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Rev. Daren C. Durey, Secretary

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General Information

Conference Fiscal Year closes July 15, 1959; Local Church Fiscal Year closes June 30; All budgets should be paid monthly or in advance. Final remittances to the conference treasurers must be postmarked not later than July 5.

Where to send funds:

- (a) For General and Conference Budgets, including Sunday School budgets and Camp Meeting pledges --
Rev. Roy E. Crawford, 303 S. Pleasant St., Princeton, Illinois.
- (b) For Pension Fund Budget --
Rev. Stanley A. Hill, Box 62, Wyandot, Illinois
- (c) For special Denominational Sunday School offerings--
Rev. R. D. Reisdorph, Houghton, New York
- (d) For W.M.S. --
Mrs. Edna Hill, Box 62, Wyandot, Illinois
- (e) For Y.M.W.B.
Mrs. Mildred Wallace, Box 128, Wyandot, Illinois
- (f) For Wesleyan Youth --
Mrs. Ida Craker, 5231 W. Ferdinand, Chicago 44, Illinois
- (g) For Card Call --
Rev. Harold K. Sheets, 124 W. 30th St., Marion, Indiana

Camp Meeting and Conference Dates:

Conference convenes 1:30 p.m., Thursday, July 30, 1959; closes Saturday, August 1.
Camp Meeting begins Sunday, August 2, 1959, continues through Sunday, August 9.

1958-1959 Organizationof the Illinois Conferenceof The Wesleyan Methodist Church of AmericaOFFICERS

President	Rev. A. L. Bray, 5231 W. Ferdinand St., Chicago 44, Ill.
Vice President	Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, 1406 School St., Rockford, Ill.
Secretary	Rev. D. O. Durey, 351 Robert St., Grove Oseur, Ill.
Treasurer	Rev. R. E. Crawford, 303 S. Pleasant St., Princeton, Ill.
Treasurer, Pension Plan Fund	Rev. Stanley A. Hill, Box 62, Wyanet, Illinois.
Illinois Trustee, Marion College	Rev. A. L. Bray, Chicago, Illinois.
Alternate Trustee	Rev. Carl E. Olander, Galesburg, Illinois.
Educational Secretary	Rev. Samuel T. Long, Rockford, Illinois.
Sunday School Secretary	Rev. Wendel D. Oraker, Chicago, Illinois.
Director of Child Evangelism	Mrs. Roy E. Crawford, Princeton, Illinois.
Tithing Secretary	Rev. Clarence C. McCarty, Sheffield, Illinois.
Wesleyan Men's Secretary	Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell, Oak Park, Illinois.
Statistical Secretary	Rev. David D. Crail, Elk Grove Village, Illinois.
Editor, The Illinois Tidings	The Conference President, Chicago, Illinois.
Conference Parliamentarian	Rev. William H. Dyer, Rockford, Illinois.

COMMITTEESConference Missionary Board (The Board of Managers)

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

Conference Trustees

Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman (1960), Rev. Wm. H. Dyer (1961), Rev. Carl E. Olander (1959), Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., Secretary (1961), Mr. Wm. F. Tice (1960).

Committee on Church and Parsonage Building Location

The Conference Missionary Board

Committee on Itineracy and Orders

Rev. S. A. Hill, Chairman (1960), Rev. A. L. Bray (1961), Rev. C. E. Olander (1962)
Rev. W. D. Oraker (1959)

Judiciary Committee

Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Rev. Harry Moeller, Rev. S. A. Hill, Rev. R. W. Klatt.

Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid

Rev. C. E. Olander, Chairman (1960), Rev. W. D. Oraker (1959), Rev. R. A. Strawser (1961)

Conference Educational Committee

Rev. Samuel T. Long, Educational Secretary, Chairman; Rev. A. L. Bray, Conference President and Trustee of Marion College; Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Conference Wesleyan Youth President; Mrs. Rachel C. Bray, Conference W. M. S. President; Mrs. Lloyd Wallace, Superintendent of the Illinois Conference Young Missionary Workers' Band.

Sunday School Board

Rev. W. D. Oraker, Conference Sunday School Secretary, Chairman; Rev. J. T. Ledwell (1960)
Rev. Robert L. Zuhl (1959).

Committee on Vacancies

Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Rev. Harry Moeller, Rev. R. E. Crawford, Mr. Frank Geniuk, Mr. S. H. Paine.

Boys and Girls Clubs Committee

Mr. Dwight Elliott, Chairman; Mrs. Eileen Murray, Mr. Richard Mould.

Camp Meeting Committee

Rev. A. L. Bray, Conference President, Chairman; Mrs. Rachel Bray, Conference W. M. S. President; Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Conference Wesleyan Youth President; Rev. R. E. Crawford, Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Rev. D. O. Durey, Mr. Lloyd Wallace.

Committee on Orders of the Day

The Conference President, Vice President and Secretary.

Statistical Committee

Rev. D. D. Crail, Statistical Secretary, Chairman; Rev. R. E. Crawford, Treasurer; Rev. W. D. Craker, Rev. Ray A. Strawser, Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

President's Advisory Board

Rev. Harry Moeller, Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

Staff of Conference Paper

Editor-in-Chief, Rev. A. L. Bray; Contributing Editors, Mrs. A. L. Bray, Rev. R. L. Zuhl.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP

Elders on the Stationed List

Rev. LaVerne G. Anderson, Route 1, Bloomfield, Indiana.	
Rev. James A. Blaine, 106 Spring Street, Wilmore, Kentucky.	
Rev. Arthur L. Bray, 5231 W. Ferdinand St., Chicago 44, Illinois.	Phone Austin 7-0476.
Rev. David D. Crail, 546 Landmeier Road, Elk Grove Village, Ill.	Phone HEMstead 7-0974.
Rev. Wendel D. Craker, 10615 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Illinois.	Phone FULLman 5-6929.
Rev. Roy E. Crawford, 303 S. Pleasant St., Princeton, Illinois.	Phone Princeton 2-6182.
Rev. Daren C. Durey, 351 Robert St., Creve Coeur, Illinois.	Phone Peoria 4-2661.
Rev. William H. Dyer, 1406 School St., Rockford, Illinois.	Phone Rockford 3-0616.
Rev. Stanley A. Hill, Box 62, Wyanet, Illinois.	Phone Wyanet 2831.
Rev. Robert W. Klatt, 1105 S. Sixth Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.	Phone Fillmore 4-9684.
Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell, 1040 Augusta St., Oak Park, Illinois.	Phone EUclid 6-1760.
Rev. Ronald E. Mullen, 1603 S. 15th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.	Phone Fillmore 3-3748.
Rev. Harry Moeller, 2108 W. Iowa Street, Chicago 22, Illinois.	Phone BRunswick 8-4232.
Rev. Samuel T. Long, 2829 S. Sewell St., Rockford, Illinois.	
Rev. Carl E. Olander, 875 N. Farnham Street, Galesburg, Illinois.	Phone Dixon 2-5753.
Rev. Orville E. Price, 526 E. Thompson St., Hoopeston, Illinois.	Phone Hoopeston 338.
Rev. Ray A. Strawser, 501 N. Leamington Ave., Chicago 44, Ill.	Phone COLUMbus 1-6677.
Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, 9101 S. Menard St., Oak Lawn, Ill.	Phone GARDen 4-0995.

Conference Preachers

Rev. George R. Durey, 1036 N. Farnham Street, Galesburg, Illinois.	Phone Dixon 3-6495.
Rev. Glen Klasna, 5659 W. 88th St., Oak Lawn, Illinois.	Phone GARDen 5-5287.
Rev. Oletus D. Kramer, 3212 N. Prospect Road, Peoria, Illinois.	Phone Peoria 5-7441.
Rev. Clarence C. McCarty, Box 475, Sheffield, Illinois.	Phone Sheffield 3731.
Rev. Mrs. Ivanelle McCarty, Box 475, Sheffield, Illinois.	Phone Sheffield 3731.
Rev. Martin Winterberg, 3033 Grant Blvd., Rockford, Illinois.	

Unstationed Elders

Rev. Francis A. Davis, No. 31, 4 Chome, Chikara-Machi, Higashi-Ku, Nagoya, Japan.
Rev. Pearl Poe, Eddyville, Iowa.

STANDING RULES

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

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

2) Annual Report. Resolved, that the Trustees present to Conference an annual report of official acts and of assets and liabilities of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, an Illinois corporation.

- III. Missionary Board.** 1) Membership. Resolved, that the Illinois Conference Missionary Board be composed of nine members, five of which shall be ministers and four laymen; that in said number the Conference Trustees shall be included as members ex-officio, as well as the ex-officio members declared in the Discipline.
- 2) Duties. Resolved, (a) That the Missionary Board is hereby authorized to pay out all monies from the Conference Missions Fund, and during the interim between Conference sessions to act as a Committee on Finance; (b) That the Missionary Board act as the Conference Committee on Church and Parsonage Location.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8) Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid. Resolved, that the Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid be composed of three members, each elected by the conference for a three year term of office, the terms to expire in successive years.

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

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

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

12) Minutes. Resolved, (a) That the Conference President and Secretary constitute a committee to edit and publish the annual conference minutes; (b) That the cost of printing the annual conference minutes be paid out of the Conference Fund; (c) That the total number of minutes to be printed be ascertained on the basis of family units among the membership and active constituency, who shall each be mailed a copy.

13) N. H. A. and N. A. E. Resolved, that the Illinois Conference maintain a membership in the National Holiness Association and the National Association of Evangelicals.

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

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

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

VI. Ministers. 1) Pastoral Service Report. Resolved, that each pastor of the Illinois Conference shall report to his quarterly conference each quarter the total of his home calls, hospital calls, pastoral conferences and church business calls, and that the total of these items be reported to annual conference and be included in the annual statistics.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ninth Annual Session
of the ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Voting Members Seated:

Austin (Chicago):

Rev. Ray A. Strawser (8)
 Mr. A. N. Carstensen (8)

Grove Coeur:

Rev. D. C. Durey (8)
 Mr. Carl L. Devall (6:1-6)

Galesburg:

Rev. C. E. Olander (7:1-7)

Hoopeston:

Rev. L. G. Anderson (0)

Hoyle Avenue (Chicago):

Rev. Harry Woeller (8)
 Mr. Frank Geniuk (8)

Maywood:

Rev. D. D. Craill (4:5-8)
 Mr. Norman Lenerville (5:1,4-6)

Oak Lawn:

Rev. R. L. Zuhl (8)
 Mrs. Margaret Stone (8)

Oak Park:

Rev. J. T. Ledwell (8)
 Mr. Frank Hames (4:2-5)

Peoria:

Rev. Orville E. Price (7:1-7)
 Mr. Cully Parsons (7:2-8)

Princeton:

Rev. R. E. Crawford (8)
 Mr. Charles Krager (8)

Rockford:

Rev. Wm. H. Dyer (8)
 Mr. Wm. F. Tice (8)

Roseland (Chicago):

Rev. W. D. Oraker (8)
 Mr. S. Hugh Paine (6:3-8)

Sheffield:

Rev. C. C. McCarty (6:3-8)

Wyanot:

Rev. S. A. Hill (8)
 Mr. L. W. Wallace (8)

Meetings attended are indicated between parentheses. Total precedes colon. Digits following colon refer to individual meetings attended.

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS

First Meeting, 1:30 p. m., Thursday, July 31, 1958.

1. Opening. The ninth annual session of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America was convened in the main tabernacle at Epworth Park (the Free Methodist) Camp Ground, near Belvidere, Illinois, at 1:30 p. m., ODT, July 31, 1958, by the Conference President, Rev. Arthur L. Bray of Chicago, Illinois. Members of the Conference sang the old traditional Methodist annual conference hymn, "And Are We Yet Alive and See Each Others Face?" The opening prayer was offered by the Vice President, Rev. William H. Dyer of Rockford, Illinois.

2. Communion Service. Rev. Alton E. Liddick, Denominational Representative and Director of Public Relations for the Department of Foreign Missions, brought a communion meditation based on Luke 23:33. He emphasized the meaning and accomplishments of Calvary. The celebration of the Lord's Supper was a gracious ministry of the Holy Spirit as the pastors and then others of the conference congregation knelt before the Lord. The ladies of the W. M. S. Conference joined with us in the communion service.

3. Conference Sermon. Rev. Roy E. Crawford, pastor of the Princeton charge, had been chosen by the 1957 Conference to preach the conference sermon. He preached on Acts 20:17-38, challenging the Conference with the theme of the "Exemplary Life," presenting the Apostle Paul as the pattern for the Christian minister. He spoke concerning the "Example of His Personal Life; The Example of His Ministry; The Example of the Divine Compulsion of His Life and The Example of His Absolute Confidence in Christ."

4. Opening of Business Session. The president called the meeting to order for the business session. The conference joined in singing the chorus, "Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know," and were led in prayer by Rev. C. E. Olander.

5. Roll Call. Twelve elders were present to answer the first roll call. (See Record of Attendance.)

6. Bar of Conference. The first six rows of seats in the center section of the tabernacle were declared the bar of conference and the elders were seated within the bar.

7. Conference Preacher Eligible to Vote. By prevailing motion, Rev. C. C. McCarty, pastor of the Sheffield charge, was declared eligible to vote.

8. Credentials Committee. Rev. Robert L. Zuhl and Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell were elected the Credentials Committee. They proceeded to collect delegates' credentials.

9. Courtesy Committee. Rev. David D. Orail and Rev. Wendel D. Craker were elected the Courtesy Committee.

10. Report of Credentials Committee. Delegates credentials were presented to the conference. The lay delegates were seated within the bar by conference vote. (See Record of Attendance.)

11. Report of the Courtesy Committee. The Courtesy Committee presented to the conference the following visitors and members: Rev. Alton E. Liddick, Denominational Representative; Mr. Charles Krager, Princeton delegate; Mr. Carl Dvall, Grove Coeur delegate; Mr. Norman Lonerville, Maywood delegate; and Rev. Ray A. Strawser, pastor of the Austin church.

12. Honorary Members. Motion prevailed that Rev. Alton E. Liddick, Denominational Representative, and all Conference Preachers who are not eligible to vote shall be made honorary members of the conference body.

13. Report of the Orders of the Day Committee. Rev. A. L. Bray, chairman of the committee, distributed mimeographed copies of the Orders of the Day Committee report. By proper conference vote it was adopted with necessary changes. (See Report No. 1.)

14. Nominating Committee. The conference elected the following committee to nominate conference committees: Rev. A. L. Bray, chairman; Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Rev. C. E. Olander, Mrs. Margaret Stone, Mr. Wm. F. Tice.

15. Adjournment. Motion prevailed that conference adjourn to meet at the call of the chair.

16. Adjourned Meeting. The Conference President called the meeting to order at 3:45 p. m. Rev. C. E. Olander offered prayer.

17. Report of the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Margaret Stone, secretary, read the report of the Nominating Committee. The report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 2.)

18. Adjournment. By prevailing motion the first meeting was adjourned for committee work.

Second Meeting, 7:00 p. m., Thursday, July 31, 1958.

1. Opening. The President called the second meeting to order. Rev. C. E. Olander led the Conference in singing "What a Fellowship," and brought a meditation based on Galatians 6:2, 10.

2. Roll Call. Thirteen ministerial and ten lay delegates attended the second meeting. (See Record of Attendance.)

3. Report of Missionary Board, the Board of Managers. Rev. Alton E. Liddick, Denominational Representative, was requested to take the Chair while the President read the report of the Missionary Board, the Board of Managers. The report was adopted by Conference vote. (See Report No. 3.)

4. Report of Camp Meeting Committee. Rev. Mr. Liddick continued in the Chair as President Bray, chairman of the Camp Meeting Committee, gave a summary of the activities and actions of the committee during the year. Report was adopted by vote of Conference. (See Report No. 4.)

5. Partial Report of Courtesy Committee. President Bray resumed the Chair, and the Courtesy Committee presented the Rev. Robert W. Klatt, pastor-elect of the Maywood church, who gave his testimony and brought words of greeting.

6. Analysis of the Camp Meeting Fund. Rev. Roy E. Crawford, Conference Treasurer, presented an analysis of the Camp Meeting Fund. Report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 4. It is appended to the Camp Meeting Committee Report.)

7. Report of Sunday School Board. Rev. W. D. Oraker, Conference Sunday School Secretary, read the report of the Conference Sunday School Board. Report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 5.)

8. Report of Pension Fund Treasurer. Rev. S. A. Hill, read his Pension Fund Treasurer's report. By motion it was referred to the auditing committee. (See Report No. 6.)

9. Report of Statistical Committee. Rev. David D. Orail, Conference Statistical Secretary, assisted by Rev. Wendel D. Oraker, read the report of the Statistical Committee. Report was approved by vote with permission to edit necessary items. (See Report No. 7.)

10. Report of Conference Treasurer. Rev. Roy E. Crawford, Conference Treasurer, read his report of Conference funds. (See Report No. 8.)

11. Report of Auditor. Rev. Roy E. Crawford read the statement of Audit by Mr. D. M. Schafer, Certified Public Accountant. Report was adopted by Conference vote with an expression of appreciation for the work of our Treasurer. (See Report No. 9.)

12. Recommendation to Study and Travel. Mr. Wm. F. Tice, delegate from the Rockford First Church presented the name of Martin W. Winterberg as a suitable person to be received to study and travel under the direction of the Conference. By prevailing motion this item was approved and referred to the Committee on Itineracy and Orders.

13. Orders of the Day. Motion unanimously prevailed that we amend the Orders of the Day to hear reports scheduled for the Third Meeting.

14. Report of Conference President. By request, Rev. A. E. Liddick assumed the Chair as the Conference President, Rev. A. L. Bray, read his report. His statements of progress of the Illinois Conference, his personal labors and official acts were approved with a rising vote of thanks for his labors. (See Report No. 10.)

15. Analysis of President's Financial Report. President Bray read the Analysis of the President's Support Fund and the Conference Fund. Motion prevailed that these be referred to the Finance Committee.

16. Adjournment. The Second Meeting was adjourned by limitation of time. Rev. S. A. Hill offered the closing prayer.

Third Meeting, 9:30 a. m., Friday, August 1, 1958.

1. Opening. The President called the meeting to order after which Rev. W. D. Oraker led in singing, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," and directed the Conference in meditation. He based his thoughts on II Corinthians 4:5,7.

2. Roll Call. Fourteen ministerial and ten lay delegates answered the third roll call. (See Record of Attendance.)

3. Reading of Minutes. Minutes of the First and Second Meetings were read and by vote were approved as corrected.

4. Transfer of Elder. The Elder's Credentials of Rev. Robert W. Klatt were presented for transfer to the Illinois Conference from the Indiana Conference. He was received as an Elder of the Illinois Conference by unanimous vote of the Elders present.

5. Transfer of Conference Preacher. The Conference Preacher's credentials of Rev. Samuel T. Long were presented for transfer to the Illinois Conference from the Indiana Conference. They were presented with a certification from Rev. E. L. Kierstead, President of the Indiana Conference, that Rev. Mr. Long had completed the Disciplinary requirements for ordination. He was received by Conference vote and referred to the Committee on Itineracy and Orders.

6. Report of Conference Trustees. Mr. S. Hugh Paine read a partial report consisting of the official acts during the interim of Conference of the Illinois Conference Board of Trustees. Report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 11.)

7. Report of Educational Committee. Rev. R. L. Zuhl, chairman, read the report of the Educational Committee which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 12.)

8. Report of Editor of Conference Paper. President Bray, Editor of "The Illinois Tidings," read his report which was adopted by Conference vote. (See Report No. 13.)

9. Report of Illinois Trustee of Marion College. Rev. A. L. Bray, Illinois member of the Local Board of Trustees of Marion College gave a report of the activities of the college in conjunction with his official acts as trustee. Report was adopted by Conference vote. (See Report No. 14.)

10. Report of Educational Secretary. Rev. R. L. Zuhl gave the secretary's report concerning the educational interests of the Conference, which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 15.)

11. Report of Secretary of Wesleyan Men. Rev. J. T. Ledwell, Conference Secretary for the promotion of the men's fellowship known as Wesleyan Men, gave his report with recommendations for the promotion of this organization in Illinois. Report was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 16.)

12. Pastoral Monthly Reports. Motion prevailed that consideration and discussion of the pastors' monthly reporting of statistics to the Conference President be withheld until the Ministerial Convention.

13. Adjournment. Conference was adjourned for committee work by prevailing motion. Mr. S. Hugh Paine offered the closing prayer.

Fourth Meeting, 1:30 p. m., Friday, August 1, 1958.

1. Opening. The Secretary, Rev. D. C. Durey, called the meeting to order. Rev. Ray A. Strawner led the Conference in singing, "Take My Life and Let It Be," and led in a meditation based on II Chron. 29:1-3,5.

2. Attendance. Fourteen ministerial and eleven lay members of Conference answered the fourth roll call. (See Record of Attendance.)

3. Report of Auditing Committee. Rev. W. D. Craker read the report of the Auditing Committee which was adopted by Conference vote. (See Report No. 17.)

4. Report of Passage of Character Committee. Mr. S. Hugh Paine read the report of the Passage of Character Committee which stated that the ministerial character of all Conference ministers was passed by the committee. Approved by vote. (See Report No. 18.)

5. Election of Officers. Rev. Alton E. Liddick, Denominational Representative, was requested to take the Chair as the Conference proceeded to the election of Conference officers. President Bray appointed the following tellers: Rev. W. D. Craker and Rev. J. T. Ledwell, distributing tellers. Rev. S. A. Hill and Rev. R. E. Crawford, collecting tellers. The result of the balloting is as follows: President, Rev. A. L. Bray; Vice President, Rev. William H. Dyer; Secretary, Rev. D. C. Durey. The Secretary-elect stated that he declined the election, but after ensuing ballots failed to elect, he was persuaded to reconsider and by prevailing motion was elected to office. Treasurer, Rev. Roy E. Crawford; Motion prevailed that the election of Treasurer of the Pension Fund be referred to the Finance Committee for recommendation. Conference Ministerial Trustee, Rev. William H. Dyer, term expires 1961; Conference Lay Trustee, Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., term expires 1961; Missionary Board elected members: Rev. Harry Moeller, Rev. D. C. Durey and Mr. H. Ray Dyer, lay member. Rev. C. E. Olander was elected to succeed himself as a member of the Committee on Itineracy and Orders. His term expires in 1962. Ministerial Delegate to General Conference, Rev. A. L. Bray; Alternate Ministerial Delegate to General Conference, Rev. W. H. Dyer; Lay Delegate to General Conference, Mr. S. Hugh Paine; Alternate Lay Delegate to General Conference, Mr. W. F. Tice.

6. Recess. The election by ballot being completed, motion prevailed that we recess for ten minutes.

7. Recessed Meeting. President Bray resumed the Chair and continued the election by acclamation.

8. Election of Officers, continued. By acclamation the following officers and committees were elected: Educational Secretary, Rev. Samuel T. Long; Conference Sunday School Secretary, Rev. Wendel D. Craker; Director of Child Evangelism--motion prevailed that this item be referred to the Sunday School Committee for nomination. Tithing Secretary, Rev. C. C. McCarty; Secretary of Wesleyan Men, Rev. J. T. Ledwell; Statistical Secretary, Rev. David D. Orail; Boys' and Girls' Clubs Secretary; Motion prevailed

that a committee of three be elected to oversee the work of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs in Illinois. The following were elected to fill this committee: Rev. D. D. Crail, Mrs. Eileen Murray, Mr. Richard Mould. Conference Parliamentarian, Rev. W. H. Dyer. Judiciary Committee, Rev. W. H. Dyer, Rev. Harry Moeller, Rev. Stanley A. Hill, Rev. Robert W. Klatt. Member of Board of Superannuated Ministers' Aid, Rev. Ray A. Strawser, term expires 1961. Member of Sunday School Board, Rev. J. T. Ledwell; term expires 1960. Committee on Vacancies, Rev. W. H. Dyer, Rev. Harry Moeller, Rev. R. E. Crawford, Mr. Frank Goniuk, Mr. S. Hugh Paine. Camp Meeting Committee, in addition to ex-officio members: Rev. R. E. Crawford, Rev. W. H. Dyer, Rev. D. O. Durey, Mr. L. W. Wallace. Motion prevailed that this number shall be the Camp Meeting Committee. Statistical Committee: In addition to ex-officio member: Rev. W. D. Craker, Rev. Ray A. Strawser, Mr. S. H. Paine.

9. Report of Child Evangelism Director. Rev. W. H. Dyer read the report of the Director of Child Evangelism, Mrs. W. H. Dyer in her absence. It was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 19.)

10. Report of Tithing Secretary. Rev. C. O. McCarty gave his report as Tithing Secretary. It was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 20.)

11. Report of Board of Superannuated Ministers' Aid. Rev. C. E. Olander read a partial report of the Board of S. M. A. which was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 21.)

12. Adjournment. The Fourth Meeting was adjourned by prevailing motion. Rev. C. E. Olander offered the closing prayer.

Fifth Meeting, 7:00 p. m., Friday, August 1, 1958.

1. Opening. The Secretary called the meeting to order and Rev. D. D. Crail led the Conference in singing the hymn, "Even Me," and presented a meditation based on Hebrews 11:24-26, "What Are Our Choices?"

2. Attendance. Fourteen ministerial and eleven lay members attended the Fifth Meeting. (See Record of Attendance.)

3. Letter of Greeting. The Vice-President assumed the Chair and the Secretary read a letter of greeting from Rev. James A. Blaine, an Elder of the Conference presently attending Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. Motion prevailed that the Secretary reciprocate with greetings from the Conference.

4. Courtesy Committee. The President assumed the Chair upon his return from a committee meeting and the Courtesy Committee presented the following: Mr. Herbert Apel, ministerial candidate from the Maywood church; Mr. Martin Winterberg, ministerial candidate from the Rockford Church; Rev. Glen Klasna, Conference Preacher, from the Oak Lawn church.

5. Director of Child Evangelism. Rev. W. D. Craker, Conference Sunday School Secretary, reported that the Sunday School Committee had nominated Mrs. Roy Crawford as Director of Child Evangelism. This was approved by vote of Conference.

6. Boys' and Girls' Clubs Committee Chairman. Rev. D. D. Crail tendered his resignation as chairman of the committee, which was accepted by Conference vote. Rev. Mr. Crail then offered the nomination of Mr. Dwight Elliott, who was elected by Conference vote.

7. Report of Committee on Itinerary and Orders. Rev. A. L. Bray read the report of the Committee on Itinerary and Orders. It was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 22.)

8. Report of Moral Reform Committee. Rev. Ray A. Strawser, Committee chairman, read the report of the Moral Reform Committee. It was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 23.)

9. Report of Pastors. Pastors of the churches at Chicago-Austin, Grove Coeur, Galesburg, Chicago-Hoyne Avenue, Maywood, Oak Lawn and Oak Park reported a summary of statistics and general condition of their respective charges. Each gave testimony of present victory. These were followed by a statement and testimony from the respective delegates.

10. Orders of the Day. By unanimous vote the Orders of the Day were changed to provide for meeting at 9:00 a. m., instead of 8:00 a. m., to begin the Sixth Meeting.

11. Adjournment. The Fifth Meeting was adjourned for committee work by limitation of time. Rev. Glen Klasna offered the closing prayer.

Sixth Meeting, 9:00 a. m., Saturday, August 2, 1958.

1. Opening. President Bray called the meeting to order and asked Rev. J. T. Ledwell, chairman of the Committee on Devotions, to present the morning speaker, Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, who led the Conference in a meditation based on portions of scripture from II Chron. 14, 15 and 16. After an opening prayer the business meeting began.
2. Roll Call. Fourteen ministerial and ten lay delegates attended the Sixth Meeting. (See Record of Attendance.)
3. Reading of Minutes. The minutes of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Meetings were read and approved by vote of Conference.
4. Report of Thanks Committee. Rev. R. L. Zuhl, chairman, read the report of the Thanks Committee. Report was adopted by Conference vote. (See Report No. 24.)
5. Report of Pastors. Pastors of the churches at Peoria, Princeton, Rockford, Chicago-Roseland, Sheffield and Wyanet reported a summary of statistics and general condition of their respective charges. Testimonies of pastors and delegates indicated the blessing and help of God.
6. Report of Courtesy Committee. The Courtesy Committee presented the Rev. Thomas Hersey, pastor of the Popejoy, Iowa, Methodist Church. He brought words of greeting.
7. Adjournment. Motion prevailed that we adjourn for committee work subject to the call of the Chair. There being no call due to additional committee work, the Sixth Meeting was adjourned by limitation of time.

Seventh Meeting, 1:30 p. m., Saturday, August 2, 1959.

1. Opening. The Secretary called the Meeting to order. Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell directed the Conference in devotions basing his thoughts on Matthew, chapter 5. He then led the Conference in prayer. Following this the Conference then shared a few moments of hymn singing and meditation.
2. Adjournment. Due to the absence of the President and the Finance Committee which were preparing a final report to the Conference, motion prevailed that the meeting adjourn to the call of the Chair.
3. Adjourned Meeting. The necessary committee work being completed, President Bray convened the adjourned meeting.
4. Report of Courtesy Committee. The Courtesy Committee presented the Camp Meeting evangelist, Rev. Gerald Carry of Abilene, Kansas, who spoke words of greeting.
5. Report of Sunday School Committee. Rev. Wendel Oraker, chairman, read the report of the Sunday School Committee which was adopted by Conference vote. (See Report No. 25.)
6. Report of Conference Sunday School Secretary. The Conference Sunday School Secretary read his report with the analysis of the Sunday School Funds and Sunday School concerns. Report was approved by vote of Conference. (See Report No. 26.)
7. General Sunday School Budget Deficit. Motion prevailed that the deficit in the General Sunday School budget receipts be paid to the General Sunday School office out of the balance in the Conference Sunday School funds.
8. Report of Pastor. In the absence of Rev. L. G. Anderson, Rev. D. D. Crail, the Statistical Secretary, read the statistics of the Hoopston charge.
9. Report of Committee on Finance. Mr. S. Hugh Paine, secretary of the committee, presented the report of the Committee on Finance. The report was adopted as read by Conference vote. (See Report No. 27.)
10. Report of Conference Trustees. Mr. S. Hugh Paine, secretary of the board, read the final report of the Board of Trustees. Report was approved and adopted by Conference vote, with permission to amend as necessary in respect to certain amounts paid by the churches on indebtedness which need to be clarified. (See Report No. 11.)
11. Report of Pastoral Relations Committee. Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, secretary of the committee, read the report of the Pastoral Relations Committee which was adopted by vote of Conference.

ference. The question of the membership of the Rev. Pearl Poe, an Elder who has not maintained an active relationship with the Conference, was by prevailing motion left in the hands of the Conference President to check into. (See Report No. 28.)

12. Letters of Greeting. Motion prevailed that the Secretary be directed to send official greetings from the Conference to absent members and all Denominational Department heads.

13. Church Union. Motion was offered and supported that we the Illinois Conference go on record as approving the merger of the Wesleyan Methodist and Pilgrim Holiness Churches and that we authorize the delegates to General Conference so to vote if it seem wise to them. Because of the lack of sufficient information to make an adequate decision, motion prevailed that we lay the question of Church Union on the table.

14. Committee of the Whole. Motion prevailed that we constitute ourselves a Committee of the Whole to facilitate a proper discussion of the question of mandatory membership in the Denominational Pension Plan.

15. Mandatory Membership. After a lengthy and searching discussion of the merits of mandatory membership in the Denominational Pension Plan, a motion prevailed that we refer the question back to the Conference Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid for further study and a recommendation to the 1959 Conference session.

16. Committee of the Whole Dissolves. By prevailing motion the Committee of the Whole was dissolved and the Conference body resumed its regular procedures.

17. Conference Sermon. Motion prevailed that the Conference President, Rev. A. L. Bray, bring the Conference Sermon in 1959. Rev. D. D. Crail was elected alternate.

18. Unfinished Business. Motion prevailed that any unfinished business be left in the hands of the Missionary Board, which the Discipline constitutes the Board of Managers, with power to act on behalf of the Conference.

19. Place of the 1959 Conference Session. By prevailing motion the place of the 1959 Conference session was left in the hands of the Camp Meeting Committee.

20. Election to Elders Orders. Motion prevailed by unanimous vote of the Elders present to elect Rev. Ronald Eugene Mullen and Rev. Samuel Thomas Long to Elders Orders. Fulfillment of this motion was left in the hands of the Missionary Board because these brethren would be unable to be present until after the rise of Conference.

21. Permission to Leave. Because of responsibilities at the local level, permission to leave the Conference session was given Rev. C. E. Olander and Rev. O. E. Price.

22. Change of Conference Date. Motion prevailed that the question of change of Conference date of meeting be given further study.

23. Reading of Minutes. By prevailing motion the final reading of the minutes was dispensed with and they were left in the hands of the President and Secretary.

24. Adjournment. The Seventh Meeting was adjourned by Conference vote. The Conference President, Rev. A. L. Bray, offered a fervent prayer of benediction.

Eighth Meeting, 7:30 p. m., Saturday, August 2, 1958. Installation Service and Denominational Address.

1. Opening. President Bray called the meeting to order and offered the prayer of invocation. Rev. D. C. Durey led the Conference in singing the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

2. Introduction of Conference Youth Officers. The officers of the Illinois Conference Wesleyan Youth were assembled on the platform and introduced to the congregation: Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, President; Rev. Stanley A. Hill, Vice President; Miss Linda Dyer, Secretary; and Mrs. Ida Craker, Treasurer.

3. Installation of Conference W. M. S. Officers. The following officers and leaders of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Illinois Conference were present on the tabernacle platform: President, Mrs. Rachel Bray; Vice President, Mrs. Edna Moeller; Secretary, Mrs. Margory Zuhl; Treasurer, Mrs. Edna Hill; Y. M. W. B. Superintendent, Mrs. Mildred

Wallace; Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. Kathleen Dyer; Literature Secretary, Mrs. Ethel Dyer; Reading Course Secretary, Mrs. Shirley Ledwell; Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Joaquin Crawford; Statistical Chairman, Mrs. Norma Jean Craker; Woman's World Fellowship Secretary, Mrs. Mildred Haslett. Rev. Alton E. Liddick, Denominational Representative and Director of Public Relations of the Department of Foreign Missions, installed these ladies in office for the new year and gave recognition of the work they are doing in furthering the cause of Christ throughout the world.

4. Installation of Conference Officers. The officers-elect of the Illinois Conference, Rev. A. L. Bray, President; Rev. William H. Dyer, Vice-President; Rev. D. C. Durey, Secretary; and Rev. Roy E. Crawford, Treasurer, were formally installed into office by Rev. Alton E. Liddick, who offered a prayer of dedication.

5. Installation of Conference Pastors. President Bray called the pastors of the Illinois Conference to kneel at the tabernacle altar. After a prayer of dedication he installed the ministers as pastors of their respective charges and introduced them individually to the congregation present in the denominational service.

6. Denominational Address. Rev. Alton E. Liddick, Denominational Representative, then brought the Denominational Address, entitled, "Great Open Doors; Many Adversaries." He based his remarks on I Corinthians 16:8,9, presenting an outstanding and detailed picture of Wesleyan Methodist interests and emphasizing the need for the prayers of the people of God that the church may meet its responsibilities in this day of decision.

7. Adjournment. President Bray closed the 1958 Conference session with words of appreciation for the splendid spirit of the Conference. Motion by Rev. Robert L. Zuhl and supported by Rev. David D. Crail, that we adjourn the Ninth Session of the Illinois Conference, *sine die*, prevailed by Conference vote. Rev. Gerald E. Carry, evangelist for the Annual Camp Meeting which was to begin on the morrow, offered the prayer of benediction.

Conference Sunday School Service, 9:00 a. m., Sunday, August 3, 1958.

1. The Sunday School hour of the Illinois Conference Camp Meeting was designated by Conference as the Conference Sunday School Service. Rev. Wendel D. Craker, Conference Sunday School Secretary, led the service, which opened with a song-time featuring the Marion College Male Quartet. The goodly number were in attendance each Sunday of Camp Meeting and good offerings were received. Local Sunday School interests were encouraged by the Secretary who spoke of the plans for the year to come.

Conference Educational Service, 1:30 p. m., Monday, August 4, 1958.

1. **Opening.** An Educational Service was held during the regular Wesleyan Youth after-noon Camp Meeting service on Monday. Conference Educational Secretary (1957-1958) Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, presided. The several numbers sung by the Marion College Male Quartet were an added blessing.

2. **Educational Address.** Dr. William F. McConn, President of Marion College, preached a stirring message on Christian education, particularly as it relates to Marion College. He congratulated the Illinois Conference on the number of students she has sent to our area college and asked for our continued support. Dr. McConn offered the benediction.

Conference Church Extension Service, 1:30 p. m. Friday, August 8, 1958.

1. **Opening.** The afternoon Youth Service was devoted to an emphasis on Conference Church Extension. The Conference President, Rev. Arthur L. Bray, as chairman of the Conference Missionary Board, presented the many church extension interests in Illinois. Rev. W. H. Dyer, pastor of Rockford First Church, presented facts concerning the launching of the Rockford Ken-Rock pioneer effort under the Mother-Church Plan.

2. **Church Extension Challenge.** Rev. Forrest J. Gearhart, President of the Houghton College Area of Wesleyan Youth, and pioneer pastor-elect to Wheaton, spoke concerning the calling of God to pioneering in Wheaton, and emphasized the need of a spirit of obedience to the call of God. The service closed with a consecration of the youth and adults of the Conference who were willing to stand unreservedly in prayer and service

behind the Wheaton project and the other pioneer interests of the Conference. By request of the speaker, the Conference President offered the prayer of consecration for the throng standing at the altar, closing with a benediction.

Conference Ordination Service, 6:30 p. m., Sunday, August 10, 1959.

1. Opening. An ordination service had been called for by previous vote of Conference. Rev. Arthur L. Bray, the Conference President, opened the service and Rev. D. C. Durey led in singing appropriate hymns.

2. Candidates. The Illinois Conference Secretary, Rev. Daren C. Durey, announced that Rev. Samuel Thomas Long and Rev. Ronald Eugene Mullen had been elected to be ordained elders of the Illinois Conference.

3. Ordination Sermon. The Conference President, Rev. Arthur L. Bray, had been selected by the candidates to preach the ordination sermon. He brought a very challenging message on "A Saviour of Life or Death," basing his thoughts and remarks on II Cor. 2:13-16.

4. Ordination Ceremony. The candidates were asked to present themselves at the altar of the tabernacle. The Conference President, Rev. Arthur L. Bray, officiated during the ordination ritual. The Collect, the Epistle and the Gospel were read Rev. Stanley A. Hill, Rev. Harry Moeller and Rev. William H. Dyer, respectively. The Conference Elders who had participated in the service then laid hands on each candidate as Conference President Bray offered prayers of dedication and ordination for each. The newly-ordained Elders Long and Mullen were then introduced to the congregation and Rev. William H. Dyer offered the closing prayer of blessing upon each candidate and his helpmate. The meeting closed with a time of congratulations to the newly-ordained Elders.

Rev. Arthur L. Bray President.

Rev. Daren C. Durey, Secretary.

R E P O R T S

Report No. 1

Orders of the Day Committee

Summarised as follows:

Thursday, July 31, 1958. Conference convenes, 1:30 p. m.; Communion Service; Conference Sermon; Organization of Conference; 7:00 p. m., Report of Nominating Committee; Reports of Standing Committees and Financial Reports.

Friday, August 1, 1958. 9:45 a. m., Reports of Conference Leaders; Reports of Conference Committees; 1:45 p. m., Election of Officers, Boards and Committees; Reports of Pastors; 7:00 p. m., Reports of Committees and Pastors.

Saturday, August 2, 1958. 9:00 a. m., Reports of Conference Committees and Reports of Pastors, continued; Miscellaneous Business; 1:45 p. m., Reports of Committees; Report of the Pastoral Relations Committee; Miscellaneous Business; 7:30 p. m., Denominational Service; Introduction of Wesleyan Youth Officers; Installation of W. M. S. Officers; Installation of Conference Officers; Installation of Pastors; Denominational Address; Adjournment Sine Die.

Sunday, August 3, 1958. 9:00 a. m., Conference Sunday School Service.

Monday, August 4, 1958. 1:30 p. m., Conference Educational Service. Dr. McComm, speaker.

Friday, August 8, 1958. 1:30 p. m., Conference Wesleyan Youth Service.

Saturday, August 9, 1958. 1:30 p. m., Conference Church Extension Service.

Sunday, August 10, 1958. 6:30 p. m., Ordination Service.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman
Rev. Wm. H. Dyer
Rev. D. C. Durey

Report No. 2Nominating Committee

We recommend the following committee appointments for this Conference Session:

Pastoral Relations: Rev. A. L. Bray, chairman; Rev. Harry Moeller, Rev. William H. Dyer, Rev. O. E. Olander, Mr. W. F. Tice, Mr. A. L. Carstensen, Mr. L. W. Wallace.

Passage of Character: Rev. A. L. Bray, chairman; Rev. Roy E. Crawford, Mr. S. H. Paine.

Statistical Committee: Rev. D. D. Crail, chairman; Rev. Roy E. Crawford, Rev. Wendel D. Craker, Rev. J. T. Ledwell, Mr. S. H. Paine, Mrs. Margaret Stone, Mr. Cully Parsons.

Moral Reform: Rev. R. A. Strawser, chairman; Rev. S. A. Hill, Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Mr. Norman Lennerville, Mr. Charles Krager.

Thanks: Rev. R. L. Zuhl, chairman; Rev. J. T. Ledwell.

Sunday School: Rev. W. D. Craker, chairman; Rev. C. C. McCarty, Rev. O. E. Price, Mr. Frank Hanes, Mr. Carl Devall, Mr. Frank Geniuk.

Auditing: The Statistical Committee.

Devotional: Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell to appoint speakers.

Finance: The Missionary Board, Rev. R. E. Crawford, Rev. S. A. Hill, treasurers.

Standing Rules: Board of Trustees.

Memorials to General Conference: Standing Rules Committee, W. Y. President, Conference Sunday School Secretary.

Postmaster: Rev. Carl E. Olander.

Reporter: Rev. Ray A. Strawser.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. A. L. Bray, chairman
 Rev. W. H. Dyer
 Rev. C. E. Olander
 Mrs. Margaret Stone,
 Mr. W. F. Tice

Report No 3Missionary Board

We the members of your Missionary Board report as follows:

As the Board of Managers of the Illinois Conference in the interim of Conference sessions, (Discipline, Para. 278) we have held five meetings this past year, on August 5, September 14 and November 2, 1957, and February 1 and May 3, 1958, to hear reports concerning the state of our churches and to consider the needs of our pioneer churches and the prospects for new advance. Following is a summary of the reports heard, the actions taken and a statement as to our pioneer prospects:

Pioneer Projects: Ken-Rock. The Rockford First Church under Pastor W. H. Dyer launched a branch church in the Ken-Rock district in south-east Rockford on December 1st, 1957. They were assisted first in this project by Rev. Glen Dyer, the pastor's brother. When he returned to his home in Bloomington to secure work, the pastor was aided by a consecrated layman, Mr. Martin Winterberg. Rev. Samuel T. Long of the Indiana Conference has been called as assistant pastor at First Church and will be helping in this new project. The Missionary Board has been sharing about equally with First Church in the rental of a small chapel building and other expenses. There are good prospects ahead for Ken-Rock.

Wheaton. For some years prayer has been offered for the launching of a new church in Wheaton, a suburb of Chicago where our church ministered for so many years in the last century before the work was closed. At last plans have materialized and through the generous assistance of Dr. Harold K. Sheets and his Department of Church Extension and Home Missions, four acres of land have been purchased on the south-east corner of town in an area of new subdivisions where only one other church stands. Plans have been drawn to erect a parsonage-chapel building shortly after Conference. Rev. Forrest J. Gearhart, pastor of our Sturgis, Michigan, church and President of the Houghton Area of Wesleyan Youth, is coming as the pioneer pastor. The denominational Wesleyan Youth Council has designated the Youth Week offering this coming year for Brother Gearhart's support. We believe this is God's time for Wesleyan Methodists to begin again a ministry in Wheaton after an absence of more than half a century!

Elk Grove Village. Pastor David D. Crail of Maywood has resigned his pastorate and has purchased a new home in Elk Grove Village, a subdivision with plans for 6,000 new homes, located about five miles west of O'Hare Airport on Chicago's northwest side. The Board secured the down-payment for the residence which will be the parsonage of the new church. Pastor and Mrs. Crail have signed contracts to teach Fourth and Second Grades, respectively, in the local grade school as a means of financing their pioneer effort. The development company has promised to sell us six lots just across the street from the parsonage, on which to build a new church. Pray much for this young couple as they personally carry the financial load of launching this new project and as they begin services in a neighborhood school house. The Conference President and his family plan to assist in the beginning days as Sunday School workers.

Report No. 4Camp Meeting Committee

We your Camp Meeting Committee, do submit the following report:

Camp Arrangements. Your Camp Meeting Committee operated last year's (1957) Camp Meeting with finances as reported by the treasurer below and with many spiritual blessings received. Rev. Charles W. Carter was used of God to bless many, especially the youth.

During the 1957 Camp Meeting period we held three committee meetings for the management of the Camp and the allocation of the finances. Rev. D. C. Durey was elected secretary of the committee and by Conference action Rev. Roy E. Crawford became treasurer because the Camp funds were combined with other Conference funds for better administration.

Your chairman was compelled to leave on Thursday of the 1957 Camp to fulfil an engagement as one of the Camp evangelists of our Houghton Camp in New York. Our Conference Vice-President, Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, was appointed by the committee to take over the direction of the remaining portion of the Camp. He did an excellent job and is worthy of our appreciation. While in Houghton we experienced revival blessings.

On February 19, 1958, your committee met for its annual planning session and laid full plans for the coming Camp Meeting which begins next Sunday, August 3 and continues through the following Sunday, August 10. The Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Carry of Abilene, Kansas, are the engaged evangelist and children's worker, respectively. Mrs. Nettie Perkins will help with the handicraft. Professor Lorenzo Harvey, formerly of the staff of Miltonvale and Central colleges, will direct the musical program. Mrs. Verna Martin is the engaged cook. Rev. Carl E. Olander will be the buyer and Rev. Stanley Hill will manage the dining hall. Mrs. Ivanelle McCarty will direct kitchen work details. Rev. Harry Moeller and Rev. J. T. Ledwell are in charge of housing. Rev. W. H. Dyer will give the morning call. W. Y. President Robert L. Zuhl is in charge of the Youth Camp division.

Our contract for the rental of these grounds expires after the 1959 Camp session. Considerable dissatisfaction has been expressed over the housing conditions. If better facilities at comparable cost are known to any members of the Conference it would be a favor to your committee to pass the information on to us. Your chairman has continued to maintain annual contact with individual cottage holders and thus far has been able to rent sufficient housing, even though some of the places are not in the best condition. However with the heavy financial demands being made upon us in these days of pioneering we should think seriously before venturing into the task of buying of building a new Camp ground or renting a more expensive one. May the Lord give us guidance!

Following is a statement of Camp Fund activities:
(Prepared by R. E. Crawford, Conference Treasurer)

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Disbursements</u>	
1957 Camp Registrations	\$1559.13	1957 Camp Groceries	\$1041.77
1957 Camp Offerings	683.97	1957 Camp Workers	575.00
Pledges paid during year	732.00	1957 Camp Rentals:	
Dining Hall, individual meals	97.05	Camp Grounds	\$500.00
Resale of Groceries left over	34.85	Cottages	327.00
Illinois Wesleyan Youth	100.00	P. A. System	80.00
Insurance Reimbursement	3.00	Hymnbooks	10.00
Gifts	25.00		917.00
Miscellaneous	5.81	Equipment and repairs	11.72
Total Receipts	\$3240.81	Utilities:	
Balance on Hand, Aug. 7, 1957	775.26	Telephone	36.02
Total Credits	\$4016.07	Electricity	85.00
		L. P. Gas	54.00
			175.02
		Laundry	19.95
		Mileage for Supervisors	52.52
		Insurance	140.68
		Youth Camp Fee	127.00
		Conference Work Fund (refund)	55.13
		Insurance on stored equipment	40.19
		Medical	3.00
		Total Disbursements	\$3158.98
Recap:			
Total Credits	\$4016.07		
Less Total Disbursements	3158.98		
Balance on Hand, July 15, 1958	857.09		

Respectfully submitted,
Camp Meeting Committee,
Rev. Arthur L. Bray, Chairman

Report No. 5Sunday School Board

The Sunday School Board in considering the Conference Sunday School Program took the following actions:

- 1) Authorized the Sunday School Secretary's expense to the first Nation-wide Wesleyan Sunday School Convention in Grand Rapids.
- 2) Authorized payment to the Greater Chicago Sunday School Association of a \$25.00 membership in the association.
- 3) Voted approval of the second Annual Blue Ribbon Sunday School Contest from Easter to Pentecost.
- 4) Considered plans for a mid-winter Sunday School Tour of the Conference, but finances did not warrant the expense at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Wendel D. Oraker, Chairman
 Rev. Robert L. Zuhl
 Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell

Report No. 6Pension Fund

Receipts: 1957-1958	<u>Budgets Received</u>	<u>Assessed Budget</u>	<u>Budget Paid</u>	
	Austin			
	Austin	\$90.00	\$90.00	
	Creve Coeur	15.00	15.00	
	Hoopeston	24.00		
	Hoynes Avenue	57.00		
	Maywood	52.50	52.50	
	Oak Lawn	52.50	52.50	
	Oak Park	51.00	46.75	
	Peoria	22.50	15.00	
	Princeton	46.50	46.50	
	Rockford	61.50	61.50	
	Roseland	28.50	28.50	
	Sheffield	6.00	6.00	
	Wyanet	72.00	72.00	
	Total	\$579.00	\$486.25	\$486.25

Ministerial 1% Assessments

A. L. Bray	67.45	
W. D. Oraker	76.81	
R. E. Crawford	39.24	
W. H. Dyer	60.88	
H. Moeller	74.28	
O. E. Olander	<u>41.97</u>	

Reimbursed expense from David A. Rees
 Total receipts
 Balance on Hand, July 15, 1957
 Total credits

360.61
 5.04
\$351.90
 14.35
\$366.25

Disbursements:

** Budgets paid to David A. Rees	\$355.89	
*** 1% Assessments remitted	<u>120.60</u>	
Total Disbursements		476.49
Balance on Hand, July 22, 1958		<u>\$389.76</u>

* Balance assigned received after the close of the Conference Year and will appear in next year's report.

** and *** balance of amounts received remitted after close of fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Stanley A. Hill, Treasurer

Report No. 7Statistical Committee

(Local church statistics and Conference totals are tabulated on the center pages.)

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. D. D. Crail, Chairman
 Rev. R. E. Crawford
 Rev. W. D. Oraker
 Mr. S. Hugh Paine
 Mr. Cully Parsons
 Mrs. Margaret Stone
 Rev. J. T. Lodwell

Report No. 8

Conference Treasurer

Cash receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year which ended July 15, 1958:

FUND	Balance 7/15/57	Receipts	Total Credits	Disburse- ments	Balance 7/15/58
General Conference Budget:	\$ 0				\$ 0
Administrative Expense \$	--0-	\$ 177.54	\$ 177.54	\$ 177.54	\$ --0-
Australia	-0-	78.52	78.52	78.52	-0-
Education	-0-	966.43	966.43	966.43	-0-
Foreign Missions	-0-	258.06	258.06	258.06	-0-
Travel and Entertainment	-0-	52.59	52.59	52.59	-0-
Sunday School	-0-	182.61	182.61	182.61	-0-
Home Missions	-0-	259.71	259.71	259.71	-0-
Marions College Expansion	-0-	330.96	330.96	330.96	-0-
Orphanage	-0-	57.27	57.27	57.27	-0-
\$	--0-	\$ 2,363.69	\$ 2,363.69	\$ 2,363.69	\$ --0-

FUND	Balance 7/15/57	Receipts	Total Credits	Disburse- ments	Balance 7/15/58
Illinois Conference Budget:					
President's Support \$	1,834.22	\$ 3,589.68	\$ 5,423.90	\$ 4,753.18	\$ 670.72
Conference Work	457.17	1,106.34	1,563.51	2,150.50	(- 586.99)
Conference Missions	399.54	4,470.79	4,870.33	4,796.71	73.62
Pastors' Insurance	134.05	1,647.14	1,781.19	1,776.51	4.68
Conference Sunday School	10.44	151.72	162.16	93.71	68.45
\$	2,835.42	\$10,965.67	\$13,801.09	\$13,570.61	\$ 230.48

Illinois Non-Budget:					
Conference Parsonage \$	239.24	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 2,264.24	\$ 2,418.88	\$ (-154.64)
*Camp Meeting (Bal. 8/7/57)	775.26	3,240.81	4,016.07	3,158.98	857.09
Escrow	2,350.00	16,053.00	18,403.00	16,353.00	2,050.00
Miscellaneous	11.20	195.76	206.96	197.06	9.90
Total Illinois Non-Budget \$	3,375.70	\$21,514.57	\$24,890.27	\$22,127.92	\$2,762.35
Total All Funds:	\$ 6,211.12	\$32,480.24	\$38,691.36	\$35,698.53	\$2,992.83

*A combination of the records of L. G. Anderson and those of the Conference Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Roy E. Crawford, Conference Treasurer

Report No. 9

Auditor

To Whom It May Concern:

I have examined the books and records of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church for the period July 22, 1957 through July 15, 1958. I find the books and records of the treasurer to be accurately kept for the year under audit.

The examination covered the recorded receipts and disbursements. The bank statements were

reconciled to the books of the Conference, and the balances in the report are a result of this reconciliation.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Schafer,
Certified Public Accountant

Report No. 10

Conference President

To the members of the 1958 session of the Illinois Conference:

Grace be unto you and peace through our Lord Jesus Christ! Once again annual Conference time causes us to look back and make an appraisal of the days that are forever past. By the help of God we have continued unto this day witnessing to small and great the riches of the grace of God. It is a high and holy privilege to preach full salvation in a day when so many have not heard and so many are willing to live on a lower level of spiritual attainment. Let us ever be faithful in preaching that holiness without which no man shall see the Lord! Let us hold up the high standard of complete abandonment to God—a life poured out without measure for the salvation of souls.

State of the Conference. While our hearts deeply long for revival blessings, we have evidences of the Lord's working in our midst. Many lives have been touched by saving and sanctifying grace this past year, and many saints built up on their most holy faith. The three new churches being developed at Ken-Rock in Rockford, Elk Grove Village and Wheaton speak of a missionary outreach and holy vision that comes from God.

Statistically, the records speak of a 9% gain in full membership, from 386 to 421, and a 15% gain in total membership (Junior, Associate and Full), from 458 to 525. Our church periodical subscriptions are high in comparison with our membership—this speaks of an interest in holy reading and a loyalty to our denomination. The total Sunday School enrollment has dropped 14 to a net of 1652 but the Main School has climbed to a new high of 1513, in spite of some serious losses in some schools. The average attendance has also climbed 42 to a new high of 1101. These figures are small compared to our larger Conferences and in the face of the millions around us, but they do represent a multiplication of the numbers we had just a few short years ago.

Property holdings have climbed \$9500.00 in value to a new high of \$632,700.00, with a gain in indebtedness of only \$2,904.00. More than \$21,000.00 has been paid to our loan company friends with more than \$15,000.00 being applied to reduction of principal indebtedness. This is more than 11% of our total debt and is about the annual rate of debt reduction of our Conference. Our building debts are still less than one year's income of the churches, which is considered a good rule to judge by.

Budgets. We are happy to report that although there was some coming short on budget by a few of the churches, the total assigned of \$12,833 was over paid by remittances of \$13,056. And in the face of widespread unemployment, our pastors' support gained by more than \$2,000.00 to a new high of \$52,551.00. Our total receipts dropped slightly from \$148,623.00 to \$145,403. This is a per capita giving of \$345.00 and is doubtless one of the highest in the denomination. For all these factual evidences of faith proved by works we glorify our Christ who has enabled us to establish a gospel beach-head for Wesleyan Methodism in northern Illinois which is steadily expanding.

Comparison of Annual Statistics:

	1949	1957	1958	Gain or Loss Over Last Year	Gain in Nine Years
Churches	7	13	14	1	7
Membership, Full	157	386	421	35	264
Total Members; F,A,J	*	458	525	67	
W. M. S. Members	78	251	280	29	202
W. Y. Members	43	146	142	(-4)	99
Wesleyan subscriptions	71	354	348	(-6)	277
Missionary subs.	89	211	258	47	169
Youth subs.	51	130	113	(-17)	62
Sunday School Roll	753	1666	1652	(-14)	899
Main School	642	1489	1513	24	871
Average Attendance	416	1059	1101	42	685
Property Value	\$144,100	\$623,200	\$632,700	\$9,500	\$488,600
Debt	15,723	128,107	131,011	2,904	115,288
Paid on Debt	2,910	14,326	15,126	800	12,216
Budget Assigned	1,542	12,604	12,833	229	11,291
Budget Raised	1,841	14,272	13,056	(-1216)	11,215
Pastors' Support	14,055	50,487	52,551	2064	38,496
Total Raised	41,458	148,623	145,403	(-3220)	\$103,945

* Junior Membership has been added this Quadrennium.

Report of Personal Service: By action of last Conference your servant was appointed to the full-time supervision of the work of the Illinois Conference. However, since no pastor had been found for the Chicago-Austin church at that time I continued to serve as pastor until November 1st when my newly-acquired assistant, Rev. Ray A. Strawser, was appointed the new pastor. On October 28, the Strawasers and Brays exchanged parsonages and I began the unfinished task of remodeling the Ferdinand Street building in Chicago into a Conference Office and parsonage for the Conference President's family.

The year has been a full one with more frequent contacts with the churches, revival meetings held and much activity connected with the preparations for launching the new pioneer churches at Ken-Rock (Rockford), Elk Grove Village and Wheaton. The demands of extending our borders may sometime again compel your president to pastor a church along with the work of supervising the Conference. However, it has been a welcome relief to be assigned one major responsibility only, for the majority of the past year.

In conference work I have travelled 11,639 miles, plus 3,500 additional miles in the two eastern evangelistic meetings, for a total of 15,139 miles. I have made 679 calls in Conference interest including times of counsel with our pastors. I mailed out 698 letters plus 900 mimeographed letters for the Evangelical Ministers' Association, plus 350 copies of the Conference Minutes. The addition of 2230 copies of the Illinois Tidings mailed out brought the total to 4,178 separate pieces of mail sent out during the year.

70 visits were made to the churches including Quarterly Meetings held; I spoke on the occasion of most of the visits. 5 meetings of the Missionary Board were held, 4 meetings of the Wesleyan Youth Council were attended in addition to the W. Y. Annual Conference. 2 meetings of the Camp Meeting Committee were held and contact was made with the cottage owners at Camp Spworth to secure housing for our own Camp Meeting.

I served as President of the Evangelical Ministers' Association of Greater Chicago until the expiration of my term in February, concluding four years as an officer. In this capacity, I attended the New York Crusade one evening last August, following my ministry as one of the camp evangelists for the Houghton, N. Y., camp. The trip to the Crusade in Madison Square Gardens was in the interest of bringing Dr. Graham to Chicago for a campaign. This was followed by committee meetings with Chicago church leaders to find a common basis for holding a Chicago Graham Campaign. We are happy to report that he has finally felt led to commit himself for 1961 or 1962.

I also served as a member of the Chicago Bible Society and also as a member of the Board of the Greater Chicago Sunday School Association. I served as chairman of the Chicago Convention Committee for the annual convention of the National Holiness Association held in Chicago this past April. Following this I ministered to the National Association of Evangelicals Chicago convention as chairman of the House Committee in the Sherman Hotel. At this convention I was elected a member of the N. A. E. Commission on Church Extension.

It was also my privilege this year to hold revival meetings in our Ottawa, Canada, church and in Galesburg and Princeton in our own Conference. In July I journeyed with our Vice President to the Wisconsin Conference to preach at their Church Extension Rally which looked forward to the establishing of a new church in my home town of Waukesha, Wis. It was also my privilege to attend the National Sunday School Association convention in Grand Rapids last fall and to counsel with some of our denominational leaders there.

This year has been one of transition from a life-time pastoral ministry to full-time Conference supervision and church extension development. I miss the pastorate but am happy to serve the Lord and our beloved Zion in any place He sees fit to place me.

OFFICIAL ACTS:

1) As Chairman of the Missionary Board and as President of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, an Illinois corporation, I helped to promote pioneer and other building projects, sought loans, executed legal documents and signed the same together with Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., Secretary of the Illinois Conference Board of Trustees. (See Trustees' Report.)

2) As President of the Illinois Conference and also as a member of the Committee on Itineracy and Orders, I certified our theological students and draft-age ministers to their several draft boards as legally qualifying for proper draft exemption.

3) Throughout the year I have ordered payment of all bills owed by the Conference, using a requisition form to the Conference Treasurer in each instance.

4) On October 29, 1957, I officially accepted the withdrawal of Elder Ralph B. Patterson from the roll of elders of the Illinois Conference on written notice from him that he had joined the Kimball Avenue Evangelical Congregational Church in Chicago.

5) On September 14, 1957, I approved the slate of Wesleyan Youth officers elected by the Illinois W. Y. Conference. This was with the approval of my Advisory Board.

6) On November 1, 1957, I appointed Rev. Ray A. Strawser as pastor of the Chicago-Austin church, upon vote of the congregation and approval of the President's Advisory Board.

7) November 7, 1957. Represented the Conference at the N. A. E. Midwest Region Annual Convention in Chicago. Took a poll later concerning our churches backing a Billy Graham Chicago campaign and reported the approval to Dr. Anderson, the Midwest Region Director.

8) Nov. 27, 1957. I received Rev. Ray A. Strawser as an elder of the Illinois Conference by transfer from the Lorekport Conference with the approval of my Advisory Board.

9) December 1, 1957 --formally inaugurated the new Ken-Rock pioneer project of our Rockford First Church under the direction of Pastor William H. Dyer.

- 10) December 8, 1957--dedicated the new educational wing of our Oak Lawn church.
 11) February 5-6, 1958--your President and Vice President participated in the Briefing Session of "Operation Personal Participation," held at Marion, Indiana.
 12) March 4, 1958--filed annual corporation report with the Secretary of State.
 13) April 8-10, 1958. Represented the Illinois Conference at the N. H. A. in Chicago.
 14) April 15-18, 1958--represented the Conference at the N. A. S. in Chicago.
 15) May 3, 1958--approved Maywood calling Rev. Robert Klatt, an elder in the Indiana Conference to serve as their pastor for the new Conference year. This was with the approval of the President's Advisory Board.
 16) June 15, 1958--organized the Galesburg Wesleyan Methodist Church with proper approval of the Advisory Board.
 17) July 3, 1958--took title to four acres of land in Wheaton in the name of the Conference.
 18) July 4, 1958--at the request of the Maywood church I received Herbert Apel to study under the direction of the Conference for the Christian ministry. Advisory Board approved.

19)
Analysis of the President's Support Fund:

A. Receipts		
1) Budget from churches	\$3589.68	
<u>Balance July 15, 1957</u>	<u>1834.22</u>	
Total Credits		\$5423.90
B. Disbursements		
1) Conference President's Salary	\$4275.00	
2) President's telephone	37.62	
3) President's travel	120.56	
4) Secretarial help	320.00	
(Note: Items 2-4 above reflect only partial expense--incurred while President supplied Chicago-Austin)		
Total Disbursements		\$4753.18
<u>Balance, July 15, 1958</u>		<u>\$670.72</u>

Analysis of the Conference Fund, including Tidings:

A. Receipts		
1) Church budgets paid	\$961.07	
2) From A. L. Bray (Includes \$71.20 refund for purchase of typewriter)	76.76	
3) Refund from Camp Meeting Fund	55.15	
4) Miscellaneous	15.38	
Total Receipts	1106.34	
<u>Balance on hand, July 15, 1957</u>	<u>457.17</u>	
Total Credits		\$1563.51

B. Disbursements

1) Conference Office Expense		
a) Portable typewriter (repaid--see above)	\$71.20	
b) Two used book cases	20.00	
c) Repair dictating machine	15.21	
d) Conference printing	42.70	
e) Burglary insurance	20.00	
f) Miscel. office supplies	72.79	
g) Postage	<u>25.37</u>	
	265.27	
2) Conference Office and Parsonage phone	525.29	
3) Books and Pamphlets for Conf. distribution	32.05	
4) Tidings		
a) Paper	39.35	
b) Mailing permit	10.00	
c) Postage	28.03	
d) Addressograph plates	<u>12.68</u>	
	90.06	
5. Conference Office, Parsonage and Rental Apartment expense		
a) Gas heat (11 months at \$30)	330.00	
b) Apartment water charge	<u>26.89</u>	
	356.89	
6) Legal expense (Lock box, etc.)	20.30	
7) Conference Minutes		
a) Printing 350 copies	253.62	
b) Mailing envelopes	10.40	
c) Postage	<u>13.50</u>	
	257.52	

Disbursements, continued

8) President's travel expense	\$343.54	
9) Other Officers' travel expense	54.69	
10) Officers' meals while in Conference travel	46.17	
11) Conference Treasurer's expense (Telephone, stationery, postage, ledger, etc.)	77.80	
12) Other Organizational expense		
a) N. A. E. membership	\$25.00	
b) N. A. E. convention registration	5.00	
c) N. H. A. membership	25.00	
d) N. H. A. convention registration	2.00	
e) Room rental for N. H. A. dinner	17.50	
	74.50	
13) Miscellaneous	6.42	
Total Disbursements		\$2150.50
<u>Deficit, July 15, 1958</u>		<u>(8586.99)</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Arthur L. Bray, Conference President

Report No. 11Conference Trustees

Official Acts. The Conference Board of Trustees reports the following official acts during the Conference year 1957-1958:

- 1) The Board of Trustees was organized on August 5, 1957, with Rev. Arthur L. Bray elected as president and Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., elected as secretary.
- 2) August 5, 1957. The Board resolved to purchase a two-flat property at 10615 S. Wabash St., Chicago, Illinois, as a parsonage and income property for the Chicago-Roseland church. The purchase price was \$16,500, with financing terms as follows: \$11,000 loan from the Roseland Standard Savings and Loan Ass'n., secured by a first mortgage on the property; \$3,500 note to A. A. Madderom, owner, secured by a second mortgage on the property; \$2000 loan from the Conference Escrow (Loan) Fund on a demand basis.
The transaction was completed by execution of the proper notes and trust deeds on August 20, 1957, to be effective October 1, 1957. The first mortgage installment note calls for payments of \$89.88 monthly including principal and interest at 5½%, plus escrow amounts for insurance and taxes. The second mortgage installment note calls for payments of \$100 monthly principal and interest at 5½%, balance due and payable on October 1, 1959.
- 3) October 9, 1957. Resolved to purchase a property at 305 S. Pleasant St., Princeton, Illinois, as a parsonage for the Princeton church. The house and lot were offered by Mrs. Dorothy Powers Mercer and Harold Powers, her brother, for the sum of \$10,961.14 (including \$961.14 for new siding and other expenses loaned by Mrs. Mercer to the church) without downpayment, transaction to be secured by a five year note at 5% interest per annum with principal payments optional, and with verbal agreement to renew if desired, and by a trust deed to Mrs. Mercer. The purchase price was based on \$10,000 for the building in its present condition, with additional provision for needed improvements, pro-rated insurance and taxes. Transaction was completed under date of October 9, 1957, by execution of proper note and trust deed.
- 4) November 2, 1957. The Board authorized amendment of a mortgage note of \$7,000 held by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haynes of Knoxville, Illinois, against the Galesburg church property. The note was amended to a principal value of \$8430 to cover subsidiary loans of the Haynes toward completion of the building remodeling.
- 5) November 9, 1957. Resolved to purchase from Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Haynes their property at Knoxville, Illinois, known as St. Martha's Home. The price asked was \$85,000, with terms either \$10,000 downpayment, balance at 4% interest per annum, or no downpayment, balance at 4½% interest; monthly payments of \$500 to \$600 principal and interest were envisioned. Potential income (net) was estimated at \$1500-\$2000 per month. This transaction was not carried through because of a decision of Mr. and Mrs. Haynes to withdraw the offer.
- 6) February 1, 1958. Approved renewal of a note due John E. and Atha W. Wherry for debt incurred in the Princeton church building program. The note of \$1000 was replaced by one for \$800 (\$200 was paid off), dated March 2, 1958 and running for two years at 4% per annum.
- 7) May 3, 1958. Resolved to take a \$200 option to be exercised before May 31, 1958, on the purchase of a four acre tract of land at President and Dawes Streets, Wheaton, Illinois, as a site for a new church building project. The land was offered unsubsidized at a price of \$15,600 by the owners, W. E. Frank and Evelyn C. Frank, his wife; Alfred C. Edson and Henrietta Edson, his wife, on the terms of \$2,000 payable May 29, 1958 with balance of cash due 60 days after clearing of title.

The plan of payment approved included a loan of \$10,000 from the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, Department of Home Missions and Church Extension, balance to be obtained from interested sources using the property as security. The purchase was transacted on July 3, 1958 with three and one-half acres being used as security for a loan of \$5,000 from Harold Lee Powers, Princeton, Illinois. Proper note providing for semi-annual payments of \$100 minimum on the principal plus interest due at 5% per annum, and a trust deed naming Mrs. Dorothy Mercher, Princeton, Illinois, as trustee, were executed.

Terms of the \$10,000 note to the Department of Home Missions and Church Extension, call for payments of \$100 per month principal and interest at 5% per annum until retired; this amount will be contributed by said Department for one year.

8) July 1, 1958. Executed a note for \$1000 to the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, Foreign Department, for one year at 5% interest per annum. This note covers a loan obtained to finance part of the Roseland Church indebtedness to the Conference Escrow Fund.

Statement of Conference Assets and Liabilities:

<u>Assets:</u>		
Value of Local Church Buildings	\$397,700.00	
Value of Local Church Parsonages	155,000.00	
Equity in Conference Parsonage	2,250.00	
Pioneer Church Property Equities	17,750.00	
Loans Receivable	1,500.00	
Cash Balance in Conference Funds	943.00	
Total Assets		\$575,143.00
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Loans Payable		
Local Church Buildings	\$59,181.00	
Local Church Parsonages	57,321.00	
Other Properties	17,500.00	
		\$144,002.00
<u>Net Worth:</u>		\$431,141.00

Respectfully submitted,

S. Hugh Paine, Jr., Secretary,
Conference Board of Trustees

Report No. 12

Educational Committee

There has been no official meeting of the Educational Committee this past year. A record of the promotion of Marion College appears in the Educational Secretary's report.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, Chairman

Report No. 13

Editor and Publisher of The Illinois Tidings

As Editor and Publisher of your Conference paper, The Illinois Tidings, I submit the following report:

There have been six issues of our two to six page mimeographed Conference news bulletin this past year issued in October, December, February, March, June and July. The necessity for omitting some issues came as a result of the lack of help in the Conference Office during parts of the year and the extra pressures of work incident to our pioneer program. The physical task of putting out each issue is time consuming, amounting to several thousand operations. For the omitted monthly issues I beg your indulgence. In respect to the finances involved I refer you to an accounting of the Conference Fund appended to the report of the Conference President.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. A. L. Bray, Editor.

Report No. 14

Member Local Board of Trustees of Marion College

As your elected trustee on the Local Board of Trustees of Marion College I am happy to bring a good report. While we operate at about the "break-even" point in finances we finished the year well in the black due largely to Business Manager Baldwin's careful operation of financial matters.

This year we shifted the dining hall to a cafeteria operation, and although we furnish meals at about half the cost of the Marion restaurants the cafeteria has been the means of putting the college finances in the black.

One of the most serious problems facing your area college is the problem of not being accredited by the North Central Association. We are accredited by the State of Indiana and our graduates who graduate with an A or B average have no trouble getting into graduate schools across the country, with few exceptions. However, the fear of not having credits accepted is causing some students to transfer to other colleges. Your local Board of Trustees is working on the problem of removing the hindrances to full accreditation.

In this matter we face North Central's objections to our low salary scale for our professors and teachers. As your representative it was my privilege to sit on a sub-committee on finances the day before the regular January 16 Board meeting. To remedy the lack of finances to pay better salaries, the Board approved a small raise in dormitory charges and meal costs in the cafeteria. While these raises are still under the amounts charged in other institutions they will yield enough additional income to give our faculty some very needed increases in support. However, I am sorry to say that the increases are still not adequate nor acceptable to North Central Association.

The one answer to adequate finances in increased student enrollment. If just twenty-five more students would enroll, it would not require more faculty but would provide more income to pay our faculty with. Let us urge our young people to be loyal to Marion!

This spring our beloved President William F. McComm announced that he will be retiring from office effective June 30, 1966, at the end of his quadrennial term. Your Board has extended the presidency to a qualified person but is giving said person until the fall board meeting to make a decision and is not publicizing his name until that time. Pray much that divine guidance will be given as to the right decision. The Committee on the Presidency is composed of the Conference Presidents in the Area, Dr. McComm and Rev. Carl Beaver, pastor of the Marion College Church and chairman of the Board.

In closing, let me say that your continued support of the college budget is especially needed and depended upon. Also your support of the four-year special assessment for the Campus Expansion Fund. Marion College has given us some fine preachers for this Conference and we owe her our loyal support and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. A. L. Bray, Trustee,
Local Board of Trustees of Marion College

Report No. 15

Educational Secretary

Russia's Sputnik awakened America to renewed emphasis on better methods in education. It is a privilege therefore to represent a school that looks beyond world powers to the power of God in making a new earth.

We now have 13 students enrolled in Marion College with approximately six more who are good prospects for the fall.

Five of our churches enlisted the services of the college choir. A desire has been expressed for a larger gospel team program. Rev. Howard Noggle, field representative of Marion, held a week's meeting at Oak Park during the year.

There are two alumni chapters in Illinois. One is located in the Chicagoland area with Rev. Oletus Kramer as president. The other is in the Southern District with Rev. Carl E. Olander as its president. The Chicagoland chapter sponsored an oral public Bible reading contest under the direction of the Speech Department at Marion, with an award of \$15.00 for first place, \$10.00 for second, and \$5.00 for third place.

I have enjoyed promoting the interests of Marion College both publicly and privately. I am counting on your continued support and prayers for our Area College. We appreciate Marion's growth structurally and I know we anticipate her continued growth spiritually. May God continue to bless her consecrated staff that exalts the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, Educational Secretary

Report No. 16

Secretary of Wesleyan Men

During the year I have been in correspondence with Dr. Hollis Stevenson concerning the work of Wesleyan Men. I received some constitutions of Wesleyan Men which are available to each pastor. Since Mr. Nate Scharff is working with Dr. Stevenson on the promotion of

Wesleyan Men, I tried to schedule him for some services in the interest of the work. His only open time would have been a day or so in June. After conference with our Conference President it was felt that due to the summer schedules of most of our churches, it would be better to postpone the time until the fall.

In talking with many of the pastors our problems seems to be much the same--our men are so busy in our small churches with the present program that it is difficult to have another organization within the church with any degree of success.

The suggestion that I would like to present is for our churches to consider the possibility of an area meeting and at this time secure the services of our denominational Wesleyan Men's leader. I would be glad to know your desire on this matter sometime during the Conference session.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell, Secretary

Report No. 17

Auditing Committee

The Auditing Committee has examined the report of the Pension Plan Treasurer and find it in balance as corrected. (All other Conference funds were audited by Mr. D. M. Schafer, C. P. A. See Report No. 9.)

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. David D. Orail, Chairman,
Rev. W. D. Oraker,
Rev. Roy E. Crawford,
Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell,
Mrs. Margaret Stone,
Mr. Cully Parsons

Report No. 18

Passage of Character

The committee examined the ministerial character blanks of all of the Illinois pastors, except two that did not have opportunity to report.

Two irregularities were noted: First, the failure in some cases to fully promote the use of denominational Sunday School literature. Second, the failure in some cases to fully discharge the financial obligations to General and Conference budgets as defined in Paragraph 378 of the Discipline.

In spite of these deficiencies, in view of the general tenor of the reports it is recommended that the character of all pastors be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. A. L. Bray, chairman
Rev. Roy E. Crawford
Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

Report No. 19

Child Evangelism Director

Three churches have held extra services for the children either during the week or on Sunday evening with an average attendance of about 28. Four churches have Children's Church on Sunday morning with an average attendance of about 85. Other churches are gathering boys or girls in Christian club programs like Christian Service Brigade, Pioneer Girls and Jet Cadets. Let us all do something extra for the sake of our boys and girls.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ethel Dyer, Child Evangelism Director

Report No. 20

Tithing Secretary

At the close of last Conference year I consulted pastors of each of the churches of our Conference and secured the names of each local tithing secretary. During the year I have secured tithing literature and have passed on the same to the local tithing secretaries and pastors.

CHURCH	PASTOR	Item I. Pastor's Labors					
		Time Employed (Months)	Organized Church Appointments	Wesleyan Methodists Taken	Item II. Periodicals		
					Wesleyan Mission- aries Taken	Wesleyan Youth Taken	
1. Austin (Chicago)	Rev. R. A. Strawser	12	1	1	74	23	14
2. Creve Coeur (Peoria)	Rev. D. C. Durey	12	1	1	7	15	1
3. Galesburg	Rev. O. E. Olander	12	1	1	16	3	1
4. Hoopston	Rev. L. G. Anderson	12	1	1	2	5	2
5. Hoyne Ave. (Chicago)	Rev. Harry Moeller	12	1	1	21	13	18
6. Ken-Rock (Rockford)	Rev. W. H. Dyer	7					
7. Maywood (Chicago)	Rev. D. D. Orail	12	1	1	31	24	
8. Oak Lawn (Chicago)	Rev. R. L. Zuhl	12	1	1	26	20	15
9. Oak Park (Chicago)	Rev. J. T. Ledwell	12	1	1	33	20	4
10. Peoria	Rev. O. E. Price	12	1	1	17	16	2
11. Princeton	Rev. R. E. Crawford	12	1	1	35	36	7
12. Rockford First	Rev. W. H. Dyer	12	2	1	44	27	25
13. Roseland (Chicago)	Rev. W. D. Oraker	12	1	1	12	17	3
14. Sheffield	Rev. C. G. McCarty	12	1	1	8	5	5
15. Wyandot	Rev. S. A. Hill	12	1	1	22	36	18
TOTALS		175	15	14	348	258	115

CHURCH	Item II, Cont. (Sunday School) Periodicals												
	Sunday School Banners	Junior Journeys	Children's Friend	Adult Teachers Quarterly	Intermediate Teachers Quarterly	Junior-Primary Teach- ers Quarterly	Senior Scholars Q'tly	Int. Scholars Q'tly	Junior Scholars Q'tly	Primary Scholars Q'tly	Home Dep't Quarterly	Lesson Leaflet	Other Helps
1. Austin (Chicago)	40			5		40						35	
2. Creve Coeur (Peoria)	28										10	9	
3. Galesburg	35	10		3		1	21		11			9	
4. Hoopston	15	15				2		10	15	12		36	5
5. Hoyne Ave. (Chicago)	33		12	4		24			16			10	
6. Ken-Rock (Rockford)	15	10	8	2		2	13	6	10	8		5	
7. Maywood													
8. Oak Lawn (Chicagoland)	45			3		60					6	40	
9. Oak Park (Chicagoland)				27								25	
10. Peoria	18	12	8	8		4	30		8			6	21
11. Princeton	52	14	17	4		4	52			17	4	8	27
12. Rockford First	30	14	15	6	1	3	35	10	24	10	3	8	7
13. Roseland (Chicago)	15	12	15								5	5	
14. Sheffield				2		2	12		10	5		4	
15. Wyandot	40	18	10	7		2	63		30				40
	366	105	85	71	1	20	350	26	124	52	30	186	100

CHURCH	Item III. Membership										
	Full Membership Reported Last Year	Full Members Received This Year	Total Columns 1 and 2	Expelled	Discontinued	Dead	Granted Letters	Total Membership Lost	Present Full Membership	Associate Members	Junior Members
1. Austin (Chicago)	60	13	73	--	--	1	6	7	66	19	--
2. Greve Occur (Peoria)	10	5	15						15	1	
3. Galesburg	5	6	6						6		1
4. Hoopston	16	2	18		2	1		3	15	3	1
5. Hoyne Ave. (Chicago)	38		38		5	1	7	13	25		
6. Ken-Rock (Rockford)											
7. Maywood (Chicagoland)	35	4	39		2		3	5	34	21	8
8. Oak Lawn (Chicagoland)	33	9	44						44	19	11
9. Oak Park (Chicagoland)	34	7	41		1		4	5	36	1	4
10. Peoria	15	3	18		4			4	14	2	1
11. Princeton	31	4	35		2			2	33	1	
12. Rockford First	41	9	50				2	2	48		13
13. Roseland (Chicago)	19	14	33		1		2	3	30		
14. Sheffield	4		4						4		4
15. Wyanot	48	5	53			1	1	2	51		
TOTALS	386	81	467		17	4	25	46	421	67	37

CHURCH	Item III. Membership (Continued)										
	Total Present Membership	Total Membership Reported Last Year	Gain in Members For Year	Loss in Members For Year	Baptized	Infants Dedicated	Local Preachers	Unattended Elders	Number of Family Altars	Membership Tithing	Card Call Subscribers
1. Austin (Chicago)	85	82	3		3	2	1		45	56	22
2. Greve Occur (Peoria)	16	10	6			3			17	14	7
3. Galesburg	7	7	7			2			3	4	1
4. Hoopston	19	16	3			3			5	8	8
5. Hoynes Ave. (Chicago)	25	38		13	1	1	2		12	21	25
6. Ken-Rock (Rockford)											
7. Maywood (Chicago)	57	43	14		3	5	2		9	24	18
8. Oak Lawn (Chicago)	74	51	23		6	9	1		12	25	4
9. Oak Park (Chicago)	41	38	3			1					
10. Peoria	17	17				1		1	10	17	2
11. Princeton	34	32	2		4	3			20	25	12
12. Rockford First	61	54	7		9		2		11	30	21
13. Roseland (Chicago)	30	22	8			3			12	18	3
14. Sheffield	8	4	4			1			2	5	2
15. Wyandot	51	48	3			5	1		30	32	16
TOTALS	525	455	83	13	26	41	9	2	188	279	141

CHURCH	Item IV. Sunday Schools																	
	No. of Sun. Schools	Male No. of Officers and Teachers	Whole No. of Scholars in Main School	Total No.-Main School	No. in Home Dept.	No. on Orville Roll	Total Number in Sunday School	Average Attendance	No. of Scholars Converted	No. of Scholars Joining Church	No. of Deptl. Supts.	No. in Teachers Training	No. Organized Classes	No. of Books in Library	Enrollment Vacation Bible School	Avg. Attendance Vacation Bible Schl.	No. Mes. Youth Sects.	Total Membership of Societies
1. Austin	1	19	99	118	1	6	125	92	5	2		10	100	110	76	1	27	
2. Grove Ooeur	1	9	97	104	5	13	122	83	4	5	3			93	71			
3. Galesburg	1	6	51	57			57	43	3	1			66	48	38			
4. Hoopeson	1	12	74	86	2	12	100	58	4							1	8	
5. Hoyne Ave.	1	16	78	94	1	18	113	69	6			5	59	51	40	1	20	
6. Ken-Rock	1	9	48	57			57	41	4					25	19			
7. Maywood	1	13	71	81		6	87	65	8	10	2	3	105	70	52			
8. Oak Lawn	1	29	215	239	4	15	258	166	19	12	3		3	170	145	1	17	
9. Oak Park	1	14	69	83			83	66	3	3			70	84	57	1	7	
10. Peoria	1	11	28	39		12	51	39	3	3	1							
11. Princeton	1	31	158	168	3	20	191	121	4	4	3	20	2	88	66	1	13	
12. Rockford First	1	23	127	150	2	19	171	100	10	11	4		1	112	77	1	25	
13. Roseland	1	13	45	52		4	56	35	2	10			100			1	12	
14. Sheffield	1	7	24	27		3	36	21	2	4	2							
15. Wyanot	1	26	140	158		13	171	102	11	5	4		9	200	150	125	1	15
TOTALS	15	238	1324	1513	21	144	1678	1101	85	71	27	25	53	703	1001	766	9	144

CHURCH	Item V. Church Property								
	# of Ch. Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	# of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Cash or Other Values on Hand
1. Austin	1	\$60,000		\$40,000	1	\$20,000	\$4,510.00	\$15,000	\$300
2. Grove Cocur	3	10,700	\$1,100.00	4,000	1	11,500	8,198.35	9,000	217
3. Galesburg	1	20,000	10,430.00	15,000					
4. Hoopston	1	10,000		10,000	1	6,000	480.00	5,000	300
5. Hoynes Ave.	1	65,000	4,252.90	35,000	1	15,000	2,452.90	10,000	1,200
6. Ken-Rock									
7. Maywood	1	25,000	9,594.82	21,000	1	20,000	9,594.83	20,000	2,000
8. Oak Lawn	1	60,000	5,128.05	40,000	1	13,000	4,156.78	8,000	5,025
9. Oak Park	1	90,000		42,000	1	30,000	4,390.83	20,000	658
10. Peoria	1	12,000	1,755.89	12,000	1	8,000			155
11. Princeton	1	25,000	5,800.00	15,000	1	11,000	10,900.00	10,000	2,565
12. Rockford First	1	40,000	14,100.00	32,000	1	16,000	8,645.00	12,800	2,407
13. Roseland	1	17,000	4,765.00	14,000	1	16,500	16,102.00	15,000	50
14. Sheffield	1	12,500	1,756.00	10,000					12
15. Wyanot	1	10,500	500.00	9,500	1	8,000	2,400.00	4,500	184
TOTALS	16	\$457,700	\$59,180.66	\$299,500	12	\$175,000	\$71,850.69	\$129,300	\$15,055

CHURCH	Item VI. Disbursed for Pastor				
	Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
1. Austin (Chicago)	\$5,415	\$900	\$40	\$240	\$4,595
2. Creve Coeur (Peoria)	2,580	780	25	155	3,518
3. Galesburg	3,000	440	115	40	3,595
4. Heepsten	1,250	480	40	15	1,765
5. Hayne Ave. (Chicago)	4,295	840	85	110	5,328
6. Ken-Rock (Rockford)					
7. Maywood (Chicagoland)	2,517	1,665	10	100	4,090
8. Oak Lawn (Chicagoland)	3,584	1,150	505	120	5,167
9. Oak Park (Chicagoland)	2,807	1,000	25	150	3,982
10. Peoria	2,080	400	5	540	3,025
11. Princeton	2,600	757	40	514	3,891
12. Rockford First	4,940	900	20	428	6,288
13. Roseland (Chicago)	2,950	700		125	3,755
14. Sheffield		500	5	42	547
15. Wyanet	2,600	480	75	250	3,405
TOTALS	\$58,186	\$10,770	\$788	\$2,807	\$52,551

CHURCH	Item VII. Disbursed for Church							
	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Amount Paid on Expense of Indebtedness	Church Incidental Expense	Total for Church
1. Austin (Chicago)	\$746	\$1,040	\$400	\$752	\$2,250	\$551	\$5,810	\$9,349
2. Grove Coeur (Peoria)	45	415		125	234	416	820	2,051
3. Galesburg	75	288	1,129			256	1,468	3,196
4. Heepston	192	195	650	50			1,275	2,442
5. Hayne Ave. (Chicago)	97	727	1,449	516	700		875	4,364
6. Ken-Rock (Rockford)								
7. Maywood (Chicagoland)	97	510	800	1,278	1,418	1,059	1,436	6,578
8. Oak Lawn (Chicagoland)	259	766	601	72	3,744	641	4,277	10,360
9. Oak Park (Chicagoland)	464	351		2,565	254	624	2,967	7,205
10. Peoria	171	92			88	112	664	1,027
11. Princeton	500	1,190	314	17	561	565	905	4,050
12. Rockford First	326	686	665	87	2,139	1,245	3,213	8,361
13. Roseland (Chicago)	25	155		524	2,858	565	920	5,047
14. Sheffield		106					130	236
15. Wyanet	624	585		435	900	60	845	3,449
TOTALS	\$5,621	\$7,104	\$5,988	\$5,419	\$15,126	\$5,852	\$23,605	\$67,715

CHURCH	Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget							
	Australia Assigned	Australia Raised	Foreign Missions Assigned	Foreign Missions Raised	Home Missions Assigned	Home Missions Raised	Education Assigned	Education Raised
1. Austin (Chicago)	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$120.00	\$224.05	\$75.00	\$168.48	\$180.00	\$198.84
2. Creve Coeur (Peoria)	2.50	2.50	20.00	32.94	12.50	21.44	30.00	30.45
3. Galesburg				8.80				
4. Hoopston	4.00		32.00	20.00	20.00		48.00	
5. Hoyne Ave. (Chicago)	9.50	9.50	76.00	83.50	47.50	50.00	114.00	119.00
6. Ken-Rock (Rockford)								
7. Maywood (Chicagoland)	8.75	8.75	70.00	110.46	43.75	65.00	105.00	105.00
8. Oak Lawn (Chicagoland)	8.75	8.75	70.00	92.13	43.75	65.50	105.00	113.60
9. Oak Park (Chicagoland)	8.50	8.52	68.00	111.74	42.50	79.77	102.00	106.10
10. Peoria	3.75	3.75	30.00	34.75	18.75	12.75	45.00	45.00
11. Princeton	7.75	7.75	62.00	131.06	38.75	38.75	95.00	97.00
12. Rockford First	10.25	10.25	82.00	242.13	51.25	129.81	125.00	138.50
13. Roseland (Chicago)	4.75	4.75	38.00	42.75	23.75	28.50	57.00	57.00
14. Sheffield	1.00	1.00	8.00	15.11	5.00	9.00	12.00	13.50
15. Wyandot	12.00	12.00	96.00	126.84	60.00	60.00	144.00	144.00
TOTALS	\$96.50	\$92.52	\$772.00	\$1276.26	\$482.50	\$729.00	\$1158.00	\$1167.99

CHURCH	Item VIII. Cont. Disbursed for General Budget							
	Pension Plan Assigned	Pension Plan Raised	Orphanage Assigned	Orphanage Raised	Administrative Budget Assigned	Administrative Budget Raised	General Conference Travel & Entertainment Assigned	General Conference Travel & Entertainment Raised
1. Austin (Chicago)	\$ 90.00	\$90.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$9.00	\$9.00
2. Creve Coeur (Peoria)	15.00	15.00	2.50	9.00	5.00	2.50	1.50	.78
3. Galesburg								
4. Hoopston	24.00		4.00		8.00		2.40	
5. Hoyne Ave. (Chicago)	57.00		9.50	14.50	19.00	19.00	5.70	5.70
6. Ken-Rock (Rockford)								
7. Maywood (Chicagoland)	52.50	52.50	8.75	13.75	17.50	17.50	5.25	5.25
8. Oak Lawn (Chicagoland)	52.50	52.54	8.75	8.75	17.50	17.50	5.25	5.25
9. Oak Park (Chicagoland)	51.00	51.00	8.50	20.01	17.00	17.04	5.10	5.16
10. Peoria	22.50	15.00	3.75	12.76	7.50		2.25	
11. Princeton	46.50	46.50	7.75	7.75	15.50	15.50	4.65	4.65
12. Rockford First	61.50	61.52	10.25	10.25	20.50	20.50	6.15	6.15
13. Roseland (Chicago)	28.50	28.50	4.75	4.75	9.50	9.50	2.85	2.85
14. Sheffield	6.00	6.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	2.00	.60	.60
15. Wyandot	72.00	72.00	12.00	19.50	24.00	24.00	7.20	7.20
TOTALS	\$579.00	\$490.56	\$96.50	\$147.02	\$193.00	\$175.04	\$57.90	\$52.59

CHURCH	Item VIII, Cont. Disbursed for General Budget					
	General Sunday School Work Assigned	General Sunday School Work Raised				
1. Austin (Chicago)	\$ 21.45	\$ 21.45				\$ 555.45
2. Creve Coeur (Peoria)	19.20					108.20
3. Galesburg	6.45	6.45				6.45
4. Hoopston	12.00					154.40
5. Hoyne Ave. (Chicago)	12.15	12.15				350.35
6. Ken-Rock (Rockford)						
7. Maywood (Chicago)	10.65	10.65				322.15
8. Oak Lawn (Chicago)	29.25	29.25				340.75
9. Oak Park (Chicago)	12.50	12.50				314.90
10. Peoria	9.60					143.10
11. Princeton	27.50	27.50				303.20
12. Rockford First	25.80	25.80				390.70
13. Roseland (Chicago)	7.35	7.35				176.45
14. Sheffield	5.40	5.40				41.00
15. Wyand	24.45	24.45				451.65
TOTALS	\$225.35	\$182.61				\$3658.75

CHURCH	Item VIII. Disbursed for Conference Budget							
	President's Salary Assigned	President's Salary Raised	Pastor's Insurance Assigned	Pastor's Insurance Raised	Conference Work Assigned	Conference Work Raised	Conference Missions Assigned	Conference Missions Raised
1. Austin (Chicago)	\$ 341.50	\$412.00	\$110.00	\$210.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$360.00	\$418.50
2. Creve Coeur (Peoria)	258.00	22.50	110.00	110.00	25.00	12.48	60.00	47.68
3. Galesburg	500.00	360.00	110.00	110.00				
4. Hoopston	125.00		110.00		40.00		96.00	
5. Hoyne Ave. (Chicago)	429.50	422.00	110.00	110.00	95.00	95.00	228.00	208.00
6. Ken-Rock (Rockford)								
7. Maywood (Chicago)	251.70	234.00	110.00	82.10	87.50	87.50	210.00	210.00
8. Oak Lawn (Chicago)	359.40	359.40	110.00	110.00	87.50	87.50	210.00	210.00
9. Oak Park (Chicago)	280.70	290.20	110.00	110.00	85.00	84.96	204.00	216.79
10. Peoria	208.00	172.00	110.00	100.87	37.50	3.13	90.00	7.50
11. Princeton	260.00	260.00	110.00	110.00	77.50	77.50	186.00	186.00
12. Rockford First	494.00	494.00	110.00	110.00	102.50	102.50	246.00	348.69
13. Roseland (Chicago)	295.00	295.00	110.00	110.00	47.50	47.50	114.00	149.96
14. Sheffield		5.00	110.00	110.00	10.00	10.00	24.00	24.00
15. Wyand	260.00	265.50	110.00	110.00	120.00	120.00	288.00	288.00
TOTALS	\$3818.60	\$3589.66	\$1540.00	\$1495.00	\$965.00	\$878.07	\$2316.00	\$2314.96

CHURCH	Item VIII, Cent. Disbursed for Conference Budget							
	Conference Sunday School Assigned	Conference Sunday School Raised	Marion College Expansion Assigned	Marion College Expansion Raised	Total Conference Budget Assigned	Total Conference Budget Raised	Total Budget Assigned	Total Budget Raised
1. Austin (Chicago)	\$14.30	\$14.30	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$1035.80	\$1264.70	\$1591.25	\$2041.52
2. Grove Coeur (Peoria)	12.80		10.00		455.80	192.70	564.00	507.51
3. Galesburg	4.30	4.30			414.30	474.54	420.75	489.59
4. Hoopston	8.00		16.00		395.00		547.40	20.00
5. Hoynes Ave. (Chicago)	8.10	8.10	38.00	38.00	908.40	881.10	1258.75	1194.45
6. Ken-Rock (Rockford)								
7. Maywood (Chicago)	7.10	7.10	35.00	35.00	681.30	655.70	1005.45	1044.56
8. Oak Lawn (Chicago)	19.50	19.50	35.00	35.00	821.40	821.40	1162.15	1214.67
9. Oak Park (Chicago)	8.20	8.16	34.00	33.96	721.90	744.11	1056.80	1155.81
10. Peoria	6.40		15.00		466.90	285.50	610.00	407.51
11. Princeton	18.20	18.20	31.00	31.00	682.70	682.70	985.90	1058.96
12. Rockford First	17.20	17.20	41.00	41.00	1010.70	1115.58	1401.40	1758.30
13. Roseland (Chicago)	4.90	4.90	19.00	19.00	588.40	624.56	764.85	810.51
14. Sheffield	3.60	3.60	4.00	4.00	151.60	156.60	192.60	215.21
15. Wyandot	16.30	16.30	48.00	48.00	842.30	847.80	1295.95	1357.79
TOTALS	\$148.90	\$121.66	\$386.00	\$344.96	\$9174.50	\$8742.40	\$12835.25	\$15055.99

CHURCH	Item IX. Disbursed for Benevolences							
	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Conference Work	W.T.S.	Other Objects	Total for Benevolences
1. Austin (Chicago)	\$3665	\$40	\$41	\$20	\$332	\$224	\$856	\$5176
2. Grove Coeur (Peoria)	14	56	2		4		130	206
3. Galesburg				5	25		48	78
4. Hoopston		5						5
5. Hoynes Ave. (Chicago)	3	8					65	76
6. Ken-Rock (Rockford)								
7. Maywood (Chicago)	278	48	35				87	448
8. Oak Lawn (Chicago)	275	80	34	80	19	70	165	721
9. Oak Park (Chicago)	350	28	30	27	60	67	210	772
10. Peoria		44					50	94
11. Princeton	62	17	14	25		81	163	362
12. Rockford First	115	185	32	34	276	108	777	1525
13. Roseland (Chicago)	157	48	184		665	24	268	1344
14. Sheffield		9			12		11	32
15. Wyandot	113	64	144	12	120	266	525	1244
TOTALS	\$5028	\$650	\$516	\$205	\$1511	\$840	\$3555	\$12081

CHURCH	ITEM X. Disbursed Totals				
	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes
1. Austin (Chicago)	\$ 4,595.00	\$9,349.00	\$ 2,041.52	\$ 5,176.00	\$ 21,161.52
2. Grove Oesur (Peoria)	3,318.00	2,051.00	307.31	206.00	5,882.31
3. Galesburg	3,595.00	3,196.00	489.59	78.00	7,358.59
4. Hoopston	1,765.00	2,442.00	20.00	5.00	4,232.00
5. Hoyne Ave. (Chicago)	5,328.00	4,364.00	1,194.45	76.00	10,962.45
6. Ken-Rock (Rockford)					
7. Maywood (Chicagoland)	4,090.00	6,578.00	1,044.56	448.00	12,160.56
8. Oak Lawn (Chicagoland)	5,167.00	10,360.00	1,214.67	721.00	17,462.67
9. Oak Park (Chicagoland)	3,982.00	7,205.00	1,155.81	772.00	13,114.81
10. Peoria	3,025.00	1,027.00	407.51	94.00	4,553.51
11. Princeton	3,891.00	4,050.00	1,058.96	362.00	9,361.96
12. Rockford First	6,288.00	8,361.00	1,758.30	1,523.00	17,930.30
13. Roseland (Chicago)	3,755.00	5,047.00	810.31	1,344.00	10,956.31
14. Sheffield	347.00	236.00	215.21	32.00	830.21
15. Wyanet	3,405.00	3,449.00	1,337.79	1,244.00	9,435.79
TOTALS	\$52,551.00	\$67,715.00	\$13,055.99	\$12,081.00	\$145,402.99

I have also sent letters concerning the urgency of the financial needs of our Mission Conference and urged that we strive to meet every arm of the budget in full.

Total membership tithing--279. Percentage--66%. This represents a slight decrease from last year's report but is not cause for alarm because of the lack of an accurate record of tithers on the local level. Many report only the wage earner as a tither, since the wage earner has income on which to tithe. Thus the rest of the family are not listed as tithers, even though they are members of the church and believe in tithing.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Clarence C. McCarty, Tithing Secretary

Report No. 21

Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid

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

- 1) Ministerial members of the Pension Plan in the Illinois Conference are as follows:
A. L. Bray, R. E. Crawford, W. D. Craker, W. H. Dyer, Harry Moeller, Carl E. Olander. These six ministers are paid up to date on their 1% assessments.
- 2) An initial effort was made on the part of the chairman of the board to gain information relative to mandatory membership in the Pension Plan, however that report is not complete and further study will be made.
- 3) The churches have credit for this Conference fiscal year of paying all but \$88.44 of the Pension budget. Remittances have come in since the books were closed to take care of all but \$24.00 of this.
- 4) The shortage in Pension Plan budget paid by the Pension Plan Treasurer to the denomination as indicated in his report consists largely of funds on hand yet to be remitted. It was not understood that these funds were to be sent in by July 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Carl E. Olander, chairman
Rev. Wendel D. Craker
Rev. L. G. Anderson

Report No. 22

Committee on Itinerary and Orders

- A. Conference preachers eligible to vote in this session: Rev. C. C. McCarty.
- B. We recommend that Ronald E. Mullen be elected to elder's orders.
- C. We recommend that Samuel T. Long be elected to elder's orders since his reception and recommendation to this committee by our Annual Conference was upon a transfer from the Indiana Conference with their certification that he had completed the Disciplinary requirements for ordination.
- D. We report that the status of the following Conference Preachers remains unchanged:
 1. Clarence C. McCarty--third year in the Course of Study.
 2. Ivanelle McCarty--third year in the Course of Study.
 3. Glen Klasma--graduated from Chicago Evangelistic Institute; fourth year in Course.
 4. George Durey--graduated from Marion College theological department.
 5. Cletus Kramr--graduated from Marion College theological department.
 6. George Hood--attending Marion College theological department.
- E. We recommend that Martin Winterberg be referred to the Pastoral Relations Committee. He is tentatively listed in fourth year of the Course of Study until his courses in two theological schools can be evaluated.
- F. Herbert Apel is studying at Houghton College.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Stanley A. Hill, chairman
Rev. Arthur L. Bray
Rev. Carl E. Olander
Rev. Wendel D. Craker

Report No. 23

Moral Reform Committee

In view of the challenge given us by our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 9:36,37 and in Acts 1:9-11, presenting the urgency and need of the hour and the blessed hope of the im-

minent return of our Lord, we feel it imperative to emphasize the Bible teachings of regeneration, sanctification and separation. Therefore be it resolved:

- 1) That there be an increased emphasis concerning the person and work of the Holy Spirit in the personal life of each believer.
- 2) That greater stress be laid upon the importance of the personal and united witness of pastors and laymen for the salvation of men; that each of these exercise diligence to become the person described in II Timothy 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," resulting in a more intensified effort in prayer and Bible study.
- 3) That the church seek to take its place in the life and welfare of the community in the following areas:
 - a) Segregation. In light of the Scripture which in Acts 17:26 says, "God hath made of one blood all nations," let a Biblical understanding of the racial problem be urged upon every Christian.
 - b) Obscene Publications. The church should protest the availability and sale of obscene publications on newsstands and in the stores of our communities.
 - c) Tobacco, liquor, narcotics. The church should actively engage in those things which build up the community and oppose those which are detrimental to the welfare of the community, especially in relation to the nefarious traffic in tobacco, liquor and narcotics.
- 4) That parents seek to establish and maintain a family altar, thus helping to create a spiritual atmosphere, which is vital in counteracting the invasion of insidious influences in the home through television, radio, newspapers, magazine, billboards and other media of communication.
- 5) That we as a Conference pray for and support the National Association of Evangelicals in its efforts to defeat the plans of the National Council of Churches to monopolize the use of radio and television time for religious broadcasts.
- 6) That Christians be urged to write letters of commendation or objection to the editors of newspapers, periodicals and managers of television and radio stations in relation to the quality of material presented to the public.
- 7) That Christians oppose any union of church and state which would result in the dictation or prevention of the free exercise of religious liberty.
- 8) That the members of this Conference use the Discipline as an aid to understanding and practical application of the New Testament standards of Christian conduct.
- 9) That this report be read at least once this coming year in every church of the Conference during a public service.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Ray A. Strawser, chairman
 Rev. Stanley A. Hill
 Rev. Robert L. Zuhl
 Mr. Charles Krager
 Mr. Norman Lencerville

Report No. 24

Thanks Committee

We, the Thanks Committee, express our appreciation to the following who have shared in making this Conference and Camp a time of blessing and inspiration:

- 1) God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, for leading us to spiritual heights and challenging us regarding the opportunities of the future.
- 2) The Camp Committee and the Conference W. Y. Council in arranging for Camp Meeting.
- 3) The Camp Meeting workers, Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Garry, camp evangelist and children's worker, respectively; Rev. Lorenzo Harvey, song evangelist; Rev. Forrest Gearhart, youth evangelist; others who helped in the music and children's and youth programs.
- 4) Our Camp Meeting staff: Rev. A. L. Bray, Camp chairman; Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Youth Camp director (Note: his name was added by the editor); Rev. Roy Crawford, registrar and treasurer; Rev. Harry Moeller and Rev. Joseph Ledwell, in charge of rooms; Rev. Carl Olander, buyer and postmaster; Rev. Stanley Hill, dining hall manager; Mrs. Ivanelle McCarty, supervisor of kitchen work assignments; Rev. William Dyer, the "town-crier"; Mrs. Verna Martin, Camp cook and her helper, Mrs. Atkins.
- 5) All those who helped in the general work of the dining hall and kitchen; the young people who served in the dining hall; all those who shared in the work during Camp and those who remained after Camp to clean up the grounds.
- 6) The Free Methodist brethren who rented us the grounds.
- 7) The Chicago-Austin church for providing the organ for our use in this and preceding Conferences and Camp Meetings.

We wish to express our appreciation to those who have contributed to the work of the

Conference during the year. Especially do we thank the following:

- 1) Dr. Harold K. Sheets, Secretary of the Department of Home Missions and Church Extension for his counsel and financial assistance granted to the pioneer projects of the Illinois Conference.
- 2) Our Conference officials who have labored so faithfully in their various fields of endeavor to fulfill the obligations of the Great Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Robert L. Zuhl
Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell

Report No. 25

Sunday School Committee

We the members of this session's Sunday School Committee recommend:

- 1) That the Conference be divided into two districts; that the Northern District be composed of churches in Chicagoland and Rockford; that the Southern District be composed of all other churches in the Conference.
- 2) That our churches participate in Chicago, Rockford, Peoria, and other Sunday School Association rallies or workshops as opportunity is afforded.
- 3) That the Conference Sunday School Secretary arrange a tour of the Conference with a Sunday School leader.
- 4) That the Sunday Schools send special denominational offerings to the General Sunday School headquarters and a report of such offerings to the Conference Sunday School Secretary.
- 5) That the Conference Sunday School budget be 10¢ per member per annum based on the total number in the main school reported in the 1958 Conference Minutes, and that said monies be sent to the Conference Treasurer, Rev. R. E. Crawford.
- 6) That the General Conference Sunday School apportionment be 15¢ per member, on the same basis as #5 above, and be sent to the Conference Treasurer.
- 7) That a Conference-wide Sunday School Contest be held, as directed by the Conference Sunday School Board.
- 8) That we adopt the 10 Point Score Card for Wesleyan Sunday Schools as a goal of achievement for each Conference Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Wendel D. Oraker, chairman
Rev. Orville E. Price
Rev. Clarence O. McCarty
Mr. Frank Hames
Mr. Frank Geniuk
Mr. Carl Devall

Report No. 26

Sunday School Secretary

As Conference Sunday School Secretary the following responsibilities were fulfilled:

- 1) Served as Conference representative to the Church-wide Sunday School Convention held during October in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and to the N. S. S. A. Convention following.
 - 2) Consulted with Rev. George Failing, Assistant Editor of denominational Sunday School literature, concerning denominational literature.
 - 3) Served on the Board of the Greater Chicago Sunday School Association, and conducted a workshop in the fall convention.
 - 4) Administered the Blue Ribbon Sunday School Contest from Easter to Pentecost. The excellent reporting from each school made the contest a success. Galesburg, Princeton, Wyanet and Peoria were named winners.
 - 5) Arranged for the two Sunday School services at Camp Meeting.
 - 6) Presided over the activities of the Conference Sunday School Board.
- While we are reporting a new high in average attendance and number of Sunday Schools, an analysis of the Conference statistics reveals the following areas which ought to be called to our attention:

- 1) The difference between the total enrollment in the main school and the average attendance reveals a Conference-wide absenteeism of 28%.
- 2) The home department report with only 21 persons enrolled, reveals a lack of interest in our ministry to the aged, at a time when this is a growing segment of our population.
- 3) Only one out of every ten teachers has been enrolled in a teacher training course

this year. Present and prospective teachers ought to be challenged yearly to improve teaching standards.

4) Only 77% of our scholars are supplied with Wesleyan lesson material.

The analysis of the financial activity is as follows:

Receipts

1957 Camp offering	\$30.06	
General S. S. budget	182.61	
Conference S. S. budget	<u>121.66</u>	
Total receipts		\$334.33
Balance 7/15/57		<u>10.44</u>
Total credits		\$344.77

Disbursements

General S. S. budget	182.61	
Film strip	3.00	
G. C. S. S. A. Board expense	20.00	
Secretary-N. S. S. A. expense	23.00	
Materials for S. S. contest	41.46	
Books and supplies	<u>6.25</u>	
Total disbursements		\$276.32
Balance on hand 7/15/58		<u>\$ 68.45</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Wendel D. Craker, Conference Sunday School Secretary

Report No. 27

Finance Committee

We recommend the following budgets and assessments for the fiscal year 1958-1959:

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

Australia	\$0.25 per member
Church Extension and Home Missions	1.25 " "
Orphanage	0.25 " "
Foreign Missions	2.00 " "
Education	3.00 " "
Superannuate Pension Fund	1.50 " "
General Administrative Expense	.50 " "
General Conference Travel and Entertainment	.50 " "
Total General Budget	<u>\$9.25</u> " "

II. The Illinois Conference Budget Assessments shall be:

A. On a per member basis:

Conference Fund (including Tidings)	\$3.50 per member
Conference Missions	6.00 " "

B. On a per church basis:

President's Support Fund: One-tenth of pastor's cash church salary.

(See Item IV below for details.)

Pastor's Group Insurance Plan: \$27.50 per quarter; \$9.17 per month.

III. Miscellaneous Assessments shall be:

Marion College Campus Expansion Fund	\$1.00 per member
General Sunday School Dues--15% per member in Main School	
Conference Sunday School Dues--10% per member in Main School	

IV. President's Support and Expense:

a) We recommend that the tithe from the cash church salary of each pastor (excluding assistant pastors) be paid through the local church treasurer monthly into the Conference President's Support Fund. It is requested that pastors working at secular labor prayerfully consider giving one-half of their tithe from this source in addition to tithe of ministerial salary.

b) We recommend that the Conference President's cash salary in addition to housing be \$400.00 per month.

c) We recommend that seven cents per mile travel allowance in addition to other incidental expenses be allowed the Conference President. This expense shall be paid out of the Conference Fund.

d) We recommend that the President be paid \$20.00 per month for personage fuel expense, and that the Conference pay his group insurance and one percent pension membership assessment. This expense shall be paid out of the Conference Fund.

V. Miscellaneous Recommendations:

We recommend that an Assistant Conference Treasurer be elected, and that he be

appointed as Secretary-Treasurer of the Superannuate Pension Fund. We nominate Rev. S. A. Hill to this position.

Respectfully submitted,

Finance Committee. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., Secretary.

Report No. 28

Pastoral Relations Committee

Conference President

Rev. Arthur L. Bray

Pastoral Appointments

Austin (Chicago)
 Grove Ocoor (Peoria suburb)
 Elk Grove Village (Chicago suburb) pioneer project
 Galesburg
 Hoopeston
 Hoyne Avenue (Chicago)

Maywood (Chicago suburb)
 Oak Lawn (Chicago suburb)
 Oak Park (Chicago suburb)
 Peoria --in the hands of the President. *Appointed:
 Princeton
 Roseland (Chicago)
 Rockford, First Church

Rockford, Ken-Rock pioneer project

Sheffield--In the hands of the President.

Wheaton (Chicago suburb) pioneer project

(Pastor Gearhart's membership will remain in the Michigan Conference until after General Conference because of his duties as Houghton Area W. Y. President)

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Appointed to Occupational Evangelism

Rev. Ray A. Strawser
 Rev. Daren C. Durey
 Rev. David D. Orail
 Rev. Carl E. Olander
 Rev. Orville E. Price
 Rev. Harry Moeller
 *Rev. Oletus D. Kramer, assistant
 Rev. Robert Wesley Klatt
 Rev. Robert L. Zuhl
 Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell
 Rev. Oletus D. Kramer
 Rev. Roy E. Crawford
 Rev. Wendel D. Oraker
 Rev. William H. Dyer
 Rev. Samuel T. Long, assistant
 Rev. William H. Dyer
 Rev. Samuel T. Long, assistant
 Rev. and Mrs. O. C. McCarty, supply
 Rev. Forrest J. Gearhart, supply
 Rev. Stanley A. Hill

Rev. George R. Durey
 Rev. Clarence C. McCarty
 Rev. Mrs. Ivanella McCarty
 Rev. Glen Klasna
 Rev. Martin Winterberg

To Attend Medical School

Rev. Ronald E. Mullen

To Pursue Graduate Study at Ashbury Seminary

Rev. James A. Blaine
 Rev. LaVerne G. Anderson

Appointed to Evangelistic Relations

Unstationed Elders

Rev. Francis A. Davis, Missionary
 to Japan under the Oriental Missionary Society
 Rev. Pearl Poe

United With An Another Denomination

Rev. Ralph B. Patterson

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Arthur L. Bray, chairman
 Rev. William H. Dyer
 Rev. Carl E. Olander
 Rev. Harry Moeller
 Mr. William F. Tice
 Mr. Alfred N. Carstensen
 Mr. Lloyd W. Wallace

MINUTES OF THE NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OFTHE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Held at Belvidere, Illinois, July 31 to August 2, 1958.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS 1958-1959

President	Mrs. Rachel Bray,	5231 W. Ferdinand St., Chicago, Illinois 44
Vice President	Mrs. Edna Moeller,	2108 W. Iowa Street, Chicago, 22
Secretary	Mrs. Margory Zuhl,	9101 S. Menard St., Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Treasurer	Mrs. Edna Hill,	Box 62, Wyandot, Illinois.
Y. M. W. B. Superintendent	Mrs. Mildred Wallace,	Box 128, Wyandot, Illinois.
Prayer Partner Secretary	Mrs. Kathleen Dyer,	R. R. #1, Princeton, Illinois.
Literature Secretary	Mrs. Ethel Dyer,	1406 School Street, Rockford, Illinois.
Reading Course Secretary	Mrs. Shirley Ledwell,	1040 Augusta Blvd., Oak Park, Illinois.
Magazine Solicitor	Mrs. Joaquin Crawford,	303 S. Pleasant St., Princeton, Illinois.
Statistical Chairman	Mrs. Norma Jean Craker,	10615 Illinois.
Woman's World Fellowship Secretary	Mrs. Mildred Haslett,	2118 S. Third Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.

REGISTER OF SOCIETIES AND PRESIDENTS FOR 1958-1959

1. Austin (Chicago)	Mrs. Elva Jean Strawser, 501 N. Leamington Avenue, Chicago 44, Ill.
2. Grove Coeur	Mrs. Margaret Ogle, 209 Vicio Ave., East Peoria, Ill.
3. Galeburg	No Society
4. Hoopeston	No Report
5. Hoyle Avenue (Chicago)	Mrs. Edna Moeller,
6. Maywood	Mrs. Marlene Rytcheson, 1737 N. 40th Avenue, Stone Park, Ill.
7. Oak Lawn	Mrs. Aleene Blaine, 6821 W. 96th St., Oak Lawn, Illinois.
8. Oak Park	Mrs. Bernice Senger, 1048 Chicago Avenue, Oak Park, Ill.
9. Peoria	Mrs. Alice Woodhouse, 1610 N. Madison, Peoria, Illinois.
10. Princeton	Mrs. Joaquin Crawford, 303 S. Pleasant St., Princeton, Illinois.
11. Rockford I	Mrs. Ethel Dyer, 1406 School St., Rockford, Illinois.
12. Rockford II	Mrs. Tiena Winterberg, 2132 Reynolds Ave., Rockford, Illinois.
13. Roseland (Chicago)	Mrs. Betty Paine, 10551 S. State Street, Chicago 28, Illinois.
14. Sheffield	Mrs. Eileen Naeve, Rural Route #2, Sheffield, Illinois.
15. Wyandot	Mrs. Kathleen Dyer, Route #1, Princeton, Illinois.

1958 CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Austin (Chicago)	Mrs. Ruth Panico	Peoria	Mrs. Mary Parsons
Grove Coeur	Mrs. Olive Cook	Princeton	Mrs. Laura Shoffmar
Hoopeston		Rockford I	Mrs. Mary Blood
Hoyle Avenue (Chicago)	Mrs. Eileen Kramer	Rockford II	Mrs. Eileen Murray
Maywood	Mrs. Barbara Lenerville	Roseland	Mrs. Norma Jean Craker
Oak Lawn		Sheffield	Mrs. Ivabelle McCarty
Oak Park	Mrs. Vada Sarlo	Wyandot	Mrs. Mildred Wallace

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS

First Meeting, 3:30 p. m., Thursday, July 31, 1958.

1. Opening. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Illinois Conference held the first meeting of its ninth annual session in Redfield Chapel at Camp Epworth, near Belvidere, Illinois, with the President, Mrs. Rachel Bray, presiding. We were led in the singing of "Jesus Saves" by Mrs. Elva Jean Strawser.

2. Devotions. Mrs. Rachel Bray, President, brought devotional thoughts from I John 3:1-11 and 16-24. She reminded us how important it is to have our lives saturated with the love of Christ. Mrs. Mildred Wallace and Mrs. Tiena Winterberg led in prayer.

3. Committees. The report of the Executive Committee nominating the members of the various

committees was adopted as read. The Conference committees are as follows: Credentials Committee--Mrs. Ruth Panico and Mrs. Mildred Wallace; Plan of Work Committee--Mrs. Alene Blaine, chairman, Mrs. Vada Sarlo, Mrs. Eileen Kramer, Mrs. Edna Hill and Mrs. Tiena Wintorberg; Post Office Committee--Mrs. Bernice Senger and Mrs. Marlene Eytcheson; Magazine Committee--Mrs. Edna Hill (ex-officio), Mrs. Kathleen Dyer and Mrs. Eileen Murray; Courtesy Committee--Mrs. Norma Jean Craker and Mrs. Mary Blood; Reporter--Mrs. Mary Blood; Greetings Committee--Mrs. Ethel Dyer, Chairman, Mrs. Barbara Lenerville and Mrs. Margaret Ogle; Poster Committee--Mrs. Olive Cook; Music Committee--Mrs. Elva Jean Strawser; Nominating Committee--Mrs. Edna Moeller, chairman, Mrs. Ethel Dyer and Mrs. Joaquin Crawford.

4. Credentials Committee. The report of the Credentials Committee was adopted and the roll taken. (See List of Delegates.)

5. Orders of the Day. The report of the Committee on Orders of the Day was read and adopted. (See Report No. 1.)

6. President's Report. The President's report was read and approved. (See Report No. 2.)

7. Courtesy Committee. The Courtesy Committee presented Mrs. Gwendolyn Blanchard, our Area W. M. S. Chairman, and Mrs. Ruth Liddick, wife of our denominational representative, to our Conference. They each gave an inspiring testimony and were seated within the bar.

8. Adjournment. The Orders of the Day called for adjournment. Mrs. Ruth Liddick closed in prayer.

Second Meeting, 8:30 a. m., Friday, August 1, 1958.

1. Opening. The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. Rachel Bray. Mrs. Elva Jean Strawser led in the singing of "With Thy Spirit Fill Me." Mrs. Bray led in prayer.

2. Devotions. Mrs. Gwendolyn Blanchard, wife of the President of the Kentucky Annual Conference and Marion Area W. M. S. Chairman, presented devotions from Habakkuk 2:1-4. She gave an interesting report of the Lord directing them to begin the work of Zion's Hill Mission and the work at Means, Kentucky, two of our Home Mission stations.

3. Roll Call. The roll call was answered by the naming a book from the Reading Course list from 1955-1958 that each lady had read.

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

5. Mission Study Secretary. The report of the Mission Study Secretary, Mrs. Shirley Ledwell, was read and approved. (See Report No. 3.)

6. Magazine Solicitor. The report of the Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Edna Hill, was read and approved. (See Report No. 4.)

7. Literature Secretary. A partial report of the Literature Secretary, Mrs. Marie Joseph, was read and accepted with the provision that the report be completed as soon as possible.

8. Statistical Committee. A partial report of the Statistical Chairman, Mrs. Norma Jean Craker, was read and approved. (See Report No. 15.)

9. Prayer Partner Secretary. The report of the Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. Kathleen Dyer, was read and approved. (See Report No. 5.)

10. Woman's World Fellowship Secretary. The report of the Woman's World Fellowship Secretary, Mrs. Mildred Haslett, was given and approved. (See Report No. 6.)

11. Adjournment. Conference was adjourned by prevailing motion. Mrs. Ruth Liddick offered the closing prayer.

Third Meeting, 1:30 p. m., Friday, August 1, 1958.

1. Opening. The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. Rachel Bray. Mrs. Elva Jean Strawser led in singing, "The Old Rugged Cross." Mrs. Barbara Lenerville led in prayer.

2. Devotions. Mrs. Ruth Liddick presented devotions from Isaiah 58:6-14. She challenged us to choose our fast to feed those who have spiritual needs at home and abroad.

3. Roll Call. The roll call was answered by each lady naming a student or faculty member at Marion College.

4. Minutes. The minutes of the Second Meeting were read and approved.

5. Nominating Committee. The report of the Nominating Committee was read and received. (See Report No. 7.)

6. Election of Officers. The following were elected by ballot as Conference Officers for 1958-1959: President, Mrs. Rachel Bray; Vice President, Mrs. Edna Woeller; Secretary, Mrs. Margary Zuhl; Treasurer, Mrs. Irene Olander; Y. M. W. B. Superintendent, Mrs. Mildred Wallace; Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. Kathleen Dyer; Literature Secretary, Mrs. Ethel Dyer; Reading Course Secretary, Mrs. Shirley Ledwell; Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Edna Hill; Statistical Chairman, Mrs. Norma Jean Oraker; Woman's World Fellowship Secretary, Mrs. Mildred Haslett. Delegate to General Conference, Mrs. Irene Olander; Alternate, Mrs. Edna Hill.

7. Miscellaneous Business. The motion prevailed that our Conference W. M. S. become a member of the Evangelical Women's Fellowship of the National Association of Evangelicals and the \$5.00 dues be paid by the Conference treasurer.

8. Gift of Appreciation. A beautiful bedspread was presented by the Conference body to our President, Mrs. Rachel Bray, in love and sincere appreciation for her dedicated service as our President. Mrs. Bray feelingly expressed her gratitude.

9. Adjournment. Conference was adjourned by motion. Mrs. Ethel Dyer closed in prayer.

Fourth Meeting, 8:30 a. m., Saturday, August 2, 1958.

1. Opening. The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. Rachel Bray. Mrs. Elva Jean Strawser led in the singing of "The Way of the Cross Leads Home." Mrs. Tiena Winterberg and Mrs. Margory Zuhl offered prayer.

2. Roll Call. Roll call was answered by each lady giving the name of the office she holds in the Woman's Missionary Society.

3. Devotions. Mrs. Gwendolyn Blanchard presented devotions based on Romans 8:1-10 and 12-16. She related many interesting facts concerning our Home Missions stations at Zion's Hill and Means, Kentucky.

4. Minutes. The minutes of the third meeting were read and approved.

5. Auditing Committee. The report of the Auditing Committee was read and approved. (See Report No. 8.)

6. Treasurer's Report. The Conference received Mrs. Irene Olander's treasurer's report with a rising vote of appreciation. (See Report No. 9.)

7. Y. M. W. B. Superintendent's Report. Mrs. Mildred Wallace gave the Y. M. W. B. Superintendent's report and the statistical report. (See Report No. 10.)

8. Mrs. Irene Olander resigned as W. M. S. Treasurer. Resignation accepted by vote.

9. Since Mrs. Olander had notified the Nominating Committee of her pending resignation, the Committee now gave a partial report nominating Mrs. Edna Hill as treasurer.

10. Election. By ballot, Mrs. Edna Hill was then elected the new treasurer.

11. Resignation. Mrs. Edna Hill resigned as Conference Magazine Solicitor. Resignation was accepted by vote.

12. Election. Mrs. Joaquin Crawford was elected the new Magazine Solicitor by ballot.

13. Delegates. Mrs. Edna Hill, the new treasurer, is the delegate to General Conference by previous Conference action.

14. Alternate Delegate. Mrs. Irene Olander was elected by ballot as the alternate delegate to General conference.

15. Executive Committee. The report of the Executive Committee was read and approved (Report #11).

16. Plan of Work. The report of the Plan of Work Committee was read and adopted. (Report #12).

17. Courtesy Committee. The Courtesy Committee presented Rev. Alton Liddick, Director of public relations of the Foreign Missions Department, at Fairmount, Indiana. He

brought the conference greetings from Dr. Birch and told items of interest concerning the work of that department.

18. Adjourned. By prevailing motion. Mrs. Ruth Panico closed in prayer.

Fifth Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Saturday, August 2, 1958.

1. Opening. The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. Rachel Bray. Mrs. Elva Jean Strawser led in the singing of "I am Thine, O Lord". Mrs. Irene Olander led in prayer.

2. Devotions. Mrs. Ruth Liddick brought devotions from several passages of scripture on prayer. She explained the Prayer Shares to us and urged us to sign a prayer share card.

3. Roll Call. The roll call was answered by the Presidents naming a home missionary and the delegate naming a home missionary station.

4. Minutes. The minutes of the fourth meeting were read and approved.

5. Post Office Committee. The Post Office Committee's report was read and approved. (Report #13).

6. Greeting Committee. The report of the Greetings Committee was read and approved. (Report #14).

7. Miscellaneous Business. A motion prevailed in regard to classifications of meetings on the annual statistical report blanks that business meetings be counted as regular meetings and that the extra meetings include: 1. Missionary prayer meetings 2. Prayer and fast meetings 3. Work meetings. 4. Public meetings.

8. Unfinished business. A motion prevailed that any unfinished business be left in the hands of the Executive Committee with power to act.

9. Courtesy Committee. The Courtesy Committee presented Mrs. Beulah Burnell, Y.M.W.B. Superintendent of the Maywood Church, to the Conference. She gave a brief personal testimony.

10. Gift of Appreciation. A set of the reading course books for 1958 were presented to Mrs. Irene Olander, from the Conference body, in love and appreciation for her eight years of faithful labors as the Conference treasurer.

11. Adjourned. By prevailing motion, the Conference was adjourned sine die. Mrs. Gwendoly Blanchard led in the closing prayer.

Unfinished Business — Executive Committee

On Tuesday, August 5, 1958, the Executive Committee met by Conference action to complete the unfinished business:

1. The Statistical Report was reviewed and accepted. (Report #15).
2. Y.M.W.B. Plan of Work was revised and accepted for the coming year. (Report #16).
3. The Literature Secretary report was reviewed and accepted. (Report #17).

Y. M. W. B. R E P O R T S

Report No. 1.

Orders of the Day Committee.

Thursday, July 31, 1958 — 3:00 p.m., held at Redfield Chapel, Epworth Park, Belvidere, Ill. Conference convenes; Devotions, Betty Paine; Report of Committee on Conference Committees; Credentials Committee Report; Roll Call; Report of Orders of the Day Committee; Report of Conference W. M. S. President; 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., Y. M. W. B. Emphasis Night, Mildred Wallace, Superintendent.

Friday, August 1, 1958 — 8:30 - 11:00 a.m., WESLEYAN MISSIONARY DAY, Devotions, Betty Paine, Chairman; Roll Call, "Name a book from the Reading Course"; Report of Mission Study Secretary, Shirley Ledwell; Report of Magazine Solicitor, Edna Hill; Report of Literature Secretary, Lenore Durey; Report of Prayer Partner Secretary, Kay Dyer; Report of Statistical Committee, Norma Jean Craker; Report of World Fellowship Sec'y, Mildred Haslett. 1:30 p.m., Devotions, Betty Paine, chairman; Roll Call, "Name of student or faculty member at Marion College"; Report of Nominating Committee; Election of Officers; Report of Auditing Committee; Report of Y. M. W. B. Sup't., Mildred Wallace; Report of Treasurer, Irene Olander. 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.,

member read 5 books, 1 member read 4 books; Rockford: 1 member read 6 books, 1 member read 4 books; TOTAL FOR CONFERENCE: 15 members read 6 books, 12 members read 4 books.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Shirley F. Ledwell, Secretary.

Report No. 4.

Magazine Solicitor.

We greatly appreciate the earnest labors of each local magazine solicitor. Because of their efforts, we are able to report a total of 253 subscribers to the "Wesleyan Missionary", a gain of 42 over last year. May this gain encourage us on to greater ones next year, by the help of the Lord.

Letters were sent by me to each local solicitor and each pastor's wife three times this year, and quarterly reports to Miss Gracia Fero, editor of the "Wesleyan Missionary".

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Edna M. Hill

Report #5.

Prayer Partner Secretary.

There are 216 prayer partners in the Illinois Conference, members of the 13 prayer partner circles which reported. The number of Y.M.W.B. prayer partners reported was 39. Eleven societies have reported they are observing a monthly day of fasting and prayer. The prayer partners reported 91 assignments to pray for Home missionaries and 228 assignments for foreign missionaries. All societies reported except Pecoria.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Kathleen Dyer

Report #6.

Woman's World Fellowship Secretary.

Based on the information given in the circular dated May 1, 1957 from Mrs. Margaret Mc Carty, the Program of the Woman's World Fellowship was begun in the Illinois Conference.

Thirteen Missionary societies elected local secretaries. A letter was written to each outlining the program. Prayer periods were observed in all these. Scripture memorization as outlined in the Navigator's "B" ration was carried out in approximately a third of the societies.

All appreciate the objectives of the Fellowship and look forward to greater service as this much needed work is further developed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Mildred Haslett

Report #7.

Nominating Committee.

Your Nominating Committee met and presents the following names for consideration: President, Mrs. Rachel Bray; Vice President, Mrs. Edna Moeller; Treasurer, Mrs. Irene Olander; Secretary, Mrs. Margery Zuhl; Y.M.W.B. Superintendent, Mrs. Mildred Wallace; Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. Kay Dyer; Literature Secretary, Mrs. Ethel Dyer; Reading Course Secretary, Mrs. Shirley Ledwell; Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Edna Hill; Statistical Chairman, Mrs. Norma Jean Craker; Woman's World Fellowship Secretary, Mrs. Mildred Haslett. The Delegate to General Conference will be the elected Treasurer. Alternate Delegate, Mrs. Edna Hill.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Edna Moeller
Mrs. Ethel Dyer
Mrs. Joaquin Crawford

Editorial note: After election Mrs. Irene Olander resigned. The Nominating Committee then nominated Mrs. Edna Hill as Treasurer.

Report No. 8.Auditing Committee.

I have examined the records of the conference treasurer of the Wesleyan Missionary Society and find them to be correct.

Carl E. Olander

We have audited the Y.M.W.B. books and find them to be correct and in order.

W. D. Craker
J. T. Ledwell
R. E. Crawford

Report No. 9.W.M.S. Treasurers Report.

	On Hand July 21, 1957	Received	Disbursed	On Hand July 30, 1958	Vouchers
<u>Cash Fund</u>					
<u>General</u>					
Home Missions		\$ 393.39	\$ 393.39		
Card Call		5.00	5.00		\$ 63.00
Australia		14.00	14.00		
Brainard					88.57
Home Miss. - Gifts & Boxes		37.00	37.00		131.54
J. Cassidy Schooling		51.30	51.30		
Hephzibah		88.01	88.01		4.30
Self-Denial		95.00	95.00		
Foreign		566.00	566.00		
Rev. Huff Travel Exp.		35.64	35.64		
Japan for printing		100.00	100.00		
Miss. Equipment		15.20	15.20		
S. A.		136.24	136.24		
White Gifts		9.35	9.35		
Medical Miss.		36.44	36.44		
Medical Student Fund		23.00	23.00		
Headquarters Fund		64.00	64.00		
Education		172.28	172.28		
Honorary Enrollment		44.00	44.00		
F. S. A.		27.50	27.50		
Williams Hall					12.00
Admin. Fund		47.25	47.25		
Membership		67.25	67.25		
Other Missions					32.65
<u>Illinois Conference</u>					
Conference Missions		265.90	265.90		
Admin. Fund	\$ 32.10	81.29	48.41	\$ 64.98	
Camp Necess.	259.99	90.94	65.82	275.11	
Local					25.00
Misc.					182.78
 Total					
July 30, 1958	\$292.09	\$2,455.98	\$2,407.98	\$340.09	\$539.84
 Total Cash Receipts	\$2,748.07				
Total Vouchers	539.84				
 Grand Total	\$3,287.91				

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Irene Olander

Report No. 10.Y.M.W.B. Superintendent.

To the women of the ninth annual Conference of Illinois, I report it has been a privilege to work with our loyal local Superintendents in leading boys and girls into an appreciation of the worth of prayer and significance of giving to missions. Our loyal band superintendents are to be commended for their many efforts.

I have corresponded to the local superintendents with letters and report blanks each quarter. This year, I have heard from eleven churches. Four societies have a grade of 100% according to the efficiency standard.

Our 1957 camp offering of \$41.07 was for Kamabai transportation in Africa. Amount received for Karen Ortlip's support—\$138.44.

I received \$7.95 for Desk Fund and disbursed \$5.57 for desk expenses.

We give praise to our Lord for the accomplishments in our Y.M.W.B. Societies.

Following is the Y.M.W.B. Statistical Report:

BAND NAME	Active Members	Honorary Members	Total Membership	Meetings	Efficiency Rating	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Special Projects (Credit) Karen Ortlip	Hdq. Project	TOTAL (Band Credit)	Non-Credit Total	GRAND TOTAL
Austin	20		20	12	100%	19.11	22.83	10.00	25.00		76.94	.25	77.19
Creve Coeur	14		14	12	80%	7.50	1.01	.45	20.86		29.82	4.33	34.15
Hoyne Ave.						47.44	11.81				59.25		59.25
Maywood	9	5	14			27.31	8.91				36.22	.20	36.42
Oak Lawn	10	9	19	12	100%	52.06	13.96	7.25	30.74		104.01	21.05	125.06
Oak Park	12		12	9		24.02	5.65	2.32		4.55	36.54		36.54
Peoria						7.00					7.00		7.00
Princeton	40	36	76	12	100%	50.88	4.00	6.00	20.00		80.88	1.24	82.12
Rockford	50	20	70	12	80%	54.46	18.00	22.00	20.00	5.37	119.83	2.12	121.95
Sheffield	22		22	12	100%	10.11	4.50	1.50	3.50		19.61	.25	19.86
Wyanet	17	22	39	12	95%	54.32	4.00	5.74	18.34	8.47	90.87	7.88	98.75
Camp Offering Memorial						41.07					41.07		41.07
						10.00					10.00		10.00
TOTALS	194	92	286	93	94%	405.28	94.67	55.26	138.44	18.39	712.04	37.32	749.36

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Mildred Wallace

Report No. 11.Executive Committee.

We, the Executive Committee, recommend:

1. That the offering received in the public Y.M.W.B. service be given toward the deficit in Karen Ortlip's support.
2. That the cash offering taken at the public missionary rally be given to the General Foreign Missionary fund.
3. That the pledges made at the public missionary rally be divided as follows: 1/3 to Foreign Missions, 1/3 to Home Missions, and 1/3 to Conference Missions.
4. That the Conference W.M.S. Treasurer reimburse officers for their office expenses.
5. That the sum of \$50 be sent from the Conference treasury to aid the project of \$150 for Juanita Cassidy at Central High School.
6. That the following societies receive a subscription to the Missionary Magazine for having met the requirements defined in the Plan of Work: Austin and Rockford.

7. That the following be made the Standing Rules: a. The Executive Committee shall constitute the Orders of the Day Committee; b. And shall be a Nominating Committee on committees to be nominated before each annual session.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mrs. Rachel Bray
 Mrs. Edna Moeller
 Mrs. Margery Zuhl
 Mrs. Irene Olander
 Mrs. Mildred Wallace

Report No. 12.

Plan of Work Committee.

- A. We recommend the following plan of work for the local societies:

I. Organizational Recommendations:

- a. Use of program calendars and helps.
- b. Reading of the designated Mission Study and Reading Course books; reporting of same to the Mission Study Secretary immediately following January first.
- c. Observance of a monthly fast and prayer day with each participant contributing the price of a meal for Conference Missions.
- d. Observance of Woman's World Fellowship
 1. Pray every Tuesday for and with Christian women around the world.
 2. Memorize Scripture and do personal witnessing.
 3. Obtain material from the Woman's World Fellowship Secretary.
- e. Send Prayer Partner report: number of Prayer Partners, with number of Home and Foreign Missionary Prayer Partners chosen, to Conference Prayer Partner Secretary by October 1, 1958.

II. Foreign Mission Project:

- a. Send supplies to Dr. F. R. Birch, Route #2, Fairmount, Indiana.

III. Home Mission Project:

- a. We recommend a gift of money to be given to Miss Sniffin and Miss Paggett to be used at their discretion at Means, Kentucky.
- b. The Conference Prayer Partner Secretary will assign each society a Home Mission Station to which Christmas gifts may be sent.
- c. Send good used clothing to the Home Mission Station and Children's Home after inquiring into the needs before sending and that no monetary value be placed on these things, but that these be reported merely as to the number of boxes sent.
- d. Save all coupons regardless of date and send to Hephzibah Children's Home.

IV. Miscellaneous Recommendations:

- a. Promotion of the Penny-a-Meal funds which will be divided one-half for Foreign and one-half for Home Missions.
- b. Subscriptions by each Society to the Card Call Plan as a means of assisting in the extension program of the church.
- c. Use of "In Remembrance" folders. Money should be sent to Conference W. M. S. Treasurer and the folders to the bereaved family.
- d. Cooperate in the promotion of the College Honorary Enrollment Plan. The registration card is to be sent to Marion College. Money is to be sent to the Conference W. M. S. Treasurer.
- e. Encourage the use of Mile-of-Dime folders for Foreign Mission Equipment.
- f. Observance of a May Day Conference project to be designated by the Conference Executive Committee.

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

- a. Budget:
 1. \$5.00 or more to Hephzibah Children's Home.
 2. Offering for Medical Mission.
 3. Penny-a-Meal offering divided one-half Foreign and one-half Home Mission.
 4. Offering from monthly "Prayer and Fast" day for Conference Mission.
- b. Non-budget:
 1. \$0.50 per active member for Camp necessities.
 2. \$0.10 per active member for Conference W. M. S. President Desk Fund.
 3. Mile-of-dime monies for Foreign equipment.
 4. \$3.00 or more for Medical Student Fund.

VI. Conference President Visitation:

- a. Extending an invitation to the Conference W. M. S. President to visit each society at least once a year and, if possible, pay her transportation.

VII. Preparation for Annual Conference:

- a. Two report blanks are to be sent to each Society by the Conference Secretary in June, to be filled out carefully. One completed blank with receipts attached should be sent to the Chairman of the Statistical Committee, two weeks before Conference.
- b. That each society contribute cash or a case or more of canned foods for camp.
- c. That each Society provide one-half dozen or more dish towels and one dozen dish cloths.
- d. Delegate to bring list of all officers and their addresses.

VIII. Conference Awards:

- a. Issuing of an award to the societies that qualify according to the following points:
 1. Making the Honor Roll in the Efficiency Standard.
 2. Securing Magazine subscriptions equal to active membership of the Society, promptly report quarterly to the Conference Magazine Solicitor.
 3. Pursuing the Mission Study and Reading Course and reporting name of local Secretary to Conference Mission Study Secretary.
 4. Newly elected W. M. S. President and Y. M. W. B. Superintendent attend the Annual Conference session.
- B. We report the General W. M. S. Efficiency Standard for the Local Society is as follows:
 1. That the Efficiency Standard be read in the first monthly meeting after Conference (5% credit), and that arrangements be made with the pastor for one missionary prayer meeting each month (5% credit).
 2. That a minimum of ten meetings be held during the year at which time prayer requests are presented and remembered and business transacted (5% credit) and at least one public meeting (5% credit).
 3. We recommend the formation of one or more Prayer Partner Circles in each Society with a Prayer Partner Secretary, who shall report the names of the same to Conference Prayer Partner Secretary within sixty days after the sitting of Annual Conference (October 3, 1958) (10% credit).
 4. That the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the equivalent of seventy-five percent of the active membership be subscribers to THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY (10% credit).
 5. That a solicitor be elected for THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY gaining not less than two subscriptions a year (10% credit).
 6. That a delegate be elected to the Annual Conference Woman's Missionary Society and that she be instructed by local society regarding the amount to be pledged by that Society at the Annual Conference session (5% credit) and that the President attend the Annual Conference session (5% credit).
 7. That the dues of one dollar per member be sent directly to the Conference Treasurer, fifty cents of which shall be divided by her as specified and applied on budget, (5% credit), and that all monies and vouchers be sent to the Conference Treasurer at least quarterly (5% credit).
 8. That we secure every woman in the church as a member of the Society or achieve a ten percent gain in total membership (10% credit).
 9. That each local Society pay annually on an amount equal to twenty-five cents per active member to be used as General Administrative Fund, not to apply on budget (10% credit).
 10. That the local Y. M. W. B. Superintendent be seated in the Annual session and be granted the privilege of speaking, and provision be made by her Society for such representation (10% credit). (All societies making a grade of eighty percent shall be placed on the Honor Roll.)

Respectfully submitted,
 Mrs. Aleono Blaine, Chairman
 Mrs. Vada Sarlo
 Mrs. Eileen Kramer
 Mrs. Edna Hill
 Mrs. Tiena Winterburg

Report No. 13.

Post Office Committee.

(See register of societies and presidents)

Report No. 14.Greetings Committee.

Your committee on greetings submits the following report:
Greetings were sent to the following members who were absent: Miss Vera Brainard, Mrs. Hazel Price, Mrs. Shirley Ledwell, Mrs. Eileen Neave, Mrs. Barbara Crail and Mrs. Robie Anderson. A note of appreciation was written to Mrs. Ruth Liddick and Mrs. Gwendolyn Blanchard.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ethel Dyer
Mrs. Margaret Ogle
Mrs. Barbara Lensville

Report No. 15.Statistical Committee.

(See table on page 54)

Report No. 16.Y. M. W. B. Plan of Work.

The Executive Committee met August 5, 1958, and recommended the following Plan of Work for the Y. M. W. B. for 1958-1959:

1. Each local W. M. S. shall elect the local Y. M. W. B. Superintendent in June. Her duties shall begin at the rise of annual conference.
2. Send all money raised by the Y. M. W. B. to your conference superintendent, Mrs. Mildred Wallace, Wyanet, Illinois, but make out the money orders or checks to "The Young Missionary Worker's Band", Houghton, New York.
3. Each band is assessed three cents per member based on members reported to the 1958 annual conference, for conference superintendent's desk expense. Send this amount to the conference superintendent.
4. Return quarterly reports on the following dates, along with dues and offerings received that quarter: 1st quarter (July-September), October 15, 1958; 2nd quarter (October-December), January 15, 1959; 3rd quarter (January-March), April 15, 1959; 4th quarter (April-June), postmarked by June 30, 1959.
5. The November offering is for Home Missions.
6. The May offering is for Education.
7. Our project is one-half of the support of Karen Ortlip, Haiti, which will be \$150.00.
8. Each local superintendent should encourage the use of the reading courses and promote a prayer partner circle.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Rachel Bray
Mrs. Mildred Wallace
Mrs. Edna Moeller
Mrs. Margery Zuhl
Mrs. Irene Olander
Mrs. Edna Hill

Report No. 17.Literature Report.

Your literature secretary submits the following report:

Money taken in at the book stand during conference and camp 1957 --

Christmas cards - sold 22 boxes	profit	\$8.80
Supplies from Nelson's - sold \$164.80	"	41.20

Total	\$50.00
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Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Marie Joseph

(Note: This is a partial report -- Mrs. Joseph was not on the camp grounds to give us a complete report. We do not have what was sold from Wesleyan headquarters.)

Report No. 15. Statistical Committee

NAME OF SOCIETY	MEMBERSHIP				RECEIPTS													
	Active	Honorary	Gain	Loss	Total No. Meetings	No. Wes.	W.A. Taken	Efficiency Standard %	Missionaries Supported	No. Boxes	No. Pounds	Membership Dues	Offerings	Memorials	Voucher Receipts	Total Receipts for Year	Old Balance from Last Year	GRAND TOTAL
Austin (Chicago)	18	5		7	22	25	80%		2	7		\$ 21.00	\$ 296.03	-----		\$ 317.03	\$ 10.96	\$ 327.99
Grove Coeur (Peoria) (Galesburg)	12	1			23	13	80%			7		13.00	194.38		\$43.58	250.96	81.00	\$ 331.96
Hoopeston	5			2	9	6						5.00	28.85			33.85	.30	34.15
Hoynes Avenue (Chicago)	9	1	1		24	12	80%					10.00	76.89		12.55	99.44	32.39	131.83
Maywood (Chicago)	18	10	9		18	24	100%			20		28.00	287.39			315.39	5.90	321.29
Oak Lawn (Chicago)	22	16	15		23	22	80%			9		38.00	234.57		73.48	346.05	25.13	371.18
Oak Park (Chicago)	15	2	3		11	16	90%					17.00	158.39		8.00	185.39	9.75	193.14
Peoria	11	6	6		16	10	60%			1		17.00	111.38	17.00		145.38		145.38
Princeton	18	5	6		36	36	100%			3	22	23.00	269.80		1.00	293.80	3.00	296.80
Rockford and Ken Rock	24	9	1		28	27	90%			1		33.00	510.30		77.00	620.30	35.83	656.13
Roseland (Chicago)	16	7	1		11	17	90%					23.00	105.21		4.00	132.21	2.43	134.64
Sheffield	5	1			11	5	50%			2		6.00	52.52			58.52	.23	58.75
Wyanet	32	14		4	27	36	100%			2	8	46.00	285.36		67.71	399.07	5.07	404.14
TOTALS	205	75	42	13	259	253	83%		2	45	30	\$280.00	\$2611.07	\$17.00	\$287.32	\$3195.39	\$211.99	\$3407.38

NAME OF SOCIETY	DISBURSEMENTS																GRAND TOTAL
	Home Missions	Medical Missions	Australia	Foreign Missions	Medical Student Fund	Hephzibah Hephzibah	Education	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Administrative Fund	Conference Extension	Working Fund	Other Objects	Total Disbursements	New Balance On Hand		
Austin (Chicago)	\$ 45.25	\$----	\$-----	\$143.46	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 14.25	\$ 26.90	\$ 10.50	\$ 5.75	\$ 15.00	\$ 2.30	\$ 39.57	\$ 312.98	\$ 15.01	\$ 327.99	
Creve Coeur (Peoria)	54.18			27.65		9.00	17.50	\$121.90	6.50	2.75	17.68	\$1.20	52.40	\$10.76	21.20	331.96	
Hoopeston	1.25			21.25					2.50	4.00			5.00	34.00	.15	34.15	
Hoynes Avenue (Chicago)	33.06			2.50	3.00	15.51	5.00	42.25	5.00	3.00		1.20	13.79	124.31	7.52	131.83	
Maywood (Chicago)	93.20			99.33		13.75	27.00	13.23	14.00	4.50	43.33		12.82	321.16	.13	321.29	
Oak Lawn (Chicago)	31.25			128.09	3.00	22.00	41.95	98.33	19.00	4.50		1.80	9.00	358.92	12.26	371.18	
Oak Park (Chicago)	63.69			50.74	3.00	5.00	4.10		8.50	3.00	12.79	1.20	37.37	189.39	3.75	193.14	
Peoria	29.75		3.75	27.75		12.76	45.00		8.50				7.26	134.77	10.61	145.38	
Princeton	31.75			49.12	3.00	30.25	28.00	15.00	11.50	4.00	10.00	1.60	86.39	270.61	26.19	296.80	
Rockford and Ken Rock	242.07		10.25	139.02		10.25	57.33	23.98	16.50	5.25	87.66		60.50	652.81	3.32	656.13	
Roseland (Chicago)	20.75			29.15			14.00	27.70	11.50	3.75	14.41		13.00	134.26	.38	134.64	
Sheffield	7.50	5.00		4.50	3.00	5.00			3.00			.50	35.25	58.75		58.75	
Wyanet	57.94	5.00		98.26	3.00	47.50	10.00	63.01	23.00	8.00	18.34		66.27	400.32	3.82	404.14	
TOTALS	\$711.64	\$5.00	\$14.00	\$820.82	\$23.00	\$176.02	\$264.13	\$432.30	\$140.00	\$48.50	\$219.21	\$9.80	\$438.62	\$3303.04	\$104.34	\$3407.38	

1958 Minutes of the Illinois M.W.S.

MINUTES OF THE NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE WESLEYAN YOUTH

Held at Oak Lawn, Illinois, September 5-6, 1958

OFFICERS FOR 1958-1959

President	—Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, 9101 S. Menard, Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Vice President	—Rev. Stanley A. Hill, Box 62, Wyandot, Illinois.
Secretary	—Miss Marcena Wallace, 118 S. Arch St., Wyandot, Illinois.
Treasurer	—Mrs. Ida Craker, 5231 W. Ferdinand St., Chicago 44, Illinois.
Northern District Chm.	—Robert Klatt, 1105 S. Sixth Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.
Southern District Chm.	—Clatus Kramer, 3212 N. Prospect Road, Peoria, Illinois.

LOCAL WESLEYAN YOUTH OFFICERS

Austin	President, Richard Dominguez, 5323 W. Ohio, Chicago 44, Illinois.
(Chicago)	Secretary, Miss Martha Bray, 5231 W. Ferdinand, Chicago 44, Illinois.
Hoynes Avenue	President, Rev. Meredith Bailey, 114 N. Albany, Chicago 12, Illinois.
(Chicago)	Secretary,
Oak Lawn	President, Ken Stone, 6737 W. 84th Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois.
(Chicagoland)	Secretary, Miss Judy Botta, 9228 S. Menard, Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Oak Park	President, Miss Carolyn Hames, 3229 Wenonah, Berwyn, Illinois.
(Chicagoland)	Secretary, Miss Sharon Kodl, 917 Hannah, Forest Park, Illinois.
Peoria	President, Mrs. Eileen Kramer, 3212 N. Prospect Road, Peoria, Illinois.
	Secretary,
Princeton	President, Daniel Krager, 226 Park Avenue, Princeton, Illinois.
	Secretary,
Rockford	President, Mr. Donald Bradley, 1046 E. State, Rockford, Illinois.
	Secretary, Mrs. Opal Bradley, 1046 E. State, Rockford, Illinois.
Roseland	President, Miss Patricia Watson, 10643 Wentworth, Chicago 28, Illinois.
(Chicago)	Secretary, Miss Gail Joseph, 9929 S. Lowe, Chicago 28, Illinois.
Wyandot	President, Miss Barbara Allen, Buda, Illinois.
	Secretary, Miss Judy Johnson, Wyandot, Illinois.

1958 CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Austin (Chicago)	Barbara Witzel	Don Zeigler
Hoynes Avenue (Chicago)	Richard Peterson	Donna D'Metro
Maywood (Chicagoland)	Douglas Crail	
Oak Lawn (Chicagoland)	Trudy Hamson	Jane Darland
Oak Park (Chicagoland)	Carolyn Hames	
Princeton	Robert Shoffner	Daniel Krager
Rockford	Martha Long	William Tice
Roseland (Chicago)	Gail Joseph	
Wyandot	Marcena Wallace	Della Dyer

STANDING RULES

1. Resolved, that the Conference W. Y. Secretary send out the annual W. Y. statistical blanks and local directory blanks by June 30 to each pastor, who shall assist the local president and treasurer in completing them and comparing the W. Y. statistical blank with the church statistical report for accuracy.
2. Resolved, that the local treasurer's books close June 30 and that all remittances be postmarked not later than July 5; and that a fine of \$1.00 upon the pastor and the local president be paid to our conference treasurer if the statistical report and the local directory blank do not reach the hands of our conference secretary by July 15.
3. Resolved, that the Executive Youth Council act as the Orders of the Day Committee.
4. Resolved, that the Conference Wesleyan Youth President be editor of the Youth Notes, our conference youth publicity medium, which shall be published as needed, either in conjunction with the Illinois Tidings or as a separate publication.
5. Resolved, that the President shall appoint custodians of the Wesleyan Youth equipment.

6. Resolved, that the Secretary be the standing statistical chairman.
7. Resolved, that the Secretary maintain a complete membership list.
8. Resolved, that the local officers be elected during the month of June to take office at the rise of the Illinois Annual Conference.
9. Resolved, that the annual Illinois W. Y. Conference be held on the second Friday evening of Camp Meeting following the evening service and continue on the Saturday afternoon following.
10. Resolved, that the President, the Secretary and the Annual Conference President be the Standing Committee to prepare the nominations for Conference committees before the first meeting of our Conference.

PROCEEDINGS

First Meeting, 9:40 p. m., Friday, September 5, 1958.

1. Opening. The ninth annual session of the Illinois Conference Wesleyan Youth was convened in the Oak Lawn Wesleyan Methodist Church at 9:40 p. m., Friday, September 5, 1958, by our President, Rev. Robert L. Zuhl. He read Exodus 3:1-6 and Rev. Ray A. Strawser of Chicago-Austin, led in prayer.

2. Bar of Conference. The first four rows were designated as the bar of conference.

3. Seating of Officials. The Conference Executive Council members and all local presidents were then seated within the bar.

4. Credentials Committee. Meredith Bailey and Pat Watson were elected to serve as the Credentials Committee. A partial report of this committee was then given and adopted, seating all delegates present within the bar.

5. Committee on Conference Committees. The Conference Executive Council members were elected to serve as the Committee on Conference Committees. This committee was then excused to do its work.

6. Report of Conference Treasurer. The Conference Treasurer's report was read which was received and referred to the Auditor. (See Report No. 1).

7. Report of Orders of Day Committee. The Orders of the Day Committee report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 2).

8. Recess. Motion prevailed to adjourn for recess and to re-assemble as soon as the Committee on Conference Committees was ready to report.

9. Report of the Committee on Conference Committees. After the meeting re-assembled the report of the Committee on Conference Committees was read and adopted. (See Report No. 3).

10. Adjournment. Conference was adjourned by prevailing motion.

Second Meeting, 8:30 a. m., Saturday, September 6, 1958.

1. Opening. The second meeting was opened with the reading of Nehemiah 8:10, by Rev. A. L. Bray, the Annual Conference President, who spoke on the Joy of the Lord. Ida Craker, Treasurer of the Conference, led in prayer.

2. Reading of Minutes. The secretary's minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

3. Auditing Committee. Since Rev. David Crail could not serve on the Auditing Committee, it was moved and seconded that Rev. Carl E. Olander and Rev. Samuel T. Long be seated in the bar so that they could serve on this committee.

4. Report of President. The President's report was read and approved with a rising vote of thanks for his faithful service. (See Report No. 4).

5. Recess. The chair declared the meeting recessed for committee work.

6. Report of Statistical Committee. Upon the resumption of business, the report of the Statistical Committee was read. (See Report No. 5). Motion prevailed that it be referred to the statistical chairman and the committee on editing the Minutes.

7. Deficit in General Dues. Motion prevailed that the deficit in our General dues for the past year be sent to Rev. Robert McIntyre by the conference treasurer out of conference funds on hand.

8. Report of the Resolutions Committee. The Resolutions Committee report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 6).

9. Report of Thanks Committee. The Thanks Committee report was read and adopted, with amendment thanking Rev. Robert W. McIntyre, our denominational Wesleyan Youth Secretary, who has labored so faithfully and so sacrificially during the past year. (See Report No. 7).

10. Report of the Nominating and Standing Rules Committee. The Nominating and Standing Rules Committee gave the following report: (At the request of President Zuhl, Illinois Annual Conference President, Rev. A. L. Bray, took the chair.) For President, Rev. Robert L. Zuhl; Vice President, Rev. Stanley A. Hill; Secretary, Miss Marcena Wallace; Treasurer, Mrs. Ida Craker; Northern District Chairman, Rev. Samuel Long; Southern District Chairman, Rev. Cletus Kramer.

11. Substitution. It was moved and adopted to amend the report of the Nominating Committee to substitute Rev. Robert W. Klatt's name in place of Rev. Samuel Long, who declined because of pioneer responsibilities.

12. Election of Officers. It was adopted by prevailing motion that Youth Officers be elected on one ballot. All nominees of the Nominating Committee were elected by ballots cast by members of the conference.

13. Standing Rules Committee. Recommendations concerning the Standing Rules were read and adopted by vote. (See Report No. 8).

14. Report of Plan of Work Committee. The President asked Rev. Stanley Hill, the Youth Vice President, to take the chair as he gave the Plan of Work Committee report. The Plan of Work Committee report was read and adopted as amended. (See Report No. 9).

15. Adjournment. The second meeting adjourned by conference vote.

Third Meeting, 1:15 p. m., Saturday, September 6, 1958.

1. Opening. The third meeting convened at 1:15 p. m.

2. Report of Auditing Committee. Auditing Committee's report was read and approved. (See Report No. 10).

3. Genesis Quiz. It was moved and adopted that the matter of the Genesis quiz play-offs be referred to the Youth Council.

4. Delegate to W. Y. General Conference. Rev. Stanley Hill was elected delegate to General Conference and Rev. David Crail was elected alternate.

5. Memorials. It was moved and adopted that any considerations of memorials be given to Youth Council.

6. Letter of Appreciation. It was adopted that the Secretary write Rev. Robert W. McIntyre a letter of appreciation from Illinois Conference W. Y.

7. Gifts to Elk Grove Village and Ken-Rock. It was moved and adopted that \$125.00 of the conference dues sent to Rev. Crawford for Church Extension be sent to Elk Grove Village for the down payment on an organ and that the balance of that sum be sent to Ken-Rock for some special need.

8. District Rallies. It was moved and adopted that the Northern Area District Rally be held November 1 at Roseland, and that the Southern Area District Rally be held at Wyandot, October 25.

9. Adjournment Sine Die. On prevailing motion the Conference Convention adjourned sine die. Benediction was pronounced by President Robert L. Zuhl.

Report No. 1.Illinois Conference Wesleyan Youth Treasurer.RECEIPTS

General Dues	\$ 267.78
Conference Dues	332.85
Foreign Mission	86.00
Home Missions	57.59
Education	26.52
Youth Week Offering	71.42
Camp Meeting and	
Recreational Fees	127.00
Illinois Youth Overnight	129.50
Film Offerings	16.13
W. Y. Conference Registrations	37.33
Camp Craft Supplies	2.53
W. Y. Materials	
(Receipt book, etc.)	4.50
Illinois Conference Treasury	
(Medical Expense)	3.00
Total Receipts	\$1162.15
Balance (7-15-57)	205.25
Total Credits	\$1367.40

Total Credits	\$1367.40
Total Disbursements	1274.06
Balance (7-15-58)	\$ 93.34

DISBURSEMENTS

Conference:	
Guest Speaker	\$ 30.00
W. Y. Receipt Book	1.50
Rental F. M. Youth Bldg.	35.00
Recreational Equipment	63.54
W. Y. Supplies	
(General Office)	13.20
Marion Area Dues	18.80
Youth Notes	14.05
President's Telephone	5.45
Travel Expense	26.78
Room Rental (Lawson Y)	10.00
Illinois Youth Overnight	
(Palos Camp Rental 66.00)	
(Groceries 40.00)	106.00
General Dues	267.78
Foreign Missions	86.00
Home Missions	57.59
Education	26.52
Y. W. Offerings	71.42
Miscellaneous:	
Church Extension	221.90
Film Rentals	41.65
Medical Expense (Camp)	3.00
First Aid Supplies	2.74
Postage (I. Craker)	3.81
Hephzibah Children's Home	5.00
W. Y. Conference	37.33
Counsellors' Fees	125.00
Total Disbursements	\$1274.06

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ida Craker, Treasurer

Report No. 2.Orders of the Day Committee.

Friday, September 5, 1958

- 7:00 - 8:00 Registration
- 8:00 - 9:00 Public service with Rev. Paul Markel as the speaker
- 9:30 Conference convenes
 - Roll Call of Conference Officers and local Presidents
 - Election of Credentials Committee
 - Partial report of the Credentials Committee
 - Seating of delegates
 - Election of the Committee on Conference Session Committees
 - Conference Youth President's report
 - Conference Treasurer's report
 - Report of committee on Conference Committees

Saturday, September 6, 1958

- 7:30 a. m. Breakfast...devotions by Rev. Bray
- 8:30 a. m. Conference convenes
 - Recess for committee work, subject to call of the chair
 - Committees report
 - Miscellaneous business
- 12:00 noon Adjournment Sine Die

Respectfully submitted,
Illinois W. Y. Executive Council
Rev. Robert L. Zuhl
Rev. A. L. Bray
Rev. Stanley A. Hill
Rev. Daren Durey
Miss Linda Dyer
Mrs. Ida Craker

Report No. 3.Committee on Conference Committees.

Plan of Work — Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, Chairman, Don Beghtel, Richard Domingues, Patricia Watson, Trudy Hanson, Robert Shoffner, William Tice, Jr.

Nominating and Standing Rules — Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman, Marcena Wallace, Carolyn Hames, Helen Venezia, all Honorary members (Pastors).

Thanks — Don Bradley, Chairman, Barbara Witsel, Donna D'Metro, Douglas Crail, Jane Darland, Gail Joseph.

Resolutions — Rev. Stanley A. Hill, Chairman, Laura Shoffner, Barbara Allen, Richard Peterson, Daniel Krager, Della Dyer.

Statistical — Rev. Meredith Bailey, Chairman, Ida Craker, Judy Botta.

Auditing — Rev. Carl Olander, Rev. Samuel Long, Don Zeigler, Ken Stone.

Orders of the Day — Executive Council.

Respectfully submitted,
The Youth Council

Report No. 4.Conference Wesleyan Youth President.

As President of the Wesleyan Youth of Illinois it has been my privilege to be a part of a consecrated group of commissioned young people. Our rank as "ambassadors of good will and soldiers of the Cross" makes us young people with a responsibility to keep striving for better service in the mission of our Master. The past year speaks of discouragements but also of diligence; of problems but also of power; of hardships but also of headway. May the vision of a great year of fruitful opportunities stimulate our vigor in a venture for victory. Our hope is in Him who has resources that are unlimited and has patience that is untiring.

This past year a full seminary load plus the church has limited my efforts in assisting you in your local program. In the pastors' reports the following statistics should be prayerfully considered:

	<u>1956-57</u>	<u>1957-59</u>
Active Membership	133	134
Wesleyan Youth Subscriptions	121	120
Locals	11	8

These losses should be a cause of concern and consecration for an individual responsibility for more efficient and effective work.

My personal service has been as follows: I typed and mailed three issues of the Youth Notes, our conference newsletter; sent 110 letters in correspondence with Pastors and Presidents; attended a local Youth Council meeting at Hoynes Avenue and spoke in their evening youth hour; visited the Methodist camp grounds in Des Plaines for a possible site of our youth overnight; and made fifty-six contacts in the interest of promoting Wesleyan Youth in Illinois.

The Youth Council met twice during the year, in October and in March. Prayerful consideration was given in pursuing greater goals to better serve our age.

It is my prayer and passion, when young people around the world will be sharing in the mission field of Illinois this year, that we sacrificially seek to be a symbol of the spirit of our Saviour, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, President

Report No. 5.Statistical Committee.

(See table on page 63).

We, the Statistical Committee, wish to recommend that a "Youth Week Offering" column be included in the Statistical Report. Also, that blank forms of the Statistical Report be mimeographed in advance for the use of the Statistical Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Meredith Bailey, Chairman
Miss Judy Botta
Mrs. Ida Craker

Report No. 6.Resolutions Committee.

Realizing the need for greater emphasis in every area of our youth work, we, the Resolutions Committee, submit the following for careful and prayerful consideration:

1. To reaffirm our faith in Jesus Christ as a Personal Savior from sin through systematic prayer and Bible study.
2. In order that our Christian influence will be felt in every phase of our lives, we hereby propose to carefully choose only those companions, activities, radio and T. V. programs, and such literature as will prove conducive to our spiritual growth.
3. To do our best to fulfill all obligations in relation to the Lord's work and thereby heeding the Biblical exhortation of being "Not slothful in business; fervent in Spirit; serving the Lord". Romans 12:11
4. To faithfully attend all activities of our local youth society, realizing that all Wesleyan Youth functions afford new opportunities to further Christ's kingdom.
5. To fully support our Youth Program by the means of systematic paying of Conference and General dues, and by further contributing with love offerings.
6. Understanding the importance of a consistent Christian life, we resolve to uphold the standards and doctrines of our church.
7. We suggest the above resolutions be published in the next issue of the Youth Notes and that they be read once a month in each local by the Youth President.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Stanley Hill, Chairman
 Mrs. Laura Shoffner, Secretary
 Miss Barbara Allen
 Miss Della Dyer
 Mr. Daniel Krager

Report No. 7.Thanks Committee.

We, the Thanks Committee, wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the following for their spiritual vision and labors in making this a year of progress for the Illinois Youth of Wesleyan Methodist Church:

1. To God the Father, Son, Holy Spirit, for His divine guidance and spiritual blessing.
2. To Rev. Paul Markel, our guest speaker, for his inspiring and challenging message.
3. To Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, the President of our Illinois Youth, for his leadership, his spiritual zeal, and hard physical and mental labor.
4. To Rev. A. L. Bray, the Illinois Annual Conference President, for his support and cooperation during the past year.
5. To Ida Craker, the Conference Treasurer, and Linda Dyer, the Youth Secretary, for their faithful service and dependability.
6. To local presidents, and unnamed officers and delegates for their faithful service and dedication to the Lord's work.
7. Also, to Pastor Robert L. Zuhl and Oak Lawn Church for the use of the church for the 1958 Youth Conference.
8. To the various committees, who have worked out the minute details of this conference session as well as the plans for the coming conference year.
9. To those of the Oak Lawn Church who have labored long and hard to supply and prepare the food.
10. To the pastors of the conference, who have labored so zealously for the furtherance of Wesleyan Youth.
11. To those who provided transportation to all the Wesleyan Youth activities during the past conference year.
12. To each member for his loyalty to Christ and His Church.
13. To Rev. Robert McIntyre, our denominational Wesleyan Youth Secretary, who has labored faithfully and so sacrificially during the past year.
14. Finally, to all others who may have contributed, in any way, to success of this spiritual venture.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mr. Donald Bradley, Chairman
 Mr. Doug Crail
 Miss Gail Joseph
 Miss Barbara Witzel
 Miss Donna D'Metro
 Miss Jane Darland

Report No. 8.Nominating and Standing Rules Committee.

We, your committee on nominations and standing rules, present the following nominations for conference officers and district chairmen:

President - Rev. Robert L. Zuhl
 Vice President - Rev. Stanley Hill
 Secretary - Miss Marcena Wallace
 Treasurer - Mrs. Ida Craker
 Northern District Chairman - Rev. Samuel Long
 Southern District Chairman - Rev. Cletus Kramer

In respect to the Standing Rules, we recommend:

1. That Standing Rule No. 1 be changed by adding the word Secretary, making it read as follows:

Resolved, that the Conference W. Y. Secretary send out the annual W. Y. statistical blanks and local directory blank by June 30 to each pastor, who shall assist the local President and Treasurer in completing it and comparing it with the church statistical report for accuracy.

2. We recommend that Standing Rule No. 2 be changed by the addition of the phrase "local directory blank" to read as follows:

Resolved, that the local treasurer's books close June 30 and that all remittances be postmarked not later than July 5; and that a fine of \$1.00 upon the pastor and the local president be paid to our conference treasurer if the statistical blank and local directory blank do not reach the hands of our conference secretary by July 15.

3. Resolved, that the President, the Secretary, and the Annual Conference President be the Standing Committee to prepare the nominations for conference committees before the first meeting of our Conference.

4. We recommend that Standing Rule No. 9 be changed to read:

Resolved, that the Annual Illinois W. Y. Conference be held on the second Friday evening of Camp Meeting following the evening service and to continue on the Saturday morning following.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman
 Miss Marcena Wallace, Secretary
 Miss Carolyn Hames
 Mrs. Helen Venezia

Report No. 9.Plan of Work Committee.

We, the Plan of Work Committee, recommend the following:

1. That three new locals be organized during the coming year.
2. That we emphasize the Wesleyan Youth magazines with the Conference Secretary as the solicitor.
3. That we support our three church extension projects, Elk Grove, Ken Rock, and Wheaton, through our prayers and through community surveys and personal labors.
4. That the Conference Dues be \$3.00 per member to be disbursed as follows:
 a. Church Extension (Wheaton) - \$2.00, b. Conference W. Y. work - \$1.00.
5. That the conference dues be the personal responsibility of local members to be paid monthly (25¢) to their local treasurer, and by the fifth day of each month to the conference Treasurer; and that the General Dues (\$1.50 per year) be paid quarterly to the conference Treasurer.
6. That the Editor of the "Youth Notes" receive from each local president, by the 5th of each month, a report of the average youth-age attendance, and their efficiency rating for the month.
7. That the Conference President visit each church during the year with the Youth Council, if possible, holding a local Council workshop session followed by a devotional service.
8. That we hold one rally in each district in the fall and one conference-wide overnight rally in the spring.
9. That each local strive for an "A" rating in the Local and General Efficiency Standard.
10. That a consideration be given in the youth programs to emphasize our Wesleyan heritage.
11. That we adopt the slogan "Heralding Christ to the Heart of the Hemisphere", for the coming year. Mt. 9:37-38.

12. That each local have a youth "Round-Up" before October 31 and the youth-age attendance be reported to the Conference President by the 5th of November.
13. That a Book-of-the-Year plan be adopted by the Youth Council with consideration being given to possible denominational plans, and that the following projects be promoted:
 - A. Bible study
 - B. Bible memorization
 - C. Local Bible Quiz teams competing in districts.
14. That every Wesleyan Youth member be issued a membership card.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, Chairman
Mr. Don Beghtel
Mr. Richard Dominguez
Miss Pat Watson
Miss Trudy Hamson
Mr. Robert Shoffner
Mr. William Tice, Jr.

Report No. 10.

Auditing Committee.

We have examined the treasurer's books of the Illinois Conference Wesleyan Youth Society, and we find them to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Carl E. Olander
Rev. Samuel T. Long
Mr. Kenneth Stone
Mr. Don Zeigler

(See Statistical Report on following page)

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE WESLEYAN YOUTH STATISTICAL REPORT — 1957 - 1958																
NAME OF SOCIETY	Active Members	Associate Members	Wesleyan Youth Subscriptions	Efficiency Standard Rating			General Dues	Conference Dues	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Local Work	Miscellaneous	Total Receipts Plus Balance	Total Disbursements	Cash on Hand
				"A"	"B"	"C"										
Austin (Chicago)	29	0	14		X		\$ 33.00	\$ 68.25	\$ 4.59	\$ 4.59	\$ 4.59	\$124.18		\$ 244.19	\$243.79	\$.40
Creve Coeur (Peoria)*																
Galesburg*																
Hoopeston**																
Hoyne Ave. (Chicago)**	20	0	17													
Maywood (Chicagoland)*	17	3	13		X		19.50	26.00				30.60	\$ 7.70	125.95	83.80	42.58
Oak Lawn (Chicagoland)	7															
Oak Park (Chicagoland)**	8	5	7		X		19.50	39.00		21.37	12.54	19.52	36.86	166.39	148.79	17.60
Princeton																
Peoria*	25	0	25		X		36.00	72.00	5.00	18.48	18.48	130.90	15.51	325.35	296.37	28.98
Rockford	12	0	3			X	13.50	10.55				28.40	10.55	72.79	63.00	9.79
Roseland (Chicago)																
Sheffield*																
Tyranet	15	0	18			X	19.50	47.25	1.50			18.60	25.50	194.92	112.35	82.57
TOTALS	133	8	102		4	2	\$121.50	\$263.05	\$11.09	\$44.44	\$35.61	\$352.20	\$96.12	\$1129.59	\$948.10	\$181.92

* Not Organized

** No Report