

MINUTES of the Seventh Annual Session
of the ILLINOIS CONFERENCE
of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America

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And its Auxiliary Organizations,
The Woman's Missionary Society,
Wesleyan Youth

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Held at Balvidere, Illinois,
August 2 through 4, 1956.

Rev. Arthur L. Bray, President.

Rev. Daren C. Durey, Secretary.

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General Information.

Conference Fiscal Year closes July 15, 1957; Local Church Fiscal Year closes June 30; All budgets should be paid monthly or in advance to receive Home Missions Department credit; Final remittances to the conference treasurers must be postmarked not later than July 5.

Where to send funds:

- For Conference and General Budget, and all items except those listed below --
Rev. Glen Klasna, 500 N. Laramie Ave., Chicago 44, Illinois.
- For Pension Fund Budget --
Rev. Wendel D. Craker, 10723 S. Perry St., Chicago 28, Illinois.
- For Conference and General Sunday School Dues --
Rev. W. D. Craker, 10723 S. Perry St., Chicago 28, Illinois.
- For Special Denominational Sunday School Offerings --
Rev. R. D. Reisdorph, Houghton, New York.
- For Camp Meeting Contributions --
Rev. L. G. Anderson, 526 E. Thompson St., Mopeston, Illinois.
- For W. M. S. --
Mrs. Irene Glander, 875 N. Farnham, Galesburg, Illinois.
- For Y. M. W. B. --
Mrs. Mildred Wallace, Box 128, Wyanet, Illinois.
- For Wesleyan Youth --
Miss Ida Wipf, 501 N. Leamington, Chicago 44, Illinois.
- For Card Call --
Rev. H. K. Sheets, 124 W. 39th St., Marion, Indiana.

Camp Meeting and Conference Dates:

Conference convenes 1:30 p. m., Thursday, August 1, 1957; closes Saturday, August 3. Camp Meeting begins Sunday, August 4, 1957, continues through Sunday, August 11.

1956 -- 1957 Organisation
of the Illinois Conference
of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America.

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OFFICERS

President	-- Rev. A. L. Bray, 500 N. Laramie Ave., Chicago 44, Ill.
Vice President	-- Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, 1406 School St., Rockford, Ill.
Secretary	-- Rev. D. C. Durey, 351 Robert St., Grove Coeur, Ill.
Treasurer	-- Rev. Glen Klasna, 500 N. Laramie Ave., Chicago 44, Ill.
Illinois Trustee of Marion College	-- Rev. C. E. Olander, Galesburg, Illinois.
Alternate Trustee	-- Rev. A. L. Bray, Chicago, Illinois.
Educational Secretary	-- Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Sunday School Secretary	-- Rev. W. D. Craker, Chicago, Illinois.
Director of Child Evangelism	-- Mrs. Wm. H. Dyer, Rockford, Illinois.
Tithing Secretary	-- Rev. C. C. McCarty, Sheffield, Illinois.
Wesleyan Man's Fellowship Sec.	-- Rev. J. T. Ledwell, Oak Park, Illinois.
Statistical Secretary	-- Rev. D. D. Crail, Maywood, Illinois.
Boys and Girls Club Secretary	-- Rev. D. D. Crail, Maywood, Illinois.
Editor, "The Illinois Tidings"	-- Rev. A. L. Bray, Chicago, Illinois.
Conference Parliamentarian	-- Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Rockford, Illinois.

COMMITTEES

Conference Missionary Board.

Rev. A. L. Bray, Conference President; Mrs. Rachel Bray, Conference W. M. S. President;
 Mr. W. F. Tice, Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., Rev. C. E. Olander, Trustees;
 Rev. Harry Moeller; Mr. H. Ray Dyer; Rev. D. C. Durey.

Conference Trustees.

Rev. A. L. Bray	(Term Expires 1957)	Mr. Wm. F. Tice	(Term Expires 1957)
Rev. Wm. H. Dyer	(Term Expires 1958)	Mr. S. Hugh Paine	(Term Expires 1958)
		Rev. C. E. Olander	(Term Expires 1959)

Committee on Church and Parsonage Building Location.

The Conference Missionary Board.

Committee on Itineracy and Orders.

Rev. A. L. Bray	(Term Expires 1957)	Rev. C. E. Olander	(Term Expires 1958)
Rev. W. D. Craker	(Term Expires 1959)	Rev. S. A. Hill	(Term Expires 1960)

Judiciary Committee.

Rev. Wm. H. Dyer; Rev. Harry Moeller; Rev. O. E. Price; Rev. D. C. Durey

Board of Supernummate Ministers' Aid.

Rev. Wm. H. Dyer	(Term Expires 1957)	Rev. L. G. Anderson	(Term Expires 1958)
		Rev. W. D. Craker	(Term Expires 1959)

Conference Educational Committee.

Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Educational Secretary, Chairman; Rev. C. E. Olander, Illinois Trustee of Marion College; Rev. A. L. Bray, Illinois Conference President; Mrs. A. L. Bray, President, Conference W. M. S.; Rev. R. L. Zuhl, President, Conference Wesleyan Youth; Mrs. Lloyd Wallace, Conference Superintendent of the Y. M. W. B.

Sunday School Board.

Rev. W. D. Craker, Conference S. S. Secretary; Mr. Irvin Halverson (Term Expires 1957)
 Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell (Term Expires 1958)

Committee on Vacancies.

Rev. Wm. H. Dyer; Rev. Stanley A. Hill; Rev. C. E. Olander
 Mr. L. W. Wallace; Mr. S. H. Paine, Jr.

Camp Meeting Committee.

Rev. A. L. Bray, Conference President; Mrs. A. L. Bray, Conference W. M. S. President;
 Rev. R. L. Zuhl, President, Conference Wesleyan Youth; Rev. L. G. Anderson; Rev. Wm. H.
 Dyer; Rev. D. C. Durey; Mr. Lloyd W. Wallace.

Committee on Orders of the Day.

Rev. A. L. Bray, President; Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, V. Pres.; Rev. D. C. Durey, Sec'y.

Statistical Committee.

Rev. D. D. Crail, Statistical Secretary; Rev. Glen Klasna, Treasurer; Rev. W. D. Craker;
 Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

President's Advisory Board.

Rev. Harry Moeller; Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

Staff of Conference Paper.

Editor-in-Chief, Rev. A. L. Bray; Contributing Editors, Mrs. A. L. Bray, Rev. R. L. Zuhl

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIPElders on the Stationed List.

✓ Rev. LaVerne G. Anderson, 526 E. Thompson Ave., Hoopeston, Illinois. Phone Hoopeston 338.
 ✓ Rev. James A. Blaine, Route # 1, Box 174, Wheaton, Illinois. Phone Wheaton 8-1795.
 ✓ Rev. Arthur L. Bray, 501 N. Leamington Ave., Chicago 44, Illinois.
 Rev. David D. Crail, 1105 S. Sixth Ave., Maywood, Illinois. Phone Columbus 1-6677 or Estabrook 8-6969.
 Rev. Wendel D. Craker, 10723 S. Perry St., Chicago 28, Illinois. Phone Fillmore 4-9684.
 Rev. Daren C. Durey, 351 Robert St., Creve Coeur, Illinois. Phone Peoria 4-2661.
 ✓ Rev. William H. Dyer, 1406 School St., Rockford, Illinois. Phone Rockford 3-0616.
 ✓ Rev. Stanley A. Hill, Box 62, Wyand, Illinois. Phone Wyand 2831.
 ✓ Rev. Harry Moeller, 2108 W. Iowa St., Chicago 22, Illinois. Phone Brunswick 8-4232.
 ✓ Rev. Carl E. Olander, 875 N. Farnham St., Galesburg, Illinois. Phone Galesburg 5350-2.
 ✓ Rev. Orville E. Price, 3212 N. Prospect Rd., Peoria, Illinois. Phone Peoria 5-7441.
 ✓ Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, 9101 S. Menard St., Oak Lawn, Illinois. Phone Garden 4-0995.

Conference Preachers.

✓ Rev. Roy E. Crawford, 211 N. Pleasant St., Princeton, Illinois. Phone Princeton 2-6182.
 ✓ Rev. George R. Durey, 2157 W. Walton St., Chicago 22, Illinois. Phone Humboldt 6-8332.
 ✓ Rev. Glen Klasna, 5231 Ferdinand St., Chicago 44, Illinois. Phone Austin 7-0373.
 ✓ Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell, 1040 Augusta St., Oak Park, Illinois. Phone Euclid 6-1760.
 ✓ Rev. Clarence McCarty, Box 475, Sheffield, Illinois. Phone Sheffield 3731.
 ✓ Rev. Mrs. Ivanelle McCarty, Box 475, Sheffield, Illinois. Phone Sheffield 3731.
 ✓ Rev. Ronald E. Mullen, 1603 S. 15th Ave., Maywood, Illinois. Phone Fillmore 3-3748.
 ✓ Rev. George J. Thompson, 11045 Edbrooke Ave., Chicago 28, Illinois. Phone Commodore 4-1524.

Unstationed Elders.

Rev. Francis A. Davis, 391 3 Chome, Kashawagi Cho, Shinjuku Ku, Tokyo, Japan.
 Rev. Ralph Patterson, 1630 N. Central Ave., Chicago 39, Illinois. Phone Berkshire 7-5432.
 Rev. Pearl Poe, Eddyville, Iowa.

STANDING RULES

- I. Conference President. Resolved. 1) That the Conference President be required, authorized and appointed to travel the Conference as President, having general supervision of the spiritual interests and benevolences thereof, holding at least one service at each church during the year under such date as he may announce in advance;
- 2) That he shall raise funds to meet the demands of the Conference work, assisted by the pastors, and he shall receive contributions for Missions, Education and Superannuated Ministers, where there are no pastors;
- 3) That he shall have general supervision of the church property, and shall inquire into the titles of the same to see that no property is loosely held, and shall look after the rental of Conference property, and see that the rent is turned into the treasury, and he shall investigate the possibility and feasibility of the sale of property not in use, and report his findings to the Board of Trustees and to the next annual conference;
- 4) That he shall be authorized to grant letters to disbanded classes;
- 5) That he shall be required to write non-resident members of Conference asking them, in case they cannot attend, to write the conference a letter of greeting and state the condition of their religious experience;
- 6) That he shall devote as much time as possible and as occasion may afford in evangelistic and other meetings in the Conference;
- 7) That he may engage such help from time to time as may be available, and as he may consider properly qualified to assist in holding evangelistic and quarterly meetings, such help to be remunerated from the Conference Missions Fund.

II. Trustees. 1) Authorization. Resolved, that the duly-elected and qualified Trustees of the Illinois Conference are hereby authorized and directed to sign for the purchase, sale, mortgaging and conveyance of real estate recommended by the annual conference or, during the interim between the sessions of annual conference, by the Missionary Board as the board of managers. (See Paragraph 278, Book of Discipline.) All such action or actions of the Trustees in compliance with the recommendations of the Missionary Board shall be deemed to be legal and binding upon the Illinois Conference, and of as full force and effect as they would have been if such actions on the part of the Trustees had been specially authorized by the annual conference.

2) Annual Report. Resolved, that the Trustees present to Conference an annual report of official acts and of assets and liabilities of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, an Illinois corporation.

III. Missionary Board. 1) Membership. Resolved, that the Illinois Conference Missionary Board be composed of nine members, five of which shall be ministers and four laymen; that in said number the Conference Trustees shall be included as members ex-officio, as well as the ex-officio members declared in the Discipline.

2) Duties. Resolved, (a) That the Missionary Board is hereby authorized to pay out all monies from the Conference Missions Fund, and during the interim between Conference sessions to act as a Committee on Finance; (b) That the Missionary Board act as the Conference Committee on Church and Parsonage Location.

IV. Annual Conference. 1) Date. Resolved, that the annual conference begin on the first Thursday after July 27th, at 1:30 p. m., and close the following Saturday night; that Camp Meeting begin on the following Sunday and continue for eight days, including two Sundays.

2) Fiscal Year. Resolved, that the Conference Fiscal Year close July 15th; that each local church fiscal year close June 30th.

3) Budget Items. Resolved, that all Treasurers shall mark receipts "Budget" or "Not Budget".

4) Committee on Statistics. Resolved, that a Standing Committee on Statistics be elected, consisting of a Conference Statistical Secretary, the Conference Treasurer, one other ministerial and one lay member; that two lay members be elected at the opening of annual conference.

5) Statistical Report. Resolved, that no remittances postmarked later than July 5th shall apply on the church statistical report; that by July 15th each pastor shall submit to the chairman of the Statistical Committee his budget check sheet with receipts covering same, and his statistical blank completed except for the budget section; that the Statistical Committee fill in on the statistical blanks the budget items, both assigned and raised; that other items which are obviously incorrect be checked with the pastor.

6) Audit. Resolved, that a competent auditor shall be appointed each year by the Committee on Finance to audit the books of the Conference.

7) Sunday Schools. Resolved, that each additional Sunday School under the pastoral oversight of a Wesleyan Methodist pastor shall be reported on a separate annual statistical report blank, provided each Sunday School has been recognized by the Conference Missionary Board.

8) Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid. Resolved, that the Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid be composed of three members, each elected by the conference for a three year term of office, the terms to expire in successive years; that this board be authorized to appoint the Secretary-Treasurer of the Pension Fund.

9) Orders of the Day Committee. Resolved, that the President, Vice President and Secretary of Conference shall constitute the Orders of the Day Committee.

10) Leave. Resolved, that no member shall leave Conference session without permission of the president; that no ministerial member shall without special permission leave camp after the annual meetings until all responsibilities of the Conference are discharged, including camp clean-up.

11) Conference Officers. Resolved, that the officers be installed during annual conference at a public service announced in advance; office to take effect at the rise of conference.

12) Minutes. Resolved, (a) That the Conference President and Secretary constitute a committee to edit and publish the annual conference minutes; (b) That the cost of printing the annual conference minutes be paid out of the Conference Fund; (c) That the total number of minutes to be printed be ascertained on the basis of family units among the membership and active constituency, who shall each be mailed a copy.

V. Camp Meeting. 1) Authorization. Resolved, that there be held an annual Camp Meeting and that it be under the direction of a Camp Meeting Committee elected by the Illinois Conference, and that the Conference President, as chairman, the Conference W. Y. President, and the Conference W. M. S. President be members ex-officio of said Camp Meeting Committee.

2) Committee Duties. Resolved, (a) That camp grounds and buildings be under the care of the Camp Meeting Committee; (b) That the Camp Meeting Committee have charge of the Camp Meeting Fund and appoint a treasurer to receive all monies and make all authorized disbursements from the same; (c) That the Camp Meeting Committee shall have power to engage workers beyond the present year.

3) Camp Meeting Fund. Resolved, (a) That all pledges and cash received during the sessions of Conference and Camp Meeting be placed in the Camp Meeting Fund unless otherwise designated; (b) That the incidental expenses of the annual conference while in session be paid from the Camp Meeting Fund.

VI. Ministers. 1) Pastoral Service Report. Resolved, that each pastor of the Illinois Conference shall report to his quarterly conference each quarter the total of his home calls, hospital calls, pastoral conferences and church business calls, and that the total of these items be reported to annual conference and be included in the annual statistics.

2) Pastors' Support During Conference. Resolved, that it be our plan that all pastors remain on their charges for one Sunday after annual conference and camp meeting and that the church's financial obligation to the pastor, whether he be leaving the field or not, be extended through that Sunday.

3) Moving Pastors. Resolved, that each charge make provisions for the moving expense of the incoming pastor immediately after the annual conference adjourns.

4) Illness or Death. Resolved, that the Conference President be notified by the local church secretary in case of critical illness or death in a minister's home, and that he shall send cards at once to the other ministers.

5) Minister's Vacation. Resolved, that the Conference President and all pastors be given a two-weeks' vacation with pay.

6) Ministerial Convention. Resolved, that there be held a Ministerial Convention from the third Tuesday evening to the following Thursday noon of February each year. Resolved further that the place of meeting and the program presented be left in the hands of the Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

VII. Miscellaneous. 1) Conference Paper. Resolved, that the Conference publish a monthly paper called "The Illinois Tidings"; that the Conference President shall be designated Editor-in-Chief, and that the heads of the Conference auxiliary organizations be designated contributing editors.

2) Conference Prayer Interests. Resolved, that the information concerning coming revival meetings and other special prayer needs be published in the conference paper.

3) Expense of Conference Officers. Resolved, that all incidental expenses of all Conference Officers, Committees, Official Boards and helpers shall be paid by the Conference Treasurer when approved by the President.

Seventh Annual Session
of the ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

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RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Voting Members Seated:

<u>Austin (Chicago):</u>		<u>Oak Park:</u>	
Rev. A. L. Bray	(8)	Rev. J. T. Ledwell	(3:F)
Mr. A. N. Carstensen	(8)	Rev. C. E. Olander	(8)
		Rev. F. A. Davis	
<u>Creve Coeur:</u>		Mr. Orville Senger	(7:2FS)
Rev. J. A. Elaine	(7:TF67)	Mr. Richard Priest	(7:2FS)
<u>Hoopeston:</u>		<u>Peoria:</u>	
Rev. L. O. Anderson	(7:ThFS)	Rev. O. E. Price	(7:TF67)
Miss Elsie Scott	(8)	Mr. Sam Berry	(7:TF67)
<u>Hoynes Ave. (Chicago):</u>		<u>Princeton:</u>	
Rev. Harry Moeller	(8)	Rev. D. C. Durey	(8)
Mr. John Kodl	(8)	Miss Valma Moore	(8)
<u>Maywood:</u>		<u>Rockford:</u>	
Rev. D. D. Crail	(7:2FS)	Rev. Wm. H. Dyer	(6:TF6)
Mrs. David Crail	(7:2FS)	Mr. Wm. F. Tice	(8)
<u>Oak Lawn:</u>		<u>Roseland (Chicago):</u>	
Rev. R. L. Zuhl	(8)	Rev. W. D. Craker	(7:2FS)
Mrs. Margaret Stone	(8)	Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.	(6:FS)
		<u>Sheffield:</u>	
		Rev. C. C. McCarty	(6:FS)
		<u>Wyanet:</u>	
		Rev. S. A. Hill	(6:TF6)
		Rev. S. F. Pillsbury	
		Mr. L. W. Wallace	(8)
		Mr. H. Ray Dyer	(4:2F)

Meetings attended are indicated between parentheses. Total precedes colon; digits and capitals following colon refer to individual meetings and full days of attendance (Thursday, Friday, Saturday), respectively.

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS

First Meeting -- 1:30 p. m., Thursday, August 2, 1956.

Opening -- The seventh annual session of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America was convened in the main tabernacle at Epworth Park Camp Ground, near Belvidere, Illinois, at 1:30 p. m. CDT, August 2, 1956, by Conference President A. L. Bray. Following early Methodist tradition the conference members sang the old Methodist hymn, "And Are We Yet Alive and See Each Other's Face."

Communion Service -- The Lord's Supper was ministered to the pastors of the Conference by the president, Rev. A. L. Bray. Elders of the conference then ministered to the congregation. God graciously evidenced His presence in ministering to all.

Conference Sermon -- Since Rev. Harry Moeller had been selected to bring the conference sermon, he proceeded to preach on II Cor. 9:2 "Your zeal hath provoked very many." In a very pointed and gracious manner, the speaker presented the need for a militant ministry. The speaker assured us that if we would go beyond our present "Beach-head" in Illinois, we must face our task with a fourfold approach. 1. A Vision of a high and holy God. 2. An entering into fellowship with the sufferings of Christ. 3. Hard and conscientious work. 4. An honoring of the Holy Ghost.

Opening of Business Session -- The president called the meeting to order for the business session.

Roll Call -- Nine elders were present to answer the first roll call. (See Record of Attendance).

Bar of Conference -- The first six pews in the center section of the tabernacle were declared bar of conference, and the elders were seated within the bar.

Report of Committee on Itinerary and Orders -- A partial report of conference preachers eligible to vote was given. (See report No. 1). After approval of this report by vote, the preachers present were seated within the bar.

Credentials Committee -- By prevailing motion the Chair was asked to appoint the Credentials Committee. Rev. Stanley A. Hill and Mr. Lloyd Wallace were appointed.

Courtesy Committee -- By prevailing motion the Chair was asked to appoint the Courtesy Committee. Rev. C. E. Olander and Rev. Robert L. Zuhl were appointed.

Delegates -- Delegates credentials were collected by the Credentials Committee and presented to the conference. The Lay delegates were seated within the bar by conference vote. (See Record of Attendance.)

Report of Courtesy Committee -- The Courtesy Committee made a partial report and introduced the following to the conference: Mr. Sam Berry, Peoria; Mrs. Margaret Stone, Oak Lawn; Miss Elsie Scott, Hopeston; Rev. Glen Klasna, Assistant at the Austin Church.

Honorary Member -- By vote Rev. Glen Klasna was invited to sit within the bar of conference.

Report of the Orders of the Day Committee -- Copies of the agenda recommended by the Orders of the Day Committee were distributed for study. Report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 2).

Conference Postmaster -- Mr. John Kodl was voted postmaster for the conference session.

Auditing Committee -- By prevailing motion the selection of an Auditing Committee was referred to the Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee -- Conference elected the following Nominating Committee by vote: Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman; Rev. Wm. H. Dyer; Rev. Robert L. Zuhl; Mr. Wm. F. Tice; Mr. Lloyd W. Wallace.

Adjournment -- Orders of the Day were called by the Chair and Conference adjourned for committee work. Rev. Stanley A. Hill offered the closing prayer.

Second Meeting -- 7:00 p. m., Thursday, August 2, 1956.

Opening -- The President called the meeting to order. Mr. Wm. F. Tice led the conference in a devotional period in which the body sang together the hymn, "My Jesus, I Love Thee," after which Brother Tice called our attention to Ephesians and urged that we each give earnest heed to our Christian calling.

Attendance -- Twelve ministerial and twelve lay members of conference attended the second meeting. (See Record of Attendance).

Delegate -- Mrs. David D. Crail was by motion elected to serve as delegate from the Maywood church.

Credentials Committee -- Credentials of Mr. H. Ray Dyer of Wyanet were received and he was seated within the bar. (See Record of Attendance.)

Nominating Committee Report -- Mr. Wm. F. Tice presented the report of the Nominating Committee. The report was adopted by vote of Conference. (See Report No. 3).

Report of Missionary Board -- The Vice-President took the chair while the President read the Missionary Board report. The report was adopted by proper conference action. (See Report No. 4).

Report of Camp Meeting Committee -- The Vice-President continued in the chair as the President gave a detailed report of the Camp Meeting Committee activities during the year. Report was adopted by conference vote. (See Report No. 5).

Report of Sunday School Board -- The President resumed the chair and Rev. Wendel Craker read the Conference Sunday School Board report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 6).

Report of Educational Committee -- Rev. Robert L. Zuhl read the report of the Educational Committee. It was adopted by proper conference action. (See Report No. 7).

Report of the Statistical Committee -- Rev. David D. Crail read the report of the Statistical Committee which was adopted by a rising vote of thanks for the outstanding work of the committee in getting the report completed before Conference convened! (See Report No. 8).

Under-paid Budget -- By prevailing motion the under-paid items in the budget were referred to the Committee on Finance for recommendation.

Report of Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid -- Rev. Wm. H. Dyer read the report of the Board. The report was adopted by vote of conference. (See Report No. 9).

Membership in Pension Plan -- By prevailing motion the question of mandatory membership in the Pension Plan was referred back to the committee for recommendation.

Report of Courtesy Committee -- Mr. Orville Senger and Mr. Richard Priest, lay delegates from the Oak Park Church, were introduced to the conference. They spoke fitting words of greeting.

Oral Report of Committee on Vacancies -- The Chairman of the standing Committee on Vacancies, Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, made an oral report that the committee met at the call of the Conference President at Wyandot, on April 28, 1956, and made provision for the appointment of Rev. W. D. Craker, as Conference Treasurer, to succeed Mr. E. B. Harvey, who was moving out of Illinois. Rev. Mr. Dyer further reported that Mr. Harvey had a change of plans and did not leave until June, so that the appointment of Rev. Mr. Craker was made as of June 20, 1956.

Credentials Committee Report -- Credentials of Mr. Orville Senger and Mr. Richard Priest of Oak Park were presented and they were seated within the Conference bar. (See Record of Attendance).

Report of Pension Fund Treasurer -- Rev. Wendal D. Craker read the Pension Fund Treasurer's report which by motion was received and referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Report No. 10).

Report of Conference Treasurer -- Rev. Wendal D. Craker read the report of the Conference Treasurer with the certification of audit by Mr. W. H. Davis, Auditor. Report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 11).

Letter of Appreciation -- By vote of the conference the secretary was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. W. H. Davis for his gratis service in auditing the conference treasurer's books.

Adjournment -- The Chair declared the meeting adjourned for committee work. Miss Velma Moore offered the closing prayer.

Third Meeting -- 9:30 a. m., Friday, August 3, 1956.

Opening -- The President called the meeting to order. Rev. D. D. Crail led in singing, "True Hearted, Whole Hearted." Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell gave the meditation, basing his thoughts on Matthew 27:16 and Hebrews 12:1,2, and entitling his subject, "Go and Teach." The speaker stated that it is our primary purpose to plant and water. It is God who will give the increase.

Roll Call -- Thirteen ministerial and thirteen lay members of conference attended the third meeting. Minutes of the first and second meetings were read and declared approved as corrected.

Courtesy Committee -- Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell, pastor of the Oak Park Church, was introduced to the conference. He gave a brief greeting.

Credentials Committee -- The credentials of Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., were presented to the conference and he was seated as delegate from the Chicago Roseland Church. (See Record of Attendance).

Report of the Conference President -- The Vice-President took the chair as President Bray gave his report. His statement of progress in Illinois and official acts were approved by vote of conference. (See Report No. 12).

Report of Editor of Conference Paper -- The Vice-President continued in the chair as President Bray, Editor of the "Illinois Tidings," read his report, which was approved by prevailing motion. (See Report No. 13). The President then resumed the chair.

Report of Member of Local Board of Trustees of Marion College -- Rev. C. E. Olander presented a report of the activities of the college in conjunction with his official acts. (See Report No. 14).

Report of Conference Educational Secretary -- Rev. R. L. Zuhl gave the secretary's report with remarks concerning the Bible reading project of Marion College sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of the Marion College Alumni Association. (See Report No. 15).

Report of Conference Trustees -- Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., secretary of the Board, presented a listing of the official acts of the Board of Trustees during the past year. They were approved by a unanimous vote. (See Report No. 16).

Conference Assets -- Motion prevailed that the Trustees report include a clear picture of full conference assets and liabilities. (See Report No. 16).

Report of the Sunday School Secretary -- Rev. Wendal D. Craker read his report as Conference Sunday School Secretary, which was received by vote with the financial part referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Report No. 17).

Report of Child Evangelism Secretary -- Mrs. Wm. H. Dyer, Child Evangelism Secretary, was absent due to the death of her father. By conference action condolences were ordered sent to Mrs. Dyer and special prayer was offered on her behalf. By conference vote the report was ordered entered in the conference records. (See Report No. 18).

Report of Wesleyan Men's Fellowship Secretary -- Rev. J. A. Elains gave his report as Fellowship Secretary, which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 19). A discussion of the advisability of continuing the office of Wesleyan Men's Fellowship Secretary in Illinois

followed, with decision in the affirmative.

Report of the Courtesy Committee -- Mrs. Joseph T. Ledwell of Oak Park was introduced to the Conference. She gave fitting words of greeting.

Report of Boy's and Girl's Clubs Secretary -- Rev. David D. Crail read his report as Secretary of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the conference, which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 20).

Recommended to Travel -- The Conference heard a recommendation from the Princeton church that Roy Crawford is a suitable person to travel in the work of the conference. This was referred to the Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

Hospitalization Insurance -- A motion prevailed that a representative of the Ministers' Life and Casualty Union of Minneapolis, Minn., be invited to present the interests of their hospital insurance plan for ministers.

Iowa Dedication -- A motion prevailed that the secretary send congratulatory greetings to the Iowa Conference on the dedication of their new tabernacle on August 12.

Statistics -- By prevailing motion pastors were asked to use the nearest dollar figure in reporting financial statistics hereafter.

Adjournment -- The third meeting adjourned by conference vote. Rev. O. E. Price offered the closing prayer.

Fourth Meeting -- 1:30 p. m., Friday, August 3, 1956.

Opening -- The Secretary called the meeting to order. Rev. C. E. Olander led the conference in the devotional period, basing his thoughts on scripture portions from John 2:23-25, and II Cor. 2.

Attendance -- Fourteen ministerial and thirteen lay members of conference attended the fourth meeting. (See Record of Attendance).

Report of the Courtesy Committee -- Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, General President of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, was presented to the conference. He spoke words of inspiration to the body.

Honorary Member -- Dr. R. S. Nicholson was invited to sit as an honorary member of the conference.

Report of the Auditing Committee -- Rev. D. D. Crail gave a partial report of the Auditing Committee indicating that the Pension Plan Treasurer's books have been audited. (See Report No. 21).

Report of Passage of Character Committee -- Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., read the report of the Passage of Character Committee. By prevailing motion the report was amended to include the passage of character of all ministers. Report passed as amended by vote. (See Report No. 22).

Election of Officers -- The President called for the Orders of the Day. Dr. Roy S. Nicholson came to the chair to preside over the election of officers. The President appointed the following as tellers: Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., and Rev. Wendel D. Craker as collecting tellers; and Mr. Richard Priest and Mr. Orville Senger as distributing tellers. President Bray presented a prepared ballot for use in voting, which was accepted by conference action. By vote of conference, the ballot was ordered destroyed after the recording of the ballot. The following officers were then elected by ballot: President, Rev. A. L. Bray; Vice-President, Rev. Wm. H. Dyer; Secretary, Rev. Daren C. Durey; Treasurer, Rev. Wendel D. Craker; Educational Secretary, Rev. R. L. Zuhl.

A motion prevailed that a third teller be appointed and further canvass of the ballot be made by the tellers in private, and that in the interim the conference listen to the reports of pastors. Mr. John Kodl was then appointed as third collecting teller.

Report of Pastors -- Pastors of the churches at Wyanet, Galesburg, Maywood, Oak Park, and Hoynes Avenue (Chicago) reported a summary of church statistics and general condition of the work. Each gave testimonies of present victory. The words of the delegates carried an encouraging note.

Report of Tellers -- The Secretary read the result of the ballot as canvassed by the tellers. By prevailing motion it was directed that where there was no election the office should be filled by ballot, using those names with the highest number of votes as nominees. The following were elected: Sunday School Secretary, Rev. Wendel D. Craker; Tithing Secretary, Rev. C. C. McCarty; Wesleyan Men's Fellowship Secretary, Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell; Statistical Secretary, Rev. David D. Crail; Boy's and Girl's Club Secretary, Rev. David D. Crail; Conference Parliamentarian, Rev. Wm. H. Dyer; Member of Board of Trustees of Marion College, Rev. C. E. Olander.

Adjournment -- Conference adjourned by vote. Dr. R. S. Nicholson offered the closing prayer.

Fifth Meeting -- 7:00 p. m., Friday, August 3, 1956.

Opening -- The President called the meeting to order. Rev. L. G. Anderson led the conference in singing the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers." Rev. O. E. Price led in the devotions basing his thoughts on I Peter 1. He challenged us with the thought that we are "Strangers in the World."

Attendance -- Fourteen ministerial and thirteen lay members attended the fifth meeting of conference.

Conference Treasurer -- Rev. W. D. Craker submitted his resignation as Treasurer elect of the conference, pleading the pressures of other responsibilities. His resignation was accepted by Conference action. Rev. Glen Klasna was then elected to fill this office.

Standing Committee -- By proper action the use of the prepared ballot in the election of standing committees was approved. After the conference voted, the three collecting tellers, Messrs. Craker, Paine, and Kodl were excused to canvass the ballot.

Report of Pastors -- Pastors of the churches at Oak Lawn, Peoria, Princeton, Creve Coeur, Sheffield, Austin (Chicago), and Hoopston reported a summary of statistics and general condition of their respective charges. Each gave testimonies of present victories. These with the remarks of the delegates were a blessing to the conference. Rev. Ronald E. Mullen reported as to his labors as pastor of the Yorkfield Bible Church, along with his personal testimony.

Report of Tellers -- Motion prevailed that in the reporting of the result of the balloting, in the event of no election, any failure to elect should be settled by floor vote. A motion was then made that in the subsequent offices if there be no election, election shall proceed by nomination from the floor. Motion carried.

Result of the election of standing committees is as follows:

Conference Missionary Board, in addition to ex-officio members, Rev. Harry Moeller, Rev. Daren C. Durey, Mr. H. Ray Dyer.

Committee on Itineracy and Orders, Rev. Stanley A. Hill (Term expires 1960).

Board of Supernuminate Ministers' Aid, Rev. W. D. Craker (Term expires 1959).

Judiciary Committee, Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Chairman; Rev. Harry Moeller; Rev. O. E. Price; Rev. D. C. Durey.

Sunday School Board, in addition to ex-officio member, Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell, Mr. Irvin Halverson. By prevailing motion, Rev. Mr. Ledwell's term of office was declared to be two years. Mr. Halverson, one year.

Committee of Vacancies, Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Chairman; Rev. S. A. Hill; Rev. C. E. Olander; Mr. Lloyd W. Wallace; Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

Camp Meeting Committee, In addition to ex-officio members, Rev. Wm. H. Dyer; Rev. L. G. Anderson; Rev. D. C. Durey; Mr. Lloyd W. Wallace.

Statistical Committee, In addition to ex-officio members, Rev. W. D. Craker; Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

President's Advisory Board, Rev. Harry Moeller and Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., were nominated by President Bray as the President's Advisory Board. The nomination was ratified by vote of conference.

Report of Pastor -- Rev. Wm. H. Dyer reported on his labors and presented statistics on the work at the Rockford Church. His testimony along with that of the delegate indicate a good spiritual and temporal advance there.

Partial Report of Pastoral Relations Committee -- Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman of the committee, gave a partial report of information in connection with the actions of the committee. (See Report No. 28).

Orders of the Day -- Motion prevailed to amend the Orders of the Day to meet at 8:30 a. m. instead of 8:00 a. m.

Adjournment -- The meeting was adjourned by vote of conference. Mr. Lloyd W. Wallace offered the closing prayer.

Sixth Meeting -- 8:30 a. m., Saturday, August 4, 1956.

Opening -- President Bray called the meeting to order. Rev. R. L. Zuhl led in singing the hymn, "Jesus Is Mine." President Bray directed us in the Word to I John 1:3, "That ye also may have fellowship with us." Dr. Roy S. Nicholson led the conference in prayer.

Roll Call -- Twelve ministerial and ten lay members of conference answered the third roll call, after which the minutes of the third and fourth meetings were read and approved.

Courtesy Committee -- Rev. Roy E. Crawford, pastor-elect of the Princeton Church, was introduced to the conference. He gave fitting words of greeting and personal testimony. Mr. Gerald Gutekunst, layman from Roseland (Chicago) also was introduced. He gave words of testimony.

Report of Tithing Secretary -- Rev. C. C. McCarty gave his report as Tithing Secretary, which was adopted by proper conference action. (See Report No. 23).

Tithing Service -- Motion prevailed that each Pastor be required to report if he has held a tithing service on his charge this past year and that this be included in the reported statistics stating total tithers on the charge.

Report of Committee on Moral Reform -- Rev. C. E. Olander, Chairman of the committee, presented the report which was adopted by vote of conference. (See Report No. 24).

Report of Auditing Committee -- Rev. D. D. Crail, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, reported on the audit of the various Treasurer's records. By vote of conference the report was adopted. (See Report No. 21).

Report of Committee on Finance -- Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., Secretary of the committee, gave the finance report which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 25).

Report of Pastor -- Rev. W. D. Craker presented pertinent statistics of the (Chicago) Roseland Church, with a statement of present victory. Further remarks of blessing were given by the church delegate.

Junior Membership -- Dr. Roy S. Nicholson presented remarks in the interests of clarifying the advantages and position of Junior membership in our churches.

Adjournment -- President Bray called for adjournment for committee work. Conference was adjourned by vote. Rev. L. G. Anderson offered the closing prayer.

Seventh Meeting -- 1:30 p. m., Saturday, August 4, 1956.

Opening -- President Bray called the meeting to order. Rev. Roy Crawford led the conference in devotions basing his remarks on II Tim. 4:1-8. He then led the conference in prayer.

Attendance -- Ten ministerial and twelve lay members were present for the Seventh meeting. Minutes of the Fifth and Sixth meetings were read and approved.

Consent to Leave Conference -- Leave was granted to Mr. Sam Berry and Rev. O. E. Price of Peoria. Before leaving, Rev. Price reported that Rev. Pearl Poe was suffering from cancer of the throat. By conference vote a gift of \$25.00 was directed sent to Bro. Poe.

Report of Committee on Itinerary and Orders -- Rev. C. E. Olander, Chairman of the Committee, read the final report of the Committee which was adopted by conference vote after some necessary adjustments. (See Report No. 1).

Report of Camp Meeting Treasurer -- Rev. L. G. Anderson, Camp Meeting Fund Treasurer, read the fund report. It was adopted by vote of conference. (See Report No. 5).

Report of Sunday School Committee -- Rev. W. D. Craker, Chairman of the Committee, gave the report of the committee, which was adopted. (See Report No. 26).

Sunday School Districts -- Motion prevailed that the Sunday School Board be directed to outline the Sunday School districts of the conference. (See Report No. 26 for districts).

Director of Child Evangelism -- Mrs. Wm. H. Dyer was nominated by the Sunday School Board as Director of Child Evangelism. By vote of conference she was then elected to this office.

Report of Thanks Committee -- Rev. R. L. Zuhl, committee chairman, gave the report of the thanks committee, which was adopted by vote of conference. (See Report No. 27).

Election Procedures -- Motion prevailed that the method of electing Conference Officers and committees be referred to the Conference President and his Advisory Board for recommendation to the opening meeting of the eighth Annual Conference.

Report of Courtesy Committee -- Mr. Silas Dawson, layman from Galesburg, was introduced to the conference. He gave words of greeting.

Letter of Dismissal -- By vote of conference, Rev. Willard L. Archer was granted a letter of dismissal from our conference at his request. (He is uniting with the Boyceville, Wis., Bible Church.)

Letter of Transfer -- By proper conference action a letter of ministerial transfer was granted to Rev. Stephen F. Pillsbury to the Middle Atlantic States Conference.

Hospital Plan -- Motion prevailed that the President appoint a committee to assist him in selecting an adequate hospitalization plan for the ministers of the conference, with power to put a contract into effect and to assess the churches for its cost. The following were appointed to the committee: Rev. Wm. H. Dyer; Rev. C. E. Olander; Rev. Harry Moeller; Rev. D. C. Durey; Rev. A. L. Bray.

Report of Courtesy Committee -- Courtesy Committee introduced Mrs. Rachel Bray, President of the W. M. S., to the conference, and she spoke words of greeting.

Camp Insurance -- Motion prevailed that the Camp Committee be instructed to raise the camp registration to \$8.00 to include insurance of each camper next year.

International Headquarters -- Dr. R. S. Nicholson presented the interests of the new

International Headquarters of the Wesleyan Methodist Church to be built on property purchased at Marion, Indiana.

Unfinished Business -- Motion prevailed that any unfinished business be left to the Missionary Board for action.

Conference Sermon -- By prevailing motion Rev. R. L. Zuhl was elected to preach the conference sermon in 1957. Rev. S. A. Hill was elected alternate to preach the conference sermon.

Place of 1957 Conference -- Motion prevailed that the place of the 1957 conference be left in the hands of the Camp Meeting Committee.

Standing Rules -- President Bray presented a recommendation to change Standing Rule VI, 1 to read as follows:

VI. Ministers. 1) Pastoral Service Report. Resolved, that each pastor of the Illinois Conference shall report to his quarterly conference each quarter the total of his home calls, hospital calls, pastoral conferences and church business calls, and that the total of these items be reported to annual conference and be included in the annual statistics.

Motion to adopt prevailed unanimously. (See Standing Rules).

Report of Courtesy Committee -- Mr. Carl Sarlo, a layman from the Oak Park Church, was introduced to conference. He gave words of greeting.

Report of Pastoral Relations Committee -- The Secretary occupied the chair as President Bray presented the final report of the Pastoral Relations Committee. Report was adopted by unanimous vote. (See Report No. 28).

Reading of the Minutes -- President Bray resumed the chair and the minutes of the Seventh meeting were read, corrected and approved by vote of conference.

Adjournment -- Conference was adjourned by prevailing motion. Dr. Roy S. Nicholson offered the closing prayer.

Eighth Meeting

Installation Service and Denominational Address

7:30 p. m., Saturday, August 4, 1956

Opening -- President Bray called the meeting to order and offered the prayer of invocation. Rev. D. C. Durey led the conference in hymn-singing.

Installation of W. M. S. Officers -- The following officers and leaders-elect of the Woman's Missionary Society were present on the tabernacle platform: Mrs. Rachel Bray, President; Mrs. Edna Moeller, Vice-President; Mrs. Marjorie Zuhl, Secretary; Mrs. Irene Olander, Treasurer; Mrs. Mildred Wallace, Y. M. W. B. Superintendent; Mrs. Kathleen Dyer, Prayer Partner Secretary; and Mrs. Edna Hill, Magazine Solicitor. (Mrs. Marie Joseph, Literature Secretary, and Mrs. Shirley Ledwell, Mission Study Secretary, were unable to be present for the installation service). Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, General Conference President and Denominational Representative to the Illinois Conference, installed these ladies in office for the new year and gave recognition of the work they are doing in furthering the cause of Christ not only in Illinois, but throughout the whole world.

Installation of Conference Officers -- The officers-elect of the Illinois Conference, Rev. A. L. Bray, President; Rev. D. C. Durey, Secretary; and Rev. Glen Klasna, Treasurer, were then formally installed into office by Dr. R. S. Nicholson, who also offered the prayer of dedication. (Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Vice President, was not present because of the death of his father-in-law).

Installation of Conference Ministers -- President Bray called the conference ministers to the altar. Dr. Roy S. Nicholson presented Rev. A. L. Bray with the credentials of the Conference President and offered prayer dedicating him to this responsibility. President Bray then installed the ministers in their respective charges and introduced them individually to the congregation.

Denominational Address -- Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, brought to the conference the greetings of the Board of Administration. He used for his subject, "Wesleyan Methodism's Major Problem." Basing his remarks on I John 2:6-10, he gave an impassioned plea for the practice of brotherly love among our people. He stated that love that is not heart-felt is a mockery. Jesus Christ is our pattern in love. We were urged to love even as Christ loved. If there is true love among the brethren of the church, we will, as a natural result, be strong enough to be an effective force in winning the world for Jesus Christ. Dr. Nicholson closed his message with prayer.

Adjournment -- President Bray closed the 1956 Conference session with remarks about the splendid spirit of fellowship and co-operation which prevailed during this conference session. To his surprise the Conference Secretary, Rev. D. C. Durey, then presented to the Conference President a gift of \$25.00 from the pastors and delegates in token of their love and appreciation for his labors. The conference then sang the great benedictory hymn,

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah." By vote the session adjourned sine die. Rev. B. O. Crowe, Camp Evangelist, gave the benedictory prayer.

Conference Sunday School Service
9:00 a. m., Sunday, August 5, 1956.

The first service of the Illinois Camp Meeting was designated as the Conference Sunday School Service. The Conference Sunday School Secretary, Rev. W. D. Craker, led the service. Miss Priscilla Kuhn, Song Evangelist, led in a rousing time of choruses and Sunday School songs. The Marion College Men's Quartet was present and brought special numbers in song.

There was a good attendance at this service and a spirit of expectancy was felt as we entered into the 1956 Camp Meeting.

Conference Ordination Service
6:30 p. m., Sunday, August 5, 1956.

A special ordination service was called for by previous vote of conference.

Opening — Rev. A. L. Bray, the Conference President, opened the service. An appropriate hymn was sung.

Candidate — Rev. D. C. Durey, Secretary of the Illinois Conference, announced that Rev. Robert L. Zuhl was a candidate for ordination.

Ordination Sermon — Dr. R. S. Nicholson, General Conference President, was invited to bring the ordination sermon. His was a very timely and challenging message reminding not only the candidate, but all who would preach the saving gospel of Christ, that this is a high calling indeed. He pointed out the need of godliness of life and purity of purpose if we would be worthy servants of God.

Ordination Ceremony — The candidate and his wife presented themselves at the altar of the tabernacle. Rev. A. L. Bray officiated during the ordination ritual, and the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel were read by Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Rev. Harry Moeller, and Rev. C. E. Olander, respectively. All conference elders sharing in the service participated in the laying on of the hands as Dr. R. S. Nicholson led in a prayer of consecration for the candidate and his helpmeet. The congregation joined together in singing "A Charge to Keep I Have", and joined in an informal time of congratulations after words of testimony by the parents of Rev. Zuhl. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Conference Educational Service
1:30 p. m., Monday, August 6, 1956.

Opening — An interesting educational service was held during the regular Wesleyan Youth afternoon Camp meeting service on Monday. Conference Educational Secretary, Rev. R. L. Zuhl, presided. The opening exercises featured the Marion College Male Quartet.

Educational Address — Dr. Wm. F. McConn, President of Marion College, brought an address on the progress of our area college. He stated that the future is bright for Marion College, but that we must lend her our full support to assure her success in the coming years. He reported that the new men's dormitory, Williams Hall, is now under construction. An offering was received at the close of the service.

Conference Church Extension Service
1:30 p. m., Friday, August 10, 1956.

The conference Church Extension Service was led by the Conference President, Rev. A. L. Bray. Mrs. C. E. Olander, wife of the pastor of our pioneer effort in Galesburg, Illinois, was called upon in the absence of her husband, to speak concerning the progress of the work there. She supplemented her remarks with a poster picturing the advance of the work of building. Brother Silas Dawson, a layman from the Galesburg work, gave his testimony of thanksgiving for the work and its progress there.

Church Extension Challenge — Rev. A. L. Bray challenged our hearts with the premise that "The work of Jesus Christ is the Work of Missions." He used as the basis for his remarks Mark 16:15. He asked that we examine the MANDATE of Christ to go forth; our MOTIVE in thus laboring; and our METHOD of reaching new people with the gospel message. He stated that we have a Divine mandate to go when our Great Commander-in-Chief opens the door of opportunity. God has evidently called us in Illinois to be a missionary conference. We must be missionary churches. Without missionary men and missionary money, the work of God cannot advance in Illinois.

The service closed with a prayer of consecration to the great opportunities that lie before us in Illinois.

Rev. Arthur L. Bray, President

Rev. Daren C. Durey, Secretary

REPORTSReport No. 1.Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

- A. Conference preachers eligible to vote in this session: Rev. Clarence C. McCarty, Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, and Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell.
- B. Examinations given this year to Rev. R. L. Zuhl by Rev. A. L. Bray:
1. Foundations of Doctrine.
 2. Robert's Rules of Order.
- C. We recommend that Robert L. Zuhl be elected to elders orders.
- D. Reporting status of the following in the Course of Study:
- 1) George R. Durey -- Graduated from Marion College Theological course.
 - 2) Cletus Kramer -- Graduated from Marion College Theological course. Plans graduate work this year.
 - 3) Glen Fischer -- Returned to quarterly conference at his request.
 - 4) Thomas J. Murray -- Recommend return to quarterly conference.
 - 5) C. C. McCarty -- Third year in course of study. Continue in the course of study.
 - 6) Ivanelle McCarty -- Third year in course of study. Continue in the course of study.
 - 7) Ronald E. Mullen -- Fourth year in course of study. Attending Seminary.
 - 8) Ben Meadows -- Attending Marion College.
 - 9) Divine Pillsbury -- Transferred to M. A. S. Conference.
 - 10) Gerald Trudel -- United with the Methodist Church in Michigan.
 - 11) George Thompson -- Fourth year in the course of study.
 - 12) Charles T. Hood -- Withdrawn from Illinois Conference.
 - 13) Joseph T. Ledwell -- Graduated from Marion College. Attending Seminary.
 - 14) Roy Crawford -- Graduated from Marion College Theological course and Asbury Theological Seminary. Requires passing of examinations in Wesleyan History and Discipline. Referred to Pastoral Relations Committee.
 - 15) Vernon Swanson -- Graduated from Marion College Theological course.
 - 16) Glen Klasna -- Graduated from Chicago Evangelistic Institute. Transfer from the Dakota Conference to be evaluated. Continue in course of study.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. C. E. Olander, Chairman.
 Rev. A. L. Bray
 Rev. W. D. Craker

Report No. 2.Orders of the Day Committee.

Summarized as follows:

Thursday, August 2, 1956 -- Conference convenes, 1:30 p. m.; Communion Service; Conference Sermon; Organization of Conference; 7:00 p. m., Report of Nominating Committee; Reports of Standing Committees and Financial Reports.

Friday, August 3, 1956 -- 9:45 a. m., Reports of Conference Committees; Reports of Conference Leaders; 1:45 p. m., Election of Officers and Standing Committees; Reports of Pastors and Miscellaneous Business; 7:00 p. m., Reports of Conference Committees; Reports of Pastors and Miscellaneous Business.

Saturday, August 4, 1956 -- 8:15 a. m., Reports of Conference Committees; Reports of Pastors; Miscellaneous Business; 1:45 p. m. Miscellaneous Business; Report of the Pastoral Relations Committee; Reading of the Minutes; Adjournment. 7:30 p. m., Denominational Service; Installation of Conference Officers; Installation of Pastors by the Conference President; Denomination Address; Adjournment Sine Die.

Sunday, August 5, 1956 -- Conference Sunday School Service; 6:00 p. m., Ordination Service.

Monday, August 6, 1956 -- 1:30 p. m., Educational Service.

Friday, August 10, 1956 -- 1:30 p. m., Church Extension Service.

Saturday, August 11, 1956 -- 1:30 p. m., Wesleyan Youth Service.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman.
 Rev. Wm. H. Dyer
 Rev. D. C. Durey

Report No. 3.

Nominating Committee.

We recommend the following committee appointments:

Pastoral Relations — Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman; Rev. W. H. Dyer, Rev. Stanley A. Hill, Rev. W. D. Craker, Mr. Wm. F. Tice, Mr. A. N. Carstensen, Mr. L. W. Wallace.

Passage of Character — A. L. Bray, H. Moeller, S. H. Paine, Jr.

Statistical Committee — Standing Committee (D. D. Crail, Chairman, W. D. Craker, S. H. Paine, Jr.), Richard Priest, and Margaret Stone.

Moral Reform — C. E. Olander, Chairman; Orville Senger, Valma Moore, John Kodl, L. G. Anderson, C. C. McCarty.

Thanks — R. L. Zuhl, Chairman; Elsie Scott, C. E. Price.

Sunday School — W. D. Craker, Chairman; Sam Berry, Joseph Ledwall, J. A. Blaine, Ray Dyer.

Auditing Committee — Statistical Committee.

Devotional — Conference President

Finance — Missionary Board.

Standing Rules — Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. Bray, Chairman.

W. H. Dyer

R. L. Zuhl

Wm. F. Tice

Lloyd Wallace

Report No. 4.

Missionary Board.

We, the members of your Missionary Board report as follows:

As the Board of Managers of the Illinois Conference in the interim of conference sessions (Discipline, Para. 278) we have held four meetings this past year on August 4, 1955, November 12, 1955, February 12 and April 28, 1956, respectively. (Approval of some items has also been granted by telephone and mail polls). At these meetings the work of the Conference and the needs of our pioneer churches were considered. Plans were made for the extension of the Conference work. The Conference President reported on the state of each church in the Conference at each of the quarterly meetings of the Board and earnest prayer was offered for their needs.

Out of the full record of the decisions made and the churches aided we report the following:

Our Pioneer Projects — A year ago we stationed Rev. and Mrs. Carl E. Olander in our pioneer work at GALESBURG. The Board engaged Mr. Thomas Murray for the first quarter of the Conference year, terminating his employment as Minister of Church Extension at that time and by previous arrangement with him. This was done to transfer the funds formerly used in his support to the support of our stationed pastor. Pastor Olander took up the building program responsibility and has labored faithfully all year. With the occasional help of the Conference President and the brethren of the southern district he has completed the outside of the parsonage and finished the inside of the downstairs. Part of the space has been left open for temporary chapel use. In February we rented the Mission Covenant Chapel building not far away, and began to hold services. On July 1, the first service was held in our lovely new chapel. Pastor Olander plans to hold a dedication service sometime in November and then hopes to see the work grow as he gives himself to pastoral visitation. At the present we are not sure just when we can erect the building moved down from Mendota, because we have had to borrow heavily to get started.

We are rejoicing over the progress made in SHEFFIELD this year. On October 11, 1955, we finally effected an organization with 8 charter members. This is but a handful but it is God's handful and we look for gains each year. One handicap is that we have been compelled to worship in a rented church building since the work was launched in 1951 and we have had no certainty of future use. However, after a miraculous answer to our prayers for funds, we were able to purchase the building from its owners, the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Congregation. The Conference President took title to the church property on July 11, 1956. This attractive little "New England" building needs a new roof and complete redecorating on the inside, but it will eventually be one of the loveliest buildings in the Conference.

Financial Aid — Because of the long distances involved the Board granted aid on the moving expenses of the pastors of WYANET and OAK PARK. These pastors were also granted \$100 each on personal support at last Conference time because they had been without support while changing conferences.

We have continued to pay \$30.00 each month throughout the year on the CREVE COEUR church

mortgage. We have also paid the taxes and insurance on the parsonage there. However, the pastor has been able to reach some fine new families and prospects are brighter for this work to become self-supporting.

New Property — In HOPESTON we have acquired two large corner lots on which to erect a new church building. We trust that the Card Call now made will provide the funds to pay for these lots. We purchased them with funds borrowed from Basil Boyd of Stoneboro, who has invested largely in the pioneer advance of our Conference.

We also have added 25 feet to our frontage in GALESBURG through a tax sale. It is coming to us as a gift through the interest of our next door neighbor there.

New Building — ROCKFORD folk have been working steadily to complete the basement of their lovely new church. They have erected partitions, and installed acoustical tile. PRINCETON'S sanctuary is completed and the basement partially finished. It has been a long pull but the effort has been worth while. MAYWOOD has completed a lovely four-room apartment upstairs in the parsonage. The income from it makes the parsonage payments. The OAK LAWN church folk have built a fine new 30 by 48 brick two-story Sunday School addition to their church plant, at a cost of only \$10,000.00. They used it for the first time on Easter Sunday, when 270 persons were present. (Chicago) AUSTIN has been working on the completion of extensive remodeling which is providing new Sunday School class rooms. CREVE COEUR has completed a "Cry-room" for infants and has finished the inside of the chapel nicely. WYANET has torn down the old parsonage next to the church. They doing well with the financing of the new parsonage across the street. OAK PARK has made some fine improvements on the church building, including a new rear entry. PEORIA is seriously planning to put a superstructure on their basement church building. (Chicago) ROSELAND has voted a new interior for their church. (Chicago) HOYNE AVENUE has made extensive repairs and is planning on a complete remodeling job in their downstairs auditorium. We praise God for these gains and plans for advance!

New Prospects — We worked hard on a very encouraging opportunity in our capital city of SPRINGFIELD for some months this spring, but finally the church building was sold without our knowledge, after having been promised to us. There are two fine young couples of Wesleyan background there who fellowship with a sister holiness church. One couple is interested in our launching a work in their community. Pray that God will provide the finances for this pioneer effort. It will be very costly because of building needs.

A Christian man in WHEATON has been in contact with us for some months and we have looked over a fine new community on the north side of the city. It is a needy field but again our financial commitments to our present pioneer efforts preclude our entering this field unless God works a miracle. Since He has worked so many for us in times past, let us pray for new ones in the coming year.

Financial Analysis: The following breakdown of receipts and disbursements will give a fuller picture of the promotion of the work:

Analysis of Conference Missions Fund

A. Receipts

1) Denominational Home Missions Department		
a) Monthly aid	\$ 550.00	
b) Card Call — Maywood bal.	<u>361.50</u>	
		\$911.50
2) Conference budgets		\$1800.48
3) Loans		
Oak Lawn	\$6895.00	
Maywood	5979.20	
Springfield (Home Dep't.)	2000.00	
C. J. Swing (Sheffield)	1500.00	
Sheffield (C. C. McCarty)	<u>500.00</u>	
		\$16874.20
4) Miscellaneous Sources		
a) S. H. Paine, Jr.	575.00	
b) Fred Schmitt Insurance	15.00	
c) Rev. Clarence Budensiek	40.00	
d) Miss Rosalie Crapo	30.00	
e) Thanksgiving Offering	402.45	
f) Murray Fund	<u>40.98</u>	
		1103.43

Total receipts

Balance on hand, July 16, 1955

Total credits

\$20,689.61
3,015.45
\$23,705.06

B. Disbursements

1) Creve Coeur		
a) Church mortgage	\$360.00	
b) Parsonage taxes	140.64	
c) Parsonage insurance	<u>21.25</u>	
		\$521.87
2) Galesburg		
a) T. Murray salary	450.00	(For 2 months and 1 week)
b) C. Olander salary	1216.50	(Supplemented by local support)
c) C. Olander -- rent	75.00	
d) C. Budensiek gift	40.00	
e) Thanksgiving Offering	393.90	
f) Insurance	124.80	
g) Boyd Loan (building)	2500.00	
h) Olander moving expense	89.75	
i) Interest	<u>410.00</u>	
		\$5299.95
3) Maywood		
a) Card Call final balance	361.50	
b) Loan (Prospect Federal)	<u>4479.20</u>	
		4840.70
4) Oak Lawn		
a) Building loan (Mr. Cline)	6895.00	
5) Oak Park		
a) C. T. Hood interim support	100.00	
b) Hood's moving assistance	<u>125.00</u>	
		225.00
6) Sheffield		
a) Purchase of church	2000.00	
b) Insurance on church	<u>68.60</u>	
		2068.60
7) Springfield		
a) Return loan to Home Dep't.	2000.00	
b) Interest due for three mos.	<u>25.00</u>	
		2025.00
8) Hoopeston		
a) Boyd Loan (C. C. advance)	1500.00	
b) Boyd Loan interest	<u>60.00</u>	
		1560.00
9) Wyanet		
a) Stan Hill interim support	100.00	
b) Hill's moving assistance	<u>125.00</u>	
		225.00
10) Miscellaneous		<u>18.07</u>
Total disbursements		\$23,798.69

C. Balance on hand, July 16, 1956

(-93.63)

Respectfully submitted,
The Missionary Board,
Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman.

Report No. 5.

Camp Meeting Committee.

Camp Arrangements. -- We, your Camp Meeting Committee, operated the 1955 Camp Meeting with finances as reported below and with spiritual blessings too numerous to mention. The closing service saw two rows of altar and benches stretched across the tabernacle where men and women, boys and girls sought God. To Him we give the glory for every victory.

During the 1955 Camp Meeting period we held two Committee meetings for the management of the camp and the allocation of the finances. At the second meeting Rev. L. G. Anderson was elected Treasurer and Rev. D. C. Durey, Secretary.

On February 22, 1956, we met at Princeton, Illinois, to plan for the 1956 Camp Meeting. The chairman reported that Rev. B. O. Crowe was coming as evangelist. Other authorized actions and arrangements provided that Rev. Wm. H. Dyer be Camp Buyer with power to employ a cook and an assistant. Rev. George Skens is the engaged cook. Rev. L. G. Anderson is the registrar. Rev. Harry Moeller and Rev. J. A. Elaine compose the Room Accommodations Committee. Miss Friscilla Kuhn is the song evangelist and Mrs. Howard Perkins, the Child-

ren's worker. The W. M. S. ladies have been assigned the responsibility of the kitchen and dining hall work.

Your chairman has visited the Epworth Park Camp Grounds several times this year to seek the rental of cottages from the owners and to check into the condition of facilities available. The other officers have also given of their time to prepare for the 1956 Camp Meeting. Let us expect a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Camp Meeting Committee,
By Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman.

Camp Meeting Fund: --

Receipts:

1955 Camp Registration	\$1102.00
1955 Camp Offerings	668.24
Pledges	684.00
Meals & Resale of Groceries	92.47
Long Distance Calls paid for	20.53
Refreshment Stand	15.67
W. Y. (Re-embursement for cots purchased)	100.00
Total Receipts	\$2982.91
On Hand July 15, 1955	245.60
Total Credits	\$3328.51

Disbursements:

1955 Camp Groceries	\$937.18
1955 Camp Workers	561.93
1955 Camp Rentals:	
Camp Grounds	\$500.00
Cottages	265.00
P. A. System	45.00
	810.00
Utilities:	
Gas	29.25
Lights	85.00
Telephone	30.90
	145.15
Equipment & Supplies	93.11
Mileage for Supervisors	39.75
Insurance for Pres. Cottage	
(where supplies are stored)	38.28
Printing & Advertising	24.12
Miscellaneous Expense	18.34
Total Disbursements	2566.86

On Hand July 15, 1956

\$ 661.65

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. L. G. Anderson, Treasurer.

Report No. 6.

Sunday School Board.

The Sunday School Board cared for the following items during the past year:

1. Authorized the purchase of the filmstrip series "Know Your Child".
2. Authorized the Conference Sunday School Secretary's expense of \$37.80.
3. Authorized the payment of the additional General Assessment of \$.05 per member from the existing Conference Funds.
4. Granted a donation of \$15.00 to the Greater Chicago Sunday School Association.
5. Authorized the Secretary to subscribe to the N. S. S. A. bulletin, "Link" for the Sunday School Superintendents of the Conference.
6. Made recommendations for the setting up of the Conference S. S. Lending Library.
7. Authorized the purchase of the Christian Educators File for the Conference S. S. Lending Library.
8. Sponsored the Chicagoland Churches on WHEM-TV, with a half-hour program entitled, "The Bible and You".
9. Sent a recommendation to Conference that all churches participate in the NSSA convention in Chicago, October 10, 11, 12, to the greatest extent possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Wendel Craker, Secretary.
Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell
Mr. Irvin Halverson

Report No. 7.Educational Committee.

Because of a Chicagoland tour of the Marion College Choir and numerous gospel team visits throughout the conference, the Educational Committee did not hold a regular meeting. Members of the committee, however, were actively engaged in promoting the interests of Marion College throughout the conference.

The good effect of an educational tour last year by Rev. Howard Noggle, field representative from Marion College, is still being felt and it is hoped that a similar tour can be carried out this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, Chairman.

Report No. 8.Statistical Committee.

(Local Church statistics and conference totals are tabulated on the center pages.)

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. David D. Crail, Chairman.
Rev. Wendel D. Craker
Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.
Mr. Richard Priest
Mrs. Margaret Stone

Report No. 9.Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid.

We, the Board of the Superannuate Ministers' Aid (1955 Discipline, Para. 146) submit the following report:

1) The churches paid their budget in full with the exception of the following: Creve Coeur, \$8.86 due; Hoopston, \$29.25; Oak Park, \$0.06, a deficit in budget receipts of \$38.17. However, Shaffield overpaid \$5.00 and Maywood \$0.06 with the result that the net deficit was only \$33.17. This has been paid to the General Treasurer out of reserve funds on hand.

2) The records of the Secretary-treasurer show that eight ministers are members of the plan. We recommend that all new ministerial members of the Conference be urged to join the plan as soon as possible.

3) We recommend that all the churches consider the payment of 1% which is the pastor's assessment. There are at present at least eight churches that are doing this.

4) We recommend that any receipts from the local church budget in excess of the amount assessed the Conference by the General Board be retained by the treasurer of this fund, to be used as a reserve in the event of a deficit any year in budget receipts.

5) The attention of the ministers of the Conference is called to the new provision in the 1955 Discipline, Paragraph 316, Item 4, Sub-paragraph 5, which reads: "All persons eligible for membership in the Pension Plan on June 1, 1955, must become members of the Plan within two years, and all who subsequently become eligible for membership must join within a two-year period from the time of their eligibility or forfeit their right to become members; however, the above restriction may be waived by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Administration." Also Paragraph 319, Item 7, which reads: "Should a member fail to complete the payment of his quarterly assessments for the current year by the close of the conference fiscal year, he should be granted a grace period of six months before he forfeits his rights to benefits, but he may be reinstated by the approval of the Board and the payment or adjustment of all unpaid assessments with interest as determined by the Board of Managers. Should a member be compelled to withdraw temporarily from active duty because of ill health either of himself or of some member of his family he may retain his membership in the Plan by paying the average of his past annual assessments, unless he should choose to waive service credit for such a period of temporary retirement; in which case the assessments would not be paid and he could be reinstated by complying with the requirements of the Board and paying a nominal fee of \$5.00."

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Chairman.
Rev. Wendel D. Craker
Rev. L. G. Anderson

Report No. 10.Treasurer of Superannuate Pension Fund

<u>Balance on Hand July 15, 1955</u>				\$ 7.40
<u>Receipts: 1955-'56</u>	<u>Church Payments</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Paid</u>
	Austin	74	\$ 111.00	\$ 111.00
	Crovo Coeur	11	16.50	7.64
	Hoopeston	26	39.00	9.75
	Hayne Avenue	37	55.50	55.50
	Maywood	35	52.50	52.56
	Oak Lawn	32	48.00	48.00
	Oak Park	39	58.50	58.44
	Peoria	22	33.00	33.00
	Princeton	27	40.50	40.50
	Rockford	28	42.00	42.00
	Roseland	19	28.50	28.50
	Shoffield	—	—	5.00
	Wyanet	48	72.00	72.00
	<u>Total</u>	<u>398</u>	<u>\$ 597.00</u>	<u>\$ 563.89</u>
	*Conference Treasurer			91.30
	<u>Ministerial Assessments</u>			
	Rev. A. L. Bray			128.56
	Rev. W. D. Craker			36.90
	Rev. D. C. Durey			40.79
	Rev. Harry Moeller			37.90
	Rev. C. E. Olander			39.05
				<u>\$ 283.20</u>
	Miscellaneous			22.00
	<u>Total Receipts</u>			<u>\$ 960.39</u>
	<u>Total Credits</u>			<u>\$ 967.79</u>
<u>Disbursements</u>	1954 & 1955 Budget Deficit		16.50	
	1955 & 1956 Budget		597.00	
	Ministerial Assessments		283.20	
	Miscellaneous		27.04	
	<u>Total Disbursed</u>			<u>\$ 923.74</u>
<u>Balance on Hand July 25, 1956</u>				<u>\$ 44.05</u>

*(Editorial Note: Funds remitted to the Conference Treasurer in 1954 & 1955 and allowed for budget credit in that year, but not transferred to the Superannuate Pension Fund until this present fiscal year.)

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Wendal D. Craker, Treasurer.

Report No. 11.Conference Treasurer.

Statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year ended July 15, 1956:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>7-15-55</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Credits</u>	<u>Disburse-</u> <u>ments</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>7-25-56*</u>
General Conference Budget:					
Home Missions	\$ -0-	\$ 298.71	\$ 298.71	\$ 298.71	\$ -0-
Foreign Missions	-0-	348.57	348.57	348.57	-0-
Education	-0-	903.47	903.47	903.47	-0-
Orphanage	-0-	72.09	72.09	72.09	-0-
Administrative Expense	-0-	184.70	184.70	184.70	-0-
Travel and Entertainment	-0-	57.23	57.23	57.23	-0-
Australia	-0-	64.50	64.50	64.50	-0-
<u>Total General Conf. Budget</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,944.27</u>	<u>1,944.27</u>	<u>1,944.27</u>	<u>-0-</u>

<u>FUND</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>7-15-55</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Credits</u>	<u>Disburse-</u> <u>ments</u>	<u>* Balance</u> <u>7-25-56</u>
Illinois Conference Budget:					
President's Salary	\$ 927.74	\$ 3542.38	\$ 4470.12	\$ 3208.29	\$ 1267.83
Conference Fund	(-85.60)	946.03	860.43	583.33	277.10
Conference Missions	3015.15	20689.61	23705.06	23798.69	(-93.63)
Conference Paper	53.65	187.81	241.46	140.01	101.45
Total Illinois Budget	<u>3911.24</u>	<u>25365.83</u>	<u>29277.07</u>	<u>27728.32</u>	<u>1552.75</u>
Illinois Non-Budget:					
Conference Parsonage	115.39	950.00	1065.39	750.00	315.39
Miscellaneous	-0-	36.66	36.66	36.66	-0-
Illinois Pension Fund	-0-	11.26	11.26	11.26	-0-
Total Illinois Non-Budget	<u>115.39</u>	<u>997.92</u>	<u>1113.31</u>	<u>797.92</u>	<u>315.39</u>
Total All Funds:	<u>\$ 4026.63</u>	<u>\$ 28308.02</u>	<u>\$ 32334.65</u>	<u>\$30466.51</u>	<u>\$ 1868.14</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Wendel D. Graher, Treasurer.

Certification.

In my opinion, the above statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the Illinois Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church is in order for the fiscal year ended July 15, 1956.

* Date of final Bank statement.

W. H. Davis, Auditor.

Report No. 12.

Conference President.

It is with a sense of deep gratitude to God and the brethren that I give an account concerning my stewardship and the state of the Conference. God has abundantly fulfilled His promises to us and the brethren have worked faithfully to fulfill the charge that God has laid upon us. It has been a joy to work together for the salvation of souls.

State of the Conference. -- Again we have made some fine gains which will show in the statistics reported below. We show a gain in total membership (full, associate and junior) but for the first time since our organization in 1949 we show a loss of 16 members in the full membership category. After careful investigation it is found to be not a reduction in our working force but rather an adjustment in the rolls of two of our Chicagoland churches in respect to non-resident and long-absent members. Some of these now show up in the associate list and thus our total membership shows a gain.

Three of our churches have gone through times of severe testing when the enemy of souls made inroads against the fellowship of the saints, but God has wonderfully undertaken and His answers are everywhere in evidence. The Illinois Conference stands for original Methodism with its passion for the salvation of lost men, its emphasis on plain and sacrificial living, and its love of the brethren of differing opinions. We deeply feel our responsibility to "spread scriptural holiness" over this heart-land of America. We rejoice that we have made some progress in launching new churches and reaching hundreds formerly unreached, but we are deeply burdened for the millions still so needy of our Christ.

In the Analysis of our Statistics you will note also a decline in Sunday School main school and total enrollment, but a gain in average attendance. All the items which follow are worthy of your study:

Statistics Reported to Conference In:

	<u>1949</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>Gain or Loss</u> <u>Last Year</u>	<u>Gain In</u> <u>Seven Years</u>
Churches	7	12	13	1	6
Membership	157	* 398	*382	(-16)	225
Total Membership, F, A, J:		426	444		
W. M. S. Members	78	230	274	44	196
W. T. Members	43	147	188	41	145
Wesleyan subs.	71	291	328	37	257
Missionary subs.	89	219	233	14	144
Youth subs.	51	125	162	37	111
Sunday School Roll	753	1629	1563	(-66)	810

	<u>1949</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>Gain or Loss Last Year</u>	<u>Gain In Seven Years</u>
Main School	642	1445	1428	(-17)	786
Average Attendance	416	1003	1022	19	606
Property value	\$144,100	\$555,200	\$607,700	\$52,500	\$453,600
Debt	15,723	119,507	129,082	9,575	113,359
Paid on Debt	2,910	11,223	14,659		
Budget Assigned	1,542	8,497	10,665	2,168	9,123
Budget Raised	1,841	9,195	10,930	1,735	9,089
Pastors' Support	14,055	39,975	47,771	7,796	33,716
Total Raised	\$ 41,458	\$121,961	\$140,316	\$18,355	\$98,858

Personal Service. — In addition to serving the Conference as President I have also continued to serve as pastor of the Chicago-Austin charge. This has been done at the request of the church people and also because of the need to save this Mission Conference some of the heavy expenses of supporting a full-time president. It is also felt that such contribution as I can make as a pastor to the growth of the Conference is needed in these pioneer days. The aid of assistants, E. B. Harvey and recently Glen Klana, has made possible this double responsibility. The strength and grace of God has been my sufficiency for each day.

I have travelled 15,582 miles, contacting our pastors 123 times, making 253 other calls in the Conference interest (these added to 846 pastoral ministrations as Chicago-Austin pastor total 1216 calls for the year) and writing 400 letters. I have held 31 Quarterly Meetings, 4 meetings of the Missionary Board, 3 meetings of the Camp Meeting Committee, serving as Chairman, renting cottages from Free Methodist owners and directing the Annual Camp Meeting, have attended 4 meetings of the Wesleyan Youth Council, and have written and published our Conference bulletin, "The Illinois Tidings." In addition I served as chairman of the Evangelical Ministers' Association of Greater Chicago until the new officers took office in February. I also served as a member of the Board of Chicago Bible Society, attended our Wesleyan Leaders' Conference in April, attended the Regional N. A. E. Convention in December as the representative of the Illinois Conference, attended meetings of the Chicago chapter of the Marion College Alumni Association and spoke in the interests of Church Extension at the Lockport Conference. I have tried faithfully to fulfil the responsibility of my office, but am deeply conscious of my shortcomings. It has been a high privilege to serve my precious Savior who redeemed me out of the hand of the enemy. The past five years of service in this office have passed quickly—so quickly that we have failed to accomplish much that needs to be done. Let us work "for the night is coming when no man can work."

Official Acts. — 1) As Chairman of the Missionary Board and as President of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, an Illinois corporation, I helped to promote pioneer and other building projects, sought loans, executed legal documents and signed the same together with Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., Secretary of the Board of Trustees. (See Trustees Report.)

2) As President of the Illinois Conference and also a member of the Committee on Itinerary and Orders I certified our theological students and young ministers to their several draft boards as legally qualifying for proper draft exemption.

3) September 28, 1955. Attended Dr. J. R. Swanger's funeral in Syracuse, N. Y., officially representing the conference.

4) October 11, 1955. Organized the Sheffield church with proper authorization.

5) December 12, 1955. Attended N. A. E. Regional as representative of the conference.

6) February 2, 1956. Filed annual corporation report with Secretary of State.

7) June 17, 1956. Approved Princeton church calling Rev. Roy Crawford as pastor, with the approval of the President's Advisory Board.

8) June 23, 1956. Accepted the resignation of Rev. C. T. Hood, pastor of the Oak Park church.

9) June 26, 1956. Received Rev. Glen Klana, a conference preacher, by transfer from the Dakota Conference.

10) July 15, 1956. Approved Oak Park church calling Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell as pastor, with the approval of the President's Advisory Board. Appointed him pastor immediately.

Analysis of President's Salary Fund. —

A. Receipts

1) Budget (pastors' tithes)	\$3447.38
2) Refund of Leaders' Conference expense (from F. R. Eddy)	95.00
Total Receipts	\$3542.38
Balance July 16, 1956	227.74
Total Credits	

\$4470.12

B. Disbursements

1) President's Salary	\$2400.00
2) Travel expense	462.01
3) Telephone	240.28
4) Leaders' Conference expense	<u>100.00</u>

Total Disbursements	3202.29
Balance July 15, 1956	<u>\$1267.83</u>

Analysis of Conference Fund. --

A. Receipts

1) Budget from churches	\$760.59
2) Home Department reward	93.19
3) Miscellaneous receipts	
a) Oak Lawn refund on legal expenses	87.00
b) Check carried over from last year	<u>5.25</u>
Total receipts	<u>\$945.03</u>
Balance July 16, 1955 (Deficit)	<u>(85.60)</u>
Net Credits	

\$860.43

B. Disbursements

1) Conference Office expense		
a) Postage, incl. Conf. Treas. for 2 yrs.	\$40.00	
b) Supplies, repairs	34.00	
c) Typewriter purchase, stand and maintenance	76.45	
d) Conference stationery	<u>16.22</u>	\$166.67
2) Leaders' Conference Budget		15.50
3) J. R. Swauger Memorial Gift		25.00
4) Legal expense		
a) Oak Lawn title expense (reimbursed)	87.00	
b) Conf. Lock Box rental	19.80	
c) Abstract and filing fees	<u>25.00</u>	121.80
5) Miscellaneous		
a) Typing General Conference Minutes	9.00	
b) Camp organ repair	10.00	
c) Books and periodicals	16.65	
d) Telephone	<u>6.71</u>	42.36
6) 1955 Minutes		
a) Printing	200.00	
b) Mailing	<u>12.00</u>	212.00

Total Disbursements	\$583.33
Balance July 15, 1956	<u>\$277.10</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. A. L. Bray, Conference President.

Report No. 13.

Editor and Publisher of Conference Paper.

As Editor and Publisher of your Conference paper, THE ILLINOIS TIDINGS, I submit the following report:

There have been eight issues of our two-six page mimeographed monthly bulletin containing promotional information and news of the churches of the Illinois Conference. The November-December, January-February, April-June issues were combined because of the pressures on the editor incidental to work on the Galesburg parsonage, January quarterly meeting visitation and lack of help in the office, respectively.

The TIDINGS has averaged about 350 copies each issue. Each copy is composed of several pages which must be first mimeographed from typed stenils, then assembled, stapled, folded,

addressed, stamped, sorted by destination, tied with cord and finally taken to the post-office. This explains why we are unable to put out the TIDINGS when we have no help in the Conference Office.

In respect to the financing of publishing the TIDINGS I refer you to the Conference Treasurer's report, which gives the total received through budgets and disbursed for the materials and postage used in publishing and mailing your conference paper. Incidentally, I am so pleased that we assess ourselves a small budget for our promotional paper rather than resort to the continual pleading that the editors of other conference papers are compelled to do in order to collect their overdue subscriptions!

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. A. L. Bray, Editor.

Report No. 14.

Member Local Board of Trustees of Marion College.

As your representative on the Local Board of Trustees of Marion College, I report that I have attended all the meetings of the Board this past year. You probably have heard that the last General Conference changed the name of the Board from "Local Board of Managers" to "Local Board of Trustees." This change in name accompanies the assigning of larger responsibilities to your Board in the management of the college.

Once again I find it enjoyable to report because things have been happening at the college. These happenings represent progress. Once more the college has experienced a good year in the realm of revival and spiritual emphasis.

The emphasis this year has been on expansion of our land holdings. We have acquired several parcels of land, giving larger acreage to the college campus. The larger plot of land is located on the eastern side of the campus. These additions have been made because of the new campus plan which has been designed for the future growth of Marion College.

After much time and tribulation, Williams Hall for Men is now under construction. It is hoped that this dormitory will be ready for use this fall. Other building projects are under consideration by the Board. Many new pieces of equipment for the college have been purchased and there has been considerable remodeling of the older buildings. In the face of these extra expenses, we are thankful that by God's help and the efficient work of the business manager, Mr. Baldwin, the college has finished the year in the black.

Your continued prayer support is desired. Make this college your college. Be a booster for Marion College!

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Carl E. Glander, Illinois Member
of the Local Board of Trustees of
Marion College.

Report No. 15.

Educational Secretary.

It has been my privilege as Educational Secretary to promote Marion College both privately and publicly throughout the conference. Folders and catalogues were displayed during our conference Youth Week tour; a notice was published in our conference "Youth Notes" urging pastors to promote Senior Day at Marion College. This promotional feature was received with great interest and it is hoped that even more will attend it this coming year.

We have twenty students enrolled in Marion College for the coming fall term. By way of membership percentage, Illinois ranks first in number of students at Marion of all conferences in our area.

There were eight churches who enlisted the services of eleven gospel teams. The college choir ministered in music to four churches. This ministry was greatly appreciated and keenly felt in the spiritual life of our churches.

We have one alumni chapter located in the Chicagoland area. The chapter held three meetings and helpful projects are being sponsored for the college.

Let us pray that God will continue to bless Marion College in her plans for expansion. For the sacrificial labors of her consecrated staff, let us praise Him.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Robert L. Zuhl,
Educational Secretary.

CHARGE		Item I. Pastor's Labors			Item II. Periodicals															
		Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	Organized Church Appointments	Wesleyan Method- ists Taken	Wesleyan Mission- aries Taken	Wesleyan Youths Taken	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Adult Teacher's Quarterly	Intermediate Teach- er's Quarterly	Junior-Primary Reader's Quarterly	Senior Scholar's Quarterly	Intermed. School's Quarterly	Junior Scholar's Quarterly	Primary Scholar's Quarterly	Home Dep't. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflet	Other Helps
Austin (Chicago)	Rev. A. L. Bray	12	1	1	73	24	21	35			6			50					35	
Creve Coeur	Rev. J. A. Elaine	12	1	1	1	13	1	23				1	5	18	18	15			16	35
Galesburg	Rev. C. E. Olander	12	1	1	5	9	1	18		6	2		2	10	10	23			16	25
Hopkinton	Rev. L. G. Anderson	12	1	1	10	9	7	15	15	10				30	10		12		16	25
Hoyle Avenue (Chicago)	Rev. Harry Moeller	12	1	1	34	12	20	34		30		2	2	30	20				12	
Maywood	Rev. D. D. Graill	12	1	1	12	18	11							45					12	
Oak Lawn	Rev. R. L. Zuhl	12	1	1	34	35	12	50			4			35						
Oak Park	Rev. C. T. Hood	12	1	1	33	13	13				2			20	15	10	12		6	
Peoria	Rev. O. M. Price	12	1	1	22	17	4	25	18	15	7	1	2	35					12	
Princeton	Rev. D. C. Durey	12	1	1	21	20	6	30		14			2	40	10	20	24	3	12	
Rockford	Rev. W. H. Dyer	12	1	1	29	24	39	50	14	20	5	2	5	35					12	32
Roseland (Chicago)	Rev. W. D. Craker	12	1	1	24	18	5							20					6	
Sheffield	Rev. C. C. McCarty	12	1	1	5	6	4	15	8	10	3		2	20					10	11
Wyanet	Rev. S. A. Hill	12	1	1	27	20	20	35			7			50					6	
TOTALS		168	14	13	328	233	162	322	55	105	46	8	20	353	73	94	62	7	145	150

CHARGE	Item III. Membership																				
	Full Membership Reported Last Year	Full Members Received This Year	Sub-Total	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Members Lost	Present Full Membership	Associate Members	Junior Members	Total Present Membership	Total Membership Reported Last Year	Gain in Members For the Year	Loss in Members For the Year	Baptized	Infants Dedicated	Local Preachers	Unstationed Elders	Family Altars	Membership Tithing	Number of Card and Subscribers
Austin (Chicago)	74	4	78	16	2	6	24	54	22		76	87		11		1	2		42	54	21
Creve Coeur	11		11			1	1	10		3	13	14		1					6	5	4
Galesburg																					
Hopkinton	26	2	28	11		2	13	15	4		19	26		7					4	10	8
Hoyle Avenue (Chicago)	37	9	46			2	4	42			42	37	5						26	37	50
Maywood	35	1	36		1	2	3	33	8	1	41	39							10	21	21
Oak Lawn	32	3	35			4	4	31	5		37	37							10	17	6
Oak Park	39	3	42	4		9	13	29			29	39		1					19	32	28
Peoria	22	2	24		2	1	1	23		3	26	22	4	10					7	20	10
Princeton	27	4	31			1		30	3		33	29	4						10	32	22
Rockford	28	10	38					38		13	51	28	23		6		2	2	8	15	7
Roseland (Chicago)	19	4	23					23			23	19	4		11				2	4	1
Sheffield		8	8			4	4	4			4	4	4			1	2		2	4	1
Wyanet	48	4	52	2			2	50			50	48	2				1		15	19	16
TOTALS	398	94	492	36	4	30	70	382	42	20	444	426	48	30	20	20	12	3	159	266	208

CHARGE	Item VII. Disbursed for Church								Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget					
	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Amount Paid on Expense of Indebtedness	Church Incidental Expense	Total for Church	Australia Assigned	Australia Raised	Foreign Missions Assigned	Foreign Missions Raised	Home Missions Assigned	Home Missions Raised
Austin (Chicago)	\$ 284.42	\$ 684.26	\$ 775.47	\$ 785.60	\$ 4,037.50	\$ 1,023.48	\$ 7,396.57	\$14,987.30	\$18.50	\$ 43.50	\$148.00	\$ 197.71	\$ 92.50	\$114.35
Creve Coeur	141.16	300.18		171.51	461.04	558.96	604.65	2,237.50	2.75	7.05	22.00	52.96	13.75	22.60
Galesburg		47.84	6,911.16				560.11	7,519.11						
Hoopesburg	328.35	210.00		240.00	104.00	40.00	1,025.37	1,947.72	6.50	3.24	52.00	46.25	32.50	25.25
Hoynes Avenue (Chicago)	293.09	709.00		901.07	1,319.00	385.00	1,199.66	4,807.02	9.25	9.36	74.00	74.04	46.25	46.32
Maywood	218.23	678.77	2,828.32	63.23	850.00	1,622.65	2,604.29	8,855.51	8.75	25.56	70.00	96.67	43.75	53.50
Oak Lawn	394.62	730.16	7,524.72	627.06	1,617.54	760.64	1,783.59	13,438.33	8.00	8.00	64.00	101.76	40.00	51.16
Oak Park	393.04	684.15	12.50	48.00	600.00	258.00	2,518.03	4,673.72	9.75	9.96	78.00	88.00	48.75	58.84
Peoria	482.66	328.79			348.17	136.29	385.33	1,681.54	5.50	5.50	44.00	53.05	27.50	27.30
Princeton	70.00	508.25	363.46		323.18	283.82	568.28	2,116.99	6.75	5.75	54.00	62.19	33.75	30.67
Rockford	364.00	438.26	2,157.59		3,013.15	737.00	1,737.73	8,447.73	7.00	7.00	56.00	184.35	75.94	75.94
Roseland (Chicago)	123.75	171.14	43.24	4.62	995.49			1,338.24	4.75	4.75	38.00	38.00	23.75	24.75
Sheffield	102.32	256.14		6.50			530.93	895.89	1.00	1.00		10.05	7.75	7.75
Wyanet	150.00	464.79	162.04		900.00	18.00	814.20	2,509.03	12.00	12.00	96.00	96.10	60.00	61.40
TOTALS	\$3,345.64	\$6,371.73	\$20,778.50	\$2,847.61	\$14,569.07	\$5,824.14	\$21,728.94	\$75,465.63	\$99.50	\$142.67	\$796.00	\$1,101.13	\$497.50	\$600.43

CHARGE	Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget (Continued)													
	Education Assigned	Education Raised	Superannuated Ministers' Fund Assigned	Superannuated Ministers' Fund Raised	Orphanage Assigned	Orphanage Raised	Administrative Budget Assigned	Administrative Budget Raised	General Conf. Assigned	General Conf. Raised	General S. S. Work Assigned	General S. S. Work Raised	Total General Budget Assigned	Total General Budget Raised
Austin (Chicago)	\$ 222.00	\$ 222.00	\$111.00	\$111.00	\$16.50	\$ 23.50	\$ 37.00	\$ 37.00	\$11.10	\$11.10	\$ 14.80	\$ 14.80	\$ 673.40	\$ 774.96
Creve Coeur	33.00	10.75	16.50	4.62	2.75	6.10	5.50	2.80	1.65	.61	15.30	4.62	113.20	112.13
Galesburg														
Hoopesburg	78.00	39.00	39.00	9.75	6.50	3.24	13.00	6.48	3.90	1.92	14.20	3.94	245.60	138.67
Hoynes Avenue (Chicago)	111.00	111.00	55.50	55.50	9.25	9.36	18.50	18.60	5.55	5.64	9.60	9.60	338.90	339.42
Maywood	105.00	106.75	52.50	52.56	8.75	18.75	17.50	17.50	5.25	5.25	7.50	7.50	319.00	364.04
Oak Lawn	96.00	103.67	48.00	48.00	8.00	13.00	16.00	16.00	4.80	4.80	17.40	17.90	302.20	364.49
Oak Park	117.00	117.25	58.50	58.44	9.75	10.13	19.50	19.56	5.85	5.88	7.10	7.10	354.20	375.16
Peoria	66.00	66.00	33.00	33.00	5.50	5.50	11.00	13.50	3.30	3.30	8.00	9.00	203.80	216.75
Princeton	81.00	83.00	40.50	40.50	6.75	6.76	13.50	11.50	4.05	3.68	16.90		257.20	244.05
Rockford	84.00	98.32	42.00	42.00	7.00	7.00	14.00	14.00	4.20	4.20	13.70	20.55	262.90	453.37
Roseland (Chicago)	57.00	57.00	28.50	28.50	4.75	4.75	9.50	9.50	2.85	2.85	5.60	5.60	174.70	175.70
Sheffield		9.50		5.00		2.00		1.50		.50	2.80	2.80	25.00	40.10
Wyanet	144.00	144.00	72.00	72.00	12.00	12.00	24.00	24.00	7.20	7.20	10.30	10.30	437.50	439.00
TOTALS	\$1,194.00	\$1,168.44	\$597.00	\$560.89	\$99.50	\$122.09	\$199.00	\$191.95	\$99.70	\$96.93	\$145.20	\$113.31	\$3,685.40	\$4,057.64

CHARGE	Item VIII. Disbursed for Conference Budget													
	President's Salary Assigned	President's Salary Raised	Conference Work Assigned	Conference Work Raised	Conference Missions Assigned	Conference Missions Raised	Conference Paper Assigned	Conference Paper Raised	Conference S. S. Assigned	Conference S. S. Raised	Total Conference Budget Assigned	Total Conference Budget Raised	Total Budget Assigned	Total Budget Raised
Austin (Chicago)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.04	\$148.00	\$148.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 14.80	\$ 14.80	\$1,069.80	\$1,069.84	\$ 1,743.20	\$ 1,844.80
Creve Coeur	203.50	66.00	22.00	5.02	55.00	25.70	5.50	2.01	15.30	4.62	301.30	144.50	219.48	219.48
Galesburg	337.00	318.75				2.78					337.00	321.53	337.00	321.53
Hoopeston	356.00		52.00	25.98	130.00	74.88	13.00	3.00	14.20	3.24	369.20	107.50	610.80	246.17
Hoyle Avenue (Chicago)	356.00	279.00	74.00	74.04	185.00	184.68	18.50	18.96	9.60	9.60	659.10	566.28	990.00	905.70
Maywood	156.00	156.00	70.00	70.00	175.00	176.54	17.50	17.59	7.50	7.50	426.00	427.54	745.00	811.58
Oak Lawn	313.65	312.00	64.00	64.00	160.00	160.00	16.00	16.00	17.40	17.90	571.05	569.90	873.25	934.39
Oak Park	313.65	267.00	78.00	78.00	195.00	195.60	19.50	19.56	7.10	7.10	613.45	567.26	967.65	942.82
Peoria	264.40	196.80	44.00	44.04	110.00	110.04	11.00	11.00	8.00	9.00	377.40	370.88	581.20	587.63
Princeton	260.00	259.00	54.00	49.50	135.00	138.54	13.50	12.87	16.90		479.40	459.11	736.60	703.16
Rockford	468.00	546.00	56.00	56.01	140.00	150.70	14.00	14.61	13.70	13.70	691.70	780.42	954.60	1,233.79
Roseland (Chicago)	289.60	289.69	38.00	38.00	95.00	550.00	9.50	9.50	5.60	5.60	437.70	892.79	612.40	1,068.49
Sheffield		12.00		5.00		5.00		2.00	2.80	2.80		26.80	5.60	66.90
Wyanet	285.00	235.00	96.00	96.00	240.00	240.00	24.00	24.00	10.30	10.30	656.30	605.30	1,093.80	1,044.30
TOTALS	\$3,852.00	\$3,437.28	\$796.00	\$756.59	\$1,990.00	\$2,385.36	\$199.00	\$186.81	\$143.20	\$106.46	\$6,980.20	\$6,872.50	\$10,665.60	\$10,930.34

CHARGE	Item IX. Disbursed for Benevolences								Item X. Disbursed Totals					
	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Conference Work	Wesleyan Youth	Other Objects	Total for Benevolences	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes	
Austin (Chicago)	\$2,000.69	\$24.27	\$ 68.10	\$	\$ 223.93	\$ 91.65	\$160.05	\$2,758.69	\$ 3,704.60	\$14,987.30	\$ 1,844.80	\$2,758.69	\$ 23,295.39	
Creve Coeur	22.13	10.81		9.47	15.41		12.67	70.49	3,202.41	2,237.50	219.48	70.49	5,729.88	
Galesburg		10.00					15.00	25.00	3,905.00	7,519.11	321.53	25.00	11,770.64	
Hoopeston	10.54				10.58			21.12	2,110.00	1,947.72	246.17	21.12	4,325.01	
Hoyle Avenue (Chicago)	101.39	111.28	15.04				21.00	248.71	4,532.00	4,807.02	905.70	248.71	10,493.43	
Maywood	94.61	21.94	54.30		17.00	73.55	30.00	291.60	1,670.00	8,855.51	811.58	291.60	11,638.69	
Oak Lawn	136.37	96.25	43.47		270.00	5.00	25.76	576.85	4,200.50	13,438.33	934.39	576.85	19,151.07	
Oak Park	22.88	19.55	4.25		21.50	120.20	63.75	252.13	4,638.50	4,673.72	942.42	252.13	10,506.77	
Peoria								3,179.00	1,681.54	1,681.54	587.63		5,448.17	
Princeton	32.00	52.00				40.00	163.83	287.83	3,249.24	2,116.99	703.16	287.83	6,357.22	
Rockford	45.89	111.64			184.42	61.84	158.87	562.66	5,883.00	8,447.73	1,233.79	562.66	16,127.18	
Roseland (Chicago)	150.00	109.00			370.71			629.71	3,691.00	1,338.24	1,068.49	629.71	6,727.44	
Sheffield	2.44	3.70			3.85	48.81		58.80	318.00	895.89	66.90	58.80	1,339.59	
Wyanet	181.23					72.00	113.75	366.98	3,487.00	2,509.03	1,044.30	366.98	7,407.31	
TOTALS	\$2,800.37	\$760.44	\$185.16	\$9.47	\$1,117.40	\$513.05	\$764.68	\$6,150.57	\$47,771.25	\$75,465.63	\$10,930.34	\$6,150.57	\$140,317.79	

Report No. 16.Conference Trustees.**A. Official Acts.—**

The Conference Board of Trustees reports the following official actions during the fiscal year 1955-1956:

1. August 4, 1955. The Board was organized with A. L. Bray as President, and S. Hugh Paine, Jr., as secretary. Routine organizational business was conducted.

2. November 12, 1955. Authorized purchase of the property lying just west of the Oak Lawn church at 5809 W. 90th St., Oak Lawn, for the sum of \$9,000, \$1500 of which was to be a cash payment of funds offered for loan by Mr. Fred Zuhl, and the remaining \$7500 to be a loan from the Standard Federal Savings and Loan Association secured by a first mortgage on the purchased property and payable in monthly installments of \$58.00.

This action was not consummated because the owners of the property withdrew their offer to sell it.

3. March 31, 1956. Authorized the President and Secretary to execute new notes dated April 1, 1956, for the indebtedness of the Oak Park and Peoria churches to Mr. J. W. Shatford, equity of which had been assigned by him to the Home Missions Department of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society (a Corporation). The new notes were to be for 5 years at 5% interest per annum, expiring April 1, 1961. The Oak Park note was for \$5713, payable at \$50.00 per month plus interest; Peoria note was for \$2144, payable at \$25.00 per month, including interest. Both notes were executed April 12, 1956.

4. April 11, 1956. Authorized obtaining a loan of \$2000 from the Home Missions Department of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society (a Corporation), secured by an installment note due 5 years from date of execution and payable at \$100 or more per annum plus interest of 5%. The note was executed as of April 16, 1956, by the President and Secretary and the money obtained for the purpose of initial payment on purchase of an available church property in Springfield, Illinois. This deal failed because the offer was withdrawn. The loan money was returned to Dr. Sheets.

5. May 7, 1956. Authorized the purchase of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church property at Sheffield, Illinois, for the sum of \$2000. Authorized the following loans to finance the purchase: (1). \$1500 from the Mr. C. J. Ewing, Mobile, Alabama, secured by three \$500 promissory notes for 5 years at 5% per annum, with optional principal payments of \$100 per annum on each note. (2). \$500 from Rev. C. C. McCarty, secured by promissory note running for one year at 6% interest, these being the terms of a personal bank loan obtained by Rev. McCarty to help finance the purchase. The McCarty note and one Ewing note were executed under date of May 7, 1956. Two of the Ewing notes were lumped together into a note for \$1000, dated June 20, 1956, with terms as agreed above.

6. July 25, 1956. Authorized obtaining an additional loan of \$3000 for Oak Lawn church from Mr. J. Herbert Cline, Chicago, for the purpose of finishing the construction and the finishing of the Sunday School addition. Directed the President and Secretary to execute an installment note and trust deed on the church property, naming Chicago Title and Trust Co. as trustee, in the amount of the balance of present note plus the new loan (total \$9426.44). Due date is August 1, 1966, and the installments are \$100.00 or more per month plus interest at 5%. Action on this directive is now pending.

B. Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Illinois Conference —

<u>Assets</u>	
*Value of Local Church Buildings	\$378,200.00
*Value of Local Church Parsonages	131,500.00
Loans Receivable	
Conference Parsonage Fund	1,725.00
Illinois Superannuated Fund	500.00
**Cash Balances in Conference Funds	1,868.14
Total Assets	\$513,793.14

<u>Liabilities</u>	
*Loans Payable	
Local Church Buildings	\$ 67,656.73
Local Church Parsonages	43,048.71
Total Liabilities	\$110,705.44

Net Worth \$403,087.70

*Properties held in trust by the Conference Trustees include all in the Illinois Conference except Austin.

**See Treasurer's Report.

Respectfully submitted for the
Board of Trustees,
S. Hugh Paine, Jr., Secretary.

Report No. 17.

Conference Sunday School Secretary.

The activities of the Sunday School Secretary for the year include the following:

- 1) Arranged for the Sunday School services of the Annual Camp Meeting.
- 2) Presided over the activities of the Sunday School Board.
- 3) Administered the use of the filmstrip series "Successful Teaching". Churches using the series in whole or part include Austin, Hoynes Avenue, Maywood, and Princeton.
- 4) Secured additional materials authorized by the Sunday School Board. (See Report No. 6 and financial items of this report.)
- 5) Represented the Conference on the Board of the Greater Chicago Sunday School Association.
- 6) Directed the Chicagoland Sunday School television program on July 22 over WBBM-TV in which 27 persons from the six Chicagoland churches participated.

Financial Statement:

Receipts:

1955 Camp Offering	\$ 39.73
Conference Budget	106.46
General Budget	113.31
Sale of S. S. Keys	11.50
Gift from CBS Television	25.00
Miscellaneous	57.38
Total Receipts	\$353.38
Balance on Hand July 17, 1955	100.89
Total Credits	\$454.27

Disbursements:

General Budget	\$216.75
S. S. Keys	20.00
"Know Your Child"	
filmstrip	57.50
Gift to G. C. S. S. A.	15.00
"Link" subscriptions	14.00
Secretary's Expense	37.80
Books and Supplies	9.68
Miscellaneous	57.38
Total Disbursements	\$428.11

Balance on Hand July 25, 1956 \$ 26.16

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Wendel Craker, Secretary.

Report No. 18.

Child Evangelism Director.

- 2 Bible Clubs with average attendance of 24. 382 verses memorized.
- 2 Children's Church. Average attendance 40. No record of verses.
- 1 Released Time. Average attendance 24. 458 verses memorized.
- 2 or 3 others but no report.
- Other Bible Clubs were conducted at Creve Coeur, Peoria, Sheffield under the Bible Club Movement and could not be included in this report.
- Jet Cadets functioned at Roseland.

Respectfully submitted,
Ethel Dyer, Child Evangelism Director.

Report No. 19.

Wesleyan Men's Fellowship Secretary.

The cause of this organization was not promoted this year because it has seemed unwise to further burden the local program at this time with another activity, especially when most of the churches are in building programs, and the men are putting their time into the work of the Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. A. Blaine, Secretary.

Report No. 20.

Boys' and Girls' Clubs Secretary.

The need of reaching boys and girls for Jesus Christ in their impressionable years con-

times to be one of the most pressing obligations of the church. With the increasing competition from school activities, worldly amusements, television, and secular youth activities, it is becoming ever harder to draw unreached children into our churches. It is becoming more and more difficult to hold those children we have reached for the church with the Sunday services alone. With these two problems in mind, it is apparent that a midweek children's activity time can be a valuable aid in fulfilling both needs. At present two of our churches have organized club programs; one is using "Scouting", and others are using athletics to somewhat fill the gap.

Austin and Maywood each have Christian Service Brigade Battalions for boys 12 to 18, and Stockades for boys 8 to 11. Each of these churches has about 30 boys in its program. Austin is also using the Pioneer Girls club program with 30 girls in the Pilgrims and Colonists divisions. Maywood has laid plans to organize a Pioneer Girls club the first of September. Oak Park is using "Boy Scouts" as its liaison with the community boys. No definite girls work is in operation there. Rockford has sponsored a basketball team in a church league this year, and Mcqueston, Rockford, and the Chicagoland churches have had softball teams during the summer. Many of the Wesleyan Youth groups have social activities during the week.

Certainly these activities help meet a need for our young people. However, athletics and social times alone during the week do not promote the unified Christian life that an organized club program such as Brigade and Pioneer girls does. The problem in most of our churches is the lack of real spiritual vision for making balanced, spiritual leaders among our youth. Our sights are usually set too low. We tend to see only the immediate problem. The Pastors have the vision. But where are the willing laymen who can do the job? The fields are white unto harvest, but the "la(y)borers" are few. Most of our churches would probably use a club program if leadership were available. The only real answer to this need that I know is to pray the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth laborers into this great whitened field, the ripest field I know of.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. David D. Crail, Secretary.

Report No. 21.

Auditing Committee.

We have checked the financial statements of the Conference Sunday School Secretary, and the Pension Fund Treasurer, and find them to be correct within the limits of receipts, deposit slips, and other vouchers presented. We have checked the financial statements and ledger of the Camp Meeting Treasurer and find them to be correct as adjusted.

We recommend that each Treasurer keep a ledger book based on the system now in operation in his treasury.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. David D. Crail, Chairman.
Rev. W. D. Craker
Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.
Mrs. Margaret Stone
Mr. Richard Priest

Report No. 22.

Passage of Character Committee.

Your committee has examined the records concerning fulfillment of ministerial obligations and finds the following:

- 1) Expressed in all Character blanks is an intent and purpose to fulfill Disciplinary requirements of service with recognition in some cases that this goal has not been attained.
- 2) A number of shortages in payment of budgets appear on the statistical blanks, most of which are inadvertencies which were noted too late to remedy.
- 3) In particular, the following shortages in payment of conference ministerial tithe are noted: Rev. L. G. Anderson, \$156.00; Rev. J. A. Blaine, \$137.50; Rev. D. C. Durey, \$1.00; Rev. S. A. Hill, \$21.00; Rev. C. T. Hood, \$46.85; Rev. H. Moeller, \$85.00; Rev. C. E. Mander, \$18.25; Rev. O. E. Price, \$7.60; Rev. R. L. Zuhl, \$1.65.

In the cases of Rev. L. G. Anderson and Rev. J. A. Blaine, the tithe was applied to local church needs; in the latter case by a personal decision to do so, and in the former by failure of the local treasurer to pay out the funds in accordance with the conference ruling. The other brethren failed by inadvertency in closing their church financial year, and they have made up the deficits already or have indicated their intent to do so.

It is the recommendation of the committee that the character of all but the first two named brethren be passed, as their obligations have been met. Brothers Andersen and Blaine are referred to Conference for its decision and recommendation. *

*Note: By action of Conference the characters of all ministers were declared Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman.
Rev. Harry Moeller
Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

Report No. 23.

Tithing Secretary.

I secured tithing literature and gave to the various pastors to hand to their local tithing secretaries. The type of literature used is as follows: The Tithing Covenant cards, of which I secured 200; and 1000 pamphlets and tracts I thought very instructive and inspiring in regard to stewardship, and our obligation to God and the church. Total cost of literature was \$13.00. Total membership tithing is 266.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. C. C. McCarty, Secretary.

Report No. 24.

Moral Reform Committee.

World conditions today make it imperative that we as a church examine our position to re-emphasize those areas in which Satan is exerting extreme pressure. We feel that it is of utmost urgency that we emphasize to the fullest extent of our ability Bible teachings of regeneration, sanctification and separation. The imminent return of our Lord is the greatest Biblical argument for a pure, unselfish, devoted, unworldly, active life of service.

1) Be it resolved that there be a continued emphasis upon personal Christian living in the areas of more intensified prayer and Bible study.

2) Be it resolved that greater lay participation be encouraged in the promotion of Christ's kingdom in the local church, thru personal evangelism.

3) Be it resolved that the church seek to take its place in the life and welfare of the community in the following areas:

a. Segregation — Realizing the potential danger of this question, the church is urged to maintain a considerate Christian attitude to those of other races and nationalities.

b. That the church stand for those things which build the community, and against that which is detrimental to the welfare of the community, especially in relation to the nefarious traffic in tobacco, liquor, narcotics and peddling of obscene literature.

4) Be it resolved that all Christian parents seek to establish and maintain the family altar, and to create a spiritual atmosphere, thus counteracting the insidious invasion of evil influences into the sanctity of the home via TV, radio, newspapers, magazines and other means of disseminating detrimental information. That we write letters of commendation or objection to the editors of newspapers, periodicals, and to the managers of TV and radio stations in relation to content and programming.

5) Be it resolved that we re-emphasize the urgency of maintaining separation of Church and State.

6) Finally, it is urged that all our people use the Discipline as the standard of genuine Christian conduct with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Carl E. Olander
Miss Velma Moore
Mr. John Kodl
Mr. Orville R. Senger
Rev. L. G. Anderson
Rev. C. C. McCarty

Report No. 25.

Finance Committee.

We, your Committee on finance, recommend the following: --

I. The General Budget assessments shall be apportioned as follows, in accordance with the General Conference regulations:

Australia - - - - -	\$ 0.25	per member.
Church Extension and Home Mission - - - - -	1.25	" " "
Orphanage - - - - -	0.25	" " "
Foreign Missions - - - - -	2.00	" " "
Education - - - - -	3.00	" " "
Superannuate Pension Fund - - - - -	1.50	" " "
General Administrative Expense - - - - -	0.50	" " "
General Conference Travel and Entertainment - - - - -	0.15	" " "

Total General Budget \$ 8.90 " " "

II. The Illinois Conference Budget Assessments shall be:

A. On a per member basis: --

Conference Fund - - - - -	\$ 2.00	per member.
Conference Paper - - - - -	0.50	" " "
Conference Missions - - - - -	6.00	" " "

Sub Total \$ 8.50 " " "

B. On a Church basis: --

Presidents' Support and Expense:

An amount equal to one tenth of pastor's salary.

III. Miscellaneous assessments shall be: --

General Sunday School Dues - - - - -	\$ 0.15	per member.*
Conference Sunday School Dues - - - - -	0.10	" " "

Total \$ 0.25 " " "

*(Membership is based on total number in Main School as recorded in the 1956 Minutes. This assessment should be sent directly to the Sunday School Secretary, Rev. W. D. Craker, 10723 S. Perry, Chicago 28, Ill.)

IV. President's Support and Expense Fund.

a) We recommend that each church be assessed an amount equal to one tenth of the cash salary of its pastor (excluding assistant pastors), and that this sum be sent in at the end of each month by the church treasurer to the conference treasurer, Rev. Glen Klasna, 500 N. Laramie St., Chicago 44, Illinois. All pastors will pay their tithes directly into the local church treasury.

b) We recommend that the president be paid \$225.00 per month, in advance, out of the president's support and expense fund.

c) We recommend that seven cents per mile travel allowance in addition to other incidental expenses be allowed the conference president. This expense shall be paid out of the president's support and expense fund.

Respectfully and prayerfully submitted
by the Missionary Board,
Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., Secretary.

Report No. 26.

Sunday School Committee.

We, the members of your Sunday School Committee recommend: 1) That the Conference be divided into two districts; that the Northern District be composed of the churches in Chicagoland and Rockford; that the Southern District be composed of all other churches of the conference; and that one Sunday School Rally be held in each of the districts. 2) That the Sunday School Secretary make arrangements for meeting with the Sunday School superintendents in the interim of conference. 3) That the Sunday Schools send only special denominational offerings to General Headquarters and a report of such offerings to the Conference Sunday School Secretary. 4) That the Conference Sunday School budget be 10¢ per member, based on the members in the main school reported in the 1956 Annual Conference Minutes, and that said monies be sent to the Conference Sunday School Secretary. 5) That the General Conference apportionment be 15¢ per member, as above, and be sent to the Conference Sunday School Secretary. 6) That our Sunday Schools be encouraged to hold monthly teachers meetings. 7) That each pastor and Sunday School leader evaluate their present

teaching materials in the light of doctrinal emphasis, and that the use of our own denominational materials again be urged. 8) That since a study of the reported statistics indicate a weakness in the areas of the Home Department and Teacher Training, we especially urge these aspects of the Sunday School be especially considered in the local churches. 9) That a banner be awarded in each district to the church having the highest percentage of officers and teachers participating in the National Sunday School Convention to be held in Chicago in October.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. W. D. Craker, Secretary.
 Rev. J. A. Elaine Sam Berry
 Rev. J. T. Ledwell Ray Dyer

Report No. 27.

Thanks Committee.

We, of the Thanks Committee, wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the following who have had a part in making this past year a time of definite progress, and this session of Conference and our coming Camp Meeting a time of real blessing and inspiration:

- 1) God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for a gracious visitation of divine blessing resulting in personal dedication and progress in Illinois.
- 2) The Camp Committee and Youth Camp Council who under God's guidance so effectively set up a fine program and arranged for such consecrated workers as Rev. B. O. Crowe, camp evangelist, Misses Priscilla Kuhn and Ann Paine, song evangelists, and the services of Mrs. Howard Perkins as Children's Worker. We wish to express our appreciation to these servants of God for their ministry to us.
- 3) Dr. H. K. Sheets, Secretary of Church Extension and Home Missions for the financial support he has given to the Illinois Conference.
- 4) Our Illinois leaders, Rev. A. L. Bray, Conference President; Mrs. A. L. Bray, W. M. S. Conference President; and Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Conference Wesleyan Youth President, all of whom have labored so faithfully and sacrificially in their fields throughout the year.
- 5) Rev. L. G. Anderson, camp registrar, treasurer and refreshment stand manager. Rev. Harry Moeller and Rev. J. A. Elaine who so patiently assigned rooms.
- 6) Rev. W. H. Dyer, camp buyer and kitchen supervisor. Mr. John Kodl, who served as postmaster.
- 7) Rev. George Skene, Free Methodist pastor, who served as our cook.
- 8) Those who helped in the general work of the dining hall and kitchen, and also the young people who waited on tables in the dining hall.
- 9) Those who helped prepare the camp for our use.
- 10) The Free Methodists for renting us their camp grounds.
- 11) The conference personnel who labored zealously for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God during the year.
- 12) Those who remain after camp to help in the cleaning up of the grounds.
- 13) The Chicago-Austin church for providing their church organ without charge for our use in Conference and Camp Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, Chairman.
 Rev. O. E. Price
 Miss Elsie Scott

Report No. 28.

Pastoral Relations Committee.

Your committee recommends the following appointments for the coming year:

Conference President

Rev. Arthur L. Bray.

Pastoral Relations: Austin (Chicago):

Creve Coeur (Peoria suburb):
 Galesburg (unorganized):
 Hoopeston:
 Hoyne Avenue (Chicago):

Maywood (Chicago suburb):
 Oak Lawn (Chicago suburb):

Rev. Arthur L. Bray.
 Rev. Glen Klasna, Assistant.
 Rev. Daren C. Durey.
 Rev. Carl E. Olander.
 Rev. L. G. Anderson.
 Rev. Harry Moeller.
 Rev. George R. Durey, Assistant.
 Rev. David D. Crail.
 Rev. Robert L. Zuhl.

Oak Park (Chicago suburb):	Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell.
Peoria:	Rev. Orville E. Price.
Princeton:	Rev. Roy E. Crawford.
Roseland (Chicago):	Rev. Wendel D. Craker.
Rockford:	Rev. William H. Dyer.
Sheffield:	Rev. Clarence C. McCarty.
	Rev. Mrs. Ivanella McCarty, Assistant.
Wyanet:	Rev. Stanley A. Hill.

Dropped by uniting with another Denomination:

Rev. Gerald D. Trudell.

Referred Back to Quarterly Conference:

Rev. Thomas J. Murray.

To Pursue Graduate Study at Wheaton College:

Rev. James A. Blaine.

Supplying Outside Work:

Rev. Ronald E. Mullen; attending Seminary,
supplying Yorkfield Bible Church.
Rev. George Thompson; supplying Trinity Bible
Church, Chicago, Illinois.

Transferred to Middle Atlantic States Conference:

Rev. Stephen F. Pillsbury.

Rev. Mrs. Divine Pillsbury.

Rev. Willard L. Archer.

Withdrawn from Denomination:

Rev. Francis A. Davis, Missionary to Japan
under the Oriental Missionary Society.

Unstationed Elders:

Rev. Ralph Patterson, Teaching music at Moody
Bible Institute.

Rev. Pearl Poe, (sick).

Withdrawn from Conference:

Rev. Charles T. Hood.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman.

Rev. Wm. H. Dyer

Mr. Wm. F. Tice

Rev. Stanley A. Hill

Mr. L. W. Wallace

Rev. Wendel D. Craker

Mr. A. Carstensen

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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Held at Belvidere, Illinois, August 2 - August 4, 1956

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CONFERENCE OFFICERS 1956 - 1957

President --		
Vice President --	Mrs. Rachel Bray,	501 N. Leamington, Chicago 44, Illinois.
Secretary --	Mrs. Edna Moeller,	2108 W. Iowa St., Chicago 22, Illinois.
Treasurer --	Mrs. Margery Zuhl,	9101 S. Menard St., Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Y. M. W. B. Superintendent --	Mrs. Irene Olander,	875 N. Farnham St., Galesburg, Illinois.
Prayer Partner Secretary --	Mrs. Mildred Wallace,	Box 128, Wyanet, Illinois.
Literature Secretary --	Mrs. Kathleen Dyer,	R. R. # 1, Princeton, Illinois.
Reading Course Secretary --	Mrs. Marie Joseph,	9929 S. Lowe Ave., Chicago 28, Illinois.
Magazine Solicitor --	Mrs. Shirley Ledwell,	1040 Augusta Blvd., Oak Park, Illinois.
Statistical Chairman --	Mrs. Edna Hill,	Box 62, Wyanet, Illinois.
	Mrs. Aleene Blaine,	6821 W. 96th St., Oak Lawn, Illinois.

REGISTER OF SOCIETIES and PRESIDENTS for Year.

Austin (Chicago)	-- Miss Phebe Monroe,	608 N. Central Ave., Chicago 44, Illinois.
Creve Coeur	-- Mrs. Bertha Durey,	351 Robert St., Creve Coeur, Illinois.
Galesburg (Unorganized)		
Hoopeston	-- Mrs. Rabie Anderson,	526 E. Thompson Ave., Hoopeston, Illinois.
Hoynes Avenue (Chicago)	-- Mrs. Lenore Durey,	2157 W. Walton, Chicago 22, Illinois.
Maywood	-- Mrs. Gladys Halverson,	803 S. Bristle, Westchester, Illinois.
Oak Lawn	-- Mrs. Jean Winnick,	8756 S. Melvina Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Oak Park	-- Mrs. Shirley Ledwell,	1040 Augusta Blvd., Oak Park, Illinois.
Peoria	-- Mrs. Alice Woodhouse,	610 N. Madison St., Peoria, Illinois.
Princeton	-- Mrs. Lona Wurgis,	504 S. Pleasant St., Princeton, Illinois.
Rockford	-- Mrs. Teina Winterberg,	2132 Reynolds Ave., Rockford, Illinois.
Roseland (Chicago)	-- Mrs. Marie Joseph,	9929 S. Lowe Ave., Chicago 28, Illinois.
Sheffield	-- Mrs. Eileen Neave,	Route # 2, Sheffield, Illinois.
Wyanet	-- Mrs. Kathleen Dyer,	Route # 1, Princeton, Illinois.

CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

Austin	-- Mrs. Ruth Panico	Oak Park	-- Mrs. Antonia Kodl
Creve Coeur	--	Peoria	-- Mrs. Grace Berry
Hoopeston	-- Miss Annina Means	Princeton	-- Mrs. Maymie Langstrom
Hoynes Avenue	-- Miss Margaret McGeorge	Rockford	-- Mrs. Myrtle Bryant
Maywood	--	Roseland	-- Mrs. Jacquelyn Outekunst
Oak Lawn	--	Wyanet	-- Mrs. Kathleen Allen

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

First Meeting -- 3:30 p. m., Thursday, August 2, 1956

Opening -- The Woman's Missionary Society of the Illinois Conference held the first meeting of its seventh annual session in Redfield Chapel at Camp Epworth, near Belvidere, Ill., with the president, Mrs. Rachel Bray presiding. She led us in the singing of "My Faith Looks Up to Thee".

Devotions -- For devotions, Mrs. Rachel Bray, president, brought thoughts from Psalm 37. She urged us to trust in the Lord, delight ourselves in the Lord and commit ourselves to Him. Then rest in the Lord and wait patiently for the answers. Mrs. Mildred Wallace and Mrs. Aleene Blaine led in prayer.

Committees -- The report of the executive committee for committee chairmen was adopted as read. Additional members were elected. The conference committees are as follows: (Report combined with the following list.)

Credentials Committee: Mrs. Kathleen Allen. Statistical Committee: Mrs. Aleene Blaine. Auditing Committee: Mrs. Barbara Crail, Mrs. Shirley Ledwall, Mrs. Edna Hill. Plan of Work Committee: Mrs. Kathleen Dyer, Mrs. Grace Berry, Mrs. Irene Olander. Post Office Committee: Miss Margaret McGeorge, Mrs. Myrtle Bryant. Magazine Committee: Mrs. Antonia Kodl, Mrs. Lona Wirgis. Courtesy Committee: Mrs. Tiana Winterberg. Reporter: Mrs. Marie Joseph. Greetings Committee: Miss Vera Brainard, Mrs. Hazel Price. Poster Committee: Miss Annina Means, Mrs. Ruth Panico. Music Committee: Mrs. Joaquin Crawford.

Credentials Committee -- The report of the Credentials Committee was adopted and the roll taken. (See listing of Conference Delegates.)

Orders of the Day -- The report of the Committee on Orders of the Day was read and adopted. (See Report No. 1).

President's Report -- The President's report was read and approved with a rising vote of appreciation. (See Report No. 2).

Nominating Committee -- The motion prevailed that a committee of four members to nominate Conference officers be elected. The following were elected: Mrs. Tiana Winterberg, Mrs. Mildred Wallace, Mrs. Antonia Kodl, Mrs. Myrtle Bryant.

Adjourned -- by prevailing motion. Mrs. Bray led in prayer.

Second Meeting -- 8:30 a. m., Friday, August 3, 1956

Opening -- The meeting was opened by Mrs. Edna Moeller, Vice President. Mrs. Shirley Ledwall led the singing of "My Savior's Love."

Devotions -- Mrs. Edna Hill brought devotions from John 16:32 and Matthew 28: 19-20. She brought out the fact that the Lord is always with us. Mrs. Norma Jean Craker led in prayer.

Roll Call -- For roll call each person answered the question, "Are you a Wesleyan Missionary magazine subscriber?"

Minutes -- The minutes of the first meeting were read and approved.

Mission Study Secretary -- The report of the Mission Study Secretary, Mrs. Florence Hames, was approved. (See Report No. 3).

Magazine Solicitor -- The report of the magazine solicitor, Mrs. Billie Faye Harvey, was read and approved. (See Report No. 4).

Literature Secretary -- A partial oral report was given by Mrs. Norma Jean Craker in the absence of the literature secretary, Mrs. Marie Joseph.

Prayer Partner Secretary -- The report of the prayer partner secretary, Mrs. Kathleen Dyer, was read and approved. (See Report No. 5).

Statistical Committee -- The report of the Statistical Committee, Mrs. Aleene Blaine, was read and approved. (See Report No. 6).

Poster Committee -- Posters were displayed by the committee from the Austin, Maywood, and Wynnet societies.

Adjourned by vote.

Third Meeting -- 1:30 p. m., Friday, August 3, 1956.

Opening -- The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Bray.

Devotions -- Mrs. Mildred Wallace brought devotions from Psalm 19. We are not only to send missionaries but we must live a Christian life before others so they may see Jesus through us.

Roll Call -- The roll call was answered by "Pick a Promise". Each person read a promise from the promise box.

Minutes -- The minutes of the second meeting were read and approved.

Nominating Committee -- The report of the nominating committee was read and received. (See Report No. 7).

Election of Officers -- The following were elected as Conference officers for 1956-1957: President, Mrs. Rachel Bray; Vice president, Mrs. Edna Moeller; Secretary, Mrs. Margery Zuhl; Treasurer, Mrs. Irene Olander; Y. M. W. B. Superintendent, Mrs. Mildred Wallace; Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. Kathleen Dyer; Literature Secretary, Mrs. Marie Joseph;

Reading Course Secretary, Mrs. Shirley Ledwall; Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Edna Hill; Statistical Chairman, Mrs. Aleene Elaine.

Auditing Committee — The report of the Auditing Committee was read and approved. (See Report No. 8).

Y. M. W. B. Superintendent's Report — Mrs. Mildred Wallace gave the Y. M. W. B. Superintendent's report and the statistical report. A rising vote of appreciation was given her. (See Report No. 9).

Treasurer's Report — The Conference received Mrs. Irene Olander's treasurer's report with a rising vote of appreciation. (See Report No. 10).

Adjourned by vote. Miss Margaret McGeorge closed in prayer.

Fourth Meeting — 8:30 a. m., Saturday, August 4, 1956.

Opening — Mrs. Joaquin Crawford led in the singing of "Higher Ground". Miss Vera Brainard led in prayer.

Devotions — Miss Vera Brainard brought devotions from Romans 15. She told us we are workers with God in prayer and brought out the importance of praying for our missionaries.

Courtesy Committee — The Courtesy Committee introduced the Marion College Quartet. One member told some items of interest from our college. The boys introduced themselves and sang "Look and Live."

Posters — Mrs. Rachel Bray presented the posters from Maywood, Wyandot, and Austin.

Roll Call — Roll Call was answered by flash cards. Each person read the missionary's name and station from the picture card.

Minutes — The minutes of the third meeting were read and approved.

Y. M. W. B. Plan of Work — The Y. M. W. B. Plan of Work as adopted by the Executive Committee was read and approved. (See Report No. 11).

Post Office Committee — The Post Office Committee's report was adopted. (See Register of Societies and Presidents).

Magazine Committee — The report of the Magazine Committee was read and adopted. (See Report No. 12).

Adjourned by prayer led by Mrs. Bray.

Fifth Meeting — 1:30 p. m., Saturday, August 4, 1956.

Opening — The meeting was opened with the singing of "I Love to Tell the Story", led by Mrs. Joaquin Crawford.

Courtesy Committee — The Courtesy Committee presented Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, our General Conference President, to the Conference.

Devotions — Dr. Nicholson presented devotions based on Revelation 2:10. He told us many illustrations of "What it is Costing Some to Be Faithful." These were taken from his recent tour of the foreign mission stations. He urged us not only to pray for the missionaries but also for the national workers.

Mrs. Joaquin Crawford sang a solo of new words to the song "Count Your Blessings."

Roll Call — For roll call each person told of her choice of missionary work.

Executive Committee — The report of the executive committee was read and adopted. (See Report No. 13).

Plan of Work — The report of the Plan of Work Committee was read and adopted. (See Report No. 14).

Greetings Committee — The report of the Greetings Committee was read and adopted. (See Report No. 15).

Adjourned — By prevailing motion the Conference was adjourned sine die. Mrs. Tiena Winterberg led in the closing prayer.

W. M. S. R E P O R T S

Report No. 1.

Orders of the Day Committee.

Thursday, August 2, 1956 — 1:30 p. m., Conference joins Annual Conference in Communion Service; 3:00 p. m., Business Session convenes; Devotions; Report of Committee on Committee Chairman; Credentials Committee Report; Roll Call; Report of Orders of the Day Committee; President's Report; Completion of Conference Committees; Election of Nominating Committee; 7:30 p. m., Missionary Film.

Friday, August 3, 1956 — 8:30 a. m., Devotions; Roll Call; Reports of Mission Study Secretary, Magazine Solicitor, Literature Secretary, Prayer Partner Secretary, Statistical Committee; 1:30 p. m., Devotions, Roll Call, Report of Nominating

Committee; Election of Officers; Reports of Auditing Committee; Y. M. W. B. Superintendent, Treasurer; 7:30 p. m., Program Planning.

Saturday, August 4, 1956 -- 8:30 a. m., Devotions; Roll Call; Reports of Executive Committee, Plan of Work Committee; 1:30 p. m., Devotions; Roll Call; Dr. Roy S. Nicholson; Reports of Conference Committees; Miscellaneous business; 6:30 p. m., Public Y. M. W. B. Service.

Sunday, August 5, 1956 -- 2:30 p. m., Public Missionary Service in main tabernacle, Dr. Roy S. Nicholson speaker.

Respectfully submitted,
The Executive Committee.

Report No. 2.

President of the W. M. S.

To the members of the 7th Annual Session of the Illinois Conference W. M. S.:

As we come to another annual session our hearts are made glad as we consider what God has enabled you, members and friends, of the local W. M. S. to accomplish.

Last summer we planned and promoted the fall convention with Brother Nate Schraff, Superintendent of the Jewish Evangelism, as speaker.

In October it was my privilege to organize a new Society at the Sheffield church. The Society was organized with only four members but the Lord has blessed their faith and has given them a good year.

We sent out over 200 pieces of mail including seven monthly Missionary letters.

I met four times with the Conference Missionary Board, and once with the Camp Meeting Board. I visited eleven of the thirteen missionary societies at the request of their president. I do praise the Lord for the wonderful way the Lord is blessing each group and for their faithfulness to the Lord.

We have had some modest gains this year for which we are grateful.

The amount received for the President's Desk Fund was \$15.11. The expenditures are as follows:

Telephone Calls	\$ 3.86
Postage	6.25
Stationery Supplies	3.00
Transportation	2.00
Total	<u>\$15.11</u>

May the Lord bless each of you as we labor together in His vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Bray, President.

Report No. 3.

Mission Study Secretary.

Societies reporting to the conference secretary are as follows:

Oak Lawn: 1 member read 6 books; Kyanet: 5 read 6 books; Sheffield: 2 read 6 books; Oak Park: 1 read 6 books; 2 read 4 books.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Florence Hamas, Sec'y.

Report No. 4.

Magazine Solicitor.

I do praise the Lord for His help and blessing during the past year. I sincerely appreciate the co-operation of the local solicitors who faithfully reported during the year. I have kept in touch with both local solicitors and presidents with monthly letters containing the names and addresses of those subscribers in their area who subscriptions expired. There were 233 subscribers reported this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Billie Faye Harvey

Report No. 5.Prayer Partner Secretary.

We have 207 prayer partners in the Illinois Conference representing 12 prayer partner circles. The number of Y. M. W. B. prayer partners reported was 48. The number of societies observing a monthly day of fasting and prayer are 7. The prayer partners reported 32 assignments to pray for home missionaries and 223 assignments for foreign missionaries. We are glad for the gain over last year's report including one new prayer partner circle. One society failed to report.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Kathleen Dyer, Sec'y.

Report No. 6.Statistical Committee.

(See table on page 47)

Report No. 7.Nominating Committee.

Your nominating committee met and presents the following names for consideration: President, Mrs. Rachel Bray, Mrs. Ethel Dyer; Vice President, Mrs. Edna Moeller, Mrs. Ivanelle McCarty; Secretary, Mrs. Margery Zuhl, Mrs. Barbara Crail; Treasurer, Mrs. Irene Olander; Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. Kathleen Dyer; Literature Secretary, Mrs. Marie Joseph; Reading Course Secretary, Mrs. Florence Hames, Mrs. Shirley Ledwell; Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Kathleen Allen, Mrs. Edna Hill.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Tiana Winterberg
Mrs. Mildred Wallace
Mrs. Antonia Kodl
Mrs. Myrtle Bryant

Report No. 8.Auditing Committee.

We, the auditing committee, have examined the books of the Y. M. W. B. and the W. M. S. treasurers and have found them to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Barbara Crail
Mrs. Edna Hill
Mrs. Shirley Ledwell

Report No. 9.Y. M. W. B. Superintendent.

At the close of the 1955-1956 Conference year I wish to report that I have kept in touch with each local society with a letter each quarter and have also tried to give information to local superintendents who have had questions. This year I have heard from 12 churches. We are thankful for a new society -- Austin. Ten of these 12 churches have reported meetings, members and offerings; the other two have reported just offerings.

According to the reports sent to me we have 270 active members and 67 honorary members. Three societies have a grade of 100 % according to the Efficiency Standard; two have a grade of 95 %. I have received a sum of \$214.30 for Karen Ortlips support; \$383.93 for Foreign Missions; \$36.94 for Home Missions; \$42.99 for Education; a total of \$678.16 for Band Credit. I have received \$6.12 for Desk Fund and have disbursed \$4.12 for Postage and Stationary. Our 1955 Camp offering of \$16.00 was given to Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, Jr., for the Bible School in Japan.

We rejoice over the increase in finances putting Illinois on the Honor Roll, but we are

sorry for the decrease of 99 active members. (See Statistical Report below).

I have certainly appreciated the work of each local Superintendent. Many have shown a real interest in advancing. I give the Lord all the praise for what has been accomplished for missions through the Y. M. W. B.

Report No. 9.

Y. M. W. B. Statistical Report.

BAND	Active Members -- 1955	Active Members -- 1956	Honorary Members	Meetings	Efficiency Standard	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Special Projects (Credit)	TOTAL (Band Credit)	Non-Credit Total	GRAND TOTAL
Austin	23	12		12	90%	8.60	4.21		26.16	38.97	.25	39.22
Creve Coeur	23	18		11	50%	12.58	.50		15.74	28.82	.18	29.00
Hoopeston	60	8		12	50%	20.00				20.00		20.00
Roynes Avenue	69	70	10	12	100%	62.64	7.80	15.04	30.00	115.48	1.38	116.86
Maywood						4.60	3.00			7.60		7.60
Oak Lawn	10	12	5	13	100%	43.81	2.16	7.87	67.07	120.91	.20	121.11
Oak Park	35	12		7	40%	21.74	1.56		2.00	25.30		25.30
Peoria	27					8.29				8.29		8.29
Princeton	52	38	5	12	80%	32.86	2.67	4.00	20.00	59.53	1.18	60.71
Rockford	63	66	29	12	100%	94.77	8.23	10.00	25.00	138.00	2.00	140.00
Sheffield	15	17		12	95%	7.30	1.00	1.50	1.44	11.24	.25	11.49
Wyanet	17	17	18	12	95%	66.74	5.81	4.58	26.89	104.02	.68	104.70
Totals	371	270	67	115	800	383.93	36.94	42.99	214.30	678.16	6.12	684.28

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Mildred Wallace, Supt.

Report No. 10.

Treasurer of the W. M. S.

ITEM	On Hand July 26, 1955	Received	Disbursed	On Hand August 1, 1956	Vouchers
General Conference					
Home Missions		370.60	370.60		98.55
Card Call		5.00	5.00		34.00
Australia		47.50	47.50		
Self-Denial		83.46	83.46		
Rev. Newcomb		15.25	15.25		
Miss Sniffen & Pagett		17.00	17.00		175.70
Jewish Evangelism		176.45	176.45		
Brainerd Indian School		30.00	30.00		
Hephzibah Orphanage		59.50	59.50		

General Foreign Missions	364.24	364.24		
Miss. Equip. Fund	26.70	26.70		
Japan	192.43	192.43		
Haiti	9.00	9.00		
Medical Miss.	35.00	35.00		
Medical Student	30.00	30.00		
General Education	237.49	237.49		
Honorary Enrollment	64.00	64.00		9.00
Foreign Student Aid				40.00
Administrative Fund	45.00	45.00		
Membership	68.00	68.00		
Illinois Conference				
Conference Missions		202.34	202.34	
Administrative Fund	62.17	104.46	77.08	89.55
Camp Necessities	156.37	65.00	23.14	198.23
Miscellaneous				227.11
Total	\$218.54	\$2,248.42	\$2,179.18	\$287.78
Total Cash Receipts		\$2,466.96		
Total Voucher Receipts		584.36		
Total Receipts for Year 1955-1956		\$3,051.32		

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Irene Olander, Treasurer.

Report No. 11.

Local Y. M. W. B. Plan of Work.

The Executive Committee met August 3, 1956, and recommended the following Plan of Work for the Y. M. W. B. for 1956-1957:

1. Each local Y. M. W. B. shall elect the local Y. M. W. B. Superintendent in June. Her duties shall begin at the rise of Annual Conference.
2. Send all money raised by the Y. M. W. B. to your Conference Superintendent, Mrs. Mildred Wallace, Myanet, Illinois, but make out the mail order to "The Young Missionary Worker's Band," Houghton, New York.
3. Each band is assessed two cents per member based on numbers reported to the 1956 Annual Conference, for Conference Superintendent's desk expense. Send this amount to the Conference Superintendent.
4. Return quarterly reports on the following dates, along with dues and offerings received that quarter: 1st quarter (July-September), October 15, 1956; 2nd quarter (October-December), January 15, 1957; 3rd quarter (January-March), April 15, 1957; 4th quarter (April-June), postmarked by June 30, 1957.
5. The November offering is for Home Missions.
6. The May offering is for Education.
7. Our project is one-half of the support of Karen Ortlip, Haiti, which will be \$150.00 per year. Each band is to raise as much as they can. (Approximately \$20.00).
8. Each local Superintendent should encourage the use of the reading course.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Mildred Wallace
Mrs. Rachel Bray
Mrs. Irene Olander
Mrs. Margery Zuhl
Mrs. Edna Moeller

Report No. 12.

Magazine Committee.

(Editorial note: This brief report concerned the number of subscriptions to THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY, which were secured on the Campgrounds by this committee, during W. M. S. Conference. It is not known what happened to it).

Report No. 13.Executive Committee.

We, the Executive Committee, recommend:

1. That the offering received in the public Y. M. W. B. service be given toward the purchase of a station wagon.
2. That the cash offering taken at the public missionary rally be given to the general foreign missionary fund.
3. That the pledges made at the public missionary rally be divided as follows: 1/3 to Foreign Missions, 1/3 to Home Missions, and 1/3 to Conference Missions.
4. That the Conference W. M. S. Treasurer reimburse the Magazine Solicitor for her expenses.
5. That the following society receive a subscription to the Missionary magazine as its award for having met the requirements defined in the Plan of Work: Oak Park.
6. That the conference purchase a set of 1956-1957 reading course books.
7. That the following be made a Standing Rule: The Executive Committee shall constitute the Orders of the Day Committee and appoint the chairman of each conference committee before each annual session.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mrs. Rachel Bray
 Mrs. Edna Moeller
 Mrs. Irene Olander
 Mrs. Margery Zuhl
 Mrs. Mildred Wallace

Report No. 14.Plan of Work Committee.

A. We recommend the following plan of work for the local societies:

I. Organizational Recommendations:

- a. Use of program calendars and helps.
- b. Reading of the designated Mission Study and Reading Course books; reporting of same to the Mission Study Secretary immediately following January first.
- c. Observance of a monthly fast and prayer day with each participant contributing the price of a meal for Conference Missions.

II. Foreign Mission Project:

- a. Because of the discontinuing of the Jersey City Missionary Home, we suggest that money be sent for foreign missionary work and no boxes of supplies.

III. Home Mission Project:

- a. Co-operate with money and merchandise in the Conference Projects of helping the Zimmer family at Zion's Hill Mission and Christmas boxes for either Hope, Means or Zion's Hill Missions in Kentucky. These projects were presented to us by our Area Chairman. Send the vouchers for these to the Conference W. M. S. Treasurer.
- b. Sending of used clothing to the home mission stations and children's home after inquiring into the needs before sending and that no monetary value be placed on these things, but that these be reported merely as to the number of boxes sent.

IV. Miscellaneous Recommendations:

- a. Promotion of the Penny-a-Meal funds which will be divided one-half for Foreign and one-half for Home Missions.
- b. Subscriptions by each Society to the Card Call Plan as a means of assisting in the extension program of the Church.
- c. Use of "In Remembrance" folders. Money should be sent to the Conference W. M. S. Treasurer and the folders to the bereaved family.
- d. Co-operate in the promotion of the College Honorary Enrollment Plan. The registration card is to be sent to Marion College.
- e. Encourage the use of the Mile-of-Dime folders for Foreign Mission Equipment.

V. Disbursement to Conference W. M. S. Treasurer:

- a. Budget
 1. \$5.00 or more to Hephzibah Children's Home.
 2. Offering for Medical Missions.
 3. Penny-a-Meal offering divided one-half Foreign and one-half Home Missions.
 4. Offering from monthly "Prayer and Fast" day for Conference Missions.
- b. Non-budget
 1. \$0.50 per active member for camp necessities.
 2. \$0.10 per active member for conference W. M. S. president's desk fund.
 3. Mile-of-Dime monies for foreign mission equipment.

VI. Conference Presidents Visitation:

a. Extending an invitation to the Conference W. M. S. president to visit each society at least once a year.

VII. Preparation for Annual Conference:

a. Two report blanks are to be sent to each society by the Conference Secretary in June, to be filled out carefully. One completed blank should be sent to the chairman of the Statistical Committee, Mrs. Alesne Blaine, 6821 W. 96th St., Oak Lawn, Illinois, two weeks before Conference.

b. Throughout the Conference year, contributions of cash and/or food for camp should be encouraged.

c. That each society provide one-half dozen or more dish towels and the society that wishes be reimbursed for them if it sends the sales slip to the Conference W. M. S. Treasurer.

VIII. Conference Awards:

a. Issuing of an award to the societies that qualify according to the following points:

1. Making the Honor Roll in the Efficiency Standard.
 2. Securing magazine subscriptions equal to the active membership of the society.
 3. Pursuing the Mission Study and Reading Course, and reporting name of local secretary to the Conference Mission Study Secretary.
 4. Newly elected W. M. S. president attend the annual conference session.
- B. We report that the General W. M. S. Efficiency Standard for a Local Society is as follows:
1. That the Efficiency Standard be read in the society the first monthly meeting after Conference (5% credit) and that arrangements be made with the pastor for one missionary prayer meeting each month. (5% credit).
 2. That a minimum of ten meetings be held during the year at which time prayer requests are presented and remembered and business transacted (5% credit) and at least one public meeting (5% credit).
 3. We recommend the formation of one or more Prayer Partner Circles in each society with a Prayer Partner Secretary, who shall report the names of the same to Conference Prayer Partner Secretary within sixty days after the sitting of Annual Conference. (10% credit).
 4. That the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the equivalent of seventy-five percent of the active membership be subscribers to THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY. (10% credit)
 5. That a Solicitor be elected for THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY gaining not less than two subscriptions a year. (10% credit).
 6. That a Delegate be elected to the Annual Conference Woman's Missionary Society and that she be instructed by local society regarding the amount to be pledged by that society at the Annual Conference session (5% credit) and that the President attend the Annual Conference session. (5% credit).
 7. That the dues of one dollar per member be sent directly to the Conference treasurer, fifty cents of which shall be divided by her as specified and applied on budget, (5% credit), and that all monies and vouchers be sent to the Conference treasurer at least quarterly. (5% credit).
 8. That we secure every woman in the church as a member of the Society or achieve a ten per cent gain in total membership. (10% credit).
 9. That each local society pay annually an amount equal to twenty-five cents per active member to be used as General Administrative Fund, not to apply on budget. (10% credit).
 10. That the local Y. M. W. B. Superintendent be seated in the Annual session and be granted the privilege of speaking, and provision be made by her society for such representation. (10% credit). (All societies making a grade of eighty per cent shall be placed on the Honor Roll).

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Kathleen Dyer
Mrs. Grace Berry
Mrs. Irene Olander

Report No. 15.

Greetings Committee.

Your committee on Greetings submits the following report:

Greetings were sent to the following members who were absent: Mrs. Ethel Dyer, Mrs. Wandallou Blaine, Mrs. Bertha Durey, Mrs. Lenore Durey, Miss Phoebe Monroe, Mrs. Jean Winnick, Mrs. Alice Woodhouse, Mrs. Gladys Halverson, Mrs. Rebekah Anderson, Mrs. Marie Joseph, Mrs. Rileene Neave and Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph.

Respectfully submitted,
Miss Vera Brainard
Mrs. Hazel Price

NAME OF SOCIETY	Membership				RECEIPTS												
	Active	Honorary	Gain	Loss	Total No. Meetings	No. Wes. Miss. Taken	% Efficiency Standard	Membership Dues	Offerings	From Labor	"Memorials"	Voucher Receipts	Other Sources	Total Receipts For Year	Old Balance From Last Year	GRAND TOTAL	
Austin	25	9	17		23	24	90%	\$ 34.00	\$ 238.78								
Creve Coeur	13	2	2		19	13	75%	15.00	67.68				\$ 20.00 69.71	\$ 23.75 82.74	\$ 316.53 235.13	\$ 17.28 .34	\$ 333.81 235.47
Galesburg						4											
Hoopeston	5			8	12	9	80%	5.00	53.50								
Hoynes Avenue	14	1	4		12	12	65%	15.00	99.07		\$ 25.50	5.00		58.50	11.97	70.47	
Maywood	17	8	1		12	18	80%	25.00	131.34		12.00	116.26	4.50	149.07	19.42	168.49	
Oak Lawn	14	4		8	17	35	55%	18.00	81.69				70.44	355.04	3.00	358.04	
Oak Park	13	8	5		12	13	90%	21.00	183.72				45.90	145.59	9.51	155.10	
Peoria	10	5	3		19	17	60%	15.00	145.81	\$ 40.00			22.79	227.51	3.04	230.55	
Princeton	18	1		1	30	20	70%	19.00	163.73					200.81	6.50	207.31	
Rockford	28	22	29		38	24	100%	50.00	436.15					182.73		182.73	
Roseland	16	1		6	19	18	95%	17.00	93.31					486.15	6.08	492.23	
Sheffield	6	1			3	6		7.00	32.31				20.00	130.31	1.15	131.46	
Wyanet	23	10		1	25	20	90%	33.00	197.32	91.00				39.31		39.31	
													24.05	345.37	4.32	349.69	
Totals	202	72	61	24	241	233	79%	\$274.00	\$1924.41	\$131.00	\$ 37.50	\$210.97	\$294.17	\$2872.05	\$ 82.61	\$2954.66	

NAME OF SOCIETY	DISBURSEMENTS													GRAND TOTAL
	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Medical Student	Hephzibah Cash	Provisions	Education Cash	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Administrative Fund	Conference Missions	Total Disbursements	New Balance on Hand	
Austin	\$ 87.61	\$ 69.61	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.00	\$20.00	\$46.70	\$ 17.75	\$ 17.00	\$ 58.06	\$ 4.25		\$ 328.98	4.83	\$ 333.81
Creve Coeur	27.99	19.04	3.00	5.00				7.50	129.04	2.75	\$ 6.68	201.00	34.47	235.47
Galesburg														
Hoopeston	9.25	26.25		5.00			15.54	2.50	2.60	2.50		58.64	11.83	70.47
Hoynes Avenue	69.25	6.75	3.00	5.00		5.00		7.50	47.42	2.75		146.67	21.82	168.49
Maywood	50.00	53.89	3.00	10.00		40.00		12.50	179.04	4.00	5.00	357.43	.61	358.04
Oak Lawn	31.50	19.50	3.00	5.00		15.47	10.50	9.00	21.65	3.50		119.12	35.98	155.10
Oak Park	66.47	49.53	5.00	5.00		2.00	31.00	10.50	17.80	3.25	40.00	230.55		230.55
Peoria	33.40	22.76		5.50		66.00		7.50	18.00	2.50		155.66	51.65	207.31
Princeton	71.17	27.08	3.00	5.00		15.00	8.25	9.50	35.91	4.75		179.66	3.07	182.73
Rockford	184.43	78.52	3.00	7.00		63.32	27.68	25.00	28.11	3.50	60.15	480.71	11.52	492.23
Roseland	26.00	30.00				38.00	3.00	8.50	21.60	4.00		131.10	.36	131.46
Sheffield	1.75	2.75		2.00		3.00	10.39	3.50	11.05	1.50		38.94	.37	39.31
Wyanot	52.73	31.58	3.00	5.00		38.00	15.58	16.50	124.75	5.75	52.34	345.23	4.46	349.69
Totals	\$711.55	\$437.26	\$29.00	\$59.50	\$20.00	\$332.49	\$139.69	\$137.00	\$ 698.03	\$45.00	\$164.17	\$2773.69	\$180.97	\$2954.66

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE WESLEYAN YOUTH

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Held at Maywood, Illinois, September 14 - 15, 1956

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OFFICERS FOR 1956 - 1957

President	-- Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, 9101 S. Menard, Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Vice President	-- Rev. David D. Crail, 1105 S. Sixth Ave., Maywood, Illinois.
Secretary	-- Miss Linda Dyer, R. R. #1, Princeton, Illinois.
Treasurer	-- Miss Ida Wipf, 501 N. Leaning Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

LOCAL WESLEYAN YOUTH OFFICERS

Austin	-- President, Miss Ida Wipf, 501 N. Leanington, Chicago 44, Illinois.
	-- Secretary, Miss Margaret Dominguez, 5323 W. Ohio, Chicago, Illinois.
Crave Cosur	-- President, Fred Woldarski, 131 Johnson, East Peoria, Illinois.
	-- Secretary, Miss Sharon Shepard, P. O. Box 711, Peoria, Illinois.
Hoopeston	-- President, Miss Cindy Ruthledge, 519 1/2 Fifth St. Hoopeston, Ill.
	-- Secretary, Miss Margaret Schinkey, 517 McCracken Ave., Hoopeston, Ill.
Hoyne Avenue	-- President, Mr. Cletus Kramer, Chicago 22, Illinois.
	-- Secretary, Miss Margaret McGeorge, 2323 W. Rice, Chicago 22, Ill.
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	-- Secretary, Miss Marion Mair, 910 N. 4th, Maywood, Illinois.
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	-- Secretary, Miss Betty May, 8748 Melvina, Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Oak Park	-- President, Miss Helen Camber, 518 Austin, Oak Park, Illinois.
	-- Secretary, Miss Priscilla Ries, 3229 Wenona, Berwyn, Illinois.
Peoria	-- President, Mrs. Sam Berry, Route 3, Peoria, Illinois.
	-- Secretary, Fred Humphrey, 507 Sylvan Lane, Golden Acres, Illinois.
Princeton	-- President, Mr. John Nordstrom, R. R. #2, Princeton, Illinois.
	-- Secretary, Miss Beverly Buchanan, 815 N. Gosse, Princeton, Ill.
Rockford	-- President, Mr. Robert Hohm, 1311 Andrews, Rockford, Illinois.
	-- Secretary, Miss Lorette Dyer, 1406 School St. Rockford, Ill.
Roseland	-- President, Mrs. Charles Paine, 2000 W. Van Buren, Chicago 12, Ill.
	-- Secretary, Mr. Arvid Craker, 157 W. 103rd St. Chicago 28, Ill.
Wyanet	-- President, Miss Linda Dyer, R. R. #1, Princeton, Illinois.
	-- Secretary, Miss Frances Allen, R. R. #1, Buda, Illinois.

STANDING RULES

1. Resolved, that the local treasurers books close June 30 and that all monies be post-marked not later than July 5; and that a fine of \$1.00 upon the pastor and the local president be paid to our Conference Treasurer if the statistical report does not reach the hands of our Conference Secretary by July 15.
2. Resolved, that the Executive Council act as the Orders of the Day Committee.
3. Resolved, that the Conference Wesleyan Youth be editor of the Youth Notes.
4. Resolved, that the Vice President be in charge of the storage and maintenance of the Illinois Conference Wesleyan Youth equipment.
5. Resolved, that the Secretary be the standing statistical chairman.
6. Resolved, that the Secretary maintain a complete membership list.
7. Resolved, that the third Sunday of September be Youth Promotional Sunday.

PROCEEDINGS

First Meeting -- 9:30 p. m. Friday, September 14, 1956

The seventh annual session of the Illinois Conference Wesleyan Youth was convened in the Maywood church, Maywood, Illinois, at 9:30 p. m. (CDT) Friday, September 14 by our Conference Wesleyan Youth President, Rev. Robert Zuhl.

The first five rows were designated as the bar of the conference.

The Conference Executive Council members and all local presidents were then seated within the bar.

Margaret McGeorge and Donald Bray were elected to serve as the Credentials Committee. A partial report from this committee was then given and delegates present were seated.

By prevailing motion all pastors, not ex-officio members, were given honorary seats in the conference.

The following members were elected to serve as the Committee on Conference Committees: Rev. A. L. Bray, Ida Wipf and Linda Dyer. This committee was excused in order to bring back a report later in the meeting.

The report of the Orders of the Day committee was read and adopted. (See Report No. 1).

The President's report was read and approved with a rising vote of thanks. (See Report No. 2).

The Treasurer's report was read and referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Report No. 3).

It was moved and adopted that out of this year's income we pay our deficit in General Dues.

It was moved and approved that the secretary write a letter of appreciation to the Annual Conference Camp Committee regarding the donation of \$100.00 for our camp cots.

Motion prevailed that the president write a letter of thanks to Bob McIntyre commending him for his excellent work and assuring him of the prayers and support of the Illinois youth.

The report of the Committee on Conference Committees was read and adopted. (See Report No. 4).

The session was then adjourned by prevailing motion.

Second Meeting -- 8:30 a. m. Saturday, September 15, 1956

The President opened the second meeting by reading Phil. 3:8-14. Cletus Kramer led in prayer.

A partial report of the nominating committee: President, Rev. Robert Zuhl; Vice President, Rev. David Crail; Secretary, Miss Linda Dyer; Treasurer, Miss Ida Wipf; Northern District Chairman, Rev. Joseph Ledwell; Southern District Chairman, Rev. Stanley Hill. All the above were then elected by ballots cast by the members of the conference, except for the District leaders who were elected by ballots cast in caucuses of the representatives from their respective districts.

The reports of the caucuses stated that the dates for the fall rallies were: Southern District, October 27; Northern District, November 3.

The Committee on Resolutions report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 5).

The Standing Rules as presented by the Nominating Committee were then adopted.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted. (See Report No. 6).

The Statistical report was read and adopted including reports from Creve Coeur and Peoria which reports are incomplete. (See Report No. 7).

The Thanks Committee report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 8).

The Report of the Plan of Work Committee was read and adopted by vote. (See Report No. 9).

Motion prevailed that the secretary write concerning the new Certificate of Recognition and membership cards for each local society.

Motion prevailed that Orville Senger be in charge of the material concerning youth programs.

A motion prevailed that the third Sunday of September be designated as Youth promotional Sunday starting in 1957; and this year, before the end of October. Motion prevailed that this be a standing rule.

Any unfinished business was to be left in the hands of the Youth Council.

The minutes were left in the hands of the secretary, the Youth President, and the Annual Conference President for editing and publishing.

After a closing prayer the session was adjourned sine die.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Dyer, Secretary.

REPORTS for 1956 SESSION

Report No. 1

Orders of the Day Committee

Friday, September 14, 1956 -- 8:00 p. m., Registration; 8:30 p. m., Film, "Seventeen"; 9:30 p. m., Conference convenes; 10:30 p. m., Adjournment for Committee work.

Saturday, September 15, 1956 -- 7:30 a. m., Breakfast with devotions by Annual Conference President, A. L. Bray; 8:30 a. m., Reports of Conference Committees; 9:30 a. m., Recess for further committee work until recalled by chairman; 12:00 noon, Adjournment sine die; 12:15 p. m., Fellowship Dinner followed by talks by Miss Ida Wipf, Austin, and Mr. Orville

Sanger, Oak Park, on practical aspects of the local work. 1:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,
Illinois W. Y. Executive Council.

Report No. 2.

Conference Wesleyan Youth President.

Greetings to the Wesleyan Youth of Illinois! In these changing times it is encouraging to know that we still have a foundation in Christ that is impregnable to the subtle attacks of materialism and modernism. With a deep sense of gratitude for our Wesleyan heritage and a heartfelt concern with the urgency of our message let us "redeem the time" for the night is coming when no man can work.

The following statistics reveal the excellent work of our Societies and the blessing of the Holy Spirit:

	1955	1956
Societies	10	12
Active Members	147	188
Wesleyan Youth Subscriptions	125	164
Total Receipts	\$811.86	\$1043.13

As we take courage from examining the past let us pray that the future will be brighter and bigger in reaching others for Christ.

Personal Service: Miles traveled 2800; cards mailed 90. I mailed seven issues of the "Youth Notes" (3-4 page issues with 210 on the mailing list). Personal contacts with Presidents 30. I held four Youth Council meetings during the year. I directed and spoke at our conference Spring-O-Rama and toured the conference during Youth Week distributing promotional packets to each Society.

During the year I attended two Northern District committee meetings where a Chicagoland softball tournament was scheduled and a Northern District picnic was planned. I appreciated working with the Youth Council and Counselors in conducting one of the best Youth Camps we have ever had. The Lord is prospering the Youth work in Illinois.

As we face the coming year may we prayerfully build the Kingdom through our purpose to minister to the world through our vision and please the Master in our consecration.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, President.

Report No. 3.

Illinois Conference Wesleyan Youth Treasurer.

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>	
General Dues	\$ 182.05	General Dues	\$ 182.05
Conference Dues	422.25	Foreign Missions	50.93
Foreign Missions	50.93	Home Missions	47.66
Home Missions	47.66	Education	36.60
Education	36.60	Youth Week Offering	46.00
Youth Week Offerings	46.00	Tom Murray Support Deficit	18.12
Northern District Rally		Northern District Rally	
Registration	64.00	Dinner	64.00
Offering	53.42	Youth Overnight Expense	36.03
Southern District Rally		Marion Area Dues	25.00
Offering	35.75	Youth Work & Officers	
Illinois Youth Overnight	85.30	Travel Expense	54.58
Other Misc. Offerings	19.17	President's Telephone	17.80
		Youth Camp Cots	200.00
Total Receipts	\$1043.13	Film Rentals	63.32
		Southern District Rally	
Balance 7-16-55	00.00	Deficit	14.00
Total Credits	\$1043.13	Youth Notes	43.50
Total Disbursements	928.14	Miscellaneous Expense	28.55
		Total Disbursements	\$ 928.14
Balance on Hand 7-15-56	\$ 114.99		

Respectfully submitted,
Ida Wipf, Treasurer.

Report No. 4.

Committee on Conference Committees.

Plan of Work -- Rev. Robert Zuhl, Chairman, Rev. A. L. Bray, Rev. Harry Moeller, Rev. David D. Crail, Helen Camber, Robert Hohm, Cletus Kramer, Paul Thorsen, Ida Wipf.
 Thanks -- Rev. Roy E. Crawford, Chairman, Donald Bradley, Frances Allen, Marilyn Stout, Pat Geniak.
 Resolutions -- Rev. Stanley Hill, Chairman, Jan Hohm, Marilyn Anderson, Francis Barker, Herb Apel.
 Statistical -- Linda Dyer, Chairman, Marlene Berent, Mrs. Irene Olander.
 Auditing -- Rev. Roy Crawford, Arvid Craker.
 Orders of the Day -- Executive Council.
 Nominating and Standing Rules -- Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman, Linda Dyer, Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell. (Note: There were additional members on this committee, but the roster has been lost. Our sincere apologies!)

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman.
 Miss Ida Wipf
 Miss Linda Dyer

Report No. 5.

Resolutions Committee.

We, the Resolutions Committee, do present the following report:

1. Realizing the all importance of living a holy life, be it resolved that we as young people practice as well as emphasize the need for daily devotions, knowing that the Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.
2. Be it resolved that we seek God's guidance in our choices of literature, radio and television programs.
3. Be it resolved that we seek by every means to draw closer to God and to strive for God's image upon our characters and personalities; that denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts, which would hinder our spiritual progress, we live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world in order that we might possess the presence of Christ.
4. Be it resolved that we loyally and devotedly uphold the standards and doctrines of our church.
5. Knowing this to be an age of materialism and compromise, be it therefore resolved that we avoid the entangling of ourselves with those people or activities which have a tendency either to suppress or weaken our testimony.
6. Be it also resolved that by practice as well as precept, we stress the need for loyalty and our fullest co-operation to the youth program and other church related activities.
7. Knowing that neither the church nor youth programs can go forward without adequate financial support, be it resolved that we encourage and educate our young people to give as the Lord provides.
8. Realizing that the days are evil and that we must redeem the time, be it further resolved that through personal witnessing and the support of our missionary program we increase our efforts to win others for Christ.

It is the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee that this report be published in the "Youth Notes", and be read by the local Wesleyan Youth President in a public service at each local society at least once during this conference year.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Stanley Hill, Chairman.
 Mrs. Jan Hohm, Secretary
 Marilyn Anderson
 Francis Barker
 Herb Apel

Report No. 6.

Auditing Committee.

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, have examined the Wesleyan Youth treasurer's books and find them to be correct and in good order.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Roy E. Crawford
 Mr. Arvid Craker

Report No. 7.Statistical Committee.

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Report No. 8.Thanks Committee.

We, of the Thanks Committee, wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the following for their spiritual vision and labors in making this year of progress for the Illinois Youth of the Wesleyan Methodist Church:

1. To God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for a gracious visitation of blessing, progress, and personal dedication.
2. To Rev. David D. Crail, for making available the Maywood Church, in which to hold the Youth Conference of 1956 and also for the use of the projector.
3. To Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, the President of our Illinois Youth, for his leadership, his spiritual zeal, and hard physical and mental labors.
4. To Rev. Arthur L. Bray, the Illinois Conference President, for his encouragement and help.
5. To Ida Wimp, the conference youth Treasurer, for her long hours of faithful service.
6. To Linda Dyer, the conference youth Secretary, for her willingness to serve and dependability.
7. To the district chairmen and presidents of the locals for their dedication and service in this vital aspect of the Lord's work.
8. To all the unnamed officers and delegates for their faithful service.
9. To the various committees, who have worked out the minute details of this conference session as well as the details of the conference year.
10. To those who have labored long and hard to supply and prepare the food.
11. To the pastors of the conference, for their prayers and loyal support.
12. To those who were faithful in their service as musicians.
13. To all those who supplied transportation for the members and friends.
14. To the individual members of the locals for their loyalty to Christ and His church.
15. Finally, to all others who have in any way contributed time and finances toward the success of this spiritual venture.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Bradley, Chairman.
Frances Allen
Marilyn Stout
Pat Geniuk
Rev. Roy E. Crawford

Report No. 9.Plan of Work Committee.

We, the Plan of Work Committee, recommend the following:

1. That two new locals be organized during the year.
2. That we emphasize the Wesleyan Youth magazine with the secretary as solicitor.
3. That we support church extension through our prayers, community surveys, and personal labors.
4. That conference dues be the personal responsibility of local members to be paid monthly to their local treasurer, and by the fifth day of each month to the conference treasurer; and that the General dues be paid quarterly to the conference treasurer.
5. That the Conference Wesleyan Youth President be editor and publisher of the "Youth Notes", and that each society president report monthly to him.
6. That the Editor and publisher of Youth Notes and each local president report by the fifth of each month their percentage of attendance based on members reported to Conference.
7. That we hold one rally in each district in the fall and one conference-wide rally in the spring.
8. That the president plan to visit each church during youth week and at other opportunities with a gospel team.
9. That the conference Wesleyan Youth vice president prepare a roster of Youth equipment and care for the same during the year.
10. That each society strive for an "A" rating in the Efficiency Standard.
11. That some meetings of the year be given to emphasize our Wesleyan Heritage.

12. That we adopt the youth week slogan as our Conference slogan for the year.
13. That each local have a youth "Round-up" meeting before the end of October, 1956, the attendance to be reported to our conference president before the fifth of November, 1956.
14. That we promote the interest of youth camp and the mid-year overnight, and the equipment needed therein. We further recommend that the conference dues be used at the discretion of the Executive Council for the advancement of the Kingdom in Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, Chairman.
 Rev. A. L. Bray
 Rev. Harry Moeller
 Rev. David Crail
 Helen Camber
 Robert Hohm
 Cletus Kramer
 Paul Thorsen
 Ida Wipf

Report No. 7.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE WESLEYAN YOUTH STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1956-'57													
NAME OF SOCIETY	Active Members	Associate Members	Wesleyan Youth Subscriptions	General Dues	Conference Dues	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Local Work	Miscellaneous	Total Receipts plus Balance	Total Disbursements	Cash on Hand
Austin (Chicago)	20		21	\$ 40.50	\$ 89.00	\$ 3.10	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.00	98.92	39.30	282.82	282.82	
Creve Coeur	10		1										
Galesburg (unorganized)			1										
Hoopeston	8		7						5.00	59.25	79.69	64.25	15.44
Hayne Ave. (Chicago)	20	2	20	24.00	36.00		15.62	3.45	126.34	4.78	228.08	210.19	17.89
Maywood	17		11	22.55	55.25				28.53		116.27	106.33	9.94
Oak Lawn	17		12	22.50	76.50		10.00	5.00	8.87		182.87	122.87	60.00
Oak Park	19		13	39.00	71.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	94.85	31.35	276.46	266.70	9.76
Peoria (new)	15		4										
Princeton	8		6	12.00	18.00				10.00		53.10	40.00	13.10
Rockford	18		39	13.50	27.75	12.00	11.23	11.21		86.68	206.49	162.37	44.12
Roseland	10		5	3.00	6.00						9.00	9.00	
Sheffield (unorganized)			4										
Wyanet	20		20		36.00	1.50			76.96	85.00	203.24	199.46	3.78
TOTALS	188	2	164	\$177.05	\$416.00	\$26.60	\$51.85	\$36.66	449.47	306.36	1638.02	1463.99	174.03