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**CALENDAR OF THE NEW CONFERENCE YEAR**

**NOVEMBER 16-19:** District Set-Up Meetings.

**TUESDAY, November 16:**

Fayetteville District, morning and afternoon.  
Fort Smith District, afternoon and night.

**WEDNESDAY, November 17:**

Conway District, morning and afternoon.  
Helena District, afternoon and night.

**THURSDAY, November 18:**

Paragould District, morning and afternoon.  
Jonesboro District, afternoon and night.

**FRIDAY, November 19:**

Batesville District, morning and afternoon.  
Searcy District, afternoon and night.

**DECEMBER 19:** Arkansas Methodist Orphanage Offering.

**DECEMBER 31:** Watch Night Service.

**JANUARY 9-16:** Arkansas Methodist Campaign.

**JANUARY 9-23:** Bishops' Crusade.

**FEBRUARY 6-20:** February Special for Hendrix College and Ministerial Education

**FEBRUARY 13:** Race Relations Day.

**FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 2:** W.S.C.S. Annual Conference.

**FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 5:** Week of Dedication.

**MARCH 26-APRIL 9:** Pre-Easter Evangelistic Period.

**APRIL 9:** Easter.

**APRIL 30:** Church School Rally Day.

**MAY 7-14:** Golden Cross Enrollment.

**MAY 28-JUNE 9:** Vacation Church Schools.

**JUNE 4:** Hendrix College Commencement.

**JUNE 5-9:** Conference Youth Fellowship Assembly.

**JUNE 12-23:** Arkansas Pastors' School.

**JULY 20-AUGUST 3:** Leadership School, Mt. Sequoyah.

**OCTOBER 5:** Meeting of the Planning Committee

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### FIRST DAY

The One Hundred-Eighth Session of the North Arkansas Annual Conference of The Methodist Church convened at The Methodist Church in Russellville, Arkansas, at 4:00 P. M., November 3rd, 1943 with Bishop Charles C. Selecman presiding.

Hymn No. 211, "Arise, My Soul, Arise," and Hymn No. 278, "Lead On O King Eternal," from the Methodist Hymnal, were sung as the opening hymns of the Conference. Bishop Selecman read the second chapter of I Peter with an appeal that this Conference be dominated by the presence of the spirit of God. Dr. O. E. Goddard, at the request of the chairman, made a statement of the plans for Evangelism in this session of the Conference, and emphasized the place that Evangelism was to have in the Conference during the year. Hymn No. 402, "And Are We Yet Alive" was sung. Bishop Selecman, assisted by the District Superintendents, led the Conference in the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

James S. Upton was elected Secretary. On the nomination of the Secretary Ewing T. Wayland and James T. Randle were elected assistant secretaries; Joe A. Goetz, Conference Statistician; and the following District Auditors: J. J. Clark, E. J. Holifield, Ray D. Seals, Martin Bierbaum, J. Kenneth Shamblin, E. G. Kaetzell, Raymond Franks, and S. C. Patty. C. N. Guice led the conference as song leader.

The Secretary made announcement concerning the method of checking the attendance of lay and clerical members of the Conference. A check on the attendance records showed 171 clerical, 37 accepted supplies, and 74 lay delegates present.

Question No. 22 was called: Who are received by Transfer from other Conferences? Bishop Selecman announced the transfer of Thomas R. Whiddon, an elder from the Tennessee Conference, to the North Arkansas Conference. He was called to the chancel and introduced to the Conference.

Question No. 10 was called: Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? The characters of all the active preachers were passed. The names of all the retired preachers were called and their characters passed.

H. Lynn Wade, being granted a point of personal privilege, presented Dr. James A. Anderson, retired, and Dr. A. G. Henderson, Lay Delegate from Imboden, to the Conference. It was made known that Dr. Anderson had attended 65 sessions and Dr. Henderson 48 sessions of this Conference.

The Conference gave a standing vote of thanks to Ben C. Few for his work as secretary of the Conference.

On motion of Ben Few the conference voted to order the Secretary to send the greetings of the conference to J. B. Evans who was pastor at Russellville when the present building was erected.

The host pastor, E. B. Williams, made appropriate announcements, and, after the benediction by J. Q. Schisler, the conference was adjourned.

### SECOND DAY

#### MORNING SESSION

The Conference met at 8:30 A. M. with Bishop Selecman presiding. The Hymns, No. 256, "Faith of Our Fathers" and No. 267, "Rise Up, O Men of God," were sung. Bishop Selecman led in the Responsive Readings "Social Justice" and "Citizenship." After a brief period of silent meditation the Conference was led in prayer by L. M. Starkey.

Bishop Selecman introduced Glenn Sanford and T. C. Huff, after which Glenn Sanford spoke to the Conference on the need of the Rural areas and the hope of the church in these sections.

District Superintendents and pastors who have had a part in outstanding rural projects were mentioned. The Hymn No. 491, "America the Beautiful," was sung after which T. C. Huff led in prayer.

The minutes of the opening session were approved as read. On motion of James W. Workman the conference voted that a committee be appointed to audit the conference minutes. The chairman appointed the following to the Committee: C. N. Guice, Edward W. Harris, and L. M. Starkey.

On motion of Ben Few the Conference voted to have the Secretary call the roll of the lay delegates of the conference. This was done.

R. S. Hayden presented the report of the Planning Committee and the report was adopted as following:

#### **Tuesday, November 2:**

- 2:00 p. m. The Meeting of the Cabinet.
- 6:00 p. m. Members of Cabinet and former pastors dinner guests at Pottsville.

#### **Wednesday, November 3:**

- 2:00 p. m. Meetings of the Boards, Commissions, and Committees.
- 4:00 p. m. Consecration and Communion Service.
- 6:00 p. m. Town and Country Commission Dinner.
- 7:30 p. m. Preaching Hour, followed by the Dedication of the Russellville Church.

#### **Thursday, November 4:**

- 8:30 a. m. Devotional Service.  
Immediately following this Devotional, the report of the District Superintendents.
- 9:00 a. m. Reception of class into Full Connection.  
First ballot for delegates to General Conference to be taken immediately following reception of this class.
- 10:00 a. m. Reception of class On Trial.  
10:30 a. m. Report of the Board of Education.  
Following the report of the Board of Education, the report of the Hendrix College Chapel Committee.
- 12:30 p. m. Southern Methodist University Luncheon.
- 2:00 p. m. Report of the Committee on the American Bible Society.
- 3:00 p. m. Adjournment of afternoon session.
- 4:00 p. m. Preaching Service, Dr. Harry Denman.
- 6:00 p. m. Training Council Dinner.

#### **Friday, November 5:**

- 8:30 a. m. Devotional Service.
- 9:00 a. m. Report of the Commission on Evangelism.
- 9:30 a. m. Report of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.  
Immediately following the report of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, the report of the Town and Country Commission.
- 11:00 a. m. Report of the Commission on World Service and Finance.  
Immediately following the report of the Commission on World Service and Finance, the Bishops' Crusade will be emphasized.

- 12:30 p. m. Board of Lay Activities Luncheon.
- 2:00 p. m. "Christian Citizenship Hour."
- 4:00 p. m. Preaching Service, Dr. Harry Denman.
- 6:00 p. m. Hendrix Dinner.
- 7:30 p. m. Preaching Service, followed by the ordination of Deacons and Elders.

#### Saturday, November 6:

- 8:30 a. m. Devotional Service.
- 9:00 a. m. Report of the Board of Lay Activities.
- 9:30 a. m. Report of the Board of Hospitals and Homes.
- 10:00 a. m. Memorial Service.
- 11:00 a. m. Report of the Board of Conference Claimants.
- 11:30 a. m. Report of the Board of Christian Literature and the Editor of the Arkansas Methodist.
- 2:00 p. m. Business session of the Conference.
- 4:00 p. m. Preaching Service, Dr. Harry Denman.
- 6:30 p. m. All Conference delegates guests of "Arkansas Tech" at dinner.
- 7:30 p. m. Preaching Service, Dr. Harry Denman.

#### Sunday, November 7:

- 9:00-10:00 a. m. Service of Testimony and Fellowship.
- 10:30 a. m. Morning Worship, Sermon by Bishop Charles C. Selecman.

R. S. Hayden and E. B. Williams were named by the chairman as the Courtesy Committee. The following were introduced to the Conference as visitors: Dr. S. H. Babcock, West Oklahoma Conference; Homer Fort, J. E. Cooper, R. E. Simpson, J. M. Workman, and George Reutz, all of the Little Rock Conference; and Cecil Culver, of the East Oklahoma Conference.

Question No. 9 was called: What are the reports of the District Superintendents as to the status of the work within their Districts? W. Vance Womack, Secretary of the Cabinet, read the report which summarized the year's work. The District Superintendents pointed out the outstanding phases of the church work within their respective districts.

### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT

As we come today to make our report to you of the work done in the eight districts of the North Arkansas Conference for the year 1942-43, we wish to express our grateful thanks to Almighty God for the privilege we have had of working another year for our Lord and Master through the Church. We make our report of work that has been done under great stress. The statistics will show decreases along some lines, increases in others. We can give only a few of the items of work that have occupied our time during the year just closing.

The fine work done by our laymen, under the leadership of the Conference, District and Charge Lay Leaders, has been very encouraging. Their work in the field of Stewardship, Visitation Evangelism and the development of rural work has been gratifying.

There have been 2,739 accessions to the Church on profession of faith and 2,762 by certificate,—a total of 5,661. Subscribers to the Christian Advocate total 550; the Arkansas Methodist 5,931. The number of Vacation Schools held number 121 with an enrollment of 5,678. The total enrollment in the Church School is 58,041. There have been 13 persons licensed to preach this year. The women have 256 Societies of Christian Service with a membership of 9,821. During the year 1,560 training credits have been issued, and \$3,011 raised for Church School Day purposes. The Church raised \$11,403 for Week of Dedication and World Communion Day causes. For the upkeep and im-

provement of churches and parsonages \$86,091 was raised and there was paid on church debts \$113,194. There have been 6 new churches built, and one parsonage bought. The 8 districts accepted \$61,265 for Benevolence, an amount equal to 63 per cent of the askings. Paid for Benevolences \$6,298 or 102 per cent of the acceptances. The Conference raised \$9,514 for Hendrix College and Ministerial Training.

These various statistical items by Districts are as follows:

Accessions, Professions of Faith: Batesville, 309; Conway, 348; Fayetteville, 273; Ft. Smith, 491; Helena, 263; Jonesboro, 392; Paragould, 250; Searcy, 494.

Accessions, Certificates: Batesville, 215; Conway, 549; Fayetteville, 374; Ft. Smith, 551; Helena, 278; Jonesboro, 375; Paragould, 215; Searcy, 329.

Total Accessions: Batesville, 524; Conway, 897; Fayetteville, 647; Ft. Smith, 1,042; Helena, 541; Jonesboro, 767; Paragould, 465; Searcy, 823.

Subscribers to Christian Advocate: Batesville, 39; Conway, 45; Fayetteville, 143; Ft. Smith, 108; Helena, 68; Jonesboro, 46; Paragould, 30; Searcy, 71.

Subscribers, Arkansas Methodist: Batesville, 815; Conway, 906; Fayetteville, 487; Ft. Smith, 897; Helena, 695; Jonesboro, 702; Paragould, 753; Searcy, 678.

Number Vacation Schools: Batesville, 16; Conway, 15; Fayetteville, 7; Ft. Smith, 24; Helena, 12; Jonesboro, 10; Paragould, 17; Searcy, 16.

Enrollment in Vacation Schools: Batesville, 884; Conway, 860; Fayetteville, 445; Ft. Smith, 1,256; Helena, 700; Jonesboro, 493; Paragould, 400; Searcy, 640.

Enrollment in Church Schools: Batesville, 6,900; Conway, 7,601; Fayetteville, 6,528; Ft. Smith, 9,994; Helena, 6,100; Jonesboro, 6,590; Paragould, 6,688; Searcy, 7,640.

Number licensed to preach: Conway, 1; Ft. Smith, 3; Paragould, 6; Searcy, 1.

Number W. S. C. S.: Batesville, 30; Conway, 29; Fayetteville, 31; Ft. Smith, 33; Helena, 33; Jonesboro, 32; Paragould, 35; Searcy, 28.

Members W. S. C. S.: Batesville, 819; Conway, 1,234; Fayetteville, 1,155; Ft. Smith, 1,784; Helena, 1,360; Jonesboro, 1,399; Paragould, 850; Searcy, 1,220.

Training Credits Issued: Batesville, 122; Conway, 228; Fayetteville, 192; Ft. Smith, 283; Helena, 200; Jonesboro, 225; Paragould, 160; Searcy, 146.

Paid on Church Rally Day: Batesville, \$309; Conway, \$456; Fayetteville, \$252; Ft. Smith, \$557; Helena, \$400; Jonesboro, \$427; Paragould, \$250; Searcy, \$360.

Week of Dedication and World Communion Offering: Batesville, \$1,456; Conway, \$1,080; Fayetteville, \$1,659; Ft. Smith, \$2,186; Helena, \$1,400; Jonesboro, \$1,701; Paragould, \$700; Searcy, \$1,260.

Raised for Property Improvement and Upkeep: Batesville, \$4,449; Conway, \$5,963; Fayetteville, \$7,706; Ft. Smith, \$18,515; Helena, \$1,000; Jonesboro, \$34,258; Paragould, \$11,000; Searcy, \$32,000.

Paid on Church Debts: Batesville, \$1,950; Conway, \$20,587; Ft. Smith, \$26,003; Helena, \$1,400; Jonesboro, \$24,304; Paragould, \$750; Searcy, \$15,600.

New Churches Built: Conway, 1; Ft. Smith, 1; Paragould, 2; Searcy, 2.

Accepted for Benevolences: Batesville, \$6,411; Conway, \$8,147; Fayetteville, \$5,534; Ft. Smith, \$9,498; Helena, \$9,600; Jonesboro, \$9,667; Paragould, \$5,849; Searcy, \$6,659.

Percentage of Benevolences Askings Accepted: Batesville, 70; Conway, 64; Fayetteville, 58; Ft. Smith, 60; Helena, 69; Jonesboro, 70; Paragould, 56; Searcy, 58.

Paid on Benevolences: Batesville, \$7,672; Conway, \$8,147; Fayetteville, \$5,559; Ft. Smith, \$9,498; Helena, \$9,600; Jonesboro, \$9,667; Paragould, \$5,879; Searcy, \$6,676; Total, \$62,698.

Percentage of Acceptances on Benevolences Paid: Batesville, 119; Conway, 100; Fayetteville, 100; Ft. Smith, 100; Helena, 100; Jonesboro, 100; Paragould, 100; Searcy, 100.

Paid on Hendrix College and Ministerial Training: Batesville, \$871; Conway, \$2,300; Fayetteville, \$749; Ft. Smith, \$1,206; Helena, \$1,499; Jonesboro, \$1,366; Paragould, \$812; Searcy, \$810; Total, \$9,514.

Philander Smith College: Batesville, 215; Conway, \$341; Fayetteville, \$249; Ft. Smith, \$368; Helena, \$300; Jonesboro, \$301; Paragould, \$212; Searcy, \$205; Total, \$2,191.

Average percentage accepted on Benevolences, 63 per cent.

Average percentage paid on Acceptances, 102 per cent.

Submitted by W. V. Womack, Secretary, North Arkansas Conference Cabinet.

Following the reports of the Districts the Bishop stressed the importance of increasing and paying acceptances on World Service.

Question No. 11 was called: What preachers have died during the year? The roll of the Districts was called and the following names were submitted to the Committee on Memoirs: H. K. Steward, R. C. Morehead, and W. T. Martin. The following names of preacher's wives who have died during the past year were also referred to the Committee on Memoirs: Mrs. G. G. Davidson, Mrs. James A. Anderson, Mrs. W. J. Powers. It was mentioned that J. A. Zimm, for twenty-five years a supply pastor, had died during the year.

Question No. 17 was called: Who are retired? The Roll of the Districts were called and the following names were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations: Rex B. Wilkes and W. A. Patty. The name of J. C. Cofer, an accepted supply was referred to the Board of Conference Claimants.

Question No. 16 was called: Who are Supernumerary? The name of Norris Greer was referred to the Committee on Conference Relation for the Supernumerary relation.

Question No. 25 was called: Who are admitted into Full Connection? William Glen Grunner, Floyd Galloway Villines, Jr., and Pharis Jerome Holfield, having been recommended by the Committee on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications, and meeting other disciplinary qualifications were called to the chancel, where they answered satisfactorily the disciplinary questions, and were received into full connection by vote of the Conference.

The order of the day having arrived for election of delegates to the General Conference, the following lay tellers were elected: A. P. McKiethan, H. P. Couchman, Carroll Watson, E. E. Rankin; and the following clerical tellers were elected: J. M. Barnett, Jefferson Sherman, Kenneth Shamblin, Harold O. Eggensperger, J. T. Byrd, William F. Cooley, Elmus C. Brown, W. A. Downum.

H. E. Pierce was elected Secretary of the lay tellers, and O. M. Campbell, Secretary for the clerical tellers. On motion of the pastor the bar of the Conference was set, and Bishop Selecman instructed the voters in the casting of ballots, and the tellers and secretaries in the counting and reporting of the votes. A motion was made that defective ballots be voided. The motion carried. The first ballot for General Conference delegates was taken.

Dr. Sidney H. Babcock was introduced as the representative of the General Board of Pensions. He addressed the conference concerning the work of that Board.

The order of the day having arrived for hearing the report of the Conference Board of Education, Earle Cravens, Chairman of the Board, presented Ira A. Brumley, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, who lead in the presentation of the report. Those who participated in the presentation of the report included: R. S. Hayden, Sam B. Wiggins, Gaither McKelvey, Clarence Wilcox, and Glenn Sanford.

The report of the first ballot taken for clerical delegates to the General Conference was read. A. W. Martin, having received a majority of the votes, was declared elected. By order of the Conference the results of the second ballot were to be kept secret until the afternoon session. The second ballot was taken.

Written report No. 1 of the Board of Education was read by Harry King. Report No. 2 of the Conference Board of Education was read by Harry King

The report of the first ballot taken for lay delegates to the General Conference was read. No one having received a majority of the votes cast, the chairman declared that no delegates had been elected. A second ballot was taken and the results were ordered to be kept secret until the afternoon session.

Bishop Selecman announced that Eugene Johnston, son of the Rev. and Mrs. M. N. Johnston, Keiser, who had previously been reported missing was now officially declared killed in action in the service of his country. The Bishop expressed the sympathy of the conference to the family.

Announcements were made by the host pastor.

Chaplain Joe A. Gray, a member of the North Georgia Conference and stationed at Camp Robinson, was introduced to the conference and he pronounced the benediction.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY

The Conference met at 2:00 P. M. with Bishop Selecman presiding. The hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" was sung and the conference was led in prayer by Charles Franklin. The hymn "O Sometimes the Shadows Are Deep" was sung.

W. Vance Womack, as secretary of the cabinet, made nominations to fill vacancies on Boards and Committees and they were elected as follows:

Worship: R. S. Hayden, E. B. Williams, J. W. Hull, O. E. Goddard.

District Conference Journals: E. J. Holifield, O. D. Peters, Lloyd Conyers.

Auditing Committee: Joe A. Goetz, E. G. Kaetzell, S. B. Wilford.

Accepted Supply Pastors: Henry Goodloe, Chairman; V. E. Chalfant, Ethan Dodgen, J. A. Reynolds, I. L. Claud, Sam Watson, E. H. Hall, Porter Weaver.

Resolutions Committee: B. C. Few, Edward W. Harris, J. T. Wilcoxson, Carl Greenhaw, Nels Barnett.

Qualifications of Local Preachers:

Batesville District: J. T. Randle, Grover Sutherland, J. W. Howard.

Conway District: J. L. Pruitt, H. J. Couchman, Edward W. Harris.

Fayetteville District: Dr. E. K. Means, Porter Weaver, V. E. Chalfant.

Fort Smith District: J. T. Wilcoxson, J. J. Decker, Theron McKisson.

Helena District: Ethan Dodgen, Marvin A. Graves, J. Kenneth Shamblin.

Jonesboro District: W. A. Downum, E. G. Kaetzell, E. C. Patton.

Paragould District: Hubert E. Pearce, C. W. Good, J. H. Hoggard.

Searcy District: F. A. Lark, J. F. Glover, W. W. Allbright.

Board of Church Location and Building:

Batesville District: J. M. Hughes, Thurston Master, Jesse Lee Johnson, Charles W. Barnett, Cledis Jones, Joe Mathews.

Conway District: R. E. Connell, E. B. Williams, E. J. Holifield, E. Wainwright Martin, Joe A. Goetz, George Bachelor.

Fayetteville District: Porter Weaver, Lloyd M. Conyers, Ewing T. Wayland, A. L. Smith, C. W. Harrington, J. H. Zellner.

Fort Smith District: J. M. Barnett, W. R. Dalton, Floyd G. Villines, G. B. Spencer, Victor Anderson, George Johnson.

Helena District: Sam G. Watson, Elmus C. Brown, J. W. Glass, Carl Edmonds, J. W. Jones, Eldridge Butler.

Jonesboro District: A. W. Martin, O. M. Campbell, J. A. Womack, Noble Gill, C. J. Perry, Dr. George O. Campbell.

Paragould District: E. W. Potter, R. E. Wilson, W. B. Yount, J. A. Walden, C. I. Dowdy, Fred Suddeth.

Searcy District: C. N. Guice, J. F. Glover, E. E. Stevenson, John Henson, R. S. Sanford, E. B. Connor.

Board of Education: Harold O. Eggensperger.

The report of the second ballot for clerical delegates to the General Conference was read. J. Q. Schisler and R. S. Hayden having received a majority of the votes cast, were declared elected.

The first ballot for the election of four clerical delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was taken.

The report of the second ballot for lay delegates to the General Conference was read. Mrs. R. E. Connell, Karl Greenhaw and J. E. Moore, having received a majority of the votes cast, were declared elected.

The first ballot for the election of four lay delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was taken.

The Bishop called attention to several recent books and to the Publishing House display in the Educational Building.

The report of the Board of Education was continued. J. Q. Schisler and R. S. Hayden spoke to the report. The report of the Board of Education was adopted.

Lester Weaver read the report of the American Bible Society and the report was adopted.

The report of the first ballot of the election of clerical delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was read. S. B. Wiggins, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected.

The report of the first ballot taken for the election of lay delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was read. Nels Barnett, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected.

J. J. Galloway read the report of the Board of Temperance. The report was adopted. An offering amounting to \$100.00 was taken for the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League.

On the motion of R. S. Hayden the Conference voted to make the order of the day immediately following the devotional Friday morning the reception of the class on Trial.

The presence of Chaplain John G. Geick, a member of this Conference and stationed at Fort Knox, was noted. The Conference was adjourned with the benediction by Chaplain Geick.

### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Conference met at 8:30 with J. Q. Schisler presiding, at the request of Bishop Selecman. The Hymn No. 4, "O Worship the King," was sung and the Conference was led in prayer by Ben Few. The Hymn No. 144, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," was sung.

The chairman presented T. C. Huff, pastor of the Jasper Methodist Church, who made a talk on the work of the Board of Missions and Church Extension in Newton County. Mrs. Huff was introduced to the Conference.

The auditing committee reported that they had read the minutes of the previous day's session and found that they were in good order.

The result of the second clerical ballot taken for Jurisdictional conference delegates which had been taken at the close of the previous day's session was read and it showed no election. A third clerical ballot was taken.

The result of the second lay ballot taken for lay delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference which had been taken at the close of the previous day's session was read. The returns showed that Judge A. L. Hutchins had received a majority of the votes cast and he was declared elected. A third lay ballot was taken.

On nomination of the secretary the following additional lay tellers were elected: Roy Green, T. L. Hunt, George Stilwell, and Robert Killiam. Nels Barnett was elected secretary for the lay tellers.

On nomination of R. S. Hayden the Conference voted to instruct the Secretary to send a note of sympathy to the T. A. Hillis family.

On motion of R. E. L. Bearden, Jr., the Conference voted to instruct the Secretary to send a fraternal message from the Conference to the Colored Methodist Episcopal Arkansas Conference, Bishop James A. Bragg presiding, in session at Wynne, Arkansas.

Dr. James W. Workman spoke to the Conference on the work of the General Board of Lay Activities.

The results of the third lay ballot for delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was read, and J. W. Hull, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected. A fourth ballot was taken.

The results of the third clerical ballot for delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was read, and Ira A. Brumley, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected. A fourth ballot was taken.

By common consent of the Conference the name of Pharis Jerome Holi-field was removed from the list of those who had been received into full connection and it was announced that he would be received at a later date.

Question No. 19 was called: Who are admitted on trial? James Harmon Holt was admitted on trial as a special case, under the rule of the church which allows such admissions on a two-thirds vote of the conference, being recommended by the Committee on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications, and the Paragould District.

William Rodney Shaw, recommended by the Conway District; Elmo Andrew Thomasson, recommended by the Searcy District; Joel Aubrey Cooper, recommended by the Paragould District; David Paxton Conyers, recommended by the Batesville District; George Edward Stewart, recommended by the Conway District; and John Kermit VanZant, recommended by the Conway District; and having the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications, were admitted on trial by vote of the Conference.

The results of the fourth ballot for lay delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was read. E. Wainright Martin having received a majority of the votes cast was declared elected. A ballot was taken for three alternate lay delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference.

The results of the fourth ballot for clerical delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was read, and W. Vance Womack, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected. The fifth ballot was taken for Jurisdictional Conference delegates.

The report of the Commission on Evangelism was read by James T. Randle. The report was adopted.

The report of the Board of Missions and Church Extension was made with A. W. Martin leading in the presentation. He presented Mrs. R. E. Connell, Conference president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, who spoke briefly of the work of the women during the past year. Mrs. Connell introduced Misses Dorothy Few and Estelle McIntosh, Deaconesses, who spoke briefly of their work.

The results of the fourth clerical ballot for delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was read, and since no one had received a majority of the votes cast, there was no election. The fifth ballot was taken.

Jefferson Sherman read Report No. 1 of the Board of Missions and Church Extension and Dr. Howard Orborn, representing the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, spoke to the report.

Glenn Sanford reported for the Town and Country Commission, and in the course of his report he presented the following resolution:

Be it recommended that the same policy of sustentation work be continued in our Conference as it is now stated on Page 28 of the 1942 North Arkansas Conference Journal.

The resolution was adopted. The report of the Board of Missions and Church Extension was adopted.

Dr. Harris, president of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, expressed gratitude to the Conference for the offering which the churches of the North Arkansas Conference made for the college. J. H. Reynolds spoke of the close relationships maintained between Hendrix College and Philander Smith College. The Conference voted to make the District Superintendents a committee to visit Philander Smith Conference in behalf of the Conference.

The results of the first ballot taken for lay alternate delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was read. T. L. Hunt and Mrs. A. P. Patton, having received a majority of the votes cast, were declared elected. A second ballot for an alternate lay delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference was taken.

The results of the fifth ballot taken for clerical delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was read. E. B. Williams, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected. The first ballot for three alternate clerical delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was taken.

Miss Frances Hutchinson, of the Kansas City Training School, was introduced and she spoke to the Conference of the work of that school.

The World Service and Finance Committee report was read by Horace Lewis. J. Q. Schisler spoke to the report. Bishop Selecman spoke concerning the Bishop's Crusade for the New World Order. The report was adopted.

The report of the Commission on World Peace was filed with the Secretary.

Question 26 was called: Who have been elected and ordained deacons? Floyd Galloway Villines, Jr., William Glen Brunner, and Joel Aubrey Cooper, traveling preachers, and Clarence Howard Stewart, a local preacher, were elected deacons.

Question No. 27 was called: Who have been elected and ordained Elders? Marvin Andrew Cherry, Joe William Watson, Harold Ordway Eggensperger, and Orr David Peters, and Wilmer Earl DuBois, traveling preachers, were elected elders. The Bishop announced that the ordination service would be held at the evening session and he appointed Allen Stewart and H. M. Lewis to act as sponsors for the elders and Dr. E. W. Potter and J. J. Galloway as sponsors for the deacons.

I. L. Claud read the report dealing with the Sustentation Fund, and the report was adopted.

Honorable Homer M. Adkins, Governor of the State of Arkansas, was introduced to the Conference and it was announced that he would speak at the Christian Citizenship Session in the afternoon.

The result of the second ballot taken for lay delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was read. C. D. Metcalf, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected.

The results of the first ballot taken for alternate clerical delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference were read. J. A. Gatlin and E. T. Wayland, having received a majority of the votes cast, were declared elected. The second ballot was taken.

Chaplain John G. Geick spoke to the Conference concerning the need for additional Chaplains.

After various announcements Dr. E. W. Potter pronounced the benediction and the Conference was adjourned until the afternoon session.

### THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Conference met at 2:00 P. M. with Bishop Selecman presiding. The Hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," was sung and J. J. Galloway led in prayer.

The following resolution was presented for Conference action by the Secretary of the Conference:

The Bishop and Cabinet of the North Arkansas Conference recommend that each pastor conduct a class in the Discipline of the Methodist Church in each Church on his charge during the coming year, and that special effort be made to enlist all church officials in this class.

W. V. Womack, Secretary of the Cabinet.

The resolution was adopted by the Conference.

The following resolution was presented to the Conference for its action:

Resolved, That the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conference respectively make application to the next session of South Central Jurisdictional Conference for an enabling act under paragraph 15, Article 5, Subdivision 4, of the Discipline of 1940, to read as follows:

"The Little Rock Conference and the North Arkansas Conference are hereby granted permission to merge and form a new Annual Conference of the Methodist Church which shall be known as 'The Arkansas Conference.'"

"When this act has been duly authorized by the South Central Jurisdictional Conference, the merger shall be affected by a majority vote in the respective annual conferences above-mentioned, subject to agreements regarding organization of the new conference, the distribution of Conference Claimants' funds, property, and any other matters requiring agreement.

"As soon as possible after favorable vote on merger and after consultation with the District Superintendents, the Bishop in charge of the Area in which the state of Arkansas is located shall issue a call for a meeting of the members of the respective Annual Conferences involved herein, for the purpose of organizing the new Annual Conference and the various corporations, boards, commissions, and committees necessary to carry on its work, and taking any other steps which may be needful to provide for the operation of all its affairs."

The resolution was adopted by the Conference.

W. A. Lindsay announced that word had just been received that Mrs. T. A. Hillis, Conference Vice-President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and mother of Rev. Ralph Hillis, had died. A prayer was offered by the chairman for the bereaved family.

The hymn "America" was sung by the Conference.

Bishop Selecman spoke briefly concerning the theme of "Good Citizenship" and presented Governor Homer M. Adkins who addressed the Conference on Citizenship.

Judge J. E. Moore, Morrilton, addressed the Conference on the "Stewardship of the Ballot."

Clyde C. Coulter spoke to the Conference on the work of the Anti-Saloon League in Arkansas.

The results of ballot number three taken for alternate clerical delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference was read. No one having received a majority of the votes cast, no one was elected. Ballot No. Four was taken.

F. M. Tolleson pronounced the benediction.

#### EVENING SESSION

The Conference met at 7:30 P. M. with Bishop Selecman presiding. The Hymn No. 149, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," was sung, after which J. A. Gatlin, District Superintendent of the Jonesboro District, led in prayer. The Hymn No. 400, "Jesus the Name High Over All," was sung. The evening offering was taken, Bishop Selecman offering the offertory prayer. A solo, "Open the Gates," was sung by Mrs. T. N. Bragg of the Russellville Church.

After a message by Harry Denman, Bishop Selecman, assisted by the District Superintendents, ordained the following as Deacons:

Floyd Galloway Villines, Jr., William Glenn Brunner, Joel Aubrey Cooper, and Clarence Howard Stewart, and the following as Elders:

Marvin Andrew Cherry, Joe William Watson, Harold Ordway Eggensperger, and Orr Davis Peters.

The Hymn No. 256, "Faith of Our Fathers," was sung and Bishop Selecman pronounced the benediction.

#### FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Conference met at 8:30 A. M. with Bishop Selecman presiding. The Hymn No. 1, "Holy, Holy, Holy," was sung and Bishop Selecman led the Conference in the responsive reading. W. Henry Goodloe offered the morning prayer. The Hymn No. 279, "God of Grace and God of Glory," was sung.

The results of fourth ballot for alternate clerical delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference taken at the close of the previous day's session was announced. James S. Upton, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected. This completed the election for lay and clerical delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

Joe A. Goetz read the report of the Board of Lay Activities. E. Wainwright Martin, Conference Lay Leader, spoke to the report, which was adopted.

W. Henry Goodloe read the report of the Committee on Accepted Supplies and it was filed with the Secretary.

Question No. 23 was called: Who have completed their studies? (1) Jessie Lee Johnson, James Ralph Hillis, Thomas C. Huff, Alfred A. Eason, James Ransford Chandler, Harold D. Womack, and Byron Cravens had finished their studies and were advanced to the class of the second year. (2) Floyd Galloway Villines, Jr., William Glenn Brunner, had finished their studies and were advanced to the class of the third year. (3) Leroy Henry, Virgil G. Hanks, Donaghey W. Duran, Orr Davis Peters, W. Earl DuBois, Harold O. Eigensperger and Ewing T. Wayland had finished their studies and were advanced to the class of the fourth year. (4) Joe William Watson, Martin A. Cherry, O. D. Peters, and W. Earl Dubois had finished the studies of the fourth year.

Question No. 30 was called: What accepted supply pastors now in charge are taking (a) the Conference course of study? C. W. Good, Registrar for the Conference Board of Ministerial Training reported the following men were taking the conference course of study: J. L. Buck, G. W. Connor, Walter L. Dillon, O. R. Findley, E. C. Hance, Linza Harrison, J. H. Holt, M. L. Kaylor, V. R. Kellams, L. L. Langston, R. E. Lee, W. T. Lingo, Homer Long, Luther Love, C. L. Martin, Robert Montgomery, Jewell Nelson, M. B. Short, Uriah Smith, J. E. Thomas, Elmo Thomasson, Lindley Vowell, W. T. Watson, Y. D. Whitehurst, Ivan Wilson, and Elvis Wright.

Question No. 31 was called: Are the Accepted Supply pastors blameless in their lives and official administration? Their characters were passed on the recommendation of the Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors.

Question No. 35 was called: What is the report of the Conference Treasurer? Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer, read the report of the Conference Treasurer and it was filed for record.

Question No. 36 was called: What is the report of the Statistician? Joe A. Goetz, Conference Statistician, read the report of the Conference Statistician and it was filed for record.

Dr. Harry Denman, Executive Secretary of the General Commission on Evangelism, spoke of the work of that Commission.

The order of the day having arrived for the Memorial Service, E. W. Faulkner, chairman of the Committee on Memoirs, assumed the chair at the request of Bishop Seelman.

Question No. 11 was called: What preachers have died during the year? Jason W. Moore read the names of the preachers who had died during the year: R. C. Morehead, W. T. Martin, and H. K. Stewart; and of Mrs. G. G. Davidson, Mrs. W. J. Powers, and Mrs. J. C. Shipp, wives of preachers, who had died during the year. It was stated that Memoirs would appear in the Annual Conference Journal.

The Hymn No. 521, "It Singeth Low," was sung. The Responsive reading for Memorial Services was led by E. W. Faulkner, and Charles Franklin led in prayer. The first and fifth stanzas of the Hymn No. 315, "How Firm A Foundation, were sung. The Memorial sermon was delivered by J. M. Hughey. The first and last stanzas of the Hymn No. 525, "I Will Sing You A Song," was sung, and Bishop Seelman concluded the Memorial Sessions by prayer.

Chaplain John G. Geick spoke of the urgent need of Chaplains in the military forces of our country. Edward T. Wayland led in prayer for our chaplains and the men and women in the military service of the country, and their families at home.

Question No. 27 was resumed: Who are elected and ordained elders? LeRoy Henry was elected to Elder's Orders under the military provision for such election.

Paul V. Galloway led in the presentation of the report of the Board of Hospitals and Homes. R. E. L. Bearden, Jr., read the report of the Board. J. S. M. Cannon, newly elected Superintendent of the Arkansas Methodist

Orphanage was introduced and he spoke to the Conference. Mrs. Lane, Matron, and several children of the home were introduced. A. W. Martin, Sam Yancey, J. Q. Schisler, and Edward T. Wayland spoke to the report. The report was adopted.

Edward T. Wayland, who had served as Superintendent of the Orphanage since June 26, was given a standing vote of thanks for his services.

Bishop Selecman announced and gave recognition to the church at Siloam Springs and the Grand Avenue Church at Ft. Smith for the largest list of subscribers to the Christian Advocate in the North Arkansas Conference.

Sam M. Yancey, Superintendent of the Western Methodist Assembly, spoke to the Conference in the interests of the Assembly.

Question No. 42 was called: Where shall the next session of the Annual Conference be held? R. E. Connell invited the Conference to Morrilton, and the Conference unanimously accepted the invitation.

Miss Lucy Clark, former missionary to China and Cuba, and a member of the host church, was introduced to the Conference.

The Committee on Worship made announcements concerning the services in the local churches Sunday.

After various announcements the benediction was pronounced by Ben Few, and the Conference was adjourned till the afternoon session.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION—FOURTH DAY

The Conference met at 2:00 P. M. with Bishop Selecman presiding. Hymn No. 23, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," was sung. The Conference was led in prayer by John A. Womack.

Question No. 33 was called: Who constitute the Conference Committee of Investigation? The following Committee was appointed by the Bishop and approved by the Conference: L. M. Starkey, Chairman; S. B. Wilford, Secretary; E. W. Faulkner, J. M. Harrison, A. L. Riggs; Reserve, Horace M. Lewis, and J. F. Glover.

Question No. 17 was called: Who are Retired? On the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relation to whom their names had been referred for the retired relation, the Conference voted to grant the retired relation to the following: James A. Anderson, J. B. Andrews, J. R. Ashmore, G. M. Barton, R. E. L. Bearden, R. A. Bevis, E. N. Bickley, W. A. Bishop, George A. Burr, Y. J. Cathey, A. L. Cline, Eli Craig, G. G. Davidson, T. L. Dickerson, J. W. Dew, James B. Evans, Charles Franklin, J. J. Galloway, O. E. Goddard, A. E. Goode, F. R. Hamilton, C. E. Holifield, J. M. Hughey, H. H. Hunt, Hoy M. Lewis, L. E. Mann, E. Marler, Guy Murphy, E. W. Nelson, J. R. Nelson, W. L. Oliver, W. A. Patty, E. M. Peters, J. D. Roberts, R. A. Robertson, J. L. Rowland, A. W. Russell, J. Abner Sage, E. K. Sewell, William Sherman, T. W. Shipley, Mrs. Ora Sidwell, F. M. Tolleson, D. N. Weaver, W. P. Whaley, Rex B. Wilkes, C. F. Wilson.

Question No. 16 was called: Who are Supernumerary? On the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations Norris Greer was granted the supernumerary relation.

The Conference voted to add the following as a standing rule of the North Arkansas Conference:

Rule No. 15: When a local preacher has served as an accepted supply for at least twenty-five consecutive years the Committee on Conference Claimants shall pay upon retirement One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) a year. When such a local preacher asks for this relationship he shall be paid the same amount upon retirement as a member of the Conference.

J. C. Cofer, having served for twenty-five consecutive years as a local preacher in the Conference, was voted the retired relation under standing rule No. 15.

Question No. 25 was resumed: Who have been elected and ordained deacons? Charles W. Lewis was elected to deacon's orders under the military provision for such election.

Question No. 27 was resumed: Who have been elected and ordained elders? Charles W. Lewis was elected to elders orders under the military provision for such election.

The following resolution was introduced by Ira A. Brumley and adopted by the Conference:

#### RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

The North Arkansas Conference deeply appreciates the high quality of leadership which Bishop Selecman has provided the Church in all the various areas of its life and work.

Therefore, Be it resolved that we assure him of our love and earnestly express the hope that he may be assigned to the Episcopal Area which will include this North Arkansas Annual Conference during the next quadrennium.

(Signed)

J. Q. Schisler,  
W. Henry Goodloe,  
James S. Upton,  
A. W. Martin,  
Ira A. Brumley.

Question No. 18 was called: Who are granted Sabbatical leave? On the recommendation of the Committee on Conference relation, J. W. York was granted Sabbatical leave.

Question No. 27 was resumed: Who have been elected and ordained elders? William Glen Brunner was elected to elders orders under the military provision for such election.

Jefferson Sherman read the report No. II of the Board of Mission and Church Extension and it was adopted.

Report No. III of the Board of Education was read by Earle Cravens. A. N. Storey spoke to the report and it was adopted.

The following resolution was presented to the Conference and was adopted:

In order that the members of our Conference may be protected; and in order that meritorious firms may have protection from concerns that do not merit the confidence and patronage of our membership, Be it resolved, That all persons, companies, or concerns now owned or sponsored by the Methodist Church, selling or offering for sale their wares or products on the premises, or using the premises of the North Arkansas Annual Conference while assembled for the transaction of their business shall first procure the publicly expressed approval of the Cabinet or the pastor host of this Conference.

(Signed)

Ray L. McLester,  
E. T. Wayland,  
A. H. DuLaney,  
B. L. Wilford.

Ray L. McLester read the report of the Board of Christian Literature. Edward T. Wayland, editor of the Arkansas Methodist, and Bishop Selecman spoke to the report and it was adopted.

Allen Stewart made supplementary report for the Commission on World Service and Finance. It was voted by the Conference that the District Superintendent Fund be an amount equal to 12½% of the pastors' salaries. It was further voted by the Conference that the Conference Claimants assessments be an amount equal to 10% of the pastors' salaries.

E. H. Hook read the treasurer's report of the card of Conference Claimants. J. J. Decker read the secretary's report of the Board of Conference Claimants. These reports were adopted jointly.

On the motion of R. S. Hayden the Conference adopted the Objectives of the Conference committee on Objectives.

The Conference voted that the sessions of the Conference in the year 1944 would open on Tuesday and close on Friday of the first week in November.

O. D. Peters read the report of the Committee on District Conference Journals. The report was adopted.

J. T. Wilcoxon, on behalf of the brethren of the Ft. Smith District, presented a Gold Cross and Bible to W. Vance Womack, who had served six years as District Superintendent. Brother Womack responded with gracious remarks of appreciation.

Bishop Selecman led the Conference in singing the Hymn "Bless Be the Tie that Binds" and the Conference was adjourned with the benediction by Fred R. Hamilton.

#### FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Conference met Sunday morning at 10:30 for public worship with the people of the host church and visitors to the Conference. The host pastor, E. B. Williams, assisted by the District Superintendent, read the order of Worship. Bishop Selecman delivered the Sermon on the "Glory of God in Christ," basing his message on the story of the wedding Feast in Cana in the 2nd Chapter of St. John's Gospel. The message was an urgent appeal for the church to take this glorious presence of God in Christ into all the areas of life.

Ben C. Few read the report of the Committee on resolutions as follows:

Whereas, This session of the Conference has been an occasion of rich experience in brotherly fellowship, religious stimulation and hopeful planning; Therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we express our abounding thanks to all those whose gracious concern and patient toil have made happy experiences possible.

To Rev. E. B. Williams, Pastor of the church where the sessions have been held, and to the organist and choir and the official board and organizations and members of the church for their lavish kindness in anticipating our needs and meeting all of them;

To the people of Russellville and President Hull of Arkansas Polytechnic College, where homes and halls have been opened to the members of the Conference in hospitable entertainment;

To the management and operating personnel of commercial transportation and service institutions whose already strained facilities have borne the added demands of our session with courteous and cheerful efficiency;

To Dr. Harry Denman for his searching and stirring sermons and to the Commission on Evangelism for bringing this blessing to the Conference;

To Bishop Charles C. Selecman whose gracious presidency over our sessions and prophetic wisdom in leading us throughout this quadrennium has been a benediction to our lives personally and has brought to us his great vision and zealous labor in the planning and promotion of the total program of the church;

Resolved, further, That we charge Rev. E. B. Williams to carry to all the people of his city and his church individually this assurance of our affectionate gratitude and of our continuing prayers for their well being.

(Signed)

Ben C. Few,  
James T. Willcoxon,  
Edward W. Harris.

The Auditing Committee reported that they had read the minutes of the previous day and found them correct. On motion of Edward W. Harris the minutes of the closing session were approved without being read.

W. V. Womack, Secretary of the Cabinet, made the following substitutions on boards and committees:

Board of Ministerial Training: Edward W. Harris in place of W. Henry Goodloe.

Commission on World Service and Finance: Cecil R. Culver in place of Earl Walker, and Joe Scott in place of R. J. Rice.

Committee on Investigation: Cecil R. Culver in place of L. M. Starkey.

Board of Managers Pastors School: W. V. Womack in place of L. M. Starkey.

Town and Country Commission: W. Henry Goodloe in place of J. L. Dedman.

Question No. 43 was called: Where are the preachers stationed this year? Bishop Seleckman read the list of appointments to all preachers. (See Appointments.)

The Conference adjourned with the Benediction.

## CONDENSED MINUTES

### THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Minutes of the North Arkansas Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, held in Russellville, Arkansas from November 3, 1943, to November 7, 1943.

1. Organization—The following officers were elected:  
 Secretary, James S. Upton, Conway, Arkansas.  
 Treasurer, Guy Murphy, Conway, Arkansas.  
 Statistician, Joe Goetz, North Little Rock, Arkansas.
2. Have the Boards, Commissions, and Committees been appointed?  
 (§452)
  - (a) Board of Ministerial Training. Yes.
  - (b) Committee of Traveling Elders on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications. Yes.
  - (c) Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors. Yes.
  - (d) Committee of Investigation. Yes.
  - (e) District Boards of Location and Building. Yes.
  - (f) Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference. Yes.
  - (g) Annual Conference on World Service and Finance. Yes.
  - (h) Town and Country Commission. Yes.
  - (i) Annual Conference Deaconess Board. Yes.
  - (j) Annual Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension. Yes.
  - (k) Annual Conference Board of Education. Yes.
  - (l) Annual Conference Board of Temperance. Yes.
  - (m) Annual Conference Board of Lay Activities. Yes.
  - (n) Annual Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes. Yes.
  - (o) Annual Conference Commission on Evangelism. Yes.
  - (q) Annual Conference Board of Conference Claimants. Yes.
3. (a) What Officers handling funds of the Conference have been bonded, and in what amounts? (§461)  
 Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer, \$20,000; E. H. Hook, Treasurer, Board of Conference Claimants, \$10,000; C. D. Metcalf, Treasurer, Board of Education, \$10,000; J. F. Fogleman, Treasurer, Board of Hospitals and Homes, \$500; H. F. McDonal, Treasurer, Board of Christian Literature, \$2,000; Joe Goetz, Treasurer, Board of Lay Activities, \$1,000; E. W. Martin, Treasurer, Board of Missions and Church Expenses, \$10,000; Ethan Dodgen, Treasurer, Board of Ministerial Training, \$1,000.  
 (b) Have their books been audited? (§461). Yes.
4. Are the records of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Statistician kept according to the forms prescribed by the laws of the Church? Yes.
5. Is this Annual Conference incorporated? No.
6. What date is determined for White Cross and Golden Cross enrollment? (§1259-2). May 7-14.
7. What is the schedule for Minimum Support for Pastors? (§810). \$1,000 for traveling Preachers; \$800 for accepted supplies.
8. What method is approved to provide for the salary of the District Superintendents? (§§840-841). \$4,500 each District Superintendent by 12½% apportionment of Pastors' salaries.
9. What are the reports of the District Superintendents as to the status of the work within their Districts? Read and filed.
10. Are all the Preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Yes.
11. What Preachers have died during the year? W. T. Martin, R. C. Morehead, H. K. Stewart.

12. Who are discontinued? None.
13. Who are located? None.
14. Who have withdrawn or expelled? None.
15. Who are transferred to other Conferences?
16. Who are supernumerary? Norris Greer.
17. Who are retired? J. R. Ashmore, J. B. Andrews, James A. Anderson, G. M. Barton, R. E. L. Bearden, R. A. Bevis, E. N. Bickley, W. A. Bishop, George A. Burr, Y. J. Cathey, A. L. Cline, Eli Craig, G. G. Davidson, T. L. Dickerson, J. W. Dew, James B. Evans, Charles Franklin, J. J. Galloway, O. E. Goddard, A. E. Goode, F. R. Hamilton, C. E. Holifield, J. M. Hughey, H. H. Hunt, Hoy M. Lewis, L. E. Mann, E. Marler, Guy Murphy, E. W. Nelson, J. R. Nelson, W. L. Oliver, W. A. Patty, E. M. Peters, J. D. Roberts, R. A. Robertson, J. L. Rowland, A. W. Russell, J. Abner Sage, E. K. Sewell, William Sherman, T. W. Shipley, Mrs. Ora Sidwell, F. M. Tolleson, D. N. Weaver, W. P. Whaley, Rex B. Wilkes, C. F. Wilson.
18. Who are granted Sabbatical Leave? J. W. York.
19. Who are admitted on trial? (a) In Studies of the First Year: David Paxton Conyers, Joel Aubrey Cooper, J. Harmon Holt, George Edward Stewart, John Kermit VanZant, William Rodney Shaw, Elmo Andrew Thomasson.
20. Who are Readmitted? None.
21. Who are received from other Churches as Traveling Preachers? None.
22. Who are received by Transfer from Other Conferences? Thomas R. Whiddon, Elder, Tennessee Conference.
23. Who have completed their Studies:
  - (a) Of the First Year? Jessie Lee Johnston, James Ralph Hillis, Thomas C. Huff, Alfred A. Eason, James Ransford Chandler, Harold D. Womack, Byron Cravens.
  - (b) Of the Second Year? Floyd Galloway Villines, Jr., William Glenn Bruner.
  - (c) Of the Third Year? LeRoy Henry, Virgil A. Hanks, Donaghey A. Duran, Orr Davis Peters, W. Earl DuBois, Harold O. Eggensperger, Ewing T. Wayland.
  - (d) Of the Fourth Year? Joe William Watson, Marvin A. Cherry, W. Earl DuBois, Orr Davis Peters.
24. Who have been continued in their Studies:
  - (a) Of the First Year? T. Poe Williams, J. Clarence Wilcox, Thurston Masters, Charles W. Lewis.
  - (b) Of the Second Year? Pharis Holifield.
  - (c) Of the Third Year? None.
  - (d) Of the Fourth Year? None.
25. Who are admitted into full connection? William Glenn Bruner, Floyd Galloway Villines, Jr.
26. Who have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?
  - (a) Traveling Preachers: Floyd Galloway Villines, Jr., William Glenn Bruner, Joel Aubrey Cooper, Charles Lewis (elected but not ordained).
  - (b) Local Preacher: Clarence Howard Stewart.
27. Who have been Elected and Ordained Elders?
  - (a) Traveling Preachers: Marvin Andrew Cherry, Joe William Watson, W. Earl DuBois (elected but not ordained), Harold Ordsway Eggensperger, Orr Davis Peters, Charles Lewis (elected but not ordained), William Glenn Bruner (elected but not ordained).
  - (b) Local Preachers: None.
28. What other Personal Notation should be made?
29. Who are the Accepted Supply Pastors? Batesville District: R. E. Lee, Byron McSpadden, Uriah Smith, W. T. Watson, Luther Love, Silas Dixon, T. O. Love, J. M. Williams, W. G. Connor, C. U. Hughes, Homer E. Long. Conway District: J. B. Breazeale, S. B. Bryant, Paul Bumpers, Raymond Coleman, Clyde E. Crozier, Edwin Dodson, C. L. Fry, Linza Harrison, J. H. Lane, Jack Long, A. W. O'Bryant, Lloyd Peters, W. O. Scroggins, Howard

Williams, Alvin Murray, Arthur Wall. Fayetteville District: W. L. Dillon, O. R. Findley, Ivan R. Wilson, J. E. Thomas, James F. Weatherford, E. O. Houser, W. I. Torbert, C. H. Stewart, Harold Johnson, Walter Pennell, Flora Bell Jennings, Lee Ware, R. G. Yeager, Lee Cates, J. C. Gibbons, John Walker Coontz, E. D. Lewis, George Q. Fenn. Ft. Smith District: James Smith, Woodrow Woods, J. C. Cofer, J. L. Buck, Mrs. Edna Cade Geick, L. R. Ruble, W. W. Warrington, M. B. Short. Jonesboro District: E. C. Hance, G. A. McKelvey, Lindley Vowell, Arthur P. Cooley. Paragould District: Winfred Diggs, A. C. Brannon, L. F. Huggins, Wayne Horton, W. T. Lingo, L. L. Langston, Harold Spence, Elvis Wright, Robert Montgomery, J. H. Holt, Y. D. Whitehurst, C. L. Martin. Searcy District: J. M. Talkington, J. W. Sandage, M. L. Hayler, W. F. Shell.

30. What Accepted Supply Pastors now in Charge are taking—  
 (a) The Conference Course of Study? J. L. Buck, G. W. Connor, W. L. Dillon, O. R. Findley, E. C. Hance, Linza Harrison, J. H. Holt, M. I. Kaylor, V. R. Kellems, L. L. Langston, R. E. Lee, W. T. Lingo, Homer Long, Luther Love, C. L. Martin, Robert Montgomery, Jewell Nelson, M. B. Short, Uriah Smith, J. E. Thomas, Elmo Thomasson, Lindley Vowell, W. T. Watson, Y. D. Whitehurst, Ivan Wilson, Elvis Wright.
31. Are the Accepted Supply Pastors blameless in their life and official administration? Yes.
32. What Preachers coming from other Churches, with recommendation from District or Quarterly Conferences, have had their Orders recognized as Local Deacons or Local Elders? None.
33. Who constitute the Conference Committee of Investigation? Cecil Culver, Chairman; S. B. Wilford, Secretary; E. W. Faulkner, J. M. Harrison, A. L. Riggs; Reserve, H. M. Lewis and J. F. Glover.
34. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader? E. Wainwright Martin.
35. What is the report of the Conference Treasurer? Filed—Conference Journal.
36. What is the report of the Statistician? Filed—Conference Journal.
37. What are the Reports, Recommendations, and Plans of the Boards, Commissions, and Committees of the Conference? Filed—Conference Journal.
38. What are the objectives of this Conference for the coming year as stated by the Bishop in Charge, or a Committee appointed by him? Filed—Conference Journal.
39. What are the items and aggregate of General and Conference Benevolences apportioned to this Conference? World Service, \$48,675.14; General Administration Fund, \$1,581.75; Jurisdictional Conference Expense, \$285.00.
40. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference to be raised for the support of Conference Claimants? 10% of the Pastor's salary.
41. What are the approved claims for the support of District Superintendents and Bishops for the ensuing year? A sum equal to 2¼% of the Pastor's salary for Bishops and a sum equal to 12½% of Pastor's salary for the D. S.
42. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Morrilton, Arkansas.
43. Where are the Preachers stationed this year? See List of Appointments.

## APPOINTMENTS

The names of Supply Pastors are printed in parenthesis. The number after each name indicates the number of years the Pastor has been appointed to the charge. For correct mailing addresses, see the conference roll.

## BATESVILLE DISTRICT

W. HENRY GOODLOE, District Superintendent 1

Ash Flat Circuit.....(Homer E. Long) 1	Newark.....J. M. Hughes 4
Batesville, Central.....James T. Randle 3	Newport, First Church.....Jefferson Sherman 3
Batesville, First Church.....Horace M. Lewis 3	Newport, Umsted Memorial.....J. W. Howard 4
Bethesda-Cushman.....Grover C. Sutherland 4	Pleasant Plains Circuit.....(C. U. Hughes) 2
Calico Rock-Norfolk.....J. C. Wilcox 2	Salem.....Jesse L. Johnson 3
Cave City-Powell's Chapel.....(C. L. Fry) 1	Swifton-Alicia.....H. C. Minnis 1
Cave City Circuit.....(Uriah Smith) 3	Tuckerman.....H. H. Blevins 2
Charlotte Circuit.....(Byron McSpadden) 2	Viola Circuit.....(Luther Love) 4
Cotter-Gassville.....T. C. Chambliss 3	Weldon-Tupelo.....(W. T. Watson) 3
Desha Circuit.....(T. O. Love) 2	Yellville Circuit.....To be supplied
Elmo-Oil Trough.....J. B. Stewart 1	District Director of Evangelism
Evening Shade Circuit.....(J. M. Williams) 2	Jefferson Sherman
Melbourne Circuit.....(R. E. Lee) 3	District Missionary Secretary
Morefield-Sulphur Rock.....(Woodrow Woods) 1	J. T. Rankle
Mountain Home.....J. J. Clark 3	District Director of Arkansas Methodist
Mountain View.....Thurston Masters 2	H. M. Lewis

## CONWAY DISTRICT

R. S. HAYDEN, District Superintendent 3

<b>NORTH LITTLE ROCK AREA</b>		<b>POPE COUNTY AREA</b>	
First Church.....Allen D. Stewart 3		Russellville.....E. B. Williams 3	
Gardner Memorial.....Garland C. Taylor 2		Atkins.....Raymond A. Dorman 1	
Washington Avenue.....E. J. Holifield 3		Pottsville Circuit.....C. H. Harvison 1	
Levy.....J. L. Pruitt 3		Dover-London.....B. L. Robertson 4	
Cato - Bethel.....(Clyde Crozier) 4		Dardanelle.....E. W. Faulkner 3	
<b>FAULKNER COUNTY AREA</b>		Dardanelle Circuit.....(J. R. Abernathy) 1	
Conway, First Church.....Edward W. Harris 2		Lamar-Knoxville.....(S. B. Bryant) 4	
Edwin Dodson, Junior Preacher 2		<b>YELL COUNTY AREA</b>	
Conway Circuit.....(Paul Bumpers) 1		Danville.....H. J. Couchman 3	
Greenbrier Circuit.....(Linza Harrison) 2		Plainview Circuit.....W. L. Russell 1	
Centerville Circuit.....(Arthur Wall) 1		Ola Circuit.....Don C. Holman 2	
Naylor Circuit.....(John Young) 1		Gravelly Circuit.....(W. G. Conner) 1	
Vilonia Circuit.....(A. E. Goode) 1		Belleville-Havana.....B. A. McKnight 2	
<b>CONWAY COUNTY AREA</b>		Perry-Perryville.....J. E. Linam 2	
Morrilton, First Church.....R. E. Connell 2		Bigelow-Houston.....(J. H. Breazeale) 1	
Morrilton Circuit No. 1.....M. B. Short		District Director of Evangelism	
Morrilton Ct. No. 2.....W. O. Scroggin, Jr. 2		Garland C. Taylor	
Morrilton Ct. No. 3, Dixie Hargis, Layman 1		District Director of Ark. Meth. Campaign	
Plumerville-Hill Creek.....(Jack Long) 1		Allen D. Stewart	
Oppelo.....Alvin Murray 1		District Missionary Secretary	
		E. J. Holifield	
		Rural Worker, Yell County	
		Miss Dorothy Few	

## FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

SAM B. WIGGINS, District Superintendent 4

Alpena Pass Circuit.....(G. G. Davidson) 1	Pea Ridge Circuit.....(J. F. Weatherford) 2
Bentonville.....Lloyd M. Conyers 3	Prairie Grove.....Ewing T. Wayland 3
Berryville.....Henry A. Stroup 3	Rogers.....E. K. Means 5
Centerton Circuit.....(J. E. Thomas) 1	Siloam Springs.....W. F. Cooley 3
Cincinnati Circuit.....(Walter Pennell) 1	Springdale.....V. E. Chalfant 1
Elm Springs-Harmon.....Floyd Villines, Jr. 3	Springtown-Highfill.....(Ivan R. Wilson) 2
Eureka Springs.....Ray D. Seals 4	Strickler Circuit.....(To be supplied)
Farmington-Goshen.....(W. L. Dillon) 2	Sulphur Springs.....J. C. Gibbons 2
Fayetteville, Central.....Paul V. Galloway 1	Viney Grove Circuit.....(E. O. Houser) 1
Fayetteville, Bethel.....(E. D. Lewis) 3	Winslow Elkins.....(Edwin Keith) 1
Gentry.....(Geo. Q. Penn) 1	District Director of Evangelism
Gravette-Decatur.....Porter Weaver 6	Paul V. Galloway
Green Forest.....(Olin R. Findley) 1	District Secretary of Missions
Huntsville.....(J. W. Coontz) 1	W. F. Cooley
Lincoln.....(W. W. Warrington) 1	District Director of Arkansas Methodist
Monte Ne Circuit.....(To be supplied)	V. E. Chalfant

## FORT SMITH DISTRICT

A. W. MARTIN, District Superintendent 1

Alix Circuit.....(To be supplied)	Lavaca Circuit.....(To be supplied)
Alma.....O. D. Peters 2	Magazine Circuit.....(L. R. Ruble) 2
Altus Circuit.....W. W. Peterson	Mansfield.....W. J. Faust 4
Booneville.....I. L. Claud 5	Mulberry.....F. G. Villines 2
Branch Circuit.....Clyde R. Nance 2	Ozark.....J. M. Barnett 3
Charleston Circuit.....James R. Chandler 1	Paris.....J. T. Wilcoxon 4
Clarksville.....Guy C. Ames 6	Prairie View-Scranton (Arthur P. Cooley) 1
Fort Smith, First Church.....Oscar L. Rice 3	Van Buren, First Church.....J. T. Byrd 7
Fort Smith, Goddard Mem., Elmer H. Hook 2	E. Van Buren-New Hope, Verlie F. Harris 3
Fort Smith, Grand Avenue.....W. R. Dalton 5	Waldron.....J. M. Harrison 3
Fort Smith, Massard.....W. J. LeRoy 3	Waldron Circuit.....(James Smith) 1
Fort Smith, Midland Heights, J. J. Decker 3	District Missionary Secretary
Fort Smith, Second Ch.....Archie N. Boyd 2	J. T. Byrd
Fort Smith, South.....A. H. Dulane 4	District Director of Ark. Meth. Campaign
Greenwood.....Martin A. Bierbaum 3	J. J. Decker
Hackett.....Clarence Weinand 1	District Director of Evangelism
Hartford.....Lester Weaver 1	E. H. Hook
Hartman Circuit.....(Frank Shell) 1	Rural Worker, Scott County
Huntington-Pine St.....Charles Wages 1	Miss Ethel McIntosh
Kibler-City Heights.....Theron McKisson 4	

## HELENA DISTRICT

GROVER C. JOHNSON, District Superintendent 1

Aubrey.....M. A. Graves 1	Parkin.....A. W. Harris 1
Brinkley.....B. L. Wilford 4	Vandale.....Joel Cooper 1
Clarendon.....Irl Bridenthal 3	Weiner.....H. W. Jett 1
Colt.....J. C. Richey 4	West Helena.....O. L. Cole 2
Crawfordsville.....J. A. Reynolds 2	West Memphis.....Kenneth Shamblin 1
Earle.....Ethan Dodgen 3	Wheatley.....Ray L. McLester 2
Elaine.....Elmus C. Brown 4	Widener-Round Pond.....George E. Patchel 1
Forrest City.....Golder Lawrence 1	Wynne.....J. O. Whitworth 1
Harrisburg.....W. A. Lindsay 1	District Director of Evangelism
Helena.....W. Vance Womack 1	Sam G. Watson
Holly Grove.....J. W. Glover 3	District Missionary Secretary
Hughes.....H. F. McDonald 3	H. F. McDonald
Hulbert.....M. N. Johnston 1	District Director of Ark. Meth. Campaign
Marianna.....Sam G. Watson 1	Kenneth Shamblin
Marvel.....J. W. Glass 2	

## JONESBORO DISTRICT

J. ALBERT GATLIN, District Superintendent 2

Black Oak.....Glen Bruner 3	Marion.....A. N. Storey 3
Blytheville, First Church.....S. B. Wilford 3	Marked Tree.....J. A. Womack 9
Blytheville, Lake Street.....Bates Sturdy 3	Monette.....M. A. Cherry 1
Bono Circuit.....(Elvis Wright) 1	Nettleton-Bay.....A. L. Riggs 3
Brookland Circuit.....(Winfred Diggs) 1	Osceola.....Earle Cravens 1
Dell.....L. K. Wilson 3	16th Section Mission.....F. M. Sweet 1
Gosnell-Half Moon.....(Lindley Vowell) 1	Trumann.....J. W. Watson 3
Dyess-Whitten.....Charles Lewis 2	Turrell-Gilmore.....(A. C. Stark) 1
Joiner.....J. W. Moore 1	Tyronza.....L. F. LaFavers 1
Jonesboro, First Church.....Cecil R. Culver 1	Wilson.....E. G. Kaetzel 1
Jonesboro, Huntington Av., W. A. Downum 4	Yarbro-Promised Land.....D. G. Hindman 3
Jonesboro, Fisher St., George L. McGhehey 1	Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Associate Pastor 3
Jonesboro Circuit.....(W. T. Ling) 1	Weona Circuit.....(A. W. O'Bryant) 1
Keiser-Garden Point.....J. L. Shelby 1	District Director of Evangelism
Lake City Circuit.....(G. A. McKelvey) 1	A. N. Storey
Leachville.....E. H. Hall 7	District Missionary Secretary
Lepanto.....Raymond L. Franks 1	S. B. Wilford
Luxora.....C. E. Patton 2	District Director of Arkansas Methodist
Manilla.....O. M. Campbell 4	Cecil R. Culver

## PARAGOULD DISTRICT

H. LYNN WADE, District Superintendent 6

Beech Grove-Camp Ground.....(E. C. Hance) 1	Knobel Circuit.....P. W. Emrah 3
Biggers Circuit.....L. W. Fair 1	Leonard Circuit.....J. H. Holt 1
Corning.....B. C. Few 4	Lorado Circuit.....S. N. Adams 1
Gainsville Circuit.....J. W. Simmons 3	Marmaduke.....Harold Spence 2
Greenway.....W. J. Williams 4	Maynard Circuit.....F. L. Huggins 1
Hardy-Mammoth Spring.....Miss Fern Cook 1	Morning Star Circuit.....Robert Montgomery 2
Hoxie.....Carl C. Burton 1	Paragould, First Church.....E. W. Potter 2
Imboden-Black Rock.....C. L. Franks 1	Paragould East Side.....R. E. Wilson 1

Paragould Circuit.....	R. B. Howerton 1	Walnut Ridge.....	R. E. L. Bearden, Jr. 3
Piggott.....	C. W. Good 3	Walnut Ridge Circuit....	(Y. D. Whitehurst) 1
Pocahontas.....	H. E. Pearce 2	District Director of Evangelism	
Rector, First Church.....	J. H. Hoggard 2		Brady Cook
Rector, Fourth Street.....	Brady Cook 5	District Director of Ark. Meth. Campaign	B. C. Few
Rector Circuit.....	L. L. Langston 1	District Missionary Secretary	E. W. Potter
Smithville Circuit.....	W. D. Yount 1		
Saint Francis Circuit.....	(C. A. Brannon) 1		
Strangers Home Circuit.....	(C. L. Martin) 2		

## SEARCY DISTRICT

H. H. GRIFFIN, District Superintendent 3

Antioch.....	(M. L. Kaylor) 2	Judsonia.....	F. A. Lark 3
Augusta.....	S. O. Patty 3	Kensett.....	Alfred A. Eason 2
Bald Knob-Bradford.....	H. D. Womack 1	Leslie.....	E. J. Reaves 1
Beebe.....	Harold O. Eggensperger 2	Marshall.....	C. E. Gray 4
Cabot.....	J. F. Glover 3	McCrory.....	J. Ralph Hillis 1
Clinton.....	Virgil Hanks 1	McRae.....	(J. M. Talkington) 1
Cotton Plant.....	E. E. Stevenson 4	Pungburn.....	M. L. Edgington 2
DeView-McClelland.....	(J. W. Sandage) 1	Quitman.....	C. J. Wade 2
Griffithville.....	J. W. Harger 5	Rosebud.....	W. C. Smith 1
Harrison.....	W. J. Spicer 3	Searcy.....	C. Norman Guice 2
Heber Springs, First.....	W. W. Albright 3	Valley Spgs.-Bellefonte, Thos. R. Whiddon 1	
Heber Springs, Central.....	J. H. Smith 11	District Director of Evangelism	
Hunter.....	Elmo Thomasson 1		C. N. Guice
Jacksonville.....	LeRoy Henry 2	District Director Arkansas Methodist	
Jasper.....	Thomas C. Huff 1		W. J. Spicer
		District Missionary Secretary.....	S. O. Patty

## TRANSFERRED IN

Thomas R. Whiddon, an Elder, from Tennessee Conference.  
 Thomas E. McKnight, an Elder, from Little Rock Conference.  
 Golder Lawrence, an Elder, from Little Rock Conference.  
 J. O. Whitworth, an Elder, from Little Rock Conference.  
 Cecil R. Culver, an Elder, from Little Rock Conference.

## TRANSFERRED OUT

Daniel Kaiper, an Elder, to East Oklahoma Conference.  
 Byron Cravens, in class second year, West Oklahoma Conference.  
 J. L. Dedman, an Elder, to Little Rock Conference.  
 Earl Walker, an Elder, to East Oklahoma Conference.  
 L. M. Starkey, an Elder, to Little Rock Conference.  
 Sabbatical Leave, J. W. York.

## SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

E. T. Wayland, Editor of Arkansas Methodist.  
 Glenn F. Sanford, Secretary of Town and Country Work.  
 Ira A. Brumley, Executive Secretary of North Arkansas Conference Board of Education.  
 A. W. Wasson, Associate Secretary, Department of Foreign Missions, General Board of Missions and Church Extension.  
 J. W. Workman, Associate Secretary General Board of Lay Activities.  
 James S. Seneker, Professor, Southern Methodist University.  
 Harry King, Professor, Arkansas College.  
 Nat R. Griswold, Japanese Resettlement Project.  
 J. Q. Schisler, Secretary of Department of Local Church General Board of Education.  
 Sam M. Yancey, Superintendent, Western Methodist Assembly.  
 E. B. Williams, Conference Missionary Secretary.  
 J. T. Randle, Conference Golden Cross Director.  
 James S. Upton, Conference Director of Youth Work.  
 Glenn F. Sanford, Conference Director of Adult Work.  
 Thomas E. McKnight, Chaplain, attached First Church Quarterly Conference, Conway.  
 Donaghey Duran, Chaplain, attached to First Church Quarterly Conference, Jonesboro.  
 John G. Gieck, Chaplain, attached to First Church Quarterly Conference, Ft. Smith.  
 Alfred Knox, Chaplain, attached to First Church Quarterly Conference, Searcy.  
 Lyman T. Barger, Chaplain, attached to First Church Quarterly Conference, Helena.  
 James S. Upton, head of the Department of Religion, Hendrix College.  
 Miss Estelle McIntosh, Rural Worker, Scott County.  
 Miss Dorothy Few, Rural Worker, Yell County.  
 Left without appointment to attend school, Southern Methodist University, George E. Stewart, Kermit Vanzant, Earl DuBois, T. Poe Williams.  
 Westminster Seminary, W. H. Harrison.  
 University of Chicago, Rodney Shaw.  
 Asbury College, Pharis Holifield.  
 Duke University, David Conyers.

## REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

### REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

#### OBJECTIVES

The Conference Committee on Objectives for the Conference year, 1943-1944 makes the following recommendations:

#### War Work

1. That each Church in the Conference prepare and keep up to date a Service Roll of all men from the Church and Church School Membership who are in the armed service of our country.
2. That a secretary for this Service Men's Roll be continued in each local church.
3. That the local churches give each man entering the service a Bible, or New Testament.
4. That Church Bulletins and such devotional booklets as the "Upper Room" and "Service" be sent to the men regularly.
5. That definite plans be worked out in each Church for writing each man at least once a quarter.
6. That especially in larger churches informal groups of "Army Wives and Parents" be organized.
7. That pastors of all churches losing resident members to the war industries seek to keep in contact with these members in somewhat the same manner as with men in the armed forces, requesting them to become "affiliate members" of the church in the war plant area.

#### Education

1. That we continue the program of Christian Education along the lines of recent years: Training work; camps and assemblies; institutes; vacation schools; February Special for Hendrix College and Ministerial Training; literature cultivation; Bible Conferences; cooperation in Christian Advance; observance of Special Days, such as Orphanage Day, Race Relations Day, Easter, Church School Day, Methodist Student Day, and Promotion Day.
2. That two major emphases be made throughout the year; increased effort to increase church school membership and attendance, and continuous effort to improve the teaching program in our church schools.
3. That we cooperate with other boards and agencies in the Bishop's Crusade for a New World Order, and in the work of the Town and Country Commission.

#### Finance

1. That a Stewardship Committee be elected in every Church, and that this Committee and the Pastor develop and carry on systematically a program of Christian Stewardship. Valuable help may be obtained from the little book entitled, "An Adventure in Stewardship," by Doctor G. Ernest Thomas, which may be secured from the General Board of Lay Activities, 740 Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois.
2. That every department in every Church School observe the Fourth Sunday with a vital and helpful program and with a special offering for World Service and Conference Benevolence.
3. That our Churches continue to increase their acceptances and payments for World Service and Conference Benevolences until they are equal to the apportionments.

### Evangelism

That the major campaign of this year be on **Visitation Evangelism**, including:

1. A simultaneous district-wide Visitation Campaign in each district.
2. A Visitation Campaign in each local church.
3. Every pastor, not hitherto trained in the technique of Visitation Evangelism, to get the training this year.

### Women's Work

1. A program of Missionary Education in all age groups leading to Christian action with special emphasis on challenging young people for life service, cooperating with the Youth Department and the Board of Education in the local church.
2. Intensive study of Christian literature furnished Woman's Society.
3. That women be willing to accept wider responsibility on church boards.
4. Increased giving through emphasis on Stewardship.

### Home Missions and Church Extension

1. Cooperation with the War Work emphasis as outlined above.
2. Cooperation with the other Boards and agencies of the Conference through the Commission on Town and Country Work in a constructive program of strengthening the total life of the rural church.
3. Mission study groups in every local church.
4. Every pastor and pastoral charge assuming responsibility for at least one extension Church School and preaching appointment.
5. Each District with a definite program for establishing a Methodist Church in new territory.
6. Appropriations directed toward encouraging the repairing of churches and parsonages and the opening up of new territory.

### Rural Work

1. Full cooperation will be given to the promotion of the common interests of all the cooperating boards and commissions in the Conference, to the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and to Hendrix College which have to do with the work of the church in rural areas.
2. The Group Ministry plan of work will be promoted in as many places as possible.
3. Full cooperation will be given to a more extensive use of the lay membership of the church and local preachers.
4. The Commission will continue to cooperate with the community, state and federal agencies in the building of a more abundant life.

### Orphanage and Hospital

1. The Orphanage should be presented Christmas as a Special—and throughout the year to classes, departments, and various organizations of each church.
2. Our Methodist Hospital in Memphis asks that all churches present the claims of the Golden Cross during the second week in May.

### The Bible

Each pastor should emphasize throughout the year the very great importance of the Bible:

1. By encouraging daily, prayerful reading of the Scriptures;
2. By observing Universal Bible Sunday, December 12;

3. Preceding Palm Sunday by emphasizing the use of the Bible in Evangelism;

4. By providing individuals with the Bible, or portions of the Scriptures, through the local church.

#### Lay Activities

We recommend that the district and charge Lay leaders encourage the practice of the Christian Stewardship of time, thought, talent and treasure.

R. S. HAYDEN, Chairman.

W. F. COOLEY, Secretary.

### WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

#### Part I

We recommend:

(1) That our Conference accept as our quota on World Service the amount apportioned by the General Commission on World Service and Finance, which is \$48,675.14.

(2) That we accept as our quota on the General Administration Fund the amount apportioned to us by the General Commission on World Service and Finance, which is \$1,581.75.

(3) That we accept as our quota on the Jurisdictional Conference Expense the sum of \$285.00.

#### Part II

We recommend:

(1) That the sum of \$48,675.14 be apportioned for our Conference work; and that this sum be divided as follows:

Board of Education .....	\$25,084.87	.51535
Board of Missions and Church Extension.....	13,653.13	.28050
Board of Hospitals and Homes.....	5,298.30	.10885
Board of Christian Literature .....	3,523.20	.07238
Board of Lay Activities .....	706.44	.01451
Commission on Evangelism .....	200.00	.00411
Board of Ministerial Training .....	100.00	.00206
Commission Expense .....	109.20	.00224
Total .....	\$48,675.14	100%

#### Part III

We recommend:

(1) That the askings for World Service and Conference Benevolences be apportioned to the Districts as follows:

Batesville District .....	\$ 9,480.46
Conway District .....	13,306.05
Fayetteville District .....	9,555.16
Fort Smith District .....	15,865.53
Helena District .....	13,216.98
Jonesboro District .....	13,909.64
Paragould District .....	10,677.00
Searcy District .....	11,339.46
Total .....	\$97,350.28

(2) That the askings for the General Administration Fund be apportioned to the Districts as follows:

Batesville District .....	\$ 154.06
Conway District .....	216.23
Fayetteville District .....	155.07
Fort Smith District .....	257.82
Helena District .....	214.79

Jonesboro District	226.04
Paragould District	173.50
Searcy District	184.28
Total	\$1,581.79

(3) That the askings for Jurisdictional Conference Expense be apportioned as follows:

Batesville District	\$ 27.75
Conway District	38.95
Fayetteville District	27.98
Fort Smith District	46.45
Helena District	38.69
Jonesboro District	40.72
Paragould District	31.26
Searcy District	33.20
Total	\$285.00

#### Part IV

We recommend:

(1) That each District Superintendent be paid an annual salary of \$4,500.00.

(2) That each Church and Charge in our Conference pay into the District Superintendents' Fund an amount equal to twelve and one-half percent (12½%) of the Pastor's salary paid by that Church or Charge; and that each Pastor or Church Treasurer remit these funds to the District Superintendent prior to the 10th of each month; and that the District Superintendent remit said funds promptly to the Conference Treasurer, who shall pay the salaries of the District Superintendents.

(3) That our Conference Treasurer be authorized and instructed to pay to the District Superintendents their salaries monthly.

(4) That no funds be transferred from the District Superintendent's Fund to any other Fund prior to the session of the General Conference in 1944.

#### Part V

We recommend:

(1) That the First National Bank of Fort Smith, Arkansas, be designated as the depository for the Conference Funds.

(2) That the Bank of Russellville, Russellville, Arkansas, be designated as the temporary depository for Conference Funds during the sessions of the Annual Conference.

(3) That the First National Bank of Fort Smith, Arkansas, be designated as the depository for the funds of the Board of Conference Claimants.

(4) That the First National Bank of Conway, Arkansas, be designated as the depository for the funds of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

(5) That the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Batesville, Arkansas, be designated as the depository for the funds of the Board of Education.

#### Part VI

We recommend:

(1) That our Conference Treasurer before dividing any funds shall pay:

1. The Conference Auditor for auditing his books;
2. Not to exceed \$1,200.00 for the printing of the Conference Journals; and

3. Not to exceed \$50.00 for help in his office during the Conference sessions; and

4. Not to exceed \$100.00 for help for the Conference Statistician during the session of the Conference.

## Part VII

We recommend:

- (1) That the Conference Treasurer and the Treasurers of the Conference Boards and Commissions have their books ready to be audited by the Conference Auditor not later than November 15, 1943; and
- (2) That each board and each commission pay the auditor for auditing its own books.

## Part VIII

We recommend:

Our District Superintendents and Pastors and Officials and People for their loyal and faithful and efficient handling of the financial affairs of our Churches during this year.

## Part IX

We recommend:

That Standing Rule No. (2) be amended to read as follows:

- (2) That our Conference Treasurer be paid a salary of Eighty (\$80.00) Dollars per month, and allowed all necessary office expenses, and that One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars of his annual salary be paid from the District Superintendents' Fund.

## Part X

The following officers handling funds of the Conference have been bonded as follows:

- Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer, bonded in the sum of \$20,000.00;
- E. H. Hook, Treasurer of the Board of Conference Claimants, bonded in the sum of \$10,000.00;
- C. D. Metcalf, Treasurer of the Board of Education, bonded in the sum of \$10,000.00;
- J. F. Fogleman, Treasurer of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, bonded in the sum of \$500.00;
- H. F. McDonal, Treasurer of the Board of Christian Literature, bonded in the sum of \$2,000.00;
- Joe A. Goetz, Treasurer of the Board of Lay Activities, bonded in the sum of \$1,000.00;
- E. W. Martin, Treasurer of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, bonded in the sum of \$10,000.00;
- Ethan W. Dodgen, Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Training, bonded in the sum of \$1,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen D. Stewart, Chairman,  
H. M. Lewis, Secretary.

## SPECIAL REPORT TO THE TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMISSION

At the last Annual Conference the Town and Country Commission was requested "to work out a set of percentages for the Sustentation Fund which shall produce a sum not less than the amount paid this year for said fund, and that said percentages be in conformity with the provisions of Paragraph 559 of the 1940 Discipline."

A committee composed of Rev. G. C. Johnson, Dr. T. S. Staples, Rev. E. B. Williams, Rev. W. J. Spicer, and Rev. Glenn F. Sanford was appointed by the chairman, Rev. R. S. Hayden, to make this adjustment.

Their report is as follows: "The committee has made considerable study of the Fund and are ready to report, but find that in the light of some possible changes in the law governing this fund, at the next General Conference which would require another change in the plan at next Annual Conference, we request that the same plan as has been used this year be continued through next year."

Rev. W. J. Spicer, Chairman,  
Rev. Glenn F. Sanford, Secretary.

## REPORT OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMISSION

We recommend that this committee be continued for the purpose of making a careful study and investigation of the present plans and bring in a report at next Annual Conference placing this fund in strict conformity with the 1944 Discipline and a more satisfactory basis of distribution.

We recommend the following for Sustentation:

1. That, for members of the Conference, the computing of the Sustentation Fund be made on a standard salary of \$1,000.00 or less provided that no account be taken of deficits under \$600.00.

That, for accepted supplies, the computing of the Sustentation Fund be made on a standard salary of \$800.00 or less, provided that no account be taken of deficits under \$400.00.

2. That Ministerial students serving charges share in the Sustentation Fund in an amount equal to that of 50 per cent of that paid to a full-time pastor.

3. That the names of all pastors receiving support from the Sustentation Fund be printed in the Minutes with the amounts each has received.

That all contributions to the Sustentation Fund be printed in the Minutes of the Journal with amounts each has contributed.

4. That this Sustentation Fund be raised by apportioning to pastoral charges and effective members of the Conference the amounts equal to the following percentages of salaries paid to the pastors:

\$1,000-\$1,500	-----	½ per cent	-----	½ per cent
1,501- 2,000	-----	1 per cent	-----	1 per cent
2,001- 3,000	-----	1½ per cent	-----	1½ per cent
3,001- Up	-----	2 per cent	-----	2 per cent

5. That the Cooperating Boards and Agencies continue their allotments to the Town and Country Commission.

6. That Glenn F. Sanford be reappointed as Executive Secretary to the Town and Country Commission.

7. That the Conference give careful consideration to the program and Objectives of the Town and Country Commission.

8. That we express our sincere appreciation for the fine spirit of co-operation of the participating Boards and Agencies and the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the work of the Town and Country Commission.

9. That the following budget be adopted: Salary, \$3,000.00; House rent, \$300.00; Office rent, \$60.00; Travel expense, \$300.00; Office expense and supplies, \$300.00.

## Financial Report of the Town and County Commission

Amount on hand according to last report, November 3, 1943-----\$ 938.03

## Receipts Since That Date For Conference Work:

From the Board of Lay Activities-----	50.00
From the Board of Education -----	\$1,850.00
From the Board of Missions and Ch. Ext.-----	1,350.00
From Woman's Society of Christian Service-----	500.00

Total for Conference Work-at-large -----\$3,750.00

## Receipts for Newton County Special:

From the General Board of Missions -----	\$ 650.00
From the Conference Board of Missions -----	41.66
From the Jasper and Other Newton Co. Churches-----	181.40

Total for Newton County Special -----\$ 873.06

Rev. R. S. Hayden, Chairman,  
Rev. G. F. Sanford, Secretary.

**Refund from Rev. Glenn F. Sanford:**

For Victory Tax, not deducted -----	\$ 39.50
For part of expense on trip to Columbus-----	20.00
Total refund -----	59.50
Total -----	\$5,620.59

**Disbursements for Town and Country Commission:**

Salary, rent and refund -----	\$3,339.50
Office Rent, supplies, office help-----	297.65
Travel expense of Secretary and resource persons -----	304.81
Total -----	\$3,941.96

**Disbursements for the Newton County Special:**

Salary, rent and refund -----	\$ 630.00
Office supplies and equipment -----	55.65
Travel expense -----	114.32
Total -----	799.97
Total disbursements both funds -----	\$4,721.93

**Balance on hand:**

Town and Country Commission -----	\$ 805.57
Newton County Special -----	73.09
Total balance, November 1, 1943-----	\$ 878.66

C. D. Metcalf, Treasurer.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION**

We are living in a time that tests the faith of men. Our men are being called upon for much greater sacrifices during the year to come. Many of our mission fields have been overrun by our enemies, some of our missionaries have been withdrawn, some are in prison. Those who remain are faced by unparalleled difficulties. Never before have Methodist missionary leaders at home and abroad faced a situation so full of difficulty and testing.

But nowhere has our work broken down or collapsed. Even in Germany and Japan, as well as occupied China, Belgium, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Burma, Malaya, and all the rest, Methodism still marches on.

Here in the home field we have emphasized, during the year, the payment of debts on churches and parsonages. The rebuilding of the church and providing of a full time pastor for Jacksonville; and the establishment of the Newton County Mission are some of the endeavors of the Board.

We have supported the work of the Town and Country Commission and rejoice in the splendid cooperating program now being carried forward through that agency.

We rejoice in the increased giving to World Service.

Dr. Howard Oborn of Paris, Ill., and Missionary Secretary for the Illinois Conference representing the General Board, rendered valuable assistance in our deliberations.

**General Recommendations**

1: That the present arrangements on Town and Country Work be continued and that Glenn Sanford be appointed Executive Secretary of Town and Country Commission.

2: That E. B. Williams be appointed Conference Missionary Secretary.  
 3: That W. J. Spicer and Edward Harris serve as members of the Commission of Town and Country Work.

4: That we cooperate with the other boards and agencies of the Conference in the District Set-up meetings, Nov. 16-19.

5: That full cooperation be given in the Bishops' Crusade for a New World Order in harmony with the "Primer of Action."

6: That each church study Mission Book: "The Church After the War," by Bishop McConnell.

7: We nominate Mr. Nels Barnett and Rev. A. W. Martin to the Jurisdictional Conference for membership on the General Board of Missions and Church Extension.

A. W. Martin, Chairman,  
 Jefferson Sherman, Secretary.

## CHURCH EXTENSION SECTION

### Donations to Churches

The following donations have been paid during the year:

Winslow .....	\$ 100.00
West Memphis (Parsonage) .....	46.00
Hardy .....	100.00
Reyno .....	200.00
Coal Hill .....	150.00
Greenbrier .....	200.00
Ash Flat .....	60.00
Centerville (Greenbrier Circuit) .....	200.00
Mt. Carmel .....	100.00
Bald Knob .....	217.00
Jacksonville .....	500.00
Jasper .....	300.00
Cotter .....	100.00
Plumerville (Parsonage) .....	150.00
Cleveland (Parsonage) .....	200.00

The following donations have been made to be paid when the requirements are met:

Jonesboro Circuit (Parsonage) .....	\$ 100.00
Jasper .....	150.00
New Liberty .....	100.00
Scranton .....	100.00
Auvergne .....	100.00
Balance in Bank from Conference year '42 .....	1,181.15
Distribution from Guy Murphy .....	1,902.70

Total Amount to Account for .....

Total Disbursements .....

Balance on Hand .....

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

#### Missions Fund

#### Receipts—

Balance on hand November 14, 1942 .....	\$ 4,918.77
Interest on U. S. Bonds .....	100.00
Received from Conference Treasurer .....	6,947.21
Total receipts .....	\$11,965.98

**Disbursements—**

For missions charges (paid to pastors of charges) .....	\$ 3,335.05	
Commission on Town and Country Work .....	1,350.00	
Pastoral work at Sanatorium—Booneville .....	150.00	
Treasurer's Band and Audit .....	32.50	
District Secretaries expenses .....	19.00	
Promotional expense—Conference Secretary .....	54.55	
Travel expense .....	86.84	
Evangelism — Dr. Black .....	96.30	
Jurisdictional Conference Board expense .....	25.00	
Total disbursements .....	\$ 5,149.24	
Cash on hand November 6, 1943 .....	\$ 6,816.74	
U. S. Bonds on hand (Series G) .....	4,000.00	
Total Cash or equivalent .....	\$10,816.74	
E. Wainright Martin, Treasurer.		

**APPROPRIATIONS****I. Pastoral Charges****Batesville District—**

Ash Flat .....	\$ 60.00	
Cave City Circuit .....	100.00	
Charlotte .....	75.00	
Calico Rock, Norfork .....	150.00	
Desha-Pleasant Plains .....	50.00	
Viola .....	100.00	585.00

**Conway District—**

Belleville - Havana .....	50.00	
Gravelly .....	100.00	150.00

**Fayetteville District—**

Alpena .....	100.00	
Cincinnati .....	100.00	
South Fayetteville .....	200.00	
Viney Grove .....	100.00	
Winslow .....	100.00	600.00

**Fort Smith District—**

Alex .....	75.00	
Branch .....	50.00	
Lavaca .....	50.00	
Magazine Circuit .....	75.00	
Waldron .....	100.00	350.00

**Jonesboro District—**

Dyess .....	300.00	
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**Paragould District—**

Knobel .....	50.00	
Lorado .....	50.00	
Rector Circuit .....	100.00	
Smithville .....	50.00	
Walnut Ridge Circuit (Parsonage Rent) .....	50.00	
Greenway .....	50.00	
St. Francis .....	50.00	450.00

## Searcy District—

Jasper -----	100.00	
Leslie -----	100.00	
Marshall -----	100.00	
Rose Bud -----	100.00	
Valley Springs (Travel) -----	100.00	500.00

Total Appropriations for Pastoral Charges-----\$ 2,935.00

## II. General Appropriations

Town and Country Commission-----	\$ 1,450.00	
Jacksonville Special -----	750.00	
District Secretaries		
Expenses to Sequoyah -----	120.00	
Promotional Expenses -----	80.00	
Conference Secretary,		
Travel and Promotion -----	200.00	
Work at State Sanatorium -----	200.00	
Travel Expense (Executive Committee) -----	120.00	
Treasurer's Bond and Audit -----	40.00	
Total General Appropriations -----		\$ 2,960.00

Grand Total of Appropriations-----\$ 5,895.00

Total Amount Accounted for-----\$ 3,083.85

The following loans have been made during the year:

Jonesboro Circuit (Parsonage) -----\$ 800.00

The following loans have been granted and will be made when the requirements have been met:

Second Church, Fort Smith (Parsonage)-----\$ 700.00

We have in our Conference loan fund due in

    unpaid principal -----\$ 450.00

Loan granted but not placed -----\$ 700.00

Available for loans -----\$13,303.35

We have at present three loans on which all payments are up to date.

At this time last year we had 21 loans, which means that during the year, 17 loans have been paid in full, many of which were not due.

A. W. Martin, Chairman,  
Jefferson Sherman, Secretary.

## WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

We report the accomplishment, wholly or in part, of the following objectives which were among those listed for 1943.

1. Support of two deaconesses as workers in rural areas;
2. Cooperation in specific projects with the Town and Country Commission;
3. Recruiting volunteers for training as missionaries;
4. Securing funds for additional scholarships for their training;
5. Enlisting new women in the missionary enterprise;
6. Increased practice of Christian Stewardship.

In achieving these objectives, the loyal efforts of the women have been made more effective by the understanding and assistance of the pastors and laymen. We recognize the fact that the pastor is charged with the responsibility of organizing and maintaining a Woman's Society of Christian Service,

but the conference officers stand ready to help him whenever he feels the need of such assistance. Since less than 300 churches reported having a woman's society last year, much work is needed in this kind of cultivation.

We earnestly request that pastors give special attention to the needs of the women of their charges, and where practical, organize Societies of Christian Service.

Mrs. R. E. Connell, Conference President

Mrs. A. P. Patton, Promotional Secretary.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Report No. 1

The Board of Education has met and received reports from the various agencies engaged in the work of education, together with their requests and recommendations.

We recommend the following:

That the Ministerial Training Fund of \$4,288.67 and future Ministerial Training Funds, be set aside as a special account on the books of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, to be paid out by him on order of a Committee, composed of: Two District Superintendents elected by the Cabinet; the Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Training and one other member of that Board chosen by the Board itself; the Executive Secretary of the Board of Education and one member of the Board of Education chosen by said Board; and the Reverend James Upton of the Department of Religion of Hendrix College.

That \$2,000.00 of the present Cultivation Fund Surplus be set up as an active reserve and that 5 per cent of the annual income of the Board of Education be added to this reserve each year until the amount equals the annual income of the Board for the Cultivation Fund; that the remainder of the present balance, above \$2,000.00, be divided into two equal parts, one part to be added to the budget of 1933-44, and the other part to be used in the budget of 1944-45.

That Sunday, April 30, 1944, be designated as Church School Rally Day.

That the following appointments be made: Ira A. Brumley, Executive Secretary, Board of Education; J. Q. Schisler, Executive Secretary of the Local Church Division, General Board of Education; J. S. Seneker, Professor in Southern Methodist University; N. R. Griswold, Education Work, Japanese Relocation Center, Rohwer; S. M. Yancey, Superintendent of Western Methodist Assembly; James S. Upton, Professor in Hendrix College; Harry King, Professor in Arkansas College.

That C. D. Metcalf be Treasurer of the Board of Education, and that the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Batesville, Ark., and the Batesville Federal Savings and Loan Association, Batesville, Ark., be designated as depositories for the funds of the Board.

That the February Special for Hendrix College be continued with the minimum goal of \$8,000.00, to be divided on the basis of \$5,000.00 for the College and \$3,000.00 for Ministerial Education.

That the following be elected to be Trustees of Hendrix College: R. S. Hayden to succeed himself, his term to expire in 1949; Charles Barnett of Batesville, Ark., to succeed G. C. Hardin, his term to expire in 1949; trustees at large: G. DeMatt Henderson of Little Rock to succeed himself, his term to expire in 1949, and Connor Morehead of Little Rock to succeed James Thomas, deceased, his term to expire in 1946; Alumni Trustee, R. T. Steel to succeed himself, his term to expire in 1949.

That A. W. Martin be elected Trustee of Southern Methodist University.

### Report No. 2

Subject, Hendrix College Chapel: We recommend that a campaign for not less than \$150,000.00 of the total estimated cost of \$200,000.00 of the Hendrix College Chapel be undertaken at once in large gifts, and that

when this amount is raised the rank and file of our church membership be approached for the balance of approximately \$50,000.00.

North Arkansas Conference

Board of Education

Earl Cravens, Chairman.

Harry King, Secretary.

### Report No. 3

We recommend the following student appointments: To Southern Methodist University: T. Poe Williams, Earl DuBois, George Stewart and Kermit Vanzant; to Duke, David Conyers; to Westminster University, W. D. Harrison; to Chicago University, Rodney Shaw.

We recommend:

That Sam B. Wiggins be elected as Trustee of Western Methodist Assembly.

That Harold O. Eggensperger be elected as a member of the Appropriation Committee of the Ministerial Training Fund.

That Ira A. Brumley be elected as clerical member of Jurisdictional Board of Education and E. W. Martin as lay member of said Board.

That the following age-group leaders be approved by the Annual Conference:

Conference Director of Youth Work, James S. Upton; Conference Director of Adult Work, Glenn F. Sanford.

District Directors of Children's Work: Mrs. Clarence Wilcox, Mrs. Fay Reed, Mrs. W. J. Faust, Miss Mary Lou Pearce, Miss Eugenia Wilson, and Mrs. S. O. Patty.

District Directors of Youth Work: Clarence Wilcox, E. J. Holifield, M. L. Conyers, Martin A. Bierbaum, Kenneth Shamblyn, Raymond Franks and H. O. Eggensperger.

District Directors of Adult Work: W. D. Murphy, Jr., David Griffin, G. G. Davidson, I. L. Claud, Earl S. Walker, Boyd W. Johnston, Robert Bearden, Jr., and S. O. Patty.

### Treasurer's Report

The following is the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education of the North Arkansas Conference, November 1, 1942, to November 2, 1943:

#### Receipts:

From Conference Treasurer on World Service.....	\$19,774.55
From Church School Rally Day .....	2,851.71
From E. W. Martin, February Special.....	3,504.65
From Mrs. W. P. Pearson, Refund of unused Expense Fund..	3.60
From Bible Conferences .....	95.00
From Batesville Federal Savings and Loan, Interest.....	146.25
Balance last report on November 1, 1942.....	4,853.01

Total receipts .....

\$31,228.77

#### Disbursements:

To Student Work .....	\$ 1,731.50
To Wesley Foundations .....	700.00
The Arkansas Pastors' School .....	850.00
To Hendrix College, World Service .....	7,344.98
To Town and Country Commission .....	1,850.00
To Conference Cultivation Program .....	8,273.04

Total disbursements .....

\$20,749.52

Balance on hand:

In Citizens Bank and Trust Company.....\$5,979.25

In Batesville Federal Savings and  
Loan Association .....

4,500.00—\$10,479.25

Of the \$10,479.25 there is \$4,288.67 of Ministerial Training Funds and some money not yet apportioned to Arkansas Pastor's School and Hendrix College.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. D. Metcalf, Treasurer.

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TEMPERANCE

We should realize the importance of every effort made in the interest of temperance at all times, and especially now, on account of the war situation. We should endeavor to protect both our civilians and our men and women in the armed services of the country. The alcoholic liquor traffic continues its devastating march across this state and the nation. It is taking an increasingly heavy toll physically, mentally, economically and spiritually. Juvenile delinquency is increasing at an alarming rate, and much of it is caused by beer, whisky, etc. And many of the places where alcoholic liquors are sold are breeding-places of immorality and crime, including drunkenness, prostitution and murder. And many of the so-called "legal" sellers are BOOTLEGERS. The State Revenue Commissioner, as reported in the Arkansas Gazette September 29, 1943, page 15, said: "It is alarming, the number of complaints this department is receiving relative to the amount of legal liquor that is reaching the hands of bootleggers . . .", etc.

The liquor crowd are trying continually to tell the people that the state needs the revenue from the nefarious business. Clyde C. Coulter, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas, is authority for the following figures: The per capita revenue to Arkansas from all alcoholic liquors in 1942 was \$1.93—a total of \$3,800,000.00 plus. The money spent by drinkers in Arkansas for such liquors was \$16.93 per capita—a total of \$33,800,000.00 plus. This means a total loss of \$15.00 per capita, (\$30,000,000.00), over and above the revenue. Added to this enormous total must be cost of automobile accidents and crime caused by liquors, which was, for 1942, for Arkansas, \$33,600,000.00 plus. It will be seen from the above that our state suffered a NET LOSS, caused by liquors, last year, of more than \$63,000,000.00 over and above the revenue received.

As great as the economic loss is, the moral and spiritual loss is incalculably greater. (No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God.)

It is now clearly seen that the beer-whisky-wine crowd are, with increasing boldness, and IN DESPERATION, trying to contravene the will of the people of Arkansas, (as they are doing in other states), and break down the law. They are chasing all over the state, trying to prevent the holding of local option elections, regardless of how great the number of voters who sign petitions for them. But in spite of the "smart" tricks of the liquor lawyers, nine county-wide local option elections have been held, and ALL of them voted DRY by BIG majorities—some of them, TEN to ONE. Eighteen townships have voted, sixteen of them voting DRY, most of them by large majorities, and ONE of them, 118 to NONE. Ten towns have voted, seven of them voting DRY. The wets have won two townships, three towns and three PRECINCTS. A total of FORTY local option elections held to date, under Act No. 1, and thirty-two of them, including ALL the COUNTY-WIDE campaigns, have been won by the DRYS. We pause just here to give humble thanks to GOD for these successes. All credit and all praise to HIM!

NOW, the "wets see the handwriting on the wall," and they are, as usual, turning to DIRTY tactics—they are trying to bring Act No. 1 before the Supreme Court, claiming that the Act is "UNCONSTITUTIONAL," etc. In this it is confidently believed they will FAIL. Let every Christian pray that they MAY fail.

Because of the above-mentioned facts concerning liquor and the conditions it produces, we do, with all possible stress, denounce and condemn the nefarious business in its entirety. It is a vicious enemy of our homes, churches, schools, and the NATION. It is RIGHT NOW SABOTAGING THE WAR

**EFFORT.** It is making beer, whisky, etc., from materials that are sorely needed in the prosecution of the war. Truly the liquor traffic is **PUBLIC ENEMY No. 1.**

**WE RECOMMEND:**

1. That we continue to give support to all local option election efforts and campaigns.

2. That our pastors frequently, at their own discretion, speak on the evils of alcoholic beverages, and that they urge their people to abstain from drinking them; and we urge constant warfare against the traffic in them.

3. We recommend the Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and urge our pastors and people to cooperate with these two great Christian organizations in all the phases of their work. We commend the Arkansas Baptist, The Arkansas Methodist, and also the Arkansas Gazette for their support of the **TEMPERANCE CAUSE.**

4. We again most heartily commend and thank our Governor for his efforts to have all laws enforced in this state.

5. We recommend that as usual, an offering be taken at this time for the Anti-Saloon League.

6. We nominate the following-named from North Arkansas Methodist Conference, for re-election to membership on the Board of Directors of the Anti-Saloon League: Rev. Sam M. Yancey, Rev. J. A. Gatlin and Mr. Charles A. Stuck. We nominate, in addition, Mrs. Nels Barnett as a member of that Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. Galloway, Chairman,  
J. M. Harrison, Secretary.

#### BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

We recommend that Layman's Day be observed on Sunday, February 20, and that it again be made a special feature in preparation for the Week of Dedication.

We urge full support of the Crusade for a New World Order, January 2 to January 30.

In support of the Benevolences, we submit as a goal for minimum giving, the establishment of the ideal "As much for others as for ourselves."

We heartily commend the Group of Ministry Plan fostered by the Commission on Town and Country and pledge our support to its extension throughout the conference.

We commend "The Methodist Layman" and recommend that each charge lay leader accept full responsibility for its circulation in his church.

We recommend that a class of laymen, including the official board, as far as possible, be organized in each local church for the study of the Methodist Discipline under the leadership of the pastor.

We urge the study, practice and promotion of Christian Stewardship of time, thought, talent and treasure.

We recommend the appointment as Associate Secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities of Dr. James W. Workman. We nominate E. Wainright Martin as Conference Lay Leader for the coming year.

E. Wainright Martin, Chairman,  
Joe A. Goetz, Secretary.

#### BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES

Our Hospital and Home for Children have done good work this year. Dr. Hedden has served us well in the Hospital in Memphis. We shall show a large increase in the number of patients and a remarkable decrease in our debts.

Our Home for Children has been under Dr. James A. Thomas for many years but in June of this year he resigned shortly before his death and Dr.

E. T. Wayland has served us efficiently. On this November 1st, Mr. J. S. M. Cannon was elected and installed as Superintendent. We urge your loyal support.

We make the following requests:

A. Hospital.

1. That J. Frank Fogleman (Marion), Mrs. Tom Tucker (Hughes), J. H. Crain (Wilson), H. K. Barwick (Wynne), Rev. J. A. Womack and Rev. Paul V. Galloway be Trustees of the Hospital from the North Arkansas Conference.

2. That the apportionment of \$3,178.98 be given.

3. That Golden Cross week be May 7-14 with Rev. J. T. Randle as Golden Cross Director with Rev. Earle Cravens, Rev. Kenneth Shamblin, and Rev. J. H. Holt as assistants; and that the funds be sent to the Methodist Hospital where 90 per cent will be given to the Hospital and the remaining 10 per cent be used for Golden Cross and Hospital Cultivation and Special Hospital gifts, and that each District set up its own goal or method.

B. Homes.

1. That we pledge our support in full to our Superintendent and the Orphanage.

2. That we thank Dr. Wayland for his splendid services.

3. That December 19 be Orphanage Day in the Conference and that all Churches take a special offering for our home.

4. That Rev. Sam B. Wiggins, Rev. Paul V. Galloway, E. B. Belshe and R. J. Rice be Trustees of our Home, the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage.

5. That the apportionment of \$2,119.32 be given.

6. That our Board of Trustees be encouraged and supported in a plan to increase the usefulness of the home; and that the board be supported in making large plans for a great Methodist Home for Children, and that they consider plans for a home for retired ministers and their wives.

7. That each church have a director for the Christmas offering.

C. Reports.

1. That the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Hospital examine our records for the year.

2. That the report of the financial condition of the home from October 1, 1942, until June 11, 1943, be filed with any designated Board of Committee and that we publish the included report from June 16, 1943, through September 30, 1943.

### Financial Report

#### Receipts—

Little Rock Conference on Assessment .....	\$ 1,405.66
North Arkansas Conference—Christmas Offering .....	80.00
Little Rock Conference—Christmas Offering .....	5.00
Board paid for children .....	248.47
Reimbursements by matrons on telephone, dry goods, etc. ....	14.68
Miscellaneous—sale of fruit jars .....	15.25
Gifts by Sunday School classes .....	25.00
Memorials .....	35.00
Personal Gifts .....	503.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,332.06</b>
Amount on hand, June 26th, 1943 .....	11,609.59
<b>Grand Total .....</b>	<b>\$13,941.65</b>

**Disbursements—**

Salaries .....	\$ 775.00
Petty cash, school supplies, lunches .....	160.00
Miscellaneous expense—haircuts, books, exterminating fee, etc .....	31.83
Groceries .....	473.79
Bread .....	50.24
Milk .....	228.52
Laundry .....	54.55
Utilities .....	167.30
Drugs .....	34.89
Clothing, shoes, shoe repairs .....	88.00
Insurance and taxes .....	26.35
Plumbing and repairs .....	36.50
Office expense .....	2.85
Total .....	\$2,129.82

Balance on hand September 30, 1943.....\$11,811.83

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. Hayes, Treasurer.  
Paul V. Galloway, Chairman.  
R. E. L. Bearden, Jr., Secretary.

**Treasurer's Report**

The receipts and disbursements for the Board of Hospitals and Homes of North Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Church, for the Conference year 1942-43, covering both the Benevolences and Golden Cross, are as follows:

**Golden Cross****Receipts—**

Nov. 12, 1942—Balance in Account .....	\$ 227.58
Feb. 1, 1943—Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer .....	5.00
June 3, 1943—Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer .....	104.31
July 1, 1943—Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer .....	51.56
Aug. 2, 1943—Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer .....	12.75
Oct. 2, 1943—Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer .....	32.52
Nov. 2, 1943—Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer .....	23.25
Nov. 9, 1943—Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer .....	8.50
Total Receipts .....	\$ 465.37

**Expenditures—**

June 24, 1943—Paid Rev. J. T. Randle, Golden Cross Expense .....	\$20.00
Paid Rev. Paul Galloway, Golden Cross Expense .....	10.00
Total Expenditures .....	\$30.00—\$ 30.00
Balance in Golden Cross Account .....	\$ 435.37

## MINUTES NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

## Benevolences

## Receipts—

Jan. 5, 1943—Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer-----	\$ 390.08
Feb. 1, 1943—Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer-----	471.73
Mar. 2, 1943—Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer-----	327.42
Apr. 1, 1943—Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer-----	180.58
May 1, 1943—Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer-----	370.72
June 3, 1943—Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer-----	566.64
July 1, 1943—Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer-----	80.19
Aug. 2, 1943—Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer-----	78.89
Sept. 1, 1943—Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer-----	152.33
Oct. 2, 1943—Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer-----	164.67
Nov. 2, 1943—Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer-----	579.80
Nov. 9, 1943—Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer-----	71.25
Total Receipts -----	\$3,434.30

## Expenditures—

Nov. 12, 1943—Paid Methodist Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., 60% of benevolences-----	\$2,060.58
Paid Methodist Orphanage, Little Rock, Ark., 40% of benevolences -----	1,373.72
Total Expenditures -----	\$3,434.30—\$3,434.30
Balance in Benevolences Account-----	None
J. F. Fogleman, Treasurer, Board of Hospitals and Homes North Arkansas Conference, The Methodist Church.	

## REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM

We recommend that during the ensuing year the Conference major on Visitation Evangelism. It is understood that we do not in any way wish to discredit mass evangelism, or any other effective method of reaching men. The Visitation method is sane, scriptural, and successful. It seems the only method that is making inroads into that vast and ever-increasing non-church population found everywhere. We believe it can be used as well to reach indifferent and irregular members of the church as it can to reach the unchurched people in our communities.

In a meeting during the Arkansas Pastors' School, the Bishop and District Superintendents present, it was agreed that each District should put on a simultaneous district-wide Visitation Campaign. To this end we recommend that each District Superintendent teach or have taught the technique of Visitation Evangelism to all who have not been previously trained, that this be done as soon as possible after the Annual Conference, so that each Pastor may be able to conduct his own campaigns. Where churches are on circuits provision could be made for leaders beside the pastor, or a campaign held later.

These recommendations carefully carried out will give us a conference in which all the pastors are trained in Visitation Evangelism, and will result in each Church having an annual visitation campaign and a continuing program of Evangelism. We believe that these recommendations conscientiously carried out will reach more people and bring them into the church on profession of faith, than have ever been reached before.

We recommend the appointment of Dr. O. E. Goddard as Conference Director of Evangelism. That March 26 be observed as a Day of Consecration in all our churches.

O. E. Goddard, Chairman,  
James T. Randle, Secretary.

## COMMISSION ON PEACE

## War and Peace

Dear Brethren:

Christians begin to realize that the cost of a just and enduring peace will compare with the cost of total, global war and demobilization. We pray that the peace may be won as a necessary sequel to armed victory and to this end of a just and enduring peace we enlist the total dedication of our conference.

## The Peace Commission

We pledge our support to carry out the present disciplinary program of our church's General Conference's Commission on World Peace.

## Memorial for Stronger Peace Legislation

We hereby memorialize the coming General Conference to strengthen this work of the Commission with increasing support and effectiveness commensurate with that given to other World Service Boards and Commissions.

## The Bishop's Crusade

We pledge our unanimous cooperation as ministers, laymen and churches of the North Arkansas conference to the full support of the membership of our Bishop in the Crusade For a Christian World Order January 9-23, 1944.

## Oriental Immigration

We commend the efforts now being made in our National Congress to give to China an immigration quota of approximately 100 per year. We also endorse the movement led by returned missionary, Dr. Walter Judd, now in Congress, to place all orientals on an immigration quota. In this we support our church's press and Missionary leadership.

## Fellowship With Japanese-American Methodists

We record our vicarious sufferings with American citizens of Japanese ancestry in government relocation camps, and pledge our unbroken fellowship with our Methodist ministers and laymen in the camps.

We grieve with these citizens and fellow Christians in the rare legislative action and overt discrimination occasionally taking place and pledge our "all out" Christian attitudes and communication of accurate facts in the face of such inequities.

## Methodist Conscientious Objectors

We approve and commend our churches throughout the conference in making voluntary, special contributions to support Methodist Conscientious objectors to armed service, who are now in Civilian Public Service Camps. Our conference is aware that such objectors and camps are in keeping with the General Conference legislation and the government's Selective Service program. Each Conscientious objector is charged with his own responsibility for \$35.00 monthly expenses while in camp.

## Reconciliation Midst Racial Tensions

We agree with the Oxford conference statement, that "Distinctions of race are a part of God's purpose to enrich mankind with a diversity of gifts. Against racial pride or race antagonism the church must set its face implacably as rebellion against God."

We assume that our first responsibility is to demonstrate within our own church fellowship the reality of the Christian community as God intends it. In Christ there is "neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free; for ye are all one in Christ."

We determine to put down unfounded rumors of racial discriminations and social uprisings. We will use every possible means to check the truth of such reports. Thus can the church help to interpret community relationships in ways consistent with Christian fellowship.

We commend churches in arranging informal gatherings of white and colored Christian leaders for mutual exchange of information and viewpoints, for the building of increasing understanding, cooperation and community welfare.

#### The Christian Mind for Peace

We unite our minds for peace in behalf of our political leaders throughout the world, especially those of our own nation, and pledge a copy of these resolutions to be sent to our state Governor, to our congressmen and to the President of the United States of America.

F. A. Lark, Chairman,  
J. E. Linam, Secretary.

#### COMMITTEE ON THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

We, your committee on the American Bible Society, beg leave to make the following report:

Inexpensive BIBLES and TESTAMENTS are necessary in all our missionary work both at home and abroad. Only the American Bible Society furnishes us these inexpensive BIBLES and TESTAMENTS. We easily grow eloquent in eulogizing the BIBLE as a book and also in praising the American Bible Society for publishing it in a thousand tongues and dialects, and at a nominal cost within the reach of all. But when it comes to doing something about this matter in a realistic way, it is tragically little that we actually do.

If you wish to know how little we read the BIBLE, ask the next crowd you are in just a few simple questions with reference to the BIBLE. If you wish to know how little financial support we are giving the American Bible Society, just remember that the average Methodist Church is contributing to the American Bible Society only \$1.20 a year. The entire Methodist Church gave through its regular channels to the American Bible Society last year \$51,813, or a little more than six-tenths of a cent per member. All this in spite of the fact of the American Bible Society's appalling need for funds today with which to carry on in the midst of the higher cost of everything.

Because of this lack of funds the American Bible Society is unable to furnish with BIBLES many people who are calling for copies of the Scriptures. With these disturbing facts in mind we make only two recommendations:

1. That we ourselves begin now to read the BIBLE much more than we have been reading it.
2. That we begin at once to pray daily for the American Bible Society till there is born in our souls a conscience on supporting it with our means.

Respectfully submitted,

Lester Weaver, Chairman,  
L. F. LeFevers, Secretary.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Realizing that the people of the world need and, in many cases, are turning to Christian literature in an unprecedented manner, we your Conference Board of Literature make the following recommendations:

1. We commend to our people **The Arkansas Methodist**, for its fine leadership in this state in the field of Christian journalism. We recommend the re-election of the editor, Dr. E. T. Wayland, by the Arkansas Methodist Commission, and express our appreciation of his fine work. We heartily commend the circulation plans of our paper, and urge our pastors to give it their full cooperation.

2. We call to the attention of our constituency the excellent national weekly of our Church, **The Christian Advocate**, and recommend that every church in the Conference make an effort to form a "Christian Advocate Club," thus enabling subscribers to have this fine paper for \$1.50 a year.

3. We likewise commend the fine work of our Editorial Board and the other agencies of our Church which are giving us such fine material for use in the various departments of our churches. We urge our pastors and people to make the fullest use of all this material.

4. We ask the Conference for an assessment of \$3,523.20 for the support of The Arkansas Methodist. We recommend that the expenses of the treasurer's bond and the traveling expenses of the Arkansas Methodist Commissioners be paid out of this fund.

5. We submit a statement from H. F. McDonal, the treasurer of our Board, and ask that it be included in the minutes.

#### Receipts

##### From the Conference Treasurer—

Nov. 11, 1942	\$ 541.04
Jan. 9, 1943	259.39
Feb. 2, 1943	313.67
Mch. 19, 1943	217.72
Apr. 5, 1943	120.08
May 7, 1943	246.51
June 4, 1943	376.79
July 6, 1943	53.52
Aug. 4, 1943	52.46
Sept. 6, 1943	101.29
Oct. 4, 1943	109.50
Balance in Bank 10-26-42	36.12
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	\$2,428.09

##### Disbursements—

Nov. 21, 1942 to W. H. Goodloe	\$ 5.50
Nov. 2, 1942 to W. F. Cooley	14.00
Nov. 11, 1942 to Arkansas Methodist	541.04
Nov. 20, 1942 to Joe A. Goetz	5.00
Jan. 9, 1943 to Arkansas Methodist	259.39
Apr. 5, 1943 to Arkansas Methodist	650.00
June 3, 1943 to Arkansas Methodist	625.00
Aug. 8, 1943 to Arkansas Methodist	100.00
Oct. 5, 1943 to Arkansas Methodist	200.00
Oct. 12, 1943 to W. F. Cooley	12 50
Oct. 27, 1943 to W. H. Goodloe	5.40
Oct. 27, 1943 to W. F. Cooley	10.00
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	\$2,427.83

Balance in Planters National Bank 11-2-43 .26

TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR \$2,428.09

We submit herewith a copy of the circulation campaign plans for The Arkansas Methodist. By our action we have made this an approved part of our report.

#### Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign

1. That January 9-16 be fixed as Arkansas Methodist Week for the annual, state-wide, simultaneous Circulation Campaign, for The Arkansas Methodist.

2. That Bishop Charles Selecman, as in the past two years, give general leadership to the Circulation Campaign in the state, and that he appoint, at this Conference, a District Director of the Arkansas Methodist Circulation

Campaign in each District to assist him and the District Superintendent in promoting the work.

3. That the District Superintendent and the District Director appointed by the Bishop give direction to the Circulation Campaign within the District.

4. That the Pastor and a Church Director, appointed by him, direct the campaign in the local church, and that a complete canvass of the homes of the membership of our church be made during Arkansas Methodist Week for new subscriptions and renewal of subscriptions to **The Arkansas Methodist**.

5. That the Circulation Campaign in the local church be completed within the eight days set by the Annual Conference for that work, where at all possible.

6. That each Pastor, on blanks to be furnished, make a report to the District Superintendent and to the office of **The Arkansas Methodist** on Monday, January 17th, of the results of the Campaign in his charge.

7. That **The Arkansas Methodist**, in the last week of January, as for the last two years, carry a full report by Districts and Charges of the results of the Campaign throughout the state, with additional reports in following weeks to include the results of any follow-up work necessary to complete the Campaign in the local church.

8. That a quota of one subscription for each seven active members be assigned to the Districts, and that this total accepted by the District be apportioned to the Charges of the District, on the same basis, at the post-conference Set-up Meetings.

9. That the subscription price of **The Arkansas Methodist** remain at one dollar and twenty-five cents per year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. Cooley, Chairman,

Ray L. McLester, Secretary.

### THE ARKANSAS METHODIST

#### Cash

Balance on hand, 10-31-1942 ----- \$ 226.19

#### Receipts—

Subscriptions -----	\$16,967.07	
Advertising -----	4,085.94	
Conference collections:		
Little Rock Conference -----	2,780.55	
North Arkansas Conference -----	2,375.43	5,155.98
Rents, 1018 Scott Street -----		1,687.50
Notes Payable -----		738.75
Miscellaneous -----	170.47	28,805.71
<b>Total -----</b>		<b>\$29,031.90</b>

#### Disbursements—

Salaries:	
Editor -----	\$ 3,300.00
Assistant Editor -----	1,440.40
Office -----	736.10
Advertising commissions -----	\$ 5,476.50
Office expense -----	686.77
Postage -----	264.11
Publication costs -----	1,318.65
Office Rent -----	14,458.14
Editor's rent -----	25.00
Notes Payable -----	480.00
Interest Paid -----	738.75
Bank charges -----	5.63
	28.44

Expense, 1018 Scott Street		
Utilities -----	\$ 758.43	
Janitor -----	76.50	
Insurance -----	80.03	
Taxes -----	182.04	
Repairs -----	646.65	
Furnishings -----	216.05	1,959.70
Advance payments to publisher for future issues -----	2,000.00	
Miscellaneous -----	77.78	27,519.47
Balance, 10-30-1943 -----		\$ 1,512.43

**Proof—**

Cash on hand -----	19.65	
Balance, Union National Bank, L. R. -----	1,508.48	
	1,528.13	
Less: Withholding tax, collected but not remitted--	15.70	1,512.43

**BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS**

From the funds on hand the Board of Conference Claimants apportioned the amount of eight dollars and fifty cents per service year to the superannuates, and the same amount on the basis of adjusted service years to widows; with additional amounts and adjustments to some from the emergency fund.

It has been reported to this board that eighteen conferences have increased their apportionment a total of twelve per cent over the previous year which emphasizes the fact that we are far lower than other conferences adjoining us, and with the full realization that the amount we pay is entirely inadequate for anything like a reasonable support for these worthy claimants it is apparent that there can be no better time for us to do more for them. Therefore, we urge that this conference appropriate for the next conference year an amount equal to ten per cent of the amount to be paid for pastor's salaries.

A complete schedule of the amount paid each claimant is attached to and filed as a part of this report.

We also request the conference to authorize and empower the Board of Conference Claimants to file articles of incorporation with the secretary of state for the purpose of incorporation as provided by the laws of the State of Arkansas.

J. J. Decker, Chairman,  
B. M. Huddleston, Secretary.

**Treasurer's Report—General Fund****Receipts—**

Balance on hand -----	\$ 194.08	
Received from Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer	20,170.08	
Received from the Publishing House -----	1,916.20	
Received from the Board of Pensions -----	1,737.89	
Received from the Treasurer of Permanent Fund--	118.03	
Total -----	\$24,136.28	\$24,136.28

**Disbursements—**

Paid to Claimants .....	\$23,129.00	
Treasurer's Bond .....	25.00	
Postage and stationery .....	28.87	
Bank charge for check book .....	2.64	
Transferred to Death and Superannuation Fund ..	1,000.00	
Expense painting Superannuate Home, Bentonville	34.80	
Total .....	\$24,220.11	\$24,136.28
Overdrawn .....	83.83	\$24,136.28

**Death and Superannuation Fund****Receipts—**

Balance on hand .....	\$ 1,757.01
Received from the General Fund .....	1,000.00
Total .....	\$ 2,757.01

**Disbursements—**

Death Benefits .....	\$ 250.00
Superannuations .....	600.00
Total .....	850.00
Balance on hand .....	1,907.01
	\$ 2,757.01
	\$ 2,757.01

Elmer H. Hook, Treasurer.

**DISTRIBUTION TO CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS**

Distribution to Claimants from General Fund Income, North Arkansas Conference, July, 1, 1943:

Retired Preachers	Service Years	Conference Payments	Gen. Board Payments	Total
Anderson, Dr. James A. .... 829 Center, Conway, Ark.	55	\$467.00	\$82.50	\$549.50
Andrews, Rev. J. B. .... Siloam Springs, Ark.	18	153.00	27.00	180.00
Ashmore, Rev. J. R. .... Belleville, Ark.	27	380.00	39.00	419.00
Barton, Rev. George M. .... Rt. 5, Box 497, Buntyn, Tenn.	17	145.00	24.00	169.00
Bearden, Rev. R. E. Lee .... Leachville, Ark.	42	357.00	63.00	420.00
Bevis, Rev. R. A. .... Hunter, Ark.	21	300.00	31.50	331.50
Bickley, Rev. E. N. .... Mammoth Spring, Ark.	29	397.00	40.50	437.50
Bishop, Rev. W. E. .... Bentonville, Ark.	30	375.00	45.00	420.00
Bumpers, Rev. Carlos H. ....	31	264.00	43.50	307.50
Burr, Rev. G. A. .... North Little Rock, Ark.	12	102.00	18.00	120.00
Cline, Rev. A. L. .... Siloam Springs, Ark.	23	321.00	34.50	355.50
Craig, Rev. Eli .... Cotter, Ark.	23	196.00	33.00	229.00
Davidson, Rev. George G. .... Berryville, Ark.	45	382.00	66.00	448.00

Retired Preachers	Service Years	Conference Payments	Gen. Board Payments	Total
Dew, Rev. J. W. ----- Cave City, Ark.	26	321.00		321.00
Dickerson, Rev. T. L. ----- Ozark, Ark.	14	119.00		119.00
Evans, Rev. J. B. ----- P. O. Box 297, Hot Springs, Ark.	17	245.00	27.00	272.00
Franklin, Rev. Chas. ----- 353 Watkins, Conway, Ark.	27	230.00	39.00	269.00
Galloway, Rev. J. J. ----- Fort Smith, Ark.	43	365.00	64.50	429.50
Goddard, Rev. Oscar E. ----- Conway, Ark.	46	391.00	67.50	458.50
Goode, Rev. A. E. ----- R. F. D. No. 3, Little Rock, Ark.	34	289.00	51.00	340.00
Hamilton, Rev. Fred R. ----- Siloam Springs, Ark.	28	238.00	42.00	280.00
Holifield, Rev. C. E. ----- c/o Rev. E. J. Holifield, Pastor of Washington Ave. Methodist Church, North Little Rock, Ark.	9	125.00	13.50	138.50
Hughey, Rev. James M. ----- Jonesboro, Ark.	43	365.00	64.50	429.50
Hunt, Rev. H. H. ----- Lincoln, Ark.	41	498.00	60.00	558.00
Lewis, Rev. Hoy M. ----- Wolf Bayou, Ark.	9	227.00	13.50	240.50
Mann, Rev. Luther E. ----- (need present address)	29	247.00	43.50	290.50
Marler, Rev. Elbert ----- Holcomb, Mo.	13	111.00	19.50	130.50
Martin, Rev. William T. (Dec'd) ----- (2/12 of yr. to his estate)	25		6.25	6.25
Morehead, Rev. R. C. (Dec'd) ----- (5/12 of yr. to his estate)	50		31.25	31.25
Murphy, Rev. Guy ----- 1321 Mitchell, Conway, Ark.	22	187.00	33.00	220.00
Nelson, Rev. E. W. ----- Cabot, Ark.	24	204.00	33.00	237.00
Nelson, Rev. J. R. ----- Camden, Tenn.	40	340.00	60.00	400.00
Oliver, Rev. Wilbur L. ----- Jonesboro, Ark.	40	340.00	60.00	400.00
Peters, Rev. E. M. ----- McCrory, Ark.	21	300.00	31.50	331.50
Roberts, Rev. J. D. ----- Elm Springs, Ark.	21	329.00	31.50	360.50
Robertson, Rev. Robert A. ----- (need present address)	39	331.00	58.50	389.50
Rowland, Rev. J. L. (Make check:) ----- Rev. or Mrs. J. L. Rowland, c/o Rev. O. L. Cole, Gardner Memo. Meth. Ch., No. Little Rock, Ark.	10	235.00	16.50	251.50
Sage, Rev. J. Abner, Jr. ----- 325 East Young St, Tulsa, Okla. ----- (Chk. held over—Overpaid, 1942)	25	313.00	36.00	349.00
Sewell, Rev. Emmett K. ----- Osceola, Ark.	36	306.00	54.00	360.00

## MINUTES NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Retired Preachers	Service Years	Conference Payments	Gen. Board Payments	Total
Sherman, Rev. William 410 Washington Ave., Fayetteville, Ark.	52	442.00	78.00	520.00
Shipley, Rev. T. W. Siloam Springs, Ark.	33	381.00		381.00
Stewart, Rev. H. K. (Dec'd) (6/12 of yr. to his estate)	21	70.00	15.75	85.75
Tolleson, Rev. F. M. 315 May Ave., Ft. Smith, Ark.	42	357.00	63.00	420.00
Weaver, Rev. D. N. 422 S. 19th St., Ft. Smith, Ark.	25	363.00	37.50	400.50
Whaley, Rev. William P. Conway, Ark.	48	408.00	72.00	480.00
Wilson, Rev. C. E. 707 Warner Ave., Jonesboro, Ark.	23	246.00	34.50	280.50
			<u>\$1,805.25</u>	
Cathey, Y. J. Cave City, Ark.	30	255.00		255.00
Russell, A. W. 1011 Osborne, Humboldt, Tenn.	13	111.00		111.00
Total	1392	\$13,128.00		\$14,933.25

Widows	Service Years	Conference Payments	Gen. Board Payments	Total
Adcock, Mrs. William M. Ozark, Ark.	30-4	\$179.00	\$31.85	\$210.85
Ayers, Mrs. T. B. 1520 S. Mt. Olive Street, Siloam Springs, Ark.	10	60.00		60.00
Benbrook, Mrs. William Earl Centerton, Ark.	14-1	200.00	14.79	214.79
Bennett, Mrs. Z. T. 502 W. Lynwood Ave., San Antonio, Texas	37	221.00	38.85	259.85
Blevins, Mrs. W. F. 6042 Grimshaw, Pine Lawn, St. Louis, Mo.	25-10	153.00	27.13	180.13
Branson, Mrs. A. M. R. 1100 W. Main St., Blytheville, Ark.	26-11	162.00	28.26	190.26
Campbell, Mrs. J. W. Corydon, Iowa	10	60.00	10.50	70.50
Carter, Mrs. Jas. Franklin 718½ West 77th Street, Los Angeles, Calif.	5	94.00	5.25	99.25
Castleberry, Mrs. C. L. 202 E. 6th St., Caruthersville, Mo.	28-11	220.00	30.36	250.36
Dodson, Mrs. Francis E. Conway, Ark.	42-1	305.00	44.19	349.19
Dyer, Mrs. Elisha 1015 N. 15th St., Ft. Smith, Ark.	28-4	100.00	29.75	199.75
Evans, Mrs. W. F. 312 Mississippi Ave., Marianna, Ark.	32-11	296.00	54.56	330.56
Farris, Mrs. J. K. 714 Harrell St., Wynne, Ark.	21-11	253.00	23.01	276.01
Forrest, Mrs. Edward 525 W. Monroe St., Magnolia, Ark.	5-9	68.00	6.04	74.04

Widows	Service Years	Conference Payments	Gen. Board Payments	Total
Fryar, Mrs. Jesse M. ----- Beebe, Ark.	24-11	153.00	26.16	179.16
Galloway, Mrs. A. T. ----- c/o J. E. Jarrett, Wetumka, Okla.	43-11	314.00	46.11	360.11
Gossett, Mrs. J. T. ----- 704 W. Center, Searcy, Ark.	24-11	153.00	26.16	179.16
Hall, Mrs. W. E. ----- Leachville, Ark.	38	280.00	39.90	319.90
Harris, Mrs. Bedford L. ----- 2017 Robinson Ave., Conway, Ark.	36-2	263.00	37.98	300.98
Hays, Mrs. W. B. ----- 787 Arlington St., Jackson, Miss.	25	153.00	26.25	179.25
Hill, Mrs. Ella P. ----- Box 23, Black Rock, Ark.	32	187.00	33.60	220.60
Hively, Mrs. C. F. ----- Jacksonville, Ark.	10	60.00	10.50	70.50
Holloway, Mrs. A. E. ----- Morrilton, Ark.	40-3	363.00	42.26	405.26
House, Mrs. J. W. -----	9	60.00	9.45	69.45
Johnson, Mrs. M. F. ----- 215 E. Dickson, Fayetteville, Ark.	26-10	237.00	28.18	265.18
Johnston, Mrs. James Walter ----- 440 Fowler St., Batesville, Ark.	27-3	237.00	28.61	265.61
Jones, Mrs. Rev. Riley ----- 908 S. J St., Ft. Smith, Ark.	5	156.00	5.25	161.25
Jordan, Mrs. J. R. ----- Box 164, Clinton, Ark. (Full amount check sent 5-10-43 Do not make payment 7-1)	16	244.00	16.80	260.80
Justice, Mrs. T. J. ----- Gravette, Ark.	8-9	176.00	9.19	185.19
Little, Mrs. Frederick ----- San Angelo, Texas	14	85.00	14.70	99.70
Martin, Mrs. W. T. -----		203.00		203.00
May, Mrs. H. E. ----- 914 Union Ave., Wynne, Ark.	26-11	162.00	28.26	190.26
McClure, Mrs. I. D. ----- Monette, Ark.	25-2	178.00	26.43	204.43
McGlumphy, Mrs. Cora ----- 1111 N. 15th St., Ft. Smith, Ark.	24-11	153.00	26.16	179.16
McKelvey, Mrs. Alonzo ----- Beach Grove, Ark.	23	136.00	24.15	160.15
Masters, Mrs. Jesse ----- Batesville, Ark.	30	204.00		204.00
Merrill, Mrs. Pierce ----- Conway, Ark.	9-9	60.00	10.24	70.24
Moore, Mrs. Floyd Otis -----	1-1	9.00		9.00
Morehead, Mrs. R. C. -----		298.00		298.00
Myers, Mrs. Eli ----- Rt. 6, Tyoga Park, Monticello, Ind.	17-11	111.00	18.81	129.81
Nelson, Mrs. C. H. ----- 317 Davis St., Conway, Ark.	3-11	26.00	4.11	30.11
O'Bryant, Mrs. J. H. ----- 802 S. 24th St., Ft. Smith, Ark.	28-9	270.00	30.19	300.19
Powers, Mrs. W. J. ----- Siloam Springs, Ark.	19-8			
Pyles, Mrs. Geo. W. ----- Blytheville, Ark.	22-10	161.00	23.98	184.98

## MINUTES NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Service	Conference	Gen. Board	
Years	Payments	Payments	Total
Widows			
Rutledge, Mrs. J. D. -----	11	168.00	11.55
625 W. Walnut, Blytheville, Ark.			179.55
Shipp, Mrs. J. C. -----	6-9		7.09
Forester, Ark.			7.09
Sidwell, Mrs. O. D. -----	14	120.00	
Cedarville, Ark.			120.00
Sisson, Mrs. Thomas -----	2	22.00	
1900 Eastland, Memphis, Tenn.			22.00
Slaughter, Mrs. E. J. -----	30	260.00	31.50
c/o Rev. H. J. Couchman,			291.50
Danville, Ark.			
Smith, Mrs. Frances G. -----	3-10	126.00	4.03
Route No. 5, Minden, La.			130.03
Southard, Mrs. Ida -----	4-3	86.00	4.46
814 S. 22nd, Ft. Smith, Ark.			90.46
Southworth, Mrs. W. S. -----	1-11	77.00	2.01
Imboden, Ark.			79.01
Stevenson, Mrs. J. B. -----	46	272.00	48.30
Ash Street, Conway, Ark.			320.30
Stewart, Mrs. Hezekiah K. -----	1-11	67.00	1.05
Lincoln, Ark.			68.05
Thompson, Mrs. B. W. -----	20	119.00	
Mansfield, Ark.			119.00
Thompson, Mrs. W. T. -----	31-1	287.00	32.64
1010 S. 20th, Ft. Smith, Ark.			319.64
Weaver, Mrs. James C. -----	11	168.00	11.55
Waldron, Ark.			179.55
Woodruff, Mrs. J. E. -----	10-11	143.00	11.46
1715 S. "I" St., Ft. Smith, Ark.			154.46
Wright, Mrs. T. H. -----	12	152.00	12.60
Siloam Springs, Ark.			164.60
Yates, Mrs. D. L. -----	3	17.00	3.15
131 S. Manhattan Place,			20.15
Los Angeles, California			
Total -----	1095-10		\$1099.36
John Cooper -----		50.00	50.00
Robert Hood -----		50.00	50.00
Joe Stephens (Local Preacher) -----		100.00	100.00
		\$9,817.00	\$10,916.36

## SUSTENTATION FUND

Balance brought forward from last year -----	\$ 320.11
Received from Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer -----	5,809.18
Paid to Pastors -----	5,454.49
Bank Charges -----	3.80
Balance on hand -----	671.00

117 preachers and 104 churches contributed to the Fund

31 men serving as supplies and 22 members of the Conference received checks from the Fund.

Fifty-three per cent was paid on deficits.

I. L. Claud,  
Archie N. Boyd, Sustentation Committee,  
E. W. Martin, Treasurer.

## CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SUSTENTATION FUND

## Batesville District

Church		Pastor	
Batesville First Church	\$ 66.00	H. M. Lewis	\$ 66.00
Batesville Central Avenue	19.00	J. T. Randle	19.00
Cave City		E. J. Reaves	18.00
Cotter - Gassville	6.00	T. C. Chambliss	6.00
Mountain Home	5.00	J. J. Clark	5.00
Newport First Church	37.00	Jefferson Sherman	37.00
Salem	6.00	Jesse L. Johnson	6.00
Swifton - Alicia	7.50	H. W. Jett	7.50
Tuckerman	21.00	H. H. Blevins	21.00

## Conway District

N. Little Rock First Church	\$ 72.00	A. D. Stewart	\$ 72.00
Conway First Church	72.00	E. W. Harris	72.00
Dardanelle	20.00	E. W. Faulkner	20.00
Morrilton	40.00	R. E. Connell	45.00
Levy	15.00		
Washington Ave. N. L. R.	18.00	E. J. Holifield	19.00
Russellville	45.00	E. B. Williams	45.00
Danville	16.00	H. J. Couchman	16.00
Atkins	7.50	J. W. Workman	2.50
Gardner - Memorial, N. L. R.	36.00	G. C. Taylor	36.00
Pottsville	7.00		
Perry - Perryville	5.00	J. E. Linam	5.00

## Fayetteville District

Siloam Springs	\$ 33.00	W. F. Cooley	\$ 33.00
Rogers	33.00	E. K. Means	33.00
Fayetteville	72.00	L. M. Starkey	72.00
Berryville	6.00	H. A. Stroup	6.00
Bentonville	18.00	L. M. Conyers	18.00
Springdale	36.00	V. E. Chalfant	36.00
Elm Springs	5.50	Floyd Villines, Jr.	5.50
Green Forest		Clarence Wieland	5.00
Prairie Grove	7.50	Ewing Wayland	7.50

## Fort Smith District

Paris	\$ 19.50	J. T. Wilcoxon	\$ 20.00
Ft. Smith First Church	108.00	C. E. Rice	108.00
Van Buren First Church	18.00		
South Ft. Smith	6.00	A. H. Dulaney	6.00
E. Van Buren-New Hope	5.00		
Booneville	30.60	I. L. Claud	30.60
Charleston	6.65	James Chandler	6.50
Waldron		J. M. Harrison	16.00
Midland Heights, Ft. Smith	20.00	J. J. Decker	21.00
Kibler and City Heights	5.00		
Prairie View - Scranton	1.50		
Alma	5.50	O. D. Peters	5.50
Clarksville	45.00	Guy C. Ames	45.00
Ft. Smith Grand Avenue	7.50	W. R. Dalton	7.50
Mulberry	5.00	H. G. Villines	5.00
Greenwood	17.00	Martin Bierbaum	17.00
Ft. Smith Second Church	7.50	Archie N. Boyd	7.50
Ozark	7.50	J. M. Barnett	7.50
Massard Ft. Smith	5.00	W. J. LeRoy	5.00

## Helena District

Holly Grove -----	\$ 7.50		
Forrest City -----	33.00	Paul Galloway -----	\$ 33.00
Earle -----	37.50	Ethan Dodgen -----	37.50
Marianna -----	41.00		
Wheatley -----	11.50	Ray McLester -----	8.50
West Memphis -----	36.00	Kenneth Shamblin -----	17.00
Harrisburg -----	8.00	Geo. E. Patchell -----	8.00
Brinkley -----	18.00	B. L. Wilford -----	18.00
Elaine -----	18.50	Elmus C. Brown -----	18.50
Clarendon -----	19.00	Irl Brinenthal -----	19.00
Weiner -----	9.00	H. C. Minnis -----	9.00
Helena First Church -----	67.50	Henry Goodloe -----	67.50
Wynne -----	45.00	Earl Walker -----	45.00
West Helena -----		O. L. Cole -----	31.50
Crawfordsville -----	15.00	J. A. Reynolds -----	15.00
Parkin -----	18.00	W. A. Lindsay -----	18.00
Hughes -----	21.00		
Widner - Madison -----	19.00	L. F. LaFavers -----	10.00
Black Fish -----	3.00	Raymond Dorman -----	5.00

## Jonesboro District

Marked Tree -----	\$ 36.00	J. A. Womack -----	\$ 36.00
Manilla -----	16.00	O. M. Campbell -----	16.00
Lepanto -----	7.50	J. W. Moore -----	7.50
Jonesboro Huntington Ave. ....	18.00	W. A. Downm -----	18.00a
Yarboro-Promised Land -----	7.09	D. G. Hindman -----	7.00
Osceola -----	45.00	Earl Cravens -----	45.00
Trumann -----	18.50	J. W. Watson -----	15.00
Leachville -----	6.00	E. H. Hall -----	6.00
Tyrone -----	18.00	E. G. Kaetzell -----	18.00
Blytheville Lake Street -----	6.00	Bates Sturdy -----	6.00
Jonesboro First Church -----	100.00	A. W. Martin -----	100.00
Nettleton - Bay -----	6.00	A. L. Riggs -----	6.00
Monette -----	5.00	G. L. McGehey -----	5.00
Jonesboro, Fisher Street -----	7.50	A. W. Harris -----	7.50
Black Oak -----	5.00	W. Glen Bruner -----	5.00
Dell Ct. -----	2.00		
Dell -----	6.00	Luther K. Wilson -----	6.00
Keiser - Garden Point -----	6.00	M. N. Johnson -----	6.00
Blytheville First Church -----	68.00	S. B. Wilford -----	68.00
Marion -----	31.50	A. N. Story -----	31.50
Luxora -----		E. C. Patton -----	5.00
Joiner -----		C. C. Burton -----	7.00

## Paragould District

Piggott -----	\$ 18.00		
Corning -----	33.00	B. C. Few -----	\$ 30.00
Paragould First Church -----	66.00	E. W. Potter -----	66.00
Rector First Church -----	20.00		
Paragould East Side -----	15.00		
Imboden - Black Rock -----	6.00	R. B. Howerton -----	6.00
Marmaduke -----	5.00	Harold Spence -----	5.00
Hoxie -----	6.75	R. E. Wilson -----	6.75
Walnut Ridge -----	24.00	R. E. L. Bearden, Jr. ....	24.00
Rector, Fourth Street -----		Brady Cook -----	6.00

## Searcy District

Cabot -----	\$ 15.00	J. F. Glover -----	\$ 15.00
Judsonia -----	6.00	Ralph Hillis -----	16.00
McCrory -----	18.00	Lester Weaver -----	6.50
Clinton -----	6.50	Harold Eggensperger -----	7.50
Beebe -----	7.50	W. J. Spicer -----	36.00
Harrison -----	36.00	S. O. Patty -----	31.50
Augusta -----	31.50	C. N. Guice -----	45.00
Searcy First Church -----	45.00	J. L. Shelby -----	6.75
Bald Knob - Bradford -----	6.75	W. W. Albright -----	18.00
Heber Springs First Church -----		W. F. Shell -----	5.50
McRae Ct. -----	5.50	E. E. Stephenson -----	18.00
Cotton Plant -----	18.00	LeRoy Henry -----	7.16
Jacksonville -----			

## Connectional Men and District Superintendents

G. C. Johnson -----	\$ 84.00	H. L. Wade -----	\$ 84.00
S. B. Wiggins -----	84.00	H. H. Griffin -----	84.00
R. S. Hayden -----	84.00	W. V. Womack -----	84.00
J. A. Gatlin -----	84.00	I. A. Brumley -----	70.00
J. Q. Schisler -----	100.00	Glen F. Sanford -----	45.00
Lyman Barger -----	50.00	Sam Yancey -----	45.00
J. W. Workman -----	90.00	James Upton -----	53.75
Alfred Knox -----	50.00	Harry King -----	21.00
Nat R. Griswold -----	74.00	E. T. Wayland -----	66.00
A. W. Wasson -----	80.00		

## Checks That Came in After Books Closed

Goddard Mem., Ft. Smith -----	\$ 40.00	C. W. Good -----	\$ 18.00
H. E. Pearce -----	18.00	Pocahontas Church -----	18.00
J. H. Hoggard -----	10.00	J. W. Glover -----	7.50
M. A. Graves -----	10.00		

## SUSTENTATION CHECKS

## Batesville District

Name		Name	
Homer E. Long -----	\$139.12	Uriah Smith -----	\$159.00
Byron McSpadden -----	60.95	T. C. Love -----	53.00
J. M. Williams -----	68.90	C. U. Hughes -----	119.25
Luther Love -----	83.74	Thurston Masters -----	53.00
J. B. Stewart -----	193.45	J. W. Howard -----	26.50
J. M. Hughes -----	58.30		

## Conway District

Clyde Crozier -----	\$ 77.88	C. L. Fry -----	\$127.20
Paul Bumpers -----	106.00	Arthur Cooley -----	106.00
Alvin Murray -----	106.00	B. A. McKnight -----	212.00
Don Holman -----	50.35	W. L. Russell -----	148.40

## Fayetteville District

G. G. Davidson -----	\$ 30.03	J. W. Sandage -----	\$150.17
W. L. Dillion -----	185.50	Jewel Nelson -----	53.00
J. W. Coontz -----	53.00	E. O. Houser -----	212.00
E. D. Lewis -----	106.00	Ivan R. Wilson -----	157.41
J. C. Gibbons -----	106.00	W. I. Torbet -----	159.00
William Sherman -----	159.00		

## MINUTES NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

## Fort Smith District

L. R. Ruble .....	\$ 90.63	M. B. Short .....	\$ 31.80
C. R. Nance .....	75.26	Chas. Wages .....	92.22

## Helena District

J. C. Richie .....	\$ 53.00
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## Jonesboro District

C. L. Franks .....	\$ 79.50	E. C. Hance .....	\$ 18.55
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## Paragould District

L. L. Langston .....	\$ 16.43	Robert Montgomery .....	\$ 53.00
Y. D. Whitehurst .....	53.00	C. L. Martin .....	63.60
S. N. Adams .....	132.50	W. J. Williams .....	156.88
P. W. Emrah .....	164.30	L. W. Fair .....	166.42
J. W. York .....	185.50	W. B. Yount .....	106.00

## Searcy District

J. W. Harger .....	\$ 66.25	J. H. Smith .....	\$185.50
C. J. Wade .....	15.90	M. L. Edgington .....	21.20
W. C. Smith .....	95.40	Carl Shelton .....	212.00

## TREASURER'S REPORT—GENERAL FUND

Guy Murphy, Treasurer

Statement of receipts and disbursements for the period, November 7, 1942 to November 6, 1943.

## Receipts—

World Service and Conference Benevolences .....	\$ 63,984.32
Searcy District, over-pay .....	5.00
Week of Dedication Offering (World Service Special) .....	7,713.01
General Administration Fund .....	1,548.88
Episcopal Fund .....	6,585.92
Jurisdictional Conference Expense Fund .....	301.69
Conference Claimants .....	20,433.13
Sustentation Fund .....	5,827.85
Danville, over-pay .....	16.00
Golden Cross .....	2,410.28
Philander-Smith College .....	2,197.80
World Comradeship .....	7.00
Suffering and Service, China and Over-Sea Relief .....	556.76
Miscellaneous .....	469.66
Post Conference, 1941-42 .....	94.17
Returned checks .....	34.95
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$112,186.42</b>
Balance, November 7, 1942 .....	1,744.20
<b>Total to account for .....</b>	<b>\$113,930.62</b>

**Disbursements—General—**

World Service, O. W. Auman, Treasurer-----	\$ 31,540.72
Week of Dedication, O. W. Auman, Treasurer-----	7,630.93
General Administration, O. W. Auman, Treasurer-----	1,517.29
Episcopal Fund, O. W. Auman, Treasurer-----	6,435.93
Jurisdictional Conference, L. Pierce, Treasurer-----	285.00
Suffering Service, Relief, O. W. Auman, Treasurer---	556.76

**Conference—**

Board of Education-----	16,259.63
Missions and Church Extensions-----	8,849.96
Hospitals and Homes-----	3,434.30
Christian Literature-----	2,283.64
Lay Activities-----	457.82
Ministerial Training-----	64.99
Commission on Evangelism-----	66.70
Conference Claimants, E. H. Hook, Treasurer-----	20,170.08
Sustentation, E. W. Martin, Treasurer-----	5,809.18
Refund (Danville overpay)-----	16.00
Golden Cross—Methodist Hospital-----	2,135.66
J. F. Fogleman, Treasurer-----	237.79
Philander - Smith College-----	2,106.70
Miscellaneous Payments-----	364.81
Conference Treasurer's Salary-----	\$832.44
Internal Revenue, Tax-----	7.02
	839.46
Office—Printing and Supplies-----	60.42
Office—Exchange and Postage-----	49.32
Conference help-----	50.00
	159.74

Treasurer's Bond-----	50.00
Audit, Treasurer's Books-----	25.00
For Printing Minutes, Jas. S. Tipton, Secretary-----	1,200.00
Joe A. Goetz, Statistical help-----	100.00
Returned checks-----	34.95

Total disbursements-----	\$112,633.04
Balance in bank, November 6, 1943-----	1,297.58

Total accounted for-----\$113,930.62

Based on the records examined and the information obtained by us, we are of the opinion that the foregoing statement of Receipts and Disbursements correctly reflects the handling of the General Fund by the Conference Treasurer for the period under review.

Frank L. Eaton & Co.,  
Certified Public Accountants.

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT FUND****Treasurer's Report, November 6, 1943****Receipts from Districts—**

Batesville-----	\$ 3,823.55
Conway-----	5,121.91
Fayetteville-----	3,832.00
Fort Smith-----	6,039.06
Helena-----	6,266.20
Jonesboro-----	6,664.67
Paragould-----	4,361.17
Searcy-----	4,604.00
Total-----	\$40,712.56

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Post Conference, 1941-42 .....	14.00
Over-pay (Jonesboro District) .....	46.35
Over-pay (Searcy District) .....	137.00
Balance, last report .....	6,045.81

Total to account for .....\$46,995.72

**Disbursements—**

Salaries (District Superintendents, less Victory Tax withheld) .....	\$32,908.80
Internal (Revenue Collector—Victory Tax for Superintendents) .....	691.20
To General Account on Treasurer's Salary .....	100.00
Expense, Money Order, Registry and Postage .....	4.87

\$33,704.87

To General Account (Over-pay Refunds) ..... 183.35

Total .....\$33,888.22

Balance in Bank ..... 13,067.50

\$46,955.72

Guy Murphy, Treasurer,  
North Arkansas Conference.

Based on the records examined and the information obtained by us, we are of the opinion that the foregoing statement of receipts and disbursements correctly reflects the handling of the District Superintendents Fund by the Conference Treasurer for the period under review.

Frank L. Eaton & Co.,  
Certified Public Accountants.

**REPORT ON CONFERENCE JOURNALS**

We, your committee on District Conference Journals, wish to report that all of the Journals have been presented for examination, and in our judgment, have been faithfully kept.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elmer J. Holifield, Chairman,  
O. D. Peters, Secretary.

**CONFERENCE STATISTICIAN'S REPORT**

What is the number of pastoral districts, of pastors and of societies in this Conference?

Districts.....8 Pastoral Charges...221 Societies.....579

What is the number of members, how many have been received this year on profession of faith, how many have been licensed to preach, what is the number of local preachers?

Number of Members.....85,907 Licensed to preach.....18  
Received on profession of faith 2,739 Local Preachers .....91

How many infants and how many others have been baptized during the year?

Infants ..... 712 Others .....1,929

What is the number of church schools, officers and teachers,  
Church Schools ..... 522 Officers and teachers .....5,038

What is the enrollment of church school pupils?  
In children's division.....14,849 In adult division .....18,195  
In young people's division....14,530

What is the total enrollment including officers and teachers, young people, adults and home members? 58,868.

What is the total reported last year? 65,143.

How many church school pupils were received into the church? 1,472.

What amount was raised in the church school on church school day?

On Church School Day-----	\$ 3,012	For all other purposes-----	54,269
For Missions -----	8,429	Totals -----	\$65,710

How many pupils are enrolled in vacation schools and week day schools?

Methodist pupils enrolled in vacation schools-----	6,017
Methodist pupils enrolled in week day schools-----	784

What is the number of Woman's Missionary Societies, and what is the number of members of the same?

Societies -----	266	Members -----	9,493
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What is the number of subscribers to church papers?

Conference Organ -----	6,372	Christian Advocate -----	550
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What are the Educational Statistics?

Institutions -----	1	Value of Property -----	\$865,000
Teachers -----	40	Endowment -----	\$1,033,428
Students -----	490	Indebtedness -----	None

What are the Orphanage Statistics?

Orphanages -----	1	Expenses -----	\$12,226
Officers and Teachers-----	23	Value -----	\$100,000
Children in Orphanage-----	23	Indebtedness -----	None

What are the Hospital Statistics?

Hospitals -----	1	Value of property -----	\$1,600,000
Officers and Nurses -----	210	Indebtedness -----	\$505,000
Beds -----	300	Indebtedness reduced -----	
Patients during year -----	12,365	during year -----	\$50,000
Most patients at any one time-----	326	Endowment -----	None

## FINANCIAL

What has been contributed for the following causes?

General Administrative Fund, \$1,498	Woman's Society of
Jurisdictional Fund ----- \$421	Christian Service ----- \$44,517
Golden Cross ----- \$3,692	Sent to Conference Treas.----- \$25,524

What has been contributed for the support of the ministry?

District Superintendents ---\$41,032	Bishop's Fund ----- \$6,602
Preachers' in charge ----- \$296,165	Methodist Student Day----- \$600
Conference Claimants ----- \$20,995	World Service Sunday----- \$8,429
General and Conference	
Benevolences ----- \$63,944.75	

What is the Grand Total contributed for all purposes from all sources in the conference year? \$960,423.

What is the number of houses of worship, their value, and the amount of indebtedness thereon?

Houses of Worship -----	520	Paid on indebtedness -----	\$79,148
Value -----	\$4,137,236	Paid for interest on	
Indebtedness -----	\$73,152	Indebtedness -----	\$6,336

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What is the number of parsonages, their value and the indebtedness thereon?

Parsonages -----	224	Indebtedness -----	\$2,695
Value -----	\$535,039	Paid on indebtedness -----	\$2,460

What is the value of other church property? \$108,341.

What amount of insurance is carried on church property, and what amount has been paid out in premiums?

Insurance carried -----	\$1,983,984	Premiums paid -----	\$16,186
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How many churches and parsonages have been damaged or destroyed during the year, what is the amount of damages and what has been collected thereon?

Churches damaged -----	7	Amount of damages -----	\$559
Parsonages damaged -----	2	Amount collected -----	\$483

Joe A. Goetz, Statistician.

November 20, 1943.

Rev. Allen D. Stewart, Chairman,  
Commission on World Service and Finance,  
North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your directions we have audited the accounts of Mr. Guy Murphy, General Treasurer, and of the Treasurers of the following boards:

Board of Christian Education and Rural Work.

Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Sustentation Fund.

Board of Conference Claimants.

Board of Ministerial Training and Supply.

Board of Christian Literature.

and have submitted statements of Receipts and Disbursements together with Reconciliations of the various bank accounts.

All receipts as shown by the books have been deposited in the various banks. The checks covering disbursements have been exhibited for our inspection and found to be properly endorsed and accounted for.

Based on the records examined and the information obtained by us we are of the opinion that the within statements of Receipts and Disbursements correctly reflect the handling of the funds by the various Treasurers for the periods included in this report.

Yours very truly,

Frank L. Eaton & Co.

**CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION**

This is to certify that I, Charles C. Selecman, have this day and this date, ordained to the office of Deacon: Floyd Galloway Villines, Jr., William Glenn Bruner, Joel Aubrey Cooper, and Clarence Howard Stewart.

Done at Russellville, Arkansas, November 5, 1943.

(Signed) CHARLES C. SELECMAN,  
A Bishop of the Methodist Church.

**CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION**

This is to certify that I, Charles C. Selecman, have this day and date, ordained to the office of Elder: Marvin Andrew Cherry, Joe William Watson, Harold Ordway, Eggensperger, and Orr Davis Peters.

Done at Russellville, Arkansas, November 5, 1943.

(Signed) CHARLES C. SELECMAN,  
A Bishop of the Methodist Church.