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# Florida Conference

## OFFICERS

President—Rev. J. I. Rambo, Intercession City, Fla.  
Vice-President—Rev. J. T. Strickland, Holly Hill, Fla.  
Secretary—Rev. C. V. Earnhart, Intercession City, Fla.  
Treasurer—Rev. Foster Piatt, Pinellas Park, Fla.  
Sunday School Secretary—Rev. J. T. Strickland, Holly Hill, Fla.  
Tithing Secretary—Rev. Foster Piatt, Pinellas Park, Fla.

## ELDERS—

Rev. J. T. Strickland—South Georgia Conference  
Rev. J. I. Rambo—Allegheny Conference  
Rev. Ralph Henkle—South Georgia Conference  
Rev. Rayburn Garner—Middle Atlantic States Conference  
Rev. L. E. Francisco—South Georgia Conference  
Rev. C. E. Shaw—South Georgia Conference  
Rev. Mrs. C. E. Shaw—South Georgia Conference  
Rev. James C. Zuch—Ohio Conference  
Rev. Ella V. Zuch—Ohio Conference  
Rev. James M. Myers—Ohio Conference

## CONFERENCE PREACHERS—

Rev. Foster Piatt—South Georgia Conference  
Rev. C. V. Earnhart—Allegheny Conference  
Rev. G. C. Gilliard—South Georgia Conference  
Rev. Ruth Rogers—South Georgia Conference  
Rev. W. H. Bouington—South Georgia Conference  
Rev. W. B. Rogers—Florida Conference  
Rev. Georgie D. Marsh—Florida Conference

## LAY DELEGATES—

E. F. Houck—Greenville Charge  
C. E. Murphy—Paola Church  
Mrs. Sula Davis—Paola Church  
H. W. Spivey—Paola Church  
Mrs. L. E. Francisco—Taft Church  
Mrs. Fannie Legg—Taft Church  
Miss Mary Lou Bostic—Taft Church  
Mrs. H. D. Coile—Lakeland Church  
H. C. Powell—Lakeland Church  
W. B. Rogers—Tampa Church  
Mrs. George G. Davis—Pinellas Park Church

## FLORIDA CONFERENCE

**ELDERS ON STATIONED LIST**

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Shaw—113 W. Patterson St., Lakeland, Fla.

**GENERAL EVANGELIST**

Rev. C. E. Shaw—113 W. Patterson St., Lakeland, Fla.

**CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS**

Rev. J. T. Strickland, 236 Daytona Ave., Holly Hill, Fla.

Rev. Ralph Henkle, R. D. 2, Sanford, Fla.

Rev. R. W. Garner, Lakeland, Fla.

Rev. L. E. Francisco, 943 Oleander St., Lakeland, Fla.

Rev. James F. Myers, Piqua, Ohio

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Rev. Rayburn W. Garner .....3 years—term expires 1953

Rev. James F. Myers .....2 years—term expires 1952

Rev. J. T. Strickland .....1 year —term expires 1951

Charles E. Murphy .....2 years—term expires 1952

George D. Davis .....3 years—term expires 1953

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Advisory Committee**—Rev. J. T. Strickland, Charles E. Murphy.

**Judiciary Committee**—Rev. James F. Myers, Rev. J. T. Strickland,  
Rev. Rayburn W. Garner, Rev. J. I. Rambo.

**Committee on Vacancies**—Rev. R. W. Garner, Rev. J. F. Myers, Rev.  
L. E. Francisco, H. W. Spivey, Geo. D. Davis.

**Committee on Itinerary and Orders:**

Rev. James F. Myers .....4 year term expires—1954

Rev. J. T. Strickland .....3 year term expires—1953

Rev. R. W. Garner .....2 year term expires—1952

Rev. J. I. Rambo .....1 year term expires—1951

**Missionary Board**—Rev. J. I. Rambo, Rev. J. T. Strickland, President  
of W. M. S., Mrs. Ella Davis, Mrs. Foster Piatt.

**Pastoral Relations Committee**—Rev. J. I. Rambo, Rev. J. T. Strickland,  
Rev. James F. Myers, Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. Fannie Legg, Charles E.  
Murphy.

**Committee on Thanks**—Rev. Ruth Rogers.

**Committee on Courtesy**—Rev. J. T. Strickland.

**W. M. S. Organizer**—Miss Grace Wood.

**Y. M. W. B. Organizer**—Miss Grace Wood.

**W. Y. P. S. Organizer**—Rev. Rayburn W. Garner.

# Journal of Daily Proceedings

Wednesday, 9:30 a. m., March 8, 1950

The members of the Wesleyan Methodist Churches in the state of Florida and a great host of friends met at Rainbow Trailer camp on this day to start the organization of a new conference. The service was called to order at 9:30 a. m. by our Home Missionary Secretary, Rev. J. R. Swauger. The song service was led by Foster Piatt of the Pinellas Park Church. Rev. Swauger invited all around the altar for a season of prayer. The Scripture lesson was favorite verses of Scripture quoted by the brothers and sisters.

Rev. Swauger then gave an invitation to all Elders and Conference Preachers that cared to join the new conference to register their names and the conference of which they were a member. Eight Elders and four Conference Preachers registered. The elected delegates from the churches of the state were then registered. Eleven delegates in all registering, making a total of twenty-three (23) who expressed their wish to become members of the new conference.

Rev. Swauger set the bar of the Conference as the first four seats on the right side of the tent. C. V. Earnhart appointed secretary Pro-Tem.

Congratulatory remarks were made by the following: Rev. J. M. Merrill, President of the South Georgia Conference; D. W. Jones, member of the Board of Administration of the Wesleyan Methodist Church; Sister Stella Wood, Editor of THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY; Sister Grace Wood, missionary from India and Australia.

The following visiting ministers were invited forward and gave their testimony: Rev. Miss Hill of Intercession City, Rev. Platter, Intercession City; Rev. Williams, Tifton, Ga.; Rev. Legg, Taft, Fla.; Rev. Ruppe, Paola, Fla.; Rev. Marsh, Sanford, Fla.; Rev. Ernest, missionary and tract editor; Rev. and Mrs. Blakslee, Intercession City, Fla.

A rising vote of appreciation was given for the good words of encouragement.

The following spoke a word of testimony and encouragement: Mrs. Van Meter, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Love, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. J. I. Rambo, 47 years a Wesleyan; Mrs. Strickland, 60 years a Wesleyan; Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Brannon, Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Piatt, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Gunter, Mrs. John Glen, Mrs. Ethel Earnhart.

Miss Grace Wood dismissed with prayer.

Preaching at afternoon service. Rev. Myers brought a challenging message on our walk in the Christian life.

Rev. Legg preaching in the evening on The Second Coming, made us realize the shortness of time.

Rev. and Mrs. Piatt were in charge of the singing at all services.

**Thursday Morning, March 9, 1950**

The second day of the Florida Wesleyan camp and organization meeting began with a song service led by Brother Piatt. Brother Strickland had charge of the devotionals, reading the Scripture and praying.

Sixteen (16) answered the roll call.

Rev. J. I. Rambo made a motion that we organize the Florida Conference, which was quickly seconded and unanimously passed.

Brother Garner and Brothers Rogers were appointed tellers and the following officers were elected by ballot: On motion of Brother Piatt, Brother Swauger suggested names that would be suitable.

President—Rev. J. I. Rambo

Vice-President—Rev. J. T. Strickland

Secretary—Rev. C. V. Earnhart

Treasurer—Rev. Foster Piatt

Nominee for Local Board of Managers of Central College—Rev. J. I. Rambo

Elder Trustee—

Rev. Rayburn W. Garner .....3 years—term expires 1953

Rev. James F. Myers .....2 years—term expires 1952

Rev. J. T. Strickland .....1 year —term expires 1951

Lay Trustee—

George Davis .....3 years—term expires 1953

Charles E. Murphy .....2 years—term expires 1952

**Motion** to elect remainder of committees by acclamation.

President's Advisory Board, nominated by the President—Rev. J. T. Strickland, Charles E. Murphy.

Judiciary Committee—Rev. James F. Myers, Rev. J. T. Strickland, Rev. Rayburn W. Garner, Rev. J. I. Rambo.

Itinerary and orders—

Rev. James F. Myers .....4 years—term expires 1954

Rev. J. T. Strickland .....3 years—term expires 1953

Rev. R. W. Garner .....2 years—term expires 1952

Rev. J. I. Rambo .....1 year —term expires 1951

Vacancies—Elders—Rev. R. W. Garner, Rev. J. F. Myers, Rev. L. E. Francisco; Laymen—H. W. Spivey, Geo. D. Davis

Missionary Board—Pres. J. I. Rambo, Rev. J. T. Strickland, Pres. W. M. S., Mrs. Ella Davis, Mrs. Foster Piatt.

Sunday School Secretary—Rev. J. T. Strickland.

Tithing Secretary—Rev. Foster Piatt

President Men's Missionary League—E. F. Houck

Pastoral Relations Committee—J. I. Rambo, J. T. Strickland, James F. Myers, Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. Fannie Legg, Charles E. Murphy.

Thanks—Rev. Ruth Rogers

Courtesy—Rev. J. T. Strickland

**The Courtesy Committee** presented the following to the conference: Rev. C. I. Keeler, Asheville, N. C.; Rev. Galbreath, Intercession City, Fla.; Rev. Mrs. Failing, Mrs. John Murdock, Intercession City, Fla., was introduced and spoke in the interests of her husband, Rev. Murdock. Offering \$32.31. Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Eyler, Lansing, Mich., brought greetings from the Michigan Conference, Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Hodgins, Brighton, Mich.; Mrs. Howard E. Eyler, Houghton, N. Y.

It was suggested that Sister Wood be reprimanded for remarks made about the new conference in the presenting of a blanket to it. Sister Wood ably defended herself and gave some good advice to help the growing baby.

The Conference was adjourned at 11:30 a. m. and returned in session at 1:30 p. m. It was adjourned for the preaching service at 2:30 p. m.

Rev. Herman Platter preached in the afternoon.

Rev. James F. Myers preached at the evening service.

**Conference opened** with a rousing song service, followed by prayer. Scripture lesson read by Rev. Swauger.

**Roll Call** answered by 3 Elders, 4 Conference Preachers, 4 Delegates.

**Nomination** and election of Proportionate Committee as follows: Foster Piatt, Chairman: C. V. Earnhart, G. C. Gilliar.

**Motion** to appoint Miss Grace Wood as W. M. S. Organizer and also for Y. M. W. B. prevailed.

Rev. Rayburn W. Garner elected W. Y. P. S. Organizer.

**Motion** prevailed to place in the hands of President and Conference Board the time and place of the next annual session of Florida Conference.

**Committee on Courtesy** presented: Rev. and Mrs. James C. Zuch of Riviera Beach, Fla.; and Mr. and Mrs. O. O. McDonough, Filmore, Ill.

**Pension Plan** presented and unanimously adopted.

**Recess** by common consent for committee work.

**Reconvened** at 11 o'clock.

**Partial report** of Committee on Itineracy and Orders, adopted. (See Report No. 3.)

**Adjourned.**

**Friday, 2:00 p. m., March 10, 1950**

Foster Piatt led song service, followed by prayer.

E. A. Austin of Avon Park, Fla., head of The Lighthouse Tract Society, presented his labors of distributing tracts and Bibles.

**Committee on Pastoral Relations** reported. Report adopted. (See Report No. 2.)

The names of Rev. James C. Zuch and Rev. Ella V. Zuch were added to the list of Conference Elders.

Name of Rev. W. G. Rogers added to the list of Conference Preachers.

Name of Rev. George D. Marsh added to list of Conference Preachers.

By rising vote these names were passed upon and placed on the Conference Roll.

**Adjourned** for preaching service.

Rev. Blowers, pastor of the Intercession City Church was the speaker.

Rev. J. R. Swauger preached at the evening service.

**Saturday, March 11, 1950**

The last business session of the Wesleyan Camp Meeting and Organizing of the Florida Conference opened with song, Scripture quoting and prayer.

**The Committee on Courtesy** presented Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Vess, President of the Southern Wesleyan Bible College of Intercession City.

**The Apportionment Committee** reported and the report adopted. (See Report No. 4.)

**Moved** and carried that the Pioneer Charts be placed in the hands of the Secretary.

**Report** of the Committee on Thanks adopted. (See Report No. 1.)

**Motion** prevailed that the secretary and treasurer purchase suitable books for their records.

**Moved** the secretary write letters of appreciation to the following for their thoughtfulness and kindness toward the comfort and welfare of our friends and members: Miss Rudd, Business Manager of Southern Wesleyan Bible College; Rev. L. K. Blowers, pastor of H. C. Morrison Memorial Church of Intercession City; Rev. A. L. Vess, President of the Southern Wesleyan Bible College.

**Moved** and passed that the President and the Board of Trustees become a Camp Meeting committee.

**Moved** and passed that the Committee on Church and Parsonage Location be composed of the President and Trustees.

**Pension Plan Treasurer** to be E. V. Earnhart.

**Motion** passed that the Conference Secretary be Conference Reporter.

**Motion** prevailed that all unfinished business be left in the hands of the President and his Advisory Board.

**Motion** prevailed that the Conference Secretary proceed with the printing of the minutes.

**Motion** that the Secretary and Rev. and Mrs. Piatt be given a rising vote of thanks.

**Motion** that the Rev. J. R. Swauger, who so ably and kindly guided us through the many problems of organization, be given a rising vote of thanks and appreciation.

**Conference Minutes** read and approved.

**Motion** to adjourn Sine Die.



# Reports

## Report No. 1

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks to Brother and Sister Rambo for the use of the Rainbow Trailer Camp and for their faithful labors in preparing for this gathering.

We further wish to thank the thoughtful leaders of Intercession City, who so kindly offered us the use of their church and chapel for our services.

The generous hospitality of the residents in furnishing accommodations for our guests is also much appreciated.

The good services rendered at the hotel, and the warm home-like spirit that prevailed during our visit will never be forgotten.

We have been impressed with the friendly atmosphere of the Citizens of this community (Intercession City), and trust that God's blessing shall continue to rest on this place.

Above all we wish to thank our Heavenly Father for His mercies, love, and guidance vouchsafed to us in this Organizing Conference and Camp Meeting of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Florida. We solicit His tender care over this vine, which we steadfastly believe is a vine of His own planting.

Rev. Ruth Rogers

## Report No. 2

### REPORT OF PASTORAL RELATIONS BOARD

Apalachicola—Rev. W. H. Bouington

Greenville—Rev. G. C. Gilliard

Lakeland—Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Shaw

Paola—Rev. G. D. Marsh (supply pastor)

Pinellas Park—Rev. Foster Piatt

Taft—Rev. C. V. Earnhart

Tampa—Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Rogers

Conference President—Rev. J. I. Rambo, Intercession City, Fla.

Conference Vice-President—Rev. J. T. Strickland, Holly Hill, Fla.

General Evangelist—Rev. C. E. Shaw, 113 W. Patterson St., Lakeland, Fla.

Conference Evangelists—Rev. John T. Strickland, Holly Hill, Fla.; Rev. Ralph Henkle, Sanford, Fla.; Rev. Rayburn W. Garner, Lakeland, Fla.;

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Rev. L. E. Francisco, Lakeland, Fla; Rev. James F. Myers, Piqua, Ohio.  
Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Zuch in charge of work at Riviera Beach, Fla.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. R. Swauger,  
Rev. J. I. Rambo,  
Rev. J. T. Strickland,  
Charles E. Murphy,  
Fannie Legg,  
Mrs. George D. Davis.

## Report No. 3

## COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS

The following shall be the list of Elders of the Florida Conference, subject to their submitting their letter of transfer from their respective conferences to the President of the Florida Conference within sixty (60) days from date. In case of Providential hindrances the sixty days limit may be waived.

Rev. John T. Strickland, 236 Daytona Ave., Holly Hill, Fla.  
Rev. J. I. Rambo, Intercession City, Fla.  
Rev. Ralph Henkle, R. D., Box 211, Sanford, Fla.  
Rev. Rayburn W. Garner, Lakeland, Fla.  
Rev. L. E. Francisco, 943 Oleander St., Lakeland, Fla.  
Rev. C. E. Shaw, 113 W. Patterson St., Lakeland, Fla.  
Rev. Mrs. C. E. Shaw, 113 W. Patterson St., Lakeland, Fla.  
Rev. James F. Myers, Piqua, Ohio  
Rev. James C. Zuch, Box 206, Riviera Beach, Fla.  
Rev. Ella V. Zuch, Box 206, Riviera Beach, Fla.

The following shall be the list of Conference Preachers of the Florida Conference, subject to their submitting their letter of transfer from their respective conferences to the President of the Florida Conference, within sixty (60) days from date, in case of Providential hindrances the sixty (60) days may be waived.

Rev. Foster Piatt, Box 4, Pinellas Park, Fla.  
Rev. C. V. Earnhart, Box 185, Intercession City, Fla.  
Rev. G. C. Gilliard, R. D. 2, Perry, Fla.  
Rev. Ruth Rogers, 2107 E. Ida Ave., Tampa, Fla.  
Rev. W. H. Bouington, Apalachicola, Fla.  
Rev. George D. Marsh, R. D. 1, Paola, Fla.  
Rev. W. B. Rogers, 2107 E. Ida Ave., Tampa, Fla.

We, the Committee recommend that George D. Marsh be received to Study and Travel under the direction of the conference board pending

reception of the information of credits of books passed in his course of study and that his name be placed on the roll of Conference Preachers.

That W. B. Rogers be received to study and travel and placed on the roll of Conference Preachers.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. R. Swauger,

Rev. J. I. Rambo,

Rev. John T. Strickland,

Rev. James F. Myers.

#### Report No. 4

#### BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

Foreign Missions .....	\$2.00 per member
Home Missions .....	1.00 per member
Education .....	1.00 per member
Pension Plan .....	1.50 per member
Orphanage .....	.25 per member
General Conference Travel & Entertainment .....	.20 per member
Sunday School Work .....	.05 per member
of the Sunday School	
General Conference Co-ordination Plan .....	.25 per member
Conference President's Salary .....	2.00 per member
Conference Budget—Sum equivalent to:	
10% of the Pastor's salary	
10% of Parsonage Rent	
10% of Incidental expenses of the Church	
Conference Missions—one (1) Sunday's Sunday School offering per month	
Pioneer Fund—.25 in free will offering envelopes per month.	

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Foster Piatt,

Rev. G. C. Gilliard,

Rev. C. V. Earnhart.

It was my privilege to attend the Wesleyan Camp Meeting and Organizing Conference of the Wesleyan Methodists here in my home town of Intercession City, Fla., March 6-12, 1950.

It was a new experience as I had never attended such a Wesleyan meeting previously. It was not a disappointment. I was much impressed by the deeply spiritual atmosphere at all sessions. And I was especially impressed by the godly spirit that prevailed in the organization of the new Florida Conference. Every voter went to their knees as they prepared each ballot. A true Christian spirit prevailed in every detail. I

have been in attendance at church courts when some seemed to forget, during business sessions, that they were Christians.

All was good and the preaching was par-excellent. I received a lot of personal help from Brother Swauger's splendid messages. How I wish I had heard these messages when a youth. How much the church today needs able, spiritual and holy leaders. May God richly bless the new Florida Wesleyan Methodist Conference.

Rev. Clara B. Hill

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# Florida Conference

## OFFICERS

President .....	John I. Rambo
Vice-President .....	R. W. Garner
Secretary .....	Mrs. H. D. Coile
Treasurer .....	Foster Piatt
Sunday School Secretary .....	Mrs. Ruth Rogers
Tithing Secretary .....	Foster Piatt
Men's Missionary League .....	George Marsh

## OFFICIAL BOARDS

### Trustees:

#### Elders—

Rambo, J. I. ....	Term expires 1954
Garner, R. W. ....	Term expires 1953
Strickland, J. T. ....	Term expires 1952

#### Lay—

Davis, Mrs. George .....	Term expires 1953
Murphy, C. E. ....	Term expires 1952

### Itineracy and Orders:

Rambo, J. I. ....	Term expires 1955
Wireman, C. L. ....	Term expires 1954
Strickland, J. T. ....	Term expires 1953
Garner, R. W. ....	Term expires 1952

### Nominee for Member of Board of Central College

Rambo, J. I.

### Advisory Board:

Garner, R. W.	Murphy, C. E.
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### Judiciary Committee:

Strickland, J. T.	Garner, R. W.
Shaw, C. E.	Wireman, C. L.

### Committee on Vacancies:

Garner, R. W.	Davis, Mrs. George
Shaw, C. E.	Coile, Mrs. H. D.
Francisco, L. E.	

### Missionary Board:

Rambo, J. I.	Powell, H. C.
Rogers, Mrs. Ruth	Shaw, Mrs. C. E.

# Conference Roll

## ELDERS

Name	Roll Call Answered	Address
J. I. Rambo	6	Box 42, Intercession City, Florida.
J. C. Zuch	0	P. O. Box 206, Riviera Beach, Florida.
Ella V. Zuch	0	P. O. Box 206, Riviera Beach, Florida.
Mrs. C. E. Shaw	6	113 W. Patterson St., Lakeland, Florida.
L. E. Francisco	6	943 Oleander St., Lakeland, Florida.
J. T. Strickland	6	236 Daytona Ave., Holly Hill, Florida.
R. W. Garner	4	58th and 66th St., North, St. Petersburg, Florida.
C. E. Shaw	6	113 W. Patterson St., Lakeland, Florida.
C. L. Wireman	4	Intercession City, Florida.
Ruth Rogers	6	2107 E. Ida Ave., Tampa 5, Florida.
Foster Piatt	6	Box D, Pinellas Park, Florida

## CONFERENCE PREACHERS

Name	Roll Call Answered	Address
W. B. Rogers	0	2107 E. Ida Ave., Tampa 5, Florida.
George Marsh	6	R. D. 1, Sanford, Florida.
Walter Johnson	4	% E. F. Houck, R. D. 2, Greenville, Florida.

## DELEGATES

Name	Roll Call Answered	Address
Clearwater	6	Mrs. George Davis, 1008 Lotus Path, Clearwater, Fla.
Greenville	5	E. F. Houck, R. D. 2, Greenville, Florida.
Lakeland	6	Mrs. H. D. Coile, Rt. 2 Box 730, Lakeland, Florida. Mrs. Dorcas Miner, Rt. Box 713 B, Lakeland, Florida.
Pinellas Park	6	Sherman Davis, Pinellas Park, Florida. Mary Piatt, Box D, Pinellas Park, Florida.
Sanford	5	C. E. Murphy, R. D. 1, Sanford, Florida.
Taft	6	Odie Francisco, 943 Oleander St., Lakeland, Florida. Jessie Rambo, Box 42, Intercession City, Florida.
Tampa	4	Kathline Rogers, 2107 E. Ida Ave., Tampa 5, Florida.

# Journal of Daily Proceedings

## Monday Night

The Rev. D. M. Lighty of Indiana brought the message of the evening.

## Tuesday Morning

**The Florida Conference** of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America convened for its second Annual Session at Tampa, Florida, 9:00 A. M. February 6, 1951. The president, Rev. J. I. Rambo called the session to order. Devotional singing led by Rev. Foster Piatt.

We all gathered around the altar for prayer. The Lord came our souls to meet while glory crowned the mercy seat. The President read Exodus 33:7-23. He gave a very helpful and encouraging message stressing the need of the presence of God with us.

It was agreed upon that the President appoint a secretary pro tem. Mrs. J. I. Rambo was appointed.

**The Roll** was called—4 Elders and 1 Conference Preacher responded.

**On motion** the Conference Bar was determined. The platform and the first three tiers of seats.

**By nomination** Rev. J. T. Strickland and Mrs. H. D. Coile were elected on Credential Committee.

**By common consent** of the Conference Mrs. George Davis was seated as delegate from Clearwater, Florida, by request of the delegate.

**Credential Committee** reported names of ten (10) delegates. Names were placed on roll and called.

**By nomination** Mrs. George Davis and Mr. C. E. Murphy were elected on Ministerial Character Committee.

**Orders of the Day**—The time of the Missionary Meeting was set for Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. The time set for Conference Session: Open at 9:00 a. m. and close at 11:30 a. m.

**Adjourned** by motion to call of Chair.

## Tuesday Afternoon

The Rev. Walter Johnson, formerly of Indiana, brought a worthwhile message on the sin of unbelief.

## Tuesday Night

The Rev. A. L. Vess, Intercession City, brought the message of the evening.

## Wednesday Morning

**Devotionals** led by the President, Rev. J. I. Rambo. The topic: Sowing the seed, Matt. 13:1-9.

The Rev. J. R. Swauger presiding.

**Roll Call**—4 Elders, 2 Conference Preachers, 9 Delegates responded.



**A motion** carried—Rev. J. T. Strickland was elected the Committee on Courtesy.

**The Committee on Courtesy** presented Rev. A. L. Vess, Rev. C. L. Wireman, Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, General President of the Missionary Society; Mrs. Mary Seekins, returned missionary from India; Mrs. Ruby Stough, Rev. and Mrs. Webster Williams, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Johnson and Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Lighty from Indiana, Mr. George Davis, and Mr. O. O. McDonough.

**A motion** carried—Mr. C. E. Murphy and Mrs. H. D. Coile were elected on the Auditing Committee.

The President, J. I. Rambo; Rev. Ruth Rogers and Mrs. Ruby Stough were elected on the committee on Religious Services.

We took recess to call of Chair.

The Chair called the Conference to order by singing "When We All Get To Heaven."

Names were called, characters were passed and reports given by the following: Rev. L. E. Francisco, Rev. Mrs. C. E. Shaw, Rev. George Marsh.

**A motion** was carried concerning which items on the Statistical Report should be read.

The Rev J. T. Strickland—character passed and report given.

**A motion** carried—The Woman's Missionary meeting was set for 1:30 p. m.

**Adjourned** with prayer.

### Wednesday Afternoon

The Conference was called to order by the Chairman, Rev. J. R. Swauger. Singing led by Rev. Foster Piatt. Prayer by Rev. R. W. Garner.

President J. I. Rambo—character passed and report read and adopted as follows: The organization of the Clearwater Church is to be referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Part IV referred to the Auditing Committee and the balance of the report is to be adopted as a whole. (Report No. 1.)

**By common consent** the transfers of the preachers from other conferences is to be referred to the Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

**By motion** Roberta and Martha Swauger were elected on the Statistical Committee.

**By motion** Rev. J. T. Strickland was elected on Committee on Boundaries.

**By nomination** Rev. Mrs. C. E. Shaw was elected on Committee on Thanks.

**On motion orders** of the day for the election of Conference Officers was set for Thursday morning following Devotions.

**It was moved** and carried that the Rev. C. L. Wireman be elected on

Committee of Itineracy and Orders for the term of three years to fill the vacancy of Rev. James F. Myers.

**The Sunday School Secretary's report** was given by Rev. J. T. Strickland and accepted. (Report No. 9.)

The Tithing Secretary, Rev. Foster Piatt's report was given and accepted. (Report No. 8.)

Rev. C. E. Shaw—character passed, report as pastor and evangelist given.

**Committee on Courtesy** presented Mrs. J. R. Swauger, wife of the Home Missionary Secretary, and their two daughters, Roberta and Martha of Syracuse, New York.

**Name called**—Rev. W. H. Bouington—no report.

**Motion** was made to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. C. L. Wireman.

### Wednesday Night

The Missionary Service was held, with Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph presiding.

### Thursday Morning

Conference called to order by the Chairman, Rev. J. R. Swauger. Singing led by Rev. Foster Piatt. Prayer by Rev. George Marsh.

The time for the orders of the day arrived for the election of officers. They were elected as follows:

President—Rev. J. I. Rambo

Vice-President—Rev. R. W. Garner

Secretary—Mrs. H. D. Coile

Trustees—Rev. J. I. Rambo for term of three years; Rev. J. T. Strickland for term of one year to fill the vacancy of Rev James Myers.

Delegates to General Conference—

Rev. J. I. Rambo, ministerial

Rev. J. T. Strickland, ministerial reserve

**Motion** to extend time for balloting.

Mr. C. E. Murphy, lay delegate

Mrs. George Davis, lay reserve

**Nominee** for Local Board of Managers of Central College—Rev. J. I. Rambo.

**Motion** was made and carried that the remainder of officers be elected by acclamation.

Treasurer—Rev. Foster Piatt

Advisory Board—Rev. R. W. Garner, C. E. Murphy

Judiciary Committee—Rev. J. T. Strickland, Rev. C. E. Shaw, Rev. R. W. Garner, Rev. C. L. Wireman

Itineracy and Orders—Rev. J. I. Rambo, term of four years

Committee on Vacancies—Rev. R. W. Garner, Rev. C. E. Shaw, Rev. L. E. Francisco, Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. H. D. Coile

Missionary Board—Rev. Mrs. C. E. Shaw, H. C. Powell  
 Sunday School Secretary—Rev. Ruth Rogers  
 Tithing Secretary—Rev. Foster Piatt  
 Men's Missionary League—Rev. George Marsh  
 Pastoral Relations Committee—Rev. J. I. Rambo, Rev. C. E. Shaw,  
 Rev. C. L. Wireman, Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. H. D. Coile, Sherman Davis  
 Addition to committee on Boundaries—Sherman Davis  
 Adjourned by Limitation. Benediction by Rev. C. L. Wireman.

#### Thursday Afternoon

This session opened by singing "Jesus Saves" and "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone."

**Led in Prayer** by Rev. C. E. Shaw. Rev. J. R. Swauger presiding.

**Roll Call**—6 Elders, 3 Conference Preachers, 9 delegates present.

**Report** of Rev. Foster Piatt—character passed and report read. Sherman Davis, Delegate from Pinellas Park, testified.

Rev. R. W. Garner, pastor of the newly organized Clearwater Church gave a verbal report. \$350 has been raised towards the indebtedness on their lots. Sister George Davis from the Clearwater Church testified.

**No report** from the Apalachicola Church.

Taft delegate, Sister Francisco reported and testified.

**Greenville Charge**—Letter read from Rev. G. O. Gilliard, pastor, and report received.

**Report** of the Trustees read by Rev. R. W. Garner. (Report No. 4.)

**Report** of Treasurer, Rev. Foster Piatt, read. (Report No. 5.)

**Auditing Committee** report given and Treasurer's report accepted. A rising vote of thanks given to Rev. Piatt for his wonderful work. Also for his wife who was a faithful helper with the Treasurer's work. (Report No. 6.)

**Motion** made and carried that the Apportionment Committee be the Secretary. (Report No. 11.)

**Recessed** by Chair.

Conference came to order by call of Chairman, Rev. J. R. Swauger.

**Committee on Boundaries**—report read and adopted. (Report No. 7)

**Committee on Thanks** read and adopted. This is to be read at the closing service. (Report No. 10.)

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

**Rev. Ruth Rogers**—character passed and report given for the Tampa Church.

**Motion** made and carried that any business remaining be left in the hands of the President and Advisory Board.

Conference to meet at 6:30 p. m. for final session.

**Adjourned** by prayer.

**Thursday Night**

**The Committee on Itinerary and Orders** reported. (Report No. 2.)

**Committee on Thanks** report was read again.

**Motion** made and carried that the publishing, number of and sale of be left with the President and Advisory Board.

**Minutes** read and adopted.

**By motion** the Annual session of Conference adjourned Sine Die.

**Benediction** by Rev. J. R. Swauger.

**Camp meeting** services continued through Sunday, with Rev. J. R. Swauger bringing the message Thursday night.

**Friday Morning**

Dr. R. C. Mullinax, President of Central College gave an educational message.

**Friday Night**

Rev. J. I. Rambo brought the message.

**Saturday Night**

Three visiting preachers spoke in the Service.

**Sunday Services**

Rev. C. L. Wireman brought the Ordination message at the Sunday Morning Hour. Rev. Foster Piatt and Rev. Ruth Rogers were ordained.

Sunday afternoon Sister Oakley spoke and Sunday night Brother Oakley brought the closing message.

# Reports

## Report No. 1

### THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### Part I

Dear Brother Swauger Chairman:

To the members of the Florida Annual Conferences of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America now in session at Tampa, Florida, February 5, 1951.

To bring you a report of our labors throughout the year is a great privilege. First we want to thank God for His guiding Spirit, for His protecting hand and keeping power that has been over us this year. He has not permitted the death angel to invade our small ranks, there has not been a death in our Conference this year for which we praise our Heavenly Father.

We appreciate the co-operation and kind generosity of our Home Missionary Secretary, Brother J. R. Swauger. We also thank God for our consecrated laymen, for our faithful pastors, for the good services in the different churches, for the new steps that have been taken in advancing the cause of God this Conference year and for the privilege of belonging to a church that stands for the old fashioned Faith.

These are critical times and what we do we must do quickly. No doubt we are living in the closing days of the gospel dispensation, the perilous days the Bible speaks of, many of us that are living now may be here on the earth when the Angel Gabriel blows his golden trumpet, that will call the living and the dead together before the great Judgment seat of Christ, in the presence of God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

It behooves every one of us to keep the fire of the Holy Spirit burning on the altar of our souls by prayer and fasting with careful living before God and the world, the age we live in demands that we be spiritual and filled with the Spirit.

We must not compromise, let down, or cool off. We must not lose faith in God and His great work of saving and sanctifying souls. We must be living epistles (the Word says) read and known of all men everywhere, we must practice as well as preach the gospel.

There is nothing to fear or dread for the command of the Master is go ye into all the world and, lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world.

The world must see Jesus in us, if we expand, live and grow, we must of a necessity pray, work, pay and sacrifice.

We are chosen of God our Father, called into His vineyard as laborers

to work and not to play nor idle away our time, while many souls are not saved and on the downward way to a devil's hell.

It will be well for us to be on the lookout for an opening where we might start a new work, enter every open door the dear Lord may open for us, examine every prospective place carefully and prayerfully with only one object in view, that is to advance the cause of God in the land of the living.

We must not break doors open nor tear down other churches in order to build up our beloved church, however God will permit us to open our doors, give a friendly invitation to all that are seeking a clean spiritual church home. If thou will go with us we will do thee good, as the Lord hath spoken good unto us.

## Part II

### OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE YEAR (With Approval of the Advisory Board)

March 6, 1950, Received the transfer of the Rev. J. I. Rambo from the Allegheny Conference, an Elder in good standing.

April 1950, appointed Miss Grace Wood, superintendent and organizer of the Missionary work in the Conference.

April 19, 1950, In company with Rev. J. R. Swauger and Rev. J. T. Strickland we viewed two lots in Daytona Beach for a church. It was decided that these lots be purchased for the Conference. Plans were made and a loan secured of \$1060.00 from a friend at 3% interest for three years. The lots were bought for the sum of \$1100.00 the balance was paid by the Conference Treasurer, an abstract deed was made to the Trustees of the Florida Conference.

May 1950, appointed Mrs. George Davis Superintendent of Child Evangelism.

September 28, 1950, received the transfers of the Rev. James C. Zuch and the Rev. Ella V. Zuch, from the Ohio Conference, Elders in good standing.

September 29, 1950, received the transfers of the Rev. W. B. Rogers and the Rev. Ruth Rogers from the South Georgia Conference, Conference Preachers in good standing.

October 25, 1950, received the transfer of the Rev. George D. Marsh from the Fundamental Ministerial Association, an ordained minister.

November 7, 1950, received the transfer of the Rev. Mrs. C. E. Shaw from the South Georgia Conference, an Elder in good standing.

November 10, 1950, received the transfer of the Rev. L. E. Francisco from the South Georgia Conference, an Elder in good standing.

November 10, 1950, received the transfer of the Rev. J. T. Strickland from the South Georgia Conference, an Elder in good standing.

Nov. 12, 1950, in company with Brother George Davis we viewed

some fine lots in Clearwater, Florida, and at an appointed meeting in the home of Brother and Sister George Davis November 13, a motion was carried to buy the lots for a church site.

November 14, 1950, we closed the contract for the three lots, located on Franklin Street, Hillcrest Avenue, for the sum of \$2400. A down payment was made of \$450, which was advanced to the Conference out of the card call for the Clearwater Church, by our Home Missionary Secretary, Brother J. R. Swauger. The contract for the lots was made to the trustees of the Florida Conference.

December 14, 1950, we drove to Clearwater, Florida, to the home of Brother and Sister Crook where a fine group of people gathered which we organized into a Wesleyan Methodist Church of five members. I appointed the Rev. R. W. Garner Pastor of the new class.

December 15, 1950, received the transfer of the Rev. R. W. Garner from the Middle Atlantic States Conference, an Elder in good standing.

January 27, 1951, received the transfer of the Rev. C. E. Shaw from the South Georgia Conference, an Elder in good standing.

January 27, 1951, received the transfer of the Rev. C. L. Wireman from the South Georgia Conference, an Elder in good standing.

January 31, 1951, received the transfer of the Rev. Foster Piatt from the South Georgia Conference, Conference Preacher in good standing.

Authorizations Granted: Rev. Ruth Rogers and Rev. Foster Piatt.

### Part III

#### WORK DONE THIS CONFERENCE YEAR

Number of Quarterly Meetings held .....	20
Other Services conducted .....	13
Number of Revivals held .....	2
Presided over the Big Knob Camp Meeting	
Attended the Leaders' Meeting at Central, S. C.	
Attended the Board Meeting of Central College, S. C., January 9, 1951	
Visits made throughout the Conference .....	162
Number of times Preached .....	82
Gave 4 object lessons to the children in the Orphanage at Macon, Georgia.	
Mailed out 300 pieces of mail	
Miles traveled .....	14,000

### Part IV

#### FINANCIAL

Received from churches .....	\$ 193.72
Received from Home Missionary Department, Brother J. R. Swauger .....	275.00

Gifts .....	56.03
Total .....	\$ 524.75
Received from Conference Treasurer for postage, paper, phone calls .....	\$ 13.68
To assist in the Daytona Beach meeting, moving tent, seats, gas and oil .....	\$ 60.00

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. John I. Rambo, President.

### Report No. 2.

#### COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND ORDERS

We recommend that the Rev. Walter Johnson be received and pursue the Course of Study.

We recommend that the Rev. W. B. Rogers complete the third and fourth year Course of Study.

We recommend that the Rev. Ruth Rogers having completed the Course of Study be elected to Elders Orders.

We recommend that the Rev. Foster Piatt having completed the Course of Study be elected to Elders orders.

Rev. J. I. Rambo

Rev. C. L. Wireman

Rev. J. T. Strickland

Rev. R. W. Garner

### Report No. 3

#### COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS

We recommend the following:

Apalachicola—In hands of the President

Clearwater—In hands of the President

Greenville Charge—Fenholloway, Pine Island, New Zion—Walter Johnson; Ed Houck, Assistant.

Lakeland—C. E. Shaw; Mrs. C. E. Shaw, Assistant

Paola—George Marsh

Pinellas Park—R. W. Garner

Tampa—Ruth Rogers; W. B. Rogers, Assistant

General Evangelists—C. L. Wireman, C. E. Shaw, James C. Zuch

Conference Evangelists—Ella V. Zuch, L. E. Francisco, J. T. Strickland, Foster Piatt

We recommend the Conference President to hold all the Quarterly Conferences.



We recommend the salary of the President to be apportioned \$2.00 per member.

We recommend that the President have the privilege of holding revivals when time permits.

Rev. J. I. Rambo  
 Rev. C. E. Shaw  
 Rev. C. L. Wireman  
 Sherman Dvais  
 Mrs. George Marsh  
 Mrs. H. D. Coile

#### Report No. 4

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT

We the board of trustees met and transacted the business that came before us. It is agreed upon by us to give the Taft Church another trial and if the results are not satisfactory we recommend that the building be sold and the money be put into other church buildings.

Rev. J. I. Rambo  
 Rev. J. T. Strickland  
 Rev. R. W. Garner  
 Mrs. George D. Davis

#### Report No. 5

#### CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

February 1, 1951

Your Conference Treasurer submits the following report:

##### Conference President's Salary

<b>Receipts:</b>		
Budget .....	\$	193.72

<b>Disbursements:</b>		
J. I. Rambo .....	\$	193.72

##### Conference Budget

<b>Receipts:</b>		
Budget .....	\$	559.00
Total Receipts .....	\$	559.00

<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Conference Secretary's Expenses .....	\$	4.70

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Conference Treasurer's Expenses .....	6.67
Conference President's Expenses .....	13.68
Wesleyan Methodist Standards .....	2.50
Stat. and Cut for Pioneer Charts .....	32.87
Printing Report Blanks .....	5.00
Credential Blanks .....	17.16
Union Trust Bank .....	2.00
Expense at Daytona Beach .....	110.00
Cooking Supplies for Conference .....	35.00
Balance on hand .....	329.32

Total Disbursements .....		\$ 559.90
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## Conference Missions

## Receipts:

Budget .....	\$ 68.97
Total .....	\$ 68.97

## Disbursements:

No disbursement	
Balance on Hand .....	\$ 68.97
Total .....	\$ 68.97

## Pioneer Fund

## Receipts:

Card Calls Received .....	\$ 915.57
Budget .....	115.60
Total .....	\$ 1031.17

## Disbursements:

Pinellas Park .....	\$ 465.57
Daytona Beach .....	60.00
Clearwater .....	450.00
Balance on Hand .....	55.60
Total .....	\$ 1031.17

## Camp Meeting Fund

## Receipts:

Gift .....	\$ 100.00
Total .....	\$ 100.00

**Disbursements:**

No Disbursements	
Balance on Hand .....	\$ 100.00
Total .....	\$ 100.00

**Foreign Missions****Receipts:**

Budget .....	\$ 194.14
Total .....	\$ 194.14

**Disbursements:**

F. R. Birch, Treasurer .....	\$ 38.25
Grace Wood .....	91.49
Aileen Shea .....	22.15
Helen Stucky .....	28.31
Balance on hand .....	13.94
Total .....	\$ 194.14

**Home Missions****Receipts:**

Budget .....	\$ 97.54
Total .....	\$ 97.54

**Disbursements:**

J. R. Swauger .....	\$ 21.00
Grace Wood .....	16.71
Helen Stucky .....	15.58
Aileen Shea .....	3.17
Balance on hand .....	41.08
Total .....	\$ 97.54

**Education****Receipts:**

Budget .....	\$ 140.75
Total .....	\$ 140.75

**Disbursements:**

R. C. Mullinax .....	\$ 40.50
Grace Wood .....	12.25
Aileen Shea .....	12.59

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Balance on hand .....	75.41	
Total .....		\$ 140.75

## Pension Plan

## Receipts:

Budget .....	\$ 112.11	
Total .....		\$ 112.11

## Disbursements:

F. R. Eddy .....	\$ 39.86	
Balance on Hand .....	72.25	
Total .....		\$ 112.11

## Hepzibah Orphanage

## Receipts:

Budget .....	\$ 40.57	
Total .....		\$ 40.57

## Disbursements:

J. R. Swauger .....	\$ 24.85	
R. S. Taylor .....	2.00	
Balance on hand .....	13.72	
Total .....		\$ 40.57

## General Conference Expense

## Receipts:

Budget .....	\$ 19.60	
Total .....		\$ 19.60

## Disbursements:

F. R. Eddy .....	\$ 11.00	
Balance on hand .....	8.60	
Total .....		\$ 19.60

## Sunday School Work

## Receipts:

Budget .....	\$ 7.65	
Total .....		\$ 7.65

**Disbursements:**

F. R. Eddy .....	\$	.85	
Balance on hand .....		6.80	
Total .....	\$	7.65	

**General Conference Administration****Receipts:**

Budget .....	\$	23.75	
Total .....	\$	23.75	

**Disbursements:**

F. R. Eddy .....	\$	13.75	
Balance on hand .....	\$	10.00	
Total .....	\$	23.75	

**Total for All Purposes****Receipts:**

Total Receipts .....	\$	2588.97	
Total .....	\$	2588.97	

**Disbursements:**

Total Disbursements .....	\$	1793.28	
Balance on hand .....		795.69	
Total .....	\$	2588.97	

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Foster Piatt, Conference Treasurer.

**Report No. 6****AUDITING COMMITTEE**

We, the Auditing Committee report that we have examined President Rambo's financial report and find it correct.

We have examined the books of the Treasurer of the Florida Conference and find them to be correct and well kept.

We wish to recommend that the Conference give Rev. Foster Piatt a rising vote of appreciation for his splendid work.

C. E. Murphy  
Mrs. H. D. Coile

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## Report No. 7

## COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES

We recommend:

1. That the new church organized at Clearwater, Florida be received as a member of the Florida Conference and that it be known as the Clearwater Wesleyan Methodist Church.

2. That the Fenholloway Church of the Greenville charge be permitted to become a separate charge according to their own request.

Rev. J. T. Strickland  
Sherman Davis

## Report No. 3

## TITHING SECRETARY'S REPORT

I have not had the privilege of traveling the Conference and of presenting the subject of tithing to the various churches. I did the next best thing by writing a letter to each pastor asking them to emphasize tithing to their congregations. I also sent literature to each of the pastors on tithing. If each of our churches do not already practice tithing I trust they will start at once. The Bible teaches tithing and that is the only way we can prosper as a Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Foster Piatt.

## Report No. 9

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY'S REPORT

This being the first year as a Florida Conference we are glad for the very good year, and for the good interest shown in all the work. There were three rallies and one convention held this year. This is a great field with opportunities that await us for S. S. work.

Your S. S. Secretary,

J. T. Strickland

## Report No. 10

## COMMITTEE ON THANKS

We the Committee on Thanks wish to thank the Lord for the way His children have been taken care of during this Conference. We wish to express our sincere appreciation especially to Brother and Sister Rogers and

to each and every one taking part in entertaining the delegates and for the wonderful entertainment they have gone out of their way to provide.

Mrs. C. E. Shaw.

### Report No. 11

### BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

#### General:

1. Foreign Missions ..... \$ 2.00 per member
2. Home Missions ..... 1.00 per member
3. Education ..... 2.00 per member
4. Pension Plan ..... 1.50 per member
5. Orphanage ..... .25 per member
6. Sunday School Work ..... .05 per S. S. member
7. General Conference Travel & Entertainment ..... .20 per member
8. Administrative Expense ..... .25 per member

#### Conference:

1. President's Salary ..... 2.00 per member
2. Conference Mission ..... one (1) S. S. offering per month
3. Conference Work ..... Amount Equivalent to:
  - 10 % of Pastor's Salary
  - 10 % of Parsonage Rent
  - 10 % of Incidental Expenses of the Church
4. Pioneer Fund ..... .25 in free will offering envelopes per month.

### General Budget Apportionment

Charge	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Pension Plan	Orphanage	Sunday School Work	General Conference Travel and Entertainment	Administrative Expense	Total
Clearwater .....	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$1.25	.....	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$36.00
Greenville .....	60.00	30.00	60.00	45.00	7.50	2.70	6.00	7.50	218.70
Lakeland .....	34.00	17.00	34.00	25.50	4.25	1.70	3.40	4.25	124.10
Paola .....	48.00	24.00	48.00	36.00	6.00	2.95	4.80	6.00	175.75
Pinellas Park .....	12.00	6.00	12.00	9.00	1.50	5.35	1.20	1.50	48.55
Taft .....	20.00	10.00	20.00	15.00	2.50	1.20	2.00	2.50	73.20
Tampa .....	22.00	11.00	22.00	16.50	2.75	2.30	2.20	2.75	81.50
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$206.00</b>	<b>\$103.00</b>	<b>\$206.00</b>	<b>\$154.50</b>	<b>\$25.75</b>	<b>\$16.20</b>	<b>\$20.60</b>	<b>\$25.75</b>	<b>\$757.80</b>

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## STATISTICAL REPORT

Charge	Item I. Pastor's Labors.										Item II. Periodicals									
	Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists Taken	Wesleyan Missionaries Taken	Wesleyan Youths Taken	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Teacher's Quarterly	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflet	Our Little Folks Cards	Bible Lesson Chart	Pupil's Lesson Stories, Etc.	Bible Lesson Stories, Etc.
Greenville	11	3	3	3	1	1	...	...	...	6	6	12	12	...	...	12	10	...	...	10
Lakeland	11	1	1	7	4	4	10	4	...	4	10	4	5	...	...	10	...	...	7	...
Paola	11	1	1	5	4	2	95	80	40	48	...	...	...	...	...	80	50	...	50	...
Pinellas Park	11	1	1	1	2	9	24	20	20	5	21	12	25	...	...	16	...	...	20	...
Taft	11	1	1	2	2	1	10	10	10	3	10	10	...	10	...	10	...	...	...	...
Tampa	11	1	1	6	4	4	22	15	12	6	18	10	15	8	...	12	15	1	...	...
Total	66	8	8	24	17	21	161	129	82	72	65	48	57	19	...	155	75	1	57	10

## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Charge	Item III. Membership													
	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Granted Letters	Total Membership Lost	Number Reported Last Year	Present Number	Loss (or)	Gain	Members Under 14 Years	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstated Elders	Local Preachers
Greenville	1	1	3	...	4	33	30	3	...	1	...	...	...	2
Lakeland	2	...	2	2	17	17	...	...	...	1	5	...	...	9
Paola	6	...	3	6	9	28	24	9	...	...	3	...	1	6
Pinellas Park	7	...	2	4	6	5	6	...	1	...	3	...	...	7
Taft	2	...	...	2	12	12	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Tampa	2	...	...	...	12	9	11	2	...	...	...	...	...	4
Totals	14	1	8	14	21	147	98	12	3	1	8	3	1	36



## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

## Item IV. Sunday Schools

Charge	No. of Sunday Schools	Whole No. of Officers	Whole No. of Teachers	No. Scholars in Main School	Total No. in Main School	Average Attendance	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	No. of Scholars Converted	No. Scholars Joining Church	No. Departmental Supts.	Teacher's Training Course	No. Organized Classes	No. W. Y. P. Societies	Total Membership of Soc.
Greenville	2	2	5	47	54	27	54	1	1	...	...	...	5	...	...
Lakeland	1	...	3	31	34	28	34	2	2	...	...	...	1	...	14
Paola	1	4	5	54	59	46	12	59	...	...	...	...	5	1	7
Pinellas Park	1	9	4	92	96	74	15	107	10	4	1	1	...	1	10
Taft	1	3	3	18	24	13	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tampa	1	...	5	41	46	35	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	7	18	25	283	313	223	273	24	13	7	1	1	10	3	31

## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

## Item V. Church Property

Charge	No. Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Insurance	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Insurance	Cash or Other Value on Hand
Greenville	3	\$3,000	...	...	...	...	...
Lakeland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paola	1	2,500	\$2,500	1	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$84.22
Pinellas Park	1	15,000	6,000	...	...	...	3.16
Taft	1	1,200	...	...	...	...	...
Tampa	...	...	...	...	...	...	26.03
Totals	6	\$11,700	\$8,500	1	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$113.41

## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item VI. Contributed for Pastor					
Charge	Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Greenville .....	\$329.37	.....	.....	\$277.62	\$606.99
Lakeland .....	1,360.05	.....	.....	.....	1,360.05
Paola .....	948.81	\$275.00	\$6.00	5.00	1,234.81
Pinellas Park .....	.....	.....	46.00	307.14	353.14
Taft .....	57.93	.....	.....	20.00	77.93
Tampa .....	421.08	.....	.....	80.25	501.33
Totals .....	\$3,117.24	\$275.00	\$52.00	\$690.01	\$4,134.25

## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item VII. Contributed for Church							
Charge	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Church Incidental Expense	Total for Church
Greenville .....	\$86.89					\$36.00	\$122.89
Lakeland .....	69.72	\$86.54	\$142.99			53.01	352.26
Paola .....		153.78	119.64	\$5.58		127.65	406.65
Pinellas Park .....	99.00	210.22		18.93	\$1,822.76	461.69	2,612.60
Taft .....		18.00		700.00		14.00	732.00
Tampa .....		83.65				28.06	111.71
Totals .....	\$225.61	\$552.19	\$262.63	\$724.51	\$1,822.76	\$720.41	\$4,338.11

## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

## Item VIII. Contributed for Connectional Budget

Charge	Foreign Missions Assigned	Foreign Missions Raised	Home Missions Assigned	Home Missions Raised	Education Assigned	Education Raised
Greenville .....	\$66.00	\$16.25	\$33.00	\$16.00	\$66.00	\$16.25
Lakeland .....	34.00	74.06	17.00	26.83	25.50	24.50
Paola .....	56.00	58.50	28.00	28.00	56.00	56.00
Pinellas Park .....	10.00	20.33	5.00	6.71	10.00	10.00
Taft .....		25.00		20.00		24.00
Tampa .....				10.00		
Totals .....	\$166.00	\$194.14	\$83.00	\$107.54	\$157.50	\$130.75

## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

## Item VIII. Contributed for Connectional Budget—Continued

Charge	Orphanage Assigned	Orphanage Raised	Connectional S. S. Work Assigned	Connectional S. S. Work Raised	Administrative Budget	Gen. Conf. Travel and Entertainment	Total Connectional Budget Assigned	Total Connectional Budget Raised
Greenville .....	\$8.25	\$8.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$8.25	\$6.60	\$238.85	\$81.10
Lakeland .....	4.25	8.10	1.35	1.35	4.25	3.40	115.25	166.99
Paola .....	7.00	8.72	1.40	1.40	7.00	5.60	203.00	207.22
Pinellas Park .....	1.25	3.25	2.65	2.65	1.25	1.00	38.65	51.80
Taft .....		10.00		1.00	3.00	3.00		104.00
Tampa .....		2.25		1.00				45.01
Totals .....	\$20.75	\$40.57	\$6.65	\$7.65	\$23.75	\$19.60	\$595.75	\$666.12

## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

## Item VIII. Contributed for Conference Budget

Charge	President's Salary Assigned	President's Salary Raised	Conference Work Assigned	Conference Work Raised	Conference Missions Assigned	Conference Missions Raised
Greenville .....	\$66.00	\$38.72	.....	\$6.70	.....	\$ .96
Lakeland .....	34.00	28.00	.....	37.25	.....	.....
Paola .....	56.00	56.00	.....	33.00	.....	34.50
Pinellas Park .....	10.00	18.00	\$134.66	134.71	\$54.84	69.94
Taft .....	24.00	24.00	.....	17.00	.....	50.67
Tampa .....	18.00	29.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Totals .....	\$208.00	\$193.72	\$134.66	\$211.61	\$54.84	\$160.07

## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

## Item VIII. Contributed for Conference Budget—Continued

Charge	Superannuated Ministers' Fund Assigned	Superannuated Ministers' Fund Raised	Total Conf. Budget Assigned	Total Conf. Budget Raised	Total Budget Assigned	Total Budget Raised
Greenville .....	\$49.50	\$8.25	.....	\$54.88	.....	\$135.98
Lakeland .....	25.50	24.50	.....	65.25	.....	232.24
Paola .....	42.42	42.42	.....	123.50	.....	330.72
Pinellas Park .....	7.50	16.61	\$213.25	222.65	\$251.90	284.45
Taft .....	.....	18.00	.....	91.67	.....	195.67
Tampa .....	.....	2.75	.....	34.00	.....	50.00
Totals .....	\$124.92	\$112.53	\$213.25	\$591.95	\$251.90	\$1,229.06

## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

## Item IX. Contributed for Benevolences

Charge	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	W. Y. P. S.	Other Objects	Total for Benevolences
Greenville .....		\$8.85			\$3.75	\$12.60
Lakeland .....		2.00		\$15.00	8.56	25.56
Paola .....			\$5.22		43.17	48.39
Pinellas Park .....						
Taft .....					10.00	10.00
Tampa .....	\$22.51	6.50			43.97	72.98
Totals .....	\$22.51	\$17.35	\$5.22	\$15.00	\$109.45	\$169.53

## STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

## Item X. Contributed Totals

Charge	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes
Greenville .....	\$606.99	\$122.89	\$135.98	\$12.50	\$878.46
Lakeland .....	1,360.05	352.26	232.24	25.56	2,030.11
Paola .....	1,234.81	406.65	330.72	48.39	2,020.57
Pinellas Park .....	353.14	2,612.14	284.45		3,250.19
Taft .....	77.93	732.00	195.67	10.00	1,015.60
Tampa .....	501.33	111.71	49.00	72.98	736.02
Totals .....	\$4,134.25	\$4,337.65	\$1,228.06	\$169.43	\$9,930.95

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# Woman's Missionary Society

**First Meeting, Wednesday, February 7, 1951**

The Woman's Missionary Society met in the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Tampa, Florida on Wednesday afternoon February 7, 1951. The missionary service opened with the singing of three missionary songs. Mrs. Ruby Stough led in the singing with Mrs. Mary Piatt presiding at the piano. We were then led in prayer by Mrs. George Marsh. We were indeed fortunate to have with us the General Superintendent of the Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph who took charge of the service at this time. Mrs. Reisdorph told of the need of a greater missionary vision and discussed with us the advantages of having a Conference Society. A discussion followed as to the advisability of opening a W. M. S. of the Florida Conference. All were heartily in favor of such an action. Membership cards were passed out with the information as to where the money sent in by the societies would go. Mrs. Reisdorph read from the discipline requirements for a society.

Charter members are as follows: Mrs. L. E. Francisco, Mrs. Ella Coleman, Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. Mary Piatt, Mrs. Mary Green Seekins, Mrs. Mabel McDonough, Mrs. J. I. Rambo, Mrs. Ruby Stough, Mrs. H. D. Coile, Mrs. George Marsh, Rev. Ruth Rogers, Mrs. J. T. Strickland, Mrs. Dorcas E. Miner and Rev. Mrs. C. E. Shaw. There were fourteen charter members. Mrs. Reisdorph gave the following closing remarks that the pastors of our churches must have missions on their hearts. Missions is the largest task the church has on its hands. We want souls to come first in our missionary work and money second.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruth Rogers and was seconded by Mrs. H. D. Coile that we should organize a Conference Woman's Missionary Society. The motion was approved by ten to this effect. The motion was adopted. It was decided that the organization of the society should be the following day.

The meeting was adjourned until the following day.

Secretary Pro tem, Mrs. Ruby Stough

**Second Meeting, Thursday, February 8, 1951**

The service was called to order by Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph. Three visitors were presented: Miss Delia Howlett, returned missionary from Africa; Mrs. William Hall and Miss Luella Hall. We were led in prayer by Mrs. J. R. Swauger. Pamphlets were then offered to the ladies to help in the

instruction for new societies. Mrs. Reisdorph explained to us the use of the Remembrance Folders to be used by the missionary ladies. Credentials were handed in from the Lakeland Church, Mrs. H. D. Coile as delegate. Missionary Scriptures were given by several. Organization proper came to order of the Florida Conference Missionary Society. The reading of the duties of each officer. Then the reading of the constitution. We had prayer by Sister Reisdorph before the election of officers.

**Special Order** was called, the election of Conference Officials. The election resulted as follows:

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

Vice-President—Mrs. George Marsh—Box 145, Rt. 1, Sanford, Fla.

Secretary—Mrs. Mary Piatt—Box D, Pinellas Park, Fla.

Treasurer—Mrs. Ruby Stough—2903 11th Street, Tampa, Fla.

Supt. of Y. M. W. B.—Mrs. George Davis—1008 Lotus Path, Clearwater, Fla.

Prayer Partner Secretary—Mrs. J. I. Rambo—Intercession City, Fla.

Study Secretary—Mrs. Dorcas Miner—Rt. 2 Box 713B, Lakeland, Fla.

General Conference Delegate—Mrs. George Davis

Alternate Delegate—Mrs. J. I. Rambo.

**A motion** was adopted that the Conference Treasurer be authorized to give the \$30.00 to pay the interest on the money borrowed by the Conference and that the half of the balance be designated for the public address system in Haiti and the other half be given for Home Missions, this to be advised by Brother Swauger.

We had the prayer of installation of officers to dedicate their services to the Lord this coming year. We were led in prayer by Sister Howlett and Sister Reisdorph followed in prayer.

### PUBLIC MEETING

The Public Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was in charge of Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph. The missionary address was given by Mrs. Mary Greene Seekins. She gave us a very inspiring message from our mission field in India. The service was followed with an offering taken for missions. There was an amount of interest due of \$30.00. Besides this amount being raised this service resulted in the total amount of \$110.00 for missions for which we praised the Lord. We were dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph.

### Report of Local Societies

There are three organized societies with a membership of 32. These reported \$59.91 raised for Foreign and Home Missions.