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And Its Auxiliary Organizations,
The Woman's Missionary Society,
The Wesleyan Young People's Society.

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Held at Belvidere, Illinois,
July 28 to August 4, 1953.

Rev. Arthur L. Bray, President.
S. Hugh Paine, Jr., Secretary.

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General Information.

Conference Fiscal Year closes July 15, 1954; Local Church Fiscal Year closes June 30; Ministerial Tithe payable monthly; All budgets due at least quarterly, and should be paid monthly or in advance to receive Home Missions Department credit; Final remittances to the conference treasurers must be postmarked not later than June 30.

Where to send funds:

- (a) For Conference and General Budget, and all items except those listed below -
Rev. W. D. Craker, 10723 S. Perry St., Chicago 28, Illinois.
- (b) For Superannuate Pension Fund Budget -
Mrs. Ruth Jontz, Buda, Illinois.
- (c) For Conference and General Sunday School Dues -
Rev. W. D. Craker, 10723 S. Perry St., Chicago 28, Illinois.
- (d) For Special Denominational Sunday School Offerings -
Rev. R. D. Reisdorph, Houghton, New York.
- (e) For Camp Meeting Contributions -
Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, 1406 School St., Rockford, Illinois.
- (f) For W. M. S. -
Mrs. Irene Olander, 1040 Augusta Blvd., Oak Park, Illinois.
- (g) For Y. M. W. B. -
Mrs. Edna Moeller, 2108 W. Iowa St., Chicago 22, Illinois.
- (h) For W. Y. P. S. -
Rev. James Blaine, 425 Roosevelt St., Creve Coeur, Illinois.
- (i) For Card Call -
Rev. J. R. Smauger, Box 117, Salina Station, Syracuse 8, New York.

Camp Meeting and Conference Dates:

Conference convenes 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, 1954; closes Saturday, July 31.
Camp Meeting begins Sunday, August 1, 1954, continues through Sunday, August 8.

1953 -- 1954 Organization
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OFFICERS

President	— Rev. A. L. Bray, 501 N. Leamington St., Chicago 44, Ill.
Vice President	— Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, 1406 School St., Rockford, Ill.
Secretary	— S. H. Paine, Jr., 10551 S. State St., Chicago 28, Ill.
Treasurer	— Rev. W. D. Craker, 10723 S. Perry St., Chicago 28, Ill.
Treasurer of the Pension Fund	— Mrs. Ruth Jontz, Buda, Illinois.
Member Local Board of Marion College	— Rev. C. E. Olander, Oak Park, Illinois.
Alternate Member Local Board	— Rev. A. L. Bray, Chicago, Illinois.
Educational Secretary	— Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Sunday School Secretary	— Rev. W. D. Craker, Chicago, Illinois.
Child Evangelism Secretary	— Mrs. Ethel Dyer, Rockford, Illinois.
Prayer Secretary	— Rev. Mrs. Divine B. Pillsbury, Wyanet, Illinois.
Tithing Secretary	— Rev. C. C. McCarty, Sheffield, Illinois.
Wesleyan Men's Fellowship Secretary	— Mr. Nathan Blood, 5408 Claremont, Rockford, Illinois.
Statistical Secretary	— Rev. D. D. Crail, Maywood, Illinois.
Boys Club Secretary	— Rev. D. D. Crail, Maywood, Illinois.
Editor, "The Illinois Tidings"	— Rev. A. L. Bray, Chicago, Illinois.
Publisher, "The Illinois Tidings"	— Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

COMMITTEES

Conference Missionary Board.

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

Conference Trustees.

Rev. A. L. Bray	(Term Expires 1954)	Mr. Wm. F. Tice	(Term Expires 1954)
Rev. Wm. H. Dyer	(Term Expires 1955)	Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.	(Term Expires 1955)
Rev. C. E. Olander		(Term Expires 1956)	

Committee on Church and Parsonage Building Location.

The Conference Missionary Board.

Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

Rev. C. E. Olander	(Term Expires 1954)	Rev. D. C. Durey	(Term Expires 1955)
Rev. S. F. Pillsbury	(Term Expires 1956)	Rev. A. L. Bray	(Term Expires 1957)

Judiciary Committee.

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

Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Chairman;	Mrs. Ruth Jontz, Sec'y.-Treas.;	Rev. O. E. Price
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Conference Educational Committee.

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

Sunday School Board.

Rev. W. D. Craker; Conference S. S. Secretary;	Rev. Harry Moeller;	Mr. Gwyn Jones
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Committee on Vacancies.

Rev. W. H. Dyer; Rev. W. D. Craker; Rev. C. E. Olander; Mr. W. F. Tice; Mr. S. H. Paine, Jr.

Camp Meeting Committee.

Rev. A. L. Bray, Conference President; Mrs. Rachel Bray, Conference W.M.S. President;
 Rev. R. E. Mullen, Conference President of the W.Y.P.S.; Rev. D. C. Durey;
 Rev. Wm. H. Dyer; Rev. L. G. Anderson; Mr. H. Ray Dyer

Committee on Orders of the Day.

Rev. A. L. Bray, President; Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, V. Pres.; Mr. S. H. Paine, Jr., Sec'y.

Statistical Committee.

Rev. D. D. Crail, Statistical Secretary; Rev. R. E. Mullen

President's Advisory Board.

Rev. Wm. H. Dyer; Mr. Wm. F. Tice.

Staff of Conference Paper.

Editor-in-Chief, Rev. A. L. Bray Rev. R. L. Zuhl, Publisher
 Contributing Editors, Mrs. Rachel Bray, Rev. R. E. Mullen.

ROLL OF MEMBERSHIPElders on the Stationed List.

Rev. Willard L. Archer, Downing, Wisconsin.
 Rev. James A. Blaine, 425 Roosevelt St., Creve Coeur, Illinois. Phone Peoria 4-2661.
 Rev. Arthur L. Bray, 500 N. Laramie Ave., Chicago 44, Illinois. Phone Columbus 1-6677.
 Rev. Wendel D. Craker, 10723 S. Perry St., Chicago 28, Illinois. Phone Fullman 5-6929.
 Rev. Francis A. Davis, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky.
 Rev. Daren C. Durey, 211 N. Pleasant St., Princeton, Illinois. Phone Princeton 2-6182.
 Rev. William H. Dyer, 1406 School St., Rockford, Illinois. Phone Rockford 3-0616.
 Rev. Harry Moeller, 2108 W. Iowa St., Chicago 22, Illinois. Phone Brunswick 8-4232.
 Rev. Carl E. Olander, 1040 Augusta Blvd., Oak Park, Illinois. Phone Euclid 6-1760.
 Rev. Pearl Poe, Eddyville, Iowa.
 Rev. Stephen F. Pillsbury, Box 62, Wyand, Illinois. Phone Wyand 2831.
 Rev. Orville E. Price, 1800 Prospect Road, Peoria 4, Illinois. Phone Peoria 5-9080.

Conference Preachers.

Rev. LaVerne G. Anderson, 526 E. Thompson St., Hoopeston, Illinois. Phone Hoopeston 649-M.
 Rev. David D. Crail, 416 S. 6th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois. Phone Fillmore 4-9684.
 Rev. Glenn R. Dyer, 2212 Buder Ave., Flint, Michigan.
 Rev. Clarence C. Mc Carty, Box 475, Sheffield, Illinois. Phone Sheffield 1180.
 Rev. Mrs. Ivanelle Mc Carty, Box 475, Sheffield, Illinois. Phone Sheffield 1180.
 Rev. Ronald E. Mullen, 1603 15th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois. Phone Fillmore 3-3748.
 Rev. Mrs. Divine B. Pillsbury, Box 62, Wyand, Illinois. Phone Wyand 2831.
 Rev. Robert L. Zuhl, 9101 S. Menard St., Oak Lawn, Illinois. Phone Garden 4-0995.

Unstationed Elders.

Rev. Ralph B. Patterson, 1630 N. Central Ave., Chicago 39, Illinois. Phone Berkshire 7-5432.

Students.

Glenn A. Fischer; Benny E. Medows; Thomas J. Murray; Vernon W. Swanson.

STANDING RULES

I. Conference President. Resolved, 1) That the Conference President be required, authorized and appointed to travel the Conference as President, having general supervision of the spiritual interests and benevolences thereof, holding at least one service at each church during the year under such date as he may announce in advance;

2) That he shall raise funds to meet the demands of the Conference work, assisted by the pastors, and he shall receive contributions for Missions, Education and 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.

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, and one other ministerial member; that two lay members be elected at the opening of annual conference.

5) Statistical Report. Resolved, that no remittances postmarked later than June 30th 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 that are correct, and check those that are incorrect with the pastor when he registers for annual conference.

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) Superannuate Ministers' Aid Committee. Resolved, that a Superannuate Ministers' Aid Committee of three members be elected by Conference, and that one of said members shall be designated by Conference as the treasurer of all pension funds.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

VI. Ministers. 1) Pastor's Report. Resolved, that each ministerial member of our Conference shall report to his quarterly and annual conferences the number of sermons preached, prayer meetings attended, homes visited and calls made, and that the annual report be written on the last page of the Conference Statistical Blank.

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

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

4) Illness or Death. Resolved, that the Conference Secretary 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 each pastor.

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

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

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

2) Conference Prayer Secretary. Resolved, that a Prayer Secretary be elected annually to promote the special prayer interests of the Conference; and that it be his duty to inform the churches of coming revival meetings and other special prayer needs.

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.

Fourth Annual Session
of the ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

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RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Voting Members Seated:

Chicagoland (Oak Park)

Rev. W. L. Archer (3T)*
Rev. A. L. Bray (7)
Rev. F. A. Davis (0)
Miss Geneva J. Brown (7)
Miss Harriet E. Reed (7)
Mrs. R. L. Zuhl (4FM)

Oak Lawn

Rev. C. E. Olander (7)
Mrs. F. A. Herrin (7)

Peoria

Rev. O. E. Price (7)
Mrs. H. G. Woods (7)

Creve Coeur

Rev. R. E. Mullen (7)
Mr. Marion Shepard (0)

Princeton

Rev. D. C. Durey (7)
Miss Vera Brainerd (7)

Hoopeston

Rev. L. G. Anderson (7)
Mrs. L. G. Anderson (7)

Rockford

Rev. Wm. H. Dyer (7)
Mr. W. F. Tice (7)

Hoyne Avenue (Chicago)

Rev. Harry Moeller (7)
Mr. John Kodl (6MT)

Roseland (Chicago)

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

Maywood

Rev. D. D. Crail (7)
Mr. Gwyn Jones (6MT)

Evanston

Rev. S. F. Pillsbury (7)
Mr. H. R. Dyer (7)

Non-Voting Members Seated:

Rev. J. A. Blaine (6MT)	Rev. Mrs. Divine B. Pillsbury (7)
Rev. C. C. Mc Carty (2M)	Rev. Pearl Poe (1F)
Rev. Mrs. Ivanelle Mc Carty (3FM)	Rev. Vernon W. Swanson (6MT)
Rev. R. L. Zuhl (7)	

* Attendance at meetings convened for business is indicated by numbers in parentheses. Letters refer to Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS

First Meeting — 1:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, 1953.

Opening — The fourth annual session of the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America was convened at Epworth Park Camp Grounds, Belvidere, Illinois, at 1:30 p.m., CDT, July 31, 1953. The Conference President, Rev. A. L. Bray, led in singing "And Are We Yet Alive?" Rev. C. E. Olander offered prayer.

Communion Service — Dr. R. S. Nicholson, President of the General Conference, read the scriptures and brought a short message on "The Challenge of the Cross", following which he was assisted by Rev. A. L. Bray and Rev. W. H. Dyer in the service of the Lord's Supper. The conference ministers and laity partook of this precious sacrament in a period of spiritual meditation and blessing. The Communion hymns, "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?" and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" were sung.

Conference Sermon — The Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, pastor of the Rockford Church and conference vice president, brought a very practical exposition based on Nahum 1:15 to 2:1. This scripture is a spiritual paraphrase of the old adage, "Trust in the Lord, but keep your powder dry". The service was closed fittingly by the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers". Prayer was offered by the conference secretary.

Opening of Business Session — The conference president called the meeting to order.

Roll Call — Thirteen ministerial members of Conference answered the roll call. (See Record of Attendance)

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

Report of Committee on Itinerary and Orders — A partial report of members eligible to vote was adopted by conference. (See Report No. 1.)

Credentials Committee — Rev. W. D. Craker and Rev. D. D. Crail were elected as a credentials committee.

Courtesy Committee — Rev. Wm. H. Dyer and Rev. R. E. Mullen were chosen by nomination and acclamation to be a courtesy committee.

Report of Credentials Committee — A partial report was presented, and the credentials of twelve lay delegates were approved by conference. Ten of these were present and were seated within the bar of conference. (See Record of Attendance.)

Report of Courtesy Committee — In a partial report the committee presented the Rev. Pearl Poe, formerly evangelist of the Church of God (Holiness), and now member of the Peoria W.M. Church, who greeted the conference.

Recommendation — The conference president presented Rev. Pearl Poe's application for membership in the Illinois Conference; Rev. O. E. Price moved that he be received as an elder and referred to the Committee on Itinerary and Orders. Motion was adopted by vote.

Report of the Orders of the Day Committee — Report was presented by the secretary and was amended and adopted by vote. (See Report No. 2.)

Conference Reporter — Rev. D. D. Crail was elected conference reporter.

Conference Postmaster — Rev. Harry Moeller was elected to this office.

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

Report of Conference Treasurer — Mr. W. F. Tice, conference treasurer, read his audited report. This was adopted by motion (See Report No. 3.), and the conference extended an unanimous rising vote of thanks to Mr. Tice for his very excellent services. A further motion carried unanimously that the conference secretary be instructed to send Mr. L. L. Thomas, certified public accountant of Rockford, Illinois, an expression of our gratitude for the donation of his time and talent in auditing the treasurer's books gratis.

Report of Conference Trustees — Report of the official acts of the trustees during fiscal 1952-1953 was read by the secretary and approved by vote of conference. (See Report No. 4.)

Adjournment — Conference adjourned for committee work, subject to call of the Chair. Mr. Tice offered a closing prayer.

Adjourned Meeting — 6:15 p.m. Friday, July 31, 1953.

Opening — The adjourned meeting was called at 6:15 p.m. by the president. The Rev. Mrs. Ivabelle Mc Carty offered prayer.

Report of the Nominating Committee — This report was adopted by prevailing motion. (See Report No. 5.)

Adjournment — Conference adjourned by vote. Rev. W. D. Craker gave the benedictory prayer.

Second Meeting — 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 1, 1953.

Conference Educational Service — Morning chapel of the youth camp was devoted to this service, and the conference president introduced Rev. W. D. Craker, conference educational secretary, as the leader of the meeting. Stanley Morse, of Zanesville, Ohio, song evangelist of the youth camp, led the congregational singing and brought special music. Thomas Murray, conference student attending Marion College, brought greetings and gave his testimony. Another Marion student, Miss Mary Dyer, read the scripture, Proverbs 2:1-9, and Rev. C. E. Olander led in prayer.

Report of Conference Educational Secretary — Rev. W. D. Craker read these reports, and and Conference Educational Committee they were declared approved for the conference by the Chair. (See Reports Nos. 6 & 7.)

Report of Member of Local Board of Marion College — Rev. C. E. Olander read his report, which was also approved by declaration of the Chair. (See Report No. 8.)

Educational Address — Dr. Wm. F. Mc Conn, President of Marion College, delivered the educational address. He spoke on the subject, "What If Youth Should Fail?", and pointed out the responsibility under God which rests upon adults to insure that the coming generations do not fail in their allegiance to Him.

Adjournment — Motion to adjourn was passed. Dr. R. S. Nicholson gave the benediction.

Third Meeting — 1:30 p.m. Saturday, August 1, 1953.

Denominational Service — Rev. A. L. Bray presided as the meeting opened. Stanley Morse led the song "Marching to Zion". Rev. O. G. Bahrn offered prayer.

Report of Courtesy Committee — The committee presented Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, General W. M. S. President; Rev. Miss Carrie Hazard, Illinois Camp Evangelist; Dr. R. S. Nicholson, General President; Dr. Wm. F. Mc Conn, President of Marion College; Rev. O. G. Hahn, world evangelist and Illinois Camp Bible Teacher; and Mr. J. J. Blaine, Conference Sunday School Secretary. Several Free Methodist brethren were presented:— Rev. K. M. Walton, pastor of the Elgin F. M. Church; Rev. O. W. Johnson, pastor of the Woodstock F. M. Church; and Rev. A. A. Finders, pastor of the Rockford Second F. M. Church, who also brought greetings from Rev. W. W. Mc Cormick, Illinois Conference F. M. Superintendent.

Report of the W. Y. P. S. President — Rev. Ron E. Mullen, conference president of the W. Y. P. S., brought a good report of his labors for the past year. (See W.Y.P.S. Minutes)

Approval of Election of W. Y. P. S. Officers — Rev. A. L. Bray presented the slate of officers resulting from the W. Y. P. S. election. The slate was ratified by action of conference. (See W.Y.P.S. Minutes.)

Orders of the Day — Orders of the day were called at 2:15 p.m., and by consent the reports of leaders were postponed as unfinished business.

Denominational Address — The Rev. Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, denominational president and representative, addressed conference briefly on the status of the Wesleyan — Free Methodist merger and on the denominational pension plan. He then brought a dynamic message based on Psalm 39:7, "— Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in Thee!" Calling for the courage of real faith and hope, he outlined an eight-fold challenge of the present day against the church of Christ and its progress. He gave a call to special sacrifice, zeal, and high and holy living in an all-out drive to extend the kingdom of God.

Adjournment — The service was closed with a prayer by Rev. A. L. Bray.

Fourth Meeting — 9:00 a.m. Sunday, August 2, 1953.

Conference Sunday School Service — The camp Sunday School was made the occasion of the Conference Sunday School Service. Mr. J. J. Blaine, Conference Sunday School Secretary, directed the service, which was attended by about one hundred twenty five individuals of all ages.

Report of the Conference Sunday School Secretary — Mr. Blaine presented the report of his activities during the year, and this was approved for conference by declaration of the Chair. (See Report No.9.)

Fifth Meeting — 8:30 a.m. Monday, August 3, 1953.

Opening — The conference president introduced Dr. R. S. Nicholson as the presiding officer, and was excused for emergency work. Dr. Nicholson brought a devotional message from John 15, verses 8, 15, 20 and 27. These scriptures mention four titles given by Christ to His followers: "Disciples", "Friends", "Servants", and "Witnesses". Prayer was offered by Brother Nicholson.

Roll Call — Fifteen ministerial and eleven lay members of conference answered roll call. (See Record of Attendance.)

Special Resolution — Rev. D. C. Durey was granted the privilege of the floor, and announced the homegoing late Saturday night of Mrs. H. F. Mc Conn. Business was suspended while the conference was led by Dr. Nicholson in a period of intercessory prayer for Dr. Mc Conn and his family. Motion was unanimously adopted to send an expression of sympathy to Dr. Mc Conn from the Illinois Conference, and to consider sending Rev. C. E. Olander, Member of the Local Board of Marion College, to the funeral.

Report of Credentials Committee — In a partial report the committee presented the credentials of Mr. John Kodl, of Hoynes Avenue Church. Report was adopted and delegate was seated by action of conference.

Report of Courtesy Committee — The committee presented Rev. James A. Blaine, pastor-elect at Creve Coeur, and Mr. Vernon Swanson, local preacher of Roseland Church. These brethren gave their testimonies and by vote of conference were granted the privilege of the bar.

Report of Auditing Committee — A partial report approving the camp meeting treasurer's report was read and adopted. (See Report No. 10.)

Report of Camp Meeting Committee — The Treasurer of the camp meeting committee read his financial report to conference, and its adoption was declared by the chairman. (See Report No. 11.)

Report of Committee on Itineracy and Orders — Rev. C. E. Olander presented a partial report of the committee covering recommendations for ordination. The report was adopted by vote of the elders and lay members of conference. (See Report No. 1.) It was announced that Rev. W. H. Dyer would preach the Ordination Sermon.

Report of Conference Tithing Secretary — Rev. C. C. McCarty read a report of his activities in promotion of tithing. This was received by action of Conference. (See Report No. 12.)

Report of W. M. F. Secretary — Rev. O. F. Price reported limited activity on behalf of the W. M. F. because of pressure of other labors.

Report of Prayer Secretary — A verbal report of the prayer secretary's activities was heard by conference.

Medical and Health Insurance Committee — It was moved, seconded and carried that Rev. C. E. Olander be the chairman of, empowered and directed to appoint the other members of, a committee of five to investigate the feasibility of establishing a plan for medical insurance for the ministers of the conference. Rev. Olander named Rev. A. L. Bray, Rev. W. H. Dyer, Mr. S. H. Paine, Jr., and Mr. W. F. Tice to this committee.

Recommendation — Rev. W. D. Craker, of Roseland Church, presented the name of Mr. Vernon W. Swanson as a suitable candidate to study under direction of the conference. Recommendation was referred to the Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

Expression of Gratitude — Mr. W. F. Tice spoke of the flash-flood disaster which damaged his home during 1952 Conference. He expressed his appreciation for help by prayer and gifts which he and his family received at that time.

Recess — The meeting was recessed by vote and reconvened at the call of the Chair.

Report of the W. M. S. and W. Y. P. S. Officers — Slates of officers elected in the W. M. S. and W. Y. P. S. conferences were read for the information of conference. (See W. M. S. and W. Y. P. S. Minutes.)

Report of Passage of Character Committee — The committee report was adopted by vote of conference. (See Report No. 13.)

Report of Missionary Board — President Bray presented a report of the activities of the Missionary Board during the past year, including a statement of disbursements from the Conference Missions Fund. (See Report No. 14.) The report was adopted by proper action.

Report of Editor of the Conference Paper — The editor's report was given by President Bray, and conference moved its adoption. (See Report No. 15.)

Orders of the Day — Motion prevailed that adjournment of the conference meetings be by vote.

Report of Conference President — The report of the president's official acts was read by Rev. A. L. Bray, and was approved by vote. A report of the state of the conference work, and of the president's labors was also presented, together with an itemized statement of the Conference Fund disbursements. The president's report was approved by vote of conference. (See Report No. 16.)

Orders of the Day — Motion to set the hour of convening the afternoon meeting at 1:00 p.m. instead of 1:30 was passed by unanimous vote.

Adjournment — Conference was adjourned by vote. Dr. Nicholson led in a closing prayer.

Sixth Meeting — 1:00 p.m. Monday, August 3, 1953.

Opening — The president called the meeting to order. Mr. Vernon Swanson, local preacher and missionary student from Roseland Church, brought a message based on Psalm 119:97-105 emphasizing the centrality of the Word of God in the work of the Church. Following the devotional talk we were led in prayer by Brother Swanson. Dr. Nicholson was called to the chair for the orders of the day.

Full Time Conference President — Rev. S. F. Pillsbury moved that the conference president-elect be asked to devote full time to the conference work, and that the matter of his support be referred to the Committee on Finance. Motion was seconded, and after discussion vote was taken by ballot; motion prevailed.

Election of Conference Officers and Committees — Rev. D. D. Crail and Mr. Gwyn Jones were appointed as reading tellers and Rev. O. E. Price as distributing teller. Election of officers proceeded by ballot, as follows:—

President, Rev. A. L. Bray; Vice President, Rev. Wm. H. Dyer; Secretary, Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.; Treasurer, Mr. W. F. Tice. Mr. Tice submitted his resignation because of increasing personal and church obligations, and Rev. W. D. Craker was elected to the office of treasurer in his place. Trustee (Term expires in 1956), Rev. C. E. Olander.

Further officers and committees were elected by acclamation, as follows:

Member of Committee on Itinerary and Orders (Term expires in 1957)—Rev. A. L. Bray; President's Advisory Board (Nominated by the president)—Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Mr. W. F. Tice; Camp Meeting Committee,—Rev. A. L. Bray (ex-officio), Mrs. Rachel Bray (ex-officio), Rev. R. E. Mullen (ex-officio), Rev. D. C. Durey, Rev. W. H. Dyer, Rev. L. G. Anderson, Mr. H. R. Dyer;

Missionary Board,—Rev. A. L. Bray, Mrs. Rachel Bray, Mr. W. F. Tice, Rev. W. H. Dyer, Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., Rev. C. E. Olander (all ex-officio); Rev. Harry Moeller; Rev. S. F. Pillsbury; and Mr. H. Ray Dyer;

Judiciary Committee,—Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Rev. A. L. Bray, Rev. D. C. Durey, Rev. O. E. Price; Secretary of Education,—Rev. R. L. Zuhl; Sunday School Secretary,—Rev. W. D. Craker; Sunday School Board,—Rev. W. D. Craker, Chairman; Rev. Harry Moeller, Mr. Gwyn Jones; Child Evangelism Secretary,—Mrs. Ethel Dyer; Prayer Secretary,—Rev. Mrs. D. Pillsbury;

Tithing Secretary, - Rev. C. C. McCarty. Motion prevailed that a layman be elected to serve as the W. M. F. Secretary. W. M. F. Secretary, - Mr. Nathan Blood; Statistical Secretary, Rev. D. D. Crail; Publisher of Conference Paper, - Rev. R. L. Zuhl; Committee on Vacancies, - Rev. W. H. Dyer, Rev. W. D. Craker, Rev. C. E. Olander, Mr. W. F. Tice, Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.; Statistical Committee, - Rev. D. D. Crail, Chairman, Rev. R. E. Mullen; Motion prevailed that a conference secretary be elected to promote evangelistic work with boys through the medium of Christian Service Brigade boys clubs, and Rev. D. D. Crail was elected secretary.

Report of Pension Fund Treasurer -) — Motion that the pension fund
Election of Superannuate Ministers' Aid Committee) treasurer's report be heard and
 that election of the Superannuate Ministers' Aid Committee follow was adopted. The report
 was then heard and was referred to the auditing committee by vote. (See Report No. 17.)
 The following committee was elected by acclamation, - Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, Chairman;
 Mrs. Ruth Jontz, Sec'y.-Treas.; Rev. O. E. Price.

Vote of Appreciation - As the election closed, Dr. Nicholson yielded the chair to Pres. Bray after encouraging and exhorting the conference to maintain the unity of the Spirit and to press forward in the Lord's work. The body expressed its appreciation to Dr. Nicholson in a rising vote of thanks for his services.

Reports of Pastors - The pastors of the Sheffield pioneer church read their statistical report and gave testimony to the Lord's help in the labors of the past year. (See Report No. 26.)

Adjournment - Motion prevailed to adjourn for committee work.

Seventh Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Monday, August 3, 1953.

Ordination Service - The third ordination service of the Illinois Conference was presided over by the conference president. Rev. D. C. Durey led the congregation in singing the hymns of consecration, "All for Jesus" and "Take My Life and Let It Be", and Rev. O. E. Price offered the invocation. The candidates, Rev. James Allen Blaine, Rev. Wendel Dean Craker and Rev. Harry Moeller stood and knelt together with their helpmeets at the altar of the tabernacle as they received the solemn charge and the laying on of the hands in the ordination ritual. Rev. A. L. Bray was assisted in this by the Rev. Messrs. Dyer, Durey, Olander, Pillsbury and Price.

Ordination Sermon - The Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, conference vice president, delivered the ordination sermon, "Paul's Prayer for the Philippian Church", based on the scripture found in Philippians 1:9-11. Paul's prayer reveals the abounding love of God as the primary requirement for effective Christian ministry and for true spiritual progress. The service closed in the singing of "A Charge to Keep I Have". Rev. A. L. Bray pronounced the benediction.

Eighth Meeting - 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 4, 1953.

Opening - Meeting was called to order by the president. Rev. Willard L. Archer was introduced to the conference and led in devotions. He read the portion of scripture found in Ephesians 4:1-6. In a heart-searching message, "The Sins of Christian Workers", he spoke of twelve serious perils of the ministry. Prayer was offered by the president.

Roll Call - Fifteen ministerial and eleven lay members of conference answered the third roll call. (See Record of Attendance.)

Minutes - The minutes of the business portions of the first seven meetings of the conference were read, and were approved after correction of numerous mistakes.

Report of Auditing Committee - A partial report with reference to the pension fund treasurer's report was submitted by the committee and adopted by vote of the body. (See Report No. 10.)

Special Prayer - A special request for prayer for the family of Mr. Cabanban was reported by the president. Brother Cabanban, treasurer of the Irving Park, Chicago, F. M. Church, was instantly killed on the preceding night when struck by a street car. The conference stood while Rev. C. E. Olander led in earnest petition that the Lord would comfort the bereaved family and friends.

Reports of Pastors - The pastors of Chicagoland and Creve Coeur Churches read their statistical reports to conference and reported on their spiritual experience. In the absence of its pastor on church business, the report of Hoyne Avenue was read by the secretary. The delegates of all these churches made good reports on pastoral salary commitments fulfilled.

Property Evaluations - Motion prevailed that questions of property evaluation be referred to the conference trustees for study and recommendation.

Reports of Pastors (Continued) - Reports of statistics for Maywood, Peoria and Princeton were presented to conference by the respective pastors, who also reported spiritual victory.

Conference was recessed by common consent, and reconvened at the call of the Chair. The reports of Oak Lawn, Rockford, Roseland and Wyanet pastors were heard, together with good testimonies to God's grace in their lives. The assistant pastor at Oak Park and the pastor-elect to Greve Coure gave their testimonies. Delegates from all charges reported salary commitments met, and spoke in appreciation of the various pastoral ministries.

Adjournment — Motion to adjourn prevailed, and after announcements the meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mr. John Kodl, of Hoyne Avenue Church.

Ninth Meeting — 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, 1953.

Opening — The meeting was called to order by the president. Devotions were in charge of Rev. James A. Blaine, who presented the precious promises in Jeremiah 17:5-8 for our help and blessing, and led us to the Throne of Grace in prayer.

Greetings — Letters of greeting to the conference from Rev. Francis A. Davis, Rev. Glenn R. Dyer, and Rev. Ralph B. Patterson were read by the secretary. Motion passed instructing the secretary to send the greetings of the conference to those absent members.

Report of Child Evangelism Secretary — It was necessary for the child evangelism secretary to be absent. She sent a request, which was granted, that her written report be included in the minutes. (See Report No. 18.)

Report of Committee on Itineracy and Orders — Final report of the committee was heard by conference. Motion to adopt was amended to require the inclusion of information concerning the status of study requirements for each conference preacher. Both amendment and main motion carried by vote. (See Report No. 1.)

Report of Conference Sunday School Board and — Rev. W. D. Craker read the Sunday School Board and the Sunday School Committee reports, which were adopted by proper procedure. (See Reports Nos. 19 and 20.)

Report of Moral Reform Committee — The committee report was read by Rev. David Crail and was adopted, as amended, by vote of conference. (See Report No. 21.) Rev. W. L. Archer gave an intensely interesting account of how liquor interests actively oppose the licensing by the FCC of radio stations which oppose liquor advertising.

Church Signs — Advertising material for church signs manufactured and sold on behalf of Brainerd Indian School was distributed and discussed.

Report by the W. M. S. President — Mrs. Rachel Bray, by invitation of the conference, appeared before the body and gave a report of the accomplishments of the W. M. S. during the past year. A period of discussion followed concerning the scheduling of missionary tours so as not to conflict with local programs.

It was moved and carried that the conference president and secretary be a calendar committee to list in the conference journal and the "Tidings" the special meetings of local churches and the tours of missionaries.

Report of the Superannuate Ministers' Aid Committee — Report was read by Rev. W. H. Dyer, chairman of the committee, and its adoption was voted by conference. (See Report No. 22.)

Report of Pastor — Rev. L. G. Anderson read the Hoopeston statistical report and gave his personal testimony to the Lord's faithfulness in the midst of difficult circumstances. The delegate reported the blessing and help of the Lord in meeting the financial obligations of the church.

Report of Thanks Committee — Rev. K. E. Mullen presented the committee's report to conference and it was adopted as amended. (See Report No. 23.)

Report of Finance Committee — The committee report was read by the secretary and adopted by vote. (See Report No. 24.)

Standing Rules — Resolution was presented by Rev. S. F. Pillsbury and seconded by Rev. J. A. Blaine that conference recommend for consideration by the Camp Meeting Committee and the Youth Council the adjustment of any administrative details which might interfere with religious services, even to the schedule of Youth Camp as such, if necessary, in the program of next year's camp. After discussion of the issues involved, the motion prevailed by vote of the body.

It was moved and seconded that conference direct the Committee on Standing Rules to consider changes in the rules which would permit organization of the conference committees sooner than now provided by the standing rules. An amendment was seconded that the scheduling of an annual ministerial convention be also referred to the Committee. The amendment and main motion were passed by vote.

It was moved and seconded that the Standing Rules Committee examine suggestions and methods for streamlining the work of the Statistical Committee, and for defining points of ambiguity; and that these suggestions be published in the annual journal. The motion was amended to provide for publication as a mimeographed worksheet. Motion carried as amended.

Adjournment — Conference was adjourned for committee work; Mr. Gwyn Jones offered a closing prayer.

Tenth Meeting — 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, 1953.

Resumption of Business — The meeting was called to order by the president.

Report of the Standing Rules Committee — Rev. Wm.H. Dyer read the report of the Standing Rules Committee, and the various items were considered and passed serially. The report as a whole was then unanimously adopted by conference. (See Report No. 25.)

Report of Camp Meeting Committee — A synopsis of the year's activities of the committee was given by the president. Provision was made to include the full committee report in the conference journal. (See Report No. 11.)

Unfinished Business — By prevailing motion, all business left unfinished at the rise of Conference was referred to the Missionary Board with authorization to act on it.

Conference Sermon — Motion was sustained and passed that the Committee on Orders of the Day be authorized to assign the Conference Sermon in 1954.

Report of the Statistical Committee — Motion prevailed that reading of the committee's report be waived and that the audited compilation be included in the printed minutes. (See Report No. 26.) A summarization had been given in the president's report. (See Report 16.)

Reports on Pastoral Labors — It was moved and passed that the tabulation of pastoral labors be omitted from the printed minutes of conference.

Report of the Auditing Committee — Final report of this committee was heard, and was adopted by vote. (See Report No. 10.)

Report of the W. Y. P. S. Plan of Work — Rev. Ron Mullen read the W. Y. P. S. plan of work, which was approved by action of conference. (See W.Y.P.S. Minutes.)

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

Publication of Minutes — Conference took action to include in its annual journal the minutes of the W. M. S. and the W. Y. P. S. conferences.

Expressions of Appreciation — By motion and action of conference, the secretary was instructed to send to Rev. J. R. Swauger, General Home Missionary Secretary, an expression of appreciation for assistance during the past year, and for his assurance of future support.

Our conference president was extended a rising vote of thanks for his labors during the past year, and the ballot cast had a tinge of green in it.

Installation of Officers — The officers-elect of conference were called to the front of the tabernacle, and stood together with the conference president as Rev. Archer invoked God's special blessing upon them for fruitfulness and success in the work of the Lord. He brought words of encouragement to the conference body, and expressed confidence that the Lord will be pleased to bless our labors during the coming year.

Report of the Pastoral Relations Committee — Report was read by the secretary, and was adopted by vote of conference. (See Report No. 27.)

Conference President's Address and Charge to the Ministers of the Conference — Rev. A. L. Bray, conference president-elect, brought a closing message to the conference from Acts 20:17-35, Paul's parting charge to the elders of the Ephesian church. This scripture is a challenge to us today to press forward to the goal of accomplishment in Christ. It was presented as an exhortation and encouragement to pastors and laity facing another year in the local churches.

Minutes — Minutes of the eighth, ninth and tenth meetings were read by the secretary and were approved as corrected.

Adjournment — Conference was adjourned sine-die by vote. Rev. Wm. H. Dyer, conference vice president, led in a closing prayer.

Arthur L. Bray
Arthur L. Bray, President.

August Laine, Jr.
S. Hugh Paine, Jr., Secretary.

REPORTSReport No. 1.Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

- A. Ministers eligible to vote: L. G. Anderson, David D. Crail, Wendel D. Craker, Harry Moeller and Ronald E. Mullen.
- B. We recommend that Vernon W. Swanson be received to study under the direction of the Conference.
- C. We recommend that the following continue in the course of study: David D. Crail, Glenn R. Dyer, L. G. Anderson, Clarence C. Mc Carty, Mrs. Ivanelle Mc Carty, and Mrs. Divine Pillsbury.
- D. We recommend that Glenn A. Fischer, Benny E. Medows and Thomas J. Murray continue in Marion College.
- E. We report that Ronald E. Mullen and Robert L. Zuhl plan to attend Northern Baptist Seminary.
- F. We recommend that the Rev. Pearl Poe, received by Conference as an elder with credentials from the Church of God (Holiness), be referred to the Pastoral Relations Committee.
- G. We recommend that action receiving James A. Blaine as conference preacher transferring from the Dakota Conference (See Report No.16.) be approved, and that he be elected to elder's orders, since the Dakota Conference certifies that he has completed disciplinary provisions for ordination.
- H. We recommend that Wendel Dean Craker and Harry Moeller be elected to elder's orders.
- I. In reference to the action of conference requesting the status of each student in the Course of Study, we report that the varied educational backgrounds (Bible School, college, seminary, Course of Study) of the students will require further evaluation and procuring of transcripts in some cases. Report of standing will be made to each student as soon as possible after conference, and will also be made available to any member of conference upon application to the chairman of the Committee on Itinerary and Orders.

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

Report No. 2.Orders of the Day Committee

Friday, July 31, 1953 — Conference convenes, 1:30 p.m.; Communion Service; Conference Sermon; Organization of Conference; Reports of Standing Committees and Financial Reports; Report of Nominating Committee.

Saturday, August 1, 1953 — Educational Service, 10:00 a.m.; Reports of Educational Leaders and Committees. Denominational Service, 1:30 p.m.; Reports of Conference Leaders; Denominational Address.

Sunday, August 2, 1953 — Conference Sunday School Service, 9:30 a.m.; Reports of Sunday School Secretary and Board.

Monday, August 3, 1953 — Business Session, 8:30 a.m.; Devotions by Dr. Nicholson; Reports of Conference Committees; Reports of Conference Leaders; Election of Officers and Committees. Business Session, 1:00 p.m.; Devotions; Unfinished Business; Reports of Pastors. Ordination Service, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 4, 1953 — Business Session, 8:30 a.m.; Devotions by Rev. W. L. Archer; Reports of Conference Committees and Pastors; Miscellaneous Business. Business Session, 1:30 p.m.; Devotions; Miscellaneous Business. Business Session, 7:30 p.m.; Miscellaneous Business; Installation of Officers; Report of the Pastoral Relations Committee; Installation of Pastors and Charge by Conference President; Adjournment.

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

Report No. 3.Conference Treasurer

Statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year ended July 15, 1953:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>7-17-52</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>7-15-53</u>
General Conference Budget:				
Australia	\$ —	\$ 32.98	\$ 32.73.	\$.25
Home Missions	—	141.05	139.80	1.25
Foreign Missions	—	133.09	131.09	2.00
Education	—	274.94	272.94	2.00
Superannuated Ministers	—	104.82	104.82	—
Orphanage	—	17.74	17.74	—
General Administration	—	86.22	82.82	3.40
Travel and Entertainment	—	32.46	32.31	.15
Total General Conf. Budget	—	823.30	814.25	9.05
Illinois Conference Budget:				
President's Salary	160.62	1,868.78	1,200.00	829.40
Conference Fund *	97.66	854.00	844.80	106.86
Conference Paper **	—	119.85	149.10	(29.25)
Missions ***	4,565.37	13,203.44	17,299.14	478.67
Total Illinois Budget	4,823.65	16,046.07	19,484.04	1,385.68
Illinois Miscellaneous:				
Camp Meeting	87.27	187.73	275.00	—
Conference Parsonage	—	300.00	150.00	150.00
Superannuated Ministers	500.00	—	—	500.00
Miscellaneous	—	.44	—	.44
Total Ill. Miscellaneous	587.27	488.17	425.00	650.44
Total All Funds	\$ 5,410.92	\$ 17,357.54	\$ 20,723.29	\$ 2,045.17
Accounted for as follows:				
Cash on Hand	\$ —			\$ 9.34
Cash in Bank	5,410.92			2,035.83
Total	\$ 5,410.92			\$ 2,045.17

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. F. Tice, Treasurer.Certification.

In my opinion, the above Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements fairly presents the cash transactions of the Illinois Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church for the period July 17, 1952, to July 15, 1953; and the Fund balances at July 15, 1953.

L. L. Thomas, Certified Public Accountant.

* See Report No. 16 for details. ** See Report No. 15. *** See Report No. 14.

Report No. 4.Conference Trustees.

The Conference Board of Trustees took the following official actions during the fiscal year 1952-1953:

1. (July 29, 1952) Resolved to secure loans for the purchase of the Maywood Church, and authorized covering notes, as follows:

- \$3,000.00 advance on Card Call, at 4% per annum, from Mr. Basil Boyd, Stoneboro, Pa.
- \$1,500.00 at 5% per annum for 5 years, from Mr. C. J. Ewing, Mobile, Ala., with payments of \$300.00 per annum against principal.

2. (November 1, 1952) Resolved to purchase a church property from First Christian Church of Maywood, Illinois. Approved securing of a loan of \$7,500 from Prospect Federal Savings and Loan Association of Chicago for purchase of the Maywood property, and authorized mortgaging same and giving a 10 year installment note at 5% per annum.

3. (March 2, 1953) Resolved to obtain loans for the Princeton Church building program, and authorized security as follows:

- a) \$1,000.00 for 5 years at 3% interest per annum, payable annually, from John E. Wherry and Atha W. Wherry, secured by promissory note payable upon maturity.
- b) \$4,000.00 for 5 years at 5% interest per annum, payable semiannually, from Frank Ready and Caroline Mercer, secured by trust deed to Edward Mercer, Trustee.
4. (June 15, 1953) Resolved to purchase for \$1,400.00 a certain lot in Princeton, belonging to David Dingman, for the purpose of establishing a conference parsonage.
5. (July 10, 1953) Approved the use of the Columbian Plan of financing a new church building at Rockford, and resolved to enter with the local trustees into a trust agreement for this purpose. Authorized negotiation of a construction loan, to be secured by a mortgage on the Rockford property.

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

Report No. 5.

Nominating Committee

We recommend the following conference committee appointments:

- Pastoral Relations — A. L. Bray, Ch'mn., W. H. Dyer, C. E. Olander, S. F. Pillsbury,
W. F. Tice, H. R. Dyer, S. H. Paine, Jr.
- Passage of Character — A. L. Bray, Ch'mn., O. E. Price, Harriet Reed.
- Statistical — D. C. Durey, Ch'mn., C. E. Olander, Mrs. Frank Herrin, Mrs. Robert Zuhl.
- Moral Reform — Vera Brainerd, Ch'mn., D. D. Crail, Geneva Brown.
- Minutes and Postoffice — Conference Secretary.
- Thanks — R. E. Mullen, Ch'mn., Mrs. L. G. Anderson, Mrs. Harold Woods.
- Sunday School — W. D. Craker, Ch'mn., Harry Moeller, L. G. Anderson, John Kodl, Gwyn Jones, Marion Shepard.
- Auditing — Statistical Committee.
- Finance — Missionary Board.
- Standing Rules — Board of Trustees.

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

Report No. 6.

Educational Secretary.

During the past year the Marion College Quartet ministered in the Roseland, Oak Lawn, and Wyanet churches. The Hoyne Avenue church received the services of one of the organized gospel teams of the school. Six young people from the conference have been in attendance at Marion. They are: Benny Medows, Oak Lawn; Mary Dyer, Rockford; Emily Erickson, Hoyne Avenue; and Eileen Murray, Tom Murray, and Glenn Fischer, from Chicagoland Church. Several ministers of the conference and their young people attended the area youth convention at Marion last spring, providing this further contact with the college of our area. We have made an effort to encourage the youth of our conference to attend Marion College, and through the efforts of the pastors there are at present several prospective students for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. W. D. Craker, Educational Secretary.

Report No. 7.

Educational Committee.

The actions of the Educational Committee have been restricted to those instances where individual members by reason of other office have been called upon to perform those duties ordinarily required of this committee. In particular, the Conference President has been in contact with the school, and active in promoting its interests.

Respectfully submitted,
W. D. Craker, Chairman.

Report No. 8.

Member Local Board of Managers of Marion College.

As your duly elected representative, this year I have attended all of the meetings of the

Board of Managers which were held at Marion College, except one. The alternate member of the Board, Rev. A. L. Bray, attended this meeting.

I wish to report to you at this time on items of interest to the supporters of Marion College. The financial picture at the close of the recent college year was the best yet reported, with the college in the "black". Much of this has been due to the excellent business management of the business manager, Mr. Russell Baldwin. Work has continued toward accreditation and membership in the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities. A self criticism or appraisal of the college is being prepared to bring out a definite statement by the Association as to the possible time of Marion College's qualification as a member. The work on the new dormitory, Williams Hall, is contingent upon the final report of the architect. Funds are on hand and forthcoming from the City of Marion for the commencement of construction.

Sincerely,
Rev. Carl E. Olander, Local Board Member.

Report No. 9.

Conference Sunday School Secretary.

Report of Activities — The following work has been done by the secretary during the past year:

- 1) Held meeting at the Oak Park church with other churches represented, and with the Rev. Miss Mary E. Bennett, Child Evangelism Secretary of the General Conference, as guest speaker.
- 2) Visited two churches in the conference, met and talked with pastors, teachers and superintendents in regard to Sunday School improvement.
- 3) Passed out literature concerning Sunday School classes and programs.

Financial Statement —

Cash on Hand July 15, 1952	\$111.45
Receipts: General S.S. Dues	74.42
Conference S.S. Dues	40.62
For Rev. M. Bennett	24.00
1952 Camp S.S. Offering	11.62

Disbursements: General S.S. Dues	\$ 74.42
Rev. Mary Bennett	24.00
Travel for Guest Speaker	9.78
Travel & Books for Conf. President	29.55
SVE Projector and case	38.50
S. S. Journal (Sheffield)	2.00
Stationery and Incidental Expense	1.95
	<u>\$180.20</u>

Total Credits	<u>\$262.11</u>
Cash on Hand July 15, 1953	\$ 81.91

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. Blaine, Conference S. S. Secretary.

Report No. 10.

Auditing Committee.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. D. C. Durey, Chairman.

Report No. 11.

Camp Meeting Committee.

Camp Arrangements — We, your Camp Meeting Committee, do submit the following report: We have held four meetings this past year on July 29, 1952, January 26, February 18 and May 9, 1953, to consider the problems and promote the interests of our annual holiness camp meeting. Since it was decided that the Manville Camp Ground (which we had rented from the Livingston County Holiness Association) was too small, the bulk of the year's work was spent in trying to locate and rent a larger camp grounds. Fifteen camp sites were surveyed by the chairman, in person or by letter, and report made to the Committee. Finally the Free Methodist Camp Ground, Epworth Park, near Belvidere, Illinois, was selected as most suitable to our needs and negotiations were entered into with the leaders of the Illinois Conference of the Free Methodist Church.

After an exchange of correspondence and personal interviews they agreed to rent the grounds to us for \$300 plus the cost of utilities and the rental of individual cottages from private owners if the Camp-owned facilities should be crowded out. Rev. W. W. McCormick, Conference Superintendent, and Rev. A. A. Finders, Camp Ground Manager, were both very gracious and helpful in all the arrangements. Since the rental was three times what

we paid for Manville, Dr. J. R. Swauger, Denominational Secretary of Home Missions, gave us a grant of \$150 to apply on rental. We do heartily thank him for this timely assistance.

Rev. L. G. Anderson was appointed Camp Buyer; Rev. Oliver G. Wilson was invited as Camp Evangelist for 1954; Rev. Wm. H. Dyer was invited to preach the 1953 Conference Sermon (This matter has been referred to the Committee by the 1952 annual conference); Rev. and Mrs. Harry Moeller and Mrs. A. L. Bray, Camp Housing Committee; Miss Esther Lien, Camp Cook; and Mrs. Louise Getty, Saginaw, Michigan, Children's Worker.

The agenda for the 1953 camp was set up with Children's, Youth and Adult Divisions. (See Illinois Tidings, July, 1953.)

The registration fees for the 1953 Camp were set up as follows: \$1.00 a day for all who are six years or older, or \$5.00 maximum for Camp and Conference. Half this rate under six years. \$25.00 maximum per family.

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

Camp Meeting Fund:—

Receipts:

1952 Camp Offerings	\$ 454.96
1952 Dining Hall Offerings	418.53
1952 Camp Registration	255.00
Pledges Paid In	249.00
Special Donations	303.28
Camp Assistance from Home Dep't.	<u>150.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$1,830.77

On Hand July 15, 1952 90.27

Total Credits \$1,921.04

On Hand July 15, 1953 \$ 224.19

<u>Disbursements:</u> 1952 Groceries	\$ 641.27
1952 Camp Workers	375.00
Grounds Rental and Expense	211.20
Camp Equipment	63.33
Tent and Cot Rental	78.00
Printing and Advertising	20.30
Mileage for Supervisors	47.70
Travel & Expense for Conf. Pres.	35.89
Gift to W. F. Tice	60.00
Advance Rental on Epworth Camp	150.00
Miscellaneous	<u>14.16</u>
Total Disbursements	\$1,696.85

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

Report No. 12.

Tithing Secretary

In the past conference year I have urged our pastors to adhere to Paragraph 375 in the Discipline in regard to the local tithing secretary holding at least one public service in the interests of introducing and encouraging God's plan of financial support of His Kingdom. Have searched for the best tithing materials and secured through purchase of much material from the Wesleyan Methodist Publishing House.

Total number tithing this past year increased 20% compared with the previous year.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. C. C. Mc Carty, Secretary.

Report No. 13.

Passage of Character Committee.

We report the characters of all ministers of the Conference passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman
Rev. O. E. Price
Miss Harriet Reed

Report No. 14.

Missionary Board

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

As the Board of Managers of the Conference in the interim of conference (Discipline, Paragraph 278), we held meetings quarterly on July 29 and November 1, 1952, February 7 and May 9, 1953. A special meeting was held on January 26, 1953. At these meetings the work of the Conference and the needs of the pioneer churches and the promotion of new churches were considered. Out of the full record of the action taken we submit the following brief summary:

1. Purchased an adding machine for the conference treasurer.
2. Requested \$50 a month aid from Dr. J. R. Swauger for our pioneer churches; he granted the same. Aid then was granted Creve Coeur, Sheffield and Princeton. (See financial analysis.)
3. Five cents a mile auto travel expense was authorized for Board members on official business.
4. Churches:

Sheffield — This pioneer work was left without a pastor last conference time, but on August 29, 1952, Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Mc Carty were released by the Hoopeson church and courageously stepped into the gap. Since Brother Mc Carty has supported his family by secular labor, our contribution has been limited to the parsonage rent and moving expenses. We are still using the Danish Lutheran church without charge as a result of an agreement reached two years ago to paint the building and let the cost a pply on a rental charge of \$15 a month. We have about used up this credit. Brother Mc Carty has made inquiries about purchasing the building but has not been able to get the owners to consent to a firm price. The community response has been small, with a Sunday School average of 22 this year, a gain of two over the previous year. We have invested two years of effort and \$1,066.36 in funds. However, we are the only vital gospel witness in the community of 1,000 plus a populous rural area around. Total local receipts amounted to \$594.77. We hope to see Sheffield organized this coming year.

Creve Coeur — Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Mullen have worked hard in this first year of the organized life of the church. They received eight members, a fine figure for a small work, but because of the economic situation several members were compelled to move away. Fine improvements have been made in the property. Because of the small membership (now 14), we have had to continue pastoral support and will need to do so for awhile yet.

Maywood — Last year we reported the prospect of a new work in Maywood, Illinois, three miles west of Oak Park, with a membership largely drawn from the Chicagoland (Oak Park) church. On December 7th we began services and on the 8th took title. Inaugural service was held March 22nd, and the church was organized on April 12th with 28 full members and two associate members. Because of the strong lay support, Maywood is self-supporting, has the largest youth society (18) in the conference and is contributing heavily to the conference and general interests. For Pastor David Crall and his people we foresee a bright future as they obey the Lord.

Hoynes Avenue (Chicago) — This church under the direction of Rev. Harry Moeller has moved steadily ahead this year. They have assumed the responsibility of meeting the \$143.20 per month indebtedness payments, although they have only 19 members. The conference is giving \$23.20 of this; Brother S. Hugh Paine, \$50; and members and friends locally are largely giving the balance. Wherein they come short each month, they take the balance out of their Card Call receipts which they have in reserve as an indebtedness fund. The sacrificial giving of some of the folk in this church is unsurpassed.

Roseland (Chicago) — This church, organized Sept. 8, 1951, is moving steadily ahead under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Wendel Craker, who have supported themselves. However, the church with only 16 members has voted a pastoral support of \$50 per week for the coming year. Much of this will need to come from above-tithe giving, but they are consecrated to their need. We have expended no conference funds for this church, largely because of the strong lay nucleus which belong.

Princeton — Under Rev. and Mrs. D. C. Durey's heroic labors this church has moved from the conference support stage to a rapidly growing conference-supporting church. Their Sunday School has packed out the chapel and we are in the process of building an addition twice as large as our present auditorium which will be incorporated into the new structure. Since it is being built with volunteer labor they need some experienced supervision.

Prospects — Our chairman and conference president has travelled across the conference territory investigating new prospects and making partial surveys in some cities. Several good leads should be followed up as soon after conference as possible. Also, the Princeton church building should be completed in order to capitalize on the favorable attitude toward our church in that community.

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

Analysis of Conference Missions Fund

A. Receipts:

1) Denominational Home Missions Department	
a) Monthly aid	\$ 600.00
b) Card Call aid	
i) Oak Park	\$ 352.70
ii) Conf. Parsonage adv. loan	1,400.00
iii) Hoynes Avenue	2,288.82
iv) Princeton	91.20
v) Roseland	122.70
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c) Gifts for	1) Creve Coeur	\$ 300.00		
ii) Oak Lawn		<u>230.00</u>	\$ 530.00	\$ 5,385.42
2) Loans:				
a) Princeton - church building		\$4,000.00		
b) Maywood - church building		<u>1,500.00</u>		5,500.00
3) Conference Budget:				1,318.02
4) Mortgage Payment Pledges, Hoyne Avenue members				380.00
5) Designated Gifts				<u>620.00</u>
Total Receipts from all sources				\$13,203.44

B. Disbursements:

1) Hoyne Avenue (Chicago) Indebtedness				
a) Card Call		\$2,288.82		
b) Conference Aid		301.60		
c) Designated Gifts		500.00		
d) Pledges		<u>380.00</u>		\$3,470.42
2) Roseland (Chicago) Balance Card Call				133.44
3) Chicago (Oak Park) Balance Parsonage Card Call				352.70
4) Creve Coeur a) Pastoral Support		640.00		
b) Parsonage Furnace		<u>300.00</u>		940.00
5) Hoopeston a) Pastor's Moving Expense		75.00		
b) Parsonage Payment Subsidy		<u>75.00</u>		150.00
6) Maywood a) For Church Purchase		5,500.00		
b) Conference Aid for Decorating		100.00		
c) Loan Appraisal Fee		<u>30.00</u>		5,630.00
7) Oak Lawn Well				230.00
8) Princeton a) Pastoral Support		215.00		
b) Balance Card Call		91.20		
c) Loan for Church Addition		<u>4,000.00</u>		4,306.20
9) Sheffield a) Pastor's Moving Expense		75.00		
b) Rental Payments @ \$25 per month		<u>300.00</u>		375.00
10) Conference Parsonage - for Lot Purchase				1,400.00
11) Miscellaneous Items				
a) Chairman's Expense				
i) Automobile Travel 448mi. \$	224.05			
ii) Train Travel	11.88			
iii) Hotel and Meals	16.18			
iv) Telephone	<u>31.35</u>	283.46		
b) Board Members Expense - Travel		<u>18.92</u>		302.38
Total Disbursements for all purposes				\$17,290.14

C. Balance On Hand July 17, 1952	\$ 4,565.37
(Includes \$4,000.00 held for purchase of Maywood church)	
Balance On Hand July 15, 1953	\$ 478.67
(Includes \$122.70 undistributed to Roseland church)	

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

Report No. 15.Editor of Conference Paper

As Editor of your Conference paper, The Illinois Tidings, we submit the following report:
We have published a three to six page mimeographed monthly bulletin containing information and news of the Illinois Conference. Copies totalling 2,938 have been mailed out to over 250 family units, constituents and interested persons. All our denomination officials have been on our mailing list. While our format is modest, in keeping with our means, we have received many encouraging words of appreciation concerning the news value of the paper.
Our hearty thanks go to our pastors and members for paying the subscription budget in full and beyond. Our assessment was 50¢ a member, or \$103.50 total; \$119.85 was received. The overpayment came from the Maywood Church paying Tidings budget for three months.
We also wish to thank Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Zuhl of Oak Park, who have faithfully typed, mimeographed, stapled, addressed and mailed each monthly issue. We recommend the election of Brother Zuhl as Publisher. We recommend that Standing Rule VII, Item 1, remain as it now stands, in respect to the editor.

Financial Statement:

Receipts from Budget	\$119.85
Disbursements	
Paper and ink	\$ 82.59
Stencils	20.30
Addressograph plates	8.35
Mailing permit	10.00
Staples	.90
Postage	<u>26.96</u>
	<u>149.10</u>
* Deficit	\$ 29.25

* The Tidings is going to many non-member constituents as promotional material and it was anticipated that the Budget assessments would not cover all expenses. The Missionary Board voted on May 9, 1953, to underwrite the deficit, but the annual balance was made before this was done. It will be done immediately after Conference, and the new year will start with no deficit.

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

Report No. 16.Conference President

Greetings to the members of the Illinois Mission Conference. We hereby give an account of the state of the Conference and of our stewardship this past year, in the fear of God and love of the brethren:

State of the Conference — To the glory of God we report that we have just closed another year of excellent advance in the spiritual, numerical and material affairs of the Illinois Conference. Statistically speaking, there are indications that our people are working hard to promote the Redeemer's Kingdom on earth — the salvation of souls. At quarterly meetings the pastors have reported souls saved in the regular church services. Thus, it is no surprise when the statistics show fine gains along many lines.

To the best of our knowledge, the Illinois Conference is the fastest growing conference in our denomination. We say this not boastfully, but gratefully, and fully convinced that God intends us to continue to advance in His work. Let us never give way to unbelief or indolence, but let us continue to move forward at the same pace and with the burning passion of the New Testament Church.

Encouraging Statistics — The following statistics tell in a graphic way the story of the daily toil of our pastors and laymen. It is a holy inventory of our work:

	1951-'52	1952-'53	Gain
Churches	10	11	1
Membership	207	243	36
Wesleyan Methodist Subscriptions	135	218	83
Wesleyan Missionary Subscriptions	123	181	58
Wesleyan Youth Subscriptions	53	73	20
Woman's Missionary Society Members	141	202	61
W. Y. P. S. Members	74	102	28
Sunday School Roll	968	1,172	204
Main School	805	1,003	198
Average Attendance	640	684	44
Property	\$330,000	\$358,000	\$28,000
Debt	51,400	52,914	1,514
Budget Assigned	2,602	5,168	2,566
Budget Paid	4,132	6,562	2,430
Pastors Support	23,500	27,152	3,652
Total Raised	\$ 62,537	\$ 78,741	\$16,204

Brethren, let us raise a hallelujah! More eternity-bound souls have been saved and received into our fellowship, more children are enrolled in our Sunday Schools, more folk are receiving and profiting from our fine periodicals! This is in harmony with John 15, where we are commanded to be fruitful. Note the fine gain in property values with a modest gain in indebtedness, which is about 15% of property evaluation.

Personal Service — This past year we continued to serve as pastor of the Oak Park church which is still the largest church in the conference in spite of bidding farewell to three groups of members and supporters in the past two years to form new Chicagoland churches. In this ministry we have been ably assisted by Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Zuhl, who have carried much of the burden while we have been gone in the Conference work. Mrs. Bray has also carried a heavy load.

Because of the physical and mental pressures of trying to carry two burdens at the same time, — the responsibility of a pastorate and the needs of an ever expanding pioneer conference, — we strongly recommend that you set apart the one who shall serve as Conference

CHARGE		Item I. Pastor's Labors			Item II. Periodicals													
		Time Employed (Months)	Appointments	Organized Church Appointments	Wesleyan Methodists Taken	Wesleyan Missionaries Taken	Wesleyan Youth Taken	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Teacher's Quarterly	Senior Scholar's Quarterly	Intermediate Scholar's Quarterly	Junior Scholar's Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Department Quarterly	Lesson Leaflet	Our Little Folks Card
Chicago	Rev. A. L. Bray	12	1	1	51	32	4				4	12	12	20				
Creve Coeur	Rev. R. E. Mullen	12	1	1	5	10	4	12			2	12						
Hoopeston	Rev. L. G. Anderson	12	1	1	8	10	2	15		10	4	15	10	12	5		8	10
Hoynes Avenue	Rev. Harry Moeller	12	1	1	21	13	9	22	20	20	5	18	10	25		3	8	
Maywood	Rev. D. D. Crail	8	1	1	14	4	3											
Oak Lawn	Rev. C. E. Olander	12	1	1	24	20	4	30			5	18		8			10	
Peoria	Rev. O. E. Price	12	1	1	14	18	4	25	18	15	7	20	10				6	15
Princeton	Rev. D. C. Durey	12	1	1	11	16	3	35		15	2	10			16			
Rockford	Rev. W. H. Dyer	12	1	1	28	18	19	35	10	15	7	35	6	12	16	5		1
Roseland	Rev. W. D. Graker	12	1	1	8	13	5					35			16			
Sheffield	Rev. C. C. McCarty	10	1	1	1	1	3	6	10	8	5	4	8	10	8			8
Wyanet	Rev. S. F. Pillsbury	12	1	1	33	26	13	35	12		10	50	8	12			15	
TOTALS		138	12	11	218	181	73	215	70	83	51	194	56	99	45	11	89	15

CHARGE	Item III. Membership																Item IV. Sunday Schools				
	Received	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Total Member- ship Lost	Number Reported Last Year	Present Number	Loss (or)	Gain	No. Members Under 14 Years of Age	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstated Elders	Local Preachers	Number of Family Altars	Membership Titling	Number of Card Call Subscribers	Number of Sunday Schools	Whole Number of Officers & Teachers	Whole No. of Scholars In Main School	Total Number In Main School
Chicagoland	4			12	12	50	42	8		1	5				27	43	36	1	13	102	113
Creve Coeur	8	1		5	6	12	14		2	2	5				3	10	3	1	7	74	81
Hoopeston	2	5	1		6	18	14	4			2			3	5	5	8	1	10	62	69
Hoynes Avenue	3				16	19			3				1	1	12	10	19	1	12	80	89
Maywood	29	1			1	28	28		28	1	2	3	1		11	23	6	1	10	43	49
Oak Lawn	3					13	16		3	1	2	6		1	6	12	14	1	13	120	130
Peoria	2			2	2	14	14				3				8	14	4	1	12	75	82
Princeton	3			1	1	16	18		2	1	1				8	18	3	1	11	91	99
Rockford	5					20	25		5		3			2	12	25	19	1	11	93	104
Roseland	6		1		1	11	16		5					1	4	11	4	1	11	36	41
Sheffield															2	4	1	1	6	27	33
Wyanet	1		1		1	37	37			3	1	2		2	10	15	16	1	18	95	113
TOTALS	66	7	3	20	30	207	243	12	48	9	24	13	1	10	108	190	133	12	134	898	1,003

CHARGE	Item IV. Sunday Schools (Continued)														Item V. Church Property			
	Number in Home Department	Number on Cradle Roll	Total Number in Sunday School	Average Attendance	No. of Scholars Converted	No. of Scholars Joining Church	No. of Dep't. Superintendents	No. in Teacher's Training Course	No. of Organized Classes	No. of Books in Library	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Average V. B. S. Attendance	Number W. I. P. Societies	Total W. I. P. S. Membership	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance
Chicagoland		10	123	83	10	4	3		1	150	132	85	1	14	1	\$ 85,000	\$	\$ 42,000
Creve Coeur		31	112	51	5	6	1		5		80	55	1	12	1	3,700		2,500
Hoopston		11	80	39	5		2		6				1	5	1	5,000		3,000
Hoynes Avenue	2	12	103	66			3		7	56			1	9	1	65,000	11,972.29	35,000
Maywood		49	25	25		29	1			20			1	18	1	26,390	11,218.83	16,500
Oak Lawn	1	26	157	115	1	1	1	3		125	95	74	1	13	1	31,000	2,000.00	25,000
Peoria		8	90	48	5	3	1		6		54	30			1	10,500	3,280.00	6,000
Princeton	5	18	122	72	3	3	3				64	53			1	7,000	5,200.00	6,000
Rockford	1	26	123	67	3	3	3				60	53	1	11				
Roseland	3	2	46	25	1	3	4			100					1	17,000	10,137.79	14,000
Sheffield		3	36	22	2				4		46	27						
Wyanet	5	13	131	85	3	1	1			167	110	84	1	13	1	18,500		5,750
TOTALS	17	160	1,172	684	43	55	23	3	29	618	641	461	8	95	10	\$269,090	\$43,808.91	\$155,750

CHARGE	Item V. Church Property (Continued)					Item V. Disbursed for Pastor						
	Number of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Cash or Other Values on Hand	Salary	Secular Income	Conference Support	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Chicagoland	1	\$30,000	\$ 4,184.00	\$20,000	\$1,000.00	\$ 2,960.00	\$	\$	\$1,635.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 4,770.00
Creve Coeur	1	3,500		2,500		765.00	(650.00)		480.00		174.81	1,439.81
Hoopston	1	8,000	1,800.00	3,000	23.91	510.23			480.00		76.82	1,067.05
Hoynes Avenue	1	15,000		10,000	2,000.00	2,595.00			480.00	45.00	80.00	3,200.00
Maywood					187.22	780.00	(1,550.00)		455.00		75.00	1,310.00
Oak Lawn	1	12,500	5,801.27	8,000	163.59	2,380.00	(300.00)		900.00	50.00	150.00	3,480.00
Peoria					82.00	1,358.00			600.00	5.00	170.65	2,133.65
Princeton					3,444.33	1,535.00			300.00	30.00	270.00	2,135.00
Rockford	1	15,000		10,000	1,136.66	2,580.00			720.00	25.00	186.89	3,511.89
Roseland					600.87	368.65		(300.00)	492.29	15.00	534.30	1,410.24
Sheffield					153.81	140.30					59.75	200.05
Wyanet	1	5,000		3,000		2,080.00	(780.00)		315.00	20.00	100.00	2,515.00
TOTALS	7	\$89,000	\$11,785.27	\$56,500	\$8,792.39	\$18,052.18			\$6,857.29	\$225.00	\$2,018.22	\$27,152.69

CHARGE	Item VII. Disbursed for Church							Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget					
	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Church Incidentals Expense	Total for Church	Foreign Missions Assigned	Foreign Missions Raised	Home Missions Assigned	Home Missions Raised	Education Assigned	Education Raised
Chicagoland	\$ 447.36	\$ 355.36	\$ 249.77	\$	\$ 416.00	\$2,096.55	\$ 3,565.04	\$100.00	\$123.83	\$ 62.50	\$ 90.56	\$100.00	\$100.02
Creve Coeur	75.88	231.11	720.31	52.85		358.04	1,438.19	24.00	22.75	15.00	14.75	24.00	22.00
Hoopeston	216.56	160.02		87.00	384.00	229.25	1,076.83	36.00	36.10	22.50	22.71	36.00	37.21
Hoynes Avenue		473.34	2,000.00	980.00	471.00	256.74	4,181.08	32.00	93.66	20.00	44.21	32.00	47.75
Maywood	27.13	26.53	6,248.06	16.00	1,262.17	1,162.91	8,742.80		30.01		8.76		14.01
Oak Lawn	273.25	313.57			1,227.08	653.95	3,138.18	26.00	32.45	16.25	21.75	26.00	28.00
Peoria	25.00	316.11			220.00	529.10	1,090.21	28.00	43.58	17.50	19.22	28.00	28.00
Princeton	37.66	369.68	6,354.25		800.00	324.84	7,886.43	32.00	85.00	20.00	30.41	32.00	41.56
Rockford	20.00	73.85			2,858.99	976.94	3,929.78	40.00	88.47	25.00	78.61	40.00	49.00
Roseland	10.00	113.12	167.87	17.75	1,255.77	459.61	2,064.12	22.00	48.83	13.75	25.00	22.00	22.00
Sheffield	14.50	223.77				78.39	316.66		9.00		4.00		4.00
Wyanet	276.00	341.52	625.13	1,097.56		885.41	3,225.62	74.00	84.37	46.25	51.25	74.00	78.24
TOTALS	\$1,423.34	\$2,997.98	\$17,035.72	\$2,251.16	\$8,895.01	\$8,051.73	\$40,654.94	\$414.00	\$698.05	\$258.75	\$411.23	\$414.00	\$471.79

CHARGE	Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget (Continued)												
	Superannuated Ministers' Fund Assigned	Superannuated Ministers' Fund Raised	Orphanage Assigned	Orphanage Raised	Administrative Budget Assigned	Administrative Budget Raised	General Conf. Travel Assigned	General Conf. Travel Raised	General S. S. Work Assigned	General S. S. Work Raised	Australia Assigned	Australia Raised	Total General Budget Assigned
Chicagoland	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$12.50	\$27.00	\$20.00	\$21.01	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.56	\$11.20	\$11.20	\$12.50	\$13.76	\$ 401.20
Creve Coeur	18.00	18.00	3.00	5.00	4.80	4.40	1.80	1.65	5.70	5.90	3.00	2.95	99.30
Hoopeston	27.00	27.00	4.50	4.50	7.20	7.20	2.70	2.70	5.10	5.10	4.50	4.50	145.50
Hoynes Avenue	24.00	24.50	4.00	12.18	6.40	6.50	2.40	2.46	6.40	6.40	4.00	7.16	131.20
Maywood		10.50		1.76		2.81		1.05		1.50		1.76	72.16
Oak Lawn	19.50	19.50	3.25	5.00	5.20	5.20	1.55	1.95	15.40	15.40	3.25	3.25	116.80
Peoria	21.00	21.00	3.50	5.00	5.60	5.60	2.10	2.10	6.70	6.70	3.50	3.50	115.90
Princeton	24.00	24.00	4.00	5.33	6.40	6.70	2.40	2.94	6.00	6.00	4.00	4.01	130.80
Rockford	30.00	30.00	5.00	5.00	8.00	8.00	3.00	3.00	8.70	8.70	5.00	5.00	164.70
Roseland	16.50	16.50	2.75	5.69	4.40	4.40	1.65	1.65	2.00	2.00	2.75	2.75	87.80
Sheffield									3.00	3.00			3.00
Wyanet	55.50	55.50	9.25	9.25	14.80	14.80	5.55	5.55	10.30	10.30	9.25	9.25	298.90
TOTALS	\$310.50	\$321.50	\$51.75	\$85.71	\$82.80	\$86.62	\$31.05	\$32.61	\$80.50	\$82.20	\$51.75	\$57.89	\$1,695.10

CHARGE	Item VIII. Disbursed for Conference Budget													
	President's Salary Assigned	President's Salary Raised	Conference Work Assigned	Conference Work Raised	Conference Missions Assigned	Conference Missions Raised	Conference S. S. Assigned	Conference S. S. Raised	Conference Paper Assigned	Conference Paper Raised	Total Conference Budget Assigned	Total Conference Budget Raised	Total Budget Assigned	Total Budget Raised
Chicagoland	\$ 406.00	\$ 408.00	\$100.00	\$100.08	\$ 250.00	\$ 265.32	\$ 5.60	\$ 5.60	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.07	\$ 786.60	\$ 804.07	\$1,187.80	\$1,274.61
Creve Coeur	83.50	162.60	24.00	22.00	60.00	55.00	2.85	3.20	6.00	5.50	176.35	248.30	275.65	345.70
Hoopston	51.02	26.01	36.00	36.00	90.00	91.68	2.55	2.77	9.00	9.00	188.57	165.46	334.07	312.48
Hoynes Avenue	259.50	259.50	32.00	36.65	80.00	81.60	3.20	3.20	8.00	8.00	382.70	388.95	513.90	633.77
Maywood	36.00	36.00		14.00		42.77		3.00		3.51	36.00	99.28	36.00	171.44
Oak Lawn	238.00	238.00	26.00	26.00	65.00	70.00	7.70	7.70	6.50	6.50	343.20	348.20	460.00	480.70
Peoria	135.80	135.84	28.00	28.08	70.00	59.86	3.35	3.75	7.00	7.00	244.15	234.53	360.05	369.23
Princeton	153.50	156.00	32.00	31.24	80.00	82.48	3.00	3.00	8.00	8.27	276.50	280.99	407.30	486.92
Rockford	258.00	270.80	40.00	40.00	100.00	104.43	4.35	4.35	10.00	10.00	412.35	429.58	577.05	705.36
Roseland	36.87	90.50	22.00	22.00	55.00	693.75	1.00	1.00	5.50	5.50	120.37	812.75	208.17	941.57
Sheffield	14.03	14.03					1.50	1.50			15.53	15.53	18.53	35.53
Wyanet	208.00	208.00	74.00	74.00	185.00	181.25	5.15	5.55	18.50	18.50	490.65	487.30	789.55	805.61
TOTALS	\$1,880.22	\$2,005.28	\$414.00	\$430.05	\$1,035.00	\$1,728.14	\$40.25	\$44.62	\$103.50	\$106.85	\$3,472.97	\$4,334.94	\$5,168.07	\$6,562.54

CHARGE	Item IX. Disbursed for Benevolences								Item X. Disbursed Totals				
	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Conference Work	W. Y. P. S.	Other Objects	Total for Benevolences	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes
Chicagoland	\$ 193.39	\$290.00	\$ 51.23	\$21.58	\$206.50	\$188.37	\$ 236.00	\$1,187.07	\$ 4,770.00	\$ 3,565.04	\$1,274.61	\$1,187.07	\$10,796.12
Creve Coeur	38.40	12.00			203.40	19.25	39.25	312.30	1,419.81	1,438.19	345.70	312.30	3,516.00
Hoopston	3.00		5.00			9.00	44.00	61.00	1,067.05	1,076.83	312.48	61.00	2,517.36
Hoynes Avenue	44.94	9.12	31.00		32.00		36.12	153.18	3,200.66	4,181.08	633.77	153.18	8,138.53
Maywood	105.00	18.00			45.00	10.00	18.00	196.00	1,310.00	8,742.80	171.44	196.00	10,420.24
Oak Lawn	255.65	193.82	6.00	20.00	13.82			489.29	3,480.00	3,138.18	480.70	489.29	7,588.17
Peoria	71.00						58.65	129.65	2,133.65	1,090.21	369.23	129.65	3,722.74
Princeton	82.85	4.25			3.98		55.25	146.33	2,135.00	7,886.43	486.94	146.33	10,654.70
Rockford	132.77	80.00	5.25		30.00	93.78		341.80	3,511.89	3,929.78	705.36	341.80	8,488.83
Roseland	52.00	32.00	124.30		370.00		87.80	666.10	1,410.24	2,064.12	941.57	666.10	5,082.03
Sheffield			3.00			15.50	24.03	42.53	200.05	316.66	35.53	42.53	594.77
Wyanet	125.00						598.79	723.79	2,515.00	3,225.62	805.81	723.79	7,222.22
TOTALS	\$1,104.00	\$639.19	\$225.78	\$41.58	\$904.70	\$335.90	\$1,197.89	\$4,449.04	\$27,152.69	\$40,654.94	\$6,485.04	\$4,449.04	\$78,741.71

President for the coming year as a full time president. Please give prayerful consideration to this recommendation. God will provide the support and the vast, unconverted multitudes of Illinois, "the Crossroads of America", will be a parish far beyond any president's ability to serve.

In Conference service we travelled 11,752 miles, wrote 358 letters, issued 2,938 copies of The Illinois Tidings, made 344 calls, held 32 quarterly meetings, made 17 other church visits, held 12 board or committee meetings, conducted a revival at Sheffield, surveyed 15 camp grounds in person or by letter, and attended 10 other official gatherings. We rejoice that the Maywood church has been added to our number and pray God that the family of Illinois churches will steadily increase. It will not be done by the might of human talent or finance, although God needs these fully consecrated to Him, but by the might of the Holy Ghost. With revived and burning hearts we will get the job done that God intends we should do. To this end let us dedicate ourselves!

- Official Acts** — 1) July 31, 1952. Signed a conditional sale contract with the First Christian Church of Maywood, Illinois, for the purchase of their building for \$15,500.00
- 2) August 6, 1952. Inaugurated the work of Mrs. Ruth Jontz, new pension fund treasurer.
- 3) August 6, 1952. Installed Rev. O. E. Price as new pastor of the Peoria Church.
- 4) August 11, 1952. Drew up principal promissory note and signed (together with Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr., and upon proper authorization) in favor of Mr. Basil Boyd, Stoneboro, Pa., for \$4,000.00 at 4% interest for 2 years. (Said note to be repaid by a Card Call for Maywood. Said \$4,000.00 borrowed to help in down payment on Maywood church building.)
- 5) August 11, 1952. Drew up Installment Promissory Note and signed (together with Mr. Paine, as above) in favor of Mr. C. J. Ewing, Mobile, Alabama, for \$1,500.00 at 5% for five years, one-fifth payable annually plus interest. (Borrowed to help in downpayment on proposed Maywood Church)
- 6) August 12, 1952. Gave permission to Rev. D. C. Durey, pastor at Princeton, to proceed to build an addition to his church along the lines of the plans submitted to the Conference Committee on Church and Parsonage Building Location.
- 7) August 29, 1952. Appointed Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Mc Carty pastors of the pioneer work at Sheffield, Illinois, after they had relinquished their pastorate at Hoopeston, Illinois, at the request of the Conference President in view of the great need of the Sheffield work. This change was with the concurrence of the Hoopeston Church members and the Conference President's Advisory Board.
- 8) August 29, 1952. Appointed Rev. L. G. Anderson as pastor of the Hoopeston Church to fill vacancy left by Rev. C. C. Mc Carty taking the Sheffield work. This appointment was in harmony with the vote of the Hoopeston Church and the consent of the President's Advisory Board.
- 9) September 4, 1952. Approved the selling of the old Oak Lawn parsonage (5802 W. 89th Place) by Pastor Olander on a five year Land Contract with terms of \$1,000.00 down by the buyer, with monthly payments of \$75.00 and interest at 6% per annum.
- 10) September 5, 1952. Approved the dates of October 15-17, 1952, as the time for our Area Ministerial Convention at Marion College, Marion, Indiana. (All other Area Conference Presidents had ratified the time suggested by Rev. Royal S. Woodhead, Chairman.)
- 11) October 7, 1952. Substituted for Conference Sunday School Secretary in a tour of the Conference with Rev. Miss Mary E. Bennett, Denominational Sunday School Promotional Sec'y.
- 12) October 15-17, 1952. Attended Marion Area Ministerial Convention and spoke each morning.
- 13) October 16, 1952. Attended Marion College Board of Managers meeting at Marion, Indiana, as Alternate Member, in the absence of Rev. C. E. Olander.
- 14) December 8, 1952. Took title to the Maywood church building from the First Christian Church of Maywood, Illinois. Signed mortgage of \$7,500.00 with Prospect Federal Savings and Loan Association of Chicago at 5% for ten years, to aid in financing the purchase of the property for \$15,500.00.
- 15) March 2, 1953. Borrowed \$1,000.00 for the building of the Princeton church addition, from John E. and Atha W. Wherry, of Putnam, Illinois, at 3% per annum for five years, with proper authorization of Conference Trustees and Missionary Board.
- 16) March 5, 1953. Borrowed \$4,000.00 for Princeton church building from Frank Ready and Caroline Mercer at 5% interest for five years. Executed Trust Deed to Princeton church property upon proper authorization of Conference Trustees and Missionary Board.
- 17) March 22, 1953. Inaugurated the new Maywood Church with appropriate service.
- 18) March 26, 1953. Executed corrected Promissory Note to S. Hugh Paine, Jr., and Margaret Paine for \$14,297.90, the amount of the original financing of the Roseland church.
- 19) April 12, 1953. Organized the Maywood Church with 28 full members and two associate members, upon proper approval of the Advisory Board.
- 20) May 4, 1953. Approved Creve Coeur calling Rev. James Blaine, a Conference Preacher of the Dakota Conference, upon proper authorization of the President's Advisory Board.
- 21) May 5, 1953. Attended Lander's Conference at Miltonvale, Kansas.
- 22) May 11, 1953. Prepared Illinois Conference advertisement for inclusion in the Iowa Conference Centennial Book.
- 23) July 20, 1953. Received Rev. James Blaine, a Conference Preacher of the Dakota

Conference, as pastor-elect to Creve Coeur.

24) On several dates, after Advisory Board approval, we approved the calling of ministers outside the Conference to serve the Oak Park and Oak Lawn Churches, but all these calls were eventually declined.

Analysis of Conference Fund --

<u>A. Receipts</u>		1) Budget from churches	\$ 443.80
		2) Home Missions Department gift	300.00
		3) Receipts for Minutes	<u>110.20</u>
		Total Receipts	\$ 854.00
<u>B. Disbursements</u>		1) President's Expense	
		Travel: 1108 Miles @ 4¢	\$ 44.32
		3021 Miles @ 5¢	151.05
		Meals	2.15
		Promotion and office expense	56.79
		Telephone	<u>144.77</u>
			\$ 399.08
	2) Legal Expense		
		Lock box rental, 2 years	19.20
		Charter photostats	6.00
		Princeton loan expense	28.75
		Corporation filing fee	<u>2.00</u>
			55.95
	3) Publishing 1952 Minutes		160.00
	4) Leaders Conference assessment		90.00
	5) Conference Secretary Expense		53.81
	6) Conference Treasurer Expense		
		Adding Machine	52.96
		Receipt Books	<u>10.50</u>
			63.46
	7) Iowa Centennial Expense		
		Page advertisement	20.00
		Copy Centennial Book	<u>2.50</u>
			22.50
		Total Disbursements	\$ 844.80
<u>C. Balance July 17, 1952</u>			\$ 97.66
<u>Balance July 15, 1953</u>			106.86

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

Report No. 17.

Treasurer of Superannuate Pension Fund.

Balance on Hand July 15, 1952 \$ 7.40

<u>Receipts: 1952-'53</u>	<u>Church Payments</u>	Members	Budget	Paid	
	Chicagoland	50	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	
	Creve Coeur	12	18.00	18.00	
	Hoopeston	18	27.00	27.00	
	Hoyle Avenue	16	24.00	24.50	
	Maywood			10.50	
	Oak Lawn	13	19.50	19.50	
	Peoria	14	21.00	21.00	
	Princeton	16	24.00	24.00	
	Rockford	20	30.00	30.00	
	Roseland	11	16.50	16.50	
	Wyanet	37	55.50	<u>55.50</u>	\$ 321.50
<u>Ministerial Payments</u>					
	Rev. A. L. Bray			\$ 36.76	
	Rev. W. D. Craker			47.65	
	Rev. D. C. Durey			20.00	
	Rev. C. E. Olander			<u>99.20</u>	203.61
					<u>525.11</u>

Total Credits \$ 532.51

Disbursements To Rev. D. A. Rees, Treasurer, By Fund Checks \$ 403.16
Direct by Rev. C. E. Olander 61.20 464.36

Balance on Hand July 15, 1953 \$ 68.15

Ministerial Fee not disbursed \$ 20.00
Subject to direction of Conference 48.15

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ruth Jontz, Treasurer.

Report No. 18.Child Evangelism Secretary

All of the churches were contacted this year relative to Child Evangelism classes. Four responded with weekly classes; Oak Park, Wyanet, Peoria and Rockford. Reports from these classes give an approximate enrollment of 85.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ethel Dyer, Secretary.

Report No. 19.Sunday School Board

The Sunday School Board met four times, twice in full committee and twice with two members present. Principal actions included the purchase of a SVE filmstrip projector, and the study of means of promotion in the Conference. By direction of the Board, the Conference Sunday School Secretary communicated with each pastor concerning the holding of a public service for the local church in the interests of the Sunday School. One response was received. Some visual aids for teacher training were viewed and evaluated, with the question of their use left for further inquiry.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. J. J. Blaine, Sunday School Sec'y.
Rev. Harry Moeller
Rev. W. D. Craker

Report No. 20.Sunday School Committee

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

Submitted by your committee,
Rev. Wendel D. Craker, Chairman.
Rev. Harry Moeller Mr. John Kodl
Rev. L. G. Anderson Mr. Gwyn Jones

Report No. 21.Moral Reform Committee.

In these days when different factions of the world are engrossed in a great struggle for power; when justice, principle, morality, and righteousness are being sacrificed to expediency even in our own government, the Church of Jesus Christ needs more than ever before to stand firmly and clearly for God's moral law and the application of this law to every area of human endeavor. In these days when different factions of the Church of Jesus Christ are themselves sacrificing truth of doctrine and emphasis on the power of godliness, and are embracing the spirit of the world with its attendant evils rather than the Spirit of God with His power for holy living, it is imperative that we as born again believers reaffirm and reemphasize the Bible teachings of regeneration, sanctification, and separation. We must earnestly contend for the faith. We must be dogmatic in our opposition to communism, political religionism, liberalism, neo-orthodoxy, cultism, levity, irreverence, and indifference. If we as Christians do not act as the salt of the earth, then certainly the earth will continue unseasoned and unsaved.

1) Be it resolved that we as Wesleyans earnestly seek by every means to deepen the im-

press of Christ's image upon our characters and personalities; that we go on unto perfection; that, denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts which would hinder our spiritual growth, we live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world in order that we might shine as lights in a dark place.

2) Be it resolved that we reemphasize the absolute necessity of intercessory prayer and personal Bible study among our people to bring about this deepening of our own Christian lives and thus to prepare us for reaching our troubled world with the message of salvation.

3) Be it resolved that all of our people continue to seek and maintain the fullness of the Holy Spirit in their lives in order that they might be clean channels through which God can pour His power.

4) Be it resolved that we reaffirm our confidence in the general and special rules of the Wesleyan Methodist Church; that we urge our people to show simplicity, modesty, and economy not only in dress but in the purchase and use of all things; to refrain from alliances in organizations which would compromise our Christian testimony; to oppose in every way possible the liquor, tobacco, narcotics, and gambling traffic.

5) Be it resolved that our local churches initiate or support local option movements to remove the liquor influences in their communities, that they take a clear and public stand in opposition to present trends in Illinois toward legalized gambling.

6) Be it resolved that our churches seek in every practicable way to strengthen our influence in our communities; that we use proper publicity such as advertising, news articles, signs, and radio announcements; that we cooperate where possible in community projects and let our neighbors know that we are present to serve and to help and not to criticize and to shun.

7) Be it resolved that we stand firmly opposed to our government's proposed program of Universal Military Training, with its resulting corruption of young minds, emphasis on force and power, and denial of God's ability to protect a godly nation.

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

It is the recommendation of the Moral Reform Committee that this report be read by each pastor in a public service in his church.

Respectfully submitted,
Vera Brainerd, Chairman.
Geneva J. Brown
Rev. David D. Crail

Report No. 22.

Board of Superannuate Ministers' Aid.

We, the pension fund committee, submit the following report:

- 1) All budget is paid in full to the General Conference Pension Fund Treasurer.
- 2) According to the Conference pension fund treasurer's report, we have four ministers who are members of this plan.
- 3) Definite action was taken by the Conference President this year to arrange with the churches to help make it possible for each pastor to become a member. This effort brought good results, and we believe next year's report will show an increase of membership. An offer to pay \$5 of the entrance fee has been volunteered, and each minister joining during the coming year can still take advantage of same.
- 4) We recommend that any receipts from local churches in excess of the total amount assessed by the general conference be retained by the conference pension fund treasurer as a backlog to be used in the event of a deficit in the receipts. In the event this plan is not satisfactory with the general treasurer, we recommend that the Conference President and this Board formulate a plan to be worked out on the level of the local church.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. W. H. Dyer, Chairman; Rev. O. E. Price

Report No. 23.

Thanks Committee.

We wish to thank the following who have helped to make our camp a blessing:

- 1) God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for the grace and blessing which made the camp and conference so valuable to each one present.
- 2) The Rev. Misses Carrie M. Hazzard and Lois E. Richardson who served as camp evangelists so faithfully.

- 3) Stanley L. Morse, who served as song leader for the camp; Mrs. Wendel Craker, our camp pianist; and others who ministered in song and music.
- 4) The Camp Committee and Youth Camp Committee, who under God planned the camp meeting and youth program.
- 5) Rev. D. C. Durey, camp registrar and treasurer, and Rev. Harry Moeller and Mrs. A. L. Bray, who were in charge of room assignments.
- 6) Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, our denominational president, whose presence, counsel, and faithful ministry are deeply appreciated.
- 7) Miss Esther Lien and Miss Geneva Brown, who ministered in kitchen and dining hall; waitresses and other helpers on the kitchen staff; Rev. L. G. Anderson, the camp buyer, his assistant, Rev. Will H. Dyer, and others who helped with work on the grounds.
- 8) The local ladies missionary societies, who supplied the camp necessities.
- 9) Rev. W. W. Mc Cormick, superintendent of the Illinois Conference of the Free Methodist Church; Rev. A. A. Finders; the Camp Meeting Board, and all members of the Free Methodist Church, who graciously permitted the use of their camp grounds.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. R. E. Mullen, Chairman.
 Mrs. L. G. Anderson, Mrs. Harold Woods.

Report No. 24.

Finance Committee.

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

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

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

- II. The Illinois Conference Budget assessments shall be:

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

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

- III. Miscellaneous Assessments shall be:

General Sunday School Dues	10¢ per member. *
Conference Sunday School Dues	10¢ " " . *

(* Membership is based on total number in the Main School, as recorded in the 1953 Minutes.)

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

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

b) We recommend that the president be paid \$200 per month, in advance, out of the president's salary fund. We report that Dr. Swauger has promised \$100 per month additional support as long as funds for this purpose are available.

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

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

Report No. 25.Standing Rules Committee.

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

A. Delete the word 'Annual' wherever it is a proper adjective and substitute the word 'Illinois', to correspond with the corporate name.

B. Article II, Section 1). Clarify legal status of Trustees by making the section read:

"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."

C. Article II, Section 2). Define more carefully by making the section to read:

"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."

D. Article IV, Section 1). Change the dates of the annual conference and camp meeting by making this section to read:

"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."

E. Article IV, Section 2). Remove from this section the portions relating to statistics, making it read as follows:

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

F. Article IV, Section 3). Renumber this section as follows, without further alteration:

"6) Audit."

G. Article IV, Section 4). Renumber this section as follows, without further alteration:

"3) Budget Items."

H. Article IV, Section 5). Attach to this section the statistical portions from Section 2), and alter to read as follows:

"5) Statistical Report. Resolved, that no remittances postmarked later than June 30th 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 that are correct, and check those that are incorrect with the pastor when he registers for conference"

I. Article IV, Section 6). Renumber this section and alter it to read as follows:

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

J. Article IV, Section 10). Add an item to make this section read:

"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 cleanup."

K. Article IV, Section 12). Reletter the two subsections, (b) and (c), respectively, and insert a new subsection (a), as follows:

"12) Minutes. Resolved, (a) That the Conference President and Secretary constitute a committee to edit and publish the annual conference minutes;"

L. Article IV, Section 5). Alter this section to read:

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

M. Article VI, Section 6). Add a new section, reading as follows:

"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."

Respectfully submitted,
Conference Trustees, Rev. A. L. Bray, Ch'mn.

Report No. 26.Statistical Committee.

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

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. D. C. Durey, Chairman
 Rev. C. E. Olander
 Mrs. Frank Herrin Mr. Robert Zuhl

Report No. 27.Pastoral Relations Committee.

Your committee recommends the following appointments for the coming year:

Conference President

Rev. Arthur L. Bray.

Pastoral Relations

Chicagoland (Oak Park):

Rev. Carl E. Olander.

Creve Coeur:

Rev. James A. Elaine.

Hoopeston:

Rev. LaVerne G. Anderson.

Hoynes Avenue (Chicago);

Rev. Harry Moeller.

Maywood:

Rev. David D. Crail.

Oak Lawn:

Rev. Robert L. Zuhl.

Peoria:

Rev. Orville E. Price.

Princeton:

Rev. Daren C. Durey.

Rockford:

Rev. William H. Dyer.

Roseland:

Rev. Wendel D. Craker.

Sheffield:

Rev. Clarence C. Mc Carty, Pastor.

Wyanet:

Rev. Mrs. Ivabelle Mc Carty, Assistant Pastor.

Rev. Stephen F. Pillsbury, Pastor.

Rev. Mrs. Divine Pillsbury, Assistant Pastor.

Evangelistic Relations

Rev. Willard L. Archer, Rev. Francis A. Davis,

Rev. Glenn R. Dyer, Rev. Ronald E. Mullen,

Rev. Pearl Poe.

Unstatedion Elder

Rev. Ralph B. Patterson.

Transferred to Iowa Conference

Rev. Merne A. Harris.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. A. L. Bray, Chairman.
 Rev. Wm. H. Dyer Mr. Wm. F. Tice
 Rev. C. E. Olander Mr. H. R. Dyer
 Rev. S. F. Pillsbury Mr. S. Hugh Paine, Jr.

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

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Held at Belvidere, Illinois, July 28 - Aug. 1, 1953.

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CONFERENCE OFFICERS, 1953 - 1954

President —	Mrs. Rachel Bray, 501 N. Leamington, Chicago 44, Illinois.
Vice President —	Mrs. Ethel Dyer, 1406 School St., Rockford, Illinois.
Secretary —	Mrs. Betty Paine, 10551 S. State St., Chicago 28, Illinois.
Treasurer —	Mrs. Irene Olander, 1040 Augusta Blvd., Oak Park, Illinois.
Y.M.W.B. Superintendent —	Mrs. Edna Moeller, 2108 W. Iowa St., Chicago 22, Illinois.
Corresponding and Prayer Partner Secretary —	Mrs. Kathleen Dyer, R. R. #1, Princeton, Illinois.
Mission Study Secretary —	Mrs. Florence Hames, 3822 Cleveland, Brookfield, Illinois.
Magazine Solicitor —	Mrs. Mildred Barker, R. R. #1, Princeton, Illinois.

REGISTER OF SOCIETIES and PRESIDENTS for Year.

Chicagoland (Oak Park)	— Miss Geneva J. Brown, 305 N. Forest Ave., Oak Park, Illinois.
Creve Coeur	— Mrs. Vera Davison, 336 E. Carola, Creve Coeur, Illinois.
Hoopeston	— Mrs. Rebbe Anderson, 526 E. Thompson, Hoopeston, Illinois.
Hoynes Avenue (Chicago)	— Mrs. Edna Moeller, 2108 W. Iowa St., Chicago 22, Illinois.
Oak Lawn	— Mrs. Aleene Blaine, 6821 W. 96th St., Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Peoria	— Mrs. Alice Woodhouse, 504 Spring St., Peoria, Illinois.
Princeton	— Mrs. Bertha Durey, 211 N. Pleasant Street, Princeton, Illinois.
Rockford	— Mrs. Tiena Winterberg, 3033 Grant Blvd., Rockford, Illinois.
Roseland (Chicago)	— Mrs. Betty Paine, 10551 S. State St., Chicago 28, Illinois.
Wyanet	— Mrs. Kathleen Dyer, R. R. #1, Princeton, Illinois.

CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

Chicagoland	— Mrs. Antonia Kodl (6)	Peoria	— Mrs. Hazel Price (8)
Creve Coeur	— Mrs. Lois Mullen (5)	Princeton	— Mrs. Mildred Barker (7)
Hoopeston	— Mrs. Mary Cloud	Rockford	— Mrs. Myrtle Bryant (8)
Hoynes Avenue	— Miss Vivian Baude (6)	Roseland	— Mrs. Norma Jean Craker (7)
Oak Lawn	— Mrs. Mildred Botta (6)	Wyanet	— Mrs. Mildred Wallace (8)

Meetings attended are indicated by numbers in parentheses.

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.First Meeting -- 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, 1953.

Opening -- The Woman's Missionary Society of the Illinois Conference held the first meeting of its fourth annual session in the Missionary Chapel at Camp Epworth, Belvidere, Illinois, with the president, Mrs. Rachel Bray, presiding. Mrs. Norma Jean Craker led in singing the chorus, "On the Darkest Side of the Road."

Devotions -- Rev. Miss Lois Richardson, one of the camp evangelists, talked about seventeen women in the Bible who were conquerors because they obediently followed the Lord. She urged each one present to dare to do and be the same. Mrs. Hazel Price led in prayer.

Roll Call -- The roll of delegates and new presidents was called, following which the remaining ladies present were asked to introduce themselves to the conference.

Book Report — Mrs. Antonia Kodl brought a report from the book, "On the Calvary Road", emphasizing the importance of confession, cleansing, humility, and yieldedness in the lives of Christians in order to make revival possible.

Committees — The report of the nominating committee for committee chairmen was adopted as read. Additional members were elected, and the conference committees are as follows: Credentials Committee: Mrs. Antonia Kodl; Statistical Committee: Mrs. Aleene Blaine, Miss Geneva Brown; Auditing Committee: Mrs. Mildred Wallace, Mrs. Norma Jean Craker; Plan of Work Committee: Mrs. Tiena Winterberg. By prevailing motion, Mrs. Winterberg was asked to select four other members for the committee, who are: Mrs. Irene Olander, Mrs. Ivanelle Mc Carty, Miss Vivian Baude, Mrs. Lois Mullen; Post Office Committee: Mrs. Myrtle Bryant, Mrs. Bertha Durey; Magazine Committee: Miss Vivian Baude, Mrs. Mildred Barker; Orders of the Day Committee: Mrs. Rachel Bray, Mrs. Ethel Dyer, Mrs. Betty Paine; Courtesy Committee: Mrs. Ethel Dyer, Mrs. Hazel Price. (Report No. 1.)

Reporter — Mrs. Aleene Blaine was elected as reporter to the Wesleyan Missionary Magazine.

Nominating Committee — The motion prevailed that a committee of five members to nominate conference officers be elected. The following committee was elected: Mrs. Irene Olander, Mrs. Ivanelle Mc Carty, Mrs. Aleene Blaine, Mrs. Barbara Crail, and Mrs. Bertha Durey.

President's Report — The president's report was read and received with a rising vote of appreciation. (Report No. 2.)

Corresponding and Prayer Partner Secretary — Mrs. Kathleen Dyer presented the Mission Study books for the current year and other items of interest as Corresponding Secretary. She then read the Prayer Partner Secretary's report, which was received by prevailing motion. (Report No. 3.)

Honorary Member — The motion was adopted that Mrs. Barbara Crail be invited to sit as an honorary member of the conference.

Prayer Meeting — By common consent, 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. was set as the time for the Ladies' Prayer Meeting, to be held in the Missionary Chapel with Miss Vera Brainerd in charge.

Adjourned by prevailing motion.

Second Meeting — 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, 1953.

Opening — The meeting opened with the singing of the chorus, "Send a Great Revival".

Devotions — "How to Pray" was the theme of the message Rev. Carrie Hazzard, camp evangelist brought, using the story of Hannah's request, her adversary, and her promise, as an example of overcoming prayer.

Mission Study Secretary — The report of the Mission Study Secretary was read and received as corrected. (Report No. 4.)

Child Evangelism — The Conference Child Evangelism Secretary, Mrs. Ethel Dyer, presented the need of an emphasis on the salvation of children, with the request that each church have at least one interested person contact her regarding the starting of a local child evangelism class.

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

Treasurer's Report — Mrs. Irene Olander presented the W. M. S. treasurer's report, which was received by the conference with a rising vote of thanks and referred to the auditing committee. (Report No. 6.)

Y. M. W. B. Superintendent's Report — Mrs. Edna Moeller read the Y.M.W.B. Treasurer's report, which was adopted and referred to the auditing committee. (Report No. 7.) Mrs. Moeller briefly presented some items of interest for local Y.M.W.B. superintendents with the announcement of a special Y.M.W.B. superintendent's meeting to be held subsequently.

Orders of the Day — Orders of the Day called for the reading of letters from missionaries. A letter from Rev. A. Gordon Wolfe, Japan, was read by Mrs. Mc Carty; also letters from Mrs. Florence Hayes, Means, Kentucky, by Vivian Baude; from Margaret Wright, India, by Mrs. Anderson; from Pearl Crapo, Haiti, by Mrs. Mullen.

Adjourned by prevailing motion. Mrs. Ethel Dyer led in the closing prayer.

Third Meeting — 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 30, 1953.

Opening — "Great is Thy Faithfulness" was sung in opening the meeting, following which Mrs. Kathleen Dyer led in prayer.

Courtesy Committee Report — The committee presented Mrs. Louise Getty, Saginaw, Michigan, camp children's worker, who shared with us her personal experience of missionary interest and burden.

Book Report — Mrs. Evelyn Woods gave an interesting book report on the life of Mary Slessor.

Minutes — The minutes of the two preceding meetings were read and adopted.

Report Blanks — The monthly report of Jubilee goals blanks were distributed.

Prayer Chain Letter — A letter on special prayer meetings from Mrs. Dorothy Cretaigner, General Conference Prayer Partner Secretary, was read and referred to the Plan of Work

Committee for a plan of action.

Missionary Speakers — The motion prevailed that Rev. and Mrs. Marion Birch, returned missionaries from Africa, be asked to travel the conference from October 1st to 10th, 1953. The motion also prevailed that a home missionary be asked to travel the conference in the Spring, the time and personnel to be arranged by the president. The motion was adopted that the president be authorized to arrange for as many foreign and home missionaries to travel the conference as opportunity affords.

Orders of the Day — The Orders of the Day called for a workshop to discuss ways to build better missionary societies. Mrs. Irene Olander presided. Mrs. Bertha Durey, Mrs. Tiena Winterberg, Mrs. Norma Jean Craker, Miss Vivian Baude and Mrs. Kathleen Dyer formed a discussion panel. Suggestions for increasing membership and attendance, for planning more helpful and interesting programs and for promoting the mission study course were given in this very profitable seminar.

Adjourned until 8:00 a.m. Friday by prevailing motion.

Fourth Meeting — 8:00 a.m. Friday, July 31, 1953.

Opening — Mrs. Norma Jean Craker led the conference in singing "Channels Only" and "Give Me Oil in My Lamp".

Devotions — Conference was led in prayer by the president, Mrs. Rachel Bray, after a devotional study based on the 53rd chapter of Isaiah.

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

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

Election of Officers — The report of the nominating committee was read and received. (Report No. 8.) The results of the election were as follows:

President, Mrs. Rachel Bray; Vice President, Mrs. Ethel Dyer; Secretary, Mrs. Betty Paine; Treasurer, Mrs. Irene Olander; Y.M.W.B. Superintendent, Mrs. Edna Moeller; Prayer Partner and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Kathleen Dyer; Mission Study Secretary, Mrs. Florence Hames; Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Mildred Barker.

Adjourned until 3:00 p.m. Friday.

Fifth Meeting — 3:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, 1953.

Opening — Mrs. Kathleen Dyer led in opening prayer.

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

Orders of the Day — Orders of the Day called for a message from Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, general president. Dr. Nicholson reviewed the problems caused by the serious changes in the economic and political situations as they relate to each of our fields. In conclusion Dr. Nicholson urged that by the help of the Lord we pray, do, and give more in the future than we have in the past to meet the emergency.

Magazine Solicitor — The report of the conference magazine solicitor, Mrs. Bertha Durey, was read and adopted. (Report No. 9.)

Greetings — The motion prevailed that Mrs. Rachel Bray carry the greetings of the Illinois W.M.S. Conference to the Iowa W.M.S. Conference at its centennial celebration.

Adjourned until 8:00 a.m. Saturday.

Sixth Meeting — 8:00 a.m. Saturday, August 1, 1953.

Opening — The conference repeated the 23rd Psalm in unison and was led in prayer by Mrs. Tiena Winterberg and Mrs. Betty Paine, in opening. Mrs. Norma Jean Craker led in singing "On the Darkest Side of the Road."

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

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

Plan of Work Committee Report — A partial report of the Plan of Work Committee was read and adopted. (Report No. 10.)

Statistical Committee — Mrs. Aleene Blaine read the report of the Statistical Committee, which was adopted by prevailing motion. (Report No. 11.)

Adjourned until 11:00 a.m. Saturday.

Seventh Meeting — 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 1, 1953.

Opening — The meeting was led in the opening prayer by Mrs. Betty Paine.

Statistical Committee Chairman — The motion prevailed that the conference president be authorized to appoint a statistical committee chairman in advance of conference.

Auditing Committee — The report of the auditing committee was read and adopted. (Report No. 12.)

Magazine Soliciting Committee Report — The report of the magazine soliciting committee was given and received. (Report No. 13.)

Courtesy Committee Report — The courtesy committee presented Dr. Wm. Mc Conn, President of Marion College, who brought words of appreciation for the investment the W.M.S. has made

in Marion College.

Orders of the Day — The Orders of the Day called for "History of Wesleyan Methodist Missions", in commemoration of our fiftieth year as a W. M. S. Mrs. Ethel Dyer gave an instructive and challenging report.

Post Office Committee — The report of the Post Office Committee was read and adopted. (Report No. 14.)

Greetings — A letter of greetings from Mrs. Ruth Dyer was read. The motion prevailed that the secretary send greetings from the conference to Mrs. Dyer.

Adjourned until 3:00 p.m. Closing prayer was offered by Mrs. Norma Jean Craker.

Eighth Meeting — 3:30 p.m. Saturday, August 1, 1953.

Opening — The conference was led in prayer by Mrs. Bray.

Courtesy Committee Report — The courtesy committee presented Mrs. Walton, President of the Illinois Conference of the Free Methodist Missionary Society, who gave her greetings to conference.

Plan of Work Committee Report — The Plan of Work Committee reported the remaining items in the Plan which were adopted as an addition to the previous partial report. (Report No. 10)

Executive Committee Report — The report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted. (Report No. 15.)

Minutes — The minutes of the sixth and seventh meetings were read and approved.

Courtesy Committee Report — The courtesy committee presented Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph, General President of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, who addressed the conference.

In her opening remarks, Mrs. Reisdorph pointed out that it is the leading of the Holy Spirit that makes revival and advancement for the Lord possible; therefore it is important to be sensitive and obedient to His leading. She then related incidents from the world tour recently completed by herself and Dr. Reisdorph. African womanhood was graphically portrayed in contrast with privileged Americans.

W. M. S. REPORTS

Report No. 1.

Nominating Committee.

The Following Committees are recommended: Credentials Committee; Mrs. Antonia Kodl. Statistical Committee; Mrs. Aleene Blaine, Miss Geneva Brown. Auditing Committee; Mrs. Mildred Wallace, Mrs. Norma Jean Craker. Plan of Work Committee; Mrs. Tiena Winterberg, Chairman. Post Office Committee; Mrs. Myrtle Bryant, Mrs. Bartha Durey. Magazine Committee; Miss Vivian Baude, Mrs. Mildred Barker. Orders of the Day Committee; Mrs. Rachel Bray, Mrs. Ethel Dyer, Mrs. Betty Paine. Courtesy Committee; Mrs. Ethel Dyer, Mrs. Hazel Price.

Respectfully Submitted,
Executive Board.

Report No. 2.

President of the W. M. S.

Friends of the Illinois Conference:

Once more the passing of the months brings us to our conference time, with the responsibility of reporting to our ladies the state of the work of our Societies and the account of our stewardship.

In spite of the opposition of Satan, our Conference shows some gains. We have organized one new society. Our total membership has increased from 141 members to 204. Our magazine subscriptions have increased from 123 to 176. The reports from the societies are full of reference to many good meetings, missionary boxes sent off, books covered in the Course of Study, and excellent participation in the Plan of Work. We praise God for these evidences of missionary vision among our ladies.

As your Conference President, we have endeavored to serve God and the Conference to the best of our ability this past year. We have been conscious of His presence in our life and can say that "He is our sufficiency".

We visited four of the local societies as we had opportunity and found each of them to be a zealous, active society.

In November we organized a new society in Creve Coeur with nine charter members.

We arranged for and planned the fall missionary convention at Wyandot. The need of Home Missions was presented by Miss Delores Lobdell, formerly of the Mexican Mission at Ocean-side, California.

It was our great privilege to attend and participate in the Area Jubilee Convention at Fairmount, Indiana, June 23-27, 1953.

As the W. M. S. representative on the annual conference Missionary Board, we attended four Missionary Board meetings this past year.

Each society was contacted by means of the monthly missionary letter.

We arranged for the tour of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Wager from Japan, who visited each of the churches in March, 1953.

We received \$6.90 for the desk fund from seven of the ten societies. This has all been disbursed for postage and office expense.

In closing, we would encourage our ladies to continue faithful in their support of missionaries in prayer and finances. The part which one society plays may seem insignificant to you when numbers and offerings are small. But remember as many small bricks total up to a great building we too in joint labor and sacrificial giving can be a tower of strength for Christ and His great missionary cause.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Bray, President.

Report No. 3.

Prayer Partner Secretary.

Eleven prayer partner circles of the Illinois Conference reported a total of 129 prayer partners. A total of 32 home and 131 foreign missionaries was chosen. One Y.M.W.B. prayer partner reported.

Two of the societies reported joint prayer partner circles with neighbor churches since they have no organized missionary society.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Dyer, Secretary.

Report No. 4.

Mission Study Secretary.

We have had eight ladies who completed the maximum reading course for 1952, and fourteen who completed the minimum requirement of four books for 1952.

For those who were unable to quite complete the course, the time is being extended until the end of the quadrennium; but we want to urge you in so doing to also keep up with the present reading course.

Those reading the maximum number (6 annually) for the three years, 1952, 1953 and 1954, merit the Quadrennial Certificate with the gold seal; those doing the minimum reading (4 annually) will receive the Quadrennial Certificate with the blue seal.

Ladies, let's get busy and catch up on our missionary reading. It has proved to be such a blessing to so many, may it bless and enrich each one of our lives as we read and absorb the riches in store in these wonderful books.

If there is any society secretary who has not given her final report to our Conference Secretary, and it has altered since April, please be sure to report it so it can be counted. The following reported:

Hoyle Avenue: One lady completed 6 books; two completed 4 books.

Oak Lawn: Two ladies completed 6 books; six completed 4 books.

Oak Park: Four ladies completed 6 books; two completed 4 books.

Rockford: Four ladies completed 6 books; six completed 4 books.

Roseland: Two ladies completed 6 books.

Respectfully submitted,
Mission Study Secretary.

Report No. 5.

Orders of the Day Committee.

We recommend the following features for the W.M.S. conference program:

Missionary Letters —	Wednesday Afternoon, July 29.
Work Shop — Mrs. Irene Olander —	Thursday Afternoon, July 30.
Election of Officers —	Friday Morning, July 31.
Address by Denominational Representative —	Friday P.M., July 31.
Jubilee Day —	Saturday, August 1.

History of Wesleyan Missions — Mrs Ethel Dyer —

Saturday Morning, August 1.

Public Missionary Service — Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph —

Saturday Night, August 1.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ethel Dyer, Secretary.

Report No. 6.

Treasurer of the W.M.S.

<u>CASH FUND</u>	<u>On Hand</u> <u>July 15, 1952</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>On Hand</u> <u>Jul 25, 1953</u>
General Conference	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Home Missions	—	232.73	227.81	4.92
Australia	—	13.00	13.00	—
Hephzibah Orphanage	—	44.07	44.07	—
Foreign Missions	—	414.19	407.28	6.91
India	—	85.20	85.20	—
Japan	—	22.40	22.40	—
Medical Student	—	21.00	21.00	—
Medical Missions	—	24.05	24.05	—
Education	—	109.54	109.54	—
Administrative Fund	—	30.75	30.75	—
Membership Dues	—	48.75	48.50	0.25
Missionary Magazine Deficit	—	20.00	20.00	—
Illinois Conference	—	—	—	—
Conference Missions	0.45	207.17	202.95	4.67
Dining Hall Upkeep	22.00	40.00	22.00	40.00
Administrative Fund	29.99	85.73	65.98	49.74
<u>Total Cash Funds</u>	<u>\$ 52.44</u>	<u>\$1,398.58</u>	<u>\$1,344.53</u>	<u>\$ 106.49</u>
Total Voucher Receipts			\$ 126.97	
Total Cash Receipts			<u>1,398.58</u>	
<u>Total Receipts for the Year 1952-1953.</u>			<u>\$1,525.55</u>	

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Irene Olander, Treasurer.

Report No. 7.

Y.M.W.B. Statistical Report.

<u>BAND</u>	<u>Foreign</u> <u>Missions</u>	<u>Home</u> <u>Missions</u>	<u>Jubilee</u> <u>Offering</u> <u>for</u> <u>Hospital</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Support</u> <u>of</u> <u>Karen</u> <u>Ortlip</u>	<u>Grand</u> <u>Total</u>
Chicagoland	\$ 39.02	\$46.28	\$	\$51.61	\$ 29.80	\$166.71
Creve Coeur					8.00	8.00
Hoopeston	17.49	1.00		3.15	10.00	31.64
Hoyne Avenue	33.87	11.85	29.49	11.08	20.20	106.49
Oak Lawn	11.40	3.00		2.00	13.82	30.22
Peoria	12.07	1.25	5.68		21.00	40.00
Princeton	55.59	5.70	16.35	7.36	20.00	105.00
Rockford	44.95	8.75	39.00	9.00	35.00	136.70
Sheffield		4.00		4.00	10.00	18.00
Wyanet	54.10	9.49		4.24	32.00	99.83
Camp Offering						(18.30)
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$268.49</u>	<u>\$91.32</u>	<u>\$90.52</u>	<u>\$92.44</u>	<u>\$199.82</u>	<u>\$742.59</u>

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

Report No. 8.Committee on Slate of Officers.

The nominating committee met and presents the following names for consideration:
 President, Mrs. Rachel Bray. Vice President, Mrs. Ethel Dyer. Secretary, Mrs. Betty Paine. Treasurer, Mrs. Norma Jean Craker. Y.M.W.B. Superintendent, Mrs. Edna Moeller. Corresponding and Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. Kathleen Dyer. Mission Study Secretary, Mrs. Florence Hames. Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Mildred Barker.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mrs. Irene Olander, Chairman.
 Mrs. Ivanelle Mc Carty Mrs. Barbara Crail
 Mrs. Aleene Blaine Mrs. Bertha Durey

Report No. 9.Magazine Solicitor.

Subscription blanks were mailed to each local society to encourage regular reporting. We have had better response this year, and are happy to report a good gain in magazine subscriptions, although we have failed to get some renewals.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mrs. Bertha Durey, Solicitor.

Report No. 10.Plan of Work Committee.

We, your Committee on Plan of Work, submit the following recommendations:

A. Standards of Efficiency.

1. That arrangements be made with the pastor for one missionary prayer meeting each month.
2. That a minimum of ten meetings be held during the year in which prayer is given a prominent place and business is transacted (5%), and at least one public meeting (5%).
3. We recommend the formation of prayer partner circles in each society with a Prayer Partner Secretary to keep record of the same and report to the Conference Prayer Partner Secretary to be sent not later than sixty days after the rise of annual conference.
4. That the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 75% of the active membership be subscribers to The Wesleyan Missionary.
5. That a solicitor be elected for The Wesleyan Missionary, gaining not less than two subscriptions a year and as many renewals as possible, and send report blanks monthly to the Conference Magazine Solicitor, Mrs. Bertha Durey, 211 N. Pleasant St., Princeton, Ill.
6. That a delegate be elected to the annual conference of the W.M.S. (5%), and that the delegate be instructed by the local society regarding the amount to be pledged by the society at the annual conference session (5%).
7. That the dues of \$1.00 per member be sent directly to the conference W.M.S. treasurer, to be divided by her as follows: \$0.25 for Home Missions and \$0.25 for Foreign Missions, to be applied on budget; \$0.50 for local and general conference (5%); and that all monies and vouchers be sent to the conference treasurer monthly (5%).
8. That we secure every woman in the Church as a member of the society, or bring about a 10% gain in total membership.
9. That each local society pay annually an amount equal to \$0.25 per active member, to be used as a general administrative fund, not to apply on budget.
10. That the Efficiency Standard be read in the society at least once a year.
 (Ten per cent credit shall be given for each of the above items, and all societies making a grade of eighty percent shall be placed on the Honor Roll.)

B. Plan of Work.

1. That we read the books designated and use the program calendars and helps.
2. That we send five dollars to Hephzibah Orphanage.
3. That each society send five dollars or more to the conference W.M.S. treasurer for the upkeep of the dining hall.
4. That each society send cash or donations to the dining hall.
5. We recommend that local societies inquire into the needs of the home mission stations and orphanages before sending used clothing, and that no monetary value be placed on same; that such boxes be reported merely as to the number sent; that boxes of new merchandise be reported as to monetary value, and that the sending society evaluate same, the voucher of

evaluation signed by the missionary be forwarded to conference W.M.S. treasurer for proper receipting.

6. We recommend and urge each local society to subscribe to the Card Call plan and thus assist in the extension program of the Church.

7. a) That each society send an offering for the support of medical missions, which shall apply on Foreign Missions budget. Also contribute \$3.00 or more to the Medical Student Fund, not to apply on budget.

b) That our local societies make bandages and that these be forwarded promptly to the Missionary Home, 32 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, to await outgoing missionaries, the number of pounds to be reported with no value attached.

8. That three report blanks be sent to each society, two of which should be carefully filled out, one to be sent to the chairman of the Statistical Committee two weeks before the annual conference.

9. That the "In Remembrance" folders be used by the societies. Money should be sent to the conference W.M.S. treasurer, and the folders to the family.

10. That each society send two dollars or more to the conference W.M.S. treasurer to apply on the Wesleyan Missionary magazine deficit, not to apply on budget.

11. That at the assigned monthly fast and prayer day each member lay aside the price of a meal for the special requests that are presented in the Wesleyan Missionary.

12. That each society promote the Penny-A-Meal Plan for $\frac{1}{2}$ Foreign Missions, $\frac{1}{4}$ Home Missions, and $\frac{1}{4}$ Conference Missions, not to apply on budget.

13. That each society send 10¢ per member in coins or stamps directly to the president for desk fund, not to apply on the budget.

14. That as far as possible each society provide the following camp necessities:

- a) 1 Turkish towel and cloth.
- b) Silverware — service for 6 (including table spoons)
- c) 1 Table Cover (3 yards long)
- d) 2 Pillow covers (of feed or flour sacks)
- e) 2 Plastic aprons (bibless)
- f) 1 Quilt or blanket.

15. That we issue an award to the societies that qualify according to the following points:

- a) Making the Honor Roll in the Efficiency Standard.
- b) Securing magazine subscriptions equal to the active membership of the Society.
- c) Pursuing the Mission Study Course, sending name of local secretary to Conference Mission Study Secretary.
- d) Sending newly elected W.M.S. president to the annual conference session.
- e) That each society be a member of the Card Call Plan.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mrs. Tiena Winterberg, Chairman.
 Mrs. Kathleen Dyer Mrs. Ivanelle Mc Carty
 Mrs. Irene Olander Mrs. Myrtle Bryant

Report No. 11.

Statistical Committee.

(See table on next page)

Report No. 12.

Auditing Committee.

We have examined the books of the W.M.S. treasurer and have found them to be in order. We have examined the books of the Y.M.W.B. conference superintendent and have found them to be in order. We have adjusted one item to correspond with vouchers of the general Y.M.W.B. superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mrs. Mildred Wallace
 Mrs. Norma Jean Craker

Report No. 13.

Magazine Committee.

We have secured a total of five subscriptions to the Wesleyan Missionary.

Respectfully submitted,
 Miss Vivian Baude Mrs. Mildred Barker.

NAME OF SOCIETY	Membership				RECEIPTS												
	Active	Honorary	Gain	Loss	Total Number of Meetings Held	No. of Wesleyan Missionary Taken	% Efficiency Standard Rank	Membership Dues	Offerings	From Labor	"Memorials"	Voucher Receipts	Other Sources	Administrative Fund	Total Receipts for Year	Old Balance from Last Year	GRAND TOTAL
Chicagoland	30	12	13		24	32	100	\$ 42.00	\$ 155.37	\$	\$	\$	\$180.96	\$	\$ 378.33	\$ 1.11	\$ 379.44
Creve Coeur	9	3			17	10	85	12.00	45.01					1.25	58.26		58.26
Hoopeston	5			2	8	10	35	5.00	18.92						23.92	.95	24.87
Hoyne Avenue	10	2	2		28	13	80	12.00	52.83				78.09	2.50	145.42	7.44	152.86
Oak Lawn	24	10	13		32	20	90	34.00	84.92	4.00			87.79	6.00	216.71		216.71
Peoria	8	4		1	20	18	80	12.00	129.78						141.78	11.15	152.93
Princeton	17		4		18	16	79	17.00	147.97			10.00	3.00		177.97	.36	178.33
Rockford	15	7	10		13	18	100	22.00	129.63				89.41		241.04	1.76	242.80
Roseland	18	2			12	13	95	20.00	95.04		30.00	22.62	29.50		197.16	23.75	220.91
Wyanet	17	9		10	24	26	80	26.00	145.81	23.00			32.70	2.50	230.01	17.81	247.82
Totals	153	49	42	13	196	176	82.4	\$202.00	\$1,005.28	\$27.00	\$30.00	\$32.62	\$501.45	\$12.25	\$1,810.60	\$64.33	\$1,874.93

NAME OF SOCIETY	DISBURSEMENTS											
	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Medical Student	Hepzibah Cash	Education Cash	Local Church Work	Membership Dues	Other Objects	Administrative Fund	Total Disbursements	New Balance on Hand	GRAND TOTAL
Chicagoland	\$ 60.08	\$ 87.65	\$ 3.00	\$22.63	\$22.38	\$ 13.65	\$ 21.00	\$109.23	\$29.40	\$ 369.02	\$10.42	\$ 379.44
Creve Coeur	3.45	19.00	3.00	5.00		3.40	6.00	17.16	1.25	58.26		58.26
Hoopeston	2.91	2.91				9.30	2.50	5.68		23.30	1.57	24.87
Hoyne Avenue	12.12	37.45	3.00	8.02			6.00	80.63	2.50	149.72	3.14	152.86
Oak Lawn	29.03	40.73	3.00	5.00	17.36		17.00	88.29	6.00	206.41	10.30	216.71
Peoria	18.27	38.03		5.00	28.00		6.00	44.26	1.50	141.06	11.87	152.93
Princeton	19.29	40.24	3.00	5.00	12.84	41.60	8.50	44.12	3.25	177.84	.49	178.33
Rockford	43.67	65.20	3.00	5.00	7.86		11.00	103.12	3.75	242.60	.20	242.80
Roseland	21.00	75.50	3.00	5.00		76.47	10.00	24.80	4.50	220.27	.64	220.91
Wyanet	24.83	24.83	8.00	5.00	10.00	21.00	13.00	98.42	2.50	207.58	40.24	247.82
Totals	\$234.65	\$431.54	\$29.00	\$65.65	\$98.44	\$165.42	\$101.00	\$615.71	\$54.65	\$1,796.06	\$78.87	\$1,874.93

Report No. 14.Post Office Committee.

(See register of conference officers and local society presidents.)

Report No. 15.Executive Committee.

We, the Executive Committee, recommend:

1. That the offering received in the public Y.M.W.B. service be given toward the Advance Movement for Foreign Missions field.
2. That the cash offering taken at the public missionary program be applied on transportation for the Colesons' return to India.
3. That the pledges made at the public missionary program be divided, 1/3 to Foreign Missions, 1/3 to Home Missions and 1/3 to Conference Missions.
4. That \$25.00 be paid from the Conference Administrative Fund to Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph toward expense of travel to our conference.
5. That the following be made a Standing Rule:
"The Executive Committee shall appoint the chairmen of the several conference committees in advance of annual conference, from the list of new presidents and delegates which shall be reported to the Conference President by July 1st."
6. That the Executive Committee constitute the Orders of the Day Committee.
7. That the following societies receive the award, as defined in the Plan of Work: Chicagoland (Oak Park) and Rockford.

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

Minutes of the 1953 ANNUAL SESSION
of the Illinois Conference W. Y. P. S.

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Held at Belvidere, Illinois, July 28 to August 1, 1953.

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OFFICERS for 1953 - 1954

President	—	Rev. Ron Mullen,	1603 15th Avenue, Maywood, Ill.
Vice President	—	Rev. Robert Zuhl,	9101 S. Menard, Oak Lawn, Illinois.
Secretary	—	Miss Anne Paine,	10551 S. State St., Chicago 28, Ill.
Treasurer	—	Rev. James Blaine,	425 Roosevelt St., Creve Coeur, Ill.

LOCAL W.Y.P.S. OFFICERS.

Creve Coeur	—	Mr. Kenneth Shepard, President, P.O.Box 711, Peoria, Illinois. Miss Patsy Copeland, Secretary, 300 Albert, Creve Coeur, Ill.
Hoopeston	—	Miss Joan Ann Foster, President, 209 S. Second, Hoopeston, Ill. Mr. Ronald Cloud, Secretary, 416 E. McCraker, Hoopeston, Ill.
Hoyne Avenue Maywood	—	Mr. Philip Crail, President, 416 S. Sixth Ave., Maywood, Ill. Miss Carol Hood, Secretary, 4155 Harrison St., Hilltop, Ill.
Oak Lawn	—	Mr. John Blaine, President, 6821 96th St., Oak Lawn, Illinois. Miss Evelyn Young, Secretary, 4825 W. 86th Pl., Oak Lawn, Ill.
Oak Park	—	Mr. Orville Senger, President, 301 Chicago Ave., Oak Park, Ill. Miss Penny Cronk, Secretary, 301 Chicago Ave., Oak Park, Ill.
Rockford	—	Mr. Martin Winterberg, 3033 Grant Blvd., Rockford, Illinois. Mr. Robert Hohm, Secretary, 1002 Furman, Rockford, Illinois.
Sheffield	—	Miss Anna Mae McCarty, President, Box 475, Sheffield, Ill. Miss Marilyn Stonewall, Secretary, Sheffield, Illinois.
Wyanet	—	Miss Linda Dyer, President, R.F.D.#1, Princeton, Illinois. Miss Judith Johnson, Secretary, Wyanet, Illinois.

PROCEEDINGS.

First Meeting — 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 28, 1953.

The first meeting of the annual business session of the Illinois Conference W. Y. P. S. was called to order by the president, Rev. Ron Mullen, following a period of devotions.

The two front rows were designated as the Conference Bar. Miss Anne Paine was appointed as secretary pro-tem.

The Credentials committee was composed of Mr. Phil Crail and Miss Dorothy Dyer. The following delegates were seated: Dorothy Dyer, Rockford; Robert Zuhl, Oak Park; Alice Glassey, Oak Lawn; Vivian Baude, Hoyne Avenue; Anne Paine, Roseland; Philip Crail and George Hood, Maywood; Pat Copeland, Creve Coeur; David Crail, Chicagoland district chairman. Delegates seated later were: Sandra Sergeant, Princeton; Linda Dyer and Ruby Salsman, Wyanet; Sandra Riley and Joanne Foster, Hoopeston.

Rev. Carl Olander closed the meeting with prayer.

Second Meeting — 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 29, 1953.

The second meeting was called to order by the president, following a period of prayer.

The courtesy committee presented to the conference body Stan Morse, the evangelist of music, and Orville Senger, president of the Oak Park society.

The president's report was read and adopted. A report of Youth Week finances was included and adopted, pending the instructions of the conference secretary. (Report No. 1.)

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

A brief report from the Chicagoland District was given. Verbal reports from other societies were also given.

A statistical and auditing committee, composed of Anne Paine and David Crail, was created.

A nominating committee was elected, composed of Rev. A. L. Bray, Rev. W. H. Dyer, Philip Crail, Anne Paine and Dorothy Dyer.

The meeting was adjourned by limitation of time.

Third Meeting — 8:30 a.m. Thursday, July 30, 1953.

The meeting was called to order by the president after devotions.

Reports from the local societies were continued.

Courtesy committee presented Rev. A. L. Bray, who took the Chair to hear the report of the nominating committee and to conduct the election of officers.

Officers elected for the following year were: Robert Zuhl, President; Ron Mullen, Vice President; Anne Paine, Secretary; James Blaine, Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned by limitation of time.

Fourth Meeting — 8:30 a.m. Friday, July 31, 1953.

The meeting was called to order by Ron Mullen, following a period of prayer.

The courtesy committee presented Alice Glassey, delegate from Oak Lawn, to the conference. Reports of the societies were concluded.

The credentials committee reported some credentials missing. A motion prevailed that a note from the pastor would be sufficient in lieu of formal credentials.

A Plan of Work committee was created, composed of Robert Zuhl, Philip Crail, Anne Paine Dorothy Dyer, and Sandra Sergeant. (See Report No. 3.)

A motion prevailed that the conference banner be awarded three times a year, adding conference time to the former plan.

An informal exchange of ideas about recreation in different societies was held.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Fifth Meeting — 8:30 a.m. Saturday, August 1, 1953.

The meeting was called to order by Ron Mullen, following a period of prayer.

The courtesy committee presented Dr. Mc Conn, president of Marion College, and Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, general president, to the conference body.

The report of the statistical committee was read and adopted. (Report No. 4.)

By invitation, Rev. A. L. Bray took the Chair.

The resignation of Robert Zuhl as president-elect was presented. It was accepted by vote. A motion prevailed that the vice-president, Ron Mullen, be named president, and that Robert Zuhl be named vice-president.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Ron Mullen for his excellent work in behalf of our conference during the past year.

A motion prevailed that all unfinished business be left in the hands of the executive council.

Robert Zuhl closed the conference with prayer.

REPORTS for 1953 Session.Report No. 1.Conference W.Y.P.S. President.

Summary of Labors — Miles travelled, 1650; letters mailed, 215, plus three issues of Youth Notes and Youth Week and Youth Camp advertising; executive council meetings held, 3; attended Marion Area presidents' meeting October 14; contacted nine pastors by visits; organized three new societies, Crave Coeur, Maywood and Wyandot; held Fall "Get-Together" with more than sixty youth present; held Spring convention with more than 112 youth present; attended quadrennial national Youth Leaders' meeting at Marion College on Dec. 3-4, 1952; published the first three editions of Youth Notes, a monthly mimeographed roundup of news from the W.Y.P.S. societies; conducted "Youth Week Tour" throughout the conference with Stanley L. Morse and Jack Nichols (seven local or combined rallies were held, in which each church was included); published Youth Week and Youth Camp advertising through the "Hilltop Highlights". Gain in membership; 28. Gain in Meslevan Youth subscriptions, 25. Gain in total finances, \$14.12.

I am grateful to the members of the Conference W.Y.P.S. Executive Council, Rev. Carl Olander, Vice-President; Rev. D. C. Durey, Treasurer; Mrs. Robert Zuhl, Secretary; Rev. D. D. Crail, Chicagoland district chairman; and to Rev. A. L. Bray, conference president, for their earnest push, vision, and consecration in the work of the W.Y.P.S. I want to thank each society and pastor for the spiritual and numerical gains during the year. God is showing new things to the Illinois W.Y.P.S. and giving His Spirit to us. May the new year see greater steps taken for Him.

Financial Reports —1953 W. Y. P. S. Youth Tour.

Book Fund: Consignment of books from General WYPS, \$12.65. Book sales, \$9.35.
Deficit in Fund, \$3.30 (Some books were evidently thought to be free.)

Tour Receipts:	Offerings taken (all purposes)	\$108.09
Tour Debits:	Travel expense (664 miles)	\$ 33.20
	Food	14.88
	Other expense	8.50
	Honorarium to Stanley Morse	<u>51.51</u> <u>108.09</u>

Respectfully submitted,
 Ronald E. Mullen, President.

Report No. 2.

Conference W.Y.P.S. Treasurer.

Receipts --

General Dues	\$ 70.50
Foreign Missions	7.93
Home Missions	8.90
Education	3.97
Youth Week Offering	29.66
For Marion Men's Dormitory Fund	5.25
Youth Rally Offering	4.13
Conference Dues	<u>222.20</u>
Total Receipts	\$352.54

Balance on Hand July 15, 1952 105.56

Total Credits \$458.10

Balance on Hand July 15, 1953 39.78

\$418.32

Disbursements --

General Dues	\$ 70.50
Foreign Missions	7.93
Home Missions	8.90
Education	3.97
Youth Week Offering	29.66
Marion Men's Dormitory	5.25
Youth Camp Equipment	43.65
W.Y.P.S. Pioneer Project-Princeton	75.00
President's Travel Expense	44.78
Rally Speaker, Nap Holsinger	5.00
Conference Banner	6.22
Council Expense	28.20
Leaders' Conference Registration	8.00
Adding Machine Purchase	72.96
Area Dues	5.00
President's Book Deficit	<u>3.30</u>
Total Disbursements	\$418.32

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

Report No. 3.

Plan of Work Committee.

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

1. That three new societies be organized during the year.
2. That we emphasize Wesleyan Youth subscriptions, the Conference Secretary as solicitor.
3. That a complete membership list be compiled by the secretary.
4. That General and Conference dues be the personal responsibility of local members, to be paid quarterly to James Blaine, 425 Roosevelt St., Creve Coeur, Ill.
5. That Maywood W.Y.P.S. be responsible for the publication of Youth Notes and the W.Y.P.S. conference president be its editor.
6. That the Chicagoland district chairman call a meeting of the societies and elect two other members to the district executive committee, in accordance with the Discipline.
7. That we hold two conference-wide rallies during the year, one in spring and one in the fall.
8. That the president plan to visit each church during Youth Week, and at other opportunities, with a gospel team.
9. That the conference W.Y.P.S. vice president prepare a roster of youth equipment and care for the same during the year.
10. That the slogan, "Christ to the Uttermost", be adopted for another year.
11. That we shall take an active interest in the promotion of evangelism and pioneering in Illinois, under the direction of the Missionary Board, using conference dues to promote conference missions.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Ron Mullen Anne Paine
 Rev. Robert Zuhl Rev. James Blaine
 Rev. A. L. Bray

Report No. 4.

W.Y.P.S. Statistical Committee

(Statistics are tabulated on the following page.)

W. Y. P. S. STATISTICAL REPORT OF ILLINOIS CONFERENCE FOR 1952-'53

NAME OF SOCIETY	Active Members	Associate Members	Wesleyan Youth	Conference Dues	General Dues	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Local Work	Miscellaneous	Total Receipts Plus Balance	Total Disbursements	Cash on Hand
Creve Coeur	12		4	\$ 13.75	\$ 5.50	\$	\$	\$	\$ 6.71	\$	\$ 25.96	\$ 25.96	\$
Hoopeston	5		2	7.00	2.00			2.22		2.22	13.44	13.44	
Hoynes Avenue	9	1	9	22.00	10.00	3.97	7.93	8.90	7.70	57.61	133.78	118.11	15.67
Maywood	18		3						4.77	10.00	22.55	14.77	7.78
Oak Lawn	13		4	24.70	9.00						33.70	33.70	
Oak Park	14		4	90.00	30.00			24.00	57.96	11.41	258.88	213.37	45.51
Peoria *			4	27.00	9.00						36.00	36.00	
Princeton *			3										
Rockford	11	4	19	38.00	11.50	5.25			24.28	20.00	99.03	99.03	
Roseland *			5										
Sheffield *			3	13.50						2.00	19.58	15.50	4.08
Wyanet	13	2	13										
Totals	95	7	73	\$235.95	\$77.00	\$9.22	\$7.93	\$35.12	\$101.42	\$103.24	\$642.92	\$569.88	\$73.04

* No organized society.