numerous burdens the people in India carry, such as illiteracy, illnesses, superstition and poverty. In speaking of PRAYER SHARERS she gave us several instances when God was faithful to answer our S.O.S. calls.

Auditing-report read and adopted.

Statistical-report read and adopted.

Treasurer-report read and accepted.

A communication from Elouise Wood was read

which indicated the difficulty of the work in Honduras.

President's report- read and adopted.

Motion made and supported that each society take an offering early in the year and send to Conf. Missionary Treasurer for Conf. Missionary Presidents and delegates expenses to the Area Quadrennial Convention.

Sister Liddick suggested we use the share system in paying Eloise Woods salary, whereby we may obtain free subscriptions to the Missionary magazine. Motion was made with its support that the executive committee meet and decide to whom the subscriptions should be sent. Bro. Wm. Smith has generously offered to give proceeds from book sold during conference to the W.M.S. offering for Eloise Woods support.

Motion to adjourn. Prayer by Sis. Liddick

Respectfully Submitted  
Alice Shultz - Secr.

## PUBLIC MISSIONARY SERVICE - FRIDAY P.M.

Service opened by singing, led by rev. Wilber Coates. After a season of prayer, Rev. Alton Liddick spoke on missions and gave some encouraging statistics regarding the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society.

Dr. Harold K. Sheets presented the need for further funds to be applied to the salary of our missionary to Honduras.

A spirit of giving was evidenced by the fact that the amount of 1,217.20 was raised in pledges and cash offering in a matter of less than ten minutes. The Lord surely blessed in our response.

We were dismissed in prayer by singing the Doxology.

## REPORTS

President's Report

Quite a number of years ago when the children were small, the Lord gave me the promise found in Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not for I am with thee, be not dismayed for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." This promise has meant much to me through these years. Last year when I was elected your president, I thought my task impossible, but again God showed me the promise and sealed it to my heart. I have claimed it through out the year, and I do want to give God the praise for whatever has been accomplished.

On July 27, a group from the Pinellas Park, Largo, and Clearwater churches met with the Tampa church for a basket dinner and W.M.S. rally in the afternoon. There was a very good spirit in the meeting and all present thought we should have more rallies.

It was my happy privilege to attend the W. M.S. workshop held in Iowa late in August. This was a time of blessed fellowship and real inspiration. The conference took care of the expenses and I truly want to thank each one who had a part in making this possible. Sept. 30, an Area rally was held at the Pinellas Park Church with a good attendance. Sister Elouise Wood spoke of her missionary call. I gave a report of the workshop.

I sent out approximately 75 pieces of mail and made 5 long distance calls in the interest of the society.

We visited the Apalachicola Church and the Grand Ridge work. I also spoke at our home Church in Indiana.

In May the executive committee met at the home of sister Shultz for a business meeting at which time plans for conference were made.

We have endeavored to keep the ladies informed of the various projects that our General Board has sponsored and have tried to cooperate in every possible way.

Again we want to thank God for His wonderful people this past year, and are looking forward to a year of PROGRESS THROUGH PRAYER.

Mrs. Mary Rickey  
President W.M.S.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY REPORT

The committee met and decided that the election of officers shall be on Thursday afternoon, June 27, immediately after devotions.

Friday evening Missionary service: 7:30 pm.

Mrs. Alice Day  
Mrs. Kathryn Lusby  
Mrs. Kathryn Marsh

### COMMITTEE ON THANKS

We most heartily thank the people of the Largo Church for entertaining W.M.S. Conference.

We also extend thanks to each one who has served both in the capacity of the conference and local societies.

Last but not least we thank all who have served in the various committees and Depts.

It is required of Stewards that a man be found faithful.

Lillian Sorenson  
Floribelle McKenzie

### REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We the ladies of the W.M.S. feel to praise God for His goodness, grace, and help. Above all for salvation through the precious blood. We therefor resolve by His help to:

1. That we spend more time in prayer for



our representatives at home and abroad.

2. That we read and study our missionary magazine for information and inspiration - Every member a subscriber.

3. That we use reading course recommended by our literature department.

4. That we stand by our young people, boys and girls, in love and Christian example.

5. That we pray for our government officials in this critical hour.

6. Pray for our prayer-partners and remember them on birthdays with greeting cards or letters.

7. That each society continue to raise money to contribute to the support of our Missionary nurse in Honduras, Central America.

Prayerfully submitted

Minnie Martin

Hazel Hermann

#### PRAYER PARTNER'S COMMITTEE

Number of Prayer partner circles.....	6
Number of prayer partners.....	42
Number of missionaries chosen.....	125
Number of home missionaries.....	19
Number of foreign missionaries.....	106

Ruth Rogers, Sec'y.

#### W.M.S. CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT 1956-57

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Vouchers</u>
Total from W.M.S.....	\$1108.22	\$233.70
Total from S-school..	50.00	
Total from Individ...	500.25	137.50
Total from Wesl. Youth	69.50	
Conference Offerings..	44.85	
W.M.S. Rallies.....	30.00	
Total cash receipts	\$1802.82	\$371.20
Total Receipts...	\$2174.02	
Old Balance.....	83.71	
GRAND TOTAL...	\$2257.73	

Disbursements

## Home Missions:

General.....	\$146.62
Brainerd.....	3.00
Australia.....	16.25
Jewish Work.....	20.00
Card Call.....	<u>67.00</u>

\$252.87

Hephzibah..... \$ 28.65

## Foreign Missions:

General.....	\$195.08
South America.....	10.00
South Amer. (White Gift) ..	63.47
Africa (Eddy Gifts).....	110.00
Honduras.....	<u>1105.50</u>

\$1484.05

## Education:

Central.....	\$ 15.63
Honorary Enrollment.....	12.00
Harvest Day.....	47.46
Greater Central Fund.....	<u>50.00</u>

\$125.09

## Other Objects:

Miscellaneous.....	\$ 14.35
Self Denial.....	87.26
Workshop Expense.....	112.57
Local Church Work.....	<u>4.75</u>

\$218.93

Medical Student.....	3.00
Membership Dues.....	32.40
Administrative Fund.....	19.35
Official Expense.....	<u>2.84</u>

Total Disbursements..... \$2,167.18

Conference Funds.... \$ 65.30

Eloise Wood..... \$ 25.25

NEW BALANCE..... \$ 90.55

Anna A. Shaffer

	Active		Honorary	Gain	Loss	Total Meetings	Total taken	Rank under Eff. Standard %	Membership Dues	Offerings	Voucher Receipt	Total RECEIPTS for year	Old Balance From last yr.
Apalachicola	9	2	6	12		12	11	80	11.00	123.00	5.00	139.00	14.25
Clearwater	12	7	1	13		13	11	80	19.00	476.95	147.50	643.45	
Grand Ridge													
Inter. City	7			13		13			7.00	103.00		110.00	17.86
Lakeland	11	13		33	6	33	7	65	24.00	247.37		271.37	15.68
Largo	14	4	7	13		13	14	90	18.00	275.35	10.00	303.35	
Merritt Isl.	4	3	1	9		9	4		7.00	15.90		22.90	
Paola	13	3	3	19		19	4	60	16.00	132.85	28.00	176.85	10.57
Pinellas Park	12	5		15		15	12	70	17.00	150.65	7.00	224.65	16.57
St. Petersburg	8	2		14		14	5	65	10.00	70.36	150.00	230.36	3.08
Tampa	5			5	5	5	5		5.00	66.75	7.00	78.75	
TOTALS:	95	39	18	11	146	62			\$1662.18		\$2200.68		
									\$134.00		\$424.50		\$78.01

# W. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Membership

Receipts

	GRAND TOTAL for Receipts	MISSIONS			HEPHZ.	EDUC.	Local Church Work	Membership Dues
		Home	Foreign	Medical Student	Cash	Cash		
Apalachicola	153.25	10.50						
Clearwater	643.45	54.18	336.02	3.00	15.50	12.00	119.25	5.50
Grand Ridge							124.75	9.50
Inter. City	127.86	33.50	30.00	22.84	2.25	4.50	6.00	3.50
Lakeland	287.05	5.75	173.86			13.00	46.00	12.00
Largo	303.35	44.55	215.98			5.00		9.00
Merritt Isl.	22.90	5.15	5.62			8.63		3.50
Paola	187.42	49.46	94.13			2.46	23.80	8.00
Pinillas Pk.	241.22	50.50	115.25		6.75	17.00	7.27	8.50
St. Petersburg	233.44	62.50	134.86			12.00		5.00
Tampa	78.75	13.50	36.00		4.15	7.00		2.50
TOTALS: \$2278.69		\$329.59	\$1141.72	\$25.84	\$28.65	\$81.59	\$327.07	\$67.00
Receipts (Cont.)		Disbursements						

W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT (Cont.)

	Gifts and Work Shop Expenses	New Headquarters	Administrative and Conference Working Funds	Total Disbursements	New Balance on Hand	GRAND TOTAL
Apalachicola				125.25	28.00	153.25
Clearwater	45.50	30.00	13.00	643.45		643.45
Grand Ridge						
Intercession City			4.00	106.59	21.27	127.86
Lakeland	2.60	25.76	4.00	282.97	4.08	287.05
Largo	24.30		3.50	302.33	1.02	303.35
Merritt Island				22.90		22.90
Paola			2.60	180.45	6.97	187.42
Pinellas Park	18.65	8.50	2.25	232.42	8.80	241.22
St. Petersburg	10.47	3.00	5.00	232.83	.61	233.44
Tampa			15.60	78.75		78.75
TOTALS:	\$99.27	\$67.26	\$49.95	\$2207.94	\$70.75	\$2278.69
Disbursements (Cont.)						

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 N., Pinellas Park, Florida.  
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 Lakeland, Florida.  
 REPORTER Orma Marsh, Route 1, Bx 660,  
 Eau Gallie, Florida.  
 MAGAZINE SOLICITOR Dora Lois Coile, 3415 N.  
 Florida Ave., Lakeland, Fla.

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF NEW PRESIDENTS 1957-58

Clearwater-Earl Rickey, Bx704, Clearwater, Fla.  
 Lakeland-Rachel Coile, 3415 N. Fla. Ave., City.  
 Largo-Barbara Eveland, Bx1355, R#2 Ulmerton Rd.  
 Largo, Fla.

Paola-Mrs. Ella Davis R#1 Bx171, Sanford, Fla.  
 Pinellas Pk-Howard Renner R#2 Bx1068, Largo, F.  
 Tampa-Ruth Rogers, 2107 E. Ida Ave., Tampa 10, F.  
 Gd. Ridge-Mildred McMillen R#1, Grand Ridge, F.  
 Apalachicola-Inez Huckeba, Bx58, Apalach., Fla.

## NAMES &amp; ADDRESSES OF NEW SECRETARIES 1957-58

Clearwater-Judy Midkiff, 512 Roanoke St.,  
 Dunedin, Fla.

Lakeland-David Coile, 3415 N. Fla., Lakeland, F.  
 Largo-Jean Elrod, 5th Ave S.W., Largo, Fla.  
 Paola-Linden Kelly, R#1 Bx268, Sanford, Fla.  
 Pinellas Pk.-Velma Renner, R#" , Bx1068, Largo.

## NAMES &amp; ADDRESSES OF NEW TREASURERS 1957-58

Clearwater-Judy Midkiff, 512 Roanoke, Dunedin, F.  
 Lakeland-David Coile, 3415 N. Fla., Lakeland, F.  
 Largo-James Miner, 611 12th St. N.W., Largo, Fla.  
 Paola-Clifford Rathel, R#1 Bx155, Sanford, Fla.  
 Pinellas Park-Laura Mae Padgett, 4127 13th.  
 Ave. S., St. Petersburg, Fla.

## ROLL CALL

<u>Society</u>	<u>Delegate</u>	<u>Present</u>
Clearwater	Jacquie Rickey	4
	Darrell Groves	3
Lakeland	David Coile	4
	Dora Lois Coile	4
Largo	Barbara Eveland	3
	Judy Lynn	4
Merritt Island	Orman Marsh	4
Paola	Margaret Shaffer	4
	Linden Kelly	4
Pinellas Park	Mrs. Shirley Hann	4
	Velma Renner	4

<u>Society</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Present</u>
Clearwater	Anita Johnson	4
Largo	Lois Lynn	4
Lakeland	Rachel Coile	4
Paola	W. W. Davis	3

## DAILY PROCEEDINGS

The first meeting of the second annual session of the Florida Wesleyan Youth Conference at Largo Wesleyan Methodist Church was called to order at 3:30 p.m., June 25, 1951, by Bro. Earl Rickey.

Rev. Coates led us in singing. Marilyn Shultz, the secretary, was unable to be here so Bro. Rickey asked Velma Renner to preside as secretary of the Youth Conference.

Bro. Rickey read the devotions from Ro. 12.

Bro Rickey explained the statistics forms and told us about the contest of the Wesleyan Youth Magazine.

It was moved and carried that the nominating committee would nominate the officers, except the president.



The nominating committee Earl Rickey, Chairman; Lois Lynn, Shirley Hann.

The Resolutions Committee was Margaret Shaffer, Chairman; Judy Lynn, Orman Marsh.

It was moved and carried that we keep the same churches in each district.

Bro. Rickey read a letter from Robert McIntyre addressed to Marilyn Shultz. He also read a letter from Marilyn stating that she would not be able to attend the meetings.

It was suggested that each local group give some ideas on programs.

It was also suggested that the music of one night service be for the youth.

It was moved and carried that we adjourn. Bro. Orman Marsh dismissed in Prayer.

The second meeting of the Florida Wesleyan Youth Conference was called to order at 3:25. Bro. Orman Marsh led in singing. The devotions were read by Bro. Rickey from Romans 8:31. The minutes were read and approved.

Bro. Rickey told us about the Youth Camp to be held close by Weeki-Wachi, from August 5-9. The cost will be about \$2.00 a day.

There were reports given from most of the locals about their programs and their projects.

Dora Lois Coile, Margaret Shaffer, and Marjorie Shaffer told us a few things about Central College in South Carolina.

We discussed whether or not to have the younger children attend youth camp. It was agreed that they could go if there are enough adults to watch them.

Dora Lois Coile suggested us putting in an ad in the Centralian. It was moved and carried that we would put in a one-half page ad at the cost of \$22.60.

Judy Lynn and Bro. Davis were asked to serve on the Courtesy Committee.

A representative from each local was asked to serve on the committee discussing the details of Youth Camp.

It was moved and carried that we adjourn. Bro. Bouington dismissed in prayer.

The third meeting of the Wesleyan Youth Conference was called to order at 3:35 p.m. Bro. Marsh opened by playing a number on his trumpet. A number of testimonies were given by the young people. Bro. Rickey led us in prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and adopted.

The statistics forms were read and adopted.

Bro. Rickey showed us some tracts from Mr. McIntyre.

The election of officers was held. Election of officers results were:

President: Bro. Earl Rickey

Vice President: Rev. Wilbur Coates

Secretary: Miss Judy Lynn

Treasurer: Miss Rachel Coile

Conference Reporter: Bro. Orman Marsh

Solicitor: Miss Dora Lois Coile

The other students going to Central from this conference were asked to assist Dora Lois Coile as solicitors for the Wesleyan Youth Magazine. The meeting was adjourned to elect chairmen of the districts.

District Chairmen elected are:

Western.....Rev. Wilbur Coates

Eastern.....Bro. Orman Marsh

Northern.....William E. Money

The meeting was adjourned.

The fourth meeting of the Wesleyan Youth Conference was called to order at 3:30 p.m. Bro. Davis opened meeting with singing.

A standing vote of thanks was given to Velma Renner for acting as secretary throughout the conference in the absence of Marilyn Shultz.

The Courtesy Committee introduced Bro. Liddick, return missionary from India. He brought greetings from the Missionary Department of the church and commented briefly on India.

The minutes were read and approved.

Bro. Rickey urged us to get more Wesleyan Youth subscriptions.

The Resolutions committee's report was read and adopted.

A special offering for the Youth Camp is to be taken in each local and be in to the treasurer as near July 15 as possible. It was suggested that each local take an offering for their pastor if helping in the Youth Camp. Bro. Rickey gave a partial report on the Youth Camp Committee.

All money from each local is to be sent to Rachel Coile, Treasurer, quarterly.

It was suggested that each local have a campaign among the members of their own local after church Friday evening to get more subscriptions to Wesleyan Youth.

The minutes for the day were read and adopted.

The meeting was adjourned and Bro. W. W. Davis dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Lynn  
Velma Renner  
Presiding Secretaries.

## REPORTS

President's Report

Florida Welseyan Youth is alive and growing! It has been a joy to work with this group the past two years.

It was my happy privilege to attend the Southern Area Convention at Central College in connection with Harvest Day and to meet with the Southern Area Council. It was a disappointment not to be able to attend the Youth Leaders' Conference in Marion in December.

The Youth Day program at our Winter Camp at Intercession City was a profitable time for those who attended. It is desirable that a special effort be made by our Youth to attend and support these special activities of our church.

An additional source of pleasure was serving on the Camp Meeting and Camp Grounds committee. Several trips were made to Brooksville and while searching for a camp site we found a place to hold our summer Youth camp. It is hoped that by next year we shall be meeting on our own camp grounds.

The gains and fellowship of the past are appreciated. The future, however, holds a greater challenge. Remember our question marks and that "CHRIST IS THE ANSWER".

Earl Rickey

Wesleyan Youth President

## REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the youth of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, resolve the following:

1. Resolved that the budget for 1957-58 be on the basis of \$2.00 per member. \$1.50 for General Conference Dues, \$30 for Youth Conference budget, \$.10 for desk fund, and \$.10 for area dues.

2. Resolved that the Youth President have permission to make an appeal for additional funds if necessary.

3. Resolved that the Wesleyan Youth Conference shall be set by the Wesleyan Youth Conference executive council.

4. Resolved that the Conference Youth Treasurer's books close May 31 or the same time that the Conference Treasurer's books close.

Margaret Shaffer  
Judy Lynn  
Orman Marsh

# WESLEYAN YOUTH CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT 1956-1957

## Receipts

Balance from last year.....	7.19
Youth Conference Offering.....	10.00
General dues.....	108.00
Conference dues.....	19.40
Area dues.....	7.00
Desk Fund.....	4.60
CENTRALIAN ad.....	16.75
Youth Week.....	100.71
Education.....	2.98
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS.....</b>	<b>\$276.63</b>

## Disbursements

General dues.....	103.50
Area dues.....	6.70
CENTRALIAN ad.....	22.50
Youth Week.....	100.71
Education.....	2.98
Office Expenses.....	.88
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS....</b>	<b>\$237.27</b>

**BALANCE ON HAND:\$ 39.36**

Area Dues	Local Work	Foreign Missions	Education	Conference Dues	General Dues	Rating	Std. Rating	Wes. Y. Subscr.	Assoc. Members	Active Members
1.70	25.80		2.98	6.80	25.50	x	Organized	5		17
1.30				5.20	19.50		Not Organized	6	3	6
1.00	55.47	39.50	18.22	4.00	15.00	x		5	1	18
.60	20.00			2.40	27.00			4	4	11
1.40	95.75	10.00		5.60	21.00	x		8	11	19
1.00	.25	25.00				x		1	5	5
								2	2	4
\$7.00	\$197.27	\$64.50	\$21.20	\$24.00	\$108.00			31	24	80

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Apalachicola  
 Clearwater  
 Grand Ridge  
 Intercession City  
 Lakeland  
 Largo  
 Paola  
 Pinellas Park  
 St. Petersburg  
 Tampa

TOTALS:

	Centralian Ad	Youth Week	Total Receipts Plus Balance	Total Disbursements	Cash on Hand
		8.00			
		26.25	96.89	89.03	7.86
		10.00			
	3.75	15.00	44.75	44.75	
	5.00	10.00	180.95	148.19	32.76
	3.00	7.46	60.52	59.46	1.06
		11.00	159.75	143.75	15.00
	5.00	10.00	57.94	41.25	16.69
		3.00	3.00	3.00	
	\$ 16.75	\$100.71	\$603.80	\$529.43	\$73.37
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Y.M.W.B. STATISTICAL REPORT										
Grand Total	Non-Credit Total	Total (Bond Credit)	Special Projects	Education	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Y.M.W.B. Eff. Std.	Meetings	Honorary Memb.	Active Members
Apalachicola	5.00	.08	4.92	.38	.38	4.16	50	52	0	8
Clearwater	108.93	.79	108.14	12.96	17.71	45.88	90	13	27	19
Lakeland	69.52	.45	69.07	5.57	16.75	22.75	70	7	4	13
Largo	133.69	12.40	121.29	3.95	6.97	43.87	90	12	30	50
Paoli	37.15	1.45	35.70	2.30		25.07	95	12	22	20
Pinellas Pk.	11.60	.20	11.40		1.00	10.40	75	12		20
St. Petersburg	31.92	1.00	30.92	2.00	3.00	25.92	90	12	6	15
Tampa	63.48	5.48	58.00	5.00	5.00	28.00	95	12	10	22
TOTALS:		\$21.85	\$439.44	\$150.42	\$50.81	\$206.05		132	99	167
	\$461.29									

## Receipts:

Cash on Hand..... \$ 4.07

Desk Fund Rec..... \$ 5.90

Total receipts \$ 9.97

## Disbursements:

Postage &amp; book..... \$ 2.04

Balance on Hand \$ 7.93