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# South Georgia Conference

## CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President—Rev. W. M. Phillippe, Jr., 2309 Ellis St., Brunswick, Ga.  
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## OFFICIAL BOARDS

### Committee on Itineracy and Elders Orders

W. M. Phillippe, Jr.	Term expires 1957
Paul L. Swauger	Term expires 1958
W. T. Brinson	Term expires 1959
W. L. Snellgrove	Term expires 1960

### Member of Local Board of Trustees of Central College

C. M. Payne	Term expires 1957
Reserve Member—H. R. Gunby	Term expires 1957

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William W. Wigglesworth	Term expires 1957
James M. Roberson	Term expires 1957
C. M. Payne	Term expires 1958
F. H. Harris, Sr.	Term expires 1958
Nathan Poppell	Term expires 1959

### Standing Committees

Advisory Committee—F. H. Harris, Okay Highsmith  
Judiciary Committee—L. C. Douthit, W. T. Brinson, Paul Swauger, Frank Harris  
Vacancies—W. L. Snellgrove, R. C. Harrell, Dennis Carter, Okay Highsmith, C. V. Marchbanks

- Sunday School Board—E. C. Moon, G. C. Gilliard, M. T. Scott, Okay Highsmith  
 Ashburn Camp Meeting Committee—C. M. Payne, W. T. Brinson, E. C. Moon, E. C. Hord, W. M. Phillippe, Jr.  
 Missionary Board—W. M. Phillippe, Jr., Frank Harris, Sr., Mrs. P. L. Swauger  
 Nominating Committee—E. C. Moon, W. M. Phillippe, Jr., R. N. Cooley, P. L. Swauger, Frank A. Noel

## CONFERENCE ROLL

### Stationed Elders

- C. M. Payne, Ashburn, Ga.  
 E. C. Hord, Rt. 1, Alamo, Ga.  
 L. C. Douthit, 117 W. Charlton St., Savannah, Ga.  
 E. C. Moon, Perry, Ga.  
 Miss Lala Sports, Odum, Ga.  
 W. L. Snellgrove, 335 Oak St., Waycross, Ga.  
 W. M. Phillippe, Jr., 2309 Ellis St., Brunswick, Ga.  
 Dennis Carter, 1117 Waller St., Waycross, Ga.  
 G. C. Gilliard, 131 Tinker Blvd., Warner Robbins, Ga.  
 C. V. Marchbanks, P. O. Box 481, Greenville, S. C.  
 P. L. Swauger, 412 E. Henry St., Savannah, Ga.

### Superannuated Elders

- Mrs. G. H. Doty, 117 9th St., Tifton, Ga.  
 H. R. Gunby, 943 Gilbert St., S. E., Atlanta, Ga.  
 R. C. Crossman, R. D. 6, Coldwater, Mich.  
 F. H. Harris, Sr., Odum, Ga.

### Unstationed Elders

- W. W. Wigglesworth, Rt. 2, Perry Fla.

### Annual Conference Preachers

- W. H. Morris, 98 Glynnvilla, Brunswick, Ga.  
 G. E. Akridge, 405 McClendon St., Ashburn, Ga.  
 D. E. Alexander, Hortense, Ga.  
 R. N. Cooley, 509 3rd St. N., Cordele, Ga.

### Lay Delegates

- Mr. J. B. Crawford, 649 Sisler Ave., Savannah, Ga.  
 Mrs. J. B. Crawford, 649 Sisler Ave., Savannah, Ga.  
 Mrs. P. L. Swauger, 412 E. Henry St., Savannah, Ga.  
 Henry Williams, Rt. 1, Helena, Ga.

## SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE

Mrs. D. E. Alexander, Hortense, Ga.  
R. C. Harrell, Rt. 1, Hortense, Ga.  
J. A. Spell, 142 Macon St., Jesup, Ga.  
James Waddell, Lane Bridge Road, Jesup, Ga.  
Okay Highsmith, 2823 Union St., Brunswick, Ga.  
Mrs. Mattie Hodge, Rt. Screven, Ga.  
J. A. Williams, Alma, Ga.  
James Griffin, 805 George St., Waycross, Ga.  
Mrs. Mamie Carter, 1013 Waring St., Waycross, Ga.  
Mrs. W. D. Oliver, Sycamore, Ga.  
W. J. Davis, Ashburn, Ga.  
Mrs. Cora Easom, 502 7th St. N., Cordele, Ga.  
Mrs. Mollie Brogdon, Rt. 2, Alapaha, Ga.  
Mrs. Flossie Fletcher, Rt. 6, Tifton, Ga.  
Mrs. John Young, Hahira, Ga., Rt. 2  
Mrs. Nathan Poppell, Rt. 1, Box 45, Odum, Ga.

# Standing Rules

No. 1. The Conference Treasurer is authorized to close his books two weeks before the opening date of Conference, therefore all receipts and monies should be in his hands by that time if credit on the statistical report is desired.

No. 2. The President, after his fourth round of Quarterly conferences shall mail the delegate's credentials to the Conference secretary who shall be the Committee on Credentials. It shall be his duty to prepare the roll before conference begins.

No. 3. All persons introduced to the conference shall be given honorary seats with the right to speak on all questions, but not to vote.

No. 4. The office expense of the President, the secretary, and the treasurer shall be paid by the conference. Also all conference supplies shall be purchased by the conference.

No. 5. The secretary and treasurer shall be paid twenty-five dollars per year for their services.

No. 6. The Conference Treasurer shall be bonded each year.

No. 7. An abbreviated form of the Pastor's statistical report shall be used for conference reading.

No. 8. The Annual Conference shall elect a Nominating Committee of five, of which one shall be the Conference President, to meet prior to the next Annual Conference and nominate the working committee for the session.

No. 9. The Conference President and the Board of Trustees shall constitute a Committee for the Building and Location of Churches and Parsonages.

No. 10. Each pastor shall be allowed time out from his duties as pastor to hold two revivals each year if he so desires. The church he serves as pastor shall not withhold his salary while he is absent on such authorized revivals. In case any extra expense is involved in filling the pulpit while the pastor is engaged in such said revival such extra expense shall be paid by the church whose pastor is absent holding the revival.

No. 11. All church records shall close the last day of the month preceding the opening date of Conference.

No. 12. It is the duty of the pastors to look after the insurance of the church and parsonage property. All insurance shall provide for fire, lightning and tornado. If the church fails to do so upon reasonable ef-

fort by the pastor, the conference president shall be notified and he shall take care of such business. A failure upon the part of the pastor shall be a censurable offense.

No. 13. This conference asks that each pastor shall keep a file of his calling list and those connected with the church and Sunday School with names and addresses, the same to be kept for his own work and to be turned over to his successor.

No. 14. Each pastor should seek to organize a new class or give his services in a revival meeting to a new or weaker church to help establish it. The church which he pastors should grant him such privileges without censure with full remunerations of salary while in such meeting. The president must serve as co-ordinator and help arrange such meetings.

# Daily Proceedings

**Monday Night, July 9, 1956**

**Opening**—The sixty-first annual session of the South Georgia Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America convened at Ashburn, Ga. on the Campgrounds. The Conference President, Rev. W. M. Phillippe, Jr., called the conference to order. The song service was led by Rev. Paul Swauger. Rev. and Mrs. H. L. McCall brought a special number in song.

God's presence was felt in a real way in this first service. Dr. R. C. Mullinax brought a wonderful message from the 13th chapter of I Corinthians.

**Tuesday Morning, July 10**

**Opening**—The president called the conference to order. The song service was led by Rev. D. E. Alexander. The devotions were conducted by Rev. W. T. Brinson. Rev. Phillippe asked that Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, our denominational representative, preside, which he did, bringing words of greetings to the conference.

**Roll Call**—The roll of Elders and Conference Preachers was called and adopted. The secretary, as the committee on credentials, also called the roll of Lay Delegates, which was adopted.

**Conference Bar**—The conference bar was set to include the first three rows of seats in the middle sections of the tabernacle, also the platform.

**Hours of Conference**—The hours of conference were set as follows: to meet at 9 a.m. until 12 noon; to meet again at 2 p.m. and to adjourn by motion.

**President's Report**—The president, Rev. W. M. Phillippe, Jr., gave his report which was adopted. (See Report No. 1.) The names of P. L. Swauger and C. V. Marchbanks were added to the Roll of Elders, and R. N. Cooley and D. E. Alexander were added to the Roll of Conference Preachers.

**Nominating Committee**—The Nominating Committee gave a report which was adopted. (See Report No. 2.) In the absence of Gordon Harris the vacancy on the Pastoral Relations committee was referred back to the Committee on Nominations.

**Orders of the Day**—The president, Rev. Phillippe, gave a partial report of the Orders of the Day, recommending that the Educational Address be given at 3 o'clock by Brother Mullinax, and that Brother Towner of the Hephzibah Home be given time to speak at the beginning of the night service. This was adopted.

**Committee on Courtesy**—The Committee on Courtesy introduced the following who gave their testimonies: Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Mullinax, Rev. and Mrs. Noel, Rev. and Mrs. Carnwright, Rev. and Mrs. McConnell,

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Brother Fletch and Brother Moore.

Communications—Letters from H. R. Gunby, W. W. Wigglesworth, were read by the secretary who was instructed to answer them.

Recess—Recessed for committee work.

Reconvened—Brother Nicholson called the conference to order.

Orders of the Day—The committee on Orders of the Day and public worship gave a partial report, recommending that the Educational Address be given at 2 o'clock instead of three, and that the election of officers and standing committees be held immediately afterwards, and that Brother Nicholson preach in the night service, along with the Hephzibah Children's Home by Brother and Sister Towner. This additional partial report was adopted.

Committee on Itineracy and Elders Orders—The report of this committee was given and adopted. (See Report No. 3.)

A statement was made that Frank H. Harris, Jr. had left the denomination and was no longer an elder in our conference.

Recommendations—A list of three recommendations were read by Rev. Phillippe which were adopted to be standing rules of the conference. (See Report No. 4.)

Adjournment—Adjourned by limitation of time.

### Tuesday Afternoon, July 10, 1956

Opening—The song service was led by Brother W. L. Snellgrove. A season of prayer was observed. Rev. R. C. Mullinax of Central College brought the Educational address.

The Chairman called the conference to order.

Auditing Committee—A partial report of the auditing committee was given and adopted. (See Report No. 5.)

Orders of the Day—The committee requested that the W.M.S. be given an hour for their meeting, right after the election of officers. This was adopted.

Election of Officers and Standing Committees—G. E. Akridge and G. C. Gilliard were appointed distributing tellers and E. C. Moon and J. B. Crawford collecting tellers. The following officers were elected, by ballot:

President—W. M. Phillippe

Vice President—Paul L. Swauger

Secretary—Mrs. Okay Highsmith

Treasurer—M. T. Scott

Trustee (three year term)—Nathan Poppell

The following were elected by acclamation:

Sunday School Secretary (one year term)—W. T. Brinson

Educational Secretary—C. M. Payne

Librarian—E. C. Hord

Tithing Secretary—W. L. Snellgrove



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Sunday School Board—W. T. Brinson, Chairman; E. C. Moon, G. C. Gilliard (two year term); M. T. Scott, Okay Highsmith (one year term).

Pension Plan Secretary and Treasurer—C. M. Payne

Wesleyan Men—Paul L. Swauger

Judiciary Committee—Paul Swauger, Frank Harris, Sr., L. C. Douthit, W. T. Brinson

Vacancies—W. L. Snellgrove, C. V. Marchbanks, R. C. Harrell, Okay Highsmith, Dennis Carter

Ashburn Camp Meeting Committee—C. M. Payne, E. C. Moon, W. T. Brinson, E. C. Hord, W. M. Phillippe

Missionary Board—W. M. Phillippe, President, Mrs. Paul Swauger, W.M.S. President, Frank H. Harris, Sr.

Nominating Committee—W. M. Phillippe, R. N. Cooley, Paul Swauger, E. C. Moon, Frank A. Noel

Committee on Itineracy and Elders Orders—W. L. Snellgrove (four-year term.)

Advisory Board (nominated by the President)—F. H. Harris, Sr., Okay Highsmith

Brother Phillippe stated that the Committee on Vacancies had taken care of the vacancy on the Committee on Itineracy and Elders Orders after the resignation of F. H. Harris, Jr.

An additional partial report of the Nominating Committee was given and J. B. Crawford was added to the Pastoral Relations Committee.

Adjourned for the Orders of the Day.

### Wednesday Morning, July 11

Opening—The song service was led by D. E. Alexander. The Devotional was conducted by Brother Carnwright. The President again asked Brother Nicholson to preside.

Roll Call and Minutes—The roll was called, and Mrs. Nathan Poppell was seated as alternate delegate from the Wayne Charge. The minutes were read and approved.

Secretary of Child Evangelism—The Sunday School Board nominated Mrs. G. C. Gilliard as Secretary of Child Evangelism, and she was elected.

Conference Treasurer—The report of the conference treasurer was given and accepted. (See Report No. 6.)

Offering for President—The financial deficit in the president's report was called to the attention of the conference and a love offering of \$55.50 was taken for Brother Phillippe.

Memorials—The committee on memorials gave a report recommending a public memorial service at 2 o'clock. This report was adopted. (See Report No. 7.)

Tithing Committee—The tithing committee gave a report which was adopted. (See Report No. 8.)

**Characters Committee**—This committee gave a report stating that all characters of the pastors had been passed. This was adopted. The Committee on Pastoral Relations were excused for committee work.

**Education Committee**—The report of this committee was adopted. (See Report No. 9.)

**Public Worship**—The committee on public worship gave a report, requesting that the W.M.S. be given time for their meeting at 11 o'clock, and that a Memorial Service be held at 2 o'clock, and that Brother Nicholson speak in the night service. This was adopted.

**Child Evangelism**—The secretary of Child Evangelism gave a report which was adopted. (See Report No. 10.)

**Communication**—A letter from R. C. Crossman was read by the secretary who was asked to answer.

**Sunday School Secretary**—The report of the Sunday School Secretary was given by Mrs. Highsmith, and adopted. (See Report No. 11.)

**Reports**—The following Church reports were given by the pastors: Sterling Mission, W. H. Morris; Ashburn, C. M. Payne; Cordele, R. N. Cooley; Crossroads, G. E. Akridge; Jesup, Miss Lala Sports; Perry, D. E. Alexander; Tifton, G. C. Gilliard; Waycross, Dennis Carter; Wayne Charge, C. V. Marchbanks; Laurens, E. C. Hord.

L. C. Douthit and W. T. Brinson gave their reports as General evangelists. (See Report No. 12.)

A statement was made that J. A. Cowart had withdrawn from the Church, and his name was dropped from the roll.

Sister G. H. Doty and F. H. Harris gave their reports as superannuates. Brother Nicholson spoke words of appreciation and encouragement to our superannuated ministers who have blazed the way of the church down through the years.

**Adjournment**—Adjourned for Orders of the Day.

### Wednesday Afternoon

**Opening**—Brother Nicholson called the conference to order. The Orders of the Day were deferred to hear the first reading of the Pastoral Relations Committee.

**Pastoral Relations Committee**—The report of this committee was given.

**Memorial Service**—A Memorial service was conducted by Rev. F. H. Harris.

**Roll Call and Minutes**—The roll was called. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

**Thanks**—The committee on Thanks gave a report which was adopted. (See Report No. 13.)

**Apportionment**—The report on apportionment was given and adopted. (See Report No. 14.)

**Secrecy**—The Committee on Secrecy recommended that the report on Secrecy of last conference written by W. H. Morris, and Mrs. Nathan Poppell, be adopted for this year. This was adopted. (See Report No. 15.)

**Auditing**—The Auditing Committee gave an additional report which was adopted. (See Report No. 15.)

**Camp Treasurer**—The report of the Treasurer of the Ashburn Camp was given and adopted. (See Report No. 16.)

**Pension Plan**—The Pension Plan treasurer gave a report which was adopted. (See Report No. 17.) A general discussion of the Pension Plan and the new Social Security law was led by Brother Nicholson, urging all ministers to take advantage of these.

**Church Records**—The report of the Committee on church records was given and adopted. (See Report No. 18.)

**Printed Minutes**—The secretary was authorized to have 300 copies of the minutes of the conference printed.

**Unfinished Business**—A motion prevailed that all unfinished business of the conference be left in the hands of the Missionary Board.

**Recessed**—A motion prevailed to recess to the call of the chair.

### Wednesday Night

**Opening**—Brother Nicholson called the conference to order.

**Pastor's Reports**—The following pastors gave their reports: W. M. Phillippe, Brunswick; W. L. Snellgrove, Hortense; E. C. Moon, Mt. Pleasant; P. L. Swauger, Savannah.

**Statistical**—The statistical report was given and adopted with the committee and secretary authorized to make any necessary corrections. (See Report No. 21.)

**Moral Reform**—The report of the committee on Moral Reform gave a report which was adopted. (See Report No. 19.)

**Pastoral Relations**—The report of the committee on Pastoral Relations was given and adopted. (See Report No. 20.)

**Post Office Addresses**—This committee will report to the Secretary.

**Minutes**—The minutes were read and adopted.

**Adjournment**—A motion prevailed to adjourn. Brother Harrell dismissed with prayer.

### Wednesday Night Service

The W.M.S. held a public Missionary service with the president, Mrs. P. L. Swauger, presiding. The song service was led by E. E. Alexander. A special song, "Give Us Souls" was sung by Rev. and Mrs. H. L. McCall.

Rev. R. S. Nicholson brought the message, on "The Christian and Missions." Pledges to the raised for Missions this year amounted to \$570.00.

# Reports

## Report No. 1

### CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the members of this Sixty-first Annual Session of the South Georgia Conference of The Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Dear Brethren and Co-laborers in the work of God. It is meet that we should come together on this great annual occasion with gratitude, thanksgiving and praise to God for what he has done for us this year. We have met with some unexpected attacks from the enemy, but thanks be to God who gave us the victory. I feel like that we are in the heat of the battle in this war against sin. Let's not fail.

#### Soul Passion

I feel the great need of this conference is a greater passion for souls. I know we need more churches, bigger churches, better Sunday schools, more members and more preachers; but I am afraid that we many times work at the job backwards. If we would spend more time and effort for the salvation of souls and seek earnestly for a great old fashion revival of regeneration and sanctification then these other things will be taken care of.

John Wesley said he did not fear that there would ever be a time when there would not be a people called methodist, but he did fear there would be a time when the methodist would have a desire for great institutions and initiate great programs that would require the help of the rich, and that they would tone down their message so it would not offend them, and the movement would become decadent.

Brethren, take heed to this statement of John Wesley and do not let it happen to us. The Wesleyan Methodist Church has been the only denomination that has held up its original doctrine over such a long period of time. Our fathers have fasted and prayed and fought hard and feared to compromise in their message. May we do the same and continue to advance and take in new territory for God.

I propose that these words, "A PASSION FOR SOULS," be the cry of every heart and be a slogan for a crusade to defeat the devil. I would have us think of all we have as a trust to be exercised, rather than as a heritage to be enjoyed. I would have us think of our responsibilities, more than our privileges. I would account ourselves as having just now received the tools for service, rather than to think of anything past or present as a finished feat. We are right now like the farmer in the spring of the year with the fields prepared and ready to sow the seed.

There are many ways of doing good in the world. There is the shallow method of Jeremiah's time who sought to heal the afflictions of the people

slightly, by saying, "Peace, peace, when there was no peace." Others call for best wishes and co-operation. But ours is a spiritual approach to the ills of individuals and society, and we shall not be true to our calling if we give our time and strength to methods that are less fundamental. Even though we are dogmatic as to doctrine, our effectiveness is in our life, rather than in our aptitude in pointing out the way of life. We preach holiness, but we must also live holy. We champion the cause of old time religion, but we must exemplify this kind of religion and promote it by the same means that our fathers used.

John Knox was a great preacher. But Queen Mary admitted that it was his prayers she feared. John Fletcher was a saint, but he refused to go to the pulpit until he was assured that Christ would be there with him.

The business of running a holiness church is not simple like some would make it seem. Now and then one stands up to enumerate the symptoms of disease and decay, and to tell us that we must be careful and don't do thus and so or else the church will drift backwards. But these symptoms are no more than a skin rash as compared with a cancer in the liver, which is our real disease, and a deep seated disease that would not be cured if the symptoms were eliminated. Men and movements backslide in heart before they deteriorate very far in practice. Just as the tree may look good and with beautiful foliage but has no fruit because of disease or the lack of something.

Some of our churches are no bigger today than they were twenty years ago, yea some are even smaller and some have even closed their doors. Some have a very poor showing in terms of souls saved and members gained. And yet, there is not much to criticize about our church government and its history or the doctrine we preach and what the church stands for. The fault is deeper—there is not enough heartbreak over the lost, not enough soul burden, not enough groaning and weeping and fasting and crying. Moreover, and as a consequence, there is not enough deep and genuine conviction for sin among the unsaved of our families and friends. Hypocrites are too comfortable in our presence, and in our services. Bickering and backbiting go with too little condemnation. Sour holiness, bitter devotion to persons and causes, lightness in the homes and in the churches, worldliness, love of ease and occupation, with silly social conventionalities among the women, covetousness and love for money among the men, content with the mediocre, delight in nice clothes and comfortable homes, measuring men by their salaries they receive, weighing people by the position they hold—all these things get by with too little reproof because the light is not bright enough to discover their devilish origin.

Newton said he had observed that when men are getting religion they have a tendency to be hard on themselves and easy on the other man.

But when they are losing religion or already backslidden, they have a tendency to be easy on themselves and hard on the other man. Nine tenths of the bickering and fault finding, jealousy, and suspicion, and criticism among our laymen and preachers would disappear if we had a greater passion for souls. Brethren we are not so menaced by a high geared organized machine of works as we are paralyzed by stagnation. One has said it is easier to reverse a man who is going in the wrong direction than to start one who has stopped.

When I read our statistics for the past several years I wonder if that is our best. In the years 1954 and 55 it took 400 members two years to gain 14 new members. Which means it took 29 members 2 years to win one soul to the church. This year of 1956 we only gained about 18 members with 412, which means that it took 29 members one year to gain a new member. And yet, unless a new vision comes to us here, before this conference is over, we will say we had a fine year, and were a subject of much blessings last year. But brethren, how can it be that we had such a good year and the net results, which is the main thing by which we measure success, be no greater than that. I am worried over the fact that we are not worried more than we are. It is our complacency that agitates me. If our hearts were really broken, if we were really taking the matter to heart, if our eyes were fountains of tears, then I could believe that some of these barren churches would bring forth children.

No one can say that the cause of our failure was radicalism, or over worked. I am afraid that it was doing nothing. None of us have done well enough to feel truly happy or qualify us to criticize the rest. Let each one study his own report. The best could have done better. With some a slump has become a habit, if not a character, and still they are not stirred.

Is there no one that can wake us up? Is there no way to start a fire in our bones that will cause enough heat to make the water of our concern boil and become powerful steam?

Brethren it can be done. The days of revival are not over. I am afraid of that cautious leadership that is so afraid it will make mistakes that it makes the greatest of all mistakes—not undertaking anything at all worth while. I am not criticizing the way we do things but rather the way we don't do things. And I know you know I appreciate all that all of you are doing and trying to do. But my heart is stirred for a passion for souls.

Brethren, I was born in the fire and I cannot endure the smoke. I am a child of the bright daylight, and mist and fog and depressing gloom are not to my liking. The revival I seek is not the product of the labors of some personality plus evangelist. I want the kind of revival that comes in spite of the singing and the preaching and the human attractions. I want a revival like summer showers, that will purify the atmosphere of

our churches. Something that will reform and regenerate drunkards and save respectable worldlings. Something that will bring in the youth and children. Something that will be so attractive that it will break over into the circles of the pleasure loving. Something that will set people on their back tracks to make restitution for wrong doings. Something that will bring God to bear upon our domestic problems and save people from the divorce courts. Something that will solve our race problems. We as true children of God can not go along with integration. It is unchristian to mix the races. God forbids the intermarriage of races and this is what integration stands for. We believe that this is a movement of communism. Only a pentecostal revival will settle this question. We need a revival that will inject old-time honesty, veracity, purity and out worldly mindedness in our preachers and laymen. Something that will make this namby-pamby, compromising sort of holiness as obsolete as Phariseeism was on the day of pentecost.

As a standard for our conference another year may we have a ten per cent gain in membership and organize two new churches. Every church strive for at least two revivals during the year. Defeatism in soul saving will put us on the way out and down.

Brethren I propose that we get out of our little nest and get down before God in sackcloth and ashes and pray until we pray. So that then we will preach with unction.

In the heat of a battle in the civil war a general called a commander to him and said, "Go out there and take that fortified hill." The commander said, "Sir I will try." But the general answered, "I did not tell you to try, I said take it." The commander answered, "I'll do it or die." Then the general said, "I did not say die, but take it." Then the commander turned his horse and started saying back over his shoulder, "I'll take it, general." And he did. Trying is not enough. Dying is not enough. We must take the hill. We must take it. A passion for Souls. The great commander in chief of the throne in the skies from Mt. Calvary has given the orders to win souls. Our answer is, "We will do it blessed Lord, we will do it."

### **Improvements of Property**

All the charges have made improvements on their property except Ashburn, they have the paint to paint but it has not been put on. Two churches have been remodeled, the Mt. Pleasant church built four new Sunday school rooms and remodeled the auditorium. The Savannah church has sheet rocked the inside, put double doors at entrance, new side walks and shrubbery.

The Waycross church put in a new gas heating system in the church. Tifton and Cordele put new gas heating both in church and parsonage. Hortense painted the inside of their church.

Jesup sealed the inside of the church and built concrete porch and steps.

Coffee has \$1,000.00 on hand to build new Sunday school rooms. Brunswick has \$1,000.00 on hand for a new addition to their church. Crossroads made minor repairs to windows, doors and steps.

There have been three new parsonages built: Laurens, Wayne, and Brunswick.

Also two new churches built: Sterling and Perry.

#### Labors and Official Acts

July 20, 1955—Conducted service at Cordele and discussed about getting a pastor.

July 22—Made a trip to Perry with Brother Alexander and appointed him as pastor of the Perry work.

July 22—Moved my house trailer to Little Rock for Brother Hord to live in while building the parsonage.

July 25—Contacted trustees about some property.

July 26—Met with Savannah people about a pastor.

July 27—Received resignation of C. V. Marchbanks from Savannah.

July 29—Received resignation of W. T. Brinson of Cordele.

July 31—Appointed Brother Oberly pastor of Darien.

August 9 and 10—Contacted Brother Cooley about going to Cordele; talked with Brother Carter about a new location for the Waycross church. Then drove to Cordele and Perry concerning their pastors.

August 13—Gave Rev. J. M. Merrell transfer to South Carolina Conference.

August 17—Met with Savannah church about a pastor.

August 20—Appointed Rev. Cooley to Cordele at the vote of the church.

August 21—Received \$150.00 from Brother Swauger for the moving of Brother Alexander to this conference.

August 25—Contacted Julian Carter to preach trial sermon at Liberty.

I also attended the Hortense Camp, August 30 to September 23. I started my first quarterly rounds.

September 1—Received \$450 from Brother Swauger for Coffee card call.

September 28-30—Attended Dr. Swauger's funeral at Syracuse and Pittsburgh.

October 3-6—Finished quarterly meetings.

October 6—Met with trustees of conference about a lot for Waycross church.

October 8—Dedicated and burned mortgage of the Coffee church.

October 9—Secured information at Alma to clear the deeds of the Mt. Pleasant church.



- October 19—F. H. Harris, Jr. resigned and joined another body.  
 October 20—Met with pulpit supply of Wayne charge.  
 October 21—Began work on Sterling church.  
 October 23—Went to Liberty home coming.  
 October 25, 26—Worked on Sterling church.  
 October 31—Had notes signed for Little Rock and Jesup.  
 November 9—Secured loans from Brother Harrell for Jesup and Little Rock.  
 November 12-20—Held revival at Perry.  
 November 21—Contacted Brother Hord about his parsonage.  
 November 27—Received transfer of P. L. Swauger from Rochester Conference.  
 November 28-December 29—Held second quarterly meetings.  
 November 29—Secured materials for Jesup church.  
 December 3—Dedicated Savannah church.  
 December 12, 13—Worked on Sterling church.  
 December 23—Received transfer of C. V. Marchbanks from South Carolina Conference.  
 December 24—Received \$500.00 card call loan on Sterling.  
 January 4—Met with the Jesup church with trustees of conference and my advisory board to settle matters over card call money.  
 January 6—Met with Brother Sheets in Savannah to review the work with him.  
 January 7—Received new deeds to Mt. Pleasant work and also plans for remodeling.  
 January 22—Spoke at Youth Rally at Liberty.  
 January 26, 27—Reviewed lots for relocation of church.  
 January 29—Spoke at Sunday school convention at Waycross.  
 February—Received \$150.00 from R. C. Harrell for the three new building programs. Sterling, Little Rock and Jesup.  
 February 6-9—Attended Hobe Sound camp.  
 February 14—Received word Brother Oberry left the church at Darien.  
 February 15—Moved tent to Darien.  
 February 18—Went to Savannah on conference business.  
 February 19—Preached at Darien.  
 February 21-23—Attended Central Area Ministerial Institute and was one of speakers on program.  
 February 26—Filled pulpit at Darien.  
 February 28—Began quarterly meeting until March 16.  
 March 6—Went to Warner Robins to see about ply wood for tabernacles.  
 March 7—Went to Albany to see about a church location.

- March 13—Made contacts in Baxley for a new work.  
 March 15—Looked at prospects in Valdosta for a new church.  
 March 24—Received card call for Jesup \$831.39.  
 March 25—Preached at Darien.  
 March 29—Met Brother Sheets at Waycross for conference.  
 April 1, 8 15, 22—Preached at Darien.  
 April 10—Went to Odum and Jesup on business.  
 April 12—Went to Savannah on property business.  
 April 16-19—Attended Leaders' Conference at Central.  
 April 24-26—Conference Ministerial at Cordele.  
 April 27-May 6—Helped in revival at Darien.  
 May 8—Met with group that desired to sell their church.  
 May 10—Met with Waycross church about a pastor.  
 May 13—Preached at Mother's Day service at Liberty.  
 May 14—Met at Mt. Pleasant church with pulpit supply.  
 May 15—Went to Baxley to see about a revival.  
 May 17—Contacted Darien about getting a pastor.  
 May 20-27—Held revival at Liberty.  
 May 28—Contacted Brother Snellgrove about taking Waycross church.  
     Met with Brother Adams about a pastor for Hortense.  
 May 31-June 29—Held last quarterly meetings.  
 June 18—Conducted a special Youth Service at Coffee.  
 June 23—Received transfer of Brother McConnell from the Methodist Church.  
 June 25-27—Worked at Ashburn camp.  
 June 30—Moved tent from Darien to campground.  
 July 2—Worked at campground.  
 July 3—Met with nominating board.  
 Published four issues of conference president's reporter.

#### Financial Report

Salary received .....	\$ 977.80
Received from two revivals .....	125.00
Received toward travel expense .....	142.67
Gifts .....	33.00
From work fund to Dr. Swauger's funeral .....	100.00
Received for office expense .....	50.00
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Total received .....	\$1428.47

#### Disbursements

Travel expense .....	Car \$1306.32; plane ..	\$114.50
Office expense .....		108.75

Telephone expense .....	63.02	
Flowers for Dr. Swauger's funeral .....	10.00	
Telegrams .....	4.70	
Pioneer work at Darien .....	12.50	
Trailer rent to haul supplies to camp .....	14.50	
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Total Expense .....		\$1634.29
In red .....	\$206.82	

Miles traveled by car, 21,772; by plane, 3,000.

Yours respectfully submitted,

W. M. Phillippe, Jr.

Conference President

### Report No. 2

#### COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Pastoral Relations Committee—P. L. Swauger, E. C. Moon, W. L. Snellgrove, Okav Highsmith, Gordon Harris, R. C. Harrell

Public Worship—D. E. Alexander, F. H. Harris, Sr.

Moral Reform—G. E. Akridge, Sister W. D. Oliver

Tithing—Sister John Young, Sister D. E. Alexander

Courtesy—G. C. Gilliard, Sister Crawford

Education—Sister Lala Sports, Sister Molley Brogden

Character—C. M. Payne, Henry Williams

Thanks—W. T. Brinson, James Griffin

Auditing Committee—Sister Mattie Hodge, Sister Mamie Carter

Statistical Committee—J. A. Williams, R. N. Cooley

Apportionment—E. C. Hord, Sister Flossie Fletcher

Sunday School—C. V. Marchbanks, J. A. Spell

Memorials—Sister P. L. Swauger, H. R. Gunby

Inspect Church Records—Sister Cora Easom, W. H. Morris

Secrecy—Dennis Carter, James Waddell

Post Office Addresses—J. B. Crawford, L. C. Douthit

E. C. Moon,

G. E. Akridge,

G. C. Gilliard,

W. M. Phillippe, Jr.

### Report No. 3

#### COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ELDERS ORDERS

1. We recommend that G. E. Akridge, D. E. Alexander, R. N. Cooley, L. D. McConnell, Jr., W. H. Morris, and Frank A. Noel, Jr., continue to study and travel under the direction of the conference.

2. That Mrs. Annie Mae Davis and James Griffin continue to study under the direction of the conference.

3. That Mrs. Irene Skelton and Tom O'Berry be dropped from the course of study by reason of having joined another body.

W. M. Phillippe, Jr.,

W. T. Brinson,

E. C. Hord,

P. L. Swauger.

#### Report No. 4

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for the following to be added to standing rules of the conference:

1. It is the duty of the pastors to look after the insurance of the church and parsonage property. All insurance shall provide for fire, lightning, and tornado. If the church fails to do so upon reasonable effort of the pastor, the conference president shall be notified and he shall take care of such business. A failure upon the part of the pastor shall be a censurable offense.

2. This conference asks that each pastor shall keep a file of his calling list and those connected with the church and Sunday school with names and addresses, the same to be kept for own work and to be turned over to his successor.

3. Each pastor should seek to organize a new class or give his service in a revival meeting to a new or weaker church to help establish it. The church which he pastors should grant him such privileges without censure with full remuneration of salary while in such meetings. The president must serve as co-ordinator and help arrange such meetings.

W. M. Phillippe, Jr.

#### Report No. 5

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the books of the Pension Plan Treasurer and find reports filled out correctly. Also we have checked the books of the Ashburn Camp Meeting Treasurer and they are very neatly and accurately kept.

We have examined the Conference Treasurer's books and find them very neatly kept and correct. We recommend that as our appreciation to the Conference Treasurer and Secretary that they be paid \$50.00 per year for their services instead of \$25.00 for their excellent service.

Respectfully,

Mattie Hodge,

Mamie Carter.

## Report No. 6

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

**Foreign Missions:**

At first of year .....	\$69.24
Receipts .....	456.59
Cash Received .....	265.99
Cash Paid Out .....	327.23

Balance on Hand .....	\$8.00
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**Home Missions:**

Receipts .....	\$320.86
Cash Received .....	250.56
Cash Paid Out .....	229.06

Balance on Hand .....	\$21.50
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**Education:**

At first of year .....	\$52.50
Receipts .....	7.00
Cash Received .....	777.92
Cash Paid Out .....	823.18

Balance on Hand .....	\$7.24
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**Superannuate Pension Plan:**

Cash Received .....	\$555.60
Cash Paid Out .....	555.60

**Orphanage:**

At first of year .....	\$ .25
Receipts .....	8.00
Cash Received .....	105.25
Cash Paid Out .....	104.25

Balance on Hand .....	\$ 1.25
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**Administrative Budget:**

At first of year .....	\$24.80
Cash Received .....	181.00
Cash Paid Out .....	201.50

Balance on Hand .....	\$4.30
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**General Conference Expense Fund:**

At first of year .....	\$18.73
Cash Received .....	52.50
Cash Paid Out .....	68.30

Balance on Hand .....	\$2.93
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## SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE

**General Sunday School Work:**

At first of year .....	\$3.82
Cash Received .....	65.60
Cash Paid Out .....	69.42

**Australia:**

Cash Received .....	\$89.25
Cash Paid Out .....	87.50

Balance on Hand .....	\$1.75
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**President's Salary:**

Receipts .....	\$556.02
Cash Received .....	404.53
Cash Paid Out .....	404.53

**Conference Work:**

At first of year .....	\$295.86
Cash Received .....	354.75
Cash Paid Out .....	421.42

Balance on Hand .....	\$229.19
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**Minutes:**

At first of year .....	\$82.67
Cash Received .....	189.50
Cash Paid Out .....	230.96

Balance on Hand .....	\$41.21
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**Conference Extension:**

At first of year .....	\$385.07
Cash Received .....	182.49
Cash Paid Out .....	60.00

Balance on Hand .....	\$507.56
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**Ashburn Camp:**

Cash Received .....	\$311.00
Cash Paid Out .....	311.00

**Property Sales Fund:**

At first of year .....	\$35.00
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Balance on Hand .....	\$35.00
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**Greater South Georgia Conference Campaign:**

At first of year .....	\$590.00
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Balance on Hand .....	\$590.00
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## To Purchase Tent:

At first of year .....	\$243.21	
Balance on Hand .....		\$243.21

## South Georgia Conference Parsonage:

At first of year .....	\$750.18	
Cash Received .....	119.37	
Balance on Hand .....		\$869.55

## Moving Expense of D. E. Alexander:

Cash Received .....	\$150.00	
Cash Paid Out .....	150.00	

## Loan for Sterling Church:

Cash Received .....	\$500.00	
Cash Paid Out .....	500.00	

## Aid to Coffee Church:

Cash Received .....	\$450.00	
Cash Paid Out .....	450.00	

## Aid to Jesup Church:

Cash Received .....	\$400.00	
Cash Paid Out .....	400.00	

## Monthly Allowances:

Cash Received .....	\$160.00	
Cash Paid Out .....	160.00	

## Pastor and Delegate Entertainment:

Cash Received .....	\$6.00	
Cash Paid Out .....	6.00	

## Totals:

Receipts .....	\$1,348.47	
Cash at first of year .....	2,551.33	
Cash Received during the year .....	5,571.31	
Total Cash .....	8,122.64	
Total Paid Out .....	5,559.97	
Total Cash on Hand .....	\$2,562.67	

M. T. Scott, Treasurer

## Report No. 7

## COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

We, the Committee on Memorials, recommend that a memorial be held

the first thing on program after the opening at 2 o'clock this afternoon, honoring our beloved ones who have been called home to glory this past conference year. The names are as follows:

Rev. J. R. Swauger, our Home Missionary Secretary

Rev. J. M. Merrell of the South Carolina Conference

Mr. C. W. Drury, Hortense, Georgia

Mr. David Roberson, Hortense, Georgia

Mrs. C. M. Gordon, Ashburn, Georgia

Mrs. W. J. Davis, Ashburn, Georgia

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. G. E. Akridge, Chairman;

Mrs. W. D. Oliver.

#### Report No. 8

#### TITHING REPORT

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10.

Malachi tells us that we are to bring the tithes into the storehouse. That settles the question if we are or if we are not to pay our tithes. Also he tells us where to put it. The answer is the storehouse. The Church of Jesus Christ. We have the promise that blessings will be ours. If we are or not, we are told to put God to the test by proving Him. The blessing will be so large that all of our hearts big or small will not be able to contain the blessings.

Jesus said, "This ye ought to have done," placing His approval on tithing.

Mrs. D. E. Alexander,

Mrs. John Young

#### Report No. 9

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Bible education should begin in the home, with the Mother and Father diligently teaching their children daily and living before them the precepts and examples of God's holy Word.

In Sunday School the Bible should be the first, teaching and leading all to see the Way of Life, giving them the opportunity for Salvation, as we are born again by the Word of God.

Then we should do all we can to influence our young boys and girls to go to our Wesleyan colleges for the necessary training as spiritual leaders in all walks of life. Respectfully submitted,

Lala Sports,

Molly Brogdon



**Report No. 10****SECRETARY OF CHILD EVANGELISM**

It has been a real pleasure this year to work in His Name for Child Evangelism. About \$20.00 was contributed for traveling to the churches. By the interest and help of Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Gilliard, we visited five churches. In Savannah, we found two prospects and in Alma one prospect for the children's work. Pray for these. Crossroads was visited again.

From Cordele we have Mrs. R. N. Cooley taking the teacher training course. Already two certificates have been issued for two units of section A completed. She organized a club but at present she isn't holding services. She plans to revive it soon, God willing.

At Perry we have Mrs. R. R. Johnson studying the course. She has certificates for all of section A and possibly has held enough services to complete section B. Mrs. Virgil Bryant also of Perry, has certificates for three units of section A. She wants to organize a club with Mrs. D. E. Alexander, who is interested.

Little Dorothy Gilliard of Tifton has started the course. She has one unit of section A and is studying another book of the course. A special certificate will be presented Dorothy at the completion of the entire course. We urge other young people to pray about this work and follow Him.

A Free Methodist Sister, Mrs. C. Y. Ingram is taking the course and has one certificate for section A and is studying.

An Assembly of God Sister, Mrs. Laura Powell has certificates for two units of the course and has a live growing club.

Mrs. G. C. Gilliard had a live club this year. I, too have a live club. God has been good to us.

There is interest for this work in the Holiness Baptist Church of Enigma, Georgia. This church was visited on two occasions in interest of children's work.

Pray for the work among the children everywhere who are so sorely neglected. The soon return of Jesus should hasten our labors and enlarge our hearts much, while there is yet time.

Molly Brogdon.

**Report No. 11****SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Number of conventions held .....	2
Finances received .....	\$8.35
Travel expense .....	15.20
Postage .....	.78

## SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE

We had a wonderful rally at Waycross with the church filled. We also had a convention at Cordale in connection with the ministerial convention which proved a great help.

W. M. Phillippe, Jr., Secretary

## Report No. 12

## GENERAL EVANGELIST'S REPORTS

It has been my pleasure to preach in six different denominations since the last session of the Annual Conference. I have seen several saved in the altars for which I am grateful. I have preached some funerals and answered every call I received to preach.

Finance: I received.	\$98.00
For Funerals	30.00
Total	\$128.00

W. T. Brinson

1. Time employed—twelve months.
2. Number of meetings held—five, with souls and sanctified.
3. Was prevented from holding other meetings because of sickness.
4. Would appreciate being continued as General Evangelist for another Conference year.
5. Thanking the Conference for all sympathy and favors, I am sincerely Your unworthy servant,

L. C. Douthitt

## Report No. 13

## COMMITTEE ON THANKS

We, your Committee on Thanks, wish to submit the following report. We are indeed grateful for the splendid entertainment made possible by the camp meeting committee and to Brother Payne for his untiring labors in the matter.

We also appreciate the fine spirit shown by all concerned. We are thankful for the labors of Dr. Nicholson and the anointed messages that he brought to us. We also include all favors shown to this conference by all.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. Brinson,  
James D. Griffin.

## Report No. 15

## SECRECY

We will on no account tolerate our Ministers and members in joining or holding fellowship with secret societies, as in judgment of the Wesleyan Methodist church, it is inconsistent with our duties to God to hold such relations.

"Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in

the synagogue and in the temple whither the Jews always resort, and in secret have I said nothing." John 18:20.

"Whereas if they say unto you, behold He is in the desert; go not forth; behold He is in the secret chamber, believe it not." Matt. 24:26

"But fornication and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints." Eph. 5:3.

"For ye were sometimes in darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light." Eph. 5:8

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Eph. 5:11.

"For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret." Eph. 5:12

W. H. Morris,

Mrs. Nathan Poppell.

#### Report No. 16

#### ASHBURN CAMP TREASURER'S REPORT

As of June 25, 1956:

Amount on hand at first of year .....	\$88.46
Amount paid in during year .....	778.12
Total for year .....	\$866.58
Total paid out during year .....	797.93
Balance in treasury .....	\$68.65

C. M. Payne, Treasurer

#### Report No. 17

#### PENSION PLAN TREASURER'S REPORT

Total paid in during year .....	\$556.60
Total paid to Beneficiaries .....	\$2721.00

C. M. Payne, Treasurer

#### Report No. 18

#### CHURCH RECORDS

We, the Church Records Examining Committee, find the church books to be in good order.

W. H. Morris,

Cora Easom.

#### Report No. 19

#### COMMITTEE ON MORAL REFORM

America has always been noted as the most spiritual nation, but our hearts are saddened as we look around about us and see how the people of America are lowering the standard of the Bible.

We feel that the parents are not living the life before their children as devout Christians should. We should spend more time in the home reading the Word of God and praying, teaching our young people the need of living for God.

See II Chronicles 7:14. If we follow these instructions, our nation and homes will shine as lights for God.

Rev. G. E. Akridge, Chairman;  
Mrs. W. D. Oliver.

### Report No. 20

### PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- Ashburn—George A. Carnwright  
Brunswick—W. M. Phillippe, Jr.  
Cordele—R. N. Cooley  
Crossroads Charge—(Crossroads, Sylvester)—G. E. Akridge  
Hortense Charge—(Hortense, Philadelphia, Oak Grove)—D. E. Alexander  
Jesup—Miss Lala Sports  
Laurens Charge—(Browning and Little Rock)—E. C. Hord, (on trial)  
Mt. Pleasant Charge—(Mt. Pleasant, Coffee)—Dennis Carter  
Perry—E. C. Moon  
Savannah—P. L. Swauger  
Sterling Mission—W. H. Morris  
Tifton—L. D. McConnell, Jr.  
Waycross—W. L. Snellgrove  
Wayne Charge—(Liberty, Bethlehem)—Frank A. Noel, Jr.  
Liberty, (Turner County)—(For re-establishment) C. M. Payne  
Conference President—W. M. Phillippe, Jr.  
General Evangelists—L. C. Douthit, C. V. Marchbanks  
Superannuated—H. R. Gunby, Mrs. G. H. Doty, R. C. Crossman, F. H. Harris, Sr.  
Pioneer Evangelism—G. C. Gilliard  
Dropped by reason of joining another body—J. A. Cowart  
Transferred by request to North Georgia Conference—W. T. Brinson  
We recommend that the President hold four quarterly meetings.  
We recommend that the President's salary be \$2.50 per member, and that an offering for traveling expenses be taken at each quarterly visit.
- Signed: W. M. Phillippe, Jr. ,  
Okay Highsmith,  
E. C. Moon,  
J. B. Crawford,  
W. L. Snellgrove,  
R. C. Harrel,  
P. L. Swauger.

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Report No. 14

## APPORTIONMENT REPORT

Charge	No. of Members	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Superannuated Pension Plan	Orphanage	Administrative Budget	General Conference Travel Expense	General Sunday School Work	Australia	President's Salary	Conference Work	Minutes	Conference Extension	Ashburn Camp	Total
Ashburn .....	19	\$38	\$23.75	\$47.50	\$28.50	\$4.75	\$9.50	\$3.80	\$2.25	\$4.75	\$47.50	\$19	\$13.30	\$4.75	\$19	\$266.35
Brunswick .....	82	164	102.50	205.00	123.00	20.50	41.00	16.40	19.35	20.50	205.00	82	57.40	20.50	82	1,159.15
Cordele .....	10	20	12.50	25.00	15.00	2.50	5.00	2.00	4.05	2.50	25.00	10	7.00	2.50	10	143.05
Crossroads .....	23	46	28.75	57.50	34.50	5.75	11.50	4.60	2.10	5.75	57.50	23	16.10	5.75	23	321.80
Hortense .....	49	98	61.25	122.50	73.50	12.25	24.50	9.80	15.75	12.25	122.50	49	34.30	12.25	49	696.85
Jesup .....	19	38	23.75	47.50	28.50	4.75	9.50	3.80	5.70	4.75	47.50	19	13.30	4.75	19	269.80
Laurens .....	31	62	38.75	77.50	46.50	7.75	15.50	6.20	7.50	7.75	77.50	31	21.70	7.75	31	438.40
Mt. Pleasant .....	56	112	70.00	140.00	84.00	14.00	28.00	11.20	12.90	14.00	140.00	56	39.20	14.00	56	791.30
Perry .....	6	12	7.50	15.00	9.00	1.50	3.00	1.20	2.10	1.50	15.00	6	4.20	1.50	6	85.50
Savannah .....	29	58	36.25	72.50	43.50	7.25	14.50	5.80	7.65	7.25	72.50	29	20.30	7.25	29	410.75
Tifton .....	16	32	20.00	40.00	24.00	4.00	8.00	3.20	3.15	4.00	40.00	16	11.20	4.00	16	225.55
Waycross .....	27	54	33.75	67.50	40.50	6.75	13.50	5.40	8.10	6.75	67.50	27	18.90	6.75	27	383.40
Wayne .....	47	94	58.75	117.50	70.50	11.75	23.50	9.40	10.50	11.75	117.50	47	32.90	11.75	47	663.80
Totals .....	414	\$828	\$517.50	\$1,035.00	\$621.00	\$103.50	\$207.00	\$82.80	\$101.10	\$103.50	\$1,035.00	\$414	\$289.80	\$103.50	\$414	\$5,855.70

## SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE

## STATISTICAL REPORT

Charge	Item I Pastor's Labors										Item II Periodicals											
	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	Organized Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists taken	Wesleyan Missionaries taken	Wesleyan Youths taken	Sunday School-Banister	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Adult Teacher's Quarterly	Intermediate Teacher's Qu.	Junior-Primary Teacher's Qu.	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflet	Other Helps taken	Little Friends of Jesus	Bible Lesson Chart	Pict-o-Art Set
Ashburn	12	1	1	9	4	1	10			3	1	1	8	8	25	6		8		8	1	
Brunswick	12	1	1	38	13	10	50	15		12	4	4	45	25	25			6		10		3
Cordele	12	1	1	12	8	4		20		4	4	4	30	50				40				4
Crossroads	12	2	2	2	2					1	1	1	10		10							
Hortense	12	4	3	15	11	10				3	3	4	45	31	45	15		15		20	8	2
Jesup	12	1																				
Laurens	12	2	2	8	3	1			10	11			20	10								
Mt. Pleasant	12	2	2	12	14	14				7			40	60	22	22	24		10			
Perry	12	1	1	3	3	1	2	8		5	5		5	5	5	5		5				
Savannah	9	1	1	12	14	8				2	1	2	25	6	12		6	5	30			
Tifton	12	1	1	8	5	1	10			1	1	2	12	6	6		4	6				
Waycross	12	1	1	3	2					2	1	1	30	25	30			6				
Wayne	8	2	2	9	12	6				18	2	30	27	15	15			10		25		
Sterling Mission	12	1		1	1	1	8		8	1	2	2	20	10								
Totals	159	21	18	140	92	58	87	35	83	70	17	98	327	1530	176	43	61	105	40	63	9	9

## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

## Item III. Membership

Charge	Full Membership Reported Last Year	Full Membership Received This Year	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Members Lost	Present Full Membership	Associate Members	Junior Members	Total Present Membership	Total Membership Reported Last Year	Gain Members for the Year	Loss Members for the Year	Baptized	Infants Dedicated	Local Preachers	Unstationed Elders	No. of Family Altars	Membership Tithing	No. Card Call Subscribers
Ashburn	24	1			2	4	6	19			19	24	24		5				10	10	4
Brunswick	85	6				2	7	82			82	83		1					51	51	
Cordele	15	2				10	12	20			20	15	15						9	9	1
Crossroads	21	2					23	23		4	23	21	21	2							
Hortense	55	8			1	9	9	49		3	52	55	55		3				15	25	15
Jesup	15	3				1	1	19			19	15	15	4					6	5	6
Laurens	29	11				6	9	31			31	29	29						7	7	
Mt. Pleasant	56	3				3	56		9	65	56	56	56		4				19	14	12
Perry	4	2					6	6			6	4	4						3	6	2
Savannah	24	6				1	1	29			29	24	24	5		7		1	2	6	6
Tifton	13	3					16	16			16	13	13	3					4	8	5
Waycross	25	6				4	4	27			27	25	25	2	6		1		8	8	
Wayne	43	6				2	2	47		2	49	43	43		2			1	10	12	5
Sterling Mission																			1	1	1
Totals	407	61		21	3	30	54	414	1	18	433	407	35	91	30	15	5	31	82	167	57

## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Charge	Item IV. Sunday Schools																		Wes. Youth	
	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. Officers, Teachers	Whole No. Scholars in Main School	Total No. in Main School	No. in Home Department	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	Average Attendance	No. of Scholars Converted	No. Scholars Joining Church	No. of Departmental Supts.	Teacher's Training Course	No. of Organized Classes	No. Books in Library	Enrollment, V.B.S.	Average Attendance V.B.S.	No. of W. Y. Societies	Total Membership of Soc.		
Ashburn	1	5	20	25			15	129	8	1	1		11		126	91	2	37		
Brunswick	1	14	136	150			46	27	10	5	1		4		40	35	1	14		
Cordele	1	9	37	46			24	14												
Crossroads	1	5	24	24			14	105	1	1			11		65	55				
Hortense	2	14	101	115			40	38												
Jesup	1	1	40				69	50	4	4	2									
Laurens	2	8					125	86					10							
Mt. Pleasant	2	14	125				14	51	13		2		5		89	55	1	7		
Perry	1	4	14	14		14	44	21		1			4							
Savannah	1	13	60	73	5	16	94	51	13		2		4							
Tifton	1	4	40	44			44	21					4							
Waycross	1	4	70	75			54	54					4							
Wayne	2	9	72	81			81	70	6	6	2		4							
Sterling Mission	1	2	9	11			13				1		2							
Totals	18	105	748	658	5	30	683	673	42	18	9		57		320	236	6	122		

## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Charge	Item V. Church Property								Cash or Other Values on Hand
	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	
Ashburn	1	\$1,600			1	\$1,800			\$10.00
Brunswick	1	13,800		\$3,500	2	16,500	\$9,300.00	\$12,000	1,562.78
Cordele	1	8,000			1	6,000			
Crossroads	2	4,000							
Hortense	3	4,000			1	3,000			656.20
Jesup	1	4,000							
Laurens	2	8,000			1	5,000	458.03		
Mt. Pleasant	2	12,000	\$1,530		1	2,000			1,262.00
Perry	1	1,500							300.00
Savannah	1	6,000		4,500					
Tifton	1	12,000		1,000	1	6,000		1,000	
Waycross	1	3,000		2,000	1	1,000			29.66
Wayne	2	26,000	1,500						268.83
Sterling Mission	1	1,500							28.17
Totals	20	\$81,200	\$3,030	\$11,000	9	\$41,300	\$9,758.03	\$13,000	\$4,117.64

## SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE

## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

## Item VI. Disbursed for Pastor

Charge	Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Ashburn	\$434.00	\$240.00		\$253.00	\$927.90
Brunswick	3,120.00	446.00	\$5.00	230.00	3,801.00
Cordele	139.39	300.00	10.00	561.30	1,010.69
Crossroads	660.34			49.00	709.34
Hortense	4,496.94	347.38	5.00	103.01	4,952.33
Jesup	709.91			300.00	1,009.91
Laurens	993.10	45.00		177.31	1,215.41
Mt. Pleasant	1,019.65			607.00	1,626.65
Perry	1,140.00	495.00		60.00	1,695.00
Savannah	1,732.39	360.00		54.00	2,146.39
Tifton	472.60	540.00	5.00	143.56	1,161.16
Waycross	723.32		20.00	15.00	758.32
Wayne	1,760.00	350.00		272.70	2,382.70
Sterling Mission	114.00			3.00	117.00
Totals	\$17,515.64	\$3,123.38	\$45.00	\$2,829.78	\$23,513.80

## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

## Item VII. Disbursed for Church

Charge	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Amount Paid on Expense Of Indebtedness	Church Incidental Expense	Total for Church
Ashburn	\$50.00	\$32.00		\$25.00			\$22.26	\$129.26
Brunswick	434.00	806.80	\$1,000.00	249.49		\$820.00	1,845.90	5,156.19
Cordele	21.75	31.44		12.47			243.54	309.20
Crossroads	15.00	19.25		56.56				90.81
Hortense	376.26	288.17	500.00	549.06	\$175.00		47.16	1,935.65
Jesup	60.00	35.00	900.00				306.00	1,301.00
Laurens		35.16	960.92				120.00	1,116.08
Mt. Pleasant	376.86	118.95	3,178.54		1,910.80		40.00	5,625.15
Perry	53.81	36.73		300.00				390.56
Savannah	62.17	165.74		295.27			88.88	612.06
Tifton	155.95	122.95		38.87				320.77
Waycross	226.97	222.42					74.54	523.93
Wayne	220.00	103.10			151.00		192.33	666.43
Sterling Mission		38.15	956.19				258.82	1,253.16
Totals	\$2,052.77	\$2,058.88	\$7,495.65	\$1,526.72	\$2,236.80	\$820.00	\$3,239.43	\$19,430.25



## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

## Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget

Charge	Australia Assigned	Australia Raised	Foreign Missions Assigned	Foreign Missions Raised	Home Missions Assigned	Home Missions Raised	Education Assigned	Education Raised	Pension Plan Assigned	Pension Plan Raised
Ashburn .....	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$48.00	\$27.82	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$38.00	\$36.00	\$36.00
Brunswick .....	20.75	20.75	166.00	189.16	103.75	103.75	207.50	207.50	24.50	124.50
Cordele .....	3.75	3.75	30.00	30.00	15.75	15.75	37.50	37.50	22.50	22.50
Crossroads .....	5.25	5.25	42.00	42.00	26.25	28.50	52.50	52.50	31.50	31.50
Hortense .....	13.75	13.75	110.00	110.00	68.75	93.00	137.50	137.50	82.50	82.50
Jesup .....	3.75	3.75	30.00	15.00	18.75	11.75	37.50	16.25	22.50	22.50
Laurens .....	7.20	1.75	58.00	18.00	36.25	31.50	72.50	19.82	43.50	30.60
Mt. Pleasant .....	28.00	28.00	112.00	112.00	70.00	70.00	140.00	140.00	84.00	84.00
Perry .....										
Savannah .....	6.00		48.00	76.00	30.00	82.07	60.00		36.00	
Tifton .....	3.25	3.25	26.00	34.75	16.25	32.75	32.50	32.50	19.50	19.50
Waycross .....	6.25	6.25	50.00	15.00	31.25	21.00	62.50	56.50	37.50	57.50
Wayne .....	10.75	10.75	86.00	62.85	53.75	48.35	107.50	46.85	64.50	64.50
Sterling Mission .....										
Totals .....	\$114.70	\$103.25	\$806.00	\$732.58	\$500.75	\$568.42	\$1,007.50	\$784.92	\$604.50	\$555.60

## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

## Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget—Continued

Charge	Orphanage Assigned	Orphanage Raised	Administrative Budget Assigned	Administrative Budget Raised	General Conference Travel & Entertainment Assigned	General Conference Travel & Entertainment Raised	General Sunday School Work Assigned	General Sunday School Work Raised	Total General Budget Assigned	Total General Budget Raised
Ashburn .....	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$3.60	\$3.60	\$3.60	\$3.60	\$205.20	\$163.02
Brunswick .....	30.75	25.75	41.50	41.50	12.45	12.45	16.50	16.50	713.70	741.86
Cordele .....	3.75	3.75	7.50	7.50	2.25	2.25	3.70	3.70	126.70	126.70
Crossroads .....	5.25	5.25	10.50	10.50	3.15	3.15	2.40	2.50	178.80	181.15
Hortense .....	13.75	13.75	27.50	27.50	8.25	8.25	9.20	9.20	471.20	495.45
Jesup .....	3.75	3.75	7.50	7.50	2.25	2.25	2.50	2.50	128.50	85.25
Laurens .....	7.25	9.50	14.50	6.00	4.35		7.20	2.00	250.75	119.17
Mt. Pleasant .....	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	8.40	8.40	11.20	11.20	481.60	481.60
Perry .....										
Savannah .....	6.00	11.00	12.30		3.60		3.00		204.60	169.07
Tifton .....	3.25	3.60	6.50	6.50	1.95	1.95	3.40	3.40	112.60	138.29
Waycross .....	6.25	6.25	12.50	12.50	3.75	3.75	6.50	6.50	216.50	165.25
Wayne .....	10.75	10.75	21.50	21.50	6.45	6.45	4.50	4.50	365.70	276.50
Sterling Mission .....										
Totals .....	\$100.75	\$113.35	\$187.50	\$167.00	\$60.45	\$52.50	\$73.70	\$65.60	\$3,455.85	\$3,143.22

## SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE

## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

## Item VIII. Disbursed for Conference Budget

Charge	President's Salary Assigned	President's Salary Raised	Conference Work Assigned	Conference Work Raised	Minutes Assigned	Minutes Raised	Conference Extension Assigned	Conference Extension Raised
Ashburn	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$6.00	\$6.00
Brunswick	207.50	207.50	83.00	83.00	41.50	41.50	20.75	20.75
Cordele	37.50	37.50	15.00	15.00	7.50	7.50	3.75	3.75
Crossroads	52.50	52.50	21.00	21.00	10.50	10.50	5.25	5.25
Hortense	137.50	137.50	55.00	55.00	27.50	27.50	13.75	13.75
Jesup	37.50	26.00	15.00	4.00	7.50	7.50	3.75	3.75
Laurens	72.50	72.26	29.00	9.00	14.50	14.50	7.25	3.15
Mt. Pleasant	140.00	140.00	56.00	56.00	28.00	28.00	14.00	14.00
Perry								
Savannah	60.00	25.60	24.00		12.00		6.00	
Tifton	32.50	32.50	13.00	13.00	6.50	6.50	3.25	3.25
Waycross	62.50	62.00	25.00	25.00	12.50	12.50	6.25	6.25
Wayne	107.50	107.50	43.00	6.00	21.50	21.50	10.75	10.75
Sterling Mission								
Totals	\$1,007.50	\$960.86	\$403.00	\$311.00	\$201.50	\$189.50	\$100.75	\$90.65

## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

## Item VIII. Disbursed for Conference Budget—Continued

Charge	Ashburn Camp Assigned	Ashburn Camp Raised	Total Conference Budget Assigned	Total Conference Budget Raised	Total Budget Assigned	Total Budget Raised
Ashburn	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$126.00	\$126.00	\$331.20	\$289.02
Brunswick	83.00	83.00	435.75	435.75	1,149.45	1,177.61
Cordele	15.00	15.00	78.75	78.75	205.45	205.45
Crossroads	21.00	21.00	110.25	110.25	289.05	291.40
Hortense	55.00	55.00	288.75	288.75	759.95	784.20
Jesup	15.00	4.00	78.75	45.25	207.25	130.50
Laurens	29.00	9.00	152.25	107.91	403.00	227.08
Mt. Pleasant	56.00	56.00	294.00	294.00	775.60	775.60
Perry						
Savannah	24.00		126.00	25.60	330.60	194.67
Tifton	13.00	13.00	68.25	68.25	180.85	206.45
Waycross	25.00	25.00	131.25	130.75	347.75	296.00
Wayne	43.00	6.00	225.75	151.75	591.45	428.25
Sterling Mission						
Totals	\$403.00	\$311.00	\$2,115.75	\$1,863.01	\$5,571.60	\$5,006.23

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## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

## Item IX. Disbursed for Benevolences

Charge	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Conference Work	W. Y.	Y.M.W.B.	Other Objects	Card Call	Total for Benevolences
Ashburn			\$150.00		\$20.00	\$195.75	\$28.00	\$33.06	\$12.00	\$45.06
Brunswick								341.17		734.92
Cordele		\$5.00						29.48		34.48
Crossroads								25.00		25.00
Hortense	\$124.89	83.45			150.00			52.66		411.00
Jesup								105.00		105.00
Laurens	58.00	36.25	72.50	\$7.25	29.00			3.00		206.00
Mt. Pleasant	112.00	70.00	140.00	14.00	56.00	82.00				474.00
Perry								25.00		25.00
Savannah	25.00							11.87	16.00	52.87
Tifton								381.00	8.00	389.00
Waycross								86.12		86.12
Wayne								202.89		202.89
Sterling Mission										
Totals	\$319.89	\$194.70	\$362.50	\$21.25	\$255.00	\$277.75	\$28.00	\$1,296.25	\$36.00	\$2,791.34

## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

## Item X. Disbursed Totals

Charge	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes
Ashburn	\$927.90	\$129.26	\$289.02	\$45.06	\$1,391.24
Brunswick	3,801.00	5,156.19	1,177.61	734.92	10,869.72
Cordele	1,010.69	309.20	205.45	34.48	1,559.82
Crossroads	709.34	90.81	291.40	25.00	1,116.55
Hortense	4,952.33	1,935.65	784.20	411.00	8,083.18
Jesup	1,009.91	1,301.00	130.50	105.00	2,546.41
Laurens	1,215.41	1,116.08	227.08	206.00	2,764.57
Mt. Pleasant	1,626.65	5,625.15	775.60	474.00	8,501.40
Perry	1,695.00	390.56		25.00	2,110.56
Savannah	2,146.39	612.06	194.67	52.87	3,005.99
Tifton	1,161.16	320.77	206.45	389.00	2,077.38
Waycross	758.32	523.93	296.00	86.12	1,664.37
Wayne	2,382.70	666.43	428.25	202.89	3,680.27
Sterling Mission	117.00	1,253.16			1,370.16
Totals	\$23,513.80	\$19,430.25	\$5,006.23	\$2,791.34	\$50,741.62

Minutes  
of the  
1956 Annual Session  
of  
The Woman's Missionary Society  
of the  
South Georgia Conference

**OFFICERS**

President—Mrs. Paul Swauger, 412 E. Henry St., Savannah, Ga.  
Vice President—Mrs. W. L. Snellgrove, 335 Oak St., Waycross, Ga.  
Secretary—Mrs. G. C. Gilliard, 131 Tinker Blvd., Warner Robbins, Ga.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Annie Mae Davis, 117 Charlton St., Savannah, Ga.  
Y.M.W.B. Superintendent—Mrs. Nathan Poppell, Odum, Ga.  
Mission Study Secretary—Mrs. J. D. Day, Rt. 3, Brunswick, Ga.  
Prayer Partner Secretary—Mrs. Molly Brogdon, Rt. 2, Alapaha, Ga.  
Wesleyan Missionary Solicitor—Mrs. W. M. Phillippe, 3021 Ellis St.,  
Brunswick, Ga.

## Daily Proceedings

The W.M.S. of South Georgia Annual Conference met at Ashburn, Ga. Campground July 9, 1956 with the President, Mrs. J. D. Day presiding.

Opening prayer by Sister Lewis. Minutes of last conference were read and approved.

President's report was given.

Roll of delegates called as follows: Ashburn, Mrs. G. E. Akridge; Tifton, Mrs. G. H. Doty; Savannah, Mrs. Ethel Speight; Waycross, Mrs. Sadie Griffin; Hortense, Mrs. W. L. Snellgrove; Perry, Mrs. D. E. Alexander; Cordele, Mrs. Cora Easom; Brunswick, Mrs. Ella Rhea Watts; Sylvester, Mrs. Walter Gibbs; Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. J. J. Glossom; Liberty, Mrs. John Lynn; Little Rock, Mrs. Alice Williams.

Nominating committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. Swauger, Mrs. Akridge and Mrs. Phillippe.

Time was set for election of officers to be at the beginning of our next meeting.

The following reports were given: Hortense, Perry, Savannah, Tifton, Mt. Pleasant, Sylvester, Waycross, Cordele, Ashburn, Little Rock, Brunswick. These were adopted.

The treasurer's report was given and adopted.

It was moved and adopted that the Y.M.W.B. Supt. hand in the statistical report of work done in each Y.M.W.B. and this be included in our minutes.

Adjourned in prayer by Sister Doty.

### Wednesday Morning

Opened by singing "I'll go Where You Want Me to Go." President, Sister Day, read John 4: 34, 35. Prayer was offered by Sister Snellgrove.

Nominating Committee reported as follows: Statistical, Mrs. Snellgrove, Mrs. Alexander; Auditing, Mrs. G. E. Akridge, Mrs. J. J. Glossom; Education, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Cooley; Public Worship, Mrs. Highsmith, Mrs. Phillippe; Memorials, Mrs. Doty; Thanks, Mrs. Ethel Speight; Post Office Addresses, Mrs. Gilliard. This report was accepted.

Election of officers as officers:

President—Mrs. Paul Swauger

Vice President—Mrs. W. L. Snellgrove

Secretary—Mrs. G. C. Gilliard

Treasurer—Mrs. Annie Mae Davis

Y.M.W.B. Supt.—Mrs. Nathan Poppell, Odum, Ga.

Mission Study Secretary—Mrs. J. D. Day

Prayer Partner Secretary—Mrs. Molly Brogdon

Wesleyan Missionary Solicitor—Mrs. W. M. Phillippe

Adjourned to the call of the chair.

## SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE

## Wednesday Afternoon

Opened with singing "Work for the Night is Coming." Our new president, Sister Swauger, presided, reading Neh. 6:9 and suggested our slogan to be "Oh God, strengthen our hands."

Minutes were read and approved.

After prayer, Sister Swauger presented a project for the coming year which had been previously discussed in an executive meeting. It was agreed that the W.M.S. furnish two electric stoves for the camp kitchen. It was also agreed that each society give a shower for the camp kitchen, each society notifying Sister Swauger as to the kind of shower they plan to give.

Sister Swauger stated she plans to have a missionary tour our conference. The Auditing Committee reported. This was adopted.

Liberty and Coffee societies' reports were given and adopted.

The Y.M.W.B. report was given by Sister Poppell. This was adopted.

Public Worship report was given and adopted.

No report from the prayer partner secretary.

Sister Brogdon, new prayer partner secretary asked that each member of each society choose a prayer partner among our missionaries for coming year and write to them.

No report from Wesleyan Missionary Solicitor.

It was stressed that each society read the set of books in study course.

The Committee on Memorials reported. It was adopted.

Committee on Thanks report was given and adopted.

Committee on Education report was given and adopted.

A rising vote of thanks was given Sister Day for her services in past years, also for the faithful services of our treasurer, Sister Davis who was unable to attend because of a broken leg. The secretary was instructed to send her words of greetings from the conference.

Statistical report was given and adopted.

Dismissed in prayer by Sister Day.

Footnote to minutes: The Browning report was handed in late. The secretary was given authority to include this report.

## Wednesday Night

The public missionary service was held with Dr. Roy S. Nicholson bringing an inspiring message. Pledges were taken to the amount of \$570.00

Mrs. G. C. Gilliard, Secretary

# Reports

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1955-56

### Receipts

Balance on hand .....	\$ 36.79	
Received for Home and Foreign Missions .....	503.15	
For Dues .....	135.00	
For Hephzibah .....	8.00	
For Self-denial Offering .....	19.05	
For Servicemen's Department .....	4.00	
Total .....		\$705.99

### Disbursed

For General Home .....	\$199.95	
General Foreign .....	224.00	
For Dues .....	90.00	
Self-Denial (Australia) .....	19.05	
Hephzibah .....	8.00	
Servicemen's Department .....	4.00	
Total .....		\$550.00
Received .....	\$705.99	
Disbursed .....	550.00	
Balance .....	\$155.99	

Mrs. Annie Mae Davis, Treasurer.

## THANKS

We appreciate the good fellowship and entertainment we have had on the campground with our co-workers in the Missionary work at conference. We count it a privilege having our President, Dr. Roy S. Nicholson. Ethel Speight.

## EDUCATION

There is a great demand for Christian education today. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22: 6.

We do thank the Lord for Central College and what it has to offer our teenagers today. We need Christian workers in all our fields that see

the need for education. We pray that more of our young people may take advantage of the wonderful opportunity.

Mrs. R. N. Cooley,  
Mrs. Ella Rhea Watts.

### MEMORIALS

Inasmuch as it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call these from earth to heaven, we want to honor them by remembering them in this session of conference.

First to go was our dear Home Missionary Secretary, Dr. J. R. Swauger who was always busy in the work in which the Lord called him. Rev. J. M. Merrell is sadly missed by all. Sister W. J. Davis was a faithful member for at least 30 years. Also Sister Gordon was faithful among us for many years.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Mrs. G. H. Doty.



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## W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT

### Membership and Receipts

Society	Active Members	Honorary Members	Members Gained	Members Lost	Total No. Meetings Held	Wesleyan Missionarys taken	Efficiency Standard Rank %	Membership Dues	Offerings	From Labor
Ashburn	16	3	...	4	12	5	...	\$11.50	\$26.50	...
Cordele	8	...	...	...	24	5	...	...	82.31	\$99.61
Hortense	16	3	...	1	13	5	...	18.50	233.76	...
Perry	3	3	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...
Waycross	11	...	...	1	12	...	...	9.00	14.83	52.55
Little Rock	9	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Savannah	25	3	18	...	12	14	...	14.00	122.37	...
Sylvester	4	...	...	...	1	1	...	7.50	...	...
Tifton	4	4	...	...	12	5	...	...	16.39	...
Mt. Pleasant	12	3	...	4	12	...	...	15.00	53.11	14.42
Liberty	19	3	...	...	12	11	...	22.00	15.00	...
Coffee	11	6	3	...	12	9	110	13.00	22.35	...
Brunswick	22	11	...	...	16	11	...	33.00	59.81	282.95
Browning	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	2.50	3.50	...
Totals	164	50	21	10	138	68	...	\$146.00	\$649.83	\$449.53

## W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

### Receipts—Continued

Society	"Memorials"	Voucher Receipts	Other Sources	Total Receipts for Year	Old Balance from Last Year	Grand Total
Ashburn	...	...	...	\$38.00	...	\$38.00
Cordele	...	...	\$57.00	238.92	\$20.22	259.14
Hortense	\$25.15	...	37.24	293.23	11.89	305.12
Perry	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waycross	...	...	...	76.38	18.33	94.71
Little Rock	...	...	...	59.89	...	59.89
Savannah	\$25.00	...	...	161.37	...	161.37
Sylvester	...	...	18.85	26.35	...	26.35
Tifton	...	4.46	7.76	94.11	1.42	95.53
Mt. Pleasant	...	3.00	30.60	116.38	...	116.38
Liberty	...	...	33.00	70.00	...	70.00
Coffee	...	...	54.00	89.35	200.00	289.35
Brunswick	...	...	41.42	416.83	58.13	474.96
Browning	...	...	2.00	8.00	...	8.00
Totals	\$25.15	\$32.46	\$281.87	\$1,688.81	\$309.99	\$1,998.80

## SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

## W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Society	Disbursements								New Balance on Hand	Grand Total
	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Hepzibah, Cash	Education, Cash	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Total Disbursements		
Ashburn	\$5.25	\$5.25					\$27.50	\$38.00		\$38.00
Cordele	22.75	30.00			\$14.96		180.93	248.64	\$10.50	259.14
Hortense	34.25	221.59				\$18.50	3.00	277.34	27.78	305.12
Perry										94.71
Waycross	10.00	10.00			51.60	11.00		82.60	12.11	94.71
Little Rock	11.50	18.00	\$1.25	\$7.24			21.90	59.89		59.89
Savannah	58.70	60.21			29.54		12.92	161.37		161.37
Sylvester						7.50	18.85	26.35		26.35
Tifton	32.75	32.75	2.35	5.00			21.06	93.91	1.62	95.53
Mt. Pleasant	7.50	7.75		14.42	53.11		33.60	116.38		116.38
Liberty	16.00	16.00		7.00	8.00		20.00	67.00	3.00	70.00
Coffee	6.50	6.50			9.00	6.50	60.85	89.35	200.00	289.35
Brunswick	25.00	25.00	5.00		341.17	33.00		439.17	35.79	474.96
Browning	5.00		3.00					8.00		8.00
Totals	\$235.20	\$433.05	\$11.60	\$33.66	\$507.38	\$75.50	\$300.61	\$1,708.00	\$290.80	\$1,998.80

## Y.M.W.B. STATISTICAL REPORT

Band	Efficiency				Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Special Projects (Credit)	Total (Band Credit)	Non-Credit Total	Grand Total
	Active Members	Honorary Members	Meetings	Efficiency Standard %							
Brunswick	21	54	51	100	\$64.00	\$5.00	\$6.00		\$75.00	\$26.00	\$101.00
Ashburn	5	5	10		5.60						5.60
Coffee	15	6	10	5	49.34						49.34
Mt. Pleasant	20	15	7		21.12						21.12
Tifton	2	2	12	45	14.85			\$11.63			26.48
Liberty	10		10		10.00						10.00
Waycross	13		40	55	10.00	4.00					14.00
Cordele	10	4	12								1.64
Savannah											
Totals	96	86	152		\$174.91	\$9.00	\$6.00	\$11.63	\$75.00	\$26.00	\$229.18

**Minutes**  
**of the**  
**Fourteenth Annual Session**  
**of**  
**Wesleyan Youth**  
**of the**  
**South Georgia Conference**

**OFFICERS**

**President—Rev. P. L. Swauger, 412 E. Henry St., Savannah, Ga.**

**Vice President—Mrs. Okay Highsmith, 2823 Union St., Brunswick, Ga.**

**Secretary—Mrs. W. M. Phillippe, 3021 Ellis St., Brunswick, Ga.**

**Treasurer—Mrs. Ruby Day, Route 3, Brunswick, Ga.**

**LOCAL PRESIDENTS**

Brunswick—Mrs. Ralph E. Moore, 3701 Brantley Ave., Brunswick, Ga.

Coffee—Mrs. Louise Greenway, Route 3, Alma, Ga.

Cordele—Miss Viola Akins, 308 5th St. N., Cordele, Ga.

Mt. Pleasant—Mr. Bill Ahl, Route 3, Alma, Ga.

Savannah—Mrs. Nancy Swauger, 412 E. Henry St., Savannah, Ga.

**WESLEYAN YOUTH GENERAL EFFICIENCY STANDARD**

I. Local holds certificate of organization and current seal of recognition .....	25
II. One service per month, or 25% of total yearly services held in the interest of missions with the offering for missions .....	15
III. One Educational service with offering for education .....	10
IV. Gain in membership .....	10
V. YOUTH WEEK observed and reported .....	25
VI. THE WESLEYAN YOUTH (periodical)	
A. Gold Ribbon Local (125% subscribing) .....	25
B. Blue Ribbon Local (100% subscribing) .....	20
C. Red Ribbon Local ( 75% subscribing) .....	15
D. White Ribbon Local ( 50% subscribing) .....	10
VII. Finance	
A. General Dues paid .....	10
B. Conference Assessments paid .....	10
C. All monies paid at least quarterly to Conference W.Y. Treasurer .....	25
VIII. A systematic Bible study plan .....	15
IX. A Scripture memorization plan, outside of Youth Week, which includes not less than twelve verses .....	15
X. Annual reports in on time .....	20
XI. A special local project planned and completed .....	20
XII. Attendance	
A. Average attendance equal to local membership .....	10
B. Participation in District and Conference Activities .....	10
Total points possible .....	245
Necessary for "A" Local .....	215—245
Necessary for "B" Local .....	185—214
Necessary for "C" Local .....	150—184

General W.Y. Council.

## Daily Proceedings

The fourteenth annual Wesleyan Youth conference convened at our Ashburn campgrounds, July 9, 1956 at 3:00 p.m. Our session was opened by Mrs. Okay Highsmith, our Youth president.

Rev. C. V. Marchbanks led in prayer, asking God's blessing on our conference. The song service was led by Rev. P. L. Swauger. "Take the Name of Jesus With You" and "Victory in Jesus" were sung. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. C. Moon.

John 2 was read by Mrs. Highsmith for our devotions. "Whatsoever He saith to you—do it" was lifted out of this lesson and presented to us as a challenge for the coming year.

Credentials were read and delegates were seated within the bar, which consisted of the three front rows of seats in the center section.

Minutes of the last session were read and adopted.

Mrs. Highsmith gave her president's report and it was adopted.

Tellers were appointed and the following officers elected:

President—Rev. P. L. Swauger

Vice President—Mrs. Okay Highsmith

Secretary—Mrs. W. W. Phillippe

Treasurer—Mrs. Ruby Day

The conference treasurer's report was read by the secretary in the absence of Mrs. Day, and it was adopted.

The following local societies reported: Savannah, Brunswick, Coffee, Cordele, Mt. Pleasant. The Junior W.Y. of the Brunswick church gave their report. These reports were adopted.

We recessed for a short meeting of the executive council by the vote of the body.

Conference was again called to order by the president.

Mrs. R. N. Cooley was elected as solicitor for THE WESLEYAN YOUTH.

The executive counsel gave the following recommendations and they were approved.

We, the Executive Council recommend:

1. That each society take a special offering for conference administrative funds during the month of November.

2. That four youth rallies be held at central points during the coming year.

3. That we take a pioneer project and each society take an offering for this project once a quarter, and,

4. That each local president be very familiar with, and keep the society informed of, our efficiency standard and strive for the highest score.

It was voted to adjourn and we closed with prayer.

**TREASURER'S REPORT****Receipts**

Balance on hand .....	\$ 14.05	
Dues .....	76.00	
Home Missions .....	5.95	
Foreign Missions .....	11.41	
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Total .....		\$107.41

**Disbursements**

General Dues .....	\$ 76.00	
Home Missions .....	5.95	
Foreign Missions .....	11.41	
Stamps and Money Order Fees .....	1.23	
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Total .....		\$ 94.59
Balance in W.Y. Treasury .....		12.82

Mrs. Ruby Day, Treasurer.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

To the members of the South Georgia Wesleyan Youth: Since the Lord saved me and took away my burden of sin, I have counted it a privilege to do what little I can, for Him, who has done so much for me. I thank the Lord for our Wesleyan Youth and for what has been accomplished this year in each society. One Youth Rally has been held this year at Liberty Church with a good attendance. A Youth Camp has been planned for this year.

May God bless our conference society that we may grow and win others for Him.

Yours in Christ,  
Mrs. Okay Highsmith.

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## W. Y. STATISTICAL REPORT

Local	Active Members	Associate Members	Wesleyan Youth	Efficiency Standard Rating	General Dues	Church Extension	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Local Work	Other Items	Total Receipts Plus Balance	Total Disbursements	Cash on Hand
Brunswick .....	34	3	9	B	\$51.00	\$4.00	\$5.55	\$5.56	\$34.64	\$95.00	\$241.44	\$195.75	\$45.69
Coffee .....	15	5	5	B	25.00	.....	11.12	5.13	.....	14.30	57.80	51.55	6.25
Cordele .....	14	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00	27.36	50.01	42.36	7.65
Mt. Pleasant .....	15	9	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.25	.....	14.25
Savannah .....	7	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.31	46.86	51.69	49.17	2.51
Totals .....	85	19	33	.....	\$76.00	\$4.00	\$16.67	\$10.69	\$51.95	\$183.52	\$415.18	\$338.83	\$76.35