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WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA
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SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

President -- Rev. W. M. Phillippe, Jr. Box 48, Odum, Ga.
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Secretary -- Mrs. Okay Highsmith, 2823 Union St., Brunswick, Ga.
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SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE

STANDING Committees

COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ELDERS' ORDERS -- C. M. Payne, Second year,(1960);
W. M. Phillippe, Sr. Fourth Year,(1961); P.L. Swauger, First Year,(1962); Dennis
Carter, Third Year,(1963).
CONFERENCE TRUSTEES -- Dennis Carter,(1963), C. M. Payne,(1961); W. M. Phillippe,
Sr.,(1961); Laymen - Nathan Poppell (1962); James M. Roberson,(1960).
PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY BOARD -- P. L. Swauger, Dennis Carter, Okay Highsmith,
Glenn Day.
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE -- Dennis Carter, P. L. Swauger, W. M. Phillippe, Sr., C. M.
Payne.
COMMITTEE ON VACANCIES -- G. E. Akridge, J. L. Hilliard, James Griffin, Alton Carter,
Okay Highsmith.
SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD -- Chairman - Robert Wagon; Other members: R. N. Cooley,
(1961), J. L. Hilliard, (1961), James Griffin, (1960), E. C. Moon, (1960).
MISSIONARY BOARD -- Nathan Poppell, Alton Carter, H. J. Lewis.
NOMINATING COMMITTEE-- J. L. Hilliard, P. L. Swauger, Dennis Carter, W. M. Phillippe,
Sr.
STATISTICAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN -- Robert Wagon.
LOCAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WESLEYAN CENTRAL COLLEGE MEMBER -- W. M.
Phillippe, Sr.
ASHBURN CAMP MEETING COMMITTEE-- President & Chariman, W. M. Phillippe, Jr.;
Other members: Mitchell Walker, C. M. Payne, James Griffin, G. E. Akridge, James
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 Mrs. J. W. Boone-(Absent)
 Mrs. J. J. Williams, 319 Dreamland Ave., Jesup, Ga.
 Mrs. Laura Black, Ashburn, Ga. (Absent)
 Mr. W. D. Oliver, Sycamore, Ga. (Absent)
 Mr. James Tedders, Rt. 1, Cordele, Ga.
 Mr. Henry Williams, Rt. 1, Helena, Ga.
 Mrs. Annie Mae Davis, 117 W. Charlton St., Savannah, Ga.
 Mr. J. B. Crawford, Savannah, Ga. (Absent)
 Mr. Leon Daniels, 1710 Albany Ave., Waycross, Ga.
 Mrs. Mamie Carter, Rt., 1, Blackshear, Ga.
 Mrs. Sallie Padgett, Rt. 4, Alma, Ga.
 Mr. Alton Carter, Rt. 4, Alma, Ga.
 Mrs. Eula Mae Highsmith, 2823 Union St., Brunswick, Ga.
 Mr. Okay Highsmith, 2823 Union St., Brunswick, Ga.
 Mr. R. C. Harrell, Hortense, Ga.
 Mr. Nathan Poppell, Rt. 1, Odum, Ga.
 Mr. Gordon Harris. Screven, Ga.
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OUR ROLL OF HONORED DEAD

Rev. James A. Johnson.	1935
Rev. W. M. Lee.	1939
Rev. G. H. Doty.	1942
Rev. Arthur W. Osgood.	1947
Rev. John D. Patterson.	1949
Rev. J. B. Lastinger.	1949
Rev. F. H. Harris, Sr.	1958
Rev. L. C. Douthit.	1959

STANDING RULES

1. The Conference Treasurer is authorized to close his books two weeks before the opening date of conference, therefore all receipts and monies should be in his hands by that time if credit on the statistical report is desired.

2. The President, after his fourth round of quarterly conferences, shall mail the delegates' credentials to the secretary who shall be the committee on credentials. It shall be his duty to prepare the roll before the conference begins.

3. All persons introduced to the conference shall be given honorary seats with the right

4. The office expense of the President, Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be paid by the conference. Also all conference supplies shall be purchased by the conference.

5. The secretary and treasurer shall be paid twenty-five dollars per year for their services.

6. The Conference Treasurer shall be bonded.

7. An abbreviated form of the pastor's statistical report shall be used for conference reading.

8. The Annual conference shall elect a Nominating Committee of five, of which one shall be the Conference President, to meet prior to the next annual session and nominate the workingcommitteesfor the session.

9. The Conference President and the Board of Trustees shall constitute a Committee for the Building and Location of Churches and Parsonages.

10. Each pastor shall be allowed time out from his duties as pastor to hold two revivals each year if he so desires. The church he serves as pastor shall not withhold his salary while he is absent on such authorized revivals. In case any extra expense is involved in filling the pulpit while the pastor is engaged in such said revival such extra expense shall be paid by the church whose pastor is absent holding the revival.

11. All church records shall close the fifteenth day of June, and all statistical reports shall be sent to the Conference Treasurer by the 20th of June. After his approval, he shall mail them to the Committee on Statistics.

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

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

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

15. The Conference President shall be the Ashburn Camp Meeting President and Chairman of the Camp Meeting Committee, ex officio.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Monday Night, July 6, 1959

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE-Special services were held under the direction of Rev Robert Wagon, Sunday School Secretary of the Conference. The Song service was led by Rev. J. L. Hilliard. Brother Wagon brought a message on Consecration, urging every member of the Sunday School, as well as every pastor, superintendent, and teacher to give ourselves wholly to God for the work in His Kingdom.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday, July 7, 1959 - 9 A. M.

DEVOTIONS-The sixty-fourth Annual Session of the South Georgia Conference was called to order by the President, Rev. W. M. Phillippe, Jr. The song service was led by J. L. Hilliard. A devotional from the Psalms was read by the President.

ROLL CALL-The roll of Elders and Conference Preachers was called. The Secretary, as the Committee on Credentials, called the roll of lay delegates.

CONFERENCE BAR-The Bar was set to include the first three rows of seats across the left side of the tabernacle and the platform.

HOURS OF CONFERENCE-The hours of conference were set as follows: to meet at 9 am until 12 noon, to meet again at 2 pm and adjourn by motion.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS-The report of this Committee was given and adopted. See report No. 1.

ORDERS OF THE DAY-A partial report of the Committee on Orders of the Day was given stating that a church extension service will be held Tuesday at 7:45 pm with Dr. H. K. Sheets as guest speaker; at 4:30 Tuesday P.M. a discussion of the proposed merger of the North and South Georgia Conferences will be held; Wednesday at 3:00 P.M. a Memorial Service will be held; from noon until 4:00 P.M. will be used for Committee Work, with business beginning again at 4 o'clock. This was adopted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT-The vice-president, Rev. P. L. Swauger, presided while the report of the President was given and adopted with a rising vote of appreciation.

COURTESY COMMITTEE-The committee on courtesy presented Rev. Moore of the Baptist Church and Rev. Wall of the Methodist Church in Ashburn.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS-It was voted for the election of officers to be held. Dennis Carter and Robert Wagon were appointed distributing tellers and James Griffin and Okay Highsmith, collecting tellers. The following were elected:

Conference President-Rev. W. M. Phillippe, Jr. (24 out of 29)

Vice-president-Rev. P. L. Swauger (23 out of 29)

Secretary-Mrs. Okay Highsmith (25 out of 29)

Member of Committee on Itineracy & Elders' Order-Dennis Carter-four year term (1963); Unexpired term of W. L. Snellgrove (1960)-C. M. Payne.

Conference Trustee-(unexpired term of W. L. Snellgrove)(1960)-J. L. Hilliard.

A motion prevailed to elect a trustee to fill unexpired term of T. B. Rhodes who is transferring to the South Carolina Conference-(1961)-W. M. Phillippe, Sr. was elected.

Lay Trustee-Nathan Poppel-three year term (1962)

The Following were elected by Acclamation:

Judiciary Committee: P. L. Swauger, W. M. Phillippe, Sr., Dennis Carter, C. M. Payne.

Committee on Vacancies-G. E. Akridge, J. L. Hilliard, James Griffin, Alton Carter, Okay Highsmith.

Ashburn Camp Committee-A motion prevailed to elect four ministers and two laymen. This motion was later amended to read six members, either ministerial or lay. Those elected were: Mitchell Walker, C. M. Payne, James Griffin, G. E. Akridge, James Teddars, R. N. Cooley.

Mission Board-Nathan Poppel, Alton Carter, Rev. H. J. Lewis.

Nominating Committee-J. L. Hilliard, P. L. Swauger, Dennis Carter, W. M. Phillippe, Sr.

Statistics Committee Chairman-Robert Wagon

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

Tuesday Afternoon

CALL TO ORDER-The President called the conference to order.

COURTESY COMMITTEE-The Committee on Courtesy presented Dr. H. K. Sheets, our Denominational Representative, and Brother & Sister Thomas Cowart returned missionaries from India.

DR. SHEETS PRESIDES-The President asked Brother Sheets to preside.

Orders of the day-MERGER OF NORTH AND SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCES

APPROVED-Minutes of the joint committee meeting for the discussion of the merger of the North and South Georgia conferences were read by the president. After discussion, a motion was carried to take a vote by ballot. Twenty-nine votes were cast-17 in favor of merger and 12 opposed.

DELEGATE SEATED-E. C. Hord was seated as alternate delegate from Crossroads Charge.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS CONTINUED-The following officers were elected by acclamation: Tithing Secretary-James Griffin; Wesleyan Men Secretary-P. L. Swauger.

ADJOURNED.

Tuesday Night Service

CHURCH EXTENSION SERVICE-A church extension service was held, with Dr. H. K. Sheets speaking on the need of new churches throughout the United States. Pledges were taken for monthly payments on our Conference Pioneer Work amounting to \$90.00 per month. This will assist in the new church building to be built in Savannah, and the work at Darien.

Wednesday morning, July 8, 1959

DEVOTIONS-The song service was led by Rev. P. L. Swauger. A devotional was read by Okay Highsmith. Prayer was led by Rev. E. C. Moon.

OPENING-The President called the conference to order. The roll was called. The minutes were read and approved.

ORDERS OF THE DAY-A partial report of the Orders of the Day Committee was adopted, stating that the Denominational Address be given at 11 o'clock; that the Presentation of the new constitution of the Wesleyan Methodist Church be at 2:05 P.M.; a Memorial service at 3 o'clock; the Educational address be at 7 o'clock by Dr. R. C. Mullinax; and a Missionary Service at 7:45 under the direction of the W. M. S.

Dr. Sheets stated that a copy of the new constitution was on hand for anyone to read before the time for the Orders of the Day.

EDUCATION-The committee on Education gave a report which was adopted. See report No. 3.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE-This committee was excused for Committee work. Dr. Sheets was asked to preside.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY'S REPORT-This report was given and adopted.

CHILD EVANGELISM-The report of the Secretary of Child Evangelism was given and adopted. (See report No. 4). A recommendation was passed that each person taking the course of study in Child Evangelism be asked to pay \$1.00 fee to help in postal expense of the Secretary.

CHARACTERS COMMITTEE-The Committee on Characters gave a report which was tabled. This action was rescinded and a partial report given and adopted.

CHURCH REPORTS-The following church reports were given: R. N. Cooley of Cordele; C. M. Payne of Turner Co. Liberty Church; W. H. Morris of the Sterling Mission.

COMMUNICATION-A letter from Rev. R.C. Crossman was read by the secretary who was instructed to reply.

COMMITTEE ON THANKS-The report of the Committee on Thanks was read by the Secretary and adopted. (See report No. 5).

ADJOURNED.

Wednesday 11 A.M.

ORDERS OF THE DAY-The president called the conference to order. Rev. P. L. Swauger led the song service. Rev. H. K. Sheets brought a report on the progress of our own conference had made in the last decade; and of the new general officials and plans for greater progress in our denomination as a whole. Dismissed with prayer.

Wednesday 2 o'clock P. M.

OPENING-The conference was called to order by the president. Prayer by Rev W. H. Morris.

ORDERS OF THE DAY-The new proposed constitution of the Wesleyan Methodist church of America was read by the Secretary. After discussion a vote was taken by ballot with twenty-six votes cast. Twenty-one were in favor and five opposed the constitution. (See Report No. 6).

ORDERS OF THE DAY-A Memorial service was held under the direction of Rev. T. B. Rhodes assisted by Dr. H. K. Sheets, Robert Wagnon, W. M. Phillippe, Sr., R. N. Cooley H. J. Lewis. P. L. Swauger.

The remembered ones who have passed away this year are: Dr. Oliver G. Wilson, Editor of the Wesleyan Methodist, Browning Raulerson, and A. J. Lewis of the Hortense Charge, Sidney Turner of Brunswick; Mrs. Sewell of Cordele, and N. D. Bonnett of Waycross and Rev. L. C. Douthit, one of our elders of our conference from the Savannah Church.

COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ELDERS' ORDERS-The report of this committee was read and adopted. See report No. 7.

PENSION PLAN TREASURER-The report of the Pension Plan Treasurer was given and adopted. See report No. 8.

CHURCH REPORTS-W. M. Phillippe, Sr. of Brunswick, and E. C. Moon of Ashburn gave their reports.

TITHING REPORT-This report was given and adopted. (See report No. 9)

EDUCATIONAL REPORT-The report was given and adopted. See report No. 10.

COMMITTEE FOR INSPECTION OF CHURCH RECORDS The report of this committee was given and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE-The report of this committee was adopted.

ELECTION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICIALS-Robert Wagnon was reelected as Sunday School Secretary. Other members of Sunday School Board-R. N. Cooley (1961) and J. L. Hilliard, (1961).

MORAL REFORM-The report of this committee was given and adopted. See report No. 11.

COMMITTEE ON CHARACTERS-This Committee gave the balance of their report which was adopted. A motion prevailed that the names of the four pastors whose characters were not passed because of unpaid budget be called and the reason stated for unpaid budget. J. L. Hilliard, Robert Wagnon, G. E. Akridge, and H. J. Lewis all gave good reasons for budget not being paid and their characters were all passed.

STATISTICAL REPORT-A motion prevailed that the Statistical report be given to the President and his Advisory Board, and be included in the minutes.

E. C. HORD ACCEPTED-A motion prevailed that E. C. Hord be received back into the conference.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE EXCUSED-This committee was excused for committee work.

TELEPHONE SERVICE INVESTIGATION-A motion prevailed that the Campmeeting Committee investigate the possibility of installing a telephone on the camp grounds during the Conference and Camp.

CAMP TREASURER-The report of the treasurer of the Ashburn Campmeeting Committee was given and adopted. See report No. 12.

CHURCH REPORTS-H. J. Lewis of Waycross, T. B. Rhodes of Wayne Charge; J. L. Hilliard, Laurens Charge

ACCEPTANCE OF E. C. HORD RESCINDED-The Pastoral relations committee gave a unanimous recommendation requesting that the vote admitting E. C. Hord back into the conference be rescinded. A standing vote was taken with 17 to 6 in favor of rescinding the action.

CHURCH REPORTS GIVEN-Robert Wagnon of Hortense Charge; P. L. Swauger of Savannah; James Griffin of Tifton.

COURTESY COMMITTEE-Dr. R. C. Mullinax of Central College was introduced.

CHURCH REPORTS GIVEN-Dennis Carter of Mt. Pleasant Charge; G. E. Akridge of Crossroads Charge.

RECESSED TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR.

ORDERS OF THE DAY-At 7 o'clock Dr. R. C. Mullinax of Central Wesleyan College brought the Educational Address.

Wednesday Night, 7:45 P.M.

MISSIONARY SERVICE-The W. M. S. was in charge of this service with Mrs. Fulton Carter, vice-president, presiding. Rev. Thomas E. Cowart, returned Missionary from India, was the guest speaker. Pledges were taken to help in the work of World Missions.

OPENING-The conference was called to order by the Chairman. The roll was called. Minutes were read and corrected.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT-This report was given and adopted. See report No. 13.

CHURCH TREASURER RECEIPTS-A motion prevailed to adopt the recommendation of the treasurer that a triplicate form be furnished all church treasurers for sending money to the conference treasurer, one for pastor, church treasurer, and conference treasurer, so all may be uniform.

CHILD EVANGELISM-The Sunday School Board nominated Mrs. R. N. Cooley as the Director of Child Evangelism. She was elected by the conference.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT-This committee gave a report stating that all financial reports to the conference had been examined and found correct. R. N. Cooley was the Chairman of this Committee.

TITHING COMMITTEE REPORT-The report of this committee was given and adopted.

PRESIDENT'S FUND-A motion prevailed that \$112.00 out of the Conference Work Fund be transferred to the Fund for Conference President's Salary.

PIONEER WORK AND CONFERENCE EXTENSION-A motion prevailed that these two be combined into one fund.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE-This committee gave a report which was adopted. See report No. 14.

CONFERENCE WORK AND MINUTES FUND-A motion prevailed that these two be combined into one fund.

CONFERENCE TREASURER ELECTED-Jarmon G. Day was reelected Treasurer of the conference.

PENSION FUND SECRETARY & TREASURER-W. M. Phillippe, Sr. was reelected.

COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY & ELDERS' ORDERS-This committee recommended that Mitchell Walker begin the course of study and work under the direction of the conference. This was adopted.

APPORTIONMENT REPORT-This report was given and adopted. See report No. 18.

CHURCH REPORT GIVEN-W. M. Phillippe, Jr. of the Jesup Church.

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY P. L. Swauger was elected.

PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY BOARD-The president nominated P. L. Swauger, Dennis Carter, Okay Highsmith, and Glenn Day for his advisory Board. These were elected.

MINUTES APPROVED-The minutes were read and approved.

ADJOURNED-To the call of the Chair.

Report No. 1

Report of Nominating Committee

Pastoral Relations - P. L. Swauger, E. C. Moon, W. M. Phillippe, Sr., Okay Highsmith,
R. C. Harrell, Henry Williams.
Public Worship - W. M. Phillippe, Jr.
Moral Reform - Annie Mae Davis, Laura Black.
Tithing Committee - James Griffin, Sister J. J. Williams
Courtesy - E. C. Moon, Molly Brogdon
Education - C. M. Payne, Henry Williams.
Characters - W. M. Phillippe, Sr., James Tedders
Thanks - Mrs. Mamie Carter, Mrs. W. D. Oliver.
Auditing Committee - R. N. Cooley, Alton Carter
Statistical Committee - Robert Wagnon, J. L. Hilliard, Nathan Poppell.
Apportionment Committee - G. E. Akridge, H. J. Lewis
Sunday Schools - Mrs. Sallie Padgett, Sister James Griffin.
Memorials - T. B. Rhodes, P. L. Swauger
Inspection of Church Records - Dennis Carter, Gordon Harris
Post Office Addresses and Phone Numbers - Leon Daniels, Mrs. J. W. Boone.

W. M. Phillippe, Jr.
E. C. Moon
P. L. Swauger
T. B. Rhodes

Report No. 2

CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS REPORT

To the members of this sixty-fourth annual session of the South Georgia Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of American, greetings in the Name of our wonderful Saviour Jesus Christ.

Dear Brethern and Co-laborers in the work of our God and Church, I am sure each one has worked hard and has been looking forward for this great annual occasion. It is not only a time of wonderful fellowship, but of going before God to help carry out His plan and program.

Brethren, if we miss God's plan for us then we have missed it all. But if we are in His will we will be successful and glorify His cause and become blessed within our own souls. We are discovering that the duties are more and greater than ever before, but our God is able to help us through it all.

"For the time is come for thee to reap." Rev. 14: 15

To mark time is only destruction. Now is the time to move. No one ever made progress marking time. In this war against sin, the Bible says "resist the devil and he will flee from you." Now is the time to resist and get him on the run.

Present day conditions demand that it is time to move. Today the world is in great confusion. In the mighty revivals of the past, when Finney and Beecher, who locked horns, were times of great confusion. When Jesus walked up Golgotha, there was great confusion. When Peter at Pentecost, there was great confusion. When Luther tacked his theses to the chapel door, there was great confusion. When Wesley preached in the mud of the streets on London, there was great confusion. When Jonathan Edwards preached across New England there was great confusion. The important thing that characterized those times was not the great confusion, but who was right in the matter of universal concern, even to this day. Who was right when Beecher threatened to call out the militia to stop Finney? Who was right when Pilate sent Christ to the cross?

This is the eternal question. Until this is answered correctly, there will be great confusion. I am not afraid of the confusion. I am afraid of the wrong.

Once again this old world is in great confusion. We are in a country that for years has been able to hold its head up above all others. But today it is about bankrupt, the dollar is worth less than fifty cents, and if we follow this program of inflation, it will kill the purchasing power of money until another quarter of a century the dollar will be less than twenty-five cents.

We are living in an age when we are controlled by labor racketeers, political plunderers and subversive plotters, who may liquidate all hope of solvency in America.

America is festering with crime and immorality. I grant that this is the best nation in the world, but that is not good enough. Liquor, gambling, robbery, arson, murder, dope, and crimes too terrible to describe, is running wild and loose in America.

Now is the time for a great revival. If we do not pay the price for a Holy Ghost Revival I am afraid we will soon be fighting for survival.

Today is God's time for a revival. The American people have tried everything to satisfy the needs of their soul except old fashion salvation. In their mad search, may God help us to lead them unto Him.

In my opinion, the revival that will set the world once again upon the right course will begin at Pentecost. I think it will add to the church such as shall be saved. I know that it must be the God of the Ages, and that Jesus Christ must be enthroned in men's hearts as Redeemer, Saviour, and Lord.

The spiritual condition of your life demands that you move for God. We cannot please God by doing nothing. One passion of the pulpit and pew should be to witness of salvation from sin and hell. We must all be soul conscious. To gain everything else and lose salvation and eternal life, means failure. We must preach and work for a decision on this very matter. If men do not become converted then we have failed.

We must never surrender the gospel of redeeming grace and substitute the social gospel. It would be a deadly surrender. In fact, this has been the most deadly surrender that has resulted in the darkest apostasy that has settled over the evangelical Christianity within the past two centuries. The devil is making the same bid for you and I, but by the grace of God, we must hold to the old fashion gospel of free salvation.

There shall be a time when we shall no longer have an opportunity to witness. Red China has been closed to the gospel. In about another ten years Africa may be closed to the gospel. With the fight between Communism, Catholicism, and Protestantism, how long will we have true religious freedom in America?

It is time for the church to move and reap as the fields are white unto harvest. Time is growing short.

If we are not making gains in the field that God has called us, then we are not worthy of the position given. Pastors, officers of the church, and Sunday School, are we making additions to our group? If not, it is time for you to make some moves for God. He has not failed you; how can you be content for falling Him? When we go month after month with no gains, we are doing just what the devil wants us to do.

What are we doing to advance his cause in other fields? Are you praying and giving your best to see new pioneer fields open? If we do not try to advance the cause of God we are leaving the field wide open for communism and other isms.

Brethren, it is time for South Georgia to move and reap. Let's do all we can to help our pioneer work both by prayer and finance. Not only shall we open new fields but shall we set for our goal a 15% increase in our Sunday School attendance and a 10% increase in our church membership? God is able to help us. Let us trust Him.

We are living in an age when it is either sacrifice or fail. We must be as Paul of old--be willing to give our life for the cause of Christ. If we fail to do this we will be forced to give our life for that we do not agree with.

LABORS AND OFFICIAL ACTS

- July 26: Met with Brother M. T. Scott at bank at Jesup to clear his account and transfer to Jarmon G. Day, the new treasurer.
- Aug. 4: Had treasurer's books audited and helped Bro. Day set up a new bookkeeping system.
- Aug. 19: Met with Bro. Swauger and Bro. Wagnon to make plans for a Sunday School and Youth Rally tour.
- Aug. 25-29: Solicited funds with Bro. Swauger for youth building.
- Aug. 27: Conducted prayer meeting at Cordele.
- Aug. 28: Conducted service at Ashburn.
- Sept. 8-11: Bought beds at Hunter Air Force base for the camp, and hauled to Odum.
- Sept. 14: Preached at Little Rock Camp.
- Sept. 16: Quarterly Meeting at Laurens.
- Sept. 17: Quarterly meeting at Cordele.
- Sept. 17: Rev. W. L. Snellgrove joined another body and requested to be dropped from the roll.
- Sept. 18: Quarterly meeting at Ashburn.
- Sept. 19: Quarterly meeting at Tifton.
- Sept. 22: Quarterly meeting at Savannah.
- Sept. 23: Quarterly meeting at Wayne.
- Sept. 24: Quarterly meeting at Brunswick.
- Sept. 25: Quarterly meeting at Sterling.
- Sept. 26: Quarterly meeting at Hortense.
- Sept. 28: Dedicated Coffee Sunday School Units.
- Sept. 29: Quarterly meeting at Coffee.
- Sept. 30: Quarterly meeting at Crossroads.
- Oct. 1: Quarterly meeting at Waycross.
- Oct. 2: Quarterly meeting at Jesup.
- Oct. 5-11: Attended National Sunday School Convention at Des Moines, Iowa.
- Oct. 29: Met with Rev. V. A. Mitchell in Savannah to discuss the building project in Savannah.
- Nov. 2-9: Revival at Liberty Church.
- Nov. 11-23: Revival at Westerville, Ohio.
- Dec. 1: Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hughes joined another body and requested their names dropped from the roll.
- Dec. 13: Meeting of President's Advisory Board.
- Dec. 13: Hortense Area Ministers meeting at Liberty.
- Dec. 30-Jan. 1: Attended conference on Evangelism at Brooksville, Fla.
- Jan. 7: Quarterly meeting at Wayne.
- Jan. 8: Quarterly meeting at Hortense.
- Jan. 10: Ashburn District ministers' meeting at Cordele.
- Jan. 10: Quarterly meeting at Cordele.
- Jan. 11: A. M. Service at Cordele -- P. M. Service at Ashburn.
- Jan. 12: Quarterly meeting at Ashburn.
- Jan. 13: Quarterly meeting at Tifton.
- Jan. 14: Quarterly meeting at Crossroads.
- Jan. 15: Quarterly meeting at Mt. Pleasant.
- Jan. 16: Quarterly meeting at Savannah.
- Jan. 25: A.M. Service at Laurens and Quarterly meeting.
P.M. Service at Waycross.
- Jan. 26: Quarterly meeting at Waycross.
- Jan. 28: Quarterly meeting at Brunswick.
- Jan. 29: Quarterly meeting at Hortense.
- Feb. 13: Met with representative of Rilco Laminated Arch Co. in behalf of Savannah Church.
- Feb. 21: Work day at Ashburn camp grounds.
- Feb. 24-26: Attended Southern Area Ministers meeting at Central.
- Mar. 3: Conducted service at Coffee, and presented the pioneer plan.
- Mar. 4: Went to Hortense on business, then to Brunswick to arrange for the convention.
- Mar. 8: A.M. Service at Hortense -- P.M. Service at Liberty.
- Mar. 10: Quarterly meeting at Cordele.

Mar. 11: Quarterly meeting at Ashburn.
 Mar. 12: Quarterly meeting at Tifton.
 Mar. 17: Met with Committees of North and South Georgia Conferences on merger with Dr. H. K. Sheets, as Chairman.
 Mar. 17-19: Ministers and Layman's Institute at Brunswick.
 Mar. 18: Met with Committee on Vacancies.
 Mar. 24: Conducted service at Coffee. Discussed full time of the work with Bro. Carter.
 Mar. 31: Met with Sunday School Board at Cordele.
 April 1: Quarterly meeting at Savannah.
 April 2: Quarterly meeting at Waycross.
 April 3: Quarterly meeting at Crossroads.
 April 6: Quarterly meeting at Laurens.
 April 7: Quarterly meeting at Mt. Pleasant.
 April 8: Quarterly meeting at Brunswick.
 April 9: Quarterly meeting at Hortense.
 April 10: Quarterly meeting at Wayne.
 April 13--May 1: Began the construction of the Darien Church.
 April 22: Was called to Cordele for a business meeting concerning pastor.
 April 25: Worked on Jesup Church.
 May 7: Travelled to Ohio.
 May 11: Met in South Bend, Ind., and discussed the details of the package church for Savannah. Worked out some details as to the holdup of approved plans.
 May 12: Met with Dr. Sheets and Bro. Mitchell in Marion, Ind., to discuss plans for the conference.
 May 13-24: Revival at Coshocton, Ohio.
 May 27-June 7: Revival at Tifton, Ga.
 June 8: Quarterly meeting at Crossroads.
 June 9: Quarterly meeting at Ashburn.
 June 9: Rev. T. B. Rhodes resigned Cordele Church.
 June 10: Quarterly meeting at Cordele; met with pulpit supply.
 June 11: Quarterly meeting at Laurens.
 June 12: Quarterly meeting at Savannah; met with pulpit supply.
 June 14: Met with Bethlehem pulpit supply.
 June 15: Quarterly meeting at Waycross.
 June 16: Quarterly meeting at Mt. Pleasant.
 June 17: Quarterly meeting at Brunswick.
 June 18: Quarterly meeting at Hortense.
 June 19: Quarterly meeting at Wayne.
 June 19: Met with nominating committee.
 June 21-July 2: Attended General Conference at Houghton, N. Y.
 July 3: Conducted the funeral of Rev. L. C. Douthit.

I supplied the Jesup work this year at the advice of the conference, so as to be able to work out some problems that had developed there. It is good to report that the work has gone smoothly with full cooperation. I have not received any finance from the work as it was a pioneer field, and because of my being employed as a full time president, all funds were put into the local work.

I have published seven issues of the "Conference President's Reporter."

I have built a new vestibule on the Jesup church and made other minor repairs.

I have started the construction of the Darien Church. Also, more building was done to the President's Parsonage as funds allowed. More is to be done to complete the building.

I have conducted four revivals this year.

Conference Property Improvements

Brunswick- bought lovely new pews for their church, installed a dehumidifier, and a public address system with recorded music amplified both inside and out.
Cordele- Sheet rocked and painted the inside of parsonage; also put a new roof on the church. There are also plans to build a new Sunday School unit.
Sterling- Built a new Sunday School wing to their building.
Darien- Has started the construction of a new brick building.
Jesup- Built new brick steps in front of the church and put down a new floor.
Sylvester- Built new brick steps in front of the church and put down a new floor.
Crossroads- Added more units to their gas heating system.
Liberty-(Turner Co.) Built a new concrete block church. It is a lovely building with two Sunday School rooms.
Waycross- Has money and plans to build new rest rooms.
Ashburn Camp- Remodeled the dining hall and built rest rooms.
Savannah now has approved blueprints to begin their new church.
Coffee- Has \$400.00 on hand for new pews.

Financial Report

Received:

From conference budget.	\$ 2080.00
Home Missions Dept.....	825.00
Revivals	650.00
Offerings for travel expenses.	300.10
For General Conference Travel.	102.00
Gifts.	135.00
Office Expense Allotment.	50.00

Total received.\$4142.10

Disbursements:

Travel expense.	\$ 2506.20
Miles travelled, 41, 770 @ 6¢ per mile.	
Office expense.	56.35
Total expense.	\$ 2562.55
Amount of salary received for labors after expense is taken out-	
Balance	\$ 1579.55

Respectfully submitted;

W. M. Phillippe, Jr.

Conference President.

Report No. 3

EDUCATION

It has been said that "a little learning is a dangerous thing." That is true, if the learning goes to the head, giving the student a "better than thou" attitude. Education is also dangerous if the chief aim is to make money. "The love of money is the root of all evil."

Education is profitable if the individual is made better by it. When an individual becomes better, he or she in turn has a tendency to make others better. Our schools teach that the student should prefer others before themselves. The chief aim is to seek and win the lost to Christ.

Our schools teach the idea of Christian fellowship, the art of getting along together. This is one of the greatest needs of these perilous times. The leading nations of the earth are trying to reach this goal but are failing to do so, because they are depending on the human.

While it is true that our schools put the major stress on deep spirituality, it is also true that the secular side of life is not neglected. It is a fact that there is a big demand for the students that finish these schools. Let us back a school that is deeply spiritual, and at the same time teaches how to make a living on an equal basis with other schools.

C. M. Payne,

Henry F. Williams.

Report No. 4

CHILD EVANGELISM

This has been a very profitable year in our children's work in our conference. 11 Timothy 3:15. "And that from a child Thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." I like this scripture because we as Christians can plant the Word of God into little hearts if we will only mind God and do His will.

I have contacted 12 churches this year, a total of 1200 miles and with a very good response, I think. We have formed six new Bible Clubs with eight taking the course of study. I have taken 20 new subscriptions to the Bible Crusader News. I have graded 23 examinations and given 23 certificates. I have received for my expenses \$ 39.60. My car expenses were \$ 72.00 and postal expense \$ 2.06.

I have been so pleased with the good news that our Sunday Schools were growing because of our Bible Clubs. I would like to express my appreciation for your cooperation this year. May we have bigger and better Bible Clubs in the very near future.

I recommend to the conference that the ones taking the course of study reimburse all postage to Child Evangelism Director.

Mrs. R. N. Cooley,

Director of Child Evangelism.

Report No. 5

COMMITTEE ON THANKS

The Committee on Thanks wish to express our thanks to each and every one that helped in preparing delicious meals and to all who have helped in improving the camp grounds and buildings, and in making the conference a success.

Mrs. Mamie Carter

PROPOSED TEXT FOR
THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF AMERICA

Preamble

In order that we may wisely preserve and pass on to posterity the heritage of doctrine and principles of Christian living transmitted to us as evangelicals in the Arminian Wesleyan tradition, and to insure church order by sound principles of ecclesiastical polity, and to prepare the way for more effective cooperation with other branches of the Church of Christ in all that makes for the advancement of God's kingdom among men, we, the ministers and lay members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America meeting in official assemblies, do hereby ordain, establish, and set forth as the fundamental law, or constitution, of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America the articles of religion, rules of Christian living, privileges and conditions of church membership, and articles of organization and government, here following.

Article I. Name.

The name of this communion is the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America.

Article II. Articles of Religion.

(Same as in present Wesleyan Methodist Discipline.)

Article III. General Rules.

It is expected of those who are admitted to our churches that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation:

First, by doing no harm by avoiding evil of every kind, especially that which is most generally practiced, such as--

The taking of the name of God in vain.

The profaning of the day of the Lord, either by doing ordinary work therein, or by buying or selling.

Drunkenness, or the manufacturing, buying, selling or using intoxicating liquors, unless for mechanical, chemical, or medicinal purposes, or in any way intentionally and knowingly aiding others to do so.

The buying or selling of men, women, or children, with an intention to enslave them, or holding them as slaves, or claiming that it is right to do so.

The giving or taking things on usury, i.e. unlawful interest.

Fighting, quarreling, brawling, brother going to law with brother, returning evil for evil, or railing for railing. The using many words in buying or selling.

The buying or selling goods that have not paid the duty.

Uncharitable or unprofitable conversation.

Doing to others as we would not they should do unto us.

Doing what we know is not for the glory of God, as--

The putting on of gold and costly apparel.

The wearing of apparel which does not modestly and properly clothe the person.

The taking of such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus.

The singing those songs or reading those books which do not tend to the knowledge or love of God.

Softness and needless self-indulgence.

Laying up treasure upon the earth.

Borrowing without a probability of paying, or taking up goods without a probability of paying for them.

It is expected of all who continue in these churches that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation:

Secondly, by doing good, by being in every kind merciful after their power, as they have opportunity, doing good of every possible sort, and as far as possible to all men.

To their bodies, of the ability which God giveth, by giving food to the hungry, by clothing the naked, by visiting or helping them that are sick or in prison.

To their souls, by instructing, reproving or exhorting all we have any intercourse with, trampling under foot that enthusiastic that "we are not to do good unless our hearts be free to it."

By doing good, especially to them that are of the household of faith, or groaning so to be; employing them preferably to others, buying one of another, helping each other in business; and so much the more because the world will love its own, and them only.

By all possible diligence and frugality, that the gospel be not blamed, by running with patience the race which is set before them, denying themselves, and taking up their cross daily; submitting to bear the reproach of Christ, to be as the filth and offscouring of the world; and looking that men should say all manner of evil of them falsely for the Lord's sake.

It is expected of all who desire to continue in these churches that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation:

Thirdly, by attending upon all the ordinances of God, such as:

The public worship of God.

The ministry of the Word either read or expounded.

The supper of the Lord.

Family and private prayer.

Searching the Scriptures, and fasting or abstinence.

Further, by abstaining from membership in secret societies. We will on no account tolerate our ministers and members in joining or holding fellowship with Secret Societies, as, in the judgment of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, it is inconsistent with our duties to God to hold such relations.

"Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort, and in secret have I said nothing.;; John 18:20.

"Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, He is in the desert; go not forth: Behold He is in the secret chamber, believe it not.11 Mark- 24: 26.

"But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath; but let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation." James 5: 12.

Also see: Lev. 5:4,5; Isa. 29:15; Matt. 5: 34-36; 15:13; John 3:19,20; 2 Cor. 4: 1,2; and 6: 14-18; Eph. 5: 11,12; I John 4: 2,3.

(Note: This rule on secret societies does not prevent our members from affiliating with unions organized for the purpose of protecting their industrial interests where Christian principles are not violated, and where such principles are violated members shall be dealt with because of such violation, and not because of membership in the union.)

Further by abstaining from the use of tobacco. In the judgment of the Wesleyan Methodist Church the use of tobacco is a great evil, and unbecoming a Christian, and a waste of the Lord's money, and a defilement of the body, which should be the temple of the Holy Ghost. We do, therefore, most earnestly require our members to refrain from its cultivation, manufacture, and sale, and to abstain from its use in all forms, for Jesus' sake.

We will not receive as members into our churches nor will we ordain or license to preach or extort, persons who use, cultivate, manufacture, or sell tobacco. Using tobacco by a member of a church or of an Annual Conference after being received from this dare (June 28, 1927) is a violation of the law of the church, and the offending party should be dealt with according to the Judiciary Rules.

Further, by observing the teachings of Scripture regarding marriage and divorce. We regard adultery as the only justifiable cause for divorce. In case of divorce for such cause the innocent party may marry again; but the guilty party has by his or her act forfeited membership in the church. In the case of divorce for other cause neither party shall be

permitted to marry again during the lifetime of the other, and violation of this law shall be punished by expulsion from the church (Matt. 5:32, Mark 10: 11, 12.) In the carrying out of these principles, guilt shall be established in accordance with judicial procedures set forth in the Discipline.

These are the General Rules of our churches; all of which we are taught of God to observe, even in His written Word, which is the only rule and the sufficient rule both of our faith and practice. And all these we know His Spirit writes on truly awakened hearts. If there be any among us who observe them not, who habitually break any of them, let it be known unto them who watch over that soul, as they who must give an account. We will admonish him of the error of his ways. We will bear with him for a season. But if then he repent not, he hath no more place among us; we have delivered our own souls.

Article IV. Elementary Principles.

A. A Christian church is a society of believers in Jesus Christ, assembling in any place for religious worship, and is of divine institution.

B. Christ is the only head of the Church, and the Word of God, the only rule of faith and conduct.

C. No person who loves the Lord Jesus Christ, and obeys the Gospel of God our Saviour, ought to be deprived of church membership.

D. Every man has an inalienable right to private judgment in matters of religion, and an equal right to express his opinion in any way which will not violate the laws of God or the rights of his fellow men.

E. All church trials should be conducted on Gospel principles only; and no minister or member should be excommunicated except for immorality, the propagation of unchristian doctrines, or for neglect of duties enjoined by the Word of God.

F. The pastoral or ministerial office and duties are of divine appointment; and all elders in the Church of God are equal, but ministers are forbidden to lord over God's heritage, or to have dominion over the faith of the saints.

G. The Church has a right to form and enforce such rules and regulations only as are in accordance with the Holy Scriptures, and may be necessary or have a tendency to carry into effect the great system of practical Christianity.

H. Whatever power may be necessary to the formation of rules and regulations is inherent in the ministers and members of the Church; but so much of that power may be delegated from time to time, upon a plan of representation, as they may judge necessary and proper.

I. It is the duty of all ministers and members of the Church to maintain Godliness and to oppose all moral evil.

J. It is obligatory upon ministers of the Gospel to be faithful in the discharge of their pastoral and ministerial duties; and it is also obligatory upon the members to esteem ministers highly for their work's sake, and to render them a righteous compensation for their labors.

Article V. Membership.

The privileges and conditions of full membership in the church are constitutional, and changes therein may be made only by constitutional enactment. The General Conference may at its own discretion establish categories of membership other than full membership. Nothing shall be included in the membership ritual that is contrary to the following definitions, conditions, and privileges of membership.

The conditions of full membership are:

A. Confession of a personal experience in regeneration, and a pledge to seek diligently until sanctified wholly if that experience has not been attained.

B. Christian baptism.

C. Acceptance of the Articles of Religion, the General Rules, the Elementary Principles, and the authority of the Discipline in matters of church government.

D. A covenant to support the church, to live in fellowship with the members thereof, and to seek God's glory in all things.

E. The approving vote of a majority of the members of the receiving church who are present and voting, provided that when objections are urged against the reception of a member, it shall require a vote of three fourths of those present and voting to receive.

The right of full Membership are:

A. The fellowship of the saints and the encouragement, admonition, and spiritual guidance of the ministry.

B. The access to the sacraments and ordinances of the church.

C. The right to vote and the eligibility to hold any office for which a person in full membership is eligible, if not under discipline.

D. The right to trial and appeal if charged with failure to maintain the conditions of membership, with the specific provision that joining another religious sect shall of itself sever membership in the church.

Church Membership may be terminated only by one of the following:

A. Voluntary withdrawal.

B. Joining another religious body or a secret order.

C. Exclusion after proper trial and conviction.

D. Persistent neglect of church relationship as defined by the Discipline.

Article VI. The Ministry.

The General Conference shall from time to time enact provisions for the training, qualification, and ordination of the ministry. Every Wesleyan Methodist minister must be a member of some Wesleyan Methodist Church, and each elder must be a member of an annual conference. An elder is a minister of the Gospel fully invested with all the functions of the Christian ministry. The constitutional rights of ministers in the Wesleyan Methodist Church if not under discipline, shall include the following:

A. To preach the Gospel and in the case of ordained elders to administer baptism and the Lord's supper, to perform all parts of divine worship, and to solemnize the rite of matrimony.

B. To be eligible, in the case of ordained elders, for election to any office in the church for which elders are eligible.

C. To contract the pastoral relationship with local Wesleyan Methodist Churches, subject sub-sections 1,2 below.)

D. To enjoy the use for religious meetings of the church building or buildings of the pastoral charge to which he has been appointed by the annual conference.

E. To serve his assigned pastoral charge without interference by unauthorized activities of another minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

F. To transfer in the manner prescribed by the Discipline, from one annual conference to another, subject to reception by the annual conference to which he transfers.

G. To have recourse, even if under Discipline, to a proper court of jurisdiction in any decision of such court.

Article VII. Organization and Government.

A. Pastoral Charges.

The members of the denomination shall be grouped into local churches, one or more of which shall constitute a pastoral charge. The following are the constitutional rights of each pastoral charge:

1. To receive and expel or discontinue members subject to the provisions of the Discipline. This right vests severally in each local church.

2. To call its own pastor, subject to confirmation by the annual conference.

3. To grant licenses to preach and exhort and take away the same.

4. To recommend local preachers and special workers to the annual conference.

5. To elect its own officers and to remove the same for cause. No pastor or other official has any right to appoint an officer or declare an office vacant. This right belongs to the church alone, and vests severally in each local church.

6. To elect trustees and through such trustees to supervise, control, and maintain its property for the use and benefit of the ministry and members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America and subject to its regulations and appointments as from time to time legislated and declared. This right vests severally in each local church.

7. To be represented in the voting membership of its annual conference if not under discipline.

8. To have recourse to a proper court of jurisdiction in any matters of controversy between itself and other local conference or general units or agencies of the denomination. This right vests severally in each local church.

B. The Annual Conference.

The General Conference shall organize the work at large into annual conferences, which shall operate its jurisdiction and promote the interests of the denomination, whose voting membership shall include the following: All elders on the stationed, reserve, and superannuated lists; all conference preachers elected to elders' orders; all conference preachers serving as pastors of organized Wesleyan Methodist Churches; lay delegates elected by organized Wesleyan Methodist Churches as provided in the Discipline. In addition the annual conference shall include such non-voting members as the Discipline shall provide. The principle of equal representation of the ministry and the laity in the annual conference sessions shall be maintained.

In transacting the business of the annual conference the ministers and lay members shall deliberate as one body; but on the final vote on any question, at the call of one fourth of the members, the house shall divide, and the ministers and lay members shall vote separately; and it shall require a majority vote of each branch to pass any question upon which the division has been called.

The constitutional rights of each annual conference shall include the following:

1. The right to take charge of all the ministers and churches within its bounds except such of the general officers of the church as the General Conference shall define (who shall be amenable to the Board of Administration for their official conduct and to their annual conferences for their moral character), and subject to the right of the ministers and churches to enter into pastoral engagements for one year from the next session of the annual conference, or to contract the pastoral relationship at any time during the interval of the sessions of the annual conference when this does not interrupt any arrangement which was sanctioned by the annual conference at its previous session.

2. To alter the agreement entered into by any pastor and charge when it deems this to be for the best interest of the charge or pastor involved or when the general interest of the conference work would be better served by such a change, provided that any such alteration of a previous arrangement between a pastor and church shall be separately reported and passed by the vote of the conference to be effective.

3. To elect and ordain elders, and to receive elders from other denominations subject to the restrictions of the Discipline.

4. To receive or decline local preachers and special workers recommended to it by the pastoral charges within its bounds.

5. To organize and receive local churches within the boundaries of the territory assigned to it by the General Conference, and to fix the boundaries of its circuits and stations.

6. To take such actions and adopt such rules as it shall judge necessary to promote the interests and prosperity of the church and to amend or rescind the same, provided it shall not contravene any provision of the constitution or of the Discipline, and provided further that if three members of an annual conference shall take exception to its action on the ground that it violates this restriction, they may make an appeal therefrom through the channels prescribed by the Discipline.

7. To elect its own officers as outlined in the Discipline, and to dismiss for cause.

8. To elect in the manner prescribed by the Discipline its own board of trustees and through them to receive, hold, encumber, and dispose of all local church and conference property within the bounds of the conference, according to the provisions of the Discipline and the laws of the state. All properties held by the annual conference shall be held in trust for the use and benefit of the ministry and members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America and subject to its regulations and appointments as from time to time legislated and declared.

9. To be represented in the lay and the ministerial voting membership of the General Conference, if not under discipline.

10. To have recourse to a proper court of jurisdiction in any matters of controversy between itself and other conference, local, or general units or agencies of the denomination.

C. General Conference Membership.

The General Conference shall be composed of an equal number of elders and laymen elected by the several annual conferences, and of such general conference officials as the General Conference may establish by legislation, provided that it shall at the same time enact provisions to secure such further representation as shall be necessary to continue the principle of equal lay and ministerial membership.

D. General Conference Delegates.

1. Each annual conference, if not under discipline, shall be entitled to send one elder and one layman as delegates to the General Conference and additional ministerial and lay delegates according to membership on a basis of representation to be fixed by General Conference.

2. The delegates shall be elected by ballot. The ministerial delegates must be elders, and at the time of their election, as also at the time of General Conference, must be members of the Annual Conference which elected them.

3. The lay delegates shall be chosen from the members of the church in full relation within the bounds of the annual conference they represent, and at the time of the General Conference they must be members of a church within the bounds of the annual conference which elected them.

E. General Conference Sessions.

1. The General Conference shall meet quadrennially on a date specified by the Discipline and at such place as shall have been determined by the preceding General Conference. However, in case of emergency the Board of Administration shall have power to change both time and place of the General Conference.

2. The President or other elected officer of the General Conference, whenever two thirds of the annual conferences shall request it, or the Board of Administration, by such vote as the General Conference shall determine, shall call an extra session of the General Conference, fixing the place thereof and the time of assembly later than the next ensuing session of each annual conference.

F. Presidency of the General Conference.

The General Conference shall elect by ballot one or more traveling elders to the work of general superintendency, to which office it may assign any suitable title, and the same shall preside at the various sittings of the General Conference in such order as these may determine; but in case no general superintendent be present, the General Conference shall elect by ballot an elder as president pro tem. A general superintendent's term shall begin on the date determined by the General Conference.

G. Other Officers.

The General Conference shall elect by ballot a secretary and such other officers as it shall decide upon.

H. Board of Administration.

1. There shall be a Board of Administration to carry out the will of the General Conference during the quadrennium. Such board shall be made up of the general superintendents, and an equal number of elders and laymen chosen by the General Conference to represent equitably the several administrative areas of the church. The number of the representative members of the Board of Administration shall be set by the General Conference. In addition to the foregoing, the General Conference shall have power to assign ex officio membership on the Board of Administration to such elected officials as it shall deem advisable.

2. The Board of Administration shall have general supervision of all the activities of the church during the intervals of the General Conference, and shall constitute or create the basic board of control of each and all of the Wesleyan Methodist societies and institutions now incorporated or hereafter incorporated under the laws of any state of the United States or of any province of Canada or under any other jurisdiction where such is permitted by the laws of said jurisdiction.

I. General Conference Quorum.

At all times when the General Conference is in session, it shall require a majority of all the delegates elected by the annual conference to form a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time, until a quorum is obtained.

J. General Conference Voting.

The ministers and lay members shall deliberate in the sessions of the General Conference as one body, but upon the final vote on any question except proposed amendments to the constitution, on a call of one fourth of the members, the house shall divide and ministers and lay members shall vote separately; and it shall require a majority vote of each branch to pass any question upon which the division has been called.

Article VIII. Powers and Restrictions of General Conference.

The General Conference shall have power to designate a criterion for parliamentary procedure for itself and for the other bodies of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. The General Conference shall have full power to elect its officers and the general officials of the church and to define their duties and responsibilities, and to make and administer rules and regulations for the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America subject to the constitution and the following restrictions:

1. It shall not have power to revoke, alter, or change our Articles of Religion, Elementary Principles, or any General Rule or the conditions of membership, or to establish any standards of doctrine contrary to our present existing and established standards of doctrine.

2. It shall not change or alter any part of our government, so as to destroy the principle of equal representation of ministers and laymen in the representative bodies of the church; or to do away with the right of each General Conference to elect its own officers, or the maintenance of an itinerant ministry.

3. It shall make no rule that shall deny any church the right to receive, discontinue or expel its own members subject to their right of appeal; or to elect and remove its own officers; or that shall deny to preachers and churches initial negotiations concerning the same.

4. It shall make no rule that will discriminate against any member or minister on account of ancestry or color. This shall not be interpreted to encourage racial intermarriage.

5. It shall make no rule that will interfere with the supervision of established annual conferences (in distinction from mission conferences) over the ministers and churches within their bounds, except those ministers whom the General Conference makes amendable to itself because of election to the work of the general church.

6. It shall not have the power to deprive any member or minister of the right of trial by an impartial committee, or of the right of appeal.

Article IX. The Supreme Judiciary.

1. There shall be a judicial council to be known as the Board of Review whose number of members, qualifications, terms of office, and method of election shall be determined by the General Conference.

2. The Board of Review shall have authority:

- a. To determine the constitutionality of any act of the General Conference upon appeal of the General Superintendents, or one-fifth the members of the General Conference.
- b. To hear and determine any appeal from the decisions of the general superintendents as to the constitutionality of an action by an annual conference or upon a point of church law.
- c. To hear and determine the legality of any action by any general church board upon appeal of one-third the members thereof, or by request of the general superintendents.
- d. To settle questions in dispute between annual conferences upon appeal by a two-thirds vote of a conference that claims it has a grievance against another conference.
- e. To determine the validity of any complaints against books used in the course of study or in our schools.

3. A decision of the Board of Review shall be final unless the General Conference votes to overrule the same by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting.

Article X. Amendments to the Constitution.

Upon the recommendation of a two-thirds majority of all the members of the several annual conference who shall be present and vote on a proposed change of any matter involving the Constitution and upon concurrent recommendation of a two-thirds majority of all the members of the local churches who shall be present and vote on the same, the next ensuing General Conference may by a two-thirds majority vote ratify the same and it shall become constitutional law. Also when the General Conference shall originate and recommend by a two-thirds majority vote any such change, as soon as a two-thirds majority of the members of the several annual conferences and a two-third majority of all the members of the churches present and voting shall have concurred, then the same shall be declared constitutional law.

Report No. 7

Committee on Itineracy and Elders' Orders

The following Brethren, having passed at least two books this year, are recommended to continue to study and travel under the direction of the conference: G. E. Akridge, R. N. Cooley, James Griffin, J. L. Hilliard, H. J. Lewis, W. H. Morris, and Robert Wagon.

We further recommend that Joseph G. Phillippe study in college under the direction of conference; that Mrs. H. J. Lewis, as an elder on trial, pass the examination on Wesleyan Methodist Church History; that Mitchell A. Walker begin to study and travel under the direction of the conference.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. M. Phillippe, Sr.
Dennis Carter
C. M. Payne
P. L. Swauger

Report No. 8

PENSION PLAN TREASURER'S REPORT

Conference Budget Assigned.	\$ 558.00
Conference Budget Paid.	558.00
Membership Fee's Assessed.	142.04
Membership Fee's Paid.	117.74
Total Membership & Budget Assigned.	700.04
Total Membership & Budget Paid.	675.74
Total Paid to Beneficiaries.	\$ 2,550.00

W. M. Phillippe, Sr.
Treasurer.

Report No. 9

Tithing Report

Tithing is not only our duty, it is a wonderful privilege God has given us. This is the way He has of supporting His wonderful Kingdom here on earth.

If we will follow the tithing plan laid down in the Bible, we will have no trouble in supporting the church with its general and local interests.

Every member of our Wesleyan Churches has taken a vow to support his church as God prospers him. It is the pastor's duty under God's anointing to present and keep before his people, their opportunities and responsibilities in this matter.

May we be good stewards, and glorify God with our tithes and offerings.

Thomas B. Rhodes

Report No. 10

EDUCATION

Inasmuch as Central Wesleyan College is the Church School of our area, it is primarily our obligation.

Central Wesleyan College is now in the process of becoming an accredited four year college. This is a wonderful step forward and deserves our support in every way, especially by soliciting students from our churches and communities. It is important that we encourage young people to take advantage of opportunities offered them for a Christian Education.

Central Wesleyan College is, also, launching a Fund Raising Campaign for needed improvements and additional buildings. When this campaign is launched in our conference, let us give it our fullest cooperation.

Most of all, let us support our church schools and those who give so freely of their time to train our youth, with our loyalty and prayers.

Thomas B. Rhodes, Chairman

Report No. 11.

MORAL REFORM

We, the Committee on Moral Reform, wish to express some of our sincere thoughts on this subject.

As already been mentioned in our Conference President's Report, America is festering with crime and immorality. This being the best nation in the world, and has been known as "Christian America" for so long, how it grieves us to see our beloved nation failing so fast, because of such an increase of such sins as drinking, use of tobacco, dope, nudeness, and etc., degrading the moral condition of our country. How it must grieve the heart of God, as He looks down upon this earth, and the people, that He created in beauty, for His own glory, to see it darkened by so much sin and immorality.

We do not know of anyone who is more responsible, and eligible to undertake the task of helping in this dark situation, than the people of God. Because they have been enlightened by the Gospel to know better, and we have been commissioned by Jesus to be lights in the world, to point them to Him, the Lamb of God, who came to take away the sins of the world, by lifting up a standard before the people.

Let us as a church, live so close to the heart of God, preach and teach the truth, and keep the faith, so our lights will shine bright in this dark time of indecent morals and sin. So others, especially our younger generation, will be saved from it, and be able to know God, so the church can keep moving on triumphantly. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Mae Davis,
Laura Black

Report No. 12

ASHBURN CAMP MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT

Brought forward.	\$ 53.02
Paid in during year.	1322.55
Total.	\$1375.57
Paid out.	\$1363.93
Balance in treas.	\$ 12.64

G. E. Akridge, Treasurer.

Report No. 13
CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

	CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	CASH RECEIVED	TRANSFER INTO	TRANSFER FROM	CASH PAID OUT	VOUCHERS	BALANCE
Foreign Missions	\$	\$291.05	\$	\$	\$291.05	\$387.03	\$00.00
Home Missions		310.29			310.29	96.07	
Education	150.64	685.38			831.02	60.50	5.00
Superannuated Pen. Plan		557.78	.22		558.00		
Orphanage		71.00			71.00	22.00	
Gen. Conf. Travel Exp.		211.49			190.01		21.48
Administrative Bud.		164.16			164.16		
Gen. S. S. Work		51.50			51.50		
Australia		76.64			76.64		
President's Sal.	13.41	1,835.25	260.00		2,080.00		28.66
Conf. Work Fund	156.63	334.00		160.22	218.12		112.29
Minutes	132.21	185.50		100.00	155.09		62.62
Conf. Extension	526.05	157.95		511.30	125.00		47.70
Ashburn Camp	9.30	340.42			349.72		
Tent Fund	243.21			243.21	(Transferred to Pioneer Fund)		
S. Ga. President's Par.	238.56	1216.44	255.00		1,482.94		227.06
Monthly Allowance		1490.00			1,490.00		
Pioneer Fund	253.67	208.00	499.51		952.18		9.00
Cash Grant-Sterling	250.00				250.00		
International H.Q. Bldg.		50.00			50.00		
Savannah Bldg. Fund		1300.00					1300.00
TOTALS	\$1,973.68	\$9,536.85	\$1,014.73	\$1,014.73	\$9,696.72	\$565.60	\$1,813.81

Report No. 14.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Ashburn	Mitchell A. Walker
Bethlehem.	Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Lewis
Brunswick.	W. M. Phillippe, Sr.
Coffee.	Dennis Carter
Cordele.	M. L. Arnold
Crossroads Charge-(Crossroads & Sylvester).	G. E. Akridge
Darien.	R. N. Cooley
Hortense Charge-(Hortense, Philadelphia, Oak Grove, and Browntown.	Robert Wagnon
Jesup.	Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Lewis
Laurens Charge-(Browning and Little Rock).	J. L. Hilliard
Liberty Church-(Wayne Co.).	W. M. Phillippe, Jr.
Liberty Church-(Turner Co.).	C. M. Payne
Mt. Pleasant Church.	Dennis Carter (Supply)
Savannah	P. L. Swauger
Tifton.	James Griffin
Waycross.	In hands of President
Sterling Mission.	W. H. Morris

Conference President; W. M. Phillippe, Jr.

Superannuated: R. C. Crossman, Mrs. G. H. Doty, H. R. Gunby, E. C. Moon

Unstationed Elders; W. W. Wigglesworth.

We recommend that an offering for traveling expenses be taken at each visit by the President; and that the President hold four quarterly meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. Phillippe, Jr.
E. C. Moon
W. M. Phillippe, Sr.
P. L. Swauger
R. C. Harrell
Henry Williams
Okay Highsmith

Report No. 15

Apportionment Report

		2.00	1.50	3.00	2.00	.35	1.00	.50		
	No. of Members	World Missions	Church Extension & Evangelism	Education	Superannuated Pension Plan	Hephzibah Home	Administrative Budget	General Conference Expense & Enter.	Board Meeting Expenses	General Sunday School Work
Ashburn	14	\$28.00	\$21.00	\$42.00	\$28.00	\$ 4.90	\$28.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 2.80
Bethlehem	12	24.00	18.00	36.00	24.00	4.20	12.00	6.00	3.00	2.40
Brunswick	79	158.00	118.50	237.00	158.00	27.65	79.00	39.50	19.75	15.80
Coffee	15	30.00	22.50	45.00	30.00	5.25	15.00	7.50	3.75	3.00
Cordale	19	38.00	28.50	57.00	38.00	6.65	19.00	9.50	4.75	3.80
Crossroads	23	46.00	34.50	69.00	46.00	8.05	23.00	11.50	5.75	4.60
Darien	5	10.00	7.50	15.00	10.00	1.75	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00
Hortense	42	84.00	63.00	126.00	84.00	14.70	42.00	21.00	10.50	8.40
Jesup	4	8.00	6.00	12.00	8.00	1.40	4.00	2.00	1.00	.80
Laurens	28	56.00	42.00	84.00	56.00	9.10	28.00	14.00	7.00	5.60
Liberty	40	80.00	60.00	120.00	80.00	14.00	40.00	20.00	10.00	8.00
Mt. Pleasant	41	82.00	61.50	123.00	82.00	14.35	41.00	20.50	10.25	8.20
Savannah	19	38.00	28.50	57.00	38.00	6.65	19.00	9.50	4.75	3.80
Tifton	12	24.00	18.00	36.00	24.00	4.20	12.00	6.00	3.00	2.40
Waycross	14	28.00	21.00	42.00	28.00	4.90	14.00	7.00	3.50	2.80
Totals	365	\$ 730.00	\$ 547.50	\$1095.00	\$730.00	\$127.75	\$365.00	\$182.50	\$91.25	\$ 73.00

Report No. 15

Apportionment Report

	.25	.25	5.00	1.50	1.00	.25	.10	19.15
	Australia	Brainerd Indian School	President's Salary	Conference Work	Ashburn Camp	Conference Extension	Conference Sunday School Work	Totals
Ashburn	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$ 70.00	\$ 21.00	\$14.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 1.40	\$ 268.10
Bethlehem	3.00	3.00	60.00	18.00	12.00	3.00	1.20	229.80
Brunswick	19.75	19.75	395.00	118.50	79.00	19.75	7.90	1512.85
Coffee	3.75	3.75	75.00	22.50	15.00	3.75	1.50	287.25
Cordale	4.75	4.75	95.00	28.50	19.00	4.75	1.90	363.85
Crossroads	5.75	5.75	115.00	34.50	23.00	5.75	2.30	440.45
Darien	1.25	1.25	25.00	7.50	5.00	1.25	.50	95.75
Hortense	10.50	10.50	210.00	63.00	42.00	10.50	4.20	804.50
Jesup	1.00	1.00	20.00	6.00	4.00	1.00	.40	76.60
Laurens	6.50	6.50	130.00	39.00	26.00	6.50	2.60	497.90
Liberty	10.00	10.00	200.00	60.00	40.00	10.00	4.00	229.80 +
Mt. Pleasant	10.25	10.25	205.00	61.50	41.00	10.25	4.10	785.15
Savannah	4.75	4.75	95.00	28.50	19.00	4.75	1.90	363.85
Tifton	3.00	3.00	60.00	18.00	12.00	3.00	1.20	229.80
Waycross	3.50	3.50	70.00	21.00	14.00	3.50	1.40	268.10
Totals	\$ 91.25	\$91.25	\$1825.00	\$547.50	\$365.00	\$91.25	\$ 36.50	\$ 6989.75

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA
WESLEYAN YOUTH
HELD AT
ASHBURN, GEORGIA
ON
JULY 18, 1959

OFFICERS

President -- Rev. P. L. Swanger, 5516 Harold St., Savannah, Ga.
Vice-President -- Rev. Robert Wagnon, Hortense, Ga.
Secretary -- Miss Annette Walker, 310 Gordon St., Ashburn, Ga.
Treasurer -- Mrs. W. M. Phillippe, Jr., Box 48, Odum, Ga.
Wesleyan Youth Solicitor -- Mrs. R. N. Cooley, Box 212, Darien, Ga.
District Chairmen: Hortense -- Rev. R. N. Cooley, -- Ashburn -- Rayford Kennedy.

LOCAL PRESIDENTS

Little Rock: Mrs. Harold Brooks, 406 Peach Tree St., Vidalia, Ga.
Mt. Pleasant - (Coffee)--Russell Greenway, Rt. 3, Alma, Ga.
Cordele -- Rayford Kennedy, Rt. 1, Cordele, Ga.
Brunswick -- Mrs. Mary Chafin, Brunswick, Ga.

WESLEYAN YOUTH

Daily Proceedings

The seventeenth annual W.Y. Conference convened at Ashburn, Ga., July 18, 1959 at 3 o'clock P. M. Our session was opened by our youth president, Rev. P. L. Swauger.

Brother Swauger led in song service, followed with prayer by Rev. E. C. Moon. For devotions Rev. Swauger read Acts 22: 15-16. He brought an inspiring message on Knowing, Seeing, and Hearing God's will.

Credentials were handed in and delegates were seated within the bar, which consisted of the first three rows of seats across the church in front. Delegates, Youth Presidents, and pastors were seated in the bar.

The President, Rev. Swauger, gave his report which was adopted.

Brother Swauger brought five standing rules which were adopted:

1. That every acting pastor be welcomed into the conference bar.
2. That the annual W. Y. Convention be held the last Saturday of Youth Camp.
3. That the conference year be from June 16 until June 15 of the following year.
4. That the conference W. Y. Executive Council make up the Youth Camp Committee.
5. That the W. Y. Conference dues be 50¢ per member.

Respectfully submitted,
P. L. Swauger.

The treasurer's report was read by the secretary in the absence of the treasurer. This report was adopted.

Rayford Kennedy and Addis Barden were elected as tellers and the following officers were elected:

President -- Rev. P. L. Swauger
Vice-President -- Rev. Robert Wagon
Secretary -- Miss Annette Walker
Treasurer -- Mrs. W. M. Phillippe, Jr.
Youth Solicitor -- Mrs. R. N. Cooley
District Chairman; Hortense -- Rev. R. N. Cooley; Ashburn -- Rayford Kennedy,
Alternate -- Rev. Mitchell Walker.

Local societies reported as follows: Little Rock, Mt. Pleasant, (Coffee), Savannah, Cordele, Brunswick. These reports were adopted.

It was voted to adjourn.

Reports

President's Report

With the song writer we declare: "Brother, we are treading where the saints have trod." There is a mingling sense of urgency and rich heritage and Divine Commission, as we look back upon the year's progress and forward to a new youth outreach. Past blessings and victories point to new faith and greater exploits.

May God grant that our souls shall be remarkably stirred and freshly fitted for Wesleyan Youth victories until Jesus comes.

In the past year I followed the work of the conference Wesleyan Youth with mailings, personal letters and visits. I spoke at four of the eight district youth rallies and traveled 2,310 miles at a cost to me of \$ 84.60. Office expense this year was \$ 9. 63. I received for travel expenses \$ 49.16; for office expenses, nothing.

Thankyou for the privilege of working with Youth. May God Bless every effort for His glory.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul L. Swauger.

Treasurer's Report

June, 1958, June, 1959

Money Collected:

Bal. in treasury beginning of year.	\$ 17.22
Total dues collected - First half.	17.34
Second half.	45.46
Total.	\$ 62.80
Missions Collected First half.	\$ 3.40
Second half.	5.30
Total.	\$ 8.70
Southern Area Dues First half.	\$.30
Second half.30
Total.	\$.60
Youth Week Offering for Wheaton, Ill.	\$ 4.00
Ashburn Building Fund.	\$ 174.84
Total	\$ 250.94

Money Paid Out:

Rev. McIntyre for dues -First half.	\$ 17.34
Second half.	45.46
Total.	\$ 62.80
Rev. McIntyre for Missions First half.	\$ 3.40
Second half.	5.30
Total.	\$ 8.70
Rev. Ponder Frederick - Southern Area Dues.	\$.60
For Church at Wheaton, Ill.	4.00
Rev. Akridge for Ashburn Building Fund.	174.84
For Conference Quiz Books and Desk Sets.	4.40
For Postage and Receipt Book.	1.85
Total paid out.	\$ 257.19
Brought forward.	\$ 17.22
Collected.	250.94
Paid out this year.	257.19
Balance in treasury.	\$ 10.97

(All receipts of money handled by treasurer filed in order in conference treasurer's books)

Ruby L. Day
Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE 1959
ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE
SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE

OFFICERS

President--Mrs. Nancy Swauger, 5516 Harold St. Savannah, Ga.
Vice President--Mrs. Fulton Carter, Rt. 1, Mershon, Ga.
Secretary--Mrs. Jean Day, Rt. 2, Old Jesup Highway, Brunswick, Ga.
Treasurer--Mrs. R. N. Cooley, Box 212, Darien, Ga.
Y. M. W. B. Supt.--Mrs. Nathan Poppell, Rt. 1, Odum, Ga.
Woman's World Fellowship Secretary--Mrs. James R. Tedders, Rt. 1, Cordele, Ga.
Wesleyan Missionary Solicitor--Mrs. Mitchell Walker, 310 Gordon St., Ashburn, Ga.
Mission Study Secretary--Mrs. J. D. Day, Rt. 3, Brunswick, Ga.

W. M. S. LOCAL PRESIDENTS

Mrs. C. M. Payne, Sycamore, Ga.
Mrs. J. C. Tyre, Rt. 1, Mershon, Ga.
Mrs. Eula Mae Highsmith, 2823 Union St., Brunswick, Ga.
Mrs. Pearl Robinson, Rt. 3, Jesup, Ga.
Mrs. J. M. Roberson, Hortense, Ga.
Mrs. James D. Griffin, 101 E. 8th St., Tifton, Ga.
Mrs. H. F. Williams, Rt. 1, Helena, Ga.
Mrs. Lucille Crawford, 2203 Fernwood Court, Savannah, Ga.
Mrs. James R. Tedders, Rt. 1, Cordele, Ga.
Mrs. Winton Harris, Rt. 1, Screven, Ga.
Mrs. Ruby Glosson, Rt. 4, Alma, Ga.

W. Y. STATISTICAL REPORT

	ACTIVE MEMBERS	Associate Members	Efficiency Rating	W. Y. Subscriptions	General Dues	Conference Dues	Southern Area Dues	Church Extension	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Local Work	Other Items	Total Receipts Plus Balance	Total Disbursements	Cash On Hand	
CORDELE	9			12	\$18.72	\$6.00	\$1.20		\$10.00	\$1.62	\$66.49		\$107.11	\$104.03	\$3.08	
BRUNSWICK	20	5		16	13.00			3.00			22.92	35.00	85.72	73.92	11.80	
SAVANNAH				7		11.88			9.00		34.36	.60	55.84	55.84	0	
COFFEE	15	3	B	4	18.06	6.06	1.20		3.90	6.35	4.25	34.85	74.73	74.73	0	
MT. PLEASANT	10	12		8	6.00						5.00		16.10	11.00	5.10	
LITTLE ROCK	6	5	B		3.00								4.66	3.00	1.66	
TOTALS	60	25		47	55.78	26.94		3.00	22.90	8.02	103.02	70.45	344.16	322.52	21.64	

ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES AND PRESIDENTS

Mrs. G. E. Akridge, Ashburn
Mrs. J. D. Day, Brunswick
Mrs. R. N. Cooley, Cordele
Mrs. Harold Brooks, Little Rock
Mrs. G. H. Doty, Tifton
Mrs. Allie Dean, Mt. Pleasant
Mrs. J. B. Crawford, Savannah
Mrs. Flossie Fletcher, Tifton
Mrs. Bessie Daniels, Waycross
Mrs. Thomas Rhodes, Bethlehem
Mrs. F. H. Harris, Liberty
Mrs. J. J. Glosson, Mt. Pleasant
Mrs. Pearl Robinson, Bethlehem
Mrs. James Tedders, Cordele
Mrs. J. C. Tyre, Coffee
Mrs. Ruby Slosson, Mt. Pleasant
Mrs. Dennis Carter, Waycross
Mrs. Lois Poppell, Y. M. W. B. Supt.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Morning

The South Georgia Conference of the W. M. S. convened for its annual session, Tuesday morning, July 7, 1959 at the Ashburn Church.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Mrs. Fulton Carter. We were led in singing "Bring Them In" by Mrs. R. N. Cooley. The devotional was given by Mrs. Carter, who used the Ninety-Ninth Psalm as her Scripture reading. Mrs. Allie Dean led in prayer. Mrs. Carter also reviewed the devotionals and highlights of the General Conference held in Houghton, New York.

The Conference was organized with the presentation of credentials. The conference bar was designated as the first four seats. Eighteen delegates and local presidents from the societies were seated and answered the roll call.

The nominating committee was elected as follows: Mrs. R. N. Cooley, Chairman, Mrs. Lucille Carter, and Mrs. James Tedders.

The report of the President was read by Mrs. Fulton Carter in the absence of Mrs. Nancy Swauger.

A report was given of the General Conference by the Conference delegate, Mrs. Naomi Rhodes. She outlined important changes and presented the Plan of Work for the next four years.

We adjourned for lunch by limitation of time.

Tuesday Afternoon

The afternoon session met at 2:00 with the singing of "Send The Light". We were led in prayer by Mrs. Dennis Carter.

The business session was called to order by the Vice President. The roll was called by the Secretary.

The Nominating Committee gave the following report which was adopted:

Auditing: Mrs. Pearl Robinson, Mrs. Angelo Brooks, Mrs. G. E. Akridge.

Statistical : Mrs. James Tedders, Mrs. Nathan Poppell, Mrs. J. C. Tyre.

Memorials: Mrs. J. L. Glosson, Mrs. Leon Daniels.

Thanks: Mrs. J. D. Day, Mrs. Allie Dean.

Post Office: Mrs. M. A. Walker, Mrs. Lucille Carter.

Courtesy: Mrs. J. D. Day.

Reports were given from the following societies: Tifton, Hortense, Brunswick, Mt. Pleasant, Coffee, Liberty, Ashburn, Waycross, Bethlehem, Cordele, Little Rock, and Savannah. These reports were adopted by motion.

The following officers were elected by ballot: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Y. M. W. B. Supt., Mission Study Secretary. (See beginning of minutes for results.)

The offices of Woman's World Fellowship and Prayer Partner Secretary, and Magazine Solicitor were elected by acclamation.

The congregation stood and sang, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds".

We were dismissed by Mrs. James Tedders.

Wednesday Morning

The morning session was called to order by Mrs. Fulton Carter. We were led in singing "The Comforter Has Come". Mrs. G. E. Akridge led in prayer.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Cowart, Missionaries to India, were introduced to the Conference. Brother Cowart brought greetings and led the devotions, bringing a message from the Old Testament, concluding with prayer. Rev. and Mrs. Cowart sang a special song in the Gujarati language.

The minutes were read and approved. The roll was called. The names of Mrs. J. J. Glosson and Mrs. Ruby Glosson were added to the roll.

The Auditing Committee's report was given and adopted.

The Mission Study Secretary, Mrs. J. D. Day, gave an oral report. The report was adopted.

The Y. M. W. B. Supt., Mrs. Nathan Poppell, gave her statistical report and the General Conference Workshop report. A new plan of work was presented and adopted. A discussion of ideas followed.

The report on Woman's World Fellowship was given by Mrs. James R. Tedders. The report was adopted by motion.

We were led in singing, "The Light Of The World Is Jesus" by Bro. Cowart. We adjourned to hear the address by Dr. H. K. Sheets in the Tabernacle.

Mrs. Nathan Poppell dismissed in prayer.

Wednesday Afternoon

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Rescue The Perishing". We were led in prayer by Mrs. J. D. Day.

Mrs. Loney Cowart, brought an opening message on "Reaching The Women of India". Psalm 60:12 was used as a basis for her talk. The work of the Bible Women, personal witnessing and the medical work were presented in an interesting and informative manner.

The report of the Wesleyan Missionary Solicitor was read and adopted.

The following officers were elected:

Hortense District Chairman--Mrs. Iris Smith

Ashburn District Chairman--Mrs. G. E. Akridge

The report of the Committee on Memorials was given and adopted.

We adjourned to attend the Memorial Service in the Tabernacle.

Following the Memorial Service, we re-convened for the final business session. We opened by singing the General Conference Theme Song, "Like A River Glorious". Mrs. J. J. Glosson led in prayer.

Mrs. R. N. Cooley, The Conference Treasurer, gave a talk on the new method of sending and reporting finances. It was stated that vouchers or receipts signed by the local President, Treasurer, and pastor of the church must be sent to the Conference Treasurer if that item is to receive credit on the annual reports.

A motion was made to purchase a water cooler for the Campground to be installed in time for Youth Camp. A motion was made for the Executive Committee to work out an assessment for each society, based upon membership; and for funds to be solicited during the Conference.

The Statistical Committee gave a partial report and requested Mrs. W. M. Phillippe, Jr. to discuss the necessary changes made in reports for this year. A question and answer session followed which made clearer the correct procedure to use in reporting.

It was moved that the Executive Committee receive the completed report of Statistical Committee, and that they be empowered to take care of any unfinished business.

The minutes were read and adopted after which we were dismissed in prayer.

Wednesday Night

The public missionary service was held in the Tabernacle with Mrs. Fulton Carter presiding.

The Rev. Thomas Cowart, Missionary to India, brought a forceful message stressing the work of the World Prayer Fellowship and telling of the Literature Distribution Program.

Pledges were received to be applied on the World Missions Budget.

Committee On Memorials

We, the committee, on Memorials wish to express our sympathy to the Cordele Society and to the loved ones in the passing of Mrs. J. U. Sewell.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Leon Daniels

Mrs. J. J. Glosson

Annual W. M. S. Prayer Partner Report

Number of Prayer Partner Circles - - - - - 7

Number of Prayer Partners - - - - - 75

Total Number of Missionaries Chosen:

Home - - - 27

Foreign - 107

Number of Y.M.W.B. Prayer Partner's - - 15

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Received:

Foreign Missions - - - - -	\$ 546.78	
Home Missions - - - - -	94.76	
General Conference - - - - -	62.25	
Local Conference Treasury - - - - -	41.54	
Workers Cottage - - - - -	238.00	
White Christmas - - - - -	6.65	
Self Denial Offering - - - - -	28.46	
Education - - - - -	31.00	
Service Men's Dept. - - - - -	2.00	
Hephzibah - - - - -	12.00	
Delegates to Convention - - - - -	16.00	
Old Balance On Hand - - - - -	294.75	
	<u>\$ 1,374.19</u>	<u>\$ 1,374.19</u>

Disbursements:

Foreign Missions - - - - -	\$ 546.78	
Home Missions - - - - -	94.76	
General Conference - - - - -	62.25	
Local Conference - - - - -	54.42	
Sister Poppell - - \$30.00		
Sister Swauger - - 4.50		
Sister Cooley - - 3.50		
Harvest Day - - 5.00		
Receipt Books - - 2.25		
Ledger - - - - 9.17		
	<u>\$54.42</u>	
White Christmas - - - - -	6.65	
Self Denial Offering - - - - -	28.46	
Education - - - - -	31.00	
Service Men's Dept. - - - - -	2.00	
Hephzibah - - - - -	12.00	
Dr. Sheets at Convention - - - - -	16.00	
	<u>\$ 854.32</u>	<u>\$ 854.32</u>

New Balance on Hand

\$ 519.87

Explanation of Balance

Workers Cottage	\$ 358.50
Desk Fund	161.37
	<u>\$ 519.87</u>

I have received \$880.82 in voucher receipts.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. R. N. Cooley
Treasurer

W. M. S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Name of Society	MEMBERSHIP				Total Meetings Held	Subscriptions Wesleyan Missionary	Efficiency Standard Rating	No. Missionary Boxes	No. Pounds	Membership Dues	Offerings	Voucher Receipts
	Active Members	Honorary Members	Gain	Loss								
HORTENSE	11	7	0	0	12	4				\$ 18.00	\$ 10.00	
WAYCROSS	9	0	0	4	11	2				9.00	25.59	
MT. PLEASANT	9	3	0	1	11	5	75			11.00	60.67	
ASHBURN	9	3	0	1	12	3				12.00	35.00	
COFFEE	11	0	3	0	13	10		2		11.00	71.65	
CORDELE	16	0	3	0	23	11		1	3	13.00	100.65	216.45
LIBERTY	19	0	3	0	12	12				30.00	101.46	356.73
TIFTON	5	0	1		10	4				6.00	36.29	
BETHLEHEM	7	5			12	4				12.00	64.10	
LITTLE ROCK	12	5		1	12	3				11.65	19.31	
SAVANNAH	8			1	12	7		1		8.00	121.00	27.00
BRUNSWICK	25	8		1	11	8			1	25.00	131.69	91.00
TOTALS	121	31	10	9	151	69	75	4	23	\$ 166.65	\$ 777.41	\$ 736.18

Total Receipts For The Year	Old Balance From Last Year	Grand Total	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Hepazibah	Education	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Administrative Fund	Conference Extension	Other Objects	Total Disbursements	New Balance On Hand	Grand Total
\$ 28.00	\$ 0	\$ 28.00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 18.00	\$	\$ 0	\$	\$ 18.00	\$10.00	\$28.00
34.89	30.00	34.89						9.00		20.00	2.00	31.00	3.89	34.89
86.68	10.01	86.68	5.00	20.00			11.55		11.00	25.00	11.55	82.53	4.13	86.68
47.00		47.00						12.00	10.00	25.00	6.65	47.00		47.00
82.65		82.65		25.00	15.00			11.00		25.00		82.65		82.65
375.09	26.12	401.21	3.25	75.00	15.34		192.19	13.00			22.43	321.21	80.00	401.21
488.19		488.19	9.00	34.00			356.73	30.00		25.00	21.46	488.19		488.19
44.22	1.93	44.22		25.00				6.00		10.00		41.00	3.22	44.22
76.10		76.10		20.00			2.00	12.00		25.00	11.05	70.05	6.05	76.10
19.31		19.31						11.65			7.56	19.21	.10	19.31
156.00		156.00	25.00	40.00		31.00	91.00	8.00		75.00	27.00	156.00		156.00
247.69	3.26	250.94	21.22	50.25				25.00		25.00	32.17	244.14	6.80	250.94
\$ 736.13	\$ 41.62	\$ 1,715.19	\$ 63.47	\$ 289.25	\$ 30.34	\$ 31.00	\$ 653.47	\$ 155.65	\$ 21.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 148.87	\$ 1,600.98	\$ 114.19	\$ 1,715.19

Y. M. W. B. Statistical Report

Name of Band	Active Members	Honorary Members	Total Membership	Meetings	Efficiency Rating	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Special Projects (Credit)	Non-Credit Total	Grand Total
Brunswick	21	35	56	50	65	35.97	6.66			3.96	46.59
Coffee	13	7	20	12	100	9.50	10.50	10.50		5.20	35.70
Cordele	12		12	12	100	10.79	4.00	.50	1.00	2.68	16.97
Bethlehem	10		10	12	40	5.20			3.00	10.00	18.20
Mt. Pleasant						9.30					9.30
Totals	56	42	98	86	305	70.76	21.16	11.00	4.00	21.84	126.76