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of the ILLINOIS CONFERENCE  
of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America

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And Its Auxiliary Organizations,

The Woman's Missionary Society.

The Wesleyan Young People's Society.

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Held at Belvidere, Illinois,

July 29 to July 31, 1954.

Rev. Arthur L. Bray, President.

S. Hugh Paine, Jr., Secretary.

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### General Information.

Conference Fiscal Year closes July 15, 1955; Local Church Fiscal Year closes June 30; Ministerial Tithe payable monthly; All budgets due at least quarterly, and should be paid monthly or in advance to receive Home Missions Department credit; Final remittances to the conference treasurers must be postmarked not later than June 30.

#### Where to send funds:

- (a) For Conference and General Budget, and all items except those listed below--  
Rev. W. D. Craker, 10723 S. Perry St., Chicago 28, Illinois.
- (b) For Superannuate Pension Fund Budget --  
Mrs. Ruth Jontz, Buda, Illinois.
- (c) For Conference and General Sunday School Dues --  
Rev. W. D. Craker, 10723 S. Perry St., Chicago 28, Illinois.
- (d) For Special Denominational Sunday School Offerings --  
Rev. R. D. Reisdorph, Houghton, New York.
- (e) For Camp Meeting Contributions --  
Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, 1406 School St., Rockford, Illinois.
- (f) For W. M. S. --  
Mrs. Irene Olander, 1040 Augusta Blvd., Oak Park, Illinois.
- (g) For Y. M. W. B. --  
Mrs. Mildred Wallace, Box 128, Wyanet, Illinois.
- (h) For W. Y. P. S. --  
Rev. James Blaine, 351 Robert St., Creve Coeur, Illinois.
- (i) For Card Call --  
Rev. J. R. Swauger, Box 117, Salina Station, Syracuse 8, New York.

#### Camp Meeting and Conference Dates:

Conference convenes 1:30 p. m. Thursday, July 28, 1955; closes Saturday, July 30. Camp Meeting begins Sunday, July 31, 1955, continues through Sunday, August 7.

1954 -- 1955 Organization  
of the Illinois Conference  
of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America.

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OFFICERS

President	-- Rev. A. L. Bray, 500 N. Laramie Ave., Chicago 44, Ill.
Vice President	-- Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, 1406 School St., Rockford, Ill.
Secretary	-- Rev. D. C. Durey, 211 N. Pleasant St., Princeton, Ill.
Treasurer	-- Rev. W. D. Craker, 10723 S. Perry St., Chicago 28, Ill.
Member Local Board of Marion College	-- Rev. C. E. Olander, Oak Park, Illinois.
Alternate Member Local Board	-- Rev. A. L. Bray, Chicago, Illinois.
Educational Secretary	-- Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Sunday School Secretary	-- Rev. W. D. Craker, Chicago, Illinois.
Child Evangelism Secretary	-- Mrs. Ethel Dyer, Rockford, Illinois.
Tithing Secretary	-- Rev. C. C. McCarty, Sheffield, Illinois.
Wesleyan Men's Fellowship Sec.	-- Mr. Orville Senger, 301 Chicago, Oak Park, Illinois.
Statistical Secretary	-- Rev. D. D. Crail, Maywood, Illinois.
C. S. B. Boys Club Secretary	-- Rev. D. D. Crail, Maywood, Illinois.
Editor, "The Illinois Tidings"	-- Rev. A. L. Bray, Chicago, Illinois.
Delegates to General Conference	-- Rev. A. L. Bray, Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.
Alternate Delegates to Gen. Conf.	-- Rev. W. H. Dyer, Mr. Wm. F. Tice.

COMMITTEES

Conference Missionary Board.

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

Conference Trustees.

Rev. Wm. H. Dyer	(Term Expires 1955)	Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.	(Term Expires 1956)
	Rev. C. E. Olander	(Term Expires 1956)	
Rev. A. L. Bray	(Term Expires 1957)	Mr. Wm. F. Tice	(Term Expires 1957)

Committee on Church and Parsonage Building Location.

The Conference Missionary Board.

Committee on Itinerary and Orders

Rev. D. C. Durey	(Term Expires 1955)	Rev. S. F. Pillsbury	(Term Expires 1956)
Rev. A. L. Bray	(Term Expires 1957)	Rev. C. E. Olander	(Term Expires 1958)

Judiciary Committee.

Rev. W. H. Dyer;	Rev. J. A. Blaine;	Rev. D. C. Durey;	Rev. O. E. Price
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Superannuate Ministers' Aid Committee.

Rev. C. E. Olander	(Term Expires 1955)	Rev. W. D. Craker	(Term Expires 1956)
	Rev. Wm. H. Dyer	(Term Expires 1957)	

Conference Educational Committee.

Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Educational Secretary, Chairman; Rev. C. E. Olander, Member Local Board of Marion College; Rev. A. L. Bray, Illinois Conference President; Mrs. Rachel Bray, President Conference W. M. S.; Mrs. Mildred Wallace, Conference Superintendent of the Y. M. W. B.; Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Conference President of the W. Y. P. S.

Sunday School Board.

Rev. W. D. Craker, Conference S. S. Secretary;	Rev. Harry Moeller;	Mr. Gwyn Jones
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Glenn A. Fischer;      Benny E. Medows;      Cletus D. Kramer;      Vernon W. Swanson.

# STANDING RULES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12) Minutes. Resolved, (a) That the Conference President and Secretary constitute a committee to edit and publish the annual conference minutes; (b) That the cost of printing the annual conference minutes be pro-rated among the churches on the basis of membership reported at conference; (c) That the total number of minutes to be printed be ascertained on the basis of family units among the membership and active constituency.

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

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

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

VI. Ministers. 1) Pastoral Service Report. Resolved, that each pastor of the Illinois Conference shall report to his quarterly conference a summary of the statistics compiled upon the pastoral service monthly record blanks adopted by the 1954 Conference (See Report No. 28), and that the year's summary be read at annual conference.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fifth Annual Session  
of the ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

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RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Voting Members Seated:

Austin (Chicago):

Rev. A. L. Bray (7)  
Mr. A. N. Carstensen (7)

Creve Coeur:

Rev. J. A. Blaine (7)  
Mr. Marion S. Shepard (5:FS)

Hoopeston:

Rev. L. G. Anderson (5:FS)  
Mrs. Mary Cloud (5:FS)

Hoyle Avenue (Chicago):

Rev. Harry Moeller (7)  
Mr. John C. Kodl (6:2FS)

Maywood:

Rev. D. D. Craill (7)  
Mr. Herbert E. Apel (4:34S)

Oak Lawn:

Rev. R. L. Zuhl (7)  
Mr. Frank A. Herrin (7)

Non-Voting Members Seated:

Rev. G. Kenneth Lister (7)  
Rev. Mrs. Carol L. Lister (5:24S)  
Rev. Clarence C. McCarty (5:FS)  
Rev. Mrs. Ivanelle McCarty (5:FS)  
Rev. Ronald E. Mullen (1:7)  
Rev. George R. Durey  
Rev. Thomas J. Murray (C)  
Rev. Ralph B. Patterson (1:7)  
Rev. Mrs. Divine Pillsbury (6:35S)  
Rev. Pearl Poe (7)  
Rev. George J. Thompson  
Rev. Gerald D. Trudell (2:45)

Oak Park:

Rev. C. E. Olander (7)  
Rev. W. L. Archer (C)  
Rev. F. A. Davis (3:5S)  
Mr. Orville R. Senger (3:F)  
Mr. Frank A. Hames (1:7)

Peoria:

Rev. O. E. Price (7)  
Mr. Harold G. Woods (5:FS)

Princeton:

Rev. D. C. Durey (7)  
Miss Velma Moore (7)

Rockford:

Rev. W. H. Dyer (7)  
Mr. Martin G. Winterberg (6:2FS)

Roseland (Chicago):

Rev. W. D. Craker (7)  
Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr. (7)

Wyanet:

Rev. S. F. Pillsbury (7)  
Mr. Lloyd W. Wallace (7)

Meetings attended are indicated between parentheses. Total precedes colon; digits and capitals following colon refer to individual meetings and full days of attendance (Thursday, Friday, Saturday), respectively. Camp meeting attendance (C) is indicated in the absence of conference attendance.

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS

First Meeting -- 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, 1954.

Opening -- The fifth annual session of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America was convened at Epworth Park Camp Grounds, Belvidere, Illinois, at 1:30 p.m., CDT, July 29, 1954, Conference President A. L. Bray presiding. Rev. D. C. Durey led in the opening song service.

Communion Service -- Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Conference Vice President, brought the communion meditation, basing his remarks on Luke 22:14-20 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 and showing the reality of the "remembrance" we may have of our Saviour "until He come again". The conference elders assisted in ministering the Lord's Supper to the congregation, and the Spirit of God was present to minister grace to our hearts in the observance of the sacrament. The service was closed as the hymn, "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood", was sung.



Conference Sermon — The president was designated to give the keynote sermon of the conference. His text was Obadiah 17, "— Upon Mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions." The spiritual application of this verse to all the work we would do for the Lord in Illinois was effectively presented;— salvation, heart purity, conquest for God,— this is the Divine order. Therefore, to preach the need for holiness is an imperative in our ministry, and to demonstrate before others the adequacy of God's cleansing in our own lives is essential in order that His power may flow through us. God grant that our hearts may burn with this challenge throughout the coming years! The service was closed with prayer by the speaker.

Opening of Business Session — President Bray called the meeting to order after a short recess.

Roll Call — Thirteen ministerial members were present to answer the first roll call. (See Record of Attendance)

Bar of Conference — The first six pews in the center section of the auditorium were declared bar of conference, and the ministerial members were seated therein.

Report of Committee on Itineracy and Orders — A partial report of conference preachers eligible to vote, and a listing of Course of Study status of all unordained members was presented by the Itineracy and Orders Committee and was approved by conference vote. (See Report No. 1)

Credentials Committee — Rev. R. L. Zuhl and Rev. D. D. Crail were appointed a credentials committee by the Chair. The credentials of eight lay delegates were presented, and were approved by vote. Five of these were present, and were seated in the bar of conference. (See Record of Attendance)

Courtesy Committee — Rev. Harry Moeller and Rev. R. L. Zuhl were elected Courtesy Committee. They made a partial report and introduced to Conference the following new members:— Mr. Frank Herrin, Oak Lawn; Mr. A. N. Carstensen, Austin; Rev. Kenneth Lister, assistant pastor of Austin; Miss Velma Moore, Princeton; and Mr. Lloyd Wallace, Wyanet. These members gave their greetings and testimonies.

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

Conference Postmaster — Rev. Harry Moeller was voted postmaster for the conference session.

Conference Auditing Committee — Motion prevailed that the Conference Statistical Committee be designated Auditing Committee for conference reports.

Nominating Committee — Conference elected the following nominating committee by vote:— Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman; Rev. W. H. Dyer, Rev. C. E. Olander, Mr. Lloyd Wallace, Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

Adjournment — Orders of the Day were called by the Chair, and Conference adjourned for committee work.

## Second Meeting — 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 29, 1954.

Opening — The president called the meeting to order. Rev. C. E. Olander led in devotions after the assembly sang "Amazing Grace" and "O How I Love Jesus". He read portions of 1 Cor. 15 and particularly emphasized the marvelous grace of God, portrayed in verse 10, as the source of all accomplishment in the work of the Kingdom. After this meditation Brother Olander led in prayer.

Attendance — Fourteen ministerial and seven lay members of conference attended the second meeting. (See Record of Attendance)

Report of Nominating Committee — The report of the nominating committee was heard, and was amended before adoption by adding an extra member to the Statistical Committee. (See Report No. 3)

Report of Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid — Rev. W. H. Dyer presented the report of the Board, which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 4)

Report of the Treasurer of Superannuate Pension Fund — Report of the pension fund treasurer was read by Rev. W. H. Dyer, and by motion was received and referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Report No. 5)

Report of the Missionary Board — The vice president took the chair while the president read the report of the Missionary Board. It was adopted by proper action of Conference. (See Report No. 6)

Report of the Editor of the Conference Paper — Rev. A. L. Bray, editor of the "Tidings", read his report, which passed by prevailing motion. (See Report No. 7)

Report of the Camp Meeting Committee — The president gave a partial report detailing activities of the Camp Meeting Committee during the year. It was passed by vote of Conference. (See Report No. 8)

Report of Credentials Committee — The committee presented the credentials of Mr. Martin Winterberg, Rockford Church delegate, who was seated by action of Conference.

Report of Courtesy Committee — Brother Winterberg was presented to the conference and gave his testimony. Mrs. Carol Lister, wife of the assistant pastor of Austin Church, was

also presented and bore witness to the grace of God in her life.

Recommendation on Camp Grounds — A recommendation by the Camp Meeting Committee chairman concerning camp ground rental by prevailing motion was referred back to the committee for study.

Report of the Sunday School Board — The Conference Sunday School Secretary, Rev. W. D. Craker, read the report of the Board. It was adopted by vote of Conference. (See Report No. 9)

Report of Conference Treasurer — Rev. W. D. Craker read the conference treasurer's report, and was given a rising vote of thanks as an expression of gratitude for his services during the year. Conference adopted the audited report by vote. (See Report No. 10)

Report of Camp Meeting Committee — Rev. D. C. Durey, Camp Meeting Fund treasurer, read the fund report. It was received by vote and referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Report No. 8)

Report of the Statistical Committee — Motion to hear the Statistical Committee report prevailed. Rev. D. D. Crail and Rev. W. D. Craker presented the report, which by action of Conference was approved as amended. (See Report No. 11) The problem of uniform practise in recording statistics was discussed, and motion prevailed that the Statistical Committee be authorized and directed to prepare for consideration of this conference session a page of instructions to govern statistical recording in the future. In a rising vote the conference body congratulated the Statistical Committee for completing its work before conference session (a historical landmark of sorts), and the pastors congratulated each other for the 100% cooperation which made this feat possible.

Adjournment — The Chair declared the meeting adjourned for committee work. Brother Carstensen of Austin Church led in a closing prayer.

### Third Meeting -- 9:30 A.M. Friday, July 30, 1954.

Opening — President Bray called the meeting to order. Devotions were in charge of Mr. Marion Shepard, delegate from Creve Coeur Church. After the congregational singing of the song "Stand Up for Jesus", led by Rev. J. A. Blaine, Brother Shepard brought a meditation from the question by Jesus, recorded in Matt. 16:13, "Whom say ye that I am?" The speaker portrayed the tremendous difference between the mental attitudes toward Jesus held by nominal Christians or non-believers, and the personal friendship with Him experienced by those born again. Truly, to us Jesus, the Christ, Son of God, Saviour, is altogether lovely! Conference joined in prayer, led by Brother Shepard, and then sang together "Jesus is the Sweetest Name I Know".

Roll Call and Minutes — Sixteen ministerial and eight lay members of conference answered the second roll call. (See Record of Attendance) Minutes of the first and second meetings were read and declared approved as corrected.

Report of Credentials Committee — The credentials of Mr. Marion Shepard of Creve Coeur and Mr. Orville Senger, Oak Park, were presented, and these brethren were seated by action of Conference. By motion and vote, Mr. Herbert Apel was seated to represent Maywood Church in the absence of their elected delegate.

Report of Courtesy Committee — Mr. Orville Senger and Mr. Harold Woods, new delegates from Oak Park and Peoria Churches, respectively, were presented, and after recognition by the conference body they gave their testimonies.

Report of Auditing Committee — The committee made a partial report, which was passed by Conference. (See Report No. 12)

Report of Conference President — The vice president occupied the Chair as President Bray gave his report. His statement of the conference progress during the past year and over the five years of its history, and his statement of official acts were approved by Conference, and he was given a rising vote of thanks for his many labors. (See Report No. 13)

Report of Educational Secretary and Conference Educational Committee — The president resumed the Chair, and the Educational Secretary, Rev. R. L. Zuhl, gave the secretary's report and the report of the Educational Committee. These, by separate actions were adopted as amended. (See Reports No. 14 and No. 15)

Report of Member of Local Board of Managers of Marion College — Rev. C. E. Olander brought a good report of the activities of the College, in conjunction with his statement of official acts. Report was approved by vote. (See Report No. 16)

Report of Credentials Committee — Rev. L. G. Anderson and the Hoopston delegate, Mrs. Mary Cloud, entered the conference meeting. Credentials of the delegate were presented by the committee for approval by Conference, and the delegate was seated.

Report of Courtesy Committee — New delegates, Mr. Herbert Apel of Maywood and Mrs. Mary Cloud, Hoopston, were introduced to Conference, and gave their greetings.

Report of Conference Sunday School Secretary — Rev. W. D. Craker read his report as Conference Sunday School Secretary, which was received and adopted by vote. (See Report No. 17)

Report of Courtesy Committee — Dr. O. G. Wilson, Editor of "The Wesleyan Methodist", denominational representative to the Illinois Conference, and Illinois camp evangelist this year, entered the auditorium. He was introduced to Conference for recognition and greetings.

Orders of the Day — By unanimous vote, an invitation was extended to Dr. Wilson to pre-

side during the election of officers in the afternoon meeting.

Report of Child Evangelism Secretary — Mrs. Ethel Dyer was unable to attend because of duties in the W. M. S. conference. Her report was read by conference secretary and was adopted by proper action. (See Report No. 18)

Report of Prayer Secretary — The Prayer Secretary, Rev. Mrs. Divine Pillsbury, presented a report of activity, which was received by Conference. (See Report No. 19)

Report of Boys Club Secretary — A report of Christian Service Brigade boys club activities in the conference was presented by Rev. D. D. Crail, conference secretary of this work. Report was adopted by Conference. (See Report No. 20)

Report of Publisher, "The Illinois Tidings" — Labors of the publisher of our conference paper, Rev. R. L. Zuhl, were reported. Conference took action accepting the report. (See Report No. 21) Motion prevailed that an extra copy of the "Tidings" be sent to each pastor for the purpose of posting on church bulletin boards.

Report of the Conference Trustees — The secretary presented a listing of the official acts of the Board of Trustees during the past year. Report was adopted by prevailing motion. (See Report No. 22)

Reports of Conference Preachers — Our Minister of Church Extension, Rev. Thomas Murray, submitted a report of his labors to be read by the conference secretary, which was received by vote, and referred to the Statistical Committee. Rev. R. E. Mullen, W. Y. P. S. president, submitted a report of ministerial labors and financial items, together with a request concerning ministerial standing. Report was received by vote and referred to the Statistical and the Pastoral Relations Committees for consideration.

Adjournment — Motion to adjourn was sustained. Dr. Wilson offered prayer before dismissal.

#### Fourth Meeting — 1:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, 1954.

Opening — The president called the meeting to order. Mr. Harold Woods, lay delegate from Peoria Church, led in the singing of "In the Garden", and brought a devotional message based on John 16:1-8 emphasizing the comfort available through Christ to the Christian surrounded by an unfriendly world. Brother Woods closed this order of service by leading the conference in prayer.

Attendance — Sixteen ministerial and twelve lay members were present at the fourth meeting. (See Record of Attendance)

Report of Courtesy Committee — Rev. John E. Winterberg, General Evangelist of the Wesleyan Methodist Church from the Dakota Conference, was introduced to Conference by the courtesy committee, and brought his greetings. Rev. Gerald Trudell, newly received conference preacher and member of the Austin Church, was brought before conference for recognition and greetings and gave his testimony.

Election of Officers and Leaders — Rev. D. D. Crail and Rev. R. L. Zuhl were appointed reading tellers and Rev. J. A. Blaine and Mr. Herbert Apel distributing tellers. In accordance with the Orders of the Day, Dr. Wilson was called to the Chair to preside during the election of conference officers. By action of Conference, the secretary was appointed recording teller. The balloting proceeded as follows:—

President, Rev. A. L. Bray; Vice President, Rev. Wm. H. Dyer; Secretary, Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr. Mr. Paine submitted his resignation. In the course of the discussion that followed, motion prevailed that the conference minutes be turned over to the conference office at the end of camp meeting for publication, and that any reports not on hand at that time be omitted from the printed journal. The secretary's resignation was accepted with a rising vote of appreciation for his term of service, and Rev. D. C. Durey was elected to fill the office after Rev. C. E. Olander declined. Rev. W. D. Craker was elected Treasurer.

Election of leaders proceeded by acclamation:— Educational Secretary, Rev. R. L. Zuhl; Sunday School Secretary, Rev. W. D. Craker; Child Evangelism Secretary, Mrs. Ethel Dyer. Motion prevailed that the office of Prayer Secretary be discontinued and that the responsibility of this work be assigned to the conference president; Tithing Secretary, Rev. C. C. McCarty; W. M. F. Secretary, Mr. Orville Senger; Statistical Secretary, Rev. D. D. Crail; Boys Club Secretary, Rev. D. D. Crail; Motion prevailed that the Boys Club Secretary henceforth be recorded as the Christian Service Brigade Secretary.

Motion designating the Conference Treasurer as Treasurer of the Pension Fund was referred to the Standing Rules Committee for study and recommendation.

Recess — Conference was recessed, subject to call of the Chairman.

Election Continued — Conference reconvened, and the conference president took the Chair. The following appointments were made by ballot:— Trustees (Term expires in 1957), Rev. A. L. Bray and Mr. Wm. F. Tice; Ministerial Delegate to General Conference, Rev. A. L. Bray; Alternate Ministerial Delegate to General Conference, Rev. Wm. H. Dyer; Lay Delegate to General Conference, Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.; Alternate Lay Delegate to General Conference, Mr. Wm. F. Tice.

Election of Committees — Election proceeded by acclamation, as follows:—

Missionary Board,— In addition to ex officio members, Rev. Harry Hoeller, Rev. S. F. Pillsbury, Mr. H. Ray Dyer.

Committee on Itinerary and Orders,- Rev. C. E. Olander (Term expires in 1958.).

Judiciary Committee,- Rev. W. H. Dyer, Rev. J. A. Blaine, Rev. O. E. Price, Rev. D. C. Durey.

Sunday School Board,- Rev. W. D. Craker, ex of.; Mr. Gwyn Jones, Rev. Harry Moeller.

Committee on Vacancies,- Rev. W. H. Dyer, Rev. C. E. Olander, Rev. W. D. Craker, Mr. Lloyd Wallace, Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

Camp Meeting Committee,- In addition to three ex officio members, Rev. W. H. Dyer, Rev. D. C. Durey, Mr. Lloyd Wallace, Rev. L. G. Anderson. By prevailing motion the committee was limited to seven members.

Statistical Committee,- In addition to ex officio members, Rev. R. L. Zuhl. It was the action of Conference that the Standing Rule be amended to add one layman to the Statistical Committee. Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., was appointed by vote to fill the committee. A motion to amend the standing rule on statistical procedure was referred by vote to the Standing Rules Committee for study and recommendation.

President's Advisory Board,- Conference confirmed the president's nominations, Rev. W. H. Dyer and Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

Report Blank for Pastoral and Church Statistics — Dr. Wilson assumed the Chair as the conference president presented a short-form blank for summarizing pastoral labors and church statistics. Motion prevailed that the blank be used at the present session of Conference on a trial basis in the reporting of the pastors. (See Report No. 23)

Burial Association Literature — Dr. Wilson distributed literature setting forth the Burial Association Plan of the Indiana Conference, and answered questions about its operation.

Adjournment — Conference adjourned by vote. Rev. J. E. Winterberg offered prayer in closing.

#### Fifth Meeting — 7:00 P.M. Friday, July 30, 1954.

Opening — Rev. D. C. Durey led Conference in singing "Blessed Assurance" as the meeting opened. Rev. Pearl Poe led the devotions, speaking from Colossians 1:8-12 on the Spirit-Filled Life. He portrayed the glorious privilege of being filled with the knowledge of God's will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, of being worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, and of being fruitful in every good work. Rev. C. C. McCarty offered prayer.

Attendance — Twenty ministerial and eleven lay members were in attendance at the fifth meeting. (See Record of Attendance)

Report of the Auditing Committee — A partial report of the committee concerning the Camp Meeting Fund Report was heard and adopted by vote. (See Report No. 12)

Report of the Passage of Character Committee — The ministerial character of all ministers of the conference was declared passed by the committee, and report was received by vote of Conference. (See Report No. 24)

Report of the Courtesy Committee — The committee presented Rev. F. A. Davis, elder belonging to the Oak Park Church who served two years under the Oriental Missionary Society in Japan and has recently completed his B.D. degree at Asbury Theological Seminary. Brother Davis spoke of the joy of serving the Lord in his recent assignment, and expressed real pleasure at the renewal of fellowship with home base.

Greetings from the General Home Missions Secretary — Dr. J. R. Swauger, General Home Missions Secretary, conveyed greetings to the conference in a letter which was read by the conference secretary, who was instructed to send the greetings of the conference to Brother Swauger, together with our thanks for his understanding counsel and loyal assistance during the past year.

Report of Finance Committee — The secretary of the Conference Missionary Board, Rev. S. F. Pillsbury, read the report of the Finance Committee. After a period of discussion and explanation, the report was adopted by action of Conference. (See Report No. 25)

Report of the Sunday School Committee — Rev. W. D. Craker brought the report of the committee before Conference, which adopted it by prevailing motion. (See Report No. 26)

Reports of Pastors — The pastors of the Oak Park, Peoria, Rockford, Austin (Chicago) and Creve Coeur churches read their abbreviated statistical reports before Conference and gave encouraging testimonies. Lay delegates of all these churches reported fulfillment of financial commitments for support of their pastors during the past year. A spirit of praise, rejoicing and encouragement prevailed during the hearing of these reports, in spite of any difficulties encountered.

Adjournment — Conference was adjourned for committee work by limitation of time. Rev. W. D. Craker dismissed the meeting with prayer.

#### Sixth Meeting — 8:00 A.M. Saturday, July 31, 1954.

Opening — The meeting was called to order by the president. Rev. Francis Davis led in singing "Make Me a Blessing", and brought a short message based on Proverbs 3:28 and Luke 10:25-31. He gave a missionary emphasis to the story of the Good Samaritan and connected this with the Old Testament injunction, "Say not unto thy neighbor -- tomorrow I will give,

when thou hast it by thee". The Church of Jesus Christ cannot lightly put off till tomorrow the missionary responsibilities of today. Brother Davis led the conference in prayer.

Roll Call and Minutes — Nineteen ministerial and eleven lay members answered the third roll call. (See Record of Attendance) The minutes of the third, fourth and fifth meetings were read and were approved, with the inclusion of corrected items, by motion and vote.

Recommendations — Hoyne Avenue Church recommended to Conference Mr. George Durey to travel, and Mr. Cletus Kramer to study preparatory to travel, under its direction. Peoria Church recommended Mr. Harold G. Woods as a suitable person to study and travel under conference direction. Austin Church recommended Mr. G. Kenneth Lister and Mrs. Carol Lister to study and travel under conference supervision. These recommendations were received by proper action and referred to the Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

Report of the Courtesy Committee — The committee presented Mrs. Martha Davis, wife of Brother Frank Davis, who brought a word of greeting and testimony.

Final Report of Auditing Committee — Rev. D. D. Crail read the final report of the Auditing Committee, which was approved by vote. (See Report No. 12)

Final Report of Statistical Committee — The final report of the Statistical Committee was heard and adopted. (See Report No. 11)

Report of Moral Reform Committee — Rev. S. F. Pillsbury read the committee's report, which was adopted by vote. Motion to submit the report for publication in the Wesleyan Methodist was carried. A period of discussion followed, and a motion to reconsider the report and refer it back to committee prevailed.

Report of Thanks Committee — Rev. R. L. Zuhl read the Thanks Committee report, which passed by action of Conference. (See Report No. 27)

Reports of Pastors — Pastors of the churches at Hoopeston, Hoyne Avenue (Chicago), Maywood, Oak Lawn, Princeton, Roseland (Chicago), Sheffield and Wyanet reported a summary of church statistics and spoke of the general condition of the work. A good spirit of personal victory and of zeal for progress in Kingdom work was manifest in these reports, and also in the testimonies given by the delegates. Rev. Kenneth Lister and Rev. Pearl Poe gave good reports of their labors during the year.

Monthly Record of Pastoral Service — The vice president was called to the Chair and Rev. Bray presented for consideration of Conference a blank for recording of pastoral statistics. After a period of discussion a motion prevailed to adopt the blank for use by the ministers during the coming year. It was moved and carried that the president and his advisory board be directed to make a further study of ministerial statistical blanks and report to next conference. (Blank is listed as Report No. 28)

Adjournment — Conference was declared adjourned by limitation of time. Brother Herbert Apel offered prayer in closing.

#### Seventh Meeting — 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, 1954.

Opening — The meeting was opened by the president. Rev. W. D. Craker led in devotions, reading Psalm 85 and commenting on it briefly. He led the assembly in prayer before resumption of business.

Attendance — Twenty one ministerial and twelve lay members of Conference attended the final meeting. (See Record of Attendance)

Report of Courtesy Committee — Rev. and Mrs. Ralph B. Patterson of Hoyne Avenue Church were present in the meeting. The committee introduced Brother and Sister Patterson, and they gave their testimonies.

Report of Tithing Secretary — Rev. C. C. McCarty brought a report of his labors as tithing secretary, and offered his services to the pastors in promotion of the scriptural method of giving. Report was approved by vote. (See Report No. 29)

Wesleyan Publishing House Literature — Catalogs of "The Wesley Press" were distributed to the pastors, and Dr. Wilson was invited to speak on the subject of literature. A time of helpful questions and answers concerning our denominational periodicals and available supplies ensued.

Report of Committee on Group Insurance — Rev. C. E. Olander presented the results of the committee's study, and it was considered at length. Motion prevailed to refer the report back to committee, instructing it to compile its information and resubmit same for definite action.

Recess — Motion prevailed that Conference recess for committee work, subject to the call of the Chair. Rev. Pearl Poe offered a prayer in dismissal.

Resumption of Business — The president called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Report of the Credentials Committee — Credentials of Mr. Frank A. Hames of Oak Park Church were presented and passed by vote.

Report of Courtesy Committee — The committee presented Brother Hames for recognition by Conference, and he brought words of greeting and testimony.

Report of the Standing Rules Committee — Report of the committee was read by the conference secretary and the recommendations were adopted in seriatim. The report was adopted as a whole by prevailing motion. (See Report No. 30)

Recommendation — President Bray brought a recommendation of the President's Advisory

Board that Rev. Pearl Poe, received last year as a probationary elder of the Illinois Conference, be admitted to full status. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Report of the Camp Meeting Committee — In reference to the matter of camp ground rental referred to the Camp Meeting Committee for study, the committee recommended that rental of the camp grounds for next year be left in the hands of the committee, with power to act. Motion to adopt this report prevailed. (See Report No. 8)

Report of Committee on Itinerary and Orders — The final report of the committee was read and was adopted by vote, with the further proviso that the Course of Study standings of new conference members be included in the completed report. (See Report No. 1)

Ordination of Rev. L. G. Anderson and Rev. D. D. Crail, recommended by the committee report, was approved by vote of the elders and lay members of Conference.

Election of Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid — In accordance with a new provision of the Standing Rules, members of the Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid were elected for terms expiring in successive years. By acclamation, Rev. W. H. Dyer was appointed for three years, Rev. W. D. Craker for two years, and Rev. C. E. Olander for one year.

Final Report of the Moral Reform Committee — Rev. S. F. Pillsbury reported the wording of suggested revisions to the report of the Moral Reform Committee. These were passed by vote, and the report was adopted. (See Report No. 31)

Miscellaneous Business — A motion prevailed that Conference recommend to Dr. Swauger that a postmark deadline be declared for mailing of monthly reports to "Our Progress Reporter".

Motion prevailed that the president, vice president and secretary be directed to send a memorial to General Conference on revision of Paragraph 72 of the Book of Discipline.

Orders of the Day — By motion and vote the Orders of the Day were changed to schedule the Installation of Pastors for the evening service.

Recess — The meeting was recessed, to be reconvened before the scheduled evening service.

Resumption of Business — Meeting was resumed after the supper hour.

Report of Courtesy Committee — Rev. Ron E. Mullen, W. Y. P. S. president, Rev. Ray Powers, song evangelist of the Illinois encampment, and Mr. Howard Noggle, field representative of Marion College, were introduced by the committee, and brought words of greeting and testimony.

Unfinished Business — Motion prevailed that all unfinished business be left in the hands of the Missionary Board.

Conference Sermon in 1955 — The Camp Meeting Committee was delegated by action of Conference to assign the Conference Sermon in 1955.

Place of 1955 Conference — Motion prevailed that the place of next conference be left in the hands of the Camp Meeting Committee.

Report of the Pastoral Relations Committee — The committee report was read by the conference president, and was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 32)

Reading of Minutes — It was moved and supported that the minutes of the sixth and seventh meetings be considered as read for approval, and that the conference president and secretary be appointed to edit them for publication. Motion carried.

Offering for Conference President — At the suggestion of Mr. John Kodl, Hoyne Avenue delegate, an offering was taken and presented to our president. In response to this spontaneous overture, Brother Bray expressed his gratitude and took the occasion to say "Thanks" also for the prayers and gifts and love offerings of all those who remembered him while he was in the hospital last Spring.

Adjournment — The business session of Conference was adjourned by declaration of the Chair. Rev. Howard Noggle of Marion College led in the prayer of benediction.

### Installation Service and Denominational Address.

7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, 1954.

Opening — Brother Ray Powers led the congregation in singing "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" and "The Comforter Has Come". Rev. W. H. Dyer, conference vice president, offered prayer.

Installation of Officers — The officers-elect of the Illinois Conference and of the Woman's Missionary Society were presented on the rostrum and Dr. O. G. Wilson officiated in their installation. He laid upon them a charge to diligently serve the Lord in their offices and to "stir up the gift" in them (2Tim. 1:6), doing exploits in the energy of the Spirit (2Cor. 2:14). A prayer of dedication followed. The response and pledge was given by Rev. A. L. Bray, conference president.

Installation of Ministers — The conference ministerial members knelt at the altar as Rev. A. L. Bray installed them in their assigned work. He brought a brief charge, based on 2 Thes. 2:12, "That (they should) walk worthy of God, who hath called (them) into His kingdom and glory." Dr. Wilson led in a prayer for the brethren as they faced another year in their various charges, after which they were introduced to the congregation individually,

and their assignments were read.

Denominational Address — The main address of the evening was brought by Dr. Wilson, Editor of "The Wesleyan Methodist". He gave an appreciation of our denomination as "A Great Movement" dedicated to "A Great Task", and endowed by God with "Great Equipment" — its corps of church, missionary and youth leaders. The status of plans for a new headquarters building and of the merger with our Free Methodist brethren was also outlined. The message was brought to a close with a challenging slogan for the coming year: "Forward With A Fighting Faith!" Brother Wilson led in the benedictory prayer.

Adjournment — Rev. A. L. Bray declared the fifth annual session of the Illinois Conference to be adjourned sine die.

#### Conference Sunday School Service.

9:00 a.m. Sunday, August 1, 1954.

The first service of the Illinois Camp Meeting was designated as the Conference Sunday School Service. Rev. Wendel D. Craker, Conference Sunday School Secretary, was in charge. Brother Ray Powers led in the singing, and the opening prayer was by Mr. J. J. Blaine, Sunday School superintendent of the Oak Lawn Church. A feature of the opening exercises that will long be remembered was the demonstration by Rev. Francis Davis and Mr. John Masuda, Japanese-Christian student now at Houghton College, of how a missionary and interpreter work together to proclaim the gospel on the mission field.

There was a total attendance of 159 in the Sunday School classes. The offerings from this service and the one held a week later amounted to approximately \$50, and were used to pay off a debt on the automatic mimeograph machine purchased by the Sunday School Board for the Conference office.

#### Conference Ordination Service.

1:30 p.m. Monday, August 2, 1954.

Opening — The regular afternoon W.Y.P.S. Camp meeting was devoted to the Ordination Service. The congregation sang "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee", and Rev. R. E. Mullen, W.Y.P.S. president, led in prayer. Bro. Ray Powers sang "I Want to be Like Jesus".

Candidates — Rev. C. E. Olander, chairman of the Committee on Itineracy and Orders, announced the candidates for ordination, Rev. LaVerne Gideon Anderson and Rev. David Daniels Crail. Rev. A. L. Bray, conference president, gave a brief sketch of the service rendered to the Conference by these men.

Ordination Sermon — Dr. O. G. Wilson was invited by the candidates to bring the ordination sermon. He spoke on the text in John 15:15-16, "Henceforth I call you not servants — but I have called you friends." He drew from references in John 17 a picture of "Christ, the Pattern of the Pastor" in his community, parish, pulpit, devotions and assignment. The complementary thought was also developed, "Christ, the Message of the Pastor", from references found in the Acts and Epistles. Prayer was offered in closing the message.

Ordination Ceremony — The candidates and their helpmeets presented themselves at the altar of the auditorium. Rev. A. L. Bray officiated during the ordination ritual, and the Collect, Epistle and Gospel were read by Rev. D. C. Durey, Rev. S. F. Pillsbury and Rev. C. E. Olander, respectively. Rev. W. H. Dyer led in the Prayer. All conference elders participated in the laying on of the hands as Rev. A. L. Bray led in a prayer of consecration. Dr. Wilson offered a prayer of consecration for the wives of the candidates, after which the congregation sang "A Charge to Keep I Have", and joined in an informal time of congratulations. The meeting was adjourned by singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds".

#### Conference Educational Service.

1:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 3, 1954.

Opening — An interesting and instructive educational service was held during the time for regular W.Y.P.S. afternoon camp meeting on Tuesday. Conference Educational Secretary, Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, presided. The opening exercises featured vocal and instrumental talent in a quintet of young people, and a male quartet of Marion alumni. Roseland-Rockford triumphed over Wyanet in a Bible quiz announced in advance. As a scripture lesson, Carol Noggle repeated Psalm 1.

Educational Address — Mr. Howard Noggle, well-known and beloved representative of Marion College brought a devotional thought to our attention, based on Philipians 2:3-5 and 4:8. The Bible lays emphasis on the need for a Christlike mental culture, and our regional college does not neglect this need as it trains the minds of our young people. Brother Noggle brought an informative review of progress at the College during the year, and of the providences of God which enabled them to finish the year in the "black".

#### Conference Church Extension Service.

1:30 p.m. Saturday, August 7, 1954.

Conference extension work was featured in the Saturday afternoon camp service by a triple

report on the recently adopted Conference Builder Plan. First, Rev. Thomas J. Murray told briefly how at the close of his schooling at Marion College God prompted him to offer himself to the Conference for a ministry of construction of church and parsonage buildings in Illinois. The Missionary Board accepted this offer last Spring, and assigned Bro. Murray to help in the building program at Princeton. Rev. D. C. Durey, pastor of the church, next described how encouraging and timely Brother Murray's help has been in the months since the plan was undertaken; assistance was sorely needed, and the church is grateful to the Lord and to the Conference for the boost it has received. Lastly, the Conference President presented a brief financial analysis of the plan and urged prayer support and sacrificial giving to insure its success. The plan is not budgeted, and to date has been partially carried by small monthly gifts sent to Rev. C. E. Olander, 1040 Augusta Blvd., Oak Park, Ill., by those sharing the vision for this forward move. An opportunity was given to those present at this meeting to make a pledge for support of the Conference Builder.

*Arthur L. Bray*  
Arthur L. Bray, President.  
*St. Hugh Paine, Jr.*  
St. Hugh Paine, Jr., Secretary.

## R E P O R T S

### Report No. 1.

#### Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

A. Conference preachers eligible to vote in the 1954 Conference: L. G. Anderson, David D. Crail, Robert L. Zuhl.

B. The subcommittee on transcript evaluation, A. L. Bray and C. E. Olander, met shortly after the 1953 Conference to establish policies and procedures in evaluating the transcripts of participants in the course of study and others working toward ordination. The chairman gave examinations to the following people: Pearl Poe, Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and History of the Wesleyan Methodist Church; Clarence and Ivanelle McCarty, Foundations of Doctrine; Glenn R. Dyer, System of General Ethics.

C. Sub-committee met at the end of the year and prepared the following report on transcript evaluations:

- 1) Thomas J. Murray -- Graduated from Marion College; Appointed Minister of Church Extension of the Illinois Conference.
- 2) LaVerne G. Anderson -- Work on course of study completed.
- 3) David D. Crail -- Work on course of study completed.
- 4) Robert L. Zuhl -- Fourth year course of study; Attending Northern Baptist Seminary.
- 5) Clarence C. McCarty -- Third year course of study; Continue in course of study.
- 6) Ivanelle McCarty -- Third year course of study; Continue in course of study.
- 7) Ronald E. Mullen -- Attending Northern Baptist Seminary; Classified as being in the third year in course of study and continuing in Seminary.
- 8) Vernon W. Swanson -- Third year course of study; Recommended that he take work in the Discipline and Robert's Rules of Order.
- 9) Glenn A. Fischer -- Attending Marion College; Second year of the course of study; To continue with work at Marion College.
- 10) Benny E. Meadows -- Attending Marion College.
- 11) Divine B. Pillsbury -- Need transcript from M. A. S. Conference.

D. Sub-committee approved Thomas J. Murray's graduation from Marion College with assurance to Dr. W. T. Dayton that he would take the examinations in the Discipline and Wesleyan Methodist Church History under the Illinois Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

E. We recommend that LaVerne G. Anderson and David D. Crail be elected to Elder's Orders.

F. Committee member A. L. Bray, as Conference President, obtained continued draft exemptions for Glenn A. Fischer, Thomas J. Murray, Robert L. Zuhl, and Benny E. Meadows.

G. We recommend that George R. Durey, G. Kenneth Lister, Carol L. Lister, Gerald D. Trudell, George J. Thompson and Harold G. Woods be referred to the Pastoral Relation Committee.

H. We recommend that Cletus D. Kramer be received to study under the direction of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Carl E. Olander, Chairman.  
Rev. A. L. Bray  
Rev. Daren C. Durey      Rev. Stephen F. Pillsbury



Report No. 2.

Orders of the Day Committee.

Thursday, July 29, 1954 -- Conference convenes, 1:30 p. m.; Communion Service; Conference Sermon; Organization of Conference; Report of Nominating Committee, 7:00 p. m.; Reports of Standing Committees and Financial Reports.

Friday, July 30, 1954 -- Reports of Conference Committees, 9:45 a. m.; Reports of Conference Leaders; Election of Officers and Miscellaneous Business, 1:45 p. m.; Reports of Conference Committees, 7:15 p. m.; Reports of Pastors; Miscellaneous Business.

Saturday, July 31, 1954 -- Reports of Conference Committees, 8:15 a. m.; Reports of Pastors; Miscellaneous Business; Miscellaneous Business, 1:45 p. m.; Report of the Pastoral Relations Committee; Installation of Pastors by the Conference President; Reading of the Minutes; Adjournment. Denomination Service, 7:30 p. m.; Installation of Conference Officers; Denominational Address; Adjournment Sine Die.

Sunday, August 1, 1954 -- Conference Sunday School Service, 9:30 a. m.

Monday, August 2, 1954 -- Ordination Service, 1:30 p. m.

Tuesday, August 3, 1954 -- Educational Service, 1:30 p. m.; Marion Representative.

Saturday, August 7, 1954 -- Church Extension, 1:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman.  
Rev. Wm. H. Dyer  
S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

Report No. 3.

Nominating Committee.

We recommend the following committee appointments:

Pastoral Relations -- A. L. Bray, Ch'mn., W. H. Dyer, J. A. Blaine, C. E. Olander,  
Lloyd Wallace, A. N. Carstensen, Martin Winterberg.

Passage of Character -- A. L. Bray, Ch'mn., O. E. Price, Frank Herrin.

Statistical -- D. D. Crail, Ch'mn., W. D. Craker, R. E. Mullen, D. C. Durey, John Kodl,  
Orville Senger.

Moral Reform -- S. F. Pillsbury, Ch'mn., Marion Shepard, Velma Moore.

Thanks -- R. L. Zuhl, Ch'mn., Harold Woods, Dwight Elliott.

Sunday School -- W. D. Craker, Ch'mn., L. G. Anderson, D. C. Durey, Harry Moeller,  
Frank Hames.

Auditing -- Statistical Committee.

Devotional -- Conference President.

Finance -- Missionary Board.

Standing Rules and Memorials -- Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman  
Rev. W. H. Dyer Lloyd W. Wallace  
Rev. C. E. Olander S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

Report No. 4.

Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid.

We, the Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid, submit the following report and recommendations:

- 1) The pension budget is paid in full by each church, with a total overpayment of \$55.06.
- 2) According to the record of the Treasurer there are eight ministers now members of the plan.
- 3) We recommend that any receipts from the local churches in excess of the amount assessed by the General Conference be retained by the Conference Treasurer of the fund, to be used as a backlog in the event of a deficit any year in the budget receipts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Chairman  
Mrs. Ruth Jontz, Treasurer  
Rev. O. E. Price

Report No. 5.Treasurer of Superannuate Pension Fund.

<u>Balance on Hand July 15, 1953</u>					\$ 48.15
<u>Receipts: 1953-'54</u>	<u>Church Payments</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Paid</u>	
	Austin		\$	\$46.00	
	Chicagoland	42	63.00	68.25	
	Creve Coeur	14	21.00	21.00	
	Hoopeston	14	21.00	20.75	
	Hoynes Avenue	19	28.50	28.56	
	Maywood	28	42.00	42.00	
	Oak Lawn	16	24.00	24.00	
	Peoria	14	21.00	21.00	
	Princeton	18	27.00	27.50	
	Rockford	25	37.50	37.50	
	Roseland	16	24.00	24.00	
	Sheffield			3.00	
	Wyanet	37	55.50	55.50	\$419.06
	<u>Ministerial Payments</u>				
<u>Balance on Hand July 15, 1953</u>					20.00
	Rev. Arthur Bray			\$43.95	
	Rev. David Crail			80.00	
	Rev. Wendel Craker			14.10	
	Rev. Daren Durey			37.23	
	Rev. William Dyer			25.00	
	Rev. Harry Moeller			25.00	
	Rev. Carl Olander			91.01	
	Rev. Orville Price			43.39	
	<u>Total Credits</u>				<u>359.68</u>
<u>Disbursements To Rev. D. A. Rees, Treasurer, By Fund Checks</u>				\$689.43	\$846.89
	<u>Direct by Rev. David Crail</u>			<u>55.00</u>	<u>744.43</u>
<u>Balance on Hand July 15, 1954</u>					\$102.46

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Ruth Jontz, Treasurer.

Report No. 6.Missionary Board

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

As the Board of Managers of the Conference in the interim of conference sessions (Discipline, Paragraph, 278), we held six meetings this past year on August 4, October 10 and November 21, 1953 and February 6, March 18 and May 1, 1954. At these meetings the work of the Conference and the needs of the pioneer churches and the promotion of the extension of the Savior's Kingdom were considered.

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

New church — Shortly after being set aside by the 1953 Conference for full-time promotion of the extension work of the conference our chairman found that Austin Tabernacle, a fine holiness church about 52 years old, was without a pastor. After repeated trips to Chicago to meet with various official groups of that church body, he secured their consent to unite with our conference and denomination. They conditioned their agreement, however, upon his coming to serve as pastor. We granted this condition and on October 18, 1953, Austin Tabernacle members voted unanimously to become Wesleyan Methodists. On November 8, they were organized as Austin Wesleyan Methodist Church, with 44 full members and 13 associate. By the year end the membership had grown to 60 full and 20 associate members, with good prospects for future growth. These good folk are fitting in well with the conference and denominational program. They are our largest church in the conference and are paying the largest budget of the conference.

New parsonages — AUSTIN (Chicago). Since our chairman had to commute twice a week from the newly-purchased conference parsonage in Princeton to Chicago to serve the Austin church, one of the fine laymen of that church, Mr. A. N. Carstensen, gave his seven-room home to the church for a parsonage. (The regular church parsonage was and is being used by the assistant pastor.)

**MAYWOOD** -- We have signed a purchase agreement to acquire a lovely home next door (south) to the new Maywood church. The owner is carrying a contract on the place which has made financing easier. This new church is making good gains and has marvelously reconditioned their property and raised funds for debt reduction too. Pastor David Crail and his people rejoice over the victories won this year!

**CONFERENCE PARSONAGE** -- The conference parsonage has been sold and the loan funds re-invested in the Rockford church.

**New church buildings** -- ROCKFORD has been moving steadily ahead since last fall in the erection of a fine 37 by 74 foot buff brick church building. Pastor William H. Dyer, has worked long and hard, along with his lay people, to bring this new plant into reality. It is expected that it will be completed sometime this fall.

**PRINCETON**: Pastor Durey and his people have been working hard all year on the new addition to their church. When our chairman moved to Chicago and was unable to aid in the carpenter work of the building, Rev. Thomas J. Murray, who graduated this spring from Marion College, came and offered his services to us to help promote the pioneer building programs of the conference. Since his offer was so timely he was appointed Minister of Church Extension and assigned to the Princeton work. The Conference W. Y. P. S. pays \$25.00 a month on his support; the Missionary Board members, \$25.00; other pledges are coming in and the balance is taken from the Conference Missions Fund, so that his support totals \$200.00 a month. Through a loan secured by his home church (Oak Park) and pastor (Rev. Carl Olander) he was able to get a lovely aluminum house trailer. The building program is rapidly moving on to conclusion and the growing attendance will need all the space created.

**Continued effort** -- HOYNE AVENUE (Chicago) has continued to receive \$25.00 a month aid on debt payments. This has been a good year in membership growth and financial support. Pastor Moeller states that this church will not need this assistance for the new year.

ROCHESTER has received \$25.00 a month aid on parsonage payments but Pastor Anderson states that the growth of the work and interest makes it unnecessary for the coming year. They have redecorated the church and parsonage and have purchased a fine Sunday School bus with new paint and lettering. We praise God that this older church is getting revived. Pastor Anderson has faced some discouraging problems, but God has brought victory.

SHEFFIELD continues to be a slow field. The McCarty's have plodded ahead with a persistence which few pastors possess. They feel that prospects are more encouraging. They see the need of the field and hope to purchase the former Danish Lutheran church building which we are using and then to build a parsonage as a testimony to the community that we are there permanently. We have paid \$25.00 a month parsonage rent this past year.

GREVE COEUR received \$45.00 a month aid on pastor's salary this past year for three quarters. Things are encouraging there and Pastor and Mrs. Blaine have taken this work by the job and intend to build a strong church.

**Prospects** -- A request has come for the establishing of a new Wesleyan Methodist church in Knoxville, Illinois, with the assurance of a good nucleus to start with and financial support too. Pray much that this may ripen into a new church this year should our Lord delay His coming. We may need to use Brother Murray there to erect a church building.

There are other important contacts which we trust will bear fruit during the days to come, but the evidences of God's purposes are still not clear enough to make announcement as yet. We must pray these doors open!

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

#### Analysis of Conference Missions Fund

##### A. Receipts:

1) Denominational Home Missions Department		
a) Monthly aid		\$ 650.00
b) Card Call aid		
i) Hoyme Avenue (Chicago)	\$ 127.00	
ii) Maywood	<u>3552.15</u>	3679.15
2) Conference Budgets		1310.11
3) Miscellaneous Sources		
a) Illinois Conference W. M. S.	256.41	
b) Princeton loan repayment	187.50	
c) Murray fund	<u>131.00</u>	574.91
Total Receipts		6214.17
Less transfer to Conference Paper Fund		<u>43.25</u>
Adjusted Total Receipts		6170.92
Balance on Hand July 16, 1953		<u>478.87</u>
Total Credits		\$6649.59

**B. Disbursements:**

1) Creve Coeur		
a) Salary aid	\$ 390.00	
b) Revival meeting aid	<u>50.00</u>	\$ 440.00
2) Hoopston, parsonage aid		325.00
3) Hoyne Avenue (Chicago)		
a) Indebtedness, Conference aid	300.00	
b) Card Call	<u>127.00</u>	427.00
4) Maywood		
a) Conference aid, interest on loan	120.00	
b) Card Call	<u>3552.15</u>	3672.15
5) Princeton, loan for new chairs		187.50
6) Roseland, balance of 1953 Card Call		122.70
7) Sheffield, parsonage rent		315.00
8) Thomas Murray, Conference Builder		
a) Salary	700.00	
b) Rent	<u>50.00</u>	750.00
9) Chairman's expense		
a) Telephone	103.59	
b) Food	4.50	
c) Travel	<u>12.00</u>	<u>120.09</u>
Total Disbursements for all purposes		\$6359.44

**C. Balance on Hand July 16, 1954**

\$ 290.15

Respectfully submitted for the  
Conference Missionary Board,  
Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman.

Report No. 7.Editor of Conference Paper.

As Editor of your Conference paper, The Illinois Tidings, I submit the following report: There have been nine issues of our two to four page mimeographed monthly bulletin containing promotional information and news of the Illinois Conference. There was no October 1953 issue because of the pressure of duties involved in the Princeton building program and the opening of the new Austin (Chicago) church coming at the same time. There were no February or March issues because the editor was seriously ill and in the hospital part of the time. The nine issues published total 2627 copies. Of this number 1100 copies were published by Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, pastor at Oak Lawn, from copy furnished by the editor. The remaining 1527 copies were both edited, mimeographed and mailed from the editor's office, with help from Rev. R. L. Zuhl on two issues.

The mimeographing of "The Tidings" has been a tedious task this year since we had to use an old worn-out machine. However, a few weeks ago, the editor was able to purchase a fine second-hand electrically operated A. B. Dick Model 92 mimeograph which cost originally \$1200.00 but which was purchased for \$175.00! The Conference Sunday School Board has purchased this machine for the conference office on condition that their promotional material will be put out on it also. Hearty thanks to these brethren for their foresight and interest in the conference affairs.

I am not adding a financial statement this year because the Conference Paper is carried as an item of the Conference Treasurer's report and the expenditures are all for publication materials and postage--rather dull items. Vouchers are filed for each item of expense. The balance of \$59.75 in the Conference Treasurer's report is misleading however, because \$60.55 expense was not submitted until after the Conference Treasurer's books were closed for the year. This item would have slightly overdrawn the "Tidings" funds available. If we had published 12 issues instead of 9 we would have been much further overdrawn. This is because our publications budget is based upon membership, but our mailing list upon constituency also. In addition, denominational officials and leaders receive our Conference news via the Tidings. However, it is probably better to subsidize our annual deficit out of the Conference Missions Fund because of the promotional use the paper is put to, rather than raise the budget.

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

Report No. 8.Camp Meeting Committee.

Camp Arrangements -- We, your Camp Meeting Committee, do submit the following report: We have held two meetings this past conference year. The first meeting was held on August 4, 1953, to organize the committee and to examine and approve all camp expenditures. We were able to pay all outstanding bills with the money available but had not replaced our balance on hand before camp.

It is our custom to hold our main meeting during the annual ministerial convention in February, but due to the illness of the chairman, the meeting was not held until May 22, 1954. Although many items were uncared for at that date the Lord graciously answered prayer and all arrangements were made for the camp of 1954 with plans laid for future camp meetings.

On August 29, 1953, the chairman went to Peoria, Illinois, at the invitation of the Free Methodist Illinois Conference Superintendent, Rev. W. W. McCormick, to meet with their Conference Board of Trustees concerning the use of their camp grounds, Epworth Park, in 1954 and future years. However, the meeting was cancelled and your chairman placed a letter in the hands of Rev. Mr. McCormick requesting use of the grounds. In March 1954, oral permission was granted to use the grounds under the same conditions and cost as in 1953.

Due to the fact that the Iowa Conference and Illinois Conference dates coincide this year we have lost our excellent cook, Miss Esther Lien, to Iowa, from which we secured her when we first started our camp meetings. In her place we have secured Mrs. Verna Martin, the Free Methodist camp cook, who is reported to be a fine worker. Our camp evangelist is Dr. O. G. Wilson, Syracuse, N. Y., Editor of The Wesleyan Methodist. Our camp song evangelist is Rev. Raymond Powers of Copper Hill, Virginia. Mrs. Wendel Craker and Mrs. Merrill Perkins are the children's workers. The youth program is under the direction of Rev. Ron Mullen, Illinois Conference W. Y. P. S. President.

The Orders of the Day Committee, at conference direction, appointed the speakers for the afternoon camp services. The evangelist will speak mornings and evenings. Our own ministers will speak in the afternoon services. (See Report No. 2.)

In the May 22nd meeting, your Committee planned the daily schedule and program for the 1954 camp, with a three-fold program for adults, youth and children. (See the July 1954 issue of The Illinois Tidings.)

During the month of July, 1954, your chairman visited the camp grounds, Epworth Park, three times to arrange for renting cottages and to counsel with the Free Methodist brethren for future use of the grounds. Thirty-four survey letters and information forms were sent to cottage owners and quite a number agreed to let us rent their cottages. In response to our query our Free Methodist brethren declined to let us build cottages on their grounds, but they did offer to let us continue to rent their grounds for the next 5 years. They set the annual rental at \$500.00, which sum includes the buildings owned by their Conference Missionary ladies (Redfield Chapel and Children's Chapel), the Robert Prakes building (owned by their Sunday School Board) for which we have paid extra rent heretofore.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,  
Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman.

Camp Meeting Fund:--Receipts:

1953 Camp Offerings	\$ 458.53
1953 Camp Registration	745.57
Camp Pledges Paid	313.37
Camp Subsidy from Denom.	
Home Department	150.00
Special Donations	120.15
Re-payment of Telephone tolls	3.70
Total Receipts	\$1791.32
On Hand July 15, 1953	224.19
Total Credits	\$2015.51

On Hand July 15, 1954 \$ 233.40

Disbursements:

1953 Groceries	\$ 827.27
1953 Camp Workers	400.00
Grounds Rental & Expense	360.00
Mileage for Supervisors	46.58
Rental of Additional Cottages	15.75
Printing and Advertising	17.50
Camp Equipment	44.47
Miscellaneous expense	70.54
Total Disbursements	\$1782.11

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Daren C. Durey, Treasurer.

Report No. 9.Sunday School Board.

The Sunday School Board met twice to conduct the business of the year. Arrangements were made for the showing of "No Vacant Chairs" and the introduction of the "Eight Successful Teaching Filmstrips" at the Sunday School Service in the Fall convention at Austin (Chicago). These were purchased for use in the conference with recorded transcriptions accompanying each. Plans for making additional audio-visual equipment available were discussed, but no official action was taken.

After a study of the mimeographing needs of the conference, a gift of \$125.00 was given toward the purchase of a used A. B. Dick Model 92 electrically operated machine.

Recommendations to the Board of the next conference year include: 1) Action on a resolution from the Maywood Sunday School concerning the implementation of teacher training courses in the conference, and 2) the authorization of \$50.00 when funds are available to complete the purchase of the above-mentioned mimeograph.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendal Craker, Chairman  
Harry Moeller, Sec'y.  
Gwyn Jones

Report No. 10.Conference Treasurer.

Statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year ended July 15, 1954:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>Balance 7-16-53</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Total Credits</u>	<u>Disburse- ments</u>	<u>Balance 7-16-54</u>
<b>General Conference Budget:</b>					
Home Missions	\$ 1.25	\$ 195.30	\$ 196.55	\$ 196.55	\$ ----
Foreign Missions	2.00	305.07	307.07	307.07	----
Education	2.00	370.02	372.02	372.02	----
Orphanage	----	42.31	42.31	42.31	----
Administrative Expense	3.40	112.41	115.81	115.81	----
Travel & Entertainment	.15	42.57	42.72	42.72	----
Australia	.25	46.08	46.33	46.33	----
Total Gen. Conf. Budget	<u>9.05</u>	<u>1,113.76</u>	<u>1,122.81</u>	<u>1,122.81</u>	<u>----</u>
<b>Illinois Conference Budget:</b>					
President's Salary	829.40	3,262.26	4,091.66	2,900.00	1,191.66
Conference Fund *	106.86	782.51	889.37	744.21	145.16
Conference Missions **	478.67	6,170.92	6,649.59	6,359.44	290.15
Conference Paper	(29.25)	<u>172.30</u>	<u>143.05</u>	<u>83.30</u>	<u>59.75</u>
Total Ill. Budget	<u>1,385.68</u>	<u>10,387.99</u>	<u>11,773.67</u>	<u>10,086.95</u>	<u>1,686.72</u>
<b>Illinois Miscellaneous:</b>					
Conference Parsonage	150.00	4,311.73	4,461.73	4,321.34	140.39
Miscellaneous	.44	101.70	102.14	102.14	----
Illinois Pension Fund	<u>500.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Total Ill. Miscel- laneous	<u>650.44</u>	<u>5,413.43</u>	<u>6,063.87</u>	<u>5,423.48</u>	<u>640.39</u>
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<u><u>\$2,045.17</u></u>	<u><u>\$16,915.18</u></u>	<u><u>\$18,960.35</u></u>	<u><u>\$16,633.24</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,327.11</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendal Craker, Treasurer.

Certification.

In my opinion, the above Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements fairly presents the cash transactions of the Illinois Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church for the period July 16, 1953 to July 15, 1954; and the Fund Balance at July 15, 1954.

C. F. Brauweiler, Certified Public Accountant.

\* See Report No. 13 for details.

\*\* See Report No. 6 for details.

Report No. 11.Statistical Committee.

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

B. Evangelists Labors

Evangelists	Part I Labors						Part II Receipts						
	Months Employed	Revivals Held	In Local Conference	In Other Conferences	In Other Denominations	Quarterly Meetings	Other Services Held	Offerings or Salary	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Receipts	Travelling Expenses	Net Receipts
Francis Davis	12						6	\$ 630.00		\$50.00	\$680.00	\$500.00	\$180.00
Pearl Poe	12	13	3		10	1	2	900.00				297.68	602.32
Ron Mullen	12						38	150.00			150.00		150.00
Thomas Murray	4						4	850.00					
Totals	40	13	3		10	1	50	\$2,530.00		\$50.00	\$830.00	\$797.68	\$932.32

C. Recommendation

We recommend that the set of directions on the statistical blank being prepared by the statistical committee be referred on completion to the committee on standing rules for study and amendment; that the directions then be mimeographed by the conference office and distributed to all pastors; that a time be set aside at the February ministerial convention for explanation, discussion, and possible amendment of these directions.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. David D. Crail, Chairman.

Rev. W. D. Craker

Rev. D. C. Durey

Rev. Ronald E. Mullen

John Kodl

Orville Senger

Report No. 12.Auditing Committee.

We have checked the financial statements of the Conference Sunday School Secretary, the Camp Meeting Committee, and the Superannuate Pension Fund Treasurer, and find them to be correct and in good order.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. David D. Crail, Chairman.

Rev. Daren C. Durey

Rev. Wendel Craker

John C. Kodl

Report No. 13.Conference President.

Greetings to the members of the Illinois Conference! Following are some interesting items concerning the development and state of our Conference and also an accounting of my stewardship as your servant in the Lord.

State of the Conference — This Conference session marks the end of five years since we completed our organization in Charles City, Iowa, in 1949. It was hard to bid farewell to those beloved brethren and to start out in this new venture of faith. There were those who seriously doubted the wisdom of organizing a separate mission conference, but to the GLORY OF GOD we can look back over these years and say it has paid to step out by faith. New churches have been raised up and their properties are being paid for. Our church membership and Sunday School attendance have doubled. Hundreds of people (almost 700) are on our Sunday School roll whom we didn't even know in those days. And many eternity-bound souls have been saved and sanctified and brought into the fellowship of the church just because we dared to launch out on the promises of God. Truly we can here raise our "Ebenezer" and exult, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us!"

Encouraging Statistics -- In testimony to the advances along every line which statistics will reveal, I submit the following table of comparison, which shows steady and substantial gains along every line. To God be all the glory and to our faithful denominational leaders, pastors and laymen be the delight in the advance of the work of God!

Statistics Reported to Conference In

	1949	1953	1954	Gain Over Last Year	Gain in Five Years
Churches	7	11	12	1	5
Membership	157	243	340	97	183
Wesleyan Meth. Subs.	71	218	226	8	155
Wesleyan Youth Subs.	51	73	114	41	63
Wesleyan Miss. Subs.	89	181	175	6	86
W. M. S. Members	78	202	218	16	140
W. Y. P. S. Members	43	102	104	2	61
Sunday School Roll	753	1172	1418	246	665
Main School	642	1003	1256	253	614
Average Attendance	416	684	846	162	430
Property	\$144,100	\$358,000	\$504,000	\$146,000	\$359,900
Debt	12,278	52,914	95,185	42,271	82,907
Budget Assigned	1,542	5,168	6,497	1,329	4,955
Budget Paid	1,841	6,562	7,767	1,205	5,926
Pastors Support	14,055	27,152	36,360	9,208	22,305
Total Raised	\$ 41,458	\$ 78,741	\$ 94,435	\$ 15,694	\$ 52,977

Personal Service -- A few months before the 1953 Conference there came a growing sense of an impending change in God's purposes for my service to Him and the Conference. To that end I resigned the beloved Chicagoland (Oak Park) pastorate and asked you to set the work of the Conference President as full-time service. The main reason I offered in defense of this position was that God had a new door of opportunity just about ready to swing open. I stated that I believed it might be some independent work which might be brought into our fellowship. As we stand now on the vantage point of a year of the fulfillment of God's good purposes, we see the glorious panorama of His workings in our lives. You all know the story of how God brought Austin Tabernacle into our fellowship and how I came to minister to them. This dual responsibility would be an impossibility physically and mentally if it were not for the gracious help you have extended me in providing the finances whereby I am able to have adequate help in the office and in the pastoral ministry as well. Brother and Sister Kenneth Lister are Wesleyans from the Camden, N. J., church, and are a big boost to our efforts to develop the Chicago-Austin work.

Because of pressures of the building program in Princeton last fall and the task of bringing Chicago-Austin into our fellowship, followed by my illness and chest surgery last winter, I have been unable to get as much accomplished this year as I did in the previous year. However, in Conference service, I travelled 11,371 miles, contacted the pastors 86 times, made 209 other calls in Conference interest (plus 245 pastoral calls in Austin), sent out 307 pieces of correspondence, held 27 Quarterly Meetings, held 71 other services, sold 7 Disciplines, made 21 visits to pioneer fields, organized one church, held 6 meetings of the Missionary Board and Board of Trustees in joint session and two meetings of the Trustees separately, held 2 Camp Committee meetings, attended 3 sessions of the Conference W. Y. P. S. Executive Council, held 3 conferences with the Conference W. Y. P. S. President over the youth work, served as secretary of the Evangelical Ministers Association of Greater Chicago, served on the Board of the Chicago Bible Society, edited the conference paper (2627 copies were published) and ministered to the Chicago-Austin church. Although I was brought low with illness God has graciously granted me strength for His service far beyond my expectations. Praise His name! You brethren have borne patiently with my shortcomings and together we have seen God's hand at work in our midst, building His glorious kingdom.

Official Acts -- 1) August 8-9, 1953. Represented our Conference at the Iowa Conf. Centennial.

2) August 11, 1954. Executed mortgage with Eureka Savings and Loan Assn. of LaSalle, Illinois, for \$5,500 on Conference parsonage. (This is now cancelled since Parsonage is sold.)

3) September 12, 1953. Installed Rev. Carl E. Olander as pastor of Oak Park church.

4) September 12, 1953. Installed Rev. R. L. Zuhl as pastor of the Oak Lawn church.

5) October 12, 1953. Took title to the Conference parsonage at 419 N. First St., Princeton, Illinois.

6) October 21, 1953. Sent letter of recommendation for Rev. Glenn Dyer to Rev. R. C. Hawkins, Superintendent of the Michigan Conference of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. Later, July 21, 1954, sent his letter of transfer to Rev. W. E. Hall, Superintendent of Illinois Conference of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

7) November 8, 1953. Organized Chicago-Austin Wesleyan Methodist Church with the



consent of the Missionary Board and the Advisory Board.

- 8) February 8, 1954. Incorporated Austin Wesleyan Methodist Church.
- 9) March 1, 1954. Authorized Rev. Harry Moeller to call pastors (at conference expense) regarding chairs available at Moodys.
- 10) March 9, 1954. Prepared paper for delivery at the President's Conference in Marion, Indiana. (Because of illness, paper was read by Rev. Wm. R. Dyer).
- 11) March 26, 1954. Filed annual Illinois Conference corporation report with the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois.
- 12) May 21, 1954. Secured cancellation through full payment of the \$3000.00 note held by Basil Boyd, Stoneboro, Pa., on behalf of the Maywood church. Said obligation was met by a denominational Card Call.
- 13) March 18, 1954. Appointed Thomas J. Murray, "Minister of Church Extension" to work of the Conference pioneer building projects. Done at the direction of the Missionary Board and with the approval of the Advisory Board.
- 14) May 21, 1954. Secured cancellation through full payment of the \$1400.00 note held by Basil Boyd of Stoneboro, Pa., covering loan for Conference Parsonage. When the parsonage was sold, secured permission from Mr. Boyd to loan this amount plus \$600.00 more, totalling \$2000.00 to Rockford for two years at 4% to be repaid by an anticipated Card Call.
- 15) May 21, 1954. Secured \$1500.00 loan (with Dr. Swauger's approval and the approval of the Conference Trustees & Missionary Board members available), from Mr. Basil Boyd of Stoneboro, Pa., for five years at 4%, to be used as a down-payment on the new Maywood parsonage.
- 16) May 21, 1954. Signed conditional sale contract for Maywood parsonage to be purchased for \$11,000 on contract with owner. \$1500.00 down and the balance of \$9500 at 5 1/2%.
- 17) June 6, 1954. Paid off the \$1200.00 note held by General W. M. S. for funds borrowed by the Oak Lawn church. (\$800 balance owed by Peoria to be continued until 1955.)
- 18) June 8, 1954. Appointed Kenneth Lister assistant pastor of Austin (Chicago) church at the request of the church.
- 19) June 24, 1954. Secured cancellation by full payment of a note held by the Ohio Conference W. M. S. for \$600.00, covering loan for Conference Parsonage.
- 20) July 6, 1954. Wrote all the officers and chairmen of standing committees of the Illinois Conference telling them when their reports were due during Conference sessions and asking for a written report.
- 21) July 7, 1954. Invited Rev. Paul L. Kindschi, Executive Secretary of the National Holiness Ass'n., to visit our annual Conference.
- 22) July 23, 1954. Wrote all absent members of the Conference (on our Roll) asking them to report to Conference (see our Standing Rules) and to report statistics as the Discipline requires. (Para. 166, 2-b)
- 23) Maintained oversight of the Insurance policies of the churches of the Conference to see that none of them have lapsed.
- 24) Met with Rev. W. W. McCormick four times to counsel together concerning our continued use of their Camp Grounds.
- 25) Invited Mr. Ed Buck, Superintendent of our Hephzibah Orphanage, to visit our Conference to present the interests of the Orphanage.

#### Analysis of Conference Fund --

<b>A. Receipts</b>			
1)	Budget from churches	\$572.68	
2)	Home Missions Department gift	202.92	
3)	Insurance Refund	<u>6.91</u>	
	Total Receipts	782.51	
	<b>Balance July 16, 1953</b>	<u>106.96</u>	
		Total Credits	\$889.37
<b>B. Disbursements</b>			
1)	President's Expense		
a)	Travel 4370 miles @ 5¢	\$218.50	
b)	Moving expense	<u>75.00</u>	
	Total	\$293.50	
2)	Other Conference Officers' Travel	67.75	
3)	Conference Office expense		
a)	Telephone	177.55	
b)	Postage	<u>6.48</u>	
	Total	184.03	
4)	Legal expense		
a)	Recording, filing, etc.	5.87	
b)	Lawyers services	52.10	
c)	Conference Lock Box	<u>8.80</u>	
	Total	66.77	
5)	Conf. Parsonage Fund subsidy	94.20	
6)	Miscellaneous	<u>37.96</u>	
	Total Disbursements	<u>744.21</u>	
	<b>Balance July 16, 1954</b>		<u>\$145.16</u>

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

Report No. 14.

Educational Secretary.

During the past year gospel teams from Marion College have ministered to the following churches: Princeton, Rockford, Oak Lawn, Creve Coeur, Wyandot and Peoria. The Marion College quartet ministered in music for the week-end of a revival in Wyandot where Dr. O. G. Wilson was the speaker. We have five students who have attended Marion. These are Cletus Kramer, Mary Dyer, Glenn Fischer, Tom Murray, and Benny Meadows.

I have sent to every church in the conference but one, catalogues and promotional material concerning our school. Included in this material were two catalogues to a church with the request that the additional copy be placed in their public high school library for reference. I have made an effort to encourage the youth of our conference to attend Marion College both in personal conversation and in public meetings. The latter was presented throughout the conference during the Youth Week Rallies. In our local church, I sponsored a trip to Marion where twelve young people participated in class lectures and chapel. Through the efforts of the pastors, there are approximately nine young people considering attending Marion College this coming fall.

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

Report No. 15.

Educational Committee.

The actions of this committee have been restricted to those instances where individual members by reason of other office have been called upon to perform those duties ordinarily required of this committee. Rev. A. L. Bray visited Asbury Seminary and contacted all the Wesleyan students that were available. He informed them of the opportunities open in our conference and in other conferences, and encouraged them in their work. He also visited our students in Marion and discussed future plans with them. Rev. Carl E. Olander has served very efficiently as a member of the Local Board of Managers of Marion College. Other members also have been active in promoting our school.

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

Report No. 16.

Member Local Board of Managers of Marion College.

I am glad for the opportunity to report to the Illinois Annual Conference concerning my activities as your duly elected representative to the Board of Managers of Marion College. It has been my privilege to be present at all of the called meetings of the Board this past year.

Marion College has experienced a good year in the spiritual and material phases of her efforts. God has blessed in the revival meetings and in the missionary conference this past year. Financially, the school has closed another year in good condition and shows a slight margin of profit. This is very remarkable in view of the fact that many small schools are consistently running in the red financially.

This year has seen the addition of a Home Economics Department at Marion College. The school has purchased land and a building for this purpose. Several new lots have been added to the campus area of Marion College to make room for future expansion. Marion has made formal application for entrance to the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities. The planning for Williams Hall for men still moves slowly, but progress is being made. The location of the new dormitory constitutes the immediate problem preventing more rapid progress. New equipment for the school has aided in the job of maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

God has enabled the school to have a good year, but our continued support is needed if this condition is to continue. I solicit your earnest prayers for the interests of Marion College in the days ahead.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl E. Olander, Local Board Member.

CHARGE		Item I. Pastor's Labors			Item II. Periodicals															
		Months Employed	Appointm <sup>ts</sup>	Organized Church Appointm <sup>ts</sup>	Wesleyan Methodists Taken	Wesleyan Mis- sionaries Taken	Wesleyan Youths Taken	Sunday School Pupils	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Teacher's Quarterly	Senior Scholar's Quarterly	Intermediate Scholar's Quarterly	Junior Scholar's Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Department Quarterly	Lesson Leaflets	Our Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Chart	Pupil's Lesson Stories, Hand Work
Austin (Chicago)	Rev. A. L. Bray	8	1	1	1	1	12	40			12	25								
Creve Coeur	Rev. J. A. Blaine	11	1	1	4	10	6	20			6	8								
Hoopston	Rev. L. G. Anderson	12	1	1	8	5	1	10	10	10	4	15	10							
Hoynes Avenue (Chicago)	Rev. Harry Moeller	12	1	1	23	11	10	18			5	12	8	30			24			
Maywood	Rev. D. D. Crail	12	1	1	18	6	5										6			
Oak Lawn	Rev. R. L. Zuhl	11	1	1	26	22	12	30			2	35								
Oak Park	Rev. C. E. Olander	12	1	1	44	22	4				6	25	10							
Peoria	Rev. O. E. Price	12	1	1	19	18	2	25	18	15	7	20	10				6	15		25
Princeton	Rev. D. C. Durey	12	1	1	12	19	7	40			5	35	19		16	2				
Rockford	Rev. W. H. Dyer	12	1	1	26	14	23	35	10	10	6	35	12	15	14	3	8		2	
Roseland (Chicago)	Rev. W. D. Craker	12	1	1	9	14	4													
Sheffield	Rev. C. C. McCarty	12	1	1	1	2	5	4	6	6	2	6	4	4	6		6			
Wyanet	Rev. S. F. Pillsbury	12	1	1	35	31	30	35			9	50				15				
TOTALS		150	13	12	226	175	121	257	44	72	64	266	81	86	58	20	58	15	2	25

CHARGE	Item III. Membership																	Item IV. Sunday Schools				
	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Total Membership Lost	Number Reported Last Year	Present Number	Loss (or)	Gain	No Members Under 14 Years of Age	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstated Elders	Local Preachers	Number of Family Altars	Membership Titling	Number of Card Call Subscribers	Number of Sunday Schools	Whole Number of Officers/Teachers	Whole No. of Scholars in Main School	Total Number in Main School
Austin	64			1	3	4	60	60		60	2	20			3	50	50	2	1	16	112	118
Creve Coeur	2				1	1	14	15		1		5				4	10	2	1	7	86	93
Hoopston	2		1			1	14	15		1		5				7	7	8	1	10	86	96
Hoynes Avenue	6						19	25								23	19	22	1	9	71	80
Maywood	5						28	33		6			3			18	26	21	1	10	70	77
Oak Lawn	12						16	26		10		4				6	13	8	1	13	134	147
Oak Park	5		1		6	7	42	40	2		1	9			1	27	36	36	1	10	79	89
Peoria	5			1		1	18	18		4	2	2		1	1	10	18	4	1	12	78	90
Princeton	2						14	20			2	4				10	15	3	1	13	140	153
Rockford					1	1	25	24	1			1			1	10	24	22	1	11	108	119
Roseland	4						16	20		4					2	5	15	4	1	8	46	52
Sheffield																2	2	1	1	4	26	30
Wyanot	9	1			1	2	37	44		7	5	1	4		1	8	18	16	1	19	93	112
TOTALS	116	1	2	2	14	19	243	340	3	100	14	51	8	1	12	180	253	152	13	142	1,129	1,256

CHARGE	Item IV. Sunday Schools (Continued)													Item V. Church Property				
	Number in Home Department	Number on Crawlle Roll	Total Number in Sunday School	Average Attendance	No. of Scholars Converted	No. of Scholars Joining Church	No. of Dep't. Superintendents	No. in Teacher's Training Course	No. of Organized Classes	No. of Books in Library	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Average V. B. S. Attendance	Number W. I. P. Societies	Total W. I. P. S. Membership	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance
Austin (Chicago)			118	80	11	50	2		3	100			1	18	1	\$ 60,000	\$	\$ 32,000
Creve Coeur	2	8	101	55	2	2	3	8			93	81	1	10	1	3,700		2,500
Hoopston		15	113	50	6		2				40	30		1	1	5,000		3,000
Hoynes Avenue (Chicago)	1	9	90	58	6	6	2	7		55		65	1	15	1	65,000	8,370.57	35,000
Maywood		3	80	43	2	5		1	1	100	85	65	1	26	1	26,300	9,274.95	16,500
Oak Lawn		14	161	123	4	2	1	8	1	125	158	133	1	9	1	31,000		25,000
Oak Park		10	99	67			3		1	150			1	19	1	85,000	1,000.00	42,000
Peoria		20	110	56	4	3			1					1	1	10,500	2,980.00	6,000
Princeton	2	31	186	104	10	6	2						1	8	1	14,000	10,000.00	6,000
Rockford	1	21	121	70	6	3	3						1	9	1	50,000	17,107.80	18,000
Roseland (Chicago)		3	54	34	3	4				100	65	53			1	17,000	9,245.00	14,000
Sheffield		3	33	20	2				2	167	17	15	1	16	1			
Wyanet		3	132	83	6	7	2				178	146	1			18,500	500.00	8,750
TOTALS	6	157	1,418	843	62	83	20	23	9	797	636	523	8	104	12	\$386,000	\$58,478.32	\$208,750

CHARGE	Item V. Church Property (Continued)					Item VI. Disbursed for Pastor						
	Number of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Cash or Other Values on Hand	Salary	Secular Income	Conference Support	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Austin	2	\$ 30,000	\$14,000.00	\$18,000	\$ 394.05	\$ 3,320.64	\$	\$	\$1,240.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 4,885.64
Creve Coeur	1	3,500		2,500		805.00	"	(390.00)	480.00		198.81	1,483.81
Hoopston	1	8,000	1,416.00	3,000		520.00	"		480.00		25.00	1,025.00
Hoynes Avenue	1	15,000		10,000	300.00	2,860.00			480.00	45.00	275.00	3,660.00
Maywood					1,113.95	1,560.00	(1,698.95)		780.00	30.00	32.00	2,402.00
Oak Lawn	1	12,500	5,606.87	8,000		1,615.00			825.00	35.00	114.00	2,589.00
Oak Park	1	30,000	5,684.00	20,000	1,084.00	3,000.00			901.52	55.00	43.48	4,000.00
Peoria						1,864.00	"		600.00	13.00	299.10	2,776.10
Princeton					1,135.80	1,995.00			300.00	60.00	878.23	3,233.23
Rockford	1	16,000	10,000.00	10,000	5,118.16	3,742.50	"		720.00	20.00	127.10	4,609.60
Roseland					250.00	2,364.10	"		519.73	10.00	167.03	3,060.86
Sheffield							"		60.00	20.00	15.00	95.00
Wyanet	1	3,000		1,500	1,300.00	2,080.00	"		360.00		100.00	2,540.00
TOTALS	9	\$118,000	\$36,706.87	\$73,000	\$10,695.96	\$25,726.24			\$7,746.25	\$313.00	\$2,574.75	\$36,360.24

CHARGE	Item VII. Disbursed for Church							Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget					
	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Church Incidental Expense	Total for Church	Foreign Missions Assigned	Foreign Missions Raised	Home Missions Assigned	Home Missions Raised	Education Assigned	Education Raised
Austin	\$ 480.37	\$ 611.62	\$	\$ 165.26	\$ 629.00	\$ 1,549.79	\$ 3,436.04	\$(61.33)	\$ 61.36	\$(38.33)	\$ 38.40	\$(61.33)	\$ 61.36
Creve Coeur	134.83	227.32	190.02	73.58		474.25	1,100.00	28.00	48.76	17.50	21.50	28.00	28.08
Hoopston	175.00	180.00	60.00	138.97		249.00	1,186.97	28.00	36.25	17.50	15.50	28.00	27.63
Hoynes Avenue	492.55	502.55		545.48		1,684.20	3,864.97	38.00	130.25	23.75	11.78	38.00	40.91
Maywood	40.00	1,038.60		1,093.68		1,532.13	5,259.01	56.00	169.72	35.00	38.23	56.00	61.04
Oak Lawn	77.50	415.88	790.53	152.38	2,229.00	392.53	4,057.82	32.00	35.56	20.00	21.75	32.00	32.00
Oak Park		681.60	1,613.43	1,049.31	729.00	1,846.95	5,920.29	84.00	116.55	52.50	79.00	84.00	85.50
Peoria	230.35	570.30			300.00	474.65	1,575.30	28.00	33.22	17.50	20.16	28.00	25.02
Princeton	113.30	414.28	1,926.51		530.00	515.27	3,499.36	36.00	93.35	22.50	29.67	36.00	46.83
Rockford	245.00	220.15	4,998.23			1,395.51	6,858.89	50.00	107.55	31.25	32.02	50.00	50.00
Roseland	71.00	244.39	352.26	135.77	892.48	1,869.55	3,565.45	32.00	34.03	20.00	20.50	32.00	32.00
Sheffield		122.01				380.82	502.83		5.00		2.50		4.00
Wyanot	480.00	311.45	1,487.00	1,774.73		912.99	4,966.17	74.00	75.34	46.25	38.94	74.00	74.00
TOTALS	\$2,539.90	\$5,540.15	\$11,417.98	\$5,129.16	\$8,932.28	\$12,232.73	\$45,792.20	\$486.00	\$946.94	\$303.75	\$409.95	\$486.00	\$568.37

CHARGE	Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget (Continued)												
	Superannuated Ministers' Fund Assigned	Superannuated Ministers' Fund Raised	Orphanage Assigned	Orphanage Raised	Administrative Budget Assigned	Administrative Budget Raised	General Conf. Travel Assigned	General Conf. Travel Raised	General S. S. Work Assigned	General S. S. Work Raised	Australia Assigned	Australia Raised	Total General Budget Assigned
Austin	\$(46.00)	\$ 46.00	\$(7.67)	\$ 8.64	\$(12.27)	\$ 13.86	\$(4.60)	\$ 5.22	\$(8.00)	\$ 8.00	\$(7.67)	\$ 8.64	\$(247.20)
Creve Coeur	21.00	21.00	3.50	8.36	5.60	5.64	2.10	2.16	8.10	7.48	3.50	4.65	117.30
Hoopston	21.00	20.75	3.50	3.60	5.60	5.63	2.10	2.34	6.90	8.04	3.50	3.60	116.10
Hoynes Avenue	28.50	14.28	4.75	9.80	7.60	7.56	2.85	2.88	8.90	8.90	4.75	4.80	157.10
Maywood	42.00	42.00	7.00	12.08	11.20	11.28	4.20	4.20	4.90	4.90	7.00	7.08	223.30
Oak Lawn	24.00	24.00	4.00	5.00	6.40	6.40	2.40	2.40	13.00	13.30	4.00	4.00	137.80
Oak Park	63.00	68.25	10.50	15.50	16.80	16.80	6.30	6.36	11.30	11.30	10.50	10.50	338.90
Peoria	21.00	19.25	3.50	7.69	5.60	5.17	2.10	2.10	8.20	8.20	3.50	3.29	117.40
Princeton	27.00	27.50	4.50	5.76	7.20	7.20	2.70	2.76	9.90	9.90	4.50	4.50	150.30
Rockford	37.50	37.50	6.25	6.25	10.00	10.00	3.75	3.75	10.40	9.30	6.25	9.25	205.40
Roseland	24.00	24.00	4.00	10.00	6.40	6.40	2.40	2.40	4.10	4.10	4.00	4.00	128.90
Sheffield		3.00		.50		.80		.30	3.30	3.60		.50	3.30
Wyanot	55.50	55.50	9.25	9.25	14.80	14.80	5.55	5.55	11.30	10.30	9.25	20.12	299.90
TOTALS	\$364.50	\$403.03	\$60.75	\$102.43	\$97.20	\$111.54	\$36.45	\$42.42	\$100.30	\$107.32	\$60.75	\$84.93	\$1,995.70

CHARGE	Item VIII. Disbursed for Conference Budget													
	President's Salary Assigned	President's Salary Raised	Conference Work Assigned	Conference Work Raised	Conference Missions Assigned	Conference Missions Raised	Conference Paper Assigned	Conference Paper Raised	Conference S. S. Assigned	Conference S. S. Raised	Total Conference Budget Assigned	Total Conference Budget Raised	Total Budget Assigned	Total Budget Raised
Austin	\$ 332.06	\$ 372.00	\$(61.33)	\$ 61.36	\$(153.34)	\$ 153.36	\$(15.34)	\$ 17.28	\$ (8.00)	\$ 8.00	\$ 332.06	\$ 612.00	\$ 332.06	\$ 863.48
Creve Coeur	80.50	112.40	28.00	28.08	70.00	74.36	7.00	7.08	8.10	7.48	193.60	229.40	310.90	377.03
Hoopsten	52.00	52.00	28.00	28.08	70.00	65.08	7.00	7.09	6.90	8.04	163.90	160.29	280.00	283.63
Hayne Avenue	286.00	286.00	38.00	38.04	95.00	95.04	9.48	9.48	8.90	8.90	437.46	437.46	594.50	688.62
Maywood	156.00	156.00	56.00	56.04	140.00	141.24	14.00	14.00	4.90	4.90	370.90	398.22	594.20	768.75
Oak Lawn	161.50	184.30	32.00	32.00	80.00	91.00	8.00	8.00	15.00	13.30	270.30	328.60	432.30	473.01
Oak Park	384.00	396.50	84.00	84.00	210.00	257.41	21.00	21.00	11.30	11.30	710.30	770.21	1,049.20	1,179.91
Peoria	186.40	68.00	28.00	25.74	70.00	52.56	7.00	6.49	8.20	8.20	299.60	160.99	217.00	285.09
Princeton	199.50	208.50	36.00	41.00	90.00	113.17	9.00	11.00	9.90	9.90	344.40	383.57	494.70	611.04
Rockford	374.25	333.50	50.00	50.00	125.00	130.44	12.50	12.50	10.40	9.30	572.15	535.74	777.55	801.36
Roseland	236.41	252.16	32.00	32.00	80.00	110.00	8.00	8.00	4.10	4.10	360.51	406.26	489.41	543.69
Sheffield		5.90		4.00		10.00		1.00	3.30	3.60	3.30	24.50	6.60	44.70
Wyanet	208.00	256.00	74.00	74.00	185.00	185.00	18.50	18.50	11.30	10.30	496.80	543.80	796.70	847.60
TOTALS	\$2,656.62	\$2,683.26	\$486.00	\$560.34	\$1,215.00	\$1,498.66	\$121.50	\$141.46	\$100.30	\$107.32	\$4,579.42	\$4,991.04	\$6,575.12	\$7,767.97

CHARGE	Item IX. Disbursed for Benevolences							Item X. Disbursed Totals				
	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Conference Work	W. Y. P. S.	Other Objects	Total for Benevolences	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes
Austin	\$ 889.92	\$ 54.06		\$	\$ 24.62	\$ 200.00	\$1,168.60	\$ 4,685.64	\$ 3,436.04	\$ 863.48	\$1,168.60	\$10,353.76
Creve Coeur	34.70	32.04	3.00	5.75	42.20	41.30	158.99	1,483.81	1,100.00	377.03	158.99	3,119.83
Hoopston		19.00		50.00	9.40		78.40	1,025.00	1,186.97	283.63	78.40	2,574.00
Hayne Avenue	211.83	57.75		20.20		39.25	329.03	3,660.00	3,864.07	688.62	329.03	8,541.72
Maywood	75.74	178.45	88.11	8.00	72.00	61.25	483.55	2,402.00	5,259.01	768.75	483.55	8,913.31
Oak Lawn	22.26	27.76	3.00	6.50	4.00	81.82	145.34	2,589.00	4,057.82	473.01	145.34	7,265.17
Oak Park	26.44	58.90		8.34	242.27	196.74	532.69	4,000.00	5,920.29	1,179.97	532.69	11,632.95
Peoria	9.00						9.00	2,776.10	1,575.30	285.09	9.00	4,645.49
Princeton	45.03	17.07		52.00	13.17	97.75	225.02	3,233.23	3,499.36	611.04	225.02	7,568.65
Rockford	56.64	11.16		81.75	14.00	157.01	320.56	4,609.60	6,858.89	801.36	320.56	12,590.41
Roseland	60.75	38.00	90.00	345.00	11.20	275.15	820.10	3,060.86	3,565.45	543.69	820.10	7,990.10
Sheffield					15.00	23.55	38.55	95.00	502.83	44.70	38.55	681.08
Wyanet	56.40		5.00		98.25	45.67	205.32	2,540.00	4,966.17	847.60	205.32	8,559.09
TOTALS	\$1,488.71	\$494.19	\$189.11	\$577.54	\$546.11	\$1,219.49	\$4,515.15	\$36,360.24	\$45,792.20	\$7,767.97	\$4,515.15	\$94,435.56

Report No. 17.Conference Sunday School Secretary.

Report of Activities -- During this past year we have engaged in the following activities:

- 1) Presided at two Sunday School Board meetings.
- 2) Led the Conference Sunday School Service at the fall convention.
- 3) Purchased and scheduled the filmstrip, "No Vacant Chairs" and "8 Successful Teaching Filmstrips" for Oak Lawn, Hoyne Avenue, Roseland, and Creve Coeur. Peoria joined with Creve Coeur in the use of the films.
- 4) Held an inspirational rally showing "No Vacant Chairs" at Creve Coeur with Peoria.

Financial Statement --Receipts:

Balance	\$ 82.15
1953 Camp Offering	15.94
General Budget	105.27
Conf. Budget	<u>109.72</u>
	\$317.08

Balance on Hand                   \$ 3.66

Disbursements:

8 Successful Teaching	
Filmstrips	\$ 58.50
No Vacant Chairs (Purchase)	15.00
No Vacant Chairs (Rental)	6.00
Conf. Mimeograph	125.00
Bank Charges	.92
General Budget	<u>108.90</u>
	\$313.42

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendel Craker, Conference S. S. Secretary.

Report No. 18.Child Evangelism Secretary.

There were five Evangelism classes organized and functioned this year with an enrollment of 168; Peoria, Roseland, Rockford 2, Wyonet.

There were 284 scripture verses memorized by the children.

Twelve children accepted Christ.

We would appreciate the co-operation of each pastor in this very important plan of reaching boys and girls for Christ. When only 2 out of 3 children in the United States and Canada are not in Sunday School, the need is great.

"Traffickers in drug and liquor are exploiting our youth. Broken homes surround our churches. Lift up your eyes and look upon the harvest of boys and girls ripe either for Christ or to become prey to the devil".

Will you join the Child Evangelism Crusade this year?

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Ethel Dyer, Secretary.

Report No. 19.Prayer Secretary.

Early in the conference year I made a survey of the pastors to find the dates their churches were scheduling special meetings, with the intent to publicize these and request special prayer throughout the Conference.

In general such dates did not become known in time to follow through with the planned emphasis.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Mrs. Divine Pillsbury, Secretary.

Report No. 20.Christian Service Brigade Secretary.

As secretary of Christian Service Brigade this past year, I have contacted verbally most of the pastors of our conference as to the possibility of beginning this valuable club program in their churches. The C. S. B. crusaders quartet from Maywood, Illinois, sang for the Youth Week Crusade, in various rallies and in part of the revival in Wyonet with Dr. Wilson as evangelist. Princeton, Wyonet, Roseland, and Hoyne Avenue express an interest in beginning the brigade work as soon as suitable leadership can be found and the leadership training course completed. Austin Wesleyan Methodist expressed through its pastor, A. L. Bray, an interest for beginning a battalion in the church. Three personal trips were made to confer with Bill Carey of Austin who was to be captain. When Mr. Carey completed his leadership training course, the battalion of the Maywood church traveled to Austin to hold a joint initial meeting with the Austin church group.

At present there are two active battalions in the conference, Maywood and Austin. There is one active stockade at Maywood. The battalion which formerly was active at the Hoyne Avenue church has been dropped because its leader has moved to another community.

It is the recommendation of your C. S. B. Secretary that each pastor investigate the practicality of starting a C. S. B. club program for the boys of his church. The secretary is or will make himself available for conference or any other type of help he can give in assisting in the setting up this program in each local situation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. David D. Crail, C. S. B. Secretary.

Report No. 21.

Publisher of "The Illinois Tidings".

As publisher of the Illinois Conference paper called the "Tidings", I would like to submit the following report:

There were only nine issues of the "Tidings" mailed this conference year. Of these nine issues I mimeographed and mailed four issues and assisted in the mailing of three of these issues. Due to inconvenience and equipment I was unable to give any more time to this worthy project. The conference office published five issues and took full charge in mailing the last two issues.

The number of copies mailed are as follows: July, 275; August, 275; September, 275; October, no issue; November and December, 272; January, 300; February and March, no issues; June, 310; July, 315. This makes a total of 2627 for the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert L. Zuhl, Tidings Publisher.

Report No. 22.

Conference Trustees.

The Conference Board of Trustees took the following official actions during the fiscal year 1953-1954:

1. (August 11, 1953) Resolved to purchase from Maude Dobson for the sum of \$8,250 the house and property at 419 N. First St., Princeton, Illinois, as a conference parsonage. Resolved to borrow \$5500 from the Eureka Savings and Loan Ass'n. of LaSalle, Illinois, to help finance purchase on said property (This action was consummated by taking title October 12, 1953), and to secure the loan by giving a mortgage.
2. (September 28, 1953) Resolved to borrow \$7,000 from the Rockford Mortgage Company of Rockford, Illinois, for construction of the new church building, and to secure said loan by giving a mortgage on the Rockford parsonage. (This loan was not obtained.)
3. (October 10, 1953) Resolved to borrow from the Hopeston Savings and Loan Ass'n. a sum of money (approximately \$1,500.00) sufficient to consolidate the two-fold indebtedness on the parsonage, and to secure said loan by giving a mortgage on the property. (This loan was not obtained.)
4. (February 6, 1954) Resolved to sell the conference parsonage property at Princeton to Clarence A. McNally, Princeton, Illinois, for the sum of \$8500, and to pay off the conference indebtedness on said house with the proceeds of the sale. (This action was consummated by conveying title March 3, 1954.)
5. (April 17, 1954) In order to obtain from the FHA a loan of \$10,000 for construction of the Rockford church building, secured by mortgage on the parsonage, it was necessary that title be held by an individual. Resolved to sell the Rockford parsonage property to William and June Tice for \$16,000. (Title was given and, by agreement, after the loan mortgage was recorded title and proceeds of the loan were to be surrendered back to the Conference Trustees subject to the mortgage, which thus is personally guaranteed by Brother and Sister Tice.)
6. (May 1, 1954) Resolved to purchase from Carrie Bariden for the sum of \$11,000 the house and property at 1105 S. Sixth Ave., Maywood, Illinois, as a parsonage for the Maywood church; terms of sale to be \$1500 initial payment, \$9500 on installment contract for deed (5½% - 15 years). Resolved to borrow initial payment of \$1500 from Mr. Basil Boyd, Stoneboro, Pa., for five years at 4% interest, and secure this loan by promissory note.
7. Resolved to borrow \$2000 for 2 years at 4% interest from Mr. Basil Boyd as additional financing in the Rockford Church building program, said loan to be secured by promissory note and to be paid by the proceeds of an anticipated Card Call on the new church building. (All these actions were consummated May 21, 1954.)

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



Report No. 23.Report Blank for Pastoral and Church Statistics

1. Periodicals: Wesleyan Methodist, Wesleyan Missionary, Wesleyan Youth;  
 2. Membership: Reported last year, Received, Lost, Present Number, Gain (or loss), Associate members, Card Call Subscribers; 3. Sunday School: Total enrolled, Average last year, Average this year, Gain (or loss); 4. D. V. B. S.: Enrolled, Average;  
 5. W. Y. P. S.: Membership last year, Membership this year, Gain (or loss); 6. Total value of properties: (church & parsonage), Total indebtedness on properties; 7. Total for pastor; 8. Total for church; 9. All budgets paid in full (if no, list exceptions and amount short); 10. Total budgets assigned, Total budgets raised; 11. Total for benevolences; 12. Total for all purposes; 13. Calls made; 14. Brief testimony.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Rev. A. L. Bray

Report No. 24.Passage of Character Committee.

We report the ministerial character of all ministers of the Conference passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman  
 Rev. O. E. Price  
 Frank A. Herrin

Report No. 25.Finance Committee.

We, your committee on finance, recommend the following:—

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

Australia - - - - -	\$ 0.25 per member.
Church Extension and Home Missions - - - - -	1.25 " " .
Orphanage - - - - -	0.25 " " .
Foreign Missions - - - - -	2.00 " " .
Education - - - - -	2.00 " " .
Superannuate Pension Fund - - - - -	1.50 " " .
General Administrative Expense - - - - -	0.40 " " .
General Conference Travel and Entertainment - - - - -	0.15 " " .
Total General Budget	\$ 7.80 " " .

II. The Illinois Conference Budget assessments shall be:

President's Salary - - - - -	Ministerial tithes.
Conference Fund - - - - -	\$ 2.00 per member.
Conference Paper - - - - -	0.50 " " .
Conference Missions - - - - -	5.00 " " .
Total Conference Budget	\$ 7.50 " " .

Total Budget Assignment per member - - - - - \$15.30

III. Miscellaneous Assessments shall be:

General Sunday School Dues	10¢ per member. *
Conference Sunday School Dues	10¢ " " " *
(* Membership is based on total number in the Main School, as recorded in the 1953 Minutes.)	

IV. President's Salary Fund (Ministerial Tithes).

a) We recommend that the tithe from the cash salary of each pastor stationed by conference be sent monthly through local church channels to the conference treasurer, Rev. W. D. Craker, 10723 S. Perry St., Chicago 28, Ill., and that they be placed in the president's salary fund.

b) We recommend that the president be paid \$200 per month, in advance, out of the president's salary fund.

c) We recommend that five cents per mile travel allowance in addition to other incidental expenses be allowed the conference president. This expense shall be paid out of the President's Salary Fund.

Respectfully and prayerfully submitted,  
 Rev. Arthur L. Bray, Chairman  
 Rev. Wm. H. Dyer Mrs. Rachel Bray  
 Rev. Harry E. Moeller H. Ray Dyer  
 Rev. C. E. Olander S. Hugh Paine, Jr.  
 Rev. S. F. Pillsbury Wm. F. Tice

Report No. 26.

Sunday School Committee.

We, the Sunday School Committee, recommend: 1) That at least one conference-wide Sunday School rally be held; 2) That the Sunday School Secretary arrange at least one meeting with the Sunday School superintendents in the interim of conference; 3) That the Sunday Schools send special denominational offerings to general headquarters, and a report of such offerings to the Conference Sunday School Secretary; 4) That the conference Sunday School budget be 10¢ per member, based on the members in the main school reported in the 1953 Annual Conference Minutes, and that said monies be sent to the Conference Sunday School Secretary; 5) That the general conference apportionment be 10¢ per member, as above, be sent to the Conference Sunday School Secretary; 6) That our Sunday Schools be encouraged to hold monthly teachers meetings; 7) That our Sunday Schools use every (approvable) means toward obtaining and making use of teachers' training material; 8) That each pastor and Sunday School leader evaluate their present teaching materials in the light of doctrinal emphasis, and that the use of our own denominational materials again be urged; 9) That, whereas the greatest single factor of growth hinges on systematic visitation, it is urged that our Sunday Schools make every use of this means; 10) That our Conference Sunday School Board continue serious consideration for setting up a centralized visual aids library, to serve as a pool from which each Sunday School may borrow.

Submitted by your committee,  
 Rev. Wendel D. Craker, Chairman.  
 Rev. Harry Moeller Mrs. Mary Cloud  
 Rev. L. G. Anderson Rev. D. C. Durey

Report No. 27.

Thanks Committee.

We wish to thank the following who have made this a year of progress in building up the Kingdom of God and those who have made this conference session, one of inspiration and vision:

- 1) God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for a gracious visitation of blessing, progress and personal dedication.
- 2) The Camp Committee and Youth Camp Committee, who under God's guidance so effectively organized our fine program and arranged for such able servants as Dr. O. G. Wilson, camp evangelist and denominational representative; Raymond Powers, song evangelist; and Mrs. Norma Jean Craker and Mrs. Nettie Perkins, children's workers. We extend our appreciation to these Christian servants for consenting to minister to us.
- 3) Rev. D. C. Durey, camp registrar and treasurer, and Rev. Harry Moeller and Rev. James Blaine, who so patiently assigned housing.
- 4) Rev. O. E. Price, who provided an organ for use in conference and camp.
- 5) Mary Lee Price, who served as organist.
- 6) Rev. Harry Moeller, who served as postmaster; Rev. W. H. Dyer, camp buyer; and Rev. L. G. Anderson, refreshment stand director.
- 7) Mrs. Verna Martin, camp cook, and Mrs. Kay Dyer, her assistant.
- 8) Woman's Missionary Society, who supplied camp necessities and served in maintaining an efficient dining-hall program, and the young people who served in dining-hall duties.
- 9) To those who came early and prepared the camp for use.
- 10) Free Methodist brethren for the use of their camp ground.
- 11) Our presidents, Rev. A. L. Bray, Conference President; Mrs. Rachel Bray, Woman's Missionary Society President; and Rev. Ronald Mullen, Young People's Society President, who labored in their respective fields so sacrificially and effectively throughout the year.
- 12) Conference officers, boards and committees who labored for the advancement of God's work.
- 13) Pastors who so faithfully mailed in monthly reports and whose achievements have kept the Illinois Conference at the head of the list in the PROGRESS REPORTER.
- 14) A. N. Carstensen for his efforts in bringing in Austin Tabernacle into our fellow-

ship, and for giving his lovely home for a parsonage to the Austin Church.

15) Dr. J. R. Swauger for the financial support and interest that he has so warmly extended to meet the needs of the conference.

16) Brothers and Sisters in the Lord who throughout the denomination have given of their means to promote the interest of the Lord's work in our conference by the Card Call and other provisions.

17) Denominational officers for their leadership, vision and sacrifice in guiding our church through these difficult days. May God continue to lead us forward under their direction.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Robert Zuhl, Chairman.  
Rev. Harold Woods

Report No. 28.

Monthly Record of Units of Pastoral Service.

1. Sermons preached; 2. Prayer meetings attended; 3. Pastoral contact, (Telephone, community canvass, etc.); contacts by mail; 4. Home calls; 5. Hospital calls; 6. Pastoral conferences, (At parsonage or study); 7. Church business calls; 8. Hours of study and administration; 9. Hours of manual labor for church; 10. Hours of secular labor (For pastoral support); 11. Other ministrations.

Church Statistical Data -- 1. Sunday School; 2. Morning Worship; 3. Evening Service; 4. Prayer Meeting for First, Second, Third, Fourth, (Fifth) Sundays and Monthly Average.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. A. L. Bray

Report No. 29.

Tithing Secretary.

During the third quarter of 1952-'53 conference year, I mailed to each pastor a supply of tithing material. I requested this be given to the tithing secretary of the local church and urged that each church hold a public tithing service.

I did not mail out any new material as I had sent ample material other than covenant cards which I would send out on request.

Last year we had 71% tithing or 190 tithers and a membership of 243. This year's membership is 340 with 253 tithers or 74% tithing.

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

Report No. 30.

Standing Rules Committee.

We recommend the following alterations and additions to the Standing Rules of the Illinois Conference:--

A. Article IV, Section 4). Add one lay member and make section read:

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

B. Article IV, Section 5). Change the section to read:

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

C. Article IV, Section 8). Organize the committee as follows:

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

E. Article VI, Section 1). Because of conference action revise the section to read:

"1). Pastoral Service Report. Resolved, that each pastor of the Illinois Conference shall report to his quarterly conference a summary of the statistics compiled upon the pastoral service monthly record blanks adopted by the 1954 Conference (See Report No. 28), and that the year's summary be read at annual conference."

D. Article V, Section 1). Designate the conference president as chairman of the Camp Meeting Committee making the section read:

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

F. Article VI, Section 4). Change the responsibility carried in this section by making it read:

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

G. Article VII, Section 2). In line with conference action alter this section to read:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. A. L. Bray

Rev. C. E. Olander

Rev. W. H. Dyer

S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

Report No. 31.

Moral Reform Committee.

Today the key factor in this conflict against Satan is the Christian Church, the body of Christ. Satan is determined to destroy the body of Christ. His supreme bid for the worship of the world, his supreme instrument for the destruction of the Church, and his supreme challenge to God and Christ is ANTI-CHRISTIAN influences such as: communism, neo-orthodoxy, cultism, levity, irreverence, and indifference. We are inextricably bound up in the purposes of God in this present crisis. We do not know to what degree we can alter and change the course of events; but of this one thing we are sure, that we, and other Christians like us, hold a vitally strategic position. How we and other Christians react to Satan's challenge to Christ's rulership will determine, notwithstanding the sovereignty of God, some of the most important issues of this conflict. The Church of Jesus Christ needs to stand firmly and clearly for God's moral law and its application in its daily walk. It is of utmost urgency that we emphasize to the fullest extent of our ability the Bible teachings of "regeneration", "sanctification", and "separation". The imminent return of our Lord is the great Biblical argument for a pure, unselfish, devoted, unworldly, active life of service. We must earnestly contend for the faith.

1) Be it resolved that we, by example, re-emphasize the absolute necessity of intercessory prayer and personal Bible study (Joshua 1:8-9) because we believe the greatest thing that can be done for local and world-wide revival is to bring prayer to a focus upon individual needs and to study to show ourselves approved and make certain our way.

2) Be it resolved that our churches seek to strengthen our influence in our communities; that we use advertising to propagate the Gospel of Christ; that we show a co-operative spirit in any community endeavor which lies within the bounds of our conscientious beliefs.

3) Be it resolved that we stand firmly opposed to our government's proposed program of Universal Military Training, with its resulting corruption of young minds, emphasis on force and power, and denial of God's ability to protect a godly nation. We do, however, desire to emphasize our belief that all peoples should arise to the defense of their nation in its time of threat or emergency from an outside source.

4) We as Christians resolve that parents and all those in responsible positions use every influence to wisely guide our youth with respect to their use of radio and television. There is value to be found in the use of these mediums, but there is also much that is evil in them. If we do not guard our homes and keep them pure and wholesome, we will have lost to Satan the very stronghold and foundation of our society.

5) In order that a stronger bulwark may be established, we further resolve that our ministers shall emphasize the importance of an established family altar in each of our homes.

6) Be it resolved that we seek by every means to draw closer to God and to strive for Christ's image upon our characters and personalities; that denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts, which would hinder our spiritual progress we live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world in order that we might possess the presence of Christ that all might see and be convinced of His Glory.

7) Be it resolved that we urge conformity to our discipline as regarding dress and the expenditures of that which God grants us (I Cor. 3:16-17), that we may use it as good stewards of His. Further, that we not entangle ourselves with those organizations which would have a tendency to suppress or weaken our public testimony; that we reaffirm our convictions as to the use of narcotics, tobacco, and alcoholic beverages; that we go on record as opposing the presence of those gambling devices, whether for amusement or otherwise, within public places in our community.

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

9) We wish to commend our nation's President and Vice President for their Christian examples, which they have shown from time to time, and their expressed beliefs that the hope of our Nation lies in a return to Christian principles.

It is the recommendation of the Moral Reform Committee that this report be read by each pastor in a public service in his church, at least once, during this conference year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Stephen F. Pillsbury, Chairman.  
Miss Velma Moore  
Mr. Marion S. Shepard

Report No. 32.

Pastoral Relations Committee.

Your committee recommends the following appointments for the coming year:

Conference President

Rev. Arthur L. Bray.

Pastoral Relations

Austin (Chicago):

Rev. Arthur L. Bray, Pastor;  
Rev. G. Kenneth Lister & Rev. Mrs. Carol Lister,  
Assistant Pastors.

Creve Coeur:

Rev. James A. Blaine.

Hoopston:

Rev. LaVerne G. Anderson.

Hoynes Avenue (Chicago):

Rev. Harry Mosler, Pastor;

Maywood:

Rev. George R. Durey, Assistant Pastor.

Oak Lawn:

Rev. David D. Crail.

Oak Park:

Rev. Robert L. Zuhl.

Peoria:

Rev. Carl M. Olander.

Princeton:

Rev. Orville E. Price.

Roseland (Chicago):

Rev. Daren C. Durey.

Sheffield:

Rev. Wendel D. Craker.

Wyanet:

Rev. Clarence C. McCarty, Pastor;  
Rev. Mrs. Ivanelle McCarty, Assistant Pastor.  
Rev. Stephen F. Pillsbury, Pastor;  
Rev. Mrs. Divine Pillsbury, Assistant Pastor.

Evangelistic Relations

Rev. Pearl Poe, Rev. Gerald D. Trudell,  
Rev. Harold G. Woods.

Minister of Church Extension

Rev. Thomas J. Murray.

Supplying Outside Work

Downing Bible Church,

Rev. Willard L. Archer.

Downing, Wisconsin:

Oriental Miss. Society Office

Rev. Francis A. Davis.

Los Angeles, Calif.:

Yorkfield Bible Church,

Rev. Ronald E. Mullen.

Yorkfield, Illinois:

Trinity Bible Church,

Rev. George Thompson.

Chicago, Illinois:

Unstationed Elder

Rev. Ralph B. Patterson.

Transferred to Pilgrim Holiness  
Church (Ill. Conf.):

Rev. Glenn R. Dyer.

Report No. 32, continued:

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman.  
Rev. W. H. Dyer      Mr. A. N. Carstensen  
Rev. C. E. Olander      Mr. L. W. Wallace  
Rev. J. A. Blaine      Mr. Martin Winterberg

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL SESSIONof the Illinois Conference WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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Held at Belvidere, Illinois, July 29 - Aug. 1, 1954.

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CONFERENCE OFFICERS, 1954 - 1955

President --	Mrs. Rachel Bray, 501 N. Leamington, Chicago 44, Illinois.
Vice President --	Mrs. Ethel Dyer, 1406 School St., Rockford, Illinois.
Secretary --	Mrs. Norma J. Craker, 10723 S. Perry, Chicago 28, Illinois.
Treasurer --	Mrs. Irene Olander, 1040 Augusta Blvd., Oak Park, Illinois.
Y. M. W. B. Superintendent --	Mrs. Mildred Wallace, Box 128, Wyand, Illinois.
Prayer Partner Secretary --	Mrs. Kathleen Dyer, R. R. #1, Princeton, Illinois.
Corresponding Secretary --	Mrs. Marie Joseph, 9929 S. Lowe Ave., Chicago, Illinois.
Mission Study Secretary --	Mrs. Florence Hames, 3822 Cleveland, Brookfield, Illinois.
Magazine Solicitor --	Mrs. Mildred Barker, R. R. #1, Princeton, Illinois.

REGISTER OF SOCIETIES and PRESIDENTS for Year.

Austin	-- Mrs. Rachel Bray, 501 N. Leamington, Chicago 44, Illinois.
Chicagoland (Oak Park)	-- Miss Geneva J. Brown, 900 Fair Oaks Ave., Oak Park, Illinois.
Creve Coeur	-- Mrs. Wandalou Blaine, 351 Robert Street, Creve Coeur, Illinois.
Hoopeston	-- Mrs. Rebekah Anderson, 526 E. Thompson Ave., Hoopeston, Illinois.
Hoyne Avenue (Chicago)	-- Mrs. Edna Mueller, 2108 W. Iowa St., Chicago 22, Illinois.
Maywood	-- Mrs. Barbara Crail, 1105 S. Sixth Ave., Maywood, Illinois.
Oak Lawn	-- Mrs. Margaret Stone, 6737 W. 84th St., Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Peoria	-- Mrs. Alice Woodhouse, 504 Spring St., Peoria, Illinois.
Princeton	-- Mrs. Bertha Durey, 211 N. Pleasant St., Princeton, Illinois.
Rockford	-- Mrs. Tiena Winterberg, 3033 Grant Blvd., Rockford, Illinois.
Roseland (Chicago)	-- Mrs. Barbara Wright, 350 W. 109th St., Chicago 28, Illinois.
Wyand	-- Mrs. Kathleen Dyer, R. R. #1, Princeton, Illinois.

CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

Austin	-- Mrs. Ruth Panico	Oak Lawn	-- Mrs. Margery Zuhl
Chicagoland	-- Mrs. Florence Hames	Peoria	-- Mrs. Evelyn Woods
Creve Coeur		Princeton	-- Mrs. Owen Edsall
Hoopeston		Rockford	-- Mrs. Gertrude Nordhop
Hoyne Avenue	-- Miss Vivian Baude	Roseland	-- Mrs. Marie Joseph
Maywood	-- Mrs. Grace Newton	Wyand	-- Mrs. Mildred Wallace

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.First Meeting -- 3:00 p. m. Thursday, July 29, 1954.

Opening -- The Woman's Missionary Society of the Illinois Conference held the first meeting of its fifth annual session in Redfield Chapel at Camp Epworth, Belvidere, Illinois, with the president, Mrs. Rachel Bray, presiding. Mrs. Wandalou Blaine led in singing the first verse and chorus of "Redeemed."

Devotions -- Mrs. Rachel Bray, president, talked from John 3:16 centering her message around the word "Love." She exhorted each one present to show more love for lost sinners.

Mrs. Ethel Dyer and Mrs. Bray led in prayer. The president appointed Mrs. Wandolou Blaine as secretary pro-tem in the absence of Mrs. Betty Paine.

Roll Call — The roll of delegates and new presidents was called.

Honorary Member — The motion was adopted that all the preacher's wives who were neither W. M. S. presidents or delegates be allowed in the bar of conference as honorary members.

Reporter — Mrs. Margery Zuhl was elected as reporter to the Wesleyan Missionary Magazine.

President's Report — The president's report was read and received with a rising vote of appreciation. (Report No. 1.)

Committees — The report of executive committee for committee chairman was adopted as read. Additional members were elected, and the conference committees are as follows:

Credentials Committee: Miss Vivian Baude; Statistical Committee: Mrs. Aleene Blaine; Auditing Committee: Mrs. Margaret Stone, Mrs. Mildred Wallace; Plan of Work Committee: Mrs. Tiena Winterberg, Mrs. Bertha Durey, Mrs. Robie Anderson, Mrs. Irene Olander, Mrs. Ethel Dyer; Post Office Committee: Mrs. Gertrude Nordhop, Mrs. Barbara Wright; Mrs. Wright resigned and Mrs. Edna Moeller was elected; Magazine Committee: Mrs. Marie Joseph, Mrs. Ruth Panico; Courtesy Committee: Mrs. Barbara Wright, Mrs. Gwen Edsall; Dining Room Committee: Mrs. Kathleen Dyer. The motion prevailed that Mrs. Dyer appoint helpers; Greetings Committee: Mrs. Barbara Crail. (Report No. 2.)

Orders of the Day Report — The report of the Committee on Orders of the Day was read and adopted. (Report No. 3.)

Prayer Meeting — The motion was adopted that the Ladies' Prayer Meeting be held in Redfield Chapel at 4:00 p. m. daily with Mrs. Mildred Barker in charge.

Adjourned by prevailing motion.

#### Second Meeting — 8:30 a. m. Friday, July 30, 1954.

Opening — The meeting opened with the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," led by Mrs. Evelyn Woods.

Devotions — Mrs. Florence Hames read the 42nd Psalm and brought a message of encouragement from it. Mrs. Tiena Winterberg and Mrs. Kathleen Dyer led in prayer.

Roll Call — Roll call was answered by each lady repeating the Scripture promise most precious to her.

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

Nominating Committee — The motion prevailed that a committee of five members to nominate conference officers be elected. The following were elected: Mrs. Kathleen Dyer, Mrs. Margery Zuhl, Mrs. Barbara Crail, Mrs. Florence Hames and Mrs. Ethel Dyer.

Courtesy Committee — The Courtesy Committee presented Mrs. Carol Lister, Austin.

Mission Study Secretary — Mrs. Florence Hames read the report of the Mission Study Secretary which was adopted. (Report No. 4.)

Magazine Solicitor — The report of the Conference Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Mildred Barker, was read and received. (Report No. 5.)

Prayer Partner Secretary — The report of the Prayer Partner Secretary was read and adopted. (Report No. 6.)

Statistical Committee — Mrs. Aleene Blaine read the report of the Statistical Committee which was adopted. (Report No. 7.)

Adjourned by prevailing motion.

#### Third Meeting — 1:30 p. m. Friday, July 30, 1954.

Opening — "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" was sung in opening the meeting.

Roll Call — Roll call was answered by the new presidents, delegates and officers.

Courtesy Committee Report — The Courtesy Committee presented Mrs. Marie Winterberg, Miltonvale, Kansas, a visitor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Tiena Winterberg, Mrs. Susanne Cowles and Mrs. Welhelmine Carstenson, both from the new society in Austin.

Greetings — A letter of greetings from Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, president of the General W. M. S., was read in which she requested that the conference ladies "lift us heavenward by means of prayer" as she fulfills a busy schedule.

Projects — A second letter from Mrs. Reisdorph was read in which she presented two projects for consideration.

"The Honorary Enrollment Plan" is designed to help meet the deficit in current operating funds which three of our Wesleyan Methodist Colleges experienced this past fiscal year. The constituency of the church is asked to enroll as honorary members of our schools this fall. Registration blanks will be furnished. Everyone is eligible and fees vary from two dollars to fifty dollars so as to include all possible. Further information will be included in the Conference President's monthly letter. This project is sponsored by the W. M. S. Executive Board and approved by the Board of Administration.

"Mile of Dimes for Mission Field Equipment" is a plan formulated to meet needs for



hospital equipment and for mission field cars and their replacements. Promotional material is to be a strip of paper one foot long with seventeen slots for dimes. It is hoped that each W. M. S. member will be responsible for one section of the mile. More data is promised.

Post Office Committee Report -- A partial report of the Post Office Committee was read and adopted.

Corresponding Secretary's Report -- Mrs. Kathleen Dyer read the report of the Corresponding Secretary which was received by motion. (Report No. 8.)

Letters From Missionaries -- Letters were read from Margaret Wright, India, and Glenn and Janice Barnett, Haiti, telling of problems and victories in their work and urging us to continue to remember them before the Throne of Grace.

Mission Study Course Certificates -- Certificates were distributed for those who had completed either four or six of the mission study course books.

Gift to Camp -- Two crocheted rugs were presented to the Conference by the Creve Coeur Society.

Auditing Committee -- The report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted. (Report No. 9.)

Treasurer's Report -- The conference received Mrs. Irene Olander's treasurer report with a rising vote of appreciation for her faithful and efficient service. (Report No. 10.)

Y. M. W. B. Superintendent's Report -- Mrs. Edna Moeller presented her report as Y. M. W. B. Superintendent which was received with a rising vote of thanks. (Report No. 11.)

Adjourned by prevailing motion.

#### Fourth Meeting -- 8:30 a. m. Saturday, July 31, 1954.

Opening -- The meeting opened with the singing of "All For Jesus," led by Mrs. Evelyn Woods. Dr. O. G. Wilson, editor of The Wesleyan Methodist, brought an inspirational message from John 12:1-4, 24 exhorting us to serve like Martha and worship like Mary.

Roll Call -- Each member of conference answered roll call by giving the name of her prayer partner.

Minutes -- The minutes of the second and third meetings were read and approved as corrected.

Executive Committee Report -- The report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted. (Report No. 12.)

Report of the Nominating Committee -- The report of the Nominating Committee for conference officers was read and received. A motion prevailed that there be further nominations from the floor. (Report No. 13.)

Election of Officers -- The following were elected as conference officers for 1954-1955: President, Mrs. Rachel Bray; Vice President, Mrs. Ethel Dyer; Secretary, Mrs. Norma Jean Craker; Treasurer, Mrs. Irene Olander; Y. M. W. B. Superintendent, Mrs. Mildred Wallace; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Marie Joseph; Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. Kathleen Dyer; Mission Study Secretary, Mrs. Florence Hames; Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Mildred Barker. Statistical Committee Chairman -- The motion was adopted that a statistical committee chairman for next annual conference be elected by acclamation. Mrs. Aleene Blaine was so chosen.

Delegate to General Conference -- Mrs. Irene Olander was elected by ballot as the Illinois W. M. S. delegate to the General W. M. S. Conference, June 1955.

Y. M. W. B. Representative -- The motion prevailed that each society be requested to contribute ten cents per active member toward a fund to send the Y. M. W. B. Conference Superintendent to General Conference and that the President's monthly letter be used as a means of contacting the societies and that any monies thus raised above expenses be added to the conference administration fund.

Plan of Work -- The Plan of Work was read and received by vote, with instruction to the secretary to edit some without altering the basic thought content. (Report No. 14.)

Monthly Report Blanks -- The motion was adopted that the Conference President prepare and distribute monthly report blanks and that these blanks be returned monthly to her by the local societies.

Adjourned by vote.

#### Fifth Meeting -- 1:30 p. m. Saturday, July 31, 1954.

Opening -- Mrs. Evelyn Woods led in singing "Faith Is The Victory" following which Mrs. Bebie Anderson offered prayer.

Roll Call -- The numbers of active and honorary members for each society were given in answer to roll call.

Courtesy Committee -- The Courtesy Committee presented Mrs. Gerald Gudekunst of the Roseland Society.

Magazine Committee Report -- The report of the Magazine Committee was read and adopted. (Report No. 15.)

Greetings Committee -- Mrs. Barbara Crall read the report of the Greetings Committee

which was adopted. (Report No. 16.)

1955 W. M. S. Conference -- The W. M. S. Conference voted to hold its next annual session at the same time Annual Conference meets.

Post Office Committee -- The Post Office Committee completed its report which was adopted. (See Roll of Officers and Presidents)

Idea Time -- The conference session was opened for "Ideas" and project suggestions. Many helpful ones were presented. The president requested that each one who had taken part in the discussion write out her contribution and hand it to Mrs. Bertha Durey.

Courtesy Committee Report -- The Courtesy Committee presented Mr. Galis Wright, Roseland, Illinois. Mr. John Masuda, Tokyo, Japan, was also introduced and gave testimony to the saving, transforming, and enabling power of Jesus Christ in his life.

Missionary Speakers -- By vote of conference, the president was asked to make arrangements for conference-wide missionary tours with the speakers and other details worked out as seems best to her.

(Y. M. W. B. Plan of Work -- Plan of Work for the Y. M. W. B., adopted by a meeting of local society representatives on August 7, 1954, is attached to the minutes as Report No. 17.)

Minutes -- The minutes of the fourth and fifth meetings were read and approved.

Adjourned -- Sine die by vote. Mrs. Betty Paine led in the closing prayer.

## W. M. S. REPORTS

### Report No. 1.

#### President of the W. M. S.

To the members of the 5th Annual Session of the Illinois Conference W. M. S.:

"Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father." 1 Thess. 1:1b-3

The Conference year is over. Reports are in, books have been closed. For all advanced moves, we do praise the Lord.

We thank the Lord for the accomplishments of our faithful ladies, whose statistical reports reflect a year of diligent service for the Master. Our gains are modest this year, but we do magnify the Lord for what He has helped us to accomplish.

We are thankful unto the Lord for giving us the privilege of working for Him again in behalf of the great missionary enterprise. He helped us plan a fall conference-wide missionary tour in September with Miss Erma Steinacker as our missionary. In November we made arrangements and presided over our conference convention at the new Austin church. Throughout the winter and spring months we visited eleven of the twelve missionary societies. It was good to note the enthusiasm the societies had and to hear the way the Lord had blessed.

On October the 18th, it was our privilege to organize a missionary society at the Maywood church. On June 11th, a new society was organized at our newest church, Chicago-Austin.

We arranged for, and promoted the Spring missionary tour with Rev. and Mrs. Marion Birch, returned missionaries to Africa, as our missionary representatives. Each society was contacted ten times by means of the monthly missionary letter, as well as with cards and letters at other times. All told, we sent out more than 250 pieces of correspondence, this year.

We met with the conference missionary Board five times this year, and twice with the camp meeting committee. We spent one day on the camp grounds making preparations for camp. We held two W. M. S. Executive meetings.

The amount received for President's desk fund was \$16.30. Expenditures are as follows:

Postage-----	\$8.14
Bus Fare-----	2.59
Phone Calls-----	2.09
Stationery and	
Stencils-----	3.48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16.30</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Bray, President.

### Report No. 2.

#### Nominating Committee.

The following committee chairman are recommended: Credentials Committee; Miss Vivian Baude.

Statistical Committee; Mrs. Aleene Blaine. Auditing Committee; Mrs. Margaret Stone. Plan of Work Committee; Mrs. Tiena Winterberg. Post Office Committee; Mrs. Gertrude Nordhop. Magazine Committee; Mrs. Marie Joseph. Courtesy Committee; Mrs. Barbara Wright. Dining Room Committee; Mrs. Kathleen Dyer.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Executive Committee.

### Report No. 3.

#### Orders of the Day Committee.

Thursday, July 29, 3:00 p. m. -- Devotions by Mrs. Rachel Bray, President; President's report.  
Thursday, July 29, 7:30 p. m. -- Magazine Skit: "A Missionary Clinic", Mrs. Norma J. Craker, director.  
Friday, July 30, 8:30 a. m. -- Reports of Conference leaders.  
Friday, July 30, 7:30 p. m. -- "Vitamins for the W. M. S.", Mrs. Bertha Durey; "Child Evangelism", Mrs. Ethel Dyer.  
Saturday, July 31, 8:30 a. m. -- Election of Conference Officers.  
Saturday, July 31, 6:30 p. m. -- Public Y. M. W. B. Program. Miss Ione Driscoll, West Africa, speaker.  
Saturday, July 31, 7:30 p. m. -- Denominational address, Dr. O. G. Wilson, editor of The Wesleyan Methodist.  
Sunday, August 1, 2:30 p. m. -- Conference Missionary Rally. Miss Ione Driscoll, speaker.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Executive Committee.

### Report No. 4.

#### Mission Study Secretary.

I feel God has been blessing our reading efforts the past year and many more of our ladies have taken advantage of the splendid books available and have participated in our reading program which is very encouraging.

The following societies reported as follows:

Roseland: One member read 6 books; one read 5 books; one read 4 books.  
Princeton: Two members read 6 books; one read 4 books.  
Wyanet: One member read 6 books; three read 5 books; four read 4 books.  
Maywood: Two members read 6 books.  
Oak Park: Two members read 6 books; two read 5 books; one read 4 books.  
Oak Lawn: One member read 5 books.  
Austin: One member read 6 books.

Moyns Avenue: One member read 6 books; one read 4 books.

The society as a whole had an excellent reading program. Creve Coeur also has had excellent participation.

Those who have been unable to finish the books for the two previous years will have to be diligent for December 31st brings us to the close of our quadrennium which will be our last opportunity for having these books count toward our mission study certificate.

Let's encourage one another to read these books for it is time well spent and to our spiritual advantage to read them.

Respectfully submitted,  
Florence Hames, Secretary.

### Report No. 5.

#### Magazine Solicitor.

We have had a busy year. Each society was contacted at least once each quarter; monthly expiration notices were forwarded to local solicitors. Pep talks, trends and progress reports were sent to each society about six times during the year; besides the subscriptions forwarded to the publishing house. This makes an estimated 200 pieces of correspondence. As accurate record as I was able to get shows we have had 63 renewals, 21 new subscriptions, and 28 lost, leaving a total of 158 subscribers against 176 reported last year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Mildred Barker, Solicitor.

Report No. 6.Prayer Partner Secretary.

Ten prayer partner circles of the Illinois Conference reported a total of 149 prayer partners. A total of 33 home and 181 foreign missionaries were chosen. The number of Y. M. W. B. prayer partners responding was 39.

Four societies are observing the monthly fast and prayer day.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Dyer, Secretary.

Report No. 7.Statistical Committee.

(See table on page 48)

Report No. 8.Corresponding Secretary.

The Woman's Missionary Society was privileged to have the only book stand at the camp. It was my duty to order all books and literature. Last year's sales amounted to over one hundred dollars and this year we are trusting that most of the items ordered will be sold, because the General W. M. S. now permits 10 % of the sales to be deducted and retained in the annual conference.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Dyer, Secretary.

Report No. 9.Auditing Committee.

We have examined the books of the W. M. S. treasurer and have found them to be in order. We have examined the books of the Y. M. W. B. and found them to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Margaret Stone  
Mrs. Mildred Wallace

Report No. 10.Treasurer of the W. M. S.

<u>CASH FUND</u>	<u>On Hand</u> <u>July 25, 1953</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>On Hand</u> <u>July 15, 1954</u>
General Conference	\$	\$	\$	\$
Home Missions	4.92	246.50	251.42	----
Brainerd	----	5.00	5.00	----
Australia	----	15.50	15.50	----
Highbett Church	----	109.07	109.07	----
Hephzibah Orphanage	----	50.50	50.50	----
Foreign Missions	----	351.08	343.65	7.43
India	----	161.35	161.35	----
Haiti	----	21.99	21.99	----
Japan	----	5.00	5.00	----
Puerto Rico	----	46.50	46.50	----
Medical Student	----	29.00	29.00	----
Medical Missions	----	33.00	33.00	----
Education	----	102.89	102.89	----
Administrative Fund	----	37.00	37.00	----
Membership	0.25	52.25	52.50	----
Illinois Conference				
Conference Missions	4.67	255.74	260.41	----
Administrative Fund	49.74	57.85	49.50	58.09
Camp Necessities	40.00	65.00		106.00
<u>Total Cash Funds</u>	<u>\$ 99.58</u>	<u>\$1,646.22</u>	<u>\$1,574.28</u>	<u>\$ 171.52</u>

Total Voucher Receipts	\$ 365.96
Total Cash Receipts	<u>1,745.80</u>
<u>Total Receipts for the Year 1953-1954.</u>	\$2,111.76

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Irene Olander, Treasurer.

Report No. 11.

Y. M. W. B. Statistical Report.

Band	Active Members	Honorary Members	Meetings	Efficiency Standard	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Special Projects (Credit)	TOTAL (Band Credit)	Non-Credit Total	GRAND TOTAL
Greve Coeur	19	--	8	78	12.09	1.29	----	9.21	22.59	.25	22.84
Hoopeston	30	--	12	100	13.35	4.65	2.00	10.00	30.00	4.15	34.15
Hoyne Avenue	40	7	13	100	98.41	5.02	2.87	30.00	136.30	.87	137.17
Oak Lawn	3	--	5	50	3.74	----	----	7.63	11.37	----	11.37
Oak Park	33	--	9	--	38.13	43.09	64.25	26.02	171.49	.33	171.82
Peoria	25	12	11	55	21.22	1.89	1.62	----	24.73	.40	25.13
Princeton	59	29	12	90	61.08	2.37	4.83	20.00	88.28	14.15	102.43
Rockford	47	20	8	60	32.30	3.00	7.47	10.00	52.77	.70	53.47
Sheffield	--	--	3	30	----	----	----	5.00	5.00	----	5.00
Wyanet	15	22	12	100	100.69	10.87	7.92	7.46	126.94	2.56	129.50
Roseland	--	--	--	--	----	----	----	15.25	15.25	----	15.25
Totals	271	90	93	663	381.01	72.18	90.96	140.57	684.72	23.41	708.13

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Edna Moeller, Y. M. W. B. Superintendent.

Report No. 12.

Executive Committee.

We, the Executive Committee, recommend:

1. That the offering received in the public Y. M. W. B., be given toward the finishing of our support for Karen Ortlip and that the remainder be given for Foreign Missions.
2. That the cash offering taken at the public missionary rally be given for Miss Driscoll's traveling expense and the remainder for her missionary home in Makini, Africa.
3. That the pledges made at the public missionary rally be divided, 1/3 to Foreign Missions, 1/3 to Home Missions, and 1/3 to Conference Missions.
4. That the Conference Magazine Solicitor be given \$5.00 toward her expenses, by the Conference W. M. S. Treasurer.
5. That the following societies receive the award, as defined in the Plan of Work: Rockford and Wyanet.
6. That the 10 % from the sale of the Missionary Literature, plus a sufficient amount from the Conference Administrative Fund be used to purchase two sets of Reading Course Books. These books are to be used by the Conference Mission Study Secretary where needed.
7. That a Conference Communion set be purchased with money from the Camp Necessities Fund.
8. That the following be made a Standing Rule: The Executive Committee constitute the

## Orders of the Day Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. Rachel Bray      Mrs. Edna Moeller  
 Mrs. Ethel Dyer      Mrs. Irene Olander

Report No. 13.Committee on Slate of Officers.

The nominating committee met and presents the following names for consideration:  
 President, Mrs. Rachel Bray. Vice President, Mrs. Ethel Dyer. Secretary, Mrs. Wandalou Blaine. Treasurer, Mrs. Irene Olander. Y. M. W. B. Superintendent, Mrs. Edna Moeller. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Marie Joseph. Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. Kathleen Dyer. Mission Study Secretary, Mrs. Florence Hames. Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Mildred Barker.

Whereas in former years the Prayer Partner Secretary's and the Corresponding Secretary's work have been assigned to the same person, it is recommended that these positions be held by two different individuals. .

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. Kathleen Dyer  
 Mrs. Marge Zuhl  
 Mrs. Barbara Crall  
 Mrs. Florence Hames  
 Mrs. Ethel Dyer

Report No. 14.Plan of Work Committee.

## A. We recommend the following Plan of Work for the local societies:

I. Organizational Recommendations

- a. Use of program calendars and helps.
- b. Reading of the designated Mission Study Course books and reporting of same to the Mission Study Secretary immediately following January first.
- c. Co-operation with the conference Prayer Partner Secretary in the new Pray Plan as presented by the General Prayer Partner Secretary.
- d. Observance of a monthly fast and prayer day with each participant contributing the price of a meal for Conference Missions.

II. Foreign Mission Projects

- a. Preparation of bandages to be forwarded to the Missionary Home, 32 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, New Jersey, reporting the number of pounds without attaching a value. The bandages will be sent out with out-going missionaries.

III. Home Mission Projects

- a. Sending of used clothing to the home mission stations and children's homes. It is recommended that the local societies inquire into the needs before sending used clothing, and that no monetary value be placed on same; that such boxes be reported merely as to the number sent.
- b. Sending of new merchandise to the home mission stations and children's homes. Each society should evaluate merchandise and include in the shipment an evaluation voucher to be signed by the receiving missionary and forwarded to the Conference W. M. S. treasurer for proper receipting.
- c. As a special Christmas project the Conference Prayer Partner Secretary will assign a home missionary to each society. The society should correspond with the missionary concerning any special needs that could be supplied at this time.
- d. Instead of sending personal gifts to the children at Hephzibah and Brainerd, the societies are encouraged to send money.
- e. All unredeemed coupons should be sent to Hephzibah.

IV. Miscellaneous Recommendations

- a. Promotion of the Penny-a-Meal Plan, funds from which will be divided one-half for Foreign and one-half for Home missions without budget credit.
- b. Subscription by each society to the Card Call plan as a means of assisting in the extension program of the church.
- c. Use of "In Remembrance" folders. Money should be sent to the Conference W. M. S. treasurer and the folders to the bereaved family.

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

- a. Budget
  1. \$5.00 or more to Hephzibah Children's Home.
  2. Offering for Medical Missions.
- b. Non-Budget
  1. \$0.50 per active members for camp necessities.
  2. \$0.10 per active member for conference president's desk fund.
  3. \$3.00 or more for Medical Student's Fund.
- c. Incidental
  1. Cash gifts received for "In Remembrance" folders.
  2. Offering from the Penny-a-Meal Plan.
  3. Offering from the monthly fast and prayer day.

VI. Conference President's Visitation

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

VII. Preparation for Annual Conference

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

- b. During June and July contributions of cash and/or food for camp should be encouraged.

VIII. Conference Awards

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

1. Making the Honor Roll in the Efficiency Standard.
2. Securing magazine subscriptions equal to the active memberships of the society.
3. Pursuing the Mission Study Course, and reporting name of local secretary to the Conference Mission Study Secretary.
4. Sending newly elected W. M. S. president to the annual conference session.
5. That each society be a member of the Card Call Plan.

- B. We report that the General W. M. S. Efficiency Standard is as follows:

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 a prominent place and business is transacted (5%) and at least one public meeting (5%).
3. That prayer partner circles be formed in each society, with a prayer partner secretary to keep record of the same and report to the Conference Prayer Partner Secretary the number of local prayer partners not later than December 1st.
4. That the president, secretary, treasurer and 75% 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 and as many renewals as possible, and send report quarterly to the conference magazine solicitor.
6. That a delegate be elected to the W. M. S. annual conference (5%) and that the delegate be instructed by the local society regarding the amount to be pledged by that society at the annual conference session (5%).
7. That the dues of \$1.00 per member be sent directly to the conference W. M. S. treasurer, and shall be divided by her as follows:  
 \$0.25 for home missions and \$0.25 for foreign missions, to be applied on budget;  
 \$0.50 for conference and general conference (5%); and that all monies and vouchers be sent to the conference W. M. S. treasurer monthly or quarterly.
8. That we secure every woman in the Church as a member of the society, or bring about a ten percent gain in total membership.
9. That each local society pay annually an amount equal to \$0.25 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 percent credit shall be given for each of the above items, and all societies making a grade of eighty percent shall be placed on the Honor Roll).

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. Tiema Winterberg  
 Mrs. Bertha Durey  
 Mrs. Rebbe Anderson  
 Mrs. Irene Olander  
 Mrs. Ethel Dyer

NAME OF SOCIETY	MEMBERSHIP				RECEIPTS												
	Active	Honorary	Gain	Loss	Total Number of Meetings Held	No. of Wesleyan Missionary Taken	% Efficiency Standard Rank	Membership Dues	Offerings	From Labor	"Memorials"	Voucher Receipts	Other Sources	Administrative Fund	Total Receipts For Year	Old Balance from Last Year	GRAND TOTAL
Chicagoland	14	5		23	26	18	85	\$ 19.00	\$ 144.01	\$		\$	72.76	\$	235.77	\$10.42	\$ 246.19
Creve Coeur	8			4	20	9	80	8.00	80.12			12.50	61.31		151.93		151.93
Hoopeston	5				11	5	70	5.00	46.29						51.29	1.57	52.86
Hoynes Avenue	11	1			22	17	85	6.00	94.91		11.00	169.88	13.86		295.65	3.14	298.79
Maywood	15	5			10	6	70	20.00	138.52			14.00	8.30	3.75	184.57		184.57
Oak Lawn	21	18	5		27	22	85	39.00	157.88					4.50	201.38	10.30	211.68
Peoria	9	6	3		21	12	55	15.00	94.86			4.50			114.36	11.87	126.23
Princeton	23	6	12		27	21	100	29.00	209.38			4.50			242.88	.49	243.37
Rockford	14	5		3	30	14		19.00	265.90						284.90	.20	285.10
Roseland	14	4		2	11	14	75	18.00	100.63			10.00			128.63	.64	129.27
Wyanet	23	11	8		27	25	90	34.00	180.65	33.00			84.05	2.00	333.70	40.24	373.94
Totals	157	61	28	32	232	163	795	\$212.00	\$1,513.15	\$33.00	\$11.00	\$215.38	\$230.28	\$10.25	\$2,225.06	\$78.87	\$2,303.93

NAME OF SOCIETY	DISBURSEMENTS												
	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Medical Student	Hephzibah Cash	Education Cash	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Administrative Fund	Conference Missions	Total Disbursements	New Balance on Hand	GRAND TOTAL
Chicagoland	\$ 72.18	\$ 41.86	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.75	\$ 20.00	\$ 9.50	\$ 28.05	\$ 7.50	\$ 47.41	\$ 240.25	\$ 5.94	\$ 246.19
Creve Coeur	33.09	39.32	3.00	5.00		17.49	4.00	38.88	1.75	9.40	151.93		151.93
Hoopeston	7.75	16.00			3.34	6.85	2.50	16.00			52.44	.42	52.86
Hoynes Avenue	39.11	156.75	6.00	5.00		5.00	3.00	81.18	2.75		298.79		298.79
Maywood	48.00	72.43	3.00	5.00	5.00		10.00	31.00	5.00		179.43	5.14	184.57
Oak Lawn	35.51	37.32	3.00	5.00	10.00		19.50	73.70	4.50	23.15	211.68		211.68
Peoria	16.06	12.75		5.00	23.40		7.50	33.10	2.25	23.36	123.42	2.81	126.23
Princeton	31.41	40.20	3.00	5.00	18.00	48.95	14.50	65.95	4.25	7.67	238.93	4.44	243.37
Rockford	80.66	81.25	3.00	6.25	10.40	43.10	9.50	10.45	3.50	32.77	280.88	4.22	285.10
Roseland	25.50	34.03	3.00	10.00		18.00	9.00	25.68	3.50		128.71	.56	129.27
Wyanet	31.83	21.83	3.00	9.25	31.00	63.00	17.00	123.48	2.00	58.34	360.73	13.21	373.94
Totals	\$421.10	\$553.74	\$30.00	\$60.50	\$106.89	\$222.39	\$106.00	\$527.47	\$37.00	\$202.10	\$2,267.19	\$36.74	\$2,303.93



Report No. 15.

Magazine Committee.

We have received three renewals and seven new subscriptions to The Wesleyan Missionary. Also we have received one renewal to The Wesleyan Methodist and one renewal to The Wesleyan Youth. A total of \$18.25 was received.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Marie Joseph  
Mrs. Ruth Panico

Report No. 16.

Greetings Committee.

Four letters of greeting were sent out on behalf of the Illinois W. M. S. Those to whom notes were sent are Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, Miss Vera Brainerd, Mrs. Orville Price, and Mrs. Alice Woodhouse.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Crail

Report No. 17.

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

The local Y. M. W. B. superintendents or pastors wives met with the Conference Superintendent on August 7, 1954, 1:00 p. m., and set up the following Plan of Work:

1. The W. M. S. shall elect the Y. M. W. B. superintendent in June. Her duties will begin July 1st.
2. Send all money raised by the Y. M. W. B. to your Conference Superintendent, Mrs. Lloyd (Mildred) Wallace, Wyanet, Illinois, but make out the money order to Mrs. Aileen Shea, Houghton, New York.
3. Each band is assessed two cents per member based on numbers reported to the annual conference July, 1954, for Conference Superintendent's desk expense. Send this amount to the conference superintendent.
4. Return quarterly reports on the following dates, along with dues and offerings received that quarter: 1st Quarter (July -- September), October 15, 1954; 2nd Quarter (October -- December), January 15, 1955; 3rd Quarter (January -- March), April 15, 1955; 4th Quarter (Postmarked by June 30, 1955.)
5. The November offering is for home missions.
6. The May offering is for education.
7. Our project is that of supporting Karen Ortlip, Haiti, which is \$150 per year. Each band is to raise as much as they can (approximately \$20.00).
8. Each local superintendent try to encourage the reading course.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Mildred Wallace, Superintendent.

Minutes of the 1954 ANNUAL SESSION  
of the Illinois Conference W. Y. P. S.

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Held at Belvidere, Illinois, August 1 to August 8, 1954.

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OFFICERS for 1954 - 1955.

President	--	Rev. Robert Zuhl, 9101 S. Monard, Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Vice President	--	Rev. David D. Crail, 1105 S. Sixth Ave., Maywood, Ill.
Secretary	--	Miss Linda Dyer, R. R. #1, Princeton, Ill.
Treasurer	--	Rev. James A. Blaine, 351 Robert St., Creve Coeur, Ill.

LOCAL W. Y. P. S. OFFICERS.

Austin	--	Miss Ida Wipf, President, 501 N. Leamington, Chicago 44, Ill. Miss Hazel Stepp, Secretary, 428 N. Leamington, Chicago 44, Ill.
Creve Coeur	--	Mrs. Wandalou Blaine, President, 351 Robert St., Creve Coeur, Ill. Miss Pat Copeland, Secretary, 300 Albert St., Creve Coeur, Ill.
Maywood	--	Mr. Philip Crail, President, 416 S. Sixth Ave., Maywood, Ill. Miss Marion Miur, Secretary, 910 N. Fourth Ave., Maywood, Ill.
Oak Lawn	--	Miss Doris Hanson, President, 9820 S. Matoma Ave., Oak Lawn, Ill. Miss Geraldine Berent, Secretary, 5802 W. 87th, Oak Lawn, Ill.
Oak Park	--	Mr. Orville Sanger, President, 301 Chicago Ave., Oak Park, Ill. Miss Louise Hofmann, Secretary, 844 Washington Blvd., Oak Park, Ill.
Princeton	--	Mr. Kenneth Nordstrom, President, R. R. #2, Princeton, Ill. Miss Sally Burrows, Secretary, 101 E. Railroad, Princeton, Ill.
Rockford	--	Miss Dorothy Dyer, President, 1406 School St., Rockford, Ill. Miss Julian Bruening, Secretary, 708 Oakley Ave., Rockford, Ill.
Wyanet	--	Miss Linda Dyer, President, R. R. #1, Princeton, Illinois. Miss Judy Johnson, Secretary, Wyanet, Illinois.

PROCEEDINGS.

First Meeting -- 8:30 a. m. Monday, August 2, 1954.

The first meeting of the W. Y. P. S. Conference was opened by the president, Rev. Ron Mullen, after youth prayer time.

The first four rows were designated as the Conference Bar. Miss Dorothy Dyer was elected as temporary secretary in the absence of Miss Anne Paine.

A motion prevailed that the chairman appoint a Credentials Committee. Joan Kirkpatrick, chairman, and Sam Paine were appointed.

John Blaine, chairman, and Linda Dyer were elected to the Courtesy Committee.

Conference proceeded to the election of the Disciplinary Committee as provided for by the Camp Meeting Committee. President Ron Mullen was elected to this committee as the chairman. Charles Paine, Herb Apel, Joan Kirkpatrick, Linda Dyer, and Marvin Baker were also elected to this committee.

Session adjourned by limitation of time.

Second Meeting -- 8:30 a. m. Tuesday, August 3, 1954.

The second meeting of the W. Y. P. S. Conference was opened by the president, after youth prayer time.

Roll Call was read.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Credentials Committee gave a partial report which was adopted.

The Dean of Men, Mr. Harold Woods, exhorted about whispering during prayer.

The president gave his annual report (Report No. 1.).

The treasurer's report was postponed until the next meeting.

Linda Dyer, chairman, and Sam Paine were elected as the Statistical Committee.

Rev. A. L. Bray, Rev. David D. Crail, Phil Crail, Posie Haslett, and John Blaine were elected as the Nominating Committee.

The new W. Y. P. S. President, chairman, Sally Burrows, Rev. James Blaine, Dorothy Dyer, Phil Crail were elected as the Plan of Work Committee.

The meeting adjourned by limitation of time with prayer by Rev. Blaine.

Third Meeting -- 8:30 a. m. Wednesday, August 4, 1954.

The third meeting of the W. Y. P. S. Conference was opened by the president, after the youth prayer time.

Roll Call was read.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

A partial report of the Statistical Committee was read.

Rosalyn Brown was seated by vote within the Bar. Rev. Durey, Rev. Blaine, and Rev. Crail were also seated in the Bar.

The treasurer's report was read and adopted. (Report No. 2.)

Rev. A. L. Bray, Annual Conference President, took the chair upon invitation for the election of officers.

Report of the Nominating Committee: President--To be nominated by ballot; Vice President, Rev. David D. Crail; Secretary, Linda Dyer; Treasurer, Rev. James Blaine.

Election results: President, Rev. Robert Zuhl; Vice President, Rev. David D. Crail  
Meeting adjourned by limitation of time.

Fourth Meeting -- 8:30 a. m. Thursday, August 5, 1954.

The fourth meeting of the W. Y. P. S. Conference was opened by the president, after the youth prayer time.

Roll Call was read.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The president presided during the remaining elections by request of Rev. Bray.

Election results: Secretary, Linda Dyer; Treasurer, Rev. James Blaine.

The Statistical Committee completed their report which was adopted. (Report No. 3.)

It was moved and adopted as a standing rule that all statistical reports be postmarked by July 15th to a statistical chairman and that he serve from the rise of one conference to the use of the following one.

It was moved and adopted as a standing rule that the Executive Council act as an Orders of the Day Committee.

A partial report of the Courtesy Committee followed: Ida Wipf, Austin W. Y. P. S. president; Joe Pierce, Chicagoland Hi-C; and Dr. O. G. Wilson, editor of The Wesleyan Methodist and member of the General W. Y. P. S. Council, were introduced and brought words of greeting.

Meeting adjourned by limitation of time.

Fifth Meeting -- 8:30 a. m. Friday, August 6, 1954.

The fifth meeting of the W. Y. P. S. Conference was opened by the president, after the youth prayer time.

Roll Call was read.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Kenneth Shepard was elected to the office of statistical chairman.

The Courtesy Committee presented Rev. A. L. Bray.

The Statistical Committee's report referred to an Auditing Committee.

An Auditing Committee composed of the Statistical Committee was elected.

It was moved and adopted that \$25.00 be voted out of the Conference W. Y. P. S. treasury to help camp meeting expenses.

It was moved and adopted that an offering be taken in the afternoon service August 6th to aid this pledge of \$25.00.

Meeting adjourned by limitation of time.

Sixth Meeting -- 8:30 a. m. Saturday, August 7, 1954.

The sixth meeting of the W. Y. P. S. Conference was opened by the president, Rev. Mullen, after the youth prayer time, and a report by Rev. L. G. Anderson as to a method for youth to raise money for youth camp expenses.

Roll Call was read.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The president stated that the new W. Y. P. S. president was an ex-officio delegate to the General W. Y. P. S. Quadrennial Conference in 1955. Rev. David D. Crail, Vice President, was elected as the conference delegate.

The Courtesy Committee made a partial report: John Masuda from Japan brought greetings; as did Mr. and Mrs. Orville Senger, youth leaders from the Oak Park church.

The report of the Auditing Committee was adopted.

The Plan of Work Committee read their report which was adopted. (Report No. 4.)

Meeting adjourned by limitation of time.

REPORTS for 1954 Session.Report No. 1.Conference W. Y. P. S. President.

Summary of Labors -- Miles travelled, 780; letters mailed, 18; plus seven issues of Youth Notes; four executive council meetings held; strove to organize three new societies during the year (see 1953 report # 3, "Plan of Work") two of which were organized and the other not, due to local conditions which would have made organization inopportune at the time; attended Marion Area youth presidents' meeting in October and served as Area secretary for the same; visited eleven pastors; held Fall Rally at which about 100 youth were present and which had a breakfast registration of 75; a Spring convention was not held this year as called for in the plan of work due to a report that there was a feeling in the conference that this day should be used as a general conference gathering; a "Youth Week" tour was conducted through the conference to six different churches; at one of these each conference church was represented; the conference executive council members were all represented on the team (except for Rev. A. L. Bray) as well as Joe Pierce -- a converted gangster now active in Hi-C work and a member of the Austin church -- and the Maywood WYPS Male Quartet. Gain in active membership, 9 (two societies temporarily discontinued their organization, which balanced against an overall gain of 25 members, leaving us with only a gain of 9. Their plan is to immediately reorganize.); gain in Wesleyan Youth subscriptions, 48; gain in total finances, \$86.33.

At last years election there were two balloting; on the first there were four opposing votes to me as president, and when I asked for another balloting, to clarify the issue, there were ten votes for Rev. Zuhl and seven for me. In the light of this and the fact that I felt that God had other plans for me, it seemed wise to go along with the result of the second ballot. But upon the strong recommendation of the conference president's advisory board, I did continue another year. Because of the fact that I feel our Lord has plans for me this year which would be incompatible with serving again, I believe it is His will for me to resign. In the last three years we have made some good gains together, and I trust that the souls saved and called into HIS service will be felt to be sufficient reward for the sacrifices made by each pastor and WYPS leader and youth who prayed and worked.

May the blessing and hand of our faithful Lord continue to rest upon you. I believe that there are greater days of service ahead in the harvest fields of our Master.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald E. Mullen, President.

Report No. 2.Conference W. Y. P. S. Treasurer.Receipts --

General Dues	\$ 87.00
Conference Dues	238.00
Foreign Missions	16.46
Home Missions	2.50
Education	6.50
Youth Week Offering	24.83
San Antonio Crusade	6.00
Fall Rally Offering	84.50
Youth Week/Tour Off.	64.06
Misc. Receipts	<u>18.50</u>
Total Receipts	\$548.35

Balance on Hand July 16, 1953 39.78  
Total Credits \$588.13

Balance on Hand July 15, 1954 158.39  
\$429.74

Disbursements --

General Dues	\$ 87.00
Foreign Missions	16.46
Home Missions	2.50
Education	6.50
Youth Week Offering	24.83
Stanley Morse-Camp Worker	25.00
Fall Rally Expense	54.00
President's Expense	29.53
Thomas Murray	100.00
Youth Week Tour Expense	60.82
Council Expense	9.00
San Antonio Crusade	6.00
Misc. Disbursements	<u>8.10</u>
Total Disbursements	\$429.74

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. James A. Blaine, Treasurer.

Report No. 3.

## W. Y. P. S. STATISTICAL REPORT OF ILLINOIS CONFERENCE FOR 1953-'54

NAME OF SOCIETY	Active Members	Wesleyan Youth	General Dues	Conference Dues	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Local Work	Miscellaneous	Total Receipts Plus Balance	Total Disbursements	Cash on Hand
Austin	18	12	\$10.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 4.00	\$	\$		\$ 15.40	\$ 62.61	\$ 59.40	\$ 3.21
Creve Coeur	10	6	10.00	30.00				.50	2.20	44.92	42.70	2.22
Hoopeston		1							9.50			
Hoynes Avenue		10							14.20			
Maywood	15	6	18.00	54.00				8.00		92.15	80.00	12.15
Oak Lawn	9	12	10.00	30.00	4.00				15.40	62.61	59.40	3.21
Oak Park	19	4	14.00	42.00	1.50	16.46	7.50	202.15	26.27	360.10	324.73	35.37
Peoria		2										
Princeton	8	7						31.40				
Rockford	9	23	11.00	33.00	5.00				17.06	66.06	66.06	
Roseland		4							11.20			
Sheffield		5		15.00						15.00	15.00	
Wyanet	16	30	16.00	34.00				12.00	36.25	98.41	98.25	.16
Totals	104	121	\$89.00	\$268.00	\$14.50	\$16.46	\$7.50	\$254.05	\$ 147.48	\$801.86	\$745.54	\$56.32

Report No. 4.Plan of Work Committee.

The W. Y. P. S. Plan of Work Committee presents the following instructions, recommending:

1. That two new societies be organized during the year.
2. That we emphasize Wesleyan Youth subscriptions with the Conference Secretary as the solicitor.
3. That a complete membership list be maintained by the secretary.
4. That General and Conference dues be the personal responsibility of local members, to be paid quarterly to Rev. James Blaine, 351 Robert Street, Greve Coeur, Illinois.
5. That Austin W. Y. P. S. be responsible for the publication of Youth Notes and the W. Y. P. S. Conference President be its editor with each local president acting as reporters.
6. That the Chicagoland district chairman call a meeting of the societies and elect two other members to the district executive committee, in accordance with the Discipline.
7. That we hold two conference-wide rallies during the year, one in the spring and one in the fall.
8. That the president plan to visit each church during Youth Week, and at other opportunities with a gospel team.
9. That the Conference W. Y. P. S. vice president prepare a roster of youth equipment and care for the same during the year.
10. That one Sunday a month be set aside for missions (preferably the first Sunday of the month) and the offering be sent to the treasurer, Rev. James Blaine.
11. That a public educational service be held once a year and the offering be sent to the W. Y. P. S. conference treasurer and designated for Marion College.
12. That one night a month be devoted to Bible study.
13. That one Sunday night a quarter be devoted to the study of the history of our Wesleyan Methodist Church.
14. That the slogan, "Forward in the Fight of Faith", be adopted for the coming year.
15. That we take an active interest in the promotion of evangelism and pioneering in Illinois, under the direction of the Missionary Board, using conference dues to promote conference missions. For this purpose we pledge \$25.00 a month toward the support of Thomas Murray, the Conference Builder, as long as the need exists and funds are available.
16. That an emphasis in each society be placed on personal and community evangelism, including tract distribution, hospital, jail and home visitation.
17. That this Plan of Work be read by each president in a Sunday night service.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, chairman.  
Sally Burrows  
Rev. James Blaine  
Phil Crail  
Dorothy Dyer