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**President**  
**713½ Second Street**  
**Marrietta, Ohio**

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**Dayton 8, Ohio**

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Sunday School Secretary .....	Rev. Rita H. Lee
Conference Treasurer .....	Rev. C. A. Pauley
Superannuated Treasurer .....	Rev. Gertrude Harris

### STANDING COMMITTEES

**Board of Trustees;** William Dugger, 1 year; Rita Lee, 3 years; C. A. Pauley, 2 years; Gertrude Harris, 3 years.

**Itinerary and Orders;** J. W. Wilson, 2 years; C. A. Pauley, 4 years; Eugene Ramsey, 3 years; Gertrude Harris, 2 years.

**Committee on Presidency;** Rita H. Lee, Eugene Ramsey.

**Judiciary Board;** J. W. Wilson, C. A. Pauley, Eugene Ramsey, A. M. Gilmer

**Program Committee;** Edith; Cottman, Theresa Clark, Rev. A. M. Gilmer

**President of W. Y. P. S.;** Gertrude Harris, Vice President, Eugene Ramsey

### CONFERENCE ROLL ELDERS

Rev. A. M. Gilmer .....	713½ Second St. Marietta, O.
Rev. Ralph Tate .....	932 Kecn Street Zanesville, O.
Rev. J. W. Wilson .....	1634 Germantown St. Dayton, O.
Rev. C. A. Pauley .....	255 Henry St., Dayton, O.
Rev. Eugene Ramsey .....	2638 Brookly Ave., Kan. City, Mo.
Rev. William Dugger .....	121 S. Summit St., Dayton, O.
Rev. Gertrude Harris .....	901 Clement St., Dayton, O.
Rev. Rita Lee .....	35 Alder St., Dayton, O.
Rev. C. M. Cooke .....	1007 E. Broadway St., Kokomo, Ind.

### LICENTITATES

Rev. Anna Gilmer, Assis't Pastor and Evangelist	713½ Second St., Marietta, O.
Rev. Jessie Lester .....	147 Hanover Ave., Dayton, O.
Rev. Hershel Williams .....	35 Alder St., Dayton, O.
Sister Theresa Clark, Deaconess .....	1701 Attucks Pl. Dayton

### JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS

**Reception Programme, Wednesday, 8:00 P.M.**

**Mistress of Ceremonies;** Mrs. Doris Curtis, — Song by choir, "We Are Marching To Zion" — Scripture, 22nd Proverb by Mrs. Anna Gilmer — Song, "Speak To Me Jesus" **Prayer;** Rev. Gilmer. **Welcome Address,** Mrs. Benton; — Response, Rev. Rita H. Lee; — Song, choir, led by Mrs. Gladys Singer, "My Father Is Rich" — Reading, "Trouble In The Amen Corner" Song, "I Want You To Know Him"; — Remarks by the President: — Homes assigned; — Benediction, — Mispah. — Refreshments served.

**THURSDAY — 9:00 A. M. — August 26, 1954 — Marrietta, Ohio**

The sixty first annual session of the South Ohio Conference opened with consecration service, Called to order by Rev. A. M. Gilmer; Hymn,

"Onward Christian Soldiers", Scripture, 91st Psalm; Rev. Gilmer called the assembly to the altar for prayer. Truly a session filled with the Holy Spirit and voiced devotion to God.

Business opened with. Rev. A. M. Gilmer acting president. A vote received, Rev. Ralph Tate serve as Vice President. A motion prevailed the official body appoint all committees. — Roll call. — Minutes of the last session read and received. — Committees appointed as follows: Rules and Order, Credentials and Memberships, Religious Service, Reporters. Report on Credentials received. Committees on Itinerary and Orders, Memorials, Moral Reform, and State of Country appointed.

After a discussion on the general conference budget President Gilmer advised us to voice our connectional representative and President of General Conference, Rev. Roy Nicholson. Our inability to meet with the budget and keep our own home churches and the South Ohio conference on the necessary financial basis. It was motioned by Sister Lee seconded by Sister G. Harris, we become a missionary conference. Rev. Nicholson advised us to send a petition to Rev. Swauger before next General Conference convenes in June 1954. — Announcements — Dismissal by Rev. Dugger.

#### THURSDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Devotions led by Rev. E. Ramsey — Hymn, "This Is My Story" — Scripture 6th chapter Daniels. President Roy Nicholson was presented to the assembly and admitted to the Conference Bar. He spoke of and thanked the Women's Missionary Society for their donation to the General Connection. Rev. Nicholson also spoke of free salvation full and satisfying. The insignificance of personalities that clash, but Thank God we

Can be together on the big things as serving God and teaching his words for all things work together for good to all who love the Lord. — Roll Call — minutes of last session received as read. — Committee on finance and claims. — Reports of the following pastors received. — Dues paid and Characters passed. Rev. J. W. Wilson, Rev. C. A. Pauley, Rev. Henry Mayle, Rev. Rita H. Lee, Rev. A. M. Gilmer, Rev. Ralph Tate, Rev. Gertrude Harris and Rev. Anna Gilmer. — Evangelistics Reports from Rev. C. M. Cooke, Rev. William Dugger, Rev. Hershell Williams, Rev. Jessie Lester, and Eugene Ramsey, all read and received, dues paid and characters passed. — Report of superannuated treasurer, Rev. G. Harris who reported \$10.00 from the Dayton Conference Aid as a gift, received a vote of thanks. — Report of Wesleyan Young People and Minutes of their last convention held in Dayton, Ohio, May 1, 1954, read and received. — Report for Sister Thersa Clark, Deaconess, received, character passed

The Conference gave a rising vote of thanks to Rev. Mre. C. M. Cooke for her donation to conference also to Dayton church for \$76.25 and the Zanesville Conference Aid for \$50.00, both to help entertain. — Dues received from delegates and budget assessments from various churches and a donation of \$1.00 from Mrs. Barnett of Barnettridge. Business recessed for committee work.

#### THURSDAY — 7:30 P. M.

Devotions — Prayer, Rev. J. W. Wilson. — Song, "Sweet Hour of

Prayer", Rev. E. Ramsey — Song, "The Way of the Cross" — Speaker of the evening was the President of General Conference, Rev. Roy Nicholson his text was from Ephesians (5), on Recovery and Revitalizing the lost leadership saying obedience is better than sacrifice. — Invitation song, "The Kings Business" — Offering for kitchen \$24.45. — Song, "Lead Me Guide Me" was sung as a prayer. — Report of religious service read and received. — Announcements by the President. — Dismissed with song, "Keep Me Every Day"

#### FRIDAY — 9:00 A.M.

Devotions led by Brother Wm. Shoecraft. — Song, "Leaning On Jesus" — Prayer, Wm. Shoecraft. — Hymn, Just As I Am. — Scripture 13th chapter Cor. by Rev. Tate. — Testimonials. — Hymn, "What A Friend" — Business 9:30, Vice president Rev. Tate presiding. — Roll Call — Minutes of last session read and received. — First Report on pastoral relations read. — Committee on Thanks appointed. Motioned prevailed we send petition to secretary of general home missions on afore stated mission status — A committee was appointed to draw up the petition — Referred to give way to the Women's Missionary Society.

#### SATURDAY — 9:00 A. M.

Devotions, Rev. Gertrude Harris. — Prayer. — Song, "Jesus Calls Us" — Scripture, 24th Psalms. — Song, "Brightly Beams" — Business 9:30 Roll Call — Minutes read, received. — Reports from Cutler Mission Long, Ohio and Barnettridge. — A special Committee was appointed to attend to important business, they later stated this committee would call on Rev. Henry Mayle at his home Friday evening, September 3rd in regards to his resignation as president of the South Ohio Conference. — Report on State of Country. — Memorials. — Auditing. Statistics and Thanks received as read.

#### SATURDAY — 11:00 A. M., — MEMORIAL SERVICE

Speaker C. A. Pauley. — Song, "Nearer My God To Thee" — Scripture 12th chapter Ecclesiastes by Rev. Anna Gilmer. — Prayer, Rev. Ralph Tate. — Song, "Safe In The Arms of Jesus", We mourn the loss of our members who have gone to receive their heavenly reward. Rev. Pauley asks we remember those we still have with us from infancy to the grave even when the burden seems to heavy to bear then we will have no regrets when Jesus our Divine Reaper claims his own. — Remarks by president. — Adjourn for lunch.

#### SATURDAY — 1:00 P. M.

Devotionals, by Brother Wilbur Curtis. — Song, "Higher Ground" Scripture 16th chapter Job — Song, "Will Jesus Find Us Watching?" Prayer, Sister Helen Wilson. — Song, "Where Jesus is 'Tis Heaven" Testimonials.

#### SATURDAY — 2:00 P. M.

Business, President presiding. — Roll Call. — Previous Minutes read and received. Rev. Gilmer voiced his regret of losing Rev. Mayle as conference Minister and president and prays for him God's love and guidance Delegates elected to general conference, are:

President Rev. Gilmer, Rev. Gertrude Harris, As Ministerial Delegates: Mrs. Norma Curtis, Lay Delegate and Mrs. Elva Johnson, alternate. — Report received on Finance and Claims and Treasurer's report, Financial Secretary's report received. — Election of officers. The president declared all offices vacant and the vote was by ballot for president, vice president and secretary. All others by acclamation. — A vote we adjourn business for this conference year received. — Benediction, Rev. Tate.

62 Annual Conference will convene in Hillsboro, Ohio.

### **SATURDAY — 8:00 P. M. Wesleyan Young Peoples Program**

SOLO — "His Eye Is On The Sparrow", Mrs. Lillian Beard

PRAYER — Rev. Anna Gilmer

DUET — Della Churchill, Marellen Kennedy

SCRIPTURE — Sylvia Dalton

SOLO — Sam Coatney

READING — Mrs. Ferrell Tate

TRIO — Louise Miller, H. Gates, J. King

SOLO — Myrtle Kittrell

SELECTION — Parkersburg W. Va. Children

DUET — Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Wilson

OFFERING with recitation — Mrs. Rita Lee, Would Man Rob God? \$18.64

BENEDICTION — Rev. Eugene Ramsey

### **Sunday 9:00 A. M.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON — Miracle In Heaven, Fred Curtis, Supt.

SCRIPTURE — 10 Chapter Joshua

GOLDEN TEXT — For With God Nothing is Impossible, Luke 1:37

NUMBER PRESENT — 40 Offering \$8.05

### **Sunday 11:00 A. M.**

PREACHING — Rev. Eugene Ramsey, "The Blood of Christ"

SONG — "Jesus Calls Us"

PRAYER — Rev. J. W. Wilson

SONG — "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross"

HOLY COMMUNION — For Ye are bought with a price therefore glorify God with Atonement

OFFERING FOR STEWARDS — \$46.62 Missionary \$4.00

### **Sunday 2:00 P. M.**

SONG — "All To Jesus" Choir

PRAYER — Rev. J. W. Wilson

SONG — "The Little Wooded Church" The Dayton Choir

SOLO — Leroy Logan

SERMON — Rev. Ralph Tate, "Self Sarifice" If I Perish Esther 4:16

Thus He Bade the Minister's take their charges with the faith of Esther

APPOINTMENTS — By The President

SONG — Dayton Choir

OFFERING FOR CONFERENCE — \$58.30

Thanks to the people of Marrietta, Ohio, by Mrs. Lee

BENEDICTION — Rev. Gilmer

**Deceased Ministers of South Ohio Conference**

Reverends J. E. Lucas, A. E. Gulliford, Peter Toliver, B. F. Gardner H. C. Peirce, Siconeos Grant, D. E. Bass, A. P. Mayle, Charles Atwell A. C. Mayle, Hazel Turner, Thomas Clinton, J. S. Honesty, A. D. Jackson Nora Stephenson, Henry Mayle, B. B. Gufford, A. Oakey, S. M. Saines, J. E. Bass, L. N. Gillam, Grant Curtis, C. D. Higgins.

**Report of Thanks**

Your Committee on thanks give sincere thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Gilmer and his fine congregation for the warm hospitality and welcome in their church and homes for the faithfulness in transporting to and from meals and our places of abode. We also wish to thank the fine folk of Stewart Memorial church for every kindness shown. Dr. Nicholson Rev. Fisher, Rev. and Mrs. Hawthorne and every other who had a part in making the annual conference a blessing, We are thankful to God for for the fellowship and fine spirit of love.

Respectfully, Fearl Tate, Sylvia Dalton, Herbert Gates

**Pastorial Report**

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus, I began work as assistant pastor at Marietta Ohio. and Parkersburg W. Va. immediately after conference I preached in Parkersburg May 9th and 23rd, at Marietta August 15th. Have assisted in each service when and where needed. God has blessed our work and caused us to prosper in both churches my prayer is to be faithful to the end. Gifts \$54.80

**Report of Financial Secretary**

Gift to South Ohio Conference from Womens Missionary .....	\$ 40.00
Ministers Dues .....	11.00
Total from Churches .....	1101.35
Money for Kitchen .....	174.25
Superannuated Money .....	52.25
Sunday Morning Offering .....	46.62
Sunday Afternoon Offering .....	58.30
Total .....	\$1483.77

Submitted by Rev. C. A. Pauley, Financial Secretary

**Treasurers Report of General Conference Budget Pd. to Dr. R. Nicholson**

Foreign Missions .....	\$281.15
Home Missions .....	175.60
Education .....	257.60
Administrative Budget .....	59.00
General Conference Travel Expenses .....	28.35
Sunday School Expenses .....	13.40
Australia .....	39.05
Hephzibah Orphanage .....	35.80
Total .....	\$889.95

Submitted by C. A. Pauley

**REPORT No. 1 — Report on Rules and Order**

We Your Committee on rules and order submit the following report:—  
We recommend that the first three (3) seat across the church constitute

the conference bar, We also recommend that the morning session open at 9:00 A. M., adjourn at 12 noon. Afternoon session at 1:30 P. M. adjourn at 4:30 P. M. The evening session at 7:30 P. M.

Kindly Submitted by Elta Stevens, C. A. Pauley

#### **REPORT No. 2 — Report on Credentials**

We your committee on credentials submit the following report. The following persons have presented credentials as delegates to the South Ohio Conference: Dayton, Ohio Herbert Gates, Zanesville, Ohio Elta Stevens, Bartlett, Ohio, Sylvia Dalton, Cuttler Mission, Ferrel Tate,

#### **REPORT No. 3 — Report on Religious Service**

We your committee on Religious Service submit the following report Speakers as follows: Friday 8:00 P. M. Rev. Eugene Ramsey, Saturday 11:00 A. M. Memorial Service in charge of Rev. C. A. Pauley, Saturday 7:30 P. M. W. Y. P. S. Program, Sunday 11:00 A. M. Message by the President, Sunday 2:00 P. M. Rev. Ralph Tate.

Elta Stevens, Gertrude Harris, J. W. Wilson

#### **REPORT No. 4 — Report on Itinerary and Orders**

No Report

#### **REPORT No. 5 — Superannuated Treasurers Report      August 1954**

Had on hand August 1953 .....	\$39.94
Received at conference .....	5.00
Total from Marietta Church .....	\$44.94
Paid out in Sept 1953	
Sister Cooke .....	\$10.00
Sister Canedy .....	10.00
Sister Higgins .....	10.00
Sister Jones .....	10.00
Postage .....	.12
Total Paid out .....	\$40.12
Leaving a Balance on hand of .....	\$ 4.82
Received from Zanesville Church November 28, 1953 .....	\$11.47
from the Dayton Church      Dec. 5, 1953 .....	20.00
from Long S. S. January 16, 1954 .....	6.52
from Rev. Pauley, February 11, 1954 .....	50.00
Total money received since Conference .....	\$87.99
Plus Balance .....	4.82
Total on hand .....	\$92.81
Purchased a box of correspondence cards .....	1.00
Balance on hand to date .....	91.81

..... Respectfully submitted, G. Harris, Superannuated Treasurer

#### **REPORT No. 6 — Report of Finance and Claims**

Paid to President Rev. A. M. Gilmer .....	\$25.00
Vice President Rev. Ralph Tate .....	\$25.00
Secretary Mrs. Elva Johnson .....	\$25.00
Incidental Expenses Mrs. E. Johnson .....	\$ 3.25
August 28, 1954, Expenses and Total Paid out .....	\$78.25
Submitted by Sister Norma Curtis, Rev. Eugene Ramsey, Rev. C. A. Pauley	



**REPORT No. 7 — Report of Conference Treasurer**

On deposit at Merchants Nat'l Bank of Dayton Aug. 25, 1953	\$435.80
Deposited August 25, 1953	966.80
Deposited September 18, 1953	14.17
Withdraw, September 18, 1953 for conference budget	595.39
sent to Dr. Roy Nickolson	
Paid, Nov. 1953 to Miss Mary Hugley, printing conference minutes	\$175.00
Interest Feb 11 \$1.59, Aug. 23 \$2.94 total	4.53
Aug. 15, 1954 end of conference Year total in Bank	\$591.01

Submitted by Rev. C. A. Pauley

Hillsboro, Ohio, Edith Cottman, Myrtle Kitterl, Marietta, Ohio Doris Curtis, Gladys Singer, Parkerburg, W. Va. Albert Queen, Wilbur Custees

Kindly Submitted by Edith Cottman J. W. Wilson, Eugene Ramsey

**REPORT No. 8 — Report on Moral Reform**

We, your committee on moral reform submit the following report. We find the morals of today at a very low ebb. The evils are great, sinful habits and increasing crime abounding as never before. Liquor can be bought at almost every turn of the road. Christian Standards are being lowered by professed christians who seem to be asleep to the world conditions. Men everywhere are crying "Peace Peace", forgetting the fact that without God in our hearts, the Holy Spirit as our guide, we can never have any peace. Jesus said in going away, "My peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth". When we leave God out of our life there will be no peace, joy or happiness. Resolved that we as christians in the South Ohio Conference, live the life of righteousness, walk as becometh the upright in heart, Let us pray that men may be made free from sin and that the South Ohio Conference will be mor spirit filled in days to come.

Kindly submitted, Sister Doris Curtis, Herbert Gates, Eugene Ramsey

**REPORT No. 9 — Report of State of Country**

We your committee on State of Country submit the following report: In veiw of the fact we as a country find war is being waged in almost the entire European and Asiatic countries and God's name is almost obliterated. It is a crime to be a christian.. We are proud our country is still maintaing that God is still God of all the earth, and a God of peace. It is he who provided us with abundance of food and we are able to feed the hungry of the world. Therefore be it resolved, We as a conference continue to hold high the standard of righousness and truth and keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Jesus said, "If I be lifted up from the earth I w'll draw all men unto me".

Kindly submitted, Anna Gilmer. Edith Cottman

**REPORT No. 10 — Report on Memorials**

We your committee on memorials submit the following report, Heareas God in his all wise Providence has seen fit to call from our mist the following persons from Dayton, Ohio, Nancy Strotter, Beatrice Logan Robert Oldham, Thorton Miller, HurleyGreen. Hillsboro, Ohio Mary Huges, Martha Dixson. Parkerburg, W. Va. Clyde Robinson, Frankie Davis, Zanesville, Ohio, Charles Clifford. Total 11. We bow in humble submission to him that doeth all things well "saying with one of old

"The Lord giveth and the Lord has taken away. blessed is the name of the Lord". We recommend that Memorial Services be held Saturday at 11 Prayerfully, Ferrel Tate, Lillian Beard, Elta Stevens

#### REPORT No. 11 — Report on Pastorial Relations

we your committee on Pastorial Relations submit the following report. Dayton, Ohio, Rev. J. W. Wilson, Zanesville, Ohio and Bartlett, Ohio Rev. Ralph Tate, Hillsboro, Ohio Rev. Rita H. Lee, Parkersburg, W. Va. and Marietta, Ohio Rev. A. M. Gilmer, Rev. Anna Gilmer, assistant Long, Ohio, Barnettsridge, Cuttler Mission in the hands of President Conference Evangelist, District No. 1 Rev. Gertrude Harris, Conference Evangelist District No. 2 Rev. C. A. Pauley, General Evangelist, Rev. Clara Cooke, Rev. Jessie Lester, Rev. Wm Dugger, Rev. Hershel Williams Rev Eugene Ramsey, Miss Theresa Clark, Deaconess.

#### REPORT No. 12 — Report of the President

No Report

#### REPORT No. 13 — Report of Conference Evangelist District No. 1

October 11, 1953	Zanesville, Ohio	\$15.00
January 10, 1954	Zanesville, Ohio	\$15.00
April 11, 1954	Zanesville, Ohio	\$15.00
July 11, 1954	Zanesville, Ohio	\$15.00
Total	Zanesville, Ohio	\$60.00
October 11, 1953	Cuttler Mission	\$ 7.00
January 10, 1954	Cuttler Mission	\$ 5.00
October 25, 1953	Marietta, Ohio	\$10.00
January 24, 1954	Marietta, Ohio	\$10.00
April 25, 1954	Marietta, Ohio	\$10.00
July 18, 1954	Marietta, Ohio	\$10.00
Total	Marietta, Ohio	\$40.00
October 25, 1953	Parkersburg, W. Va.	\$10.00
January 24, 1954	Parkersburg, W. Va.	\$10.00
April 25, 1954	Parkersburg, W. Va.	\$10.00
July 18, 1954	Parkersburg, W. Va.	\$10.00
Total	Parkersburg W. Va.	\$40.00
November 1, 1953	Bethel Wesleyan Church	\$13.30
February 7, 1954	Bethel Wesleyan Church	\$17.21
May 16, 1954	Bethel Wesleyan Church	\$14.50
August 1, 1954	Bethel Wesleyan Church	\$17.15
Total	Bethel Wesleyan Church	\$62.16
Grand Total	All Churches	\$214.16
Grand Total	Sundays Served, All Churches	18

Respectfully submitted, G. Harris Evangelist.

#### REPORT No. 14 — Report of conference Evangelist District No. 2

Dayton, Ohio

September 27, 1953	\$ 25.00
November 8, 1953	21.75
February 14, 1954	22.10
May 9, 1954	17.85
August 8, 1954	16.45

Total for Dayton Church ..... \$103.15

**Hillsboro, Ohio**

February 7, 1954	\$ 3.30
May 23, 1954	6.00
August 1, 1954	4.25

Total for Hillsboro Church ..... \$13.25

**Long, Ohio**

November, 1953	\$10.00
February, 1954	10.00
April 18, 1954	16.00
August 15, 1954	10.80
August Quarterly conference	5.00

Total for Long, Ohio Church ..... \$51.80

Rev. C. A. Pauley

**REPORT No. 15 — Report of Conference Aide**

Mr. President and members of the South Ohio Conference, Greetings in the name of our Lord.

It is with deep humility and gratitude to God that I bring this report of our work of the Conference Aid. Our first trip was to the church at Parkersburg to raise finance to help to repair the wall outside the church. Our President, Rev. Mayle brought the message. As always it was a profitable and filled with the Holy Spirit. We had a large attendance from different churches of the conference. The offering for the church was \$115.00.

In November, we visited the church at Marietta as guest of the Young Peoples Society in their rally. giphmr,bp

In July, we again visited the church at Marietta to help finance the entertaining of the conference. Rev. Ralph Tate brought the message. Brother Albert Queen and his group from Parkersburg was with us also the choir from Zanesville, church.

We have been able with God being our helper, to help our ministers in love offerings and prayers. At Christmas time, we were able to present our president and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Mayle, a typewriter. We take this opportunity to thank one and all for your co-operation. God has surley been good to us.

We held our joint convention with the Young People at Dayton, Ohio in May. A gift of \$25.00 to Christian Activity Center was given.

We solicit your prayers, Kindly submitted, Norma Curtis, Preesidnt

**REPORT No. 16 — Sunday School Secretarial Report**

As Sunday School Secretary, I wish to submit the following report Our Sunday Schools have made much progress during the past year Total offering in all schools last year was \$1815.78, this year \$1879.35 an increase of \$63.57. Last years membership 589, this year 578 a loss of 11 members. 18 conversions last year, 24 this year an increase of 6. 8 joined church last year, 24 this year, an increase of 16. May God help us to trust him, as he directs may we respond.

Elder Rita H. Lee

**REPORT No 17 — Report of the Auditor**

The Auditing Committee wishes to submit the following report, we examined the financial record and compared it to those of the secretary and treasurer from August 25, 1953 to August 25, 1954 and found them to be in complete order

Respectfully, Gertrude Harris, Wilbur Curtis

**REPORT No. 18 — Report on Courtesies**

These persons were presented to conference Thursday morning, Mrs. Fanny Fugett, Mrs. Josephine Polk, Mrs. Helen Wilson, Mrs. Susie Proffitt, of Dayton and Mrs. Josephine Chandler of Cedar Ridge, Rev. Fisher of the Ohio Conference, Rev. and Mrs. G. Hawthorne, Rev. R. Nicholson.

**Superannuated Money**

Dayton, Ohio .....	\$27.25
Conference Aid, Dayton .....	\$10.00
Zanesville, Ohio .....	10.00
Long, Ohio .....	6.70
Marietta, Ohio .....	5.00
Parkersburg W. Va. ....	5.00
Hillsboro, Ohio .....	5.00
Cuttler, Ohio .....	5.00
C. A. Cooke .....	1.00
Total .....	\$74.95

**Kitchen Money**

Dayton, Ohio, Donation .....	\$76.25
Dayton, Ohio, Delegate Fee .....	5.00
Zanesville, Ohio, Donation .....	50.00
Zanesville, Ohio, Delegate Fee .....	5.00
Marietta, O. Host church, Delegate Fee .....	5.00
Bartlett, Ohio Delegate Fee .....	5.00
Long, Ohio, Delegate Fee .....	5.00
Mrs. C. A. Cooke .....	1.00
Pre conference kitchen money .....	
all churches .....	\$40.05
Total .....	\$182.60

**Pastor's Dues \$1.00 each paid**

Rev. Anna Gilmer	Rev. Eugene Ramsey
Rev. A. M. Gilmer	Rev. Clara M. Cooke
Rev. Wm. Dugger	Rev. Rita E. H. Lee
Rev. Hershel Williams	Rev. Gertrude Harris
Rev. Clarence Pauley	Rev. Ralph Tate
Rev. Jerome W. Wilson	Rev. Jessie Lester

Conference Treasurer, C. A. Pauley

Due to extra cost of printing individual names paying conference dues will not be printed but all churches are given credit as to amounts paid in total budget sheet and treasurer's report. We hope this meets with the approval of all concerned.

The Paper for printing the minutes was donated by Rev. Hershel Williams, saving us appoximatley \$18.00 for which the conference heartly thanks him.

**SUMMARY — of South Ohio Conference Churches totals of Item not otherwise listed**

**Pastor's Labors — Item No. 1**

Time Employed (months) .....	84
Appointments .....	7
Organized Churches .....	8

**Periodicals — Item No. 2**

Wesleyan Methodist Taken .....	41
Wesleyan Missionaries Taken .....	31
Wesleayn Youths Taken .....	9
Wesleyan Lesson Helps Taken .....	
Sunday School Banner .....	28
Junior Class Paper .....	
Childrens' Friend .....	15
Teachers' Quarterly .....	52
Senior Scholars Quarterly .....	160
Intermediate Scholars Quarterly .....	94
Juniors Scholars Quarterly .....	89
Primary Quarterly .....	58
Home Department Quarterly .....	8
Lesson Leaflet .....	24
Our little Folks Cards .....	103
Bible Lesson Chart .....	1
Pupils' Lesson Stories, with hand work .....	20
Bible Lesson Stories, with hand work .....	30

**Membership — Item No. 3**

Received .....	26
Expelled .....	3
Discontinued .....	21
Died .....	10
Granted Letters .....	1
Total Membership Lost .....	6
Number Reported Last Year .....	695
Present Number .....	527
Loss .....	168
Gain .....	0
Number Members Under 14 years of age .....	26
Associate Members .....	7
Local Preachers .....	1
Baptized .....	23
Unstationed Elders .....	1
Number Family Alters .....	45
Membership Tithing .....	61

**Sunday Schools — Item No. 4**

Number of Sunday Schools .....	9
Number of Officers and Teachers .....	45

Number of Scholars in Main School .....	442
Total Number in Main School .....	487
Average Attendance .....	301
Number in Homee Department .....	28
Number on Cradle Roll .....	63
Total Number in Sunday School (add lines 4 to 8 to get) .....	578
Number of Scholars Converted .....	18
Number Scholars Joining Church .....	13
Number Departmental Superintendents .....	9
Number in Teachers Training Courses .....	0
Number in Organized Classes .....	19
Number Books in Library .....	133
Enrollment Vacation Bible School .....	49
Average Attendance Vacation Bible School .....	34
<b>Wesleyan Young Peoples Societies</b>	
Number of Societies .....	6
Total Membership of Societies .....	100

**Church Property — Item No. 5**

Number of Church Buildings .....	8
Value of Buildings .....	\$64,000.00
Amount of Indebtedness .....	None
Amount of Insurance .....	\$32,00.00
Number of Parsonages .....	3
Value of Parsonages .....	\$10,500.00
Amount of Indebtedness on parsonages .....	None
Amount of Insurance on Parsonages .....	\$4,000.00
Cash or Other Values on Hand .....	\$2,489.05

**Contributions for Pastors — Item No. 6**

Salary .....	\$6,019.15
Parsonage Rent .....	\$ 790.00
Marriage and Funeral Fees .....	\$ 168.00
Gifts .....	\$ 406.15
Total Pastor Receipts .....	\$7,383.30

**Contributions for the Church — Item No. 7**

Other Evangelistic Help .....	\$ 1,338.27
Sunday School Expense .....	2,034.16
Repairs on Buildings .....	1,951.26
Church Incidental Expense .....	4,905.62
Conference Evangelist Offerings .....	227.71
Total to General Sunday School work .....	57.80
Total for Church .....	\$10,514.82

**Budget Distribution — Item No.8**

Find , on Budget Distribution page, South Ohio Conference

**Contributions for Benevolence — Item No. 9**

W. Y. P. S. ....	\$176.08
Y. M. W. B. ....	65.00
Other Objects .....	139.24
Total for Benevolences .....	\$380.32

**Contribution Totals — Item No. 10**

Total for Pastors .....	\$ 7,383.30
Total for Church .....	10,514.82
Total for Budget .....	1,283.75
Total for Benevolences .....	380.32
Total for All Purposes .....	\$19,562.19

The foregoing report totals the labors of the following pastors, Elder Rita E. H. Lee, First Wesleyan Methodist Church, Hillsboro, Ohio; Elder J. W. Wilson, First Wesleyan Methodist Church, Dayton, Ohio; Elder Ralph Tate, State Street Church, Zanesville, Ohio and Cutler Mission; Elder A. M. Gilmer and Rev. Anna Gilmer, First Wesleyan Methodist Church, Marietta, Ohio, and Parkersburg, W. Va.; Elder Henry Mayle, First Wesleyan Methodist Church, Bartlett, Ohio.

Two Statistical reports included from Bethel Wesleyan Methodist Church at Long, Ohio and Barnett Ridge, Ohio church which have no pastors.

Sincerely submitted, Rita E. H. Lee, Statistician of South Ohio Conference  
The Sixty-Second Annual Conference will convene August 24 - 28, 1955  
at Hillsboro, Ohio.

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**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY — MARIETTA, O. — FRIDAY 27**

The Women's Missionary society of the South Ohio Conference opened Friday on the above date at 10:30 A. M. with the President, Sister Ethel Curtis presiding. Devotions led by Sister Ethel Curtis. Song, "Ready" Prayer Sister Gertrude Holbert. Song "Near The Cross". Our President, Sister Ethel Curtis gave us a reading which was encouraging. A very good thought given: "To err is human, to forgive divine." Partial minutes of previous year read and received. A motion was given that the President and Vice President be empowered to appoint various committees Credentials and membership, Rules and Orders, Auditing, Finance and Claims, and Thanks. Organizer, Sister Norma Curtis gave an oral report

Reports of the following churches read and received: Dayton, Hillsboro, Zanesville, Marietta, Bartlett, Ohio and Parkersburg, W. Va. Adjourned with the Mizpah.

**FRIDAY, 1:30 P. M.**

Devotions led by Sister Gertrude Harris. Song "Every Day". Minutes of morning session read and received. Report of nominating committee read and received, with the following officers being elected Pres. Ethel Curtis; V. Pres., Elta Stevens; Secretary, Gertrude Holbert; Assistant Secretary Edith Cottman, Treasurer Volorus Chandler, Financial Secretary Lillian Beard, Prayer Partner Secretaries Lillian Beard, And Elta Stevens, Y.M.W.B. Superintendent Volorus Chandler.

Report of Y.M.W.B. Superintendent read and received. Letter read from President Sister Ethel Curtis concerning an educational loan. Remarks by Rev. R. S. Nicholson, President of the General Connection and Rev. D. C. Fisher of the Ohio Conference. Heard remarks from each delegate on how they raised money in their societies. A motion was given to continue helping Rev. Eugene Ramsey who felt led by God to finish his education. Motion for the secretary to buy a secretarial book. Delegates elected to General Conference, Mrs. Ethel Curtis and Mrs. Elta Stevens. alternate Mrs. Gertrude Holbert. Visitors, Rev. and Mrs. Hawthorn were introduced and given a seat within the conference bar. Benediction.

**FRIDAY — 7:30 P. M.**

Devotions led by Sisters Helen Wilson and Rosa Dishroom. Song, "My Jesus I Love Thee", Scripture, 1st chapter of Jonas, Prayer Sister Edith Cottman. Song, "The Little Wooden Church on The Hill". Accordion selections by Rev. Hawthorn, accompanied by his wife on the last selection of "Let The Lower Lights Be Burning". Selection by the choir. Piano selection, Rose Anne L., Solo Sister Anna Gilmer, "The Love of God". Rev. Eugene Ramsey brought a wonderful message from the 18th chapter of 1st King, the 37th and 38th verses. We must realize we have a need, and must depend on God for the supply. Until we acknowledge our unworthiness, and recognize Him as the God of our salvation we'll never reach the goal. Let us humble ourselves, and pray, and seek His will, turn from the worldly pleasures, that we can truly say "He is mine and I'm His". Selection by the choir, "God is Real". Offering \$31.20 Benediction, Rev. A. M. Gilmer

**SATURDAY — 10:15 A M**

Prayer by Sister Frances Tate. Remarks by our President on the cost of the minutes. Suggested that the conference let us know the amount we must pay. President given power to appoint a planning committee. Those appointed as follows: Norma Curtis, Elta Stevens, and Gertrude Holbert. The President is to meet with this committee to work out plans to improve our Society and to discuss a financial plan. Treasurers report read and received. Auditing report read and received. Remarks by Sister Helen Wilson on the need of more missionary workers. "To help ourselves we must first learn to help others". Motion given to send Sister Janet Smith. A love offering of \$10.00, also to send Sister Cooke and Sister Janet Smith A card of greetings.

Finance and Claims Report read and received. Instalation of officers by Gertrude Harris. Remarks by Sister Norma Curtis, on the Missionary Magazine. Time and place of next conference to be named at a later date. The Lord met with us in our sessions, We are thanking Him for His faithfulness to us who feel so unworthy. Christ gave His blood for you, What are you giving for Him?

**REPORTS**

Conference Missionary Roll: The following persons paid \$1.00 each Gertrude Harris, Josephine Polk, Mary Harris, Theresa Clark, Florence Clark, Mag. Mayle, Pearl Tate and Montzelma Dalton.

**FINANCE CLAIMS**

Paid out to the following: Preesident \$10.00, Janet Smith love offering \$10.00, secretary expense and service \$7.00 Love offering to the South Ohio Conferenc \$40.00 Total \$67.00.

Prayerfully submitted,

Volorus Chandler, Norma Curtis, Myrtle Kittrell

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

Membership Dues .....	\$105.45
Hephzibah Orphanage .....	27.00
Foreign Missions .....	58.00
Education .....	270.29
Medical Student .....	15.00
Administrative Fund .....	15.25
Home Missions .....	47.30
Delegates Dues .....	8.00
C. M. Cooke Dues .....	1.00
Conference Roll .....	8.00
Penney a Meal .....	5.50
Friday evening collection .....	31.20
Y. M. W. B. ....	65.00
Total .....	\$656.99

Membership active this year 102.

Volorus Chandler

**AUDITING COMMITTEE**

We your auditing committee beg leave to submit the following re-

port, We have checked the bank book of the W.M.S. of the South Ohio Conference and found it to be satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted

Rita E. H. Lee, Elta Stevens.

### **CREDENTIALS AND MEMBERSHIP**

The following persons have presented credentials as delegates to the W. M. S. Conference: Dayton, Fannie Fugett and Helen Wilson; Zanesville, Ruth Tabler and Norma Curtis; Bartlett, Stella Norris; Marietta, Gladys Singer; Hillsboro, Myrtle Kittrell; Parkersburg, W. Va., Rosa Dishroom. Kindly submitted,

Lillian Beard and Sylvia Dalton.

### **RULES AND ODERS**

The Committee on Rules and Orders beg leave to submit the following Service to begin at 1:30 P. M., adjourn at 4:30 Evening service to begin at 7:30 P. M. The convention bar will consist of the first four rows across the church.

Carefully submitted,

Anna M. Gilmer and Norma Curtis.

### **PRAYER PARTNER REPORT**

W.M.S. of the State Street Church, Zanesville, Ohio number of Prayer Partners Foreign 16.  
Della Churchill.

### **COMMITTEE ON THANKS**

We the committee on Thanks submit the following report: We wish to thank Rev. and Mrs. Gilmer, and their congregation for their kind and honorable hospitality. Also Rev. Eugene Ramsey who so beautifully brought to us the Missionary message, filled with the spirit. We are grateful to Rev. Hawthorne and his wife for their beautiful musical numbers rendered on our program. Our thanks go out out to the kitchen for their delicious meal. Also to our visitors and all who cooperated with us in anyway. First we want to thank our Heavenly Father for His blessing and guiding spirit through this meeting of ours. Motto, Be faithful at all times and in every thing we do.

Respectfully submitted,

### **MISSIONARY TREASURER REPORT**

Received from old treasurer Sept. 5, 1953 .....	\$227.39
Received from W.M.S. Conference .....	36.27
Received from Marietta budget Jan. 4, 1954 .....	35.00
May 22, 1954 .....	52.00
Aug. 7, 1954 .....	25.00
Received from Zanesville Budget Jan. 4, 1954 .....	37.50
April 3, 1954 .....	37.50
May 22, 1954 .....	37.50
Aug. 7, 1954 .....	37.50
Received from Bethel on budget Aug. 14, 1954 .....	75.00
Rec'd. Parkerburg W. Va. on budget Feb. 4, 1954 ....	50.00
Interest received .....	.44
Total .....	\$651.10

## THE SOUTH OHIO CONFERENCE

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Drawn out by Eugene Ramsey, Oct. 31, 1953 .....	50.20
Jan. 19, 1954 .....	98.00
Drawn out by Rev. R. Nicholson, Jul. 24, 1954 ....	5.05
Total .....	\$153.25
Balance .....	\$497.25
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**LONG, OHIO — July 2, 1954**

The 59th annual South Ohio Conference Sunday-School Convention was opened by singing: "For God So Loved the World". Another song "I Surrender All". Alter prayer led by Sister Norma Curtis. Song "Heavenly Sunshine." Testimonial service. Song "If You Want Joy" Discussion of christian flag. Pledge to the christian flag. Scripture, Proverbs 22 read by Sister Rita H. Lee. Minutes of 1953 read and accepted.

Appointment of committees: It was moved that committees be appointed by the chairman. Credentials and membership: Sister Chandler June Coatney and Jim King. Rules and orders of business: Sister Gilmer Marie Dent, Patricia Lindsey. Courtesy: Shirley Bass, Carolyn Burden, Greta. Hope. Adjournment for committee work. Reports: Rules and order Patricia Lindsey received and adopted. Remarks about ministers and evangelists by Rev. Rita H. Lee. It was moved that ministers and evangelists be introduced to convention and allow to sit and vote within convention bar.

Remarks about convention roll printed for Sunday-Schools by Rev. Rita H. Lee. Discussion on Sunday Schools membership \$23.45, \$22.70, \$41.80 total of \$87.95 was paid out to General Conference which was an approximation of \$20.00 over our membership, which is only 589.

It was moved and seconded that we have typed up a Convention roll to be placed in the hands of the various churches, superintendents, pastors, and officers of the churches. The roll is to be in by annual conference Adjournment until 2:00 p.m. by Rev. Clarence A. Pauley.

**2:00 P. M.**

Opened session with devotions led by Sister A. M. Gilmer. Song: "wonderful Words of Life". Prayer by Brother James Harris. Song: "Whisper A Prayer". Scripture 123 Psalm read by Rev. A. M. Gilmer. Solo: James King. Trio: June Coatney, Patricia Lindsey, Marie Dent. Services were turned over to Rev. Rita Lee. Reading of previous meeting, read and accepted with necessary corrections. Report on credentials and membership by Jim King received and adopted. Report of Courtesy by Carolyn Burden. Several ministers were invited into the convention bar. Committee on resolution pertaining to the per capita money. Sister Norma Curtis, Sister Elta Curtis and LeRoy Logan of Missionary treasurer, Sister Norma Curtis received. Report from Sunday-School Convention treasurer, Sister Edith Cottman read by Marie Dent. Statistical Reports: Parkersburg, West Virginia by Rev. Gilmer received and Dayton: June Coatney received and adopted. Hillsboro: Marie Dent, received. Zanesville: Sister Elta Curtis received and adopted. Long: Shirley Bass received and adopted with necessary corrections. Report on Resolution: LeRoy Logan received and adopted. Rev. Lee explained to Brother Fackson the reason of the Resolution committee. There was a short discussion. Appointment of Committees: Finance and Claims: Sister Norma Curtis, Sister Elta Stevens, Rev. C. A. Pauley. Religious Service: Brother E. E. Fackson, Sister Veloris Chandler, Carolyn Burden. Auditing Committee: Rev. Gilmer, June Coatney and Marie Dent. Moral Reform: James

King, Patricia Lindsey and Rev. Gertrude Harris. State of Country: Shirley Bass, Rev. C. A. Pauley and Sister Elta Stevens. Thanks, Sister Veloris Chandler, Rev. C. A. Pauley and Florence Coatney. Adjournment until 7:30 p.m. by Rev. Gilmer.

#### **JULY 2, 1954 — 8:15 P. M.**

Service was opened by singing "Lead Me To Calvary". Prayer, Rev. C. A. Pauley, Song "Blessed Assurance", Song "Heavenly Sunshine" Sermon: Rev. Gilmer, Text taken from the sermon on the mount in Matthews 5, 6, and 7th chapters. "What is my Life" was his topic. Song "Lead me Guide me" by Sister Rita Lee. Alter call by Sister Lee. Collectoin was taken by Sister Norma and Sister Alta Stevens. ,

Sister Lee gave a few remarks on instruction for Saturday and also announcements.

#### **JULY, 3, 1954 — 9:18 A. M.**

Service opened with devotions led by Anna Mae Simpson. Song "Deep and Wide". Prayer Rev. Rita Lee. Scripture Matt. 5:27—48 verses. Services turned over to our president. Statistical report of Marrietta by James King read and adopted. Bartlett: Rev. Henry Mayle read and adopted. Discussion about statistical blanks. Sister Lee read the blank and explained each part. Statistical report of Cutler by Rev. Tate read and adopted. Committee on Credentials and Membership report by James King read and adopted as partial report. Committee report on State of Country, Sister Elta Stevens received and adopted. Report on Moral Reform, Patricia Lindsey recieved and adopted. Auditing, June Coatney. Courtesy, Carolyn Burden invited our visiting friends and ministers into th e convention bar. Report from field agents. Brother E.E. Fackson.

Appointment of Statistical Committee, LeRoy Logan, James King and Rev. Eugene Ramsey. Roll call of Convention Roll. Report of deaths in convention by Brother E. E. Fackson. Report on Finance and Claims Rev. Pauley received and adopted. Dismissal for Memorial Services.

#### **MEMORIAL SERVICES**

Song "Nearer To Thee". Prayer, Rev. Eugene Ramsey. Scripture, Rev Eugene Ramsey, St. John 11th chapter 26th verse. Song "Face To Face" Sermon, Rev. C. A. Pauley. Remarks, Rev. Rita Lee. Benediction, Rev. Pauley until 1:30 p.m.

#### **JULY 3, 1954 — 1:30 P.M.**

Opened by singing "He Lives", Prayer, Brother William Shoecraft Scripture, Marie Dent, Psalm 100. Committee on Thanks, Florence Coatney accepted. Committee on Courtesy, Shirley Bass accepted. Election of officers: Recording Secretary, Velorus Chandler. Assistant Secretary Florence Coatney, Treasurer Sister Edith Cottman, Missionary Treasurer Sister Norma Curtis, Pianist Sister A. Gilmer, Chorister Rev. Rita Lee Field Agent No. 1 Brother Albert Queen, Field Agent No. 2 Brother E. E. Fackson, Assistant Agent Rev. Eugene Ramsey, Financial Secretary Sister Norma Curtis. Remarks.

An evangelistic committee was appointed, Rev. Henry Mayle, Sister Norma Curtis and Rev. Ralph Tate. It was moved that we Guarantee at

least \$50.00 per week for the evangelistic services of Brother Eugene Ramsey. Statistical report read by Rev. Eugene Ramsey and accepted with necessary corrections. Financial report (Partial) Sister Norma Curtis. Dismissal from business for 1954.

### RULES AND ORDERS

We your committee on Rules and Orders beg leave to submit the following report. That the services should begin at 9:00 A. M. and adjourn at 12 noon for lunch. Afternoon services start at 2:00 P. M. and adjourn at 4:00 P. M. Evening services start at 7:30 P.M. Covention bar will consist of the first three rows across the church.

Respectfully submitted, Anna M. Gilmer, Marie Dent, Patricia Lindsey

### REPORT OF CREDENTIALS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We the committee wish to submit the following report:

Zanesville, Ohio .....	Elta Curtis Stevens, Volorus Chandler
Dayton, Ohio .....	June Coatney, Patricia Lindsey
Long, Ohio .....	Shirley Bass
Bartlett, Ohio .....	Rev. Henry Mayle reported no delegates
Marietta, Ohio .....	Jim King
Cutler, Ohio .....	Rev. Ralph Tate reported no delegates
Parkersburg, W Va. Rev. A. M. Gilmer reported no delegate	
Hillsboro, Ohio .....	Marie Dent

Resectfully,

Sister Volorus Chandler, June Coatney, Jim King.

### JULY 1, 1954 — ZANESVILLE, OHIO

As Sunday School Missionary Treasurer, I submit the following report

Amount in bank June 1953 .....	\$381.12
Interest received June 30, 1953 .....	1.90
Received from Convention June 1953 .....	82.10
Interest received December 31, 1953 .....	2.32
	<b>\$467.44</b>

Carefully Submitted,

Norma Curtis

### JUNE 26, 1954 — HILLSBORO, OHIO

As Treasurer of Sunday School Covention, I submit the following report.

In bank May 22, 1953 .....	\$508.33
Received July and August 1953 .....	116.40
Total paid out .....	72.03
Balance in bank .....	<b>\$552.70</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Cottman, Treasurer

### JULY 2, 1954 — LONG, OHIO

The 59th annual session of the Sunday School convention of the South Ohio Conference.

We your committee on Resolution concerning per capita money beg leave to submit the following report.

checking the bank books we find all items correct.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Gilmer, June Coatney.

## MORALS AND REFORMS

We your committee on Morals and Reforms submit the following Report: We are sorry to relate the very degrading facts that exist today. We believe that the present day evils originated as a result of our last two wars.

Because we have had so much contact with idol worship in heathen countries, our standards of morals are far from those prescribed in the bible. We list four outstanding evils that are hard to cope with, without the help of the holy spirit, namely, 1. Narcotics, 2. Drink, 3. Mode of dress 4. and greatest of all the sex question.

It is the duty of the church to take the initial step to free us of these evils. Surly sin and iniquity are abounding but grace does much more abound. Try as we may we can only succeed in conquering these evils if we go back to the standards laid down by the Bible and inquire for the old paths and walk therein.

Respectfully,

Gertrude Harris, Patricia Lindsey, Jim King

After hearing previous discussions on payment of per capita money, we your committee hereby resolve that the money be brought to the Sunday School Convention and paid through the channels of the Sunday School Convention.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence LeRoy Logan, Elta Curtis Stevens, Norma Curtis.

## JULY 3, 1954 — LONG, OHIO

We your committee on State of Country wish to submit the following. As we scan this beautiful domain from horizon to horizon, and see the many things that God has provided for our comforts and joy, we find that we have forgotten the standards of our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The Bible is their foundation. As we have strayed we have forgotten. The effects are we have enemies in our government (1) communism, (2) the propaganda by television and radio. (3) The fast travel of news and transportation which work a hardship on good government. So it behooves us as the voters to do our best to choose Godly men to govern. I know no other remedy than our Billy Graham, a man of faith, filled with the spirit and full of the Holy Ghost. We as laymen present Christ as the major standard lifted and lood up. Christ said, "I will draw all men unto Me." So let's obey.

Respectfully submitted,

Elta Curtis Stevens, Shirley Bass, Rev. C. A. Pauley

## AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the committee on Auditing submit the following report: After



**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

We the committee on Finance and Claims submit the following report

President, Rev. Rita Lee for service and expense ....	\$25.00
Secretary, Anna Mae Simpson .....	15.00
Assistant Secretary, Florence Coatney .....	9.00
Typist, Lucille Marrow .....	5.00
Pianist, LeRoy Logan .....	5.00
	<b>\$59.00</b>

Prayerfully submitted,

Elta Curtis Stevens, Rev. C. A. Pauley.

We the Committee on Thanks wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the community and christian friends of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Long, Ohio for their hearty welcome and fine hospitality. We thank the President, Rev. Rita Lee and other officials for their effecient services. We thank the kitchen committee for the delicious and wholesome meals and those who so kindly opened their homes and ministers for their interest and helpfulness and all others who have cooperated with us in any way. We thank the Heavenly Father for His guiding spirit throughout the convention.

Kindly submitted,

Volorus Chandler, Florence Coatney, Rev. C. A. Pauley.

As Financial Secretary, I beg to submit the following report:

Registration Fees .....	\$ 10.00
Convention Dues .....	67.75
Children's Day Money .....	43.44
Missions .....	98.94
Offering for kitchen .....	35.33
Connectional Dues .....	34.80
offering for Sunday School.....	20.69
offering for Convention .....	16.78
Total offering .....	<b>\$354.73</b>
Sent to the Sunday School Treasurer Edith Cottman	<b>\$113.05</b>

Carefully Submitted,

Norma Curtis

Bartlett, Ohio									
Marrietta, Ohio									
Long, Ohio									
Cutler, Ohio									
Barnett Ridge, Ohio									
Parkersburg W. Va.									
Hillsboro, Ohio									
Zanesville, Ohio									
Dayton, Ohio									
	\$395.73	\$617.88	\$70.07	\$78.00	63.98	94.24	\$321.64	\$41.58	201.50
	46.87	11.13	10.00	2.00	2.00		10.34	6.00	12.50
	706	11.24	4.00	2.00			7.38	6.76	5.00
	20.20	20.35	3.00	3.25	1.00	5.05	3.00	3.70	7.45
	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00				1.00	1.00
	\$471.86	\$662.60	\$88.07	86.25	\$66.98	\$100.29	\$342.36	59.04	\$227.05
Amt. Raised in S. S.									
Missionary									
Childrens Day									
Membership Dues									
Registration Fees									
Total									

#### LIST of Superintendants and Secretaries

Dayton, Ohio — William Shoecraft Supt., Doney Shoecraft, Sec'y.

Zanesville — Henry Williams, Supt., Pauline Williams, Sect'y.

Hillsboro, Ohio — Edward Thomas & Edward Dixon, Supt. Myrtle Kittrell, Sect'y.

Parkersburg, W. Va. — Albert Queen, Supt., Betty Ann Reed, Sect'y.

Barnett Ridge, Ohio. — Mrs. Chas. Mayle, Supt. Kay Harvey, Sect'y.

Cutler, Ohio — Elmer Harris, Supt., Juanita Dickerson, Sect'y.

Long, Ohio — Irma Goens, Supt., Romania Kennedy, Sect'y.

Marietta, Ohio — Loa Curtis, Supt., Doris Curtis, Sect'y.

Bartlett, Ohio — Clarence Croston, Supt., Sylvia Dalton, Sect'y.

Cedar Ridge No Report. Total Amt. raised in S. Schools \$2,105.40. Num-

## THE WESLEYAN YOUNG PEOPLES

## PEOPLE SOCIETIES MINUTES

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1954 — 8:45 A. M. DAYTON, OHIO

The Annual Session of the Wesleyan Methodist Young People's Societies, met at the above date with Sister Gertrude Harris presiding. The session was called to order at 8:45 A. M. Song services led by Rachel Holbert and Anna Mae Simpson from the Zanesville Church. Songs, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee, Blessed Assurance, Leaning On His Everlasting Arms". Devotions led by Hillsboro delegate Mary J. Clemmons. Song, "Nearer The Cross". Scripture by Thomas Moody, St. John 10:10. Prayer Song, "Wonderful Words of Life". Business, Sister Gertrude Harris Presiding. Minutes of the 1953 session read and approved. The president was given power to appoint the committees. Credentials and membership Thomas Moody and Della Churchill. Rules and Order, Rachel Holbert, Sister Goins, Lucille Marrow; Courtesy, Mary Jones, Mary Harris, Anna M. Simpson; Finances and Claims, Rev. A. M. Gilmer, Leo Curtis, Rosemary Simpson; Moral Reforms, Mrs. McCowan Watson, Mary Lou King, Larry Cole; Thanks, Sister Elta Stevens, Eva Carter, Lorretta Chandler Sister Chandler, Sister M. Kennedy; Religious Service, Sister Mary Harris Sister Norma Curtis, Sister Gertrude Harris, Frederick Moody.

Reports on various committees were read. Partial report on the Credential and membership. Report on Rules and Order (approved). Partial report on courtesy. Mrs. Helen Watson, Sister Thelma Adams, Helen Ford, Donna Cottman, Freddie Moody, Larry Cole, Sister M. Kennedy, Rosemary Simpson, Sister Dalton, Sister Chandler, Sister Frances Tate testimonies followed their introductions.

Report from the treasurer of the Youth Conference, Sister Gertrude Holbert. Oral report from Zanesville, president, Sister Della Churchill. Oral report from Hillsboro president, Myrtle Kithell. Oral report from the Marietta president, Mary Lou King. Oral report from the supervisor, Sister Rita Lee from Hillsboro, Ohio Oral report from the supervisor, Lucille, Morrow, Dayton, Ohio.

Reviewing on what your local officers should meet up to. Not his word not Sister Harris' word but God's word and discipling. All delegates must be christians. All officers of the church must be christians. What active members and associate members are? These remarks came from our president Sister Harris and she was led by God.

Auditing Committee, Sister Lee, Mary Clemons, Pauline Williams. Intermission at 10:30 A.M. Meet your neighbor 10:45 A. M. Reports from delegates: Marietta, Ohio, Leo Curtis; Zanesville, Ohio, Rachel Holbert; Dayton, Ohio, Mary Jones; Bartlett, Ohio Rev. Henry Mayle; Hillboro, Ohio Miss Myrtle Kithrell.

New Business, Send all monies through our treasurer. Report on Thanks was read by Eva Carter from Marietta, Ohio. Adopted and re-read on Sunday. Remarks by Rev. Tate. Constitutions and by-laws for the Young People's Society of Convention requested by Rev. Tate, read by Anna Mae Simpson. Meeting adjourned. 1:30 P.M. Trip to the Christian Activity Center on South Perry Street in Dayton, Ohio. 2:30 P.M.

Opened afternoon session. Song "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross. Prayer by Sister Mary Harris. Election of officers, voting by ballot. Officers as follows, Pauline Williams, Secretary, Mary Lou King, Assistant Secretary, Rev. Pauley, Financial Secretary, Gertrude Holbert, Treasurer, Virginia Smith, Program Committee Leo Curtis, Pauline Williams, Myrtle Kithell and Sister Gertrude Harris.

Zanesville, Rachel Holbert, Matthew 6 Disciples Prayer, A. Author. B.

Discussion on Prayer. Zanesville, Anna Mae Simpson, 1st Thessalonian Situation. Hypocrites were praying for the applauses of him. C. Prayer of the disciples taught by Jesus. D. Humbleness. E. Trying to get them to pray for what they need instead just for the sake of asking. Dayton, Ohio, Shirley Gates, David's deliverance from his enemies. Hillsboro, Mary Clemons, John 17th chapter. A. Jesus. B. Time of his crucifixion, because he realized he had to give his life on the cross. C. They wanted his people (Jewish) to understand what his mission was on earth, he also wanted to be acknowledged as their messiah and acknowledge by all mankind. D. Humble. E. This shows that Jesus has glorified his father by fulfilling his will on earth, and by revealing God to the disciples.

Discussion on Prayer, 2nd Chron. 8:14. A. Humility. B. Prayer. C. Seek His face in prayer. D. Turning from sin. God A. Hear. B. Forgive. C. Heal (hinderance) 1. Disbelief. 2. Sin. Will of God. A. He heareth me B. We know we have the petition. Meeting adjourned.

#### SATURDAY — 7:00 P. M.

Song, "I Am Thine O' Lord" Prayer, Sister Anna Gilmer. Song, Have Thine Own Way". Minutes were accepted with necessary corrections. Report on Religious service. Read and accepted. Report on Moral Reforms adopted. Delegate from Marietta read her paper on Prayer. God speaks on divorces. Theme for 55.

The most outstanding persons at the convention were: 1. Rachel Holbert, Zanesville; 2. Eva Carter, report from Hillsboro, Ohio. Mary Clemons report. Solo by Donna Cottman from Hillsboro. adjournment of 1954 session to meet in Zanesville, 1955. 8:30 P. M. Visit to Europe by travel log, Mary Hugley. Report on Finance and Claims. Finance and Claims., President Sister Gertrude Harris \$5.00; Secretary Joan Smith \$25.00 Acting secretary Pauline Williams \$5.00.

Visit to Europe. 1 Consulting the Lord, before making the trip Mary Hugley. Offering for the kitchen \$17.50. Offering blessed by Rev. Tate

Sunday Morning Sunday School, Leroy Logan, acting Superintendent Song, "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus." Prayer by Rev. Tate, Zanesville, Ohio. Song "Jesus Call us o'er The Tumult". Introduction of the lesson, Pauline Williams. Lesson: God Calls Moses. Golden Text, Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. Classes for 35 minutes. Number present 92. Offering \$14.86. Dismissed.

Sunday 10:45 A. M. Take time to be Holy. Music by Sister Rita Lee, "Jesus Savior Pilot Me. Song Holy! Holy! Holy!. Scripture reading, Rev. Tate 51 Psalm. Song, "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord. Prayer, Rev. A. M. Gilmer. Song, "Glory To The Father. Son, I Need Thee Every Hour". Junior Choir. Responsive reading, The word of God, Rev. Anna Gilmer.

Song Senior Choir, "Thine To Glory". Solo, "Even me", Sister Rita Lee. Sermon, Rev. Henry Mayle, Theme: The Road That Leads to a Revival. Gen. 27 chapter, verses 17, 18, 19,. Solo, Patricia Wagner. Remarks by Rev. Tate. Invitational Hymn Offering, blessed by Rev. Pauley. General remarks by Rev. Gilmer Announcements. Benediction.

2:00 P. M. Sunday. Song "Sunshine In The Soul, Send The Light" Scripture reading 4th chapter of 2nd King Rev. Henry Mayle. Song "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Prayer, Sister A. Gilmer. Song "Near The Cross". Trio, "By and By " Zanesville delegates. Report from Marietta on the topic, "Youth and the Church" was sent by Doris Curtis and read by Joan Smith. Sermon, Sister Gertrude Harris, 4th chapter of 2nd Kings Theme: (Life). Invitation, Rev. Pauley. Solo, The Love of God, Rev. Sister Gilmer. Benediction, Rev. Ralph Tate.

#### DELEGATES Where and Fee

Mary Jane Clemons, Hillboro, Ohio .....	\$1.00
Eva Carter, Marietta, Ohio .....	1.00
Anna Mae Simpson, Zanesville, Ohio .....	1.00
Rachel Holbert, Zanesville, Ohio .....	1.00
Loa Curtis, Marietta, Ohio .....	1.00
Mary Jones, Dayton, Ohio .....	1.00

#### RULES AND ORDERS

The Rules and Orders wish to submit the following report: The session should open at 8:45 A. M., adjourn at 12:00 o'clock for dinner. Open at 1:15 P. M. adjourn at 4:30 P. M. Supper at 5:30 P. M. Opening evening session at 7:00 P. M. 1st four rows of the church as conference bar. Sister Irma Goens, Lucille, Morrow, Rachel Holbert.

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Presidnet, Sister Gertrude Harris .....	\$ 5.00
Secretary, Joan Smith .....	25.00
Assistant Secretary, Pauline Williams .....	5.00
The Christian Activity Center (love offering) .....	25.00
Total .....	\$60.00
Balance in treasurer .....	7.00

#### TREASURER REPORT

Total in Bank May 2, 1953 .....	\$241.66
Deposited May 9, 1953 .....	\$ 23.43
Interest received, Apr. 28, 1954 .....	5.17
Received, May 1953 Parkersburg .....	1.00
Received, Nov. 2, 1953 order Sis. G. Harris	
Crusade Rally money, Marietta, O. ....	11.00
Feb. 4, 1954, Lucille Morrow, Gen Dues ....	25.00
Feb. 24, 1954, Della Churchill Gen. Dues ....	15.00
Feb. 24, 1954 Lucille Morrow, Youth Wk. ....	72.60
Mar. 5, 1954, Geneva Mayle, Youth Wk. ....	5.00
Apr. 15, 1954 Elder Rita Lee Bldg. Fund ....	2.00
Nov. 27, 1953 Gen dues, Convention dues. ....	5.00
Total money received .....	\$171.20

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## Disbursements:

Nov. 27, 1953 Gen. Dues .....	5.00	
Apr. 15, 1954 Bldg. Fund, Hillsboro .....	2.00	
Nov. 27, 1953 Sant An Crusade .....	11.00	
Feb. 4, 1954 Gen. Dues Dayton, O .....	25.00	
Feb. 24, 1954 Youth Wk. ....	72.60	
Feb. 24, 1954 Gen. Dues Zanesville .....	15.00	
Mar. 5, 1954 Youth Wk. Bartlett .....	5.00	
Apr. 28, 1954 Gen. Dues Parkersburg .....	1.00	
Total Disbursements to Rev. Sheets .....	\$136.60	
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Total money on hand and in the bank .....		\$275.26
General Dues .....	\$46.00	
Building Fund .....	79.60	
San Antonia Crusade .....	11.00	
Total .....	\$136.60	

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## THE SOUTH OHIO CONFERENCE

Kennedy ,of the Conference Aid., Eva R. Carter, Loretta Chandler, of

## THANKS — MAY 1, 1954 — DAYTON, OHIO

We your committee on thanks, in behalf of the conference Aid and the Wesleyan Young Peoples Society Convention wish to submit the following, To Rev. Jerome Wilson, Pastor of the Dayton church, we so generously accept the above auxiliaries as their guests, the good people of this city who so willingly opened their homes for our comfort did every thing to make us feel at home, and to the ladies in the kitchen who have worke so faithfully in the kitchen, to serve to us such generous and delicious meal s. It seems to us that God has been with us to bless in many ways. We the committee take the priviledge in behalf of the convention to give thanks to god for giving us health and strength to be here We trust we have done our duty, also we are asking your prayers that we may have a safe journey home. God Bless One and All.

Humbly submitted,

Sister Elta Curtis Stevens, Sister Volorus Chandler, Sister Mary Ellen

Name of Society	Associate Members			Efficiency Standard Rating "A" Rating Wesleyan Youth	Conference Dues		General Dues	Church Extension	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	General Work	Total Recpt's plus Balance	Total Disbursements	Chas on Hand
	36	23	15											
Dayton, Ohio	36	23	15	A	16.50	25.00	96.00	41.00	13.36			450.35	372.87	113.50
Zanesville, Ohio	5	25	3		10.50	15.00						50.76	59.10	31.82
Bartlett, Ohio	7	7	0		3.50	5.00	47.17					50.67	45.48	152.18
Marietta, Ohio	10	4	1		1.50				5.13			59.43	43.38	22.68
Hillsboro	6	6	1	B	3.00	6.00	13.50				2.00	45.00	38.84	11.16