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of America
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Florida Conference

OFFICERS

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Florida
W.Y.P.S.—Rev. Cecil W. Shaffer, Route 2, 149A, Greenville, Florida
Pension Plan Promoter—Rev. R. S. Taylor, 305 6th Ave., S. W. Largo,
Florida

OFFICIAL BOARDS

Trustees

Elders—

- Taylor, R. S. Term expires 1957
Garner, R. W. Term expires 1956
Strickland, John T. Term expires 1955

Lay—

- Powell, H. C. Term expires 1956
Martin, Clarence Term expires 1955

Itinerary and Orders

- Shaw, C. E. Term expires 1958
Taylor, R. S. Term expires 1957
Garner, R. W. Term expires 1956
Shaffer, Cecil W. Term expires 1955

Advisory Board

Garner, R. W.

Martin, Clarence

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Judiciary Committee

Piatt, Foster

Shaw, C. E.

Taylor, R. S.

Garner, R. W.

Camp Meeting Committee

Piatt, Foster

Money, W. E.

Shaw, C. E.

Baer, Robert

Taylor, R. S.

Committee on Vacancies

Elders—

Piatt, Foster

Taylor, R. S.

Garner, R. W.

Lay—

Powell, H. C.

Baer, Robert

Missionary Board

Piatt, Foster

Rogers, Ruth

Davis, Charity

Shaffer, Cecil W.

Conference Roll

ELDERS

| Charge | Present | Address | Phone |
|--------------------|---------|---|--------|
| Zuch, James C. | 0 | P. O. Box 206, Riviera Beach, Florida | |
| Zuch, Ella V. | 0 | P. O. Box 206, Riviera Beach, Florida | |
| Shaw, Bertie M. | 5 | 113 W. Patterson St., Lakeland, Florida Mutual 32322 | |
| Francisco, L. E. | 0 | 943 Oleander St., Lakeland, Florida | |
| Strickland, J. T. | 0 | 236 Dayton Ave., Holy Hill, Florida | |
| Garner, R. W. | 1 | Box 629, Pinellas Park, Florida | |
| Shaw, C. E. | 5 | 113 W. Patterson St., Lakeland, Florida Mutual 32322 | |
| Wireman, C. L. | 3 | Intercession City, Florida | |
| Rogers, Ruth | 5 | 2107 E. Ida Ave., Tampa 5, Florida | |
| Piatt, Foster | 5 | 309 6th Ave., S. W., Largo, Florida | |
| Taylor, R. S. | 4 | 305 6th Ave., S. W., Largo, Florida | 5-3507 |
| Taylor, Margaret | 2 | 305 6th Ave., S. W., Largo, Florida | 5-3507 |
| Myers, James | 4 | P. O. Box 31, Tallahassee, Florida | |
| Shaffer, Cecil W. | 5 | Route 2, Box 149A, Greenville, Florida | |
| Shaffer, Anna | 5 | Route 2, Box 149A, Greenville, Florida | |
| Swentzel, John F. | 2 | 4501 52nd St. North, St. Petersburg, Florida | |
| Swentzel Mary | 2 | 4501 52nd St. North, St. Petersburg, Florida | |
| Robb, C. W. | 5 | 5433 Essex Ave., Gulfport, Florida | 35421 |
| Bender, James | 4 | | |
| Hughes, Fred | 4 | Star Route-South Merritt Island, Cocoa, Florida | |
| Hughes, Stella May | 4 | Star Route-South Merritt Island, Cocoa, Florida | |

Conference Preachers

| Name | Present | Address | Phone |
|------------------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|
| Rogers, W. B. | 1 | 2107 E. Ida Ave., Tampa 5, Florida | |
| Marsh, George | 4 | Route 1, Box 145, Sanford, Florida | 1597 W3 |
| Knight, T. J. | 0 | Steinhatchee, Florida | |
| Bouington, W. H. | 5 | Box 402, Apalachicola, Florida | |
| Paulk, John | 5 | Box 593, Marianna, Florida | |

Delegates

| Name | Present | Address | Phone |
|------------|---------|---|-------|
| Clearwater | 5 | Clarence Martin, 609 4th St. S. W., Largo, Fla. 53-509 | |
| | 5 | Charity Davis, Route 2, Box 288, Clearwater, Florida | |

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|----------------|---|--|
| | 5 | Helen Knotts, Route 2, Box 375, Clearwater, Florida |
| Cocoa | 4 | Elizabeth Jones, Star Route, South Merritt Island, Cocoa, Fla. |
| | 2 | Minnie Thomas, Route 2, Box 145 Cocoa, Fla. |
| Grand Ridge | 5 | W. E. Money, Box 593, Marianna, Fla. |
| | 5 | J. M. McKenzie, Box 593, Marianna, Fla. |
| Lakeland | 5 | Ethel Coile, Route 2, Box 730, Lakeland, Fla. Mutual 15-9403 |
| | 5 | Dorcas E. Miner, Route 2, Box 713B, Lakeland, Florida |
| | 4 | Eunice Powell, 838 N. Iowa Ave., Lakeland, Fla. |
| Paola | 3 | Miami Kelly, Route 1, Box 178B, Sanford, Fla. |
| | 4 | Stella Marsh, Route 1, Box 145, Sanford, Fla. |
| Pinellas Park | 5 | Robert Baer, General Delivery, Pinellas Park, Florida |
| | 5 | Anna Baer, General Delivery, Pinellas Park, Fla. |
| | 5 | Flora Roush, Box 291, Pinellas Park, Fla. |
| | 3 | Ray Hawley, Pinellas Park, Fla. |
| St. Petersburg | 5 | Catherine Lusby, 2545 4th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, Fla. |
| | 5 | U.E. Lusby, 2545 4th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, Florida |
| Tampa | 4 | Rebecca Huneke, 2107 E. Ida. Ave., Tampa 5, Florida |

General Evangelists

Name
 C. L. Wireman
 James F. Myers
 James C. Zuch
 Ella V. Zuch
 R. S. Taylor
 Margaret Taylor

Address
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 305 6th Ave. S. W., Largo, Fla.

Conference Evangelists

Name
 L. E. Francisco
 J. T. Strickland
 Cecil Staffer
 Anna Shaffer
 T. J. Knight
 C. W. Robb

Address
 943 Oleander St., Lakeland, Fla.
 236 Daytona Ave., Holly Hill, Fla.
 Route 2, Box 149A, Greenville, Fla.
 Route 2, Box 149A, Greenville, Fla.
 Steinhatchee, Fla.
 5433 Essex Ave., Gulfport, Fla.

Standing Rules

1. In reading statistical report only the following items need be read:

Item II—1, 2, 3

Item VI—Total

Item III—1, 8, 9

Item VII—Total

Item IV—7, 8, 9; 1, 2

Item VIII—All

Item V—All

Item IX—Total

Item X—All

2. The Treasurer shall be paid \$25.00 per year for his services.

3. A committee of three members is to be elected at each annual conference of which the president is to be chairman. This committee is to bring nominations, for off-session and standing committees, at the first meeting of each annual session.

4. That each pastor will have a two weeks vacation with pay, or if he desires to hold a two weeks meeting that this will be considered in lieu of his vacation.

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

Journal of Daily Proceedings

First Meeting, Thursday, March 25, 1954, 9:00 a.m.

The fifth session of the Florida Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America opened at 9:00 a.m. March 25, 1954 at the Clearwater Church.

After singing, Rev. C. E. Shaw gave the devotional reading from I John 3 and Dr. Roy Nicholson led in prayer.

The business meeting opened with Dr. Roy Nicholson, our General President, presiding.

Temporary Credential Committee was appointed by chair—Cecil Shaffer and Clarence Martin.

Credentials collected and delegates enrolled as partial report.

Roll Call—Elders 7, Conference Preachers 2, Delegates, 16.

Bar of Conference—Platform and first six seats on the right side as one stands on platform.

Time of Meeting—9:00-11:00 a.m. Reconvene at 1:00 p.m. W.M.S. hours, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Nominating Committee report read and adopted. Nominations were ratified as read except for trustee which will be voted on by ballot. The nominations were:

Auditing—W. H. Bouington, James Myers

Boundaries—R. W. Garner

Budget Apportionment—Cecil Shaffer, George Marsh, R. S. Taylor

Courtesy—Cecil Shaffer

Credentials—George Marsh, W. E. Money

Itinerary and Orders—C. E. Shaw

Judiciary—Foster Piatt, R. S. Taylor, C. E. Shaw, R. W. Garner

Ministerial Character—C. E. Shaw, Robert Baer

Pastoral Relations—Foster Piatt, R. S. Taylor, R. W. Garner, C. E.

Shaw, W. E. Money, Robert Baer, Clarence Martin

Religious Services—Foster Piatt, R. S. Taylor, Clarence Martin

Statistical—Ethel Coile

Thanks—Stella Marsh

Trustee—R. S. Taylor

Vacancies—Foster Piatt, R. S. Taylor, R. W. Garner, H. C. Powell, Robert Baer

Courtesy Committee reported, introducing the following who brought

words of greeting: Rev. and Mrs. James Bender, Michigan Conference; Rev. and Mrs. Groves, Kansas Conference; Rev. Cora Kingery, Northwood, Ohio; Rev. John Paulk, J. M. McKenzie, and W. E. Money of Grand Ridge, Florida; Rev. W. H. Bouington, Apalachicola, Fla.; Clarence Hosford, Syracuse, New York.

Credential Committee reported other delegates for enrollment.

Recessed by motion for committee work.

Called to order by Dr. Nicholson at 10:35 a.m.

Orders of the Day report read and adopted as follows: Ed Buck Jr., Hephzibah Orphanage, to speak Thursday, March 25, 1:00 p.m.; President R. C. Mullinax of Central College, Friday, March 26, 1:00 p.m. Dr. Nicholson each evening and Sunday services; Election of officers immediately after President Mullinax's message.

Motion prevailed for adjournment. Rev. C. W. Robb dismissed with prayer.

Second Meeting, Thursday, March 25, 1954, 1:00 p.m.

Ed Buck Jr. presented the needs of Hephzibah Orphanage.

Roll Call—Elders, 10; Conference Preachers, 3; Delegates, 18.

Minutes of first meeting read and adopted.

Courtesy committee introduced the following: Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Merrill, Intercession City, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Todd, Rochester Conference, Rev. Brannon, Allegheny Conference, Mr. and Mrs. Hammer, Michigan.

President's Report—Rev. Foster Piatt read his report. Motion prevailed the report be accepted as a whole. Part IV referred to Auditing Committee. (Report No. 1)

Committee on Vacancies—read and accepted. (Report No. 9)

Judiciary Committee—report read and accepted. (Report No. 10)

Missionary Board Committee—report read and accepted. (Report No. 8)

Pension Plan report read and referred to Auditing Committee. (Report No. 7) Dr. Nicholson spoke fitting words concerning the Pension Plan.

Business meeting adjourned by limitation of time. Rev. James Myers dismissed with prayer.

Third Meeting, Friday, March 26, 1954, 9:00 a.m.

After singing, Rev. John Swentzel read Titus 1:11-14. Rev. George Marsh led in prayer.

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Roll Call—Elders, 15; Conference Preachers, 3; Delegates, 18.

Minutes of the second meeting read and adopted.

Treasurer's report read and referred to Auditing Committee. (Report No. 4)

Wesleyan Men's Fellowship—report given and accepted. (Report No. 6) Dr. Nicholson gave an explanation of the Fellowship group for the church men.

Child Evangelism report given and accepted. The need of caring for our children was stressed.

Letter read from Brother and Sister Zuch. Their characters passed and secretary instructed to send appropriate greetings to them from the Conference.

Ministerial Character Committee reported. The following pastors and evangelists reported, all characters passed; C. E. Shaw, Bertie Shaw, C. L. Wireman, L. E. Francisco, J. T. Strickland, R. W. Garner, Ruth Rogers, R. S. Taylor, and Margaret Taylor.

Courtesy Committee introduced President and Mrs. R. C. Mullinax, Central College, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hughes, pastors at Cocoa, Florida.

Adjourned by limitation of time. Sister Hughes dismissed with prayer.

Fourth Meeting, Friday, March 26, 1954, 1:00 p.m.

President R. C. Mullinax as Central College representative brought a report to the Conference asking an increase in our apportionment for Education of fifty cents per member due to increased operation expense. Pledges and an offering were taken for the college. Pledges, \$190.00; cash, \$152.75; total, \$342.75.

Roll Call—Elders, 15; Conference Preachers, 3; Delegates, 18.

Minutes of third meeting read and adopted.

Election of officers as Orders of the Day. Tellers appointed, W. E. Money, J. M. Kenzie, W. H. Bouington.

The following officers were elected:

President—Foster Piatt.

Vice President—R. S. Taylor.

Secretary—Ethel Coile.

Treasurer—Cecil Shaffer.

Trustee—Raymond S. Taylor.

General Conference Delegates:

Elder—Foster Piatt.

Alternate Elder—R. S. Taylor.

Lay—Clarence Martin.

Alternate Lay—W. E. Money.

Adjourned by limitation of time. Dismissal prayer by Sister Taylor.

Fifth Meeting, Saturday, March 27, 1954, 9:00 a.m.

After singing, Rev. W. H. Bouington read the scripture from Matthew 5. Rev. James Bender led in prayer.

Roll Call—Elders 9, Conference Preachers 4, Delegates, 13.

Minutes of the fourth meeting read and adopted.

Itineracy and Orders report read and adopted. (Report No. 2)

Pastoral Relations report read and adopted. (Report No. 3)

Recommendation for Standing Rule No. 4, read and adopted. Said rule to be: That each pastor will have a two weeks' vacation with pay, or if he desires to hold a two weeks' meeting that this will be considered in lieu of his vacation.

Auditing Committee report read and adopted. (Report No. 5)

Appertionment Committee report read and adopted. (Report No. 12)

Sunday School Secretary's report read and adopted.

Thanks Committee read and adopted. (Report No. 11)

Statistical Committee report read and adopted. (Report No. 13)

Tithing Committee no report.

The following officers and committees were elected by acclamation:

Sunday School Secretary—Margaret Taylor

Advisory Board—R. W. Garner, Clarence Martin

Wesleyan Men's Fellowship—Earl Rickey

W.Y.P.S.—Cecil Shaffer

Pension Plan Promoter—R. S. Taylor

Tithing Secretary—George Marsh

Nominating Committee—Cecil Shaffer, John Swentzel, H. C. Powell

Time and place of next Conference to be left in hands of President, Advisory Board and the Home Mission Secretary.

Standing Rule No. 5 to be as follows: The President and his Advisory Board are designated a Deed Examining Committee. This committee shall inspect each deed for church or conference property before it is registered, and see that it contains the necessary disciplinary provisions to secure the property to the Conference. It shall be the duty of each person charged with the responsibility of negotiating for or handling any deed for the church or conference properties to submit such a deed to

this deed examining committee for inspection and approval before offering it for registration. This rule as No. 5 was adopted.

Motion prevailed the time be extended for completion of business.

Motion prevailed to have a Camp Meeting Committee.

Camp Meeting Committee—President Foster Piatt, C. E. Shaw, R. S. Taylor, W. E. Money, Robert Baer.

Unfinished Business—in hands of President and Advisory Board.

The following pastors and evangelist reported—all characters passed—James Myers, Cecil Shaffer, Anna Shaffer, John Swentzel, Mary Swentzel, C. W. Robb, James Bender, Fred Hughes, Stella Hughes, W. B. Rogers, George Marsh, T. J. Knight, W. H. Bouington, John Paulk.

Minutes of the fifth meeting were read and adopted.

Minutes as a whole for publication were adopted.

Offering for Secretary—\$12.46.

Conference adjourned sine die. Dismissal prayer by Dr. Nicholson.

Reports

Report No. 1

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Part I

To the members of the Fifth Annual Conference of Florida. It is with great pleasure that we bring you this report. We do not have anything to brag about, but we do have a lot of things to be grateful for. We are glad to report there have been 3 new churches added to the conference for their loyal and faithful co-operation this past year. We praise our Heavenly Father for His sustaining grace through out the year. We feel God will do great things for the conference if we keep faithful.

Part II

Official Acts of the year:

The Articles of Incorporation for the Conference are completed except for an amendment.

March 24, 1953 we appointed Rev. L. E. Francisco pastor of the Taft church.

May 5-7, 1953 we attended the Leaders Convention at Miltonvale, Kansas.

June 20, 1953, received a letter of transfer for Rev. C. W. Robb a minister in the Pilgrim Holiness Church of the Pennsylvania-New Jersey Conference

August 12, 1953 we organized a church at Grand Ridge, Florida.

October 4, 1953 we organized a church at Daytona Beach, Florida but because the pastor left the work it had to be discontinued.

December 20, 1953 we organized a church at Cocoa, Florida.

January 12, 1954 served on the Board of Managers at Central College.

January 21, 1954 received a letter of transfer for Fred and Stella May Hughes from the South Carolina Conference.

February 2-4, 1954 attended the Southern Area Leaders Convention.

February 5, 1954 received a letter of transfer for James Bender from the Michigan Conference

February 23, 1954 served on Committee for Home for the Aged held at Central College.

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Part III

Work done this Conference Year:

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| Number of Quarterly Meetings held | 31 |
| Sermons delivered | 57 |
| Pieces of mail sent out | 219 |
| Miles traveled | 15,105 |

Part IV

Financial Report:

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|---|----------------|
| Salary received from churches | \$412.17 |
| Gifts and donations | 204.15 |
| Total received | <hr/> \$616.32 |
| Paid out for gas, oil and grease jobs | \$149.48 |
| Expense on car for tires | 11.00 |
| Total paid out | <hr/> \$160.48 |

Part V

Recommendations:

1. I recommend that the Grand Ridge Church be accepted into the conference.
2. I recommend that the Cocoa Church be accepted into the conference.
3. I recommend that the St. Petersburg Church be accepted into the conference.
4. I recommend that Fred and Stella Hughes be accepted into the conference as elders.
5. I recommend that James Bender be accepted into the conference as an elder.
6. Having met the requirements of the discipline I recommend that John and Mary Swentzel be accepted into the conference as elders.
7. Having met the requirements of the discipline I recommend that C. W. Robb be accepted into the conference as an elder.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Foster Piatt

Report No. 2

ITINERACY AND ORDERS

We recommend:

That William E. Money be received and entered in the first year of the Course of Study.

That John Paulk be received and entered in the first year of the Course of Study

That Robert L. Morgan be received as a student in the Course of Study: (a student at Central College).

That Mrs. Elizabeth Jones be received and entered in the Course of Study subject to the recommendation of the Local Church.

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

Cecil Shaffer—Bible, Sell, for all four years; Binney's Compend; Elements of Divinity, three years.

Rayburn Garner—Discipline; Applied Business English, H. A. Hagar; Homiletics, Kearn; How to Prepare an Expository Sermon, Knott; System of General Ethics, Keyser; Church History, Fisher.

R. S. Taylor—Roberts Rules of Order; All About the Sunday School, French; History of Wesleyan Methodist Church, McLeister; Psychology, Halleck; Bible Geography, Hurlbut.

C. E. Shaw—Perfect Love, Wood; Foundation of Christian Doctrine, Jessop; All About the Bible, Collett; System of Christian Evidence, Keyser.

Submitted by committee,

C. E. Shaw,
C. W. Shaffer,
R. W. Garner
R. S. Taylor.

Report No. 3

PASTORAL RELATIONS

We recommend the following:

Apalachicola—W. H. Bouington

Clearwater—In the hands of the President

Cocoa—Fred Hughes, Stella Hughes

Greenville and Steinhatchee—James Bender

Grand Ridge—John Paulk

Lakeland—C. E. Shaw, Bertie M. Shaw

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Paola—George Marsh

Pinellas Park—R. W. Garner

St. Petersburg—John Swentzel, Mary Swentzel

Taft—In the hands of the President

Tampa—Ruth Rogers, W. B. Rogers

General Evangelists—C. L. Wireman, James F. Myers, James
Zuch, Ella Zuch, R. S. Taylor, Margaret Taylor

Conference Evangelists—L. E. Francisco, J. T. Strickland, Cecil
Shaffer, Anna Shaffer, T. J. Knight, C. W. Robb

We recommend the Conference President hold all the Quarterly Conference unless Providentially hindered.

Committee:

Foster Piatt,
R. S. Taylor,
R. W. Garner,
C. E. Shaw
Robert Baer,
Clarence Martin.
W. E. Money.

Report No. 4

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

March 25, 1954

Pioneer Fund plus Card Call

| Receipts | | Disbursements | |
|------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Bal. on Hand, | | Apalachicola | \$1000.00 |
| Mar. 20, 53 | \$4.04 | Pinellas Park | 158.75 |
| Home Mission gifts and | | St. Petersburg | 500.00 |
| loans | 3158.75 | Grand Ridge | 1000.00 |
| | | Cocoa | 500.00 |
| | | Bal. on hand | 4.04 |
| Total | \$3162.79 | Total | \$3162.79 |

President's Salary

| Receipts | | Disbursements | |
|-------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| Budget—Cash | \$323.38 | Foster Piatt | \$417.87 |
| Receipts | 94.49 | | |
| Total | \$417.87 | Total | \$417.87 |

Conference Work

| Receipts | | Disbursements | |
|--------------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|
| Conference Offering | \$35.00 | Deficit (last year) | \$80.33 |
| Budget | 191.02 | J. R. Swauger | 35.00 |
| Conference Minutes | 14.50 | W. H. Bouington | 5.00 |
| Conference Reward | 50.00 | C. J. Schuh, Art. Inc. .. | 20.00 |
| | | W. M. Pub. Assn. | 1.80 |
| | | Bank fees | .45 |
| | | Conf. Treas., salary | 25.00 |
| | | Conf. Treas., expense .. | 10.05 |
| | | Conf. Secretary expense | 2.32 |
| | | C. W. Shaffer, moving | |
| | | Conf. tent | 40.25 |
| | | Balance on hand | 70.32 |
| <hr/> Total | | <hr/> Total | |
| | \$290.52 | | \$290.52 |

Church Extension

| Receipts | | Disbursements | |
|--------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|
| Balance on hand | | F. R. Eddy, Conf. Min. | \$177.09 |
| March 20, 53 | \$277.76 | Foster Piatt, Expense .. | 112.00 |
| Budget | 189.34 | Balance on hand | 178.01 |
| <hr/> Total | | <hr/> Total | |
| | \$467.10 | | \$467.10 |

Camp Meeting Fund

| Receipts | | Disbursements | |
|--------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|
| Balance on hand | | No disbursements | |
| March 20, 53 | \$302.15 | Balance on hand | \$302.15 |
| <hr/> Total | | <hr/> Total | |
| | \$302.15 | | \$302.15 |

Foreign Missions

| Receipts | | Disbursements | |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Budget—Cash | \$89.17 | F. R. Birch | \$594.83 |
| Receipts | 505.66 | | |
| <hr/> Total | | <hr/> Total | |
| | \$594.83 | | \$594.83 |

Home Missions

| Receipts | | Disbursements | |
|-------------------|---------|---------------------|----------|
| Budget—Cash | \$72.25 | J. R. Swauger | \$289.94 |
| Receipts | 217.69 | | |

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|-----------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|
| Total | \$289.94 | Total | \$289.94 |
| Pension Plan | | | |
| Receipts | | Disbursements | |
| Budget | \$190.05 | David A. Rees | \$190.05 |
| Education | | | |
| Receipts | | Disbursements | |
| Budget—Cash | \$190.37 | Deficit (last year) | \$6.00 |
| Receipts | 65.35 | R. C. Mullinax | 249.72 |
| Total | \$255.72 | Total | \$255.72 |
| Hephzibah Orphanage | | | |
| Receipts | | Disbursements | |
| Budget—Cash | \$33.96 | J. R. Swauger | \$55.96 |
| Receipts | 22.00 | | |
| Total | \$55.96 | Total | \$55.96 |
| Australia | | | |
| Receipts | | Disbursements | |
| Budget—Cash | \$18.72 | J. R. Swauger | \$33.03 |
| Receipts | 14.31 | | |
| Total | \$33.03 | Total | \$33.03 |
| General Conference Expense | | | |
| Receipts | | Disbursements | |
| Budget | \$26.34 | F. R. Eddy | \$26.34 |
| Administrative Expense | | | |
| Receipts | | Disbursements | |
| Budget | \$44.45 | F. R. Eddy | \$44.45 |
| Sunday School Work | | | |
| Receipts | | Disbursements | |
| Budget | \$46.99 | R. D. Reisdorph | \$46.99 |
| Balance on hand, | | Total deficit (52-53) ... | \$86.33 |
| March 20, 53 | \$497.62 | Florida Conf. work ... | 4005.58 |
| Budget—Florida Conf. | 4056.48 | General Conf. work ... | 1531.31 |

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

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|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| General Conf. | 1537.31 | Bal. Mar. 25, 1954 | 468.19 |
| <hr/> | | <hr/> | |
| Grand Total | \$6091.41 | Grand Total | \$6091.41 |
| | | Cecil W. Shaffer, Treasurer | |

Report No. 5

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We have examined the Treasurer's books, Pension Plan report and President's report and find them correct.

Committee: J. F. Myers
W. H. Bouington

Report No. 6

WESLEYAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

I sent copies of the constitution of the Wesleyan Men's Fellowship to each pastor encouraging them to organize in their church but received little or no response.

C. E. Shaw

Report No. 7

PENSION PLAN TREASURER'S REPORT

| | |
|--|---------|
| Balance on hand beginning of conference year | 00 |
| Received during year | \$43.28 |
| Paid out to Rev. David Rees | 43.28 |
| Balance on hand | 00.00 |

Foster Piatt, Treasurer

Report No. 8

MISSIONARY BOARD

We thank the Lord for the privilege of reporting three new works added to the conference this year.

The Grand Ridge Church was organized August 12, 1953 with nine members. Some of these came from the Methodist denomination. Through the aid of the Card Call the church and property were bought from the

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Methodist church for \$750.00. The group called Rev. John Paulk to be their pastor.

On December 20, 1953 the president organized a fine group of eight at Cocoa, Florida where Rev. Fred and Stella Hughes were pastoring. The Home Mission Board gave the group \$500.00 to help buy a lot so they could get a church building started. The members called Rev. Fred and Stella Hughes as their pastors.

On February 21, 1954 the president organized a group of 11 members at St. Petersburg, Florida where Rev. John and Mary Swentzel had faithfully labored this past year. The Card Call gave the church \$500.00 to start the church building. The church called Rev. John and Mary Swentzel as pastors.

Foster Piatt
Ruth Rogers
Charity Davis
R. W. Garner

Report No. 9**COMMITTEE ON VACANCIES**

We had no business to transact during the past conference year.

Foster Piatt
R. S. Taylor
R. W. Garner

Report No. 10**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

We are very thankful that we did not have to function this year.

Foster Piatt
Ruth Rogers
C. E. Shaw
James Zuch

Report No. 11**THANKS**

We want to thank you all for your kindness for getting us a nice place to sleep. Brother Taylor has really been working to entertain us so nice. We have enjoyed our stay and felt the Lord's blessing upon the Conference.

Stella Marsh

Report No. 12

BUDGET APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

We recommend the following budget:

General:

1. Foreign Missions\$2.00 per member
2. Home Missions 1.25 per member
3. Australia25 per member
4. Education 2.50 per member
5. Pension Plan 1.50 per member
6. Orphanage25 per member
7. General Conference Expense15 per member
8. Administrative Expense40 per member
9. Sunday School Work10 per S. S. member

Conference:

1. Church Extension1 Sunday School offering per month
2. Conference Work\$1.50 per member
3. President's Salary 3.00 per member

We recommend the name of Church Extension be used in the place of Conference Missions. We urge that each pastor make special emphasis of this offering as it is much needed for new works.

That each pastor take an offering for the President with each visit to their church. This is not to apply on budget credit.

That the President be reimbursed for his travel expense from the Conference Work fund.

That we urge upon each pastor that their Conference Work budget be paid in full.

Committee: Cecil Shaffer
George Marsh
Foster Piatt
R. S. Taylor

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GENERAL BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

| Charge | Members | Foreign Missions | Home Missions | Australia | Education | Pension Plan | Orphanage | General Conference Expense | Administrative Expense | Sunday School Work | Total |
|----------------|---------|------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Apalachicola | 7 | \$14.00 | \$ 8.75 | \$1.75 | \$17.50 | \$10.50 | \$1.75 | \$1.05 | \$2.80 | \$4.90 | \$ 63.00 |
| Cleaver | 22 | 44.00 | 27.50 | 5.50 | 55.00 | 33.00 | 5.50 | 3.30 | 8.80 | 8.90 | 191.50 |
| Cocoa | 8 | 16.00 | 10.00 | 2.00 | 20.00 | 12.00 | 2.00 | 1.20 | 3.20 | | 66.40 |
| Grand Ridge | 16 | 32.00 | 20.00 | 4.00 | 40.00 | 24.00 | 4.00 | 2.40 | 6.40 | | 132.80 |
| Greenville | 18 | 36.00 | 22.50 | 4.50 | 45.00 | 27.00 | 4.00 | 2.70 | 7.20 | 2.20 | 151.60 |
| Lakeland | 16 | 32.00 | 20.00 | 4.00 | 40.00 | 24.00 | 4.00 | 2.40 | 6.40 | 2.70 | 135.50 |
| Paola | 21 | 42.00 | 26.25 | 5.25 | 52.50 | 31.50 | 5.25 | 3.15 | 8.40 | 8.60 | 182.90 |
| Pinellas Park | 27 | 54.00 | 33.75 | 6.75 | 67.50 | 40.50 | 6.75 | 4.05 | 10.80 | 9.50 | 213.60 |
| St. Petersburg | 11 | 22.00 | 13.75 | 2.75 | 27.50 | 16.50 | 2.75 | 1.65 | 4.40 | 2.00 | 93.30 |
| Steinhatchee | 22 | 44.00 | 27.50 | 5.50 | 55.00 | 33.00 | 5.50 | 3.30 | 8.80 | | 182.60 |
| Taft | 5 | 10.00 | 6.25 | 1.25 | 12.50 | 7.50 | 1.25 | .75 | 2.00 | 1.60 | 43.10 |
| Tampa | 12 | 24.00 | 15.00 | 3.00 | 30.00 | 18.00 | 3.00 | 1.80 | 4.80 | 5.30 | 104.90 |
| Totals | 185 | \$370.00 | \$231.25 | \$46.25 | \$462.50 | \$277.50 | \$46.25 | \$27.75 | \$74.00 | \$45.70 | \$1,581.20 |

Report No. 12—Continued

CONFERENCE BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

| Charge | Members | President's Salary | Conference Work | Total | Total for General and Conference Budget |
|----------------|---------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|---|
| Apalachicola | 7 | \$21.00 | \$10.50 | \$31.50 | \$ 94.50 |
| Cleaver | 22 | 66.00 | 33.00 | 99.00 | 290.30 |
| Cocoa | 8 | 24.00 | 12.00 | 36.00 | 109.30 |
| Grand Ridge | 16 | 48.00 | 24.00 | 72.00 | 202.80 |
| Greenville | 18 | 48.00 | 24.00 | 72.00 | 202.80 |
| Lakeland | 16 | 48.00 | 24.00 | 72.00 | 202.80 |
| Paola | 21 | 63.00 | 31.50 | 94.50 | 277.40 |
| Pinellas Park | 27 | 81.00 | 40.50 | 121.50 | 335.10 |
| St. Petersburg | 11 | 33.00 | 16.50 | 49.50 | 142.80 |
| Steinhatchee | 22 | 66.00 | 33.00 | 99.00 | 281.60 |
| Taft | 5 | 13.00 | 7.50 | 22.50 | 65.60 |
| Tampa | 12 | 36.00 | 18.00 | 54.00 | 138.90 |
| Totals | 185 | \$555.00 | \$277.50 | \$832.50 | \$2,413.70 |

Report No. 13 STATISTICAL REPORT

| Charge | Item I. Pastor's Labors. | | | | | | | | | | | | Item II. Periodicals | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Time Employed (Months) | Appointments | Organized Ch. Appointments | Wesleyan Methodists taken | Wesleyan Missionarys taken | Wesleyan Youth's Taken | Sunday School Banner | Junior Class Paper | Children's Friend | Teacher's Quarterly | Senior Quarterly | Intermediate Quarterly | Junior Quarterly | Primary Quarterly | Home Dept. Quarterly | Lesson Leaflet | Our Little Folks Cards | Bible Lesson Chart | Pupil's Lesson Stories, Etc. | Bible Lesson Stories, Etc. | | | | |
| Apalachicola | 12 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 13 | 10 | 25 | 15 | 8 | 20 | 6 | 10 | 15 | 8 | 10 | 35 | 10 | 15 | 8 | | | | |
| Clearwater | 12 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 15 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 12 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 12 | 14 | 14 | | | | |
| Greenville | 12 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 12 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | | | | |
| Lakeland | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 20 | 14 | 8 | 20 | 12 | 20 | 10 | 25 | 12 | 25 | 12 | 12 | | | | |
| Paola | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 20 | 14 | 6 | 6 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 25 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | | | | |
| Pinellas Park | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 13 | 12 | 25 | 14 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 4 | | | | |
| Steinhatchee | 12 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 14 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 4 | | | | |
| Tall | 12 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 20 | 12 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 4 | | | | |
| Tampa | 12 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 20 | 12 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 4 | | | | |
| Grand Ridge | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 6 | 2 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | | | | |
| Cocoa | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| St. Petersburg | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Totals | 128 | 14 | 14 | 74 | 48 | 43 | 154 | 62 | 64 | 46 | 118 | 69 | 73 | 32 | 131 | 131 | 28 | 10 | 33 | 29 | | | | |

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| Charge | Item III. Membership | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | Received | Expelled | Discontinued | Died | Granted Letters | Total Membership Lost | Number Reported Last Year | Present Number | Loss Membership for Year | Gain Membership for Year | Members Under 14 Years | Associate Members | Baptized | Unstationed Elders | Local Preachers | Number of Family Altars | Membership Tithing | No. Card Call Subscribers | | | | | | |
| Apalachicola | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Clearwater | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 20 | 22 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Greenville | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Lakeland | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 17 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Paola | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 21 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Pinellas Park | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 27 | 27 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Steinhatchee | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 21 | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Tall | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Tampa | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 16 | 16 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Grand Ridge | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Cocoa | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| St. Petersburg | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Totals | 50 | 41 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 17 | 185 | 6 | 44 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 52 | 76 | 52 | 52 | 52 | 52 | 52 | 52 | 52 | 52 |

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Item IV. Sunday Schools

| Charge | No. of Sunday Schools | No. of Officers and Teachers | 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. Schol. Joining Church | No. of Departmental Supts | Teacher's Training Course | No. of Organized Classes | No. of Books in Library | Enrollment V.B.S. | Average Attendance V.B.S. | No. W.Y.P. Societies | Total Membership of Soc. |
|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Apalachicola | 1 | 5 | 44 | 49 | | | 49 | 26 | 8 | | 1 | | 5 | 30 | 28 | 1 | 12 | 12 |
| Clearwater | 1 | 10 | 74 | 84 | | | 89 | 59 | | | | | | 11 | 16 | | 11 | 16 |
| Greenville | 2 | 6 | 16 | 22 | | 5 | 22 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lakeland | 1 | 6 | 21 | 27 | | | 27 | 32 | 10 | | | | | | | | | |
| Pachland | 1 | 15 | 54 | 69 | | 17 | 86 | 54 | | | | | 6 | 22 | 70 | | 7 | 75 |
| Pinellas Park | 1 | 8 | 85 | 93 | | 2 | 95 | 87 | 8 | | | | | | | | 1 | 16 |
| Steinhatchee | 2 | | | | | | | 41 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Taft | 1 | | | | | | 16 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tampa | 1 | 7 | 46 | 53 | | | 53 | 33 | 2 | | | | 5 | 50 | 18 | 15 | 1 | 8 |
| Grand Ridge | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cocoa | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Petersburg | 1 | 5 | 15 | 20 | | | 20 | 16 | | | | | 2 | | | | | |
| Totals | 14 | 62 | 355 | 433 | 24 | 457 | 371 | 31 | 2 | 3 | | | 18 | 721 | 291 | 34 | 5 | 64 |

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Item V. Church Property

| Charge | 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 | Cash or Other Values on Hand |
|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Apalachicola | 1 | \$5,000 | \$500 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | \$284.52 |
| Clearwater | 2 | 21,000 | 1,500 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17.26 |
| Greenville | ... | 600 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 72.78 |
| Lakeland | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 650.81 |
| Pacha | 1 | 2,500 | ... | \$2,500 | ... | ... | ... | \$2,500 | 536.17 |
| Pinellas | 1 | 15,000 | 900 | ... | 1 | 9,000 | \$500 | ... | ... |
| Steinhatchee | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 61.89 |
| Taft | 1 | 1,000 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Tampa | 1 | 6,000 | 500 | ... | 1 | 5,000 | 500 | ... | ... |
| Grand Ridge | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Cocoa | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| St. Petersburg | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,000.00 |
| Totals | 9 | \$51,100 | \$3,400 | \$2,500 | 3 | \$16,500 | \$1,000 | \$2,500 | \$3,623.43 |

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| Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Charge | Foreign Missions Assigned | Foreign Missions Raised | Home Missions Assigned | Home Missions Raised | Education Assigned | Education Raised | Superannuated Ministers' Fund Assigned | Superannuated Ministers' Fund Raised | Orphanage Assigned |
| Apalachicola | \$20.00 | | \$12.50 | | \$20.00 | | \$15.00 | | \$2.50 |
| Clearwater | 40.00 | \$259.41 | 25.00 | \$109.65 | 40.00 | \$40.00 | 30.00 | \$30.00 | 5.00 |
| Greenville | 38.00 | 27.24 | 23.75 | 12.95 | 38.00 | 16.72 | 28.50 | 15.80 | 4.75 |
| Lakeland | 34.00 | 62.37 | 21.25 | 22.62 | 34.00 | 34.00 | 25.50 | 25.50 | 4.25 |
| Paola | 44.00 | 53.10 | 27.50 | 37.83 | 44.00 | 44.00 | 33.00 | 33.00 | 5.50 |
| Pinellas Park | 54.00 | 77.09 | 33.75 | 37.12 | 54.00 | 54.00 | 40.50 | 38.50 | 6.75 |
| Steinhatchee | 42.00 | 42.00 | 26.25 | 26.25 | 42.00 | 42.00 | 31.50 | 31.50 | 5.25 |
| Taft | 10.00 | 10.00 | 6.25 | 6.25 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 7.50 | 7.50 | 1.25 |
| Tampa | 12.00 | 63.62 | 7.50 | 37.27 | 12.00 | 15.00 | 9.00 | 8.25 | 1.50 |
| Grand Ridge | | | | | | | | | |
| Cocoa | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Petersburg | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | \$294.00 | \$594.83 | \$183.75 | \$289.94 | \$294.00 | \$255.72 | \$220.50 | \$190.05 | \$36.75 |

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| Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget—Continued | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Charge | 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 | Australia Assigned | Australia Raised | Total General Budget Assigned |
| Apalachicola | \$ 4.00 | | \$1.50 | | \$ 5.30 | | \$2.50 | | |
| Clearwater | 8.00 | \$8.00 | 3.00 | | 5.60 | 5.60 | 5.00 | | \$161.60 |
| Greenville | 7.60 | 3.05 | 2.85 | 1.08 | 2.90 | 1.08 | 4.75 | 2.75 | 151.10 |
| Lakeland | 6.80 | 6.80 | 2.55 | 2.55 | 3.70 | 3.70 | 4.25 | 5.00 | 136.30 |
| Paola | 8.80 | 8.80 | 3.30 | 3.40 | 8.90 | 7.60 | 5.50 | 5.55 | 180.50 |
| Pinellas Park | 10.80 | 5.40 | 4.05 | 10.68 | 15.40 | 15.51 | 6.75 | 6.92 | 226.00 |
| Steinhatchee | 8.40 | 8.40 | 3.15 | 3.15 | 5.60 | 5.60 | 5.25 | 5.25 | 169.40 |
| Taft | 2.00 | 2.00 | .75 | .75 | 1.60 | 1.60 | 1.25 | 1.25 | 40.60 |
| Tampa | 2.40 | 2.00 | .90 | 1.36 | 5.20 | 6.30 | 1.50 | 1.31 | 52.00 |
| Grand Ridge | | | | | | | | | |
| Cocoa | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Petersburg | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | \$59.60 | \$44.45 | \$22.05 | \$25.97 | \$54.20 | \$46.99 | \$36.75 | \$33.03 | \$1,117.50 |

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| Item VIII. Disbursed for Conference Budget | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Charge | President's Salary Assigned | President's Salary Raised | Conference Work Assigned | Conference Work Raised | Conference Missions Raised | Conference Minutes | Total Conf. Budget Assigned | Total Conf. Budget Raised | Total Budget Assigned |
| Apalachicola | \$30.00 | \$60.00 | \$15.00 | \$30.00 | \$77.12 | \$6.00 | \$45.00 | \$173.12 | \$128.30 |
| Clearwater | 60.00 | 29.51 | 30.00 | 8.14 | 11.10 | 6.00 | 85.30 | 43.72 | 251.60 |
| Greenview | 57.00 | 51.24 | 28.50 | 26.55 | 28.55 | 6.00 | 66.50 | 112.50 | 236.60 |
| Lakeland | 51.00 | 66.00 | 33.00 | 33.00 | 6.00 | 2.50 | 99.00 | 107.50 | 212.80 |
| Paola | 66.00 | 80.87 | 40.50 | 44.43 | 63.16 | | 121.50 | 188.48 | 247.56 |
| Pineallas Park | 81.00 | 79.50 | 31.50 | 31.50 | 3.41 | | 94.50 | 114.41 | 263.90 |
| Steinhatchee | 63.00 | 32.75 | 7.50 | 7.50 | | | 22.50 | 40.25 | 93.10 |
| Taft | 15.00 | | | | | | 27.00 | 27.78 | 79.00 |
| Tampa | 18.00 | | 9.00 | 9.78 | | | | | 164.20 |
| Grand Ridge | | | | | | | | | |
| Cocoa | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Petersburg | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | \$441.00 | \$417.87 | \$220.50 | \$191.02 | \$189.34 | \$14.50 | \$661.50 | \$812.73 | \$1,862.30 |
| | | | | | | | | | \$2,350.04 |

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| Item IX. Disbursed for Benevolences | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|----------|---------------|------------------------|--------|
| Charge | Foreign Missions | Home Missions | Education | Orphanage | Conference Work | W.Y.P.S. | Other Objects | Total for Benevolences | |
| Apalachicola | | | \$108.20 | | | \$15.00 | \$12.00 | \$135.20 | |
| Clearwater | \$2.00 | \$34.07 | 138.70 | | \$201.00 | 10.00 | 12.00 | 494.77 | 14.00 |
| Greenview | 93.70 | 63.59 | 25.00 | | | 6.86 | 86.13 | 255.28 | 837.28 |
| Lakeland | | 22.00 | 25.00 | | \$24.74 | 54.38 | 59.12 | 181.58 | 181.58 |
| Paola | 20.00 | | 25.00 | | 10.00 | | 7.17 | 62.17 | 205.24 |
| Pineallas Park | | 10.50 | 30.50 | | | | 10.00 | 51.50 | 35.00 |
| Steinhatchee | | | | | | | | | 17.67 |
| Taft | 15.00 | | | | | | | 15.00 | 55.50 |
| Tampa | | | | | | | | | |
| Grand Ridge | | | | | | | | | |
| Cocoa | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Petersburg | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | \$130.70 | \$130.16 | \$352.40 | \$54.74 | \$201.00 | \$66.24 | \$46.23 | \$1,481.47 | |

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| Item X. Disbursed Totals | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Charge | Total for Pastor | Total for Church | Total for Budget | Total for Benevolences | Total for All Purposes |
| Apalachicola | | \$ 419.00 | | | \$ 419.00 |
| Clearwater | \$2,117.23 | 3,857.21 | \$651.60 | \$135.20 | 6,761.24 |
| Greenville | 163.97 | 148.98 | 132.54 | 14.00 | 459.49 |
| Lakeland | 1,919.79 | 189.56 | 282.64 | 837.28 | 3,229.27 |
| Paola | 1,725.00 | 793.82 | 313.78 | 181.58 | 3,014.18 |
| Pinellas Park | 2,714.00 | 2,137.02 | 440.62 | 205.24 | 5,496.88 |
| Steinhatchee | 1,498.58 | 229.30 | 283.81 | 35.00 | 2,046.69 |
| Taft | 16.96 | 142.26 | 80.85 | 17.67 | 257.74 |
| Tampa | \$22.34 | 192.51 | 164.20 | 55.50 | 934.55 |
| Grand Ridge | \$25.00 | | | | 525.00 |
| Cocoa | | | | | |
| St. Petersburg | 35.00 | 617.21 | | | 652.21 |
| Totals | \$11,237.87 | \$8,726.87 | \$2,350.04 | \$1,481.47 | \$23,796.25 |

Minutes

of the

Fourth Annual Session

of the

Woman's Missionary Society

of the

Florida Conference

Held at

Clearwater, Florida

March 25-27, 1954

Woman's Missionary Society

OFFICERS

President—Mrs. Ruth Rogers, 2107 East Ida Ave., Tampa 5, Fla.

Vice President—Mrs. Margaret Taylor, 305 6th Ave. S. W., Largo, Fla.

Secretary—Mrs. Mary Piatt, 309 6th Ave. S. W., Largo, Fla.

Treasurer—Mrs. Anna Shaffer, R. 2, Box 149A, Greenville, Fla.

Y.M.W.B. Superintendent—Mrs. Charity Davis, R. 2, Box 164A, Clearwater, Fla.

Statistical Committee—Mrs. Anna Shaffer, R. 2, Box 149A, Greenville, Fla.

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Prayer Partner Secretary—Mrs. Helen Knotts, R. 2, Box 179A, Clearwater, Fla.

Mission Study Secretary—Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, Box 1132, Cocoa, Fla.

Director of Child Evangelism—Mrs. Stella Hughes, R. R. 1, Cocoa, Fla.

Roll Call

| Society | President | Present |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------|
| Clearwater | Helen Knotts | 3 |
| Lakeland | Ethel Coile | 2 |
| Pinellas Park | Flora Roush | 3 |
| Tampa | Ruth Rogers | 3 |
| Y.M.W.B. Superintendent | Charity Davis | 3 |

| Society | Delegate | Present |
|---------------------|---------------|---------|
| Clearwater | Alice Day | 2 |
| Lakeland | Bertie Shaw | 2 |
| Pinellas Park | Jean Sullivan | 3 |
| Paola | Stella Marsh | 2 |

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEW PRESIDENTS OF 1954-1955

Clearwater—Helen Knotts, R. 2, Box 375, Clearwater, Fla.

Lakeland—Ethel Coile, R. 2, Box 730, Lakeland, Fla.

Paola—Lucile Spivy, R. 1, Box 133, Sanford, Fla.

Pinellas Park—Flora Roush, Box 291, Pinellas Park, Fla.

Steinhatchee—Ethel Wood, Steinhatchee, Fla.

Tampa—Rebecca Huneke, 2107 E. Ida Ave., Tampa 5, Fla.

St. Petersburg—Hazel Herrmann, 1702 "43rd" St. S., St. Petersburg, Florida.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEW SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS

Clearwater—Mary Piatt, 309 6th Ave., S. W., Largo, Fla.

Lakeland—Dorcas Miner, Box 173B, R. 2, Lakeland, Fla.

Paola—Neda Cosgrave, R. 1, Sanford, Fla.

Pinellas Park—Anna Baer, Gen. Del., Pinellas Park, Fla.

Steinhatchee—Eva Mae Knight, Steinhatchee, Fla.

Tampa—Ruth Rogers, 2107 East Ida Ave., Tampa 5, Fla.

St. Petersburg—Charlotte Smith, 3050 57th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, Florida.

Daily Proceedings

Thursday Afternoon

The fourth session of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Florida Conference convened at the Clearwater Wesleyan Methodist Church on March 25, 1954. The first meeting opened with congregational singing, "I Am Thine, O Lord," led by Mrs. Ruth Rogers and assisted by Mrs. Alice Day. Mrs. Elizabeth Jones read I Timothy, Chapter 2 for devotions and then led in prayer. Mrs. Ethel Coile was appointed the Committee on Credentials.

Roll Call—4 presidents, Y.M.W.B. Supt. and 4 delegates answered to the first call.

Mrs. Helen Knotts was elected Committee on Courtesy. Doctor Roy S. Nicholson, general president of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America was presented. He spoke to us concerning the three great problems and chief obstacles which the missionaries are facing. They are Nationalism, Communism, and Catholicism. He asked us to especially pray for him as he plans to take a trip around the world to visit the mission fields in the behalf of our future missionary work.

The first 6 seats on the right were set as the bar.

The following committees were elected:

Post Office Committee—Mrs. Stella Marsh

Auditing Committee—Mrs. Anna Baer and Mrs. Helen Knotts

Statistical Committee—Mrs. Anna Shaffer

Committee on Orders of the Day—Charity Davis and Stella Marsh

The following societies reported: Lakeland, Pinellas Park and Clearwater.

Report—The Treasurer gave her report and it was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Report—Statistical Committee gave her report and it was accepted as read.

The Courtesy Committee presented Mrs. Stella Hughes and Mrs. Kingery.

We adjourned with the benediction given by Mrs. Bertie Shaw.

Friday Afternoon

The service opened by singing, "Redeemed," led by Mrs. Margaret Taylor and assisted by Mrs. Alice Day. Devotions were given by Mrs. Stella Marsh who read a part of Luke 18 on Prayer. We were then fa-

vored by a special song by Rev. Stella and Fred Hughes. Mrs. George Davis, Conference Y.M.W.B. Superintendent, gave a challenging talk that we go forward and do more for missions than we have ever done before. Mrs. Ethel Coile told us of the Missionary Convention for the southern area held at Greer, S. C. Mrs. Margaret Taylor told us about the Missionary Convention that was held at the Clearwater church this last year and what a blessing it was.

Roll Call—5 presidents, Y.M.W.B. Supt. and 4 delegates were present.

The minutes were read and after being corrected were approved as read.

Report—The president's report was accepted as read after a motion was made that the St. Petersburg Missionary Society not be made void.

A motion was made and accepted that Mrs. Ruth Rogers be reimbursed for her expense this past year.

Report—The Y.M.W.B. Supt. gave her report and it was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Report—The Prayer Partner Secretary gave her report and it was accepted.

The statistical report from Paola was given.

Report—Report on Orders of the Day was accepted as read.

Dismissed by Mrs. Alice Day.

Saturday Afternoon

This meeting came to order with scripture Romans 10. Mrs. Margaret Taylor led in prayer.

Roll Call—4 presidents, Y.M.W.B. Supt. and 1 delegate were present.

The minutes were approved as read.

Report—The Auditing Committee gave their report and it was accepted.

Statistical reports were given by Steinhatchee and Tampa.

A motion was made and accepted that the Efficiency Standards be published in the journal.

Election results as follows:

President—Ruth Rogers

Vice President—Margaret Taylor

Secretary—Mary Piatt

Treasurer—Anna Shaffer

Y.M.W.B. Supt.—Charity Davis

Magazine Solicitor—Stella Marsh

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Prayer Partner Secretary—Helen Knotts

Mission Study Secretary—Elizabeth Jones

Director of Child Evangelism—Stella Hughes

Conference Missionary Reporter—Flora Roush

Delegate to General Conference—Anna Shaffer

An offering was received for the secretary. This amounted to \$5.10.

The minutes were read and approved.

The society adjourned sine die.

Ruth Rogers, President;

Mary Piatt, Secretary.

PUBLIC MEETING

Friday Evening 7:30

We were happy to have as our speaker Dr. Roy S. Nicholson. The main thought of his message was that we prosper by giving. There was \$500.00 taken in pledges besides the \$19.00 in the loose offering.

Reports

Report No. 1

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Lord be praised for His goodness through the year. Our W.M.S. leaders have nobly worked, to the Glory of God. The Florida Conference received congratulations for the Jubilee Goal. Our reports show almost a double over last year.

September 1953 The blessing of the Lord was felt at the Convention at the Lakeland Church.

September 19, 1953 We visited the missionary society in Steinhatchee, Fla., at which time the work was revived.

October 18, 1953 We were privileged to attend the Southern District Convention. Our souls were stirred to do more for missions and the salvation of souls.

February We were privileged to assist our returned missionary, Hazel Jones in visiting 3 of our churches.

March 4-7 The Clearwater Church entertained the missionary convention in which we were privileged to hear Misses Hazzard and Richardson who had returned from our mission fields from a trip around the world.

March 21, 1954 We were privileged to visit the St. Petersburg Church and were asked to preach. At this time we organized a Missionary Society.

We are looking forward to organizing other societies as the Lord leads.

We have sent out 47 pieces of mail and made 3 long distant calls in behalf of our missionary work.

Humbly submitted,

Ruth Rogers

ORDERS OF THE DAY REPORT

We, the Committee, submit the following report:

- .. Friday 7:30 p.m. Missionary Meeting.
- .. Saturday 3:00 p.m. Election of Officers.

Signed: Charity Davis
Stella Marsh

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Committee submit the following report:

We have examined the books of the Woman's Missionary Society Treasurer and the books of the Y.M.W.B. Superintendent and have found them correct and very neatly kept.

Signed: Anna Baer

Helen Knotts

REPORT OF MAGAZINE SOLICITOR

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Clearwater | 13 |
| Greenville | 1 |
| Paola | 6 |
| Lakeland | 6 |
| Pinellas Park | 12 |
| Tampa | 3 |
| Taft | 1 |
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| Total | 43 |

Signed: Stella Marsh

REPORT OF PRAYER PARTNER

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| Number of Societies | 5 |
| Number of Prayer Partners | 37 |
| Number of Missionaries Chosen | 63 |
| Home Missionaries | 21 |
| Foreign Missionaries | 42 |
| Number of Y.M.W.B. Prayer Partners | 28 |

Signed: Helen Knotts

REPORT OF CONFERENCE W.M.S. TREASURER

Receipts

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|---------------------------|----------|
| Total from W.M.S. | \$646.43 |
| Conference Offering | 31.00 |
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| Total Receipts | \$677.43 |
| Old Balance | 19.51 |
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| Grand Total | \$696.94 |

Disbursements

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| General Home | \$170.08 |
| Australia | 9.31 |
| Brainerd Indian School | 10.00 |
| Hephzibah | 6.31 |
| General Foreign | 194.68 |
| Africa—X-ray Machine | 14.00 |
| Education | 95.00 |
| Medical Student | .21 |
| Membership Dues | 20.09 |
| Administrative Fund | 4.25 |
| Official Expense | 2.73 |
| Local Church Work | 105.76 |
| Puerto Rico Church | 27.66 |
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| Total Disbursements | \$660.08 |
| New Balance | 36.86 |
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| Grand Total | \$696.94 |

Signed: Anna A. Shaffer

EFFICIENCY STANDARD FOR LOCAL W.M.S. SOCIETIES

1. That arrangements be made with the pastor for one missionary prayer meeting, each month.
2. That a minimum of ten meetings be held during the year in which prayer is given prominent place and business is transacted (5% credit) and at least one public meeting (5% credit).
3. We recommend the formation of prayer partner circles in each society with a Prayer Partner Secretary to keep record of the same and report to the Conference Prayer Partner Secretary, to be sent at least sixty days after the setting of Annual Conference.
4. That the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and seventy-five per cent of the active membership be subscribers to The WESLEYAN MISSIONARY.
5. That a Solicitor be elected for The WESLEYAN MISSIONARY, gaining not less than two subscriptions a year.
6. That a Delegate be elected to the Annual Conference Woman's Missionary Society (5% credit), and that the Delegate be instructed by local society regarding the amount to be pledged by that society at the

Annual Conference Session (5% credit).

7. That the dues 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%)

8. That we secure every woman in the Church as a member of the Society, or bring about a ten per cent gain in total membership.

9. That each local society pay annually an amount equal to twenty-five cents per active member to be used as a General Administrative Fund, not to apply on budget.

10. That the Efficiency Standard be read in the society at least once a year.

(Ten per cent credit shall be given each of the above items, and all societies making a grade of 80% shall be placed on the Honor Roll)

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

W. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

| Society | Receipts | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| | Active Members | Honorary Members | Members Gain | Members Loss | Total No. Meetings Held | Wesleyan Missionarys taken | Rank Efficiency Standard | Membership Dues | Offerings | From Labor | "Memorials" | Voucher Receipts | Other Sources | Administrative Fund | Total Receipts for Year | Old Balance From Last Year | Grand Total |
| Water | 17 | 9 | 10 | | 18 | 13 | 80% | \$26.00 | \$52.53 | | | \$54.63 | | \$4.25 | \$237.41 | \$2.00 | \$239.41 |
| Land | 8 | 4 | 1 | | 21 | 6 | 52% | 14.00 | 201.25 | | | | | | 215.35 | | 217.35 |
| Land | 15 | 4 | | | 23 | 6 | 60% | 15.00 | 203.25 | \$60.00 | \$6.35 | | \$89.65 | | 206.11 | 8.61 | 214.72 |
| Land | 13 | 4 | | | 19 | 12 | | 15.00 | 209.96 | | | | | | 226.82 | | 226.82 |
| Land | 3 | 1 | | | 3 | 7 | | 7.50 | 53.37 | | 10.00 | 15.00 | | | 5.30 | | 5.30 |
| Land | 3 | 1 | | | 3 | 7 | | 7.50 | 53.37 | | 10.00 | 15.00 | | | 87.87 | | 87.87 |
| Totals | 59 | 19 | 12 | 6 | 97 | 40 | 68% | \$83.90 | \$552.48 | \$60.00 | \$18.95 | \$69.63 | \$89.65 | \$4.25 | \$978.86 | \$10.61 | \$989.47 |

W. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

| Disbursements | |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| Society | Home Missions |
| | Foreign Missions |
| | Medical Student |
| | Hephzibah, Cash |
| | Hephzibah, Provisions |
| | Education, Cash |
| | Local Church Work |
| | Membership Dues |
| | Other Objects |
| | Administrative Fund |
| | Total Disbursements |
| | New Balance on Hand |
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FLORIDA CONFERENCE

Y. M. W. B. STATISTICAL REPORT

| Band | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | Active Members | Honorary Members | Meetings | Efficiency Standard | Foreign Missions | Home Missions | Education | Special Credit (X-Ray, Africa) | Total Band Credit | Non-Credit Total |
| Pineellas Park | 32 | 11 | 7 | 70% | \$56.72 | \$5.10 | \$5.00 | | \$66.82 | \$ 43 |
| Tampa | 11 | 7 | 7 | 50% | 30.00 | 4.00 | 5.00 | | 39.00 | 25 |
| Lakeland | 13 | 26 | 12 | 100% | 69.74 | 39.07 | 10.00 | \$22.20 | 141.01 | 39 |
| Paola | 17 | 6 | 10 | 60% | 20.40 | 4.12 | 3.82 | 2.10 | 32.98 | 20 |
| Greenville | 19 | 21 | 12 | 90% | 24.04 | 4.12 | 3.82 | 2.10 | 32.98 | 30 |
| Clearwater | 30 | 40 | 12 | 100% | 141.93 | 26.33 | 1.53 | 9.15 | 178.94 | 5.30 |
| Totals | 122 | 101 | 53 | * 2 | \$342.83 | \$78.62 | \$25.35 | \$33.35 | \$479.15 | \$7.52 |
| | | | | | | | | | \$486.67 | |

* Honor Bands