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of the
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of the
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Florida Conference

OFFICERS

President—Rev. Foster Piatt, 309. 6th Ave. S. W., Largo, Florida Phone 51-7693

Vice President—Rev. R. S. Taylor, P. O. Box 823, Largo, Florida Ph. St. Petersburg 92-2963

Secretary—Mrs. Ethel Coile, 3415 N. Florida Ave., Lakeland, Florida Ph. Mutual 5-9403

Treasurer—Rev. Cecil W. Shaffer, Route 1, Box 145, Sanford, Florida Ph. 1682W10

Sunday School Secretary—Rev. John Paulk, Route 1, Box 28A, Sneads, Florida

Tithing Secretary—Rev. Margaret Taylor, P. O. Box 823, Largo, Florida

Wesleyan Men's Fellowship—Rev. R. S. Taylor, P. O. Box 823, Largo, Florida

Pension Plan Secretary and Treasurer—Rev. Charles Groves, 1377 Franklin St., Clearwater, Florida

Child Evangelism Director—J. M. McKenzie, Box 858, Marianna, Florida

OFFICIAL BOARDS

Trustees

Elders—

Swentzel, John F.Term Expires 1959
Groves, CharlesTerm Expires 1958
Taylor, Raymond S.Term Expires 1957

Lay—

Baer, RobertTerm Expires 1959
Martin, ClarenceTerm Expires 1958

Itineracy and Orders

Swentzel, John F.Term Expires 1960
Shaffer, Cecil W.Term Expires 1959
Shultz, N. LeeTerm Expires 1958
Taylor, Raymond S.Term Expires 1957

FLORIDA CONFERENCE

Advisory Board

Groves, Charles

Martin, Clarence

Judiciary Committee

Piatt, Foster

Shultz, N. Lee

Shaffer, Cecil W.

Taylor, R. S.

Camp Meeting Committee

Piatt, Foster

Shultz, N. Lee

Taylor, R. S.

Money, W. E.

Martin, Clarence

Rickey, Earl

Committee on Vacancies

Elders—

Piatt, Foster

Rogers, Ruth

Groves, Charles

Lay

Rickey, Mary

Powell, Eunice

Sunday School Board

Paulk, John, SecretaryTerm Expires 1959

Shultz, N. LeeTerm Expires 1958

Rickey, ClaudeTerm Expires 1957

Statistical Committee

Coile, Ethel

Member of Trustee Board of Central College

Piatt, Foster

Conference Roll

Elders

Name	Present	Address	Phone
Zuch, James C.	0	P. O. Box 206, Riviera Beach, Florida	
Zuch, Ella V.	0	P. O. Box 206, Riviera Beach, Florida	
Shaw, Bertie M.	4	113 W. Patterson St., Lakeland, Florida	
Francisco, L. E.	2	943 Oleander St., Lakeland, Florida	
Strickland, J. T.	1	236 Daytona Ave., Holly Hill, Florida	
Shaw, C. E.	4	113 W. Patterson St., Lakeland, Florida	
Wireman, C. L.	2	Intercession City, Florida	
Rogers, Ruth	4	2107 E. Ida Ave., Tampa 10, Florida	
Piatt, Foster	4	309 6th Ave. S. W., Largo, Florida	
Taylor, R. S.	4	P. O. Box 823, Largo, Florida	
Taylor, Margaret	0	P. O. Box 823, Largo, Florida	
Myers, James	0	P. O. Box 31, Tallahassee, Florida	
Shaffer, Cecil W.	4	Route 1, Box 145, Sanford, Florida	
Shaffer, Anna	4	Route 1, Box 145, Sanford, Florida	
Swentzel, John F.	4	4501 52nd St. North, St. Petersburg, Florida	
Swentzel, Mary	4	4501 52nd St. North, St. Petersburg, Florida	
Robb, C. W.	0	5433 Essex Ave., Gulfport, Florida	
Hughes, Fred	4	Route 3, Merritt Island, Florida	
Hughes, Stella May	4	Route 3, Merritt Island, Florida	
Shultz, N. Lee	4	Box 629, Pinellas Park, Florida	
Groves, Charles	4		
Chapman, Bertha	4	General Delivery, Pinellas Park, Florida	
Williams, D. W.	4	P. O. Box 155, Intercession City, Florida	

Conference Preachers

Name	Present	Address	Phone
Bouington, W. H.	4	Box 402, Apalachicola, Florida	
Paulk, John	2	Route 1, Box 28A, Sneads, Florida	
Lighty, James	2	Merritt Island, Florida	
Catron, Leonard	4	1245 48th Ave. N. St. Petersburg, Florida	

Delegates

Charge	Present	Name and Address	Phone
Apalachicola	4	Inez Huckeba, P. O. Box 58, Apalachicola, Florida	
Clearwater	4	Mary Rickey, Route 1, Box 715, Clearwater, Florida	
Grand Ridge	2	J. M. McKenzie, Box 858, Marianna, Florida	

FLORIDA CONFERENCE

Charge	Present	Name and Address	Phone
Intercession City	4	C. V. Earnhart, Box 185, Intercession City, Florida	
	3	E. Earnhart, Box 185, Intercession City, Florida	
Lakeland	4	Ethel Coile, 3415 N. Florida Ave., Lakeland, Florida	
	4	Dora Lois Coile, 3415 N. Florida Ave., Lakeland, Florida	
	1	Eunice Powell, 838 N. Iowa Ave., Lakeland, Florida	
Largo	4	Clarence Martin, 1251 8th Ave. N. W., Largo, Florida	
	4	Lois Lynn, Box 55, Largo, Florida	
	4	Opal Trotter, Route 1, Box 4, Largo, Florida	
Merritt Island	4	W. F. Roush, Merritt Island, Florida	
	1	Elizabeth Jones, Merritt Island, Florida	
Paola	4	Bessie Govocek, Box 24, Lake Monroe, Florida	
	4	Joseph Govocek, Box 24, Lake Monroe, Florida	
Pinellas Park	3	Robert Baer, 7151 54th St. N., Pinellas Park, Florida	
	4	Grace Roll, 7151 54th St. N., Pinellas Park, Florida	
St. Petersburg	0	U. E. Lusby, 5748 60th Way North, St. Petersburg, Florida	
	3	Leonard Catron, 1245 48th Ave. N. St., Petersburg, Florida	
Tampa	3	Floribelle McKenzie, R. 2, Box 169A11, Zephyrhills, Florida	
	3	Ruthis Houchins, 4102 20th St., Tampa, Florida	

Church Directory

Apalachicola—

Clearwater—300 Hillcrest Ave., Clearwater, Florida

Grand Ridge—State Road 69, north 3 miles toward Dellwood, turn right on dirt road, approximately $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles from turn to church.

Greenville—Pine Island—3 miles north of Greenville on State Road 55, at top of hill.

Intercession City—One block north of Post Office.

Lakeland—113 W. Patterson St., Lakeland, Florida

Largo—1300 8th Ave. N. W., Largo, Florida

Merritt Island—Cross causeway from Cocoa, turn left at stop light on Merritt Island, continue 1 block north. Church is located on the east corner.

Paola—State Road 46, 6 miles west of Sanford, near Wilson's corner.

Pinellas Park—Corner Park Boulevard and 54th St. North.

Steinhatchee—Fenholloway church—6 miles east of Perry on U. S. 27, then $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east into Fenholloway—2nd church.

St. Petersburg—4327 15th Ave., South

Tampa—2107 E. Ida Ave., Tampa 10, Florida

Memorial Roll

Ministers

C. F. Smith1954

Lay

Charley E. Murphy1952

Standing Rules

1. The Treasurer shall be paid \$25.00 and the Secretary \$15.00 per year for their services.

2. Nominating Committee—There shall be four elected members and the President who is to be chairman. Two elected members to be elders and two lay delegates, to be designated by the selection of local churches who's delegate is to serve. It is understood that members of this committee are not to be from the same church.

3. That each pastor will have a two weeks vacation with pay, or if he desires to hold a two weeks meeting, that this will be considered in lieu of his vacation.

4. The President and his Advisory Board are designated a Deed Examining Committee. This committee shall inspect each deed for church or conference property before it is registered, and see that it contains the necessary disciplinary provisions to secure the property to the conference. It shall be the duty of each person charged with the responsibility of negotiating for or handling any deed for the church or conference properties to submit such a deed to the deed examining committee for inspection and approval before offering it for registration.

5. That any work or worker using the name "Weselyan Methodist" within the boundaries of this Annual Conference must have the approval of the Annual Conference or the President and his Advisory Board.

6. That no new work be organized until all involved property is duly deeded to the Annual Conference and local trustees, or such steps are being taken and has the approval of the Conference Trustees.

7. The date of the Annual Conference and Camp meeting shall begin the fourth Tuesday in June.

8. Fiscal year—the closing date of the fiscal year shall be May 31st. The Conference Treasurer's books close June 7th and no money or receipts shall be honored after that date. The Treasurer shall forward the statistical blanks to the statistical chairman.

9. The introduction of all new business of such nature as to require an election, must be presented not later than noon of the third day of Conference.

10. The Camp meeting and Campground committee shall also be the permanent Orders of the Day committee. They shall prepare the Conference and Camp meeting program in advance for publication.

11. Inasmuch as the pastor and delegates are actually representatives of the local church at the Annual Conference, we recommend the local church pay the expenses in advance of their pastor and delegates. This is to include transportation, meals, and lodging.

12. That each of our churches release their pastor, if on call and under the direction of the Conference President and his Advisory Board, to hold one evangelistic meeting on a new field or in one of the weaker charges, and that the local church continue to pay his salary during his absence.

13. The election of Conference officers shall be in the morning meeting of the third day of Conference.

14. The Conference Wesleyan Youth President shall be a member of the Camp meeting Committee.

15. Each pastor is to take an offering at each Quarterly Conference for the Conference President's traveling expense. This is not to apply on Budget credit but is to be receipted to Conference Work Fund.

16. The Conference President shall be reimbursed for his traveling expense at .05 per mile. This to be paid from the Conference Work Fund.

17. The Conference President is to visit the local churches as he sees the need.

18. Quarterly Conference business meetings to be held as follows:

First Quarter—Last Wednesday in August

Second Quarter—Last Wednesday in November

Third Quarter—Last Wednesday in February

Fourth Quarter—Immediately after May 31st.

When special services or other conditions make it inadvisable, observe a close date.

19. All pastors are to read these standing rules to his local church at least one month before Annual Conference. Furthermore, each pastor pay special attention to notes on the statistical blanks and to the first paragraph in particular.

Daily Proceedings

First Meeting, Tuesday, June 19, 1956, 9:30 a. m.

The seventh session of the Florida Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America opened at 9:30 a. m. June 19, 1956 at the Largo Church.

After singing, Dr. O. G. Wilson brought the devotional lesson from Acts 20:28-35, after which followed a good season of prayer around the altar.

Roll Call—Elders 15, Conference Preachers 1.

Nominating Committee report was read and adopted.

Auditing—W. H. Bouington, Robert Baer

Budget Apportionment—Charles Groves, R. S. Taylor, Mary Rickey
Courtesy—Cecil W. Shaffer

Credentials—Charles Groves, Leonard Catron

Judiciary—Foster Piatt, N. Lee Shultz, Cecil W. Shaffer, R. S. Taylor

Ministerial Character—Foster Piatt, C. E. Shaw, Mary Rickey

Pastoral Relations—Foster Piatt, C. E. Shaw, N. Lee Shultz, Robert Baer, J. M. McKenzie, Clarence Martin

Religious Services—R. S. Taylor, Opal Trotter

Statistical—Ethel Coile

Thanks—Dora Lois Coile

Vacancies—Foster Piatt, Ruth Rogers, Charles Groves, Mary Rickey, Eunice Powell

Credentials collected and delegates seated. Delegates present 15

Conference Bar—Platform and first six rows of seats on each side.

Time of Meeting—9:00 a. m.—to adjourn on motion.

Motion prevailed that a committee on Resolutions be nominated and elected. This committee to have three members. The following were elected: Charles Groves, Fred Hughes, Clarence Martin.

Courtesy Committee reported—introducing Rev. McKenzie, member of the Tampa Church.

Adjourned for committee work to call of the Chair.

Second Meeting, Wednesday, June 20, 1956, 9:00 a. m.

After singing, prayer was led by Rev. D. W. Williams, C. V. Earnhart read and commented on Hebrews 12:1-16.

Roll Call—Elders 16, Conference Preachers 1, Delegates 18.

Minutes of the first meeting were read and adopted.

Committee on Religious services and Orders of the Day report was read and adopted.

All evening services—7:30 p. m.

Sunday Morning service—11:00 a. m. The speaker for these services to be Dr. O. G. Wilson.

Wednesday evening service—Denominational address

Thursday evening service—Youth address

Friday evening service—Missionary—Peggy Rickey representing South America and Eloise Wood from Honduras to assist in the service.

Sunday afternoon—2:00 p. m. Youth Rally—Rev. Earl Alexander

Morning Devotions—Wednesday—C. V. Earnhart

Thursday—James Lighty

Friday—Robert Morgan

Thursday morning—after devotions—Election of Officers

Thursday 10:00 a. m.—Educational address—Dr. R. C. Mullinax

President's report read and Parts I, II, III, and V were adopted. Part IV was referred to Auditing Committee. (Report No. 1)

Motion prevailed that the Church Extension funds for this year be used for the new work in West Tampa, to be known as the Tampa Palma Ceia work. Brother Leonard Catron in charge of this work spoke briefly of the encouraging possibilities there.

Committee on Courtesy—Brother and Sister Amos Putney, Kokomo, Indiana, and their son, Brother Everett Putney, Tipton, Indiana, Wesleyan pastors were introduced.

Committee on Resolutions gave a partial report. (Report No. 7)

Adjourned for committee work.

Third Meeting, Thursday, June 21, 1956, 9: a. m.

After singing, and prayer led by Dr. R. C. Mullinax, Rev. James Lighty read from Jeremiah 2 for our Scripture lesson and gave some very helpful comments.

Roll Call—Elders 16, Conference Preachers 2, Delegates 19

Minutes of the second meeting were read and adopted.

Courtesy Committee introduced—Rev. and Mrs. D. Lighty, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Rev. and Mrs. James Lighty, Kentucky Conference, and Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Mullinax, Wesleyan Methodist College, Central, South Carolina.

Orders of the Day—election of officers.

Tellers appointed: J. M. McKenzie, Cecil W. Shaffer

The following elections:

President—Foster Piatt

Vice President—R. S. Taylor

Secretary—Ethel Coile

Trustees—Elder: John F. Swentzel—term expires 1959

Election postponed for Orders of the Day—Dr. R. C. Mullinax spoke to the Conference concerning Wesleyan Methodist College. An offering.

was taken for the College which amounted to \$20.05.

Adjourned on motion.

Fourth Meeting, Friday, June 22, 1956, 9:00 a. m.

After singing, Robert Morgan read a portion from Romans 12 for our Scripture lesson. Rev. Ruth Rogers led in prayer.

Roll Call—Elders 15, Conference Preachers 2, Delegates 13

Minutes of the third meeting were read and adopted.

The Orders of the Day—were for continuing the election. The following were elected:

Trustee—Lay: Robert Baer—term expires 1959

Itineracy and Orders—John F. Swentzel—term to expire 1960

Auditing Committee report read and adopted. (Report No. 5)

Treasurer—Cecil W. Shaffer

Offering was given for the secretary amounting to \$14.05.

The following officers and committees were elected by acclamation:

Advisory Board—Charles Groves, Clarence Martin

Sunday School Board—Secretary—John Paulk—term of 3 years

N. Lee Schultz—term of 2 years

Claude Rickey—term of 1 year

Wesleyan Men's Fellowship—R. S. Taylor

W. Y. President approved—Earl Rickey

Pension Plan Secretary and Treasurer—Charles Groves

Tithing Secretary—Margaret Taylor

Nominating Committee—R. S. Taylor

Charles Groves

Pinellas Park Church delegate

Lakeland Church delegate—motion later
in minutes

Member of Trustee Board of Central College—Foster Piatt—2
year term

Budget Apportionment report read and adopted. (Report No. 10)

Pastoral Relations Committee reported.

Treasurer's report read and adopted with thanks. (Report No. 4)

Resolutions Committee reported—eight resolutions were adopted.

Orders of the Day suspended and Conference remained in meeting to hear a discussion of the Pension Plan led by Dr. O. G. Wilson.

Adjourned

Reconvened by call of Chair at 3:00 p. m.

The Woman's Missionary Society's financial report was read and adopted. See report in minutes of the W. M. S.

The Woman's Missionary Society recommended that Miss Eloise Wood, native of Honduras, be supported as the project for this Conference

year.

Itineracy and Orders Committee report read and adopted. (Report No. 2)

Wesleyan Youth Treasurer's report was read and adopted. See report in W. Y. minutes.

Auditing Committee's report of Pension Plan Treasurer read and adopted. (Report No. 5)

Other resolutions introduced by Committee for adoption and amendment. Standing rule No. 2 to be amended to include \$15.00 for Secretary's services. Rule No. 3 amended as to members of Nominating committee. (Report No. 7)

Motion prevailed to suspend Standing rule No. 1 for this session.

Courtesy Committee introduced Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Rhodes from South Carolina Conference.

Motion prevailed that the church delegate from Lakeland be other member of Nominating committee.

Motion prevailed to continue Conference paper.

Sunday School Board nominated Child Evangelism Director—J. M. McKenzie elected.

Camp Meeting Committee elected: N. Lee Schultz, R. S. Taylor, Foster Piatt, W. E. Money, Clarence Martin.

Motion prevailed that the Camp Meeting Committee be authorized to establish a Winter Camp if advisable.

Committee on Thanks report read and adopted. (Report No. 9)

Recessed to call of Chair.

Reconvened at 9:00 p. m.

Pastoral Relations Committee report read and adopted. (Report No.

3)

Resolution Committee read and adopted. (Report No. 7)

Place of next Conference in hands of President and Advisory Board.

Motion prevailed that we give Dr. O. G. Wilson a rising vote of thanks.

Sunday School Secretary's report read and adopted with thanks. (Report No. 8)

Minutes read and adopted.

Adjourned Sine Die. Dismissal prayer—Foster Piatt.

Ethel Coile, Secretary

Reports

Report No. 1

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Part I

To the members of the Seventh Annual Conference of Florida. God has helped us in the last conference year. We are aware of the fact that we have nothing to boast about, but for many things do we praise our Heavenly Father.

This has been a year of planning, investigating and work. We put quite a bit of manual labor on some of our churches. We made surveys for prospects of new works and did our best to get some pioneer work going.

With the gift of a \$1000.00 from Brother James Myers, we were able to make the down payment of the lots in West Tampa. The conference is carrying on the payments out of our Conference Church Extension Fund. Brother Leonard Catron, local preacher of the St. Petersburg Church has made several calls in the community and the prospects are good.

We are sure that there is a great future and need for the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Florida. First, because of the many thousands who are making their homes in Florida. Second, because of the industries that are coming here. Third, because of the heritage associated with the term Methodist, the inclusion of this term in our name impresses many people to come; then we have the opportunity to give them the Gospel. We do not claim to be the only church that has God's smile and blessing, but in churches that we have organized, we have reached some people for Christ that others have not been able to reach. That makes me realize that the more churches we get organized the more people we will be able to bring to Christ.

I have a burning desire to see many of our churches built in this state so we might unite our prayers as a force against the Devil and pray down a Pentecost in these unsettled, strenuous, wicked modern times. Pray so that people will cry out, "What must we do to be saved?" My heart longs to see more become acquainted with Him.

Part II

Official Acts of the year:

April 24, 1955 received a letter of transfer from the South Georgia Conference for Rev. D. W. Williams.

June 21-29, 1955 served as delegate to the General Conference at Fairmount, Indiana.

September 17, 1955 appointed T. A. Wilkins as pastor of the Pine

Island Church, who later had to leave because of ill health.

January 9, 1956 served on the Board of Trustees at Central, South Carolina.

February 4, 1956 the trustees voted to buy the land in West Tampa to start a new church. This is located at the corner of Pearl and Manhattan, a house partly finished and four lots for \$2800.00.

February 4, 1956 met with trustees to discuss selling the New Zion Church to Brother Hamrick for \$175.00. They voted to sell, since the New Zion congregation and the Pine Island congregation voted to unite and go to the Pine Island Church.

April 17-19 attended Leader's Conference at Central, South Carolina.

April 26, 1956 took some of the Conference Trustees to Perry, Florida to investigate some land for a new church.

June 4, 1956 appointed Brother Leonard Catron, a local preacher in the St. Petersburg Church, to take the West Tampa work.

Letter of transfer given George Marsh to Missionary Bible Conference.

Letter of transfer given James Bender to the Tennessee Conference.

Part III

Work done this Conference year:

Number of Quarterly Meetings held	52
Sermons delivered	55
Pieces of mail sent out	245
Miles traveled	15,433

Part IV

Financial Report:

Salary received from churches	\$455.55
Gifts and Donations	77.00
Offerings taken at Quarterly Meetings	138.66
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Total received	\$671.21
Paid out for gas and oil	149.35

Part V

Recommendations:

1. That Rev. D. W. Williams be accepted in the Conference as an elder.
2. That the Conference make plans for the immediate completion of the building on the lots in West Tampa so services can be started.
3. That each church hold at least two revivals a year if at all possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Foster Piatt

Report No. 2

ITINERACY AND ORDERS

We recommend:

That William E. Money having passed "Discipline" be continued in the first year of the course of study.

That John Paulk having passed "English" and "Discipline" be continued in the first year of the course of study.

That Leonard Catron having passed "Discipline," "Perfect Love," "Robert's Rules of Order," and "Applied Business English" be continued in the first year of the course of study.

That Robert L. Morgan subject to transcript be continued in the first year of the course of study.

That Elizabeth Jones be returned to Quarterly Conference.

That Robert Powell be returned to Quarterly Conference.

That W. H. Bouington be given credit for first, second, and third year work under the South Georgia Conference, and placed in the fourth year of the course of study.

That Arlene (Peggy) Rickey subject to transcript be placed in the course of study. Transferred from Indiana Conference.

That James E. Lighty subject to transcript be placed in the fourth year of course of study. Transferred from Kentucky Conference.

The following Instructors shall give examinations on the books listed under their names:

Cecil W. Shaffer—Bible, Sell, all four years; Binney's Compend; Elements of Divinity, three years.

John F. Swentzel—Discipline; Applied Business English, H. A. Hagar; Homeletics, Kearn; How to Prepare an Expository Sermon, Knott; System of General Ethics, Keyser; Church History, Fisher.

R. S. Taylor—Robert's Rules of Order; All About the Sunday School, French; History of Wesleyan Methodist Church, McLeister; Psychology, Halleck; Bible Geography, Hurlbut.

N. Lee Shultz—Perfect Love, Wood; Foundations of Christian Doctrine, Jessop; All About the Bible, Collett; System of Christian Evidence, Keyser.

If anyone has books in the course of study or reading course that they could donate to form a lending library please contact the following.

Cecil W. Shaffer, Chairman

N. Lee Shultz,

John F. Swentzel,

R. S. Taylor, Secretary.

Report No. 3

PASTORAL RELATIONS

We recommend:

Apalachicola—W. H. Bouington
 Clearwater—Charles Groves
 Greenville—Pine Island, In hands of President
 Grand Ridge—John Paulk
 Intercession City—In hands of President
 Lakeland—C. E. Shaw
 Largo—R. S. and Margaret Taylor
 Merritt Island—James Lighty
 Paola—Cecil W. and Anna Shaffer
 Pinellas Park—N. Lee Shultz
 Steinhatchee—Fenholloway, In hand of President
 St. Petersburg—John F. and Mary Swentzel
 Tampa—Ruth Rogers
 Palma Ceia (Tampa)—Leonard Catron
 Conference President—Foster Piatt
 General Evangelist—C. L. Wireman
 Conference Evangelists—James Myers, Bertha Chapman, J. T. Strickland, L. E. Francisco, Fred Hughes, Stella May Hughes, D. W. Williams.
 Returned to Quarterly Conference—W. B. Rogers
 Superannuated—James C. Zuch, Ella V. Zuch, Bertie M. Shaw
 Unstationed Elder—C. W. Robb
 Missionary on Furlough—Arlene (Peggy) Rickey

Foster Piatt,
 C. E. Shaw,
 Charles Groves,
 N. Lee Shultz
 Robert Baer,
 Clarence Martin,
 J. M. McKenzie.

Report No. 4

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts		Conference Work		Disbursements	
Balance on hand, 3-24-55	\$ 29.90	Journals	.....	\$215.76	
Budget	..... 219.20	Supplies	.....	13.00	
Journals	..... 6.75	Secretary's expense	.....	5.37	
Award	..... 90.84	Bank fee	.....	.10	

FLORIDA CONFERENCE

Thanksgiving offering ..	149.37	Leader's Conference ...	20.00
		Centralian advertisement	9.00
		Treasurer's salary	25.00
		Pension Plan '55	146.29
		Pension Plan '56	47.00
		President's expense	40.00
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			\$491.52
		Balance on hand 5-1-56 .	4.54
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Total	\$496.06	Total	\$496.06

Church Extension

Receipts		Disbursements	
Balance on hand, 3-24-55	\$ 80.83	Fred Hughes	\$220.00
Budget	568.89	John Paulk	25.00
New Zion church building	174.75	N. Lee Shultz	10.00
		Charles Groves	10.00
		John F. Swentzel	10.00
		Cecil W. Shaffer	10.00
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			\$285.00
		Balance on hand 5-1-56	539.47
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Total	\$824.47	Total	\$824.47

Camp Meeting Fund

Receipts		Disbursements	
Balance on hand, 3-24-55	\$ 2.15	Camp Expense	\$ 12.97
Offerings and pledges ..	478.65	Evangelist's	300.00
		C. F. B. Institute	25.00
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			\$337.97
		Balance on hand 5-1-56 .	142.83
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Total	\$480.80	Total	\$480.80

President's Salary

Receipts		Disbursements	
Budget	\$455.55	Foster Piatt	\$455.55

Home Missionary Department

Receipts		Disbursements	
Card Call gifts and loans	\$2950.21	St. Petersburg	\$ 300.21

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

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		Intercession City	500.00
		Clearwater	1250.00
		Largo	100.00
		Paola	800.00
Total	\$2950.21	Total	\$2950.21

Foreign Missions

Receipts		Disbursements	
Budget—Cash	\$ 72.44	F. R. Birch	\$587.75
Receipts	487.24		
	<u>\$587.75</u>		
Overpaid	28.07		
Total ...	\$587.75	Total	\$587.75

Home Missions

Receipts		Disbursements	
Budget—Cash	\$ 68.88	J. R. Swauger	\$ 28.14
Receipts	188.87	H. K. Sheets	233.20
	<u>\$257.75</u>		
Overpaid	3.59		
Total ...	\$261.34	Total	\$261.34

Hephzibah Orphanage

Receipts		Disbursements	
Budget—Cash	\$ 62.30	J. R. Swauger	\$ 17.80
Receipts	45.15	H. K. Sheets	89.65
	<u>\$107.45</u>		
Total ...	\$107.45	Total	\$107.45

Australia

Receipts		Disbursements	
Budget—Cash	\$ 23.55	J. R. Swauger	\$ 10.74
Receipts	20.00	H. K. Sheets	37.56
	<u>43.55</u>		
Overpaid	4.75		
Total ...	\$ 48.30	Total	\$ 48.30

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Education

Receipts		Disbursements	
Budget—Cash	\$ 290.57	R. C. Mullinax	\$370.99
Receipts	80.42		
Total ...		Total	\$370.99

Pension Plan

Receipts		Disbursements	
Budget—Cash	\$214.00	D. A. Rees	\$214.00

Sunday School Work

Receipts		Disbursements	
Budget—Cash	\$ 65.28	R. D. Reisdorph	\$ 65.28

General Conference Expense

Receipts		Disbursements	
Budget—Cash	\$25.00	F. R. Eddy	\$ 25.00

Administrative Expense

Receipts		Disbursements	
Budget—Cash	\$62.15	F. R. Eddy	\$62.15

Grand Total

Receipts		Disbursements	
Balance on hand 3-24-55	\$ 112.88	Florida Conference	\$1570.04
Florida Conference	2144.00	General Conference	1742.26
General Conference	1705.85	Balance on hand 5-1-56 .	650.43
Total		Total	\$3962.73
		Cecil W. Shaffer, Treasurer	

Report No. 5

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We examined the Treasurer's books, financial report of the Conference President, and the report of the Pension Plan Treasurer and find them correct.

W. H. Bouington,
Robert Baer

Report No. 6

PENSION PLAN TREASURER

Received \$26.38 Paid out to David A. Rees .. \$26.38-
 Charles Groves, Treasurer.

Report No. 7

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Dropped Standing rule No. 1.

No. 2 to become No. 1 and amended to read—The Treasurer shall be paid \$25.00, and the Secretary \$15.00 per year for their services.

No. 3 to become No. 2 and amended to read—Nominating Committee—there shall be four elected members and the President who is to be chairman. Two elected members to be elders and two lay delegates, to be designated by the selection of local churches who's delegate is to serve. It is understood that members of this committee are not to be from the same church.

No. 4 to become No. 3 and read the same.

No. 5 to become No. 4 and read the same.

No. 5—resolved that any work or worker using the name "Wesleyan Methodist" within the boundaries of this Annual Conference must have the approval of the Annual Conference or the President and his Advisory Board.

No. 6—resolved that no new work shall be organized until all involved property is duly deeded to the Annual Conference and local trustees, or such steps are being taken and has the approval of the Conference Trustees.

No. 7—Date of the Annual Conference and Camp meeting shall begin the fourth Tuesday in June.

No. 8—Fiscal year—the closing date of the fiscal year shall be May 31st. The Conference Treasurer's books close June 7th and no money or receipts shall be honored after that date. The Treasurer shall forward the statistical blanks to the statistical chairman.

No. 9—Resolved that the introduction of all new business of such nature as to require an election must be presented not later than noon of the third day of Conference.

No. 10—The Camp meeting and Campground committee shall also be the permanent Orders of the Day Committee. They shall prepare the Conference and Camp meeting program in advance for publication.

No. 11—Inasmuch as the pastor and delegates are actually representatives of the local church at the Annual Conference, we recommend the local church pay the expenses, in advance, of their pastor and delegates, this to

include transportation, meals, and lodging.

No. 12—We earnestly request each of our churches to release their pastor, if on call and under the direction of the Conference President and his Advisory Board, to hold one evangelistic meeting on a new field or in one of the weaker charges, and that the local church continue to pay his salary during his absence.

No. 13—The election of Conference officers shall be in the morning meeting of the third day of Conference.

No. 14—The Conference Wesleyan Youth President shall be a member of the Camp meeting Committee.

No. 15—Each pastor is to take an offering at each Quarterly Conference for the Conference President's traveling expense. This is not to apply on Budget credit but is to be receipted to Conference Work Fund.

No. 16—The Conference President shall be reimbursed for his traveling expense at .05 per mile. This to be paid from the Conference Work Fund.

No. 17—Resolved that the Conference President visit the local churches as he sees the need.

No. 18—Quarterly Conference Business meeting to be held as follows:

First Quarter—Last Wednesday in August

Second Quarter—Last Wednesday in November

Third Quarter—Last Wednesday in February

Fourth Quarter—Immediately after May 31st

We request that these dates be observed. When special services or other conditions make it inadvisable, observe a close date.

No. 19—We request all pastors to read these standing rules to his local church at least one month before Annual Conference. Further, we request, all pastors pay special attention to notes on the statistical blanks and to the first paragraph in particular.

Charles Groves
Fred Hughes
Clarence Martin

Report No. 8

SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY

In carrying on the Conference Sunday School work, I have sent out thirty-six pieces of mail, tried to encourage the organization of new Sunday Schools, and endeavored to promote recommended projects. The Thanksgiving Offering was the main project.

Gold and Blue Star List

Paola	\$30.62	St. Petersburg	\$28.04
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Gold Star List		
Lakeland	\$27.65	Intercession City \$20.00
Blue Star List		
Fenholloway	\$14.00	
Others		
Clearwater	\$17.51	Pinellas Park \$8.80
Largo	\$10.60	

Anna Shaffer

Report No. 9

COMMITTEE ON THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Largo Church and their pastors, Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Taylor and others, for their fine hospitality, both in their thoughtful, efficient preparation in advance of the Conference and the gracious entertainment during our entire stay.

Thank the Lord for His servants who have served us well. "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

Dora Lois Coile

Report No. 10

BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

General:

1. Foreign Missions	\$2.00 per member
2. Home Missions	1.25 per member
3. Australia .....	.25 per member
4. Education	2.50 per member
5. Pension Plan	1.50 per member
6. Orphanage .....	.25 per member
7. General Conference Expense20 per member
8. Administrative Expense60 per member
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	\$8.55 per member
9. Sunday School Work	15 per S. S. member

Conference:

1. Church Extension 1 Sunday School offering per month
(suggested minimum \$10.00 per offering)
2. President's Salary \$3.00 per member

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3. Conference Work 1.50 per member

\$4.50

8.55

\$13.05 per member

We recommend:

That each pastor see that their Conference Work budget be paid in full.

Charles Groves

Mary Rickey

R. S. Taylor

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Report No. 10

GENERAL BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

(Charge	Members	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Australia	Education	Pension Plan	Orphanage	General Conference Expense	Administrative Expense	Sunday School Work	Total
Apalachicola	8	\$16.00	\$10.00	\$2.00	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$2.00	\$1.60	\$4.80	\$6.30	\$74.70
Clearwater	17	34.00	21.25	4.25	42.50	25.50	4.25	3.40	10.20	11.70	157.05
Grand Ridge	13	26.00	16.25	3.25	32.50	19.50	3.25	2.60	7.80	9.00	120.15
Greenville	3	6.00	3.75	.75	7.50	4.50	.75	.60	1.80	.....	25.65
Intercession City	9	18.00	11.25	2.25	22.50	13.50	2.25	1.80	5.40	5.25	82.20
Lakeland	22	44.00	27.50	5.50	55.00	33.00	5.50	4.40	13.20	5.55	193.65
Largo	19	38.00	23.75	4.75	47.50	28.50	4.75	3.80	11.40	13.50	175.95
Merritt Island	6	12.00	7.50	1.50	15.00	9.00	1.50	1.20	3.60	6.30	57.60
Paola	18	36.00	22.50	4.50	45.00	27.00	4.50	3.60	10.80	11.55	165.45
Pinellas Park	27	54.00	33.75	6.75	67.50	40.50	6.75	5.40	16.20	15.45	246.30
Steinhatchee	8	16.00	10.00	2.00	20.00	12.00	2.00	1.60	4.80	.....	68.40
St. Petersburg	12	24.00	15.00	3.00	30.00	18.00	3.00	2.40	7.20	9.00	111.60
Tampa	10	20.00	12.50	2.50	25.00	15.00	2.50	2.00	6.00	7.35	92.85
Totals	172	\$348.00	\$217.50	\$43.50	\$435.00	\$261.00	\$43.50	\$34.80	\$104.40	\$100.95	\$1,571.55

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CONFERENCE BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

Charge	Members	President's Salary	Conference Work	Total Conference Budget	Total General and Conference Budget
Apalachicola	8	\$24.00	\$12.00	\$36.00	\$110.70
Clearwater	17	51.00	25.50	76.50	233.55
Grand Ridge	13	39.00	19.50	58.50	178.65
Greenville	3	9.00	4.50	13.50	39.15
Intercession City	9	27.00	13.50	40.50	122.70
Lakeland	22	66.00	33.00	99.00	292.65
Largo	19	57.00	28.50	85.50	261.45
Merritt Island	6	18.00	9.00	27.00	84.60
Paola	18	54.00	27.00	81.00	246.45
Pinellas Park	27	81.00	40.50	121.50	367.80
Steinhatchee	8	24.00	12.00	36.00	104.40
St. Petersburg	12	36.00	18.00	54.00	165.60
Tampa	10	30.00	15.00	45.00	137.85
Totals	172	\$522.00	\$261.00	\$774.00	\$2,345.55

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Item I. Pastor's Labors. Item II. Periodicals

Charge	Time Employed(Months)	Appointments	Organized Church Societies	Wesleyan Methodists taken	Wesleyan Missionarys taken	Wesleyan Youths taken	Sunday School Banner	Junior Class Paper	Children's Friend	Adult Teacher's Quarterly	Intermediate Teacher's Qu.	Junior-Primary Teach. Qu.	Senior Quarterly	Intermediate Quarterly	Junior Quarterly	Primary Quarterly	Home Dept. Quarterly	Lesson Leaflet	Little Friends of Jesus	Pict-O-Art Handwork	Pict-O-Art Cards	Bible Picture Charts
Apalachicola	14	1	1	1	4	1	7	30	5	10	5	1	1	3	4	8	8	10				8
Clearwater	14	1	1	1	5	4	5			1	1	1	1	3	4	8	5	25				
Grand Ridge	14	1	1	1	5	4	5							24	12	14	25	40				
Greenville	14	1	1	1	3	6	3	20	6	10	5	1	1	1	20	4	6	10	10			
Intercession City	14	1	1	1	13	11	2	14	5	5	4	1	1	2	4	5	10	25	25	25	20	1
Lakeland	14	1	1	1	13	10	7	25	5	5	4	1	2	20	10	10		25				
Largo	14	1	1	1	3	5	15	5	5	2	4	1	2	8	3	6	10	20	14	18		
Merritt Island	14	1	1	1	13	4	4	30	23	10				2	35	15	35	20	18			
Paola	14	1	1	1	14	8	7	36			3	1	1	55	18							
Pinehills Park	14	1	1	1	1																	
Steinhatchee	14	1	1	1	11	9	3	25	15	10	3	1	2	4	15				18	10	3	
St. Petersburg	14	1	1	1	2	6	2	22	10	10	1	2	2	28	9	10						
Tampa	14	1	1	1	1																	
Totals	1168	12	12	12	90	69	351	1991	691	601	351	111	18	245	731	921	441	1791	421	461	281	1

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Item III. Membership

Charge	Full Membership Reported Last Year	Full Members Received This Year	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Members Lost	Present Full Membership	Associate Mem'ers	Junior Members	Total Present Membership	Total Membership Reported Last Year	Gain in Members for Year	Loss in Members for Year	Baptized	Infants Dedicated	Local Preachers	Unstationed Elders	No. of Family Altars	Membership Tithing	No. Card Call Subscribers
Apalachicola	9	1	...	...	...	2	2	3	8	3	11	9	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	5
Clearwater	16	3	...	...	...	2	2	17	8	...	25	19	2	...	...	...	...	...	6	17	5
Grand Ridge	11	2	...	...	...	...	...	13	6	...	19	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	5
Greenville	9	3	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	12	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	6
Intercession City	3	4	...	...	...	1	2	22	6	...	28	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	19	6
Lakeland	22	7	...	...	...	2	2	19	4	18	41	12	29	...	...	...	...	...	11	17	6
Largo	12	7	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	15	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	7
Merritt Island	9	2	...	...	...	4	6	18	...	...	26	24	5	...	...	...	...	...	7	12	5
Paola	22	2	...	...	...	4	6	25	...	...	30	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pineallas Park	22	7	...	...	...	4	6	25	...	...	30	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Steinhatchee	14	3	...	...	...	2	2	12	...	...	12	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. Petersburg	11	3	...	...	...	1	4	10	...	...	16	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	2
Tampa	12	2	3	4	10	16	12
Totals	174	33	2	16	2	15	35	172	27	36	235	174	46	16	14	6	51	84	59

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Charge	Item IV. Sunday Schools																		Wes. Youth.
	No. Sunday Schools	Whole No. Officers, and Teachers	Whole No. Scholars in Main School	Total No. in Main School	No. in Home Department	No. on Cradle Roll	Total No. in Sunday School	Average Attendance	No. Scholars Converted	No. Scholars Joining Church	No. Departmental Supts.	Teacher's Training Course	No. Organized Classes	No. Books in Library	Enrollment V.B.S.	Average Attendance V.B.S.	No. W. Y. Societies	Total Membership of Soc.	
Apalachicola	1	5	37	42	41	83	32	14	5	3	1	5	8	60	43	1	17	17	
Clearwater	1	16	62	78	13	91	58	5	5	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	20	
Grand Ridge	1	5	55	60	60	55	2	2	2	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	
Greenville	1	5	30	35	35	27	1	4	1	1	1	3	20	16	1	1	1	1	
Intercession City	1	6	31	37	4	41	35	2	2	1	1	1	4	11	16	53	1	10	
Lakeland	1	8	82	90	6	48	32	9	7	1	1	1	4	11	68	53	1	13	
Largo	1	4	38	42	9	86	61	12	1	1	1	1	2	11	42	33	1	19	
Merritt Island	1	10	67	77	103	77	10	4	2	1	1	1	4	25	23	1	2	2	
Paola	1	5	55	60	1	61	48	7	1	1	1	1	4	25	23	1	2	2	
Pineclaw Park	1	6	43	49	1	49	31	7	1	1	1	1	4	25	23	1	2	2	
St. Petersburg	1	80	593	673	74	174	517	60	22	9	1	36	11	215	173	81	100	100	
Tampa	1	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
Totals	12	80	593	673	74	174	517	60	22	9	1	36	11	215	173	81	100	100	

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Item V. Church Property									
Charge	No. of Church Buildings	Value of Buildings	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Amount of Indebtedness	Amount of Insurance	Cash or Other Values on Hand
Apalachicola	1	\$5,000	\$622.50		1	\$11,000	\$500.00		\$1,094.52
Clearwater	1	19,000	1,000.00		1	5,000	366.16		338.08
Grand Ridge	1	6,000	250.00		1	5,000			1,000.00
Greenville	1								
Intercession City	1	6,000	2,000.00	\$2,000					
Lakeland									
Largo	1	18,000	5,000.00	7,000					1,094.52
Merritt Island	1	7,000	2,300.00						
Paola	1	5,000	800.00	3,500	1	3,000		\$3,500	
Pineclaw Park	1	15,000	1,913.56	10,000	1	10,000			
St. Petersburg	1								
Tampa	1	30,000	5,400.00						
Totals	11	\$111,000	\$19,286.06	\$22,500	4	\$29,000	\$866.16	\$3,500	\$3,526.97

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Item VI. Disbursed for Pastor					
Charge	Salary	Parsonage Rent	Marriage and Funeral Fees	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts
Apalachicola			\$10.00		\$10.00
Clearwater	\$1,830.00	\$700.00		\$50.00	2,580.00
Grand Ridge	260.00	480.00		60.00	800.00
Greenville					
Intercession City	799.00			17.00	816.00
Lakeland	1,877.47				1,877.47
Largo	470.00		5.00	20.00	495.00
Merritt Island			5.00	65.00	70.00
Paola	1,535.00	480.00	15.00	94.00	2,124.00
Pinellas Park	1,715.00	600.00	49.00	255.00	2,619.00
Steinhatchee	1,213.04				1,213.04
St. Petersburg	1,945.00			71.00	2,016.00
Tampa	514.05		25.00		539.05
Totals	\$12,158.56	\$2,260.00	\$109.00	\$632.00	\$15,159.56

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Item VII. Disbursed for Church								
Charge	Other Evangelistic Help	Sunday School Expense	Building	Repairs	Amount Paid on Indebtedness	Amount Paid on Expense of Indebtedness	Church Incidental Expense	Total for Church
Apalachicola		\$93.00			\$422.00		\$25.61	\$540.61
Clearwater	\$172.00	286.52	\$321.38				408.41	1,188.31
Grand Ridge	250.00	150.00	75.20		550.00		193.85	1,219.05
Greenville								
Intercession City		114.71			1,179.50	\$100.00	91.76	1,485.97
Lakeland	141.91	190.65					81.03	413.59
Largo	175.00	332.94	4,898.69				1,157.02	6,563.65
Merritt Island	60.00	232.13	350.00		700.00		45.85	1,387.98
Paola	118.19	215.23	1,451.69	\$12.00			269.48	2,066.59
Pinellas Park	240.07	190.57	2,236.90		200.00	87.00	284.00	3,238.54
Steinhatchee								
St. Petersburg	443.16	256.58	2,337.66		500.00	33.96	546.33	4,117.69
Tampa		171.47					106.52	277.99
Totals	\$1,600.33	\$2,233.82	\$11,691.43	\$12.00	\$3,551.50	\$220.96	\$3,149.86	\$22,499.87

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Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget:

Charge	Foreign Missions Assigned	Foreign Missions Raised	Home Missions Assigned	Home Missions Raised	Education Assigned	Education Raised	Pension Plan Assigned	Pension Plan Raised	Orphanage Assigned	Orphanage Raised
Apalachicola	\$18.00		\$11.25		\$22.50		\$13.50		\$2.25	
Clearwater	32.00	\$116.61	20.00	\$20.00	40.00	\$32.83	24.00		4.00	\$30.65
Grand Ridge	22.00		13.75		27.50		16.50		2.75	
Greenville	6.00		3.75		7.50		4.50		.75	
Intercession City	18.00	35.21	11.25	15.00	22.50	22.50	13.50	13.50	2.25	6.25
Lakeland	44.00	91.89	27.50	38.60	55.00	55.00	33.00	33.00	5.50	13.48
Largo	24.00	59.16	15.00	32.58	30.00	32.50	18.00	21.00	3.00	18.79
Merritt Island	18.00	19.82	11.25	8.15	22.50	10.63	13.50		2.25	4.50
Paola	44.00	44.62	27.50	29.56	55.00	60.41	33.00	33.00	5.50	16.73
Pinellas Park	48.00	75.92	30.00	34.36	60.00	51.87	36.00	36.00	6.00	6.00
Steinhatchee	28.00	19.10	17.50	13.00	35.00	25.75	21.00	16.00	3.50	2.05
St. Petersburg	22.00	43.75	13.75	30.00	27.50	44.50	16.50	19.50	2.75	3.00
Tampa	24.00	53.60	15.00	36.50	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	3.00	6.00
Totals	\$348.00	\$559.68	\$217.50	\$257.75	\$435.00	\$353.99	\$261.00	\$214.00	\$43.50	\$107.45

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Item VIII. Disbursed for General Budget—Continued

Charge	Administrative Budget Assigned	Administrative Budget Raised	General Conference Travel & Entertainment Assigned	General Conference Travel & Entertainment Raised	General Sunday School Work Assigned	General Sunday School Work Raised	Australia Assigned	Australia Raised	Total General Budget Assigned	Total General Budget Raised
Apalachicola	\$3.60		\$1.35		\$4.90		\$2.25		\$79.60	
Clearwater	6.40	\$6.40	2.40	\$2.40	7.70	\$11.55	4.00	\$8.00	140.50	\$252.44
Grand Ridge	4.40		1.65		4.00		2.75		144.80	
Greenville	1.20		.45				.75		38.40	
Intercession City	4.50	4.50	1.80	1.80	3.50	3.50	2.25	2.25	79.55	104.51
Lakeland	11.00	11.00	4.40	4.40	4.65	4.65	5.50	5.50	190.55	257.52
Largo	4.80	5.60	1.80	2.10	7.95	9.27	3.00	3.50	107.55	184.50
Merritt Island	3.60		1.35		4.90	7.35	2.25	4.50	79.60	54.95
Paola	11.00	11.00	4.40	4.40	10.35	10.35	5.50	5.50	196.25	215.57
Pinellas Park	9.60	9.60	3.60	3.60	6.30	6.76	6.00	6.00	205.50	230.11
Steinhatchee	5.60	4.80	2.10	1.95	2.40	1.30	3.50	2.05	118.60	86.00
St. Petersburg	4.40	3.25	1.65	1.95	3.00	1.40	2.75	3.25	94.30	150.60
Tampa	4.80	6.00	1.80	2.40	6.10	9.15	3.00	3.00	104.70	169.65
Totals	\$69.60	\$62.15	\$26.10	\$25.00	\$58.30	\$65.28	\$43.50	\$43.55	\$1,511.50	\$1,705.85

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Item VIII. Disbursed for Conference Budget											
Charge	President's Salary Assigned	President's Salary Raised	Conference Work Assigned	Conference Work Raised	Church Extension	Total Conference Budget Assigned	Total Conference Budget Raised	Total Budget Assigned	Total Budget Raised		
Apalachicola	\$27.00		\$13.50			\$40.50		\$120.10			
Clearwater	48.00	\$48.00	24.00			72.00	\$164.38	212.50	\$416.82		
Grand Ridge	33.00		16.50			39.50		144.80			
Greenville	9.00		4.50			13.50		38.40			
Intercession City	27.00		13.50		51.22	40.50	95.47	124.05	199.98		
Lakeand	66.00		33.00		46.59	99.00	145.59	289.15	403.11		
Largo	36.00	42.00	18.00		66.52	54.00	129.52	161.55	314.02		
Merritt Island	27.00	21.55	13.50		21.55	40.00	69.28	120.10	124.23		
Paola	66.00	66.00	33.00		80.25	99.00	179.25	295.25	394.82		
Pineclaus Park	72.00	84.00	36.00		42.00	108.00	220.85	313.50	450.96		
Steinhatchee	42.00	26.00	21.00	15.20	94.85	63.00	41.20	181.60	127.20		
St. Petersburg	33.00	36.00	13.00	18.00	71.14	49.50	129.64	133.80	280.24		
Tampa	36.00		18.00		18.21	54.00	72.21	159.70	241.86		
Totals	\$522.00	\$455.55	\$261.00	\$219.70	\$42.71	\$783.00	\$1,247.39	\$2,294.50	\$2,953.24		

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Item IX. Disbursed for Benevolences

Band	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Conference Work	W. Y.	Other Objects	Total for Benevolences
Apalachicola							
Clearwater	\$65.00	\$20.00	\$20.00		\$13.00	\$56.00	\$174.00
Grand Ridge							
Greenville	13.05	18.00				30.00	61.05
Intercession City	58.02	63.63	149.11	\$16.53	5.00	259.25	551.56
Lakeand					49.81	35.00	84.81
Largo						43.50	78.50
Merritt Island	35.00					113.65	133.07
Paola	11.11	8.31				72.55	123.55
Pineclaus Park						10.00	10.00
Steinhatchee						28.04	166.74
St. Petersburg		95.00	43.70			41.35	41.35
Tampa							
Totals	\$182.18	\$204.96	\$212.81	\$16.53	\$67.81	\$689.34	\$1,373.63

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Item X. Disbursed Totals

Charge	Total for Pastor	Total for Church	Total for Budget	Total for Benevolences	Total for All Purposes
Apalachicola	\$10.00	\$540.61	.....	.....	\$550.61
Clearwater	2,580.00	1,188.31	\$416.82	\$174.00	4,359.13
Grand Ridge	800.00	1,219.05	.....	.....	2,019.05
Greenville	1,213.04	.....	127.20	10.00	1,350.24
Intercession City	816.00	1,485.97	199.98	61.05	2,563.00
Lakeland	1,877.47	413.59	403.11	551.56	3,245.73
Largo	495.00	6,563.65	314.02	84.81	7,457.48
Merritt Island	70.00	1,387.98	124.23	78.50	1,660.71
Paola	2,124.00	2,066.59	389.41	133.07	4,713.07
Pinellas Park	2,619.00	3,238.54	450.96	72.55	6,381.05
Steinhatchee	1,213.04	.....	127.20	10.00	1,350.24
St. Petersburg	2,016.00	4,117.69	280.24	166.74	6,580.67
Tampa	539.05	277.99	241.86	28.35	1,087.25
Totals	\$16,372.60	\$22,499.93	\$3,075.03	\$1,370.54	\$43,218.23

Minutes

of the

Sixth Annual Session

of the

Woman's Missionary Society

of the

Florida Conference

held at

Largo, Florida

June 19–22, 1956

Roll Call

Society	President	Present
Appalachicola	Marie Boughington	3
Clearwater	Mary Rickey	4
Grand Ridge	Jessie Paulk	4
Intercession City	Etta Williams	4
Lakeland	Ethel Coile	4
Largo	Alice Day	4
Merritt Island	Stella Hughes	4
Paola	Ann Shaffer	4
Pinellas Park	Grace Roll	4
St. Petersburg	Hazel Herman	3
Tampa	Ruth Rogers	4

Society	Delegate	Present
Appalachicola	—	
Clearwater	Thelma Johnson	4
Grand Ridge	Mildred Scott	3
Intercession City	—	
Lakeland	Dora Lois Coile	4
Largo	Yvonne Duff	1
Merritt Island	—	
Paola	Marjorie Shaffer	2
Pinellas Park	Anna Baer	2
St. Petersburg	—	
Tampa	Orena Robinson	3

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES OF 1956-57

	President	Secretary
Apalachicola	Mrs. Essie Paulk Apalachicola, Fla.	Mrs. B. B. Sorenson 48 13th St. Apalachicola, Fla.
Clearwater	Mrs. Mary Rickey Rt. No. 1 Box 715 Clearwater, Fla.	Mrs. Fay Midkiff 612 N. Ft. Harrison Clearwater, Fla.
Grand Ridge	Mrs. Jessie Paulk Rt. No. 1, Box 28A Snead's, Fla.	Mrs. Yvonne Money 234 S. Winn St. Marianna, Fla.

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Intercession City	Mrs. D. W. Williams Intercession City, Fla.	Mrs. Callie Love Intercession City, Fla.
Largo	Mrs. Alice Day P. O. Box 283 Largo, Fla.	Mrs. Opal Trotter Rt. No. 1, Box 4 N. W. Largo, Fla.
Lakeland	Mrs. Ethel Coile 3415 N. Fla. Ave. Lakeland, Fla.	Mrs. Iris Hill 701 N. Texas Ave. Lakeland, Fla.
Merritt Island		
Paola	Mrs. Lucille Spivey Rt. No. 1, Box 133 Sanford, Fla.	Mrs. Ella Davis Rt. No. 1, Box 171 Sanford, Fla.
Pinellas Park	Mrs. Grace Roll 7151 54th St. N. Pinellas Park, Fla.	Mrs. Anna Baer 7151 54th St. N. Pinellas Park, Fla.
St. Petersburg	Mrs. Hazel Herman 1330 Cherry St. N. E. St. Petersburg, Fla.	Pauline Stonebrook 6711 38th St. St. Petersburg, Fla.
Tampa	Mrs. Ruth Rogers 2107 E. Ida Ave. Tampa, 10, Fla.	Mrs. Jos. Perry 2016 E. Buffalo Ave. Tampa, 10, Fla.

**NAMES AND ADDRESS OF THE NEW TREASURER'S FOR
1956-1957**

Apalachicola—
 Clearwater—Mrs. Foy Midkiff, 1013 Drew St., Clearwater, Fla.
 Grand Ridge—Mrs. Mildred McMillan, Rt. No. 1, Grand Ridge, Fla.
 Intercession City—Callie Love, Intercession City, Fla.
 Largo—Mrs. Mary Piatt, 309 6th Ave., S. W., Largo, Fla.
 Lakeland—Mrs. Iris Hill, 701 N. Texas Ave., Lakeland, Fla.
 Merritt Island—
 Paola—Mrs. Ellas I. Davis, Rt. No. 1, Box 171, Sanford, Fla.
 Pinellas Park—Mrs. Anna Baer, 7151 54th St., N. Pinellas Park, Fla.
 St. Petersburg—Mrs. Pauline Stonebrook, 7555 46th Ave., N. St. Petersburg, Fla.
 Tampa—Mrs. Josephine Parry, 2016 E. Buffalo Ave., Tampa, Fla.

Daily Proceedings

Tuesday Afternoon

The fifth annual session of the Women's Missionary Society of the Florida Conference convened at the Largo Wesleyan Methodist Church on Tuesday, June 19, 1956 at 1.00 p. m.

Meeting called to order by Mrs. Ruth Rogers. Mrs. Maragret Taylor led the singing. Mrs. Grace Roll led the devotions speaking from Luke 15:1. Some helpful comments were: "Jesus found the lost sheep and did not chastize it, but said rejoice", "Have concern for the lost", and "It costs to be a disciple."

Communication from Sis. Reisdorph was read and it expressed regret in being unable to attend our Conference sessions this year. A letter from Sis. French was read regarding Central College. She urged us to send contributions of food for "Harvest Day" in Oct., which will be the climax of the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Bar of Conference was set for the first six rows of seats.

Election of Committees as follows:

Courtesy—Mrs. Mary Rickey

Thanks—Mrs. Grace Roll and Mrs. Thelma Johnson

Orders of the Day—Mrs. Alice Day, Mrs. Ann Shaffer, and Mrs. Ethel Coile

Post Office—Mrs. Etta Williams and Mrs. Bertha Chapman

Auditing—Miss Dora Lois Coile and Mrs. Margaret Taylor

Resolutions—Mrs. Hazel Herman and Miss Mildred Scott

Peggy Rickey spoke concerning "Our million for lost millions", a plan worked out and adopted by our General Conference for raising funds for the missions. This was an inspiring few moments in which we were urged to pray and give.

Each local society was urged to purchase a Treasurer's book. Ann Shaffer explained some details to us concerning our statistical blanks. Dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Bertha Chapman.

Wednesday Afternoon

Wednesday, June 20, meeting opened by singing "Stepping in the Light" and "Lead Me to Some Soul" led by Mrs. Thelma Johnson. Mrs. Mary Swentzel led the devotions, reading from Romans 12. Mrs. Ann Shaffer led in prayer.

The minutes were read and accepted.

The roll call was read with 13 present.

By common consent, the Bar of the Conference was changed to the first three rows of seats.

The Courtesy Committee introduced Dr. O. G. Wilson, who brought greetings from Sis. Reisdorph and Dr. Nicholson. He commented as fol-

lows: Our denomination is supporting two missionaries under another denomination as a cooperative system. We also have taken over the support of the Troyers in Haiti which will cost \$5000 a year. The board agreed to send Eloise Wood to Honduras and to pay \$1080 per year, who will be sent under the World Missions Board. Race tension is worldwide and what we do must be done now. Dr. Jennings has been sent home because of India's closed doors. Dr. Wilson read St. John 12 and mentioned the four attitudes. "Martha served, Lazarus sat, Judas criticized, and Mary worshiped." Put the attitude of Mary and Martha together and we have an excellent combination for service to 'Our Master.' Keep prayerful, keep united."

Report on orders of the Day was read and accepted.

Committee on thanks reported, the report was accepted.

Mrs. Bertha Chapman presented some of our literature and suggested various ways of creating interest in reading our literature.

The local statistical reports were read and accepted.

We were dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Hughes.

Thursday Afternoon

The meeting opened by singing "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." Devotions were in charge of Mrs. Alice Day. Alice Schultz led in prayer.

The minutes were read and accepted.

Roll call with 17 present.

The president's report was read and accepted as given verbally.

Jessie Paulk and Mildred Scott were appointed tellers and we proceeded with election of officers. Results of election as follows:

President—Mrs. Mary Rickey

Vice President—Hazel Herman

Secretary—Alice Schultz

Treasurer—Ann Shaffer

Y.M.W.B. Superintendent—Peggy Rickey

Magazine Solicitor—Jessie M. Paulk

Missionary Study Secretary—Yvonne Money

Statistical Chairman—Grace Roll

Prayer Partner Secretary—Ruth Rogers

Conference Reporter—Alice Schultz

Report of the Child Evangelism Secretary was read and accepted.

We had a few remarks from our newly elected president, Mrs. Mary Rickey, who manifested a humble spirit and asked the cooperation of all.

Committee on Courtesy introduced Rev. Mullinax, president of Central College, who gave a brief explanation of the origin and plan of the honorary enrollment of Central College. He urged us to attend Harvest Day Celebration, Oct. 19. It was also suggested that we might take an offering of citrus fruit and juice as a donation to the college.

Sis. Minnie Martin invited the Missionary body to her home for a "get acquainted hour."

We were dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Grace Roll.

Friday Afternoon

The final session was opened by singing "I Love to Tell the Story" led by Sister Swentzel. We were led in prayer by Sis. Williams. Sis. Mary Rickey led us in our devotions.

The minutes were read and approved. Y.M.W.B. report was given by Sis. Margaret Taylor and accepted. Our Missionary Books were presented by Sisters Taylor and Chapman. Some books were sold. Annual Statistical report was read and adopted.

Committee on Resolutions was read by Sis. Hazel Herman and accepted.

Auditing Committee reported, it was accepted.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

In order to create interest in local societies in becoming more efficient an offer was made to supply material for making banner awards. This idea was abandoned.

Sis. Rickey expressed the good wishes of the Missionary Conference body to Sis. Ruth Rogers and appreciation for her faithful service in the past years. A love offering was taken for her.

Post Office Address Committee's report was read, corrected and accepted.

The minutes of this session were read and accepted.

We were dismissed in prayer, and praise.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alice Schultz, Secretary

PUBLIC MISSIONARY SERVICE—FRIDAY P. M.

The service was opened by singing led by Rev. Earl Alexander, Area Youth President. Prayer by Mrs. Ruth Rogers. Sister Peggy Rickey gave some stirring comments on "Closed Doors" and what we are doing about our "Million for lost Million." Sister Eloise Wood spoke to us from a burdened heart about her concern for her native people in Honduras.

Dr. O. G. Wilson brought the evening message which stirred us all to a greater vision for missions.

Pledges were taken which amounted to \$1115 to send Eloise Wood to Honduras.

We were dismissed with prayer and singing the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Shultz, W.M.S. Secretary.

Reports

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the Everlasting Arms. Deut. 33:27.

The over shadowing hand of the Lord has guided us in the past year.

The anointing of the Lord was greatly manifest in the general conference; the refreshing blessing of the Lord was manifest in shouts of praise and thanksgiving. Souls were helped and bodies were healed.

By letter we have endeavored to encourage our faithful leaders in their new undertakings for the Lord.

On Jan. 1, 1956, Sister Anna Shaffer asked to be released from the Statistical Committee due to ill health.

Made a trip to Largo in interest of the missionary society, making phone calls and appointing Sisters Shultz and Roll to serve on the statistical committee, who have served faithfully to compile our reports.

Made telephone calls and a trip to Clearwater to arrange for the Superintendent of the Y. M. W. B. Our faithful and loyal leader has worked hard to carry the gospel torch.

Sister Chapman has been appointed to sell our reading books and supplies.

Yours and His,
Ruth Rogers

REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

We wish to thank the Largo Church for their hospitality in entertaining the W.M.S. Conference.

We wish to thank Sister Lynn in her efficient work in finding rooms for everyone.

We wish to thank Brother and Sister Shultz for their unselfish work in the snackbar.

We wish to thank Brother and Sister C. H. Martin for their kindness to the conference and for entertaining Dr. Wilson.

Grace Roll,
Mrs. Thelma Johnson.

REPORT OF THE PRAYER PARTNER'S COMMITTEE

Number of prayer partner circles	5
Number of prayer partners	44
Number of missionaries chosen	88

Number of Home Missionaries	44
Number of Foreign Missionaries	44
Number of Y.M.W.B. prayer partners	0

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We have examined, audited the W.M.S. treasurer's book and report they are correct and in order.

Dora Lois Coile,
Margaret Taylor.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We the ladies of the W.M.S. society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church feel God has been good to us and are giving Him praise and glory for His great salvation, we therefore resolve:

1. That we spend much time in prayer for our representatives at home and abroad.
2. That we keep ourselves well informed of the work at home and abroad by subscribing to the Wesleyan Missionary Magazine and study it for information.
3. That we do our utmost to keep home base clean and unctionized and anointed by prayer.
4. That we use the reading course recommended by the literature department.
5. That we stand by our young people, boys and girls in love and Christian example.
6. That we are faithful to our prayer partners in prayer and on their birthdays with greeting cards and letters.
7. That we uphold our government officials in prayer.
8. That each society endeavor to help raise money for the support of our newly elected candidate to Honduras.

Prayerfully submitted,
Mildred Scott,
Hazel Herman.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The committee met and decided that the election of officers shall be on Thursday afternoon, June 21, 1956, immediately after devotions. Friday night shall be the public service.

Mrs. Alice Day,
Mrs. Anna Shaffer,
Mrs. Ethel Coile.

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REPORT OF THE CHILD EVANGELISM DIRECTOR

I have contacted the different churches on the conference, spoken in two of them and distributed literature sent from headquarters. I have traveled around 1000 miles in my work.

I have held a Bible Crusader Camp in conjunction with the Youth Camp and two Crusader Rallies, which were well attended with a good interest and enthusiasm.

I have had a daily vacation Bible School, three Junior Churches, one release time class and one Bible Crusader Club.

I feel sure there is a good opportunity for more full-scale child evangelism work if we would all pull together and work.

Rev. Mrs. Fred Hughes, Director

Y.M.W.B. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Letters with receipts sent to Superintendents	28	\$.84
Letters sent to Superintendents notifying change of name on check and money orders	7	.14
Letters sent to pastors in the interest of new bands in their church	3	.09
Letters sent to Houghton Office with funds	4	.12
Mimeographing of report blanks	30	.20
Total Expenditures		<hr/> \$1.89

Had on Hand March 1, 1955—\$1.30

Had three public services (Y.M.W.B.) St. Petersburg; Received \$3.00

Had one public service (Y.M.W.B.)—Pinellas Park

Desk funds received:

Clearwater	\$1.25
Paola	.50
Tampa	.25
Pinellas Park	.46
Largo	.60
St. Petersburg	1.00
Merritt Island	.18
Lakeland	.42

Total	<hr/> \$4.66
On hand June 15, 1956	\$4.66

Charity Davis

W.M.S. CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT 1955-1956

Receipts

Total from W.M.S.	\$861.81	
Other Sources .....	.80	
Total Receipts		\$862.61
Old Balance		64.39
Grand Total		\$927.00

Disbursements

Home Missions:		
General	\$129.85	
Thank Offering	10.40	
Self Denial	13.12	
Australia General	14.50	
Australia Self Denial	55.11	
Card Call	74.40	
Brainerd School	5.00	
Jewish Work	10.00	
		\$312.38
Hephzibah		\$24.28
Foreign Missions:		
General	\$161.03	
Africa	10.50	
Africa Native Worker	5.00	
Haiti	5.00	
Haiti White Gift (Christmas Offering)	21.33	
India	5.00	
Japan	5.00	
Japan Bible School	18.13	
South America	5.00	
		\$235.99
Education:		
General	\$28.13	
Harvest Day	15.00	
Honorary Enrollment	44.00	
		\$87.13
Medical Students		\$6.50
Membership Dues		\$31.90
Administrative Fund		\$14.50

Official Expense:

Triple Receipts Pads	\$1.95
Postage, Stationery	2.68
Binder, Filler	8.75

\$13.38

Miscellaneous \$22.50

\$748.56

Receipts GRAND TOTAL \$927.00

Total Disbursements \$748.56

Other Objects:

Mile of Dimes	\$15.30
Rev. Newcomb	29.30
Ridgway Shower	6.70
Local Church Work	38.43
Plants Indian Work	5.00

\$94.73

Total Disbursements \$843.29

NEW BALANCE \$83.71

Anna A. Shaffer

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

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Y.M.W.B. STATISTICAL REPORT

Charge	Active Members	Honorary Members	Meetings	Efficiency Standard %	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Special Projects	Total (Band Credit)	Non-Credit Total	Grand Total		
Clearwater	40	85	13	100	\$42	\$56	\$20	\$7	\$17	\$9.95	\$180.55	\$9.61	\$190.16
Lakeland	18	26	15	100	45	39	37	47	15	00	70	26	168.62
Large	40	19	14	90	26	20	4	75	2	50	5.00	43	45
Merritt Island	18	14	15	100	20	31	1	00	2	00	2.89	13	70
Pinellas Park	40	6	12	100	25	52	3	36	3	87	5.00	38	15
Palm	21	3	14	100	13	77	11	83	6	92	11.11	43	63
St. Petersburg	13	5	12	100	21	76	3	00	2	00	...	26	76
Tampa	20	7	8	70	32	34	10	00	5	00	6.95	34	49
Totals	210	167	93	65	318.45	592.28	849.46	5111.16	571.35	48.92	620.27		

Y.M.W.B. READING COURSE REPORT

Bands	Certificates Given	Books Read
Clearwater	6	36
Merritt Island	9	54
Pinellas Park	8	48
Extra Books Read	19	19
Totals	23	157

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W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT

Membership and Receipts

Society	Active Members	Honorary Members	Members Gained	Members Lost	Total No. Meetings Held	Wesleyan Missionaries taken	Efficiency Standard Rank %	Membership Dues	Offerings	From Labor
Clearwater	9	9	5	1	14	...	...	\$18.00	\$60.91	...
Intercession City	8	8	1	1	16	6	...	13.00	80.86	...
Lakeland	15	6	3	2	21	11	70	21.00	102.42	...
Largo	11	...	...	3	14	10	...	11.00	101.25	...
Merritt Island	6	...	...	1	17	5	...	6.50	31.90	...
Paola	11	2	...	1	26	5	60	13.00	92.46	\$41.84
Pinellas Park	15	2	5	2	23	5	60	17.00	121.75	...
St. Petersburg	10	4	8	1	12	9	...	14.00	42.06	...
Tampa	8	1	...	...	16	6	...	8.00	15.75	...
Grand Ridge	9	6	...	...	16	5	...	15.00	80.00	...
Totals	102	34	17	10	175	62	...	\$136.50	\$729.36	\$41.84

W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

Receipts—Continued

Society	Voucher Receipts	Other Sources	Administrative	Total Receipts for Year	Old Balance from Last Year	Grand Total
Clearwater	...	\$10.50	\$4.50	\$93.91	...	\$93.91
Intercession City	\$15.00	1.00	1.25	111.11	\$8.26	119.37
Lakeland	22.40	17.00	...	163.82	5.19	168.01
Largo	...	...	...	112.25	...	112.25
Merritt Island	...	33.76	1.50	73.66	...	73.66
Paola	42.00	21.66	2.75	213.71	2.73	216.44
Pinellas Park	21.00	4.00	...	163.75	11.32	175.07
St. Petersburg	45.00	17.00	...	118.06	3.60	121.63
Tampa	5.00	16.00	1.25	46.00	...	46.00
Grand Ridge	95.00	...	95.00
Totals	\$150.40	\$120.92	\$11.25	\$1,190.21	\$31.10	\$1,221.34

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W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT--Continued

Disbursements								
Society		Disbursements						
		Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Medical Student (Missions)	Hephzibah, Cash	Education, Cash	Education, Provisions	Local Church Work
Clearwater		\$21.77	\$29.50	\$3.50	\$5.78	\$10.00		\$8.50
Intercession City		15.00	13.00	3.00	5.00	17.00		22.50
Lakeland		53.90	23.38		7.00	4.50	\$5.00	11.65
Largo		21.66	23.83		4.50	8.63		8.15
Merritt Island		7.15	7.12					
Neola		26.04	34.40		6.00			38.43
Pinellas Park		31.00	52.00			4.00		26.00
St. Petersburg		23.75	18.75					12.08
Tampa		5.50	5.50		3.25			
Grand Ridge		20.40	19.00			5.00		40.00
Totals		\$225.77	\$226.48	\$6.50	\$31.53	\$49.13	\$5.00	\$167.31

W.M.S. STATISTICAL REPORT--Continued

Disbursements--Continued								
Society		Disbursements--Continued						
		Membership Dues	Other Objects	Administrative	Total Disbursements	New Balance on Hand	Grand Total	
Clearwater		\$9.00	\$1.36	\$4.50	\$93.91	\$23.16	\$93.91	\$119.37
Intercession City		6.50	13.76	1.25	97.01	15.68	119.37	168.01
Lakeland		10.50	32.40	3.50	152.33	15.50	168.01	172.95
Largo		3.50	31.11		106.73	5.20	172.95	177.62
Merritt Island		3.25	33.76	1.50	63.91	7.75	177.62	218.44
Neola		6.50	91.25	2.75	199.37	17.07	218.44	245.47
Pinellas Park		8.50	31.00		158.50	16.57	245.47	272.04
St. Petersburg		7.00	57.00		118.55	3.08	272.04	325.63
Tampa		4.00	21.00	1.75	46.00		325.63	46.00
Grand Ridge		7.50			86.50	8.50	46.00	95.00
Totals		\$68.25	\$314.64	\$15.25	\$1,124.83	\$96.51	\$1,221.34	

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President—Earl Rickey, Rt. 1, Box 715, Clearwater, Fla.

Vice President—John Paulk, Rt. 1, Box 28A, Snead's, Fla.

Secretary—Marilyn Shultz, Box 629, Pinellas Park, Fla.

Treasurer—Rachel Coile, 3415 N. Florida Ave., Lakeland, Fla.

Reporter—Marilyn Shultz, Box 629, Pinellas Park, Fla.

Magazine Solicitor—Kenneth Renner, R. 1, Box 1068, Largo, Florida

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF NEW PRESIDENTS OF 1956-1957

Clearwater—Rachel Midkiff, 1013 Drew Street, Clearwater, Fla.

Lakeland—Barbara Powell, 838 N. Iowa Ave., Lakeland, Fla.

Largo—E. P. Trotter, Rt. 1, Box 4, Largo, Fla.

Grand Ridge—

Paola—Mr. Woodrow Davis, Rt. 1, Box 171, Sanford, Fa.

Pinellas Park—Kenneth Renner, Rt. 1, Box 1068, Largo, Fla.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF NEW SECRETARIES OF 1956-1957

Clearwater—Miss Lillas Monroe, Rt. 1, Box 373-B, Clearwater, Fla.

Lakeland—Mrs. Iris Hill, 701 N. Texas Ave., Lakeland, Fla.

Largo—Judy Lynn, P.O. Box 55, Largo, Fla.

Grand Ridge—

Paola—Mr. Thomas F. Sparks, Rt. 1, Box 161, Sanford, Fla.

Pinellas Park—Velma Renner, Rt. 1, Box 1068, Largo, Fla.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF NEW TREASURERS OF 1956-1957

Clearwater—Miss Lillas Monroe, Rt. 1, Box 373-B, Clearwater, Fla.

Lakeland—Mrs. Iris Hill, 838 N. Texas Ave., Lakeland, Fla.

Largo—Mrs. D. V. Duff, Andrew Ave., Largo, Fla.

Grand Ridge—

Paola—Mrs. Frances Kern, Rt. 1, Box 164, Sanford, Fla.

Pinellas Park—Laura Mae Padgett, 49th Street and Park Blvd., Pinellas Park, Fla.

Roll Call

Society	Delegate	Present
Clearwater	Rachel Midkiff	4
	Mrs. Evelyn Rickey	4
Lakeland	Barbara Powell	4
	Rachel Coile	4
Largo	Judy Lynn	4
	Jean Elrod	3
Grand Ridge	Mrs. Inez McKenzie	4
	Robert Morgan	4
Paola	Margaret Shaffer	4
	Irene Kelly	2
Pinellas Park	Velma Renner	4
	Marilyn Shultz	4

Society	President	Present
Lakeand	Dora Lois Coile	4
Pinellas Park	Kenneth Renner	4

Daily Proceedings

The first session of the Wesleyan Youth Society convened at the Largo Church on June 19, 1956 at 11:00 a. m. The meeting opened with a word of prayer by the Wesleyan Youth President, Mr. Earl Rickey. A song service followed led by Kenneth Renner.

The left side of the church was set as the bar of the conference.

It was moved and carried that the Vice President attend the conference by virtue of his office if the President could not attend.

The president stated the purpose and objectives of the Wesleyan Youth Organization.

The combined resolutions and districting committee was elected as follows: Judy Lynn, Chairman; Dora Lois Coile, Marilyn Shultz.

The Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Velma Renner, Chairman; Robert Morgan, Margaret Shaffer.

The Statistical Committee was elected as follows: Margaret Shaffer, Marilyn Shultz.

We adjourned at 11:40 a. m. and were dismissed in prayer.

Meeting came to order at 11:00 a.m. with a word of prayer. The song service was led by Velma Renner. Our Vice President, Brother Leonard Catron, led us in our devotions. He chose for his reading, John 10: 1-7.

The roll was called with sixteen present. The secretary's report was read and accepted.

The Districting Committee gave suggestions but no definite districting was set up. The meeting was opened for further discussion of districting. It was voted that the districting be as follows:

Western District—Clearwater, Largo, Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Pinellas Park.

Eastern District—Paola, South Merritt Island, Intercession City, and Lakeland.

Northern District—Apalachicola, Greenville, Fenholloway, and Grand Ridge.

The suggestion was made that as new churches are organized that they naturally fall in to one of the three districts, depending upon their location.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. and we were dismissed in prayer.

Meeting came to order at 11:00 a.m. with prayer and songs led by Kenneth Renner. The president read for our devotions, Psalm 61. Rev. Mullinax was introduced to the conference. He spoke to us about the work at Central College. Election of officers followed with Rev. Earl Alexander presiding. Election of officers are as follows:

President—Brother Earl Rickey

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Vice President—Brother John Paulk

Secretary—Miss Marilyn Shultz

Treasurer—Miss Rachel Coile

District Chairmen:

Western—Rev. Charles Groves

Eastern—Miss Rachel Coile

Northern—Robert Morgan

Meeting was adjourned and we were dismissed in prayer by Miss Dora Lois Coile.

The final meeting of this conference opened with Miss Shaffer leading us in prayer. The local societies read their statistical reports. Miss Dora Lois Coile urged groups or individuals to subscribe to the Central College Newspaper, or to put an ad in the **Centralian**. Discussion followed on putting an ad in the **Centralian**. The group voted to put a half-page ad in the **Centralian**. The treasurer's report was read and accepted. The Resolutions Committee's report was read and accepted.

The Secretary was appointed to write a thank-you note to Rev. McIntyre, thanking him for making it possible that Rev. Alexander was able to attend our conference sessions. The Secretary was also appointed to be reporter for the Wesleyan Youth Magazine. The Secretary's minutes for the entire conference sessions were adopted. It was voted that the Youth Conference next year be held at the same time as the church Annual Conference. We adjourned and were dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Shultz, Wesleyan Youth Secretary

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

During the past year it was my privilege to preside at the organizing convention of Florida Wesleyan Youth, to represent it as one of the delegates to General Conference, to participate in the organizing of two local societies, to attend part of the Youth Camp at Intercession City, to attend the Southern Area Council meeting at Central College, and to visit most of the churches in our conference.

Approximately 5000 miles were traveled in accomplishing the above. My expenses to General Conference were paid from the General Conference fund and the Southern Area reimbursed me \$40.00 towards the expenses incurred in attending the council meeting. There was \$1.35 surplus from the Youth Camp fees which was applied on office expense. The remainder of the expenses was handled locally.

The spirit of co-operation shown by each church was greatly appreciated. Those who gave of their time and money to make our Youth Camp a success are heartily thanked as is our General Secretary for sending Rev. Alexander to our present conference.

May we each this coming year push forward with God.

Earl Rickey, President,

Florida Wesleyan Youth.

WESLEYAN YOUTH CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT,

1955-1956

Receipts

Youth Rally Offering	\$28.30	
General Dues	34.60	
Conference Dues	2.35	
Youth Camp	6.00	
Home Missions	3.27	
Foreign Missions	3.84	
Youth Week Offering	10.11	
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Grand Total	\$88.47	\$88.47

Disbursements

Youth Rally Expense	\$ 1.47
Rev. Foster Piatt	18.71
Rev. Fred Elrod	3.35

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Rev. Margaret Taylor	4.77	
Ledger52	
Receipt Book50	
Foreign Missions	3.84	
Home Missions	3.27	
General Dues	34.60	
Youth Week Offering	10.11	
Stamps and Envelopes .....	.14	
Total	<u>\$81.28</u>	81.28
Balance		<u>\$ 7.19</u>
	Margaret Shaffer.	

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the youth of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, resolve the following:

1. Resolved that the budget for 1956-1957 be on the basis of \$2.00 per member. \$1.50 for General Conference Dues, \$.30 for Youth Conference budget, \$.10 for desk fund, and \$.10 for Area Dues.
2. Resolved that the Youth President have permission to make an appeal for additional funds if necessary.
3. Resolved that the Wesleyan Youth Conference shall be set by the Wesleyan Youth Conference executive council.

Judy Lynn,
Dora Lois Coile,
Marilyn Shultz.