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This is to certify that the reports and proceedings herewith published, contain a correct record of the Southwest Annual Conference of the Methodist Church held at Texarkana, Arkansas, October 25-28, 1945 and that the same were presented in open Conference and adopted as its official record.

Signed,

E. W. KELLY, President.

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CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This is to certify that I, W. E. Kelly, have this day and date October 27, 1945 at Texarkana, Ark., ordained to the office of Local Deacon—Joyce G. Dozier, John H. Jones, and James H. Woods.

Signed,

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First Day—Morning Session, October 25, 1945

The sixty-eighth session of the Southwest Annual Conference of the Methodist Church convened in Hall Memorial Methodist Church, Texarkana, Arkansas, Thursday Morning, Oct. 25, at 9 o'clock, after having been preceded by a fifteen minute devotional period conducted by Bro. B. W. Wynn. Bishop E. W. Kelly, Resident Bishop of the St. Louis Area presided and gave a matchless communion address; from the words of the Christ, "Do this in remembrance of me."

The Bishop assisted by the four district Supts. and host pastor communed one hundred and sixty. $23.26 was received in an offering for over seas relief. By vote of the conference Rev. T. J. Griffin was elected secretary and Rev. E. M. Johnson statistician. Each named their assistants. (See list).

The names of the deceased ministers and ministers wives were called. Bro. C. W. Thompson, B. F. Scott, Walters McIntosh, Bennie Moses and Sister Clara Walker. Prayer was offered by the Bishop

and the Rev. G. G. Troupe preached the memorial sermon with a special solo being sung by Mrs. T. J. Griffin. Extemporaneous talks eulogising the deceased were made by Revs. M. McDonald, D. G. Franklin and S. S. Taylor. Rev. J. M. Smith presided over the service.

On the strength of a motion the bar of the conference was fixed to include the area lying between the East of the South window next to the Southwest vestibule and the rear of the pulpit.

The printed program as arranged by the Local Committee was accepted as the guide for the conference.

Disciplinary question 2 was asked. Question—Is the Annual Conference incorporated? Answer—Yes.

Question 3 followed. What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded and in what amounts. Answer—Conference Treasurer is bonded for $2,500.00.

Question 3—(B) was raised. Question—Have the books of the said office been audited? Answer—Yes.

Question 4 was asked. Question—Have the boards, commissions and committees been appointed or elected? The heads of the commissions, boards and committees were reported and the Bishop appointed Dr. J. Walt Moore chairman of the committee of committees to convene the said persons for the purpose of nominating members of the said bodies where necessary.

The Bishop named Prof. J. S. Cullin to compile the roll of Lay Delegates for publication in the conference journal.

Bro. A. C. Cabean was appointed chairman of the committee on courtesy and Prof. J. S. Cullins was appointed chairman of the committee on resolutions. By vote of the conference Bro. S. S. Taylor was elected reporter to the secular press and the advocate.

The following introductions were made—Drs. J. W. Golden, Associate Secretary of the Board of Evangelism, J. W. Haywood, Pres. of Gammon Theo. Seminary and Prof. R. H. McAllister, business manager of the Central Christian Advocate who delivered to the conference from the publishing house a check for $1,206.00. The said check was turned over to the conference treasurer ear marked for conference Claimants. Chaplain Charles F. Golden (recently returned from over seas) was introduced. The Chaplain along with the previous mentioned guest brought timely greetings after which "My Country 'Tis Of Thee" was sung. Others being introduced were Revs. A. J. Nuton, District Supt. of the Houston District, G. L. Loud, District Supt. of the Marshall District and B. F. Neal, Gary, Ind.

The conference treasurer announced Revs. M. L. Brooks, Fay Norman and Mrs. N. C. Sullivan as his assistants.

The Rev. C. C. Hall, District Supt. of the Fort Smith Dist. was called. His character was passed and he read his annual report. (See report). He also made a presentations to the Bishop of a fountain pen set from the Youth of the Fort Smith District. The characters of the effective Elders of the Fort Smith District were passed. The character of the Rev. J. H. Oliver, Dist. Supt. of the Pine Bluff District was passed and he submitted his annual report. The Pine Bluff District through Bro. C. G. Tillman, presented Rev. Oliver with a cash purse which was followed by the passing of the character of each effective Elder.

Drs. J. W. Golden and J. W. Haywood were slated to speak in the afternoon and Dr. J. N. Wallace was designated as convener of the commission on World Service and Finance.

After a round of announcements the conference was dismissed with the benediction being given by Dr. J. W. Golden.

First Day—Afternoon Session, Thursday, October 25, 1945

The first day afternoon session of the Southwest Conference re-assembled at 3 p. m. with Bishop E. W. Kelly presiding. Prayer was offered by Dr. D. G. Franklin. The annual conference choir directed by Miss Juanita Stokes sang. Bro. P. H. Kelly, District Supt. of the Little Rock District's character was passed and he read his annual report. (See report). The Rev. M. H. Thompson pesented Rev. Kelly with a new overcoat (a gift from the Little Rock District) which was followed by a brief response from Bro. Kelly. The character of the effective Elders of the Little Rock District were passed.

The District Supt. of the Oklahoma District, Rev. J. M. Smith's character was passed and he read his annual report, after which the characters of the effective elders were passed on the Oklahoma District.

Hymn 268 (Are Ye Able) was fervently sung by the conference and each District roll was called for the final report for the Crusade for Christ; which terminated as follows: Fort Smith District $2,836.00; Pine Bluff District $2,830.00; Oklahoma District $6,950.00 and the Little Rock District $2,375.00. Grand total—$15,983.00—Balance, $742.00.

Dr. J. W. Haywood addressed the conference on the significance of recruiting the Ministry. Hymn 180 (Breathe on Me Breath of God) was sung and Dr. J. W. Golden, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Evangelism electrified the conference through a lecture on the Evangelistical phase of the crusade. The Bishop led the conference in singing "Lift Him Up."

The following were introduced—Revs. C. K. Hayes of Philander Smith College, W. D. Lester of Kansas City, Kansas and D. G. Hancock, District Supt. of the Topeka District. Announcements were made and the benediction was given by Dr. D. G. Hancock.

First Day—Evening Session, October 25, 1945

The evening session was opened promptly at 7:30 with pictures being shown of the St. Louis Area, Southwest and other conferences by Dr. D. G. Hancock, District Supt. of the Topeka District of the Central West Conference. An offering of $21.82 was received for visual education and Mrs. T. J. Griffin rendered a special number.

Rev. J. H. Oliver, District Supt. of the Pine Bluff District took charge and after a brief devotional period Mrs. Juanita Watson was presented who gave a welcome address on behalf of the local church.

District Supt. Oliver then presented Prof. L. W. Robins, Prof. of Music at Philander Smith College who in turn presented the college choir in a special program. The Bishop gave a short address and conducted the taking of the offering which amounted to $202.00 for the college. After the announcements the benediction was given by Rev. C. K. Hayes.

Second Day—Morning Session, October 26, 1945

The Southwest Conference assembled for it's second day morning session October 26, 1945 at 8:45. Devotions were conducted by Bishop E. W. Kelly; with music being rendered by the conference choir with Miss Juanita Stokes and Bro. B. W. Wynn in charge. A special prayer was offered by Rev. W. D. Lester, pastor of Mason Memorial Church, Kansas City, Kansas. Dr. A. J. Nuton, District Supt. delivered a monumental devotional address using Nehemiah 2:17 as a basis for his message.

The journal of the first morning session was read and approved. Prof. J. S. Cullins submitted a resolution wherein the Bishop and the cabinet was requested to raise a commission at this session of the annual conference, whose duty it shall be to fix a standard registration fee to be paid by the delegates to the next session of the Southwest annual conference. Prof. Cullins also submitted a companion resolution wherein the same commission would be called on to draft the program for all future annual conferences. Each resolution was adopted. (See resolution).

Dr. Otto Liebner of the Board of Pensions was introduced and delivered a check of $80.00 from the chartered fund. It was received by the conference turned over to the secretary and then to the conference treasurer earmarked for pension distribution.

Dr. E. D. Staples of the Board of Education was introduced.

Disciplinary question 19 was asked. Question—Who are received on trial? (a)—In studies of the first year? Answer—Bros. Joyce G. Dozier, John W. Jones, William Preston Johnson, Jolly Steward and James H. Woods. (b) In studies of the third year under the Seminary rule? Answer—None. (c) Exempt from course of study under the Seminary rule? Answer—None.

Question 20. Question—Who remain on trial? (a) In studies of the third year? Answer—Anthony Tyson.

Question 22. Question—Who are admitted on trial? Answer —None.

Question 23. What full members are in studies (a) of the third year? Answer—Robert Brown, Elijah Hickman.

Question 24. (a) What full members have failed to complete the studies? Answer—Robert Brown and Elijah Hickman.

Question 25. Who have been elected Deacons (a) As local Leacons? Answer—Bros. Joyce G. Dozier, John H. Jones, William Preston Johnson, Jolly Steward and James H. Woods.

Question 28. Who have been elected Elders (d) Under the Seminary rule? C Jarriatt Gray (to be ordained elsewhere).

Question 35. Who have been transfered out and to what conferences? Bros. J. H. Ellis, Lexington Conference and G. W. Harper, Central West.

Question 32. What preachers coming from other churches have had their orders recognized (a) as local deacons? Albert W. Mitchell, C. M. E. Church. The Revs. L. C. Williams and M. F. Strong entered the retired ranks.

Dr. B. F. Neal of Gary, Ind., spoke on the Area project, which was followed by a forceful talk by the Bishop touching on the area project and large objectives and goals in life. Hymn 242 was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. E. D. Staples.

Second Day—Afternoon Session, October 26, 1945

The Southwest Conference re-assembled on the above date at 2:30 p. m. with Bishop E. W. Kelly in the chair. Special selections were given by the Annual Conference Choir with Miss Juanita Stokes in charge. Disciplinary question 42 was asked. Question—What is the number of (a) Pastorial charges? Answer—81. Accepted supply pastors? Answer—17. Three have been transferred out.

(B) Ministers 1. On trial. Answer—2.

The report of the Board of Trustees was made the order of the day for the Saturday Morning Session. Question 49 was asked—Question—What changes have been made in appointment since last annual conference session? Answer—E. F. Wallace, Clarendon to Cotton Plant; C. G. Tillman, Cotton Plant to Pine Bluff; J. S. Stokes, Dermott to Clarendon.

Question 7—What is the schedule for minimum support for pastors? Recommendations were made in answer to this question through Prof. J. S. Cullins and a discussion on the report was made the order of the day for Saturday at 11 a. m.

The Bishop stressed the fact that each member of a local charge shall be assessed 50c for area council expense. Following this Dr. B. F. Neal was asked to preside as the Bishop and cabinet retired for a cabinet meeting. Several congregational numbers were sung and the Temperance report was submitted through Bro. M. L. Brooks. (See report). The chair presented Dr. A. R. Howard, Associate Secretary of the Board of Temperance and Public Morals. Dr. Howard addressed the conference using for his subject "Juvenile Delinquency."

Dr. B. F. Neal presented Mrs. J. H. Taggart, Ex. Sec'y of the Board of Education who ordered the singing of Hymn 300, "Be Strong" and read her annual report. (See report). Rev. W. D. Lester spoke and demonstrated certain techniques to be used in increasing church school attendance.

Dr. E. D. Staples (Representative of the Board of Education) addressed the conference on the relationship of christian Education to Evangelism. Announcements followed with the benediction being given by Dr. A. R. Howard.

Second Day—Evening Session, October 26, 1945

The conference was called to order by Bishop E. W. Kelly at 7:30 p. m. for a regular business session. Prayer was offered by Dr J. Walt Moore, and the audience sang "None But The Righteous." The pastors submitted their annual reports in the following manner. Fort Smith, Little Rock, Oklahoma and Pine Bluff Districts. Reading clerks for the said reports were Revs. T. J. Griffin, E. F. Wallace, E. M. Johnson and J. H. Taggart. The said reports were interspersed by appropriate music being rendered by the choir of Hope Hill C. M. E. Church of the city of Texarkana, Arkansas. An offering of $21.76 was received earmarked for the host pastor.

The personnel of the committees on conference registration fees and annual conference program was announced by the cabinet through Bro. P. H. Kelley. (See List).

A cash purse was presented Rev. C. C. Hall from the ministers and laymen of the Fort Smith District through Rev. W. H. Hanna.

Rev. C. C. Hall expressed thanks. Remarks were made by Rev. W. D. Lester of Kansas City, Kansas. Announcements were made and the conference was dismissed by the Bishop.

Third Day—Morning Session, October 27, 1945

The Southwest Annual Conference re-assembled for it's third day morning on the above date at 8:45. Bishop E. W. Kelly was in the chair and conducted devotions. He led the conference in repeating the 23rd Psalm and the Rev. C. K. Hayes offered prayer. Chaplain Chas. F. Golden was presented. The Chaplain led the conference in singing "I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray" and delivered a thought provoking and spiritual address using 1 Kings 20:40 as a basis for his message.

Minutes of previous sessions were read and approved. The committee on accepted Supply Pastors was asked to hold another meeting for matters of clarification.

The Bishop ruled that all information coming from District Supts. in the future must be passed in to committees while the said committees are in their respective sessions.

The Pastors Wives Associations reported as follows: Little Rock District $60.00; Fort Smith District $190.00; Pine Bluff District $123.00; Oklahoma District $91.00. Grand Total—$460.00. The following served as District Reading Clerks: Mrs. P. H. Kelly, Mrs. T. J. Griffin, Mrs. C. G. Tillman, and Mrs. E. M. Johnson.

The Board of Education through Mrs J. H. Taggart submitted it's annual recommendations.

Recommendations were made through Bro B. W. Wynn from the commission on World Service and Finance. The said commission was asked to hold another meeting to receive delinquent askings from Board Committees, etc. The Bishop and cabinet retired for a cabinet session and Prof. J. S. Cullins conducted the anniversary of the Board of Lay activities.

See program which follows:

The program was opened with a selection "Onward Christian Soldiers" led by Hall's Memorial Junior Choir and Juniors from other church choirs. Invocation by Mr. James Williams of Wesley Chapel Methodist Church, Little Rock, after which Mrs. T. J. Griffin sang, "Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen". A paper was read by Mrs. Veni Bonds on the duties of the layman to the church, ministers and God. Mrs. Christine Johnson of White's Methodist Church, Little Rock, rendered a solo, "My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me" and the speaker for the occasion was presented by Prof. J. S. Cullins, who was Prof. J. H. Touchstone, Associate Secretary of the Board of Lay Activities. In his address Prof. Touchstone urged the layman to be alert, "today," and not cling to yesterdays and dream of tomorrows.

As a special request Mr. L. Gravely of Little Rock sang, "Are Ye Able". Announcements were made and the dismissal was led by Prof. J. S. Cullins.

Third Day—Afternoon Session, October 27, 1945

The conference assembled for it's third afternoon session at 2:30 p. m. with Bishop E W. Kelly in the chair. Rev. B. W. Wynn conducted the singing and prayer was offered by Bro. J. A. Brooks.

The commission on World Service and Finance submitted it's amended report through Bro. B. W. Wynn. The report was received and an allocation of $200.00 asked to be raised for the General Board of Temperance was submitted to the commission for study. (See report).

Prof. J. S. Cullins conference lay leader read his annual report which set forth many recommendations. The same was adopted. (See report).

Mrs. G. Jackson read the report from the commission on place of Annual Conference Entertainment, recommending Muskogee, Oklahoma, and further recommending a fee of $1.50 per day is to be paid by each annual conference delegate for entertainment. (The said report was approved by vote of the conference).

Dr. Otto Liebner read the annual report from the Board of Stewards and announced an oncoming resolution which would call for eight per cent of each pastors cash salary to be paid for conference claimants. (See report). The committee on minimum salary for pastors submitted its recommendations through Prof. J. S. Cullins who served as chairman of the committee and was author of the recommendations, where in a fixed scale of numerical strength was recommended as a grading bases for charges and pastors salaries Bro. J. M. Smith offered a substitute motion where in the scale of grading is to be fixed on the standard of the pastors salary. The substitute prevailed. (See substitute amendment). Bro. P. H. Kelley offered a motion for the conference to adjourn at the close of the Sunday morning service. The motion prevailed.

Prof. J. S. Cullins read the annual report from the Board of Home Missions and church extensions. (See report).

The Board of Trustees submitted it's recommendations on the Pine Bluff property through Rev. J. Walt Moore that the church's property in Pine Bluff would be sold, and the money would be distributed to conference claimants. Rev. J. M. Smith offered a prevailing substitute motion which directed the money coming from the sale of the property to go into the permanent fund. The same was voted by the conference.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension submitted a resolution through Mrs Alice Preston asking that all money handled by the Board be turned over to the bonded Annual Conference Treasurer. By the vote of the conference this resolution was adopted. (See resolution).

The report from the annual conference treasurer was made by Dr. J. N. Wallace and approved. (See report).

Bro. E. M. Johnson, statistician, read his annual report. The same was approved. (See report).

The Bishop announced the change of the Ordination Service from Sunday afternoon at 3:30 to Saturday evening at 8:00. Announcements were made and the benediction was given by Prof. M. M. Wilbun.

Third Day—Evening Session, October 27, 1945

The ordination service opened at 7:30. Devotions were conducted by Rev. C. C. Hall with prayer being offered by Bro. R. J. Talbert. A special solo was sung by Mrs T. J. Griffin.

The Rev. J. H. Taggart preached a most instructive sermon using as a basis for his message Job 19:25 after which Bishop E. W. Kelley ordained Bros. Joyce G. Dozier, John H. Jones and James H. Woods to the office of Local Deacons.

By vote of the conference Bros. William Preston and Jolly Steward are to be ordained to the office of Local Deacons elsewhere at Bishop E W. Kelly's convenience.

An offering of $13.36 was received and delivered to Bro. S. McDonald for his new church project.

The Board of Lay activities through Mrs. Veni Bonds read recommendations for the conference Board of Lay activities. The same was approved. (See list). A motion prevailed that the credentials of Bro. H. J. Frazier be restored. The Bishop announced the personnel of the conference Historical Society—namely: Bros. S. McDonald, J. S. Cullins, D. G. Franklin, M. F. Strong, T. J. Griffin. The committee on investigation as announced by Bishop Kelly is Bros M. M. Wilbun, C. G. Tillman, W. H. Hanna and J. N. Wallace.

The doxology was sung and the benediction was given by Rev. J. H. Taggart.

Fourth Day—Morning Session, October 28, 1945

Promptly at 9:30 a. m. the annual conference Love Feast was observed. Fervent prayers and testimonies were offered and some of the strong songs of the church were sung. Bros. S. McDonald and D. G. Frankin were in charge. The conference assembled for its annual worship service at 11 a. m. Rev. A. C. Cabean, host pastor, conducted worship service and music was furnished by the local choir with special solos being offered by Miss Juanita Stokes and Miss Parks, niece of the Bishop.

The Bishop used the Lord's Prayer as a basis for his message stressing the wisdom in living one day at a time.

Following the reading of the appointments the conference was adjourned.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. Organization — See organization, page 2.
2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated? — Yes.
3. (a) What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded and in what amounts? — Conf. Treas. $2,500.00.
   (b) Have the books of said officers been audited? — Yes.
4. Have the boards, commissions, or committees been appointed or elected (Par. 630). (answer Yes or No) — Yes.
   (a) Board of Ministerial Training? — Yes.
   (b) Committee 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 Commission 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 Board of Evangelism? — Yes.
(p) Distributing Committee? — Yes.
(q) Annual Conference Board of Conference Claimants? — Yes.
(r) Committee on Proportional Payment of Ministerial Support? — Yes.
(s) Other committees, commissions, or boards? — Yes.

5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept their respective records upon and according to the forms prescribed by The Methodist Church? (Par. 640) — Yes.
6. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? — See reports.
7. What is the schedule for minimum support for pastors ? (Par. 806) — See report.
8. What is the plan and what are the approved claims for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year? Pars. 788-89) — Dist. Stewards Meeting.
9. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges for the support of Conference Claimants? — 8 per cent of Pastor's Cash Salary.
10. What are the apportionments transmitted by the General Commission on World Service and Finance to this Conference? — (See Recommendations of Commission.)
    (a) For World Service? — See report.
    (b) For Episcopal Fund? — 2 1-4 percent of Pastor's Cash Salary.
    (c) For General Administration Fund? — See report.
11. What amount is apportioned to this Conference for the Jurisdictional Fund? — None.
12. What are the reports, recommendations and plans of the boards of the Conference? —
    (a) What is the report of the Board of Conference Claimants, and what appropriations for conference claimants are reported and approved? — 8 per cent of Pastor's Cash Salary.
    (b) What is the report of the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extensions of disbursements of Missionary Aid within the conference?
    (c) What is the report of the Commission On World Service and Finance? — See report.
    (d) What are the other reports? — None.
13. What date is determined for Golden Cross enrollment? — None.
14. (a) Who is elected Conference Lay Leader? — Prof. J. S. Cullins.
    (b) What is his report? — See report.
    (c) Who are elected Dist. Lay Leaders? — Prof. E. E. Lewis, C. G. Randall, Mrs. Janie Bledsoe, Mr. James Williams.
15. Who constitute the Conference Committee of Investigation? — See page 4.
16. Are there formulated complaints against any ministerial member of the conference? — No.
17. Who are the Accepted Supply Pastors? — See page 5.

18. What Accepted Supply Pastors now under full-time appointment are taking the conference course of study
    (a) In the first year? — None.
    (b) In the second year? — None.
    (c) In the third year? — Bro. J. R. Thompson.
    (d) In the fourth year? — None.
19. Who are received on trial
    (a) In studies of the first year? — Bros. Joyce G. Dozier, John H. Jones, James H. Woods.
    (b) In studies of the third year? — None.
    (c) Exempt from course of study under the seminary rule? — None.
20. Who remain on trial
    (a) Continued in studies of the third year? — Bro. Anthony Tyson.
    (b) Advanced to studies of the second year? — None.
    (c) Continued in studies of the second year? — None.
21. Who on trial are discontinued? — None.
22. Who are admitted into full connection? — Clifton Mitchell.
23. What full members are in studies
    (a) Of the third year? — Bros. Robert B. Brown, Eligah Hickman.
    (b) Of the fourth year? — None.
24. What full members failed to complete the studies
    (a) Of the third year? — Bros. Robert B. Brown, Eligah Hickman.
    (b) Of the fourth year? — None.
25. What full members have completed the studies of the fourth year? — None.
26. Who have been elected deacons
    (a) As Local Preachers? — Joyce G. Dozier, John H. Jones, William Preston Johnson, James H. Woods.
    (b) A members on trial in the course of study? — None.
    (c) Under the Seminary rule? — None.
    (d) Under the Missionary rule? — None.
27. Who have been ordained deacons? — None.
28. Who have been elected elders
    (a) As Local Preachers? — None.
    (b) As Local Deacons who have been received on trial? — Bros. Joyce G. Dozier, John H. Jones, James H. Woods.
    (c) As conference members in the course of study? — None.
    (d) Under the Seminary rule? — C. Jarrett Gray (to be ordained elsewhere).
    (e) Under the Missionary rule? — None.
29. Who have been ordained Elders? — None.
30. Relative to accommodation transfers for ordination and reception—
    (a) Who are transferred in, and from what conference, for purposes of ordination only, such ordination to be voted by this conference—
        (1) For ordination as deacons? — None.
        (2) For ordination as elders? — None.
    (b) Who have been transferred out, and to what conferences, after ordination—
        (1) Deacons? — None.
        (2) Elders? — None.

(c) Who have been received on trial at the request of another conference? — None.
(d) Who have been transferred, having been received on trial, and to what conference? — None.
(e) Who have been ordained here, such ordination having been voted by another conference—
(1) Deacons? — None.
(2) Elders? — None.

31. Who are re-admitted—
(a) Deacons? — None.
Elders? — None.

32. What preachers coming from other churches have had their orders recognized?—
(a) As Local Deacons? — Bro. E. H. Mitchell (from C. M. E. Church).
(b) As Local Elders? — None.

33. Who have been received from other churches as traveling preachers—
(a) As Ordained Deacons? — None.
(b) As Ordained Elders? — None.
(c) As members on trial? — None.
(d) As members in full connection? — None.

34. Who have been received by transfer?
Bro. T. H. Edwards from Texas Conference.

35. Who have been transferred out?
Bro. J. H. Ellis; Lexington Conference.
Bro. G. W. Harper; Central West Conference.
Bro. J. A. Brooks; Central West Conference.

36. Who have had their conference membership terminated—
(a) By voluntary location? — None.
(b) By involuntary location? — None.
(c) By withdrawal? — None.
(d) By judicial procedure (expelled)? — None.

37. What ministerial members have died during the year?
Bros. W. McIntosh, C. W. Thompson, B. F. Scott.

38. Who are the supernumerary ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? (Par. 365).
Bro. W. M. Green.

39. Who are granted sabbatical leave? (Par. 364) — None.

40. What ministers have been retired (list alphabetically)
(a) This year? — Bros. M. F. Strong, L. C. Williams.
(b) Previously? — See list.

41. Who are left without appointment to attend school? — Bro. Chas. F. Golden.

42. What is the number of
(a) Pastoral charges? — 81; accepted supply pastors? — 17; transfers in? — 1; transfers out? — 3; received from other churches? — 1; deceased? — 3.
(b) Ministers
(1) On trial
(a) As pastors? — 1.
(b) Under special appointment? — None.
(c) Left without appointment to attend school? — None.
(2) In full connection

(a) As pastors and district superintendents? — 56.
(b) Under special appointment? — 4.
(c) Left without appointment to attend school? — 1.
(d) On sabbatical leave? — None.
(3) Retired? — 16.
Supernumerary? — 1.
(c) Total of all ministers? — 72.

43. What other personal notations should be made? — None.
44. What is the report of the Conf. Treas? — See report.
45. What is the report of the Conf. Statistician? — See report.
46. What are the detail objectives of this conference for the coming year? (Carrying forth the Crusade for Christ). Area Camp.
47. Where shall the next session of the Annual Conf. be held? — Muskogee, Oklahoma.
49. What changes have been made in appointments since last Annual Conf. session? — Bros. C. G. Tillman from Cotton Plant to Pine Bluff; E. F. Wallace from Clarendon to Cotton Plant; J. S. Stokes from Dermott to Clarendon.
50. Where are the preachers stationed for the coming year? — See appointments.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE SOUTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

E. W. KELLY, Resident Bishop, October 28, 1945

Charge, Pastor and Address—

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

C. C. HALL, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 245
North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Conway—
C. Mitchell, 709 Pine, Conway, Ark.

Center Point Ct.—
J. C. Tyus, P. O. Box 44, Center Point, Ark.

Center Ridge Ct.—
J. W. Winston, Rt. 2, Box 319, North Little Rock, Ark.

Van Buren — Danville—
C. L. Watson, 524 Knox St., Van Buren, Ark.

Fayetteville—
W. H. D. Bright, P. O. Box 127, Fayetteville, Ark.

Fort Smith—
B. W. Wynn, 909 North "H" Street, Fort Smith, Ark.

Hot Springs—
T. J. Griffin, 249 Walnut St., Hot Springs, Ark.

Roland Ct.—
J. R. Thompson, 1406 W. 14th St., Little Rock, Ark.

Lockesburg Ct.—
W. H. Hanna, care Methodist Church, Lockesburg, Ark.

Pankeys — Maumell—
R. B. Brown, Rt. 5, Box 467, Little Rock, Ark.

Paraloma Ct.—
L. T. Thompson, care Methodist Church, Paraloma, Ark.

Mineral Springs—
J. T. Hill, Rt. 5, Nashville, Ark.

North Little Rock—
D. D. Hawkins, 2101 Cross St., Little Rock, Ark.

Bentonville—
To be supplied.

Marchae — Bullocks—
G. W. Perry, R. F. D. 3, Box 36, Lonoke, Ark.

St. Paul—
O. C. Cravens, R. 1, Box 22, Lockesburg, Ark.

West Marchae—
To be supplied.

Murfreesboro — Bengin—
A. L. Buchanan, P. O. Box 84, Murfreesboro, Ark.

Nashville—
I. P. Parker, P. O. Box 357, Nashville, Ark.

Horatio Ct.—
H. Albright, P. O. Box 603, Horatio, Ark.

Clow—
To be supplied.

Sec'y of Evangelism—
A. L. Buchanan, P. O. Box 84, Murfreesboro, Ark.

Dist. Lay Leader—
Mrs. Janie Bledsoe, Rt. 5, 467, Little Rock, Ark.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

P. H. KELLEY, District Superintendent, 1601 Ringo St.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Augusta and Auvern—
G. T. Dozier, 1925 Pine St., Little Rock, Ark.

Batesville—
M. H. Thompson, care Methodist Church, Batesville, Ark.

Brickeys and Kokomo—
A. H. Harris; 6000 Arch St. Pike, Little Rock, Ark.

Clarendon and Brinkley—
E. Hickman, care Methodist Church, Clarendon, Ark.

Crawfordville and Wesley—
B. More Hill, care Methodist Church, Marianna, Ark.

Cotton Plant—
E. F. Wallace, care Methodist Church, Cotton Plant, Ark.

Duncan Chapel—
M. L. Brooks; 3027 Rock St., Little Rock, Ark.

Fargo and Wheatley—
S. E. Johnson, Forrest City, Ark.

Forrest City—
E. H. Mitchell, Box 122, Forrest City, Ark.

Hunter and Brassfield—
N. W. Holland, Cotton Plant, Ark.

Hughes—
Thomas Jefferson, Coldwell, Ark.

Lonoke (St. James)—
S. S. Taylor, 2319 Spring St., Little Rock, Ark.

Marianna and Scotts Valley—
T. H. Edwards, care Methodist Church, Marianna, Ark.

Marvell Ct.—
Willie M. Moore, care Methodist Church

Scruggs and Lee—
Clifton Banks, Marianna, Ark.

Wesley Chapel (Little Rock)—
J. Walt Moore, 1113 State St., Little Rock, Ark.
J. H. Woods (Assistant Pastor), care Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.

Newport—
S. McDonald, 902 Rannell St., Newport, Ark.

Sec'y of Evangelism—
Mrs. G. T. Goodlow, Elm St., Newport, Ark.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

J. M. SMITH, District Superintendent, 612 North 14th St. Muskogee, Oklahoma

Altus and Crescent—
Frank Sanders, care Methodist Church, Crescent, Okla.

Anadarko and Sulphur—
Willis Johnson, care 309 Linsey St., Okla. City, Okla.

Ardmore—
B. F. Littlejohn, 39 G. St., Ardmore, Okla.

Boley and Weleetka—
E. L. Stewart, care Methodist Church, Boley, Okla.

Chelsea and Vinita—
W. H. Wright, care Methodist Church, Chelsea, Okla.

Colbert—
Z. H. Young, care Okla. Dist. Supt.

Davis—
L. S. Shaw, care Methodist Church, Davis, Okla.

Depew and Chandler—
L. R. Craig, care Methodist Church, Chandler, Okla.

Eufaula—
To be supplied (Dist. Supt.)

Grand River—
N. M. Riley, care Okla. Dist. Supt.

Guthrie Parish—
D. G. Franklin, P. O. Box 842, Guthrie, Okla.

Hugo — Grant Ct.—
A. L. Woodard, Box 525, Hugo, Okla.

Hennessey—
Alfred Moore, care Methodist Church, Hennessey, Okla.

Muskogee Parish—
E. M. Johnson, 543 North 7th St., Muskogee, Okla.

Oklahoma City Parish—
J. H. Taggart, 309 Lindsey St., Okla. City, Okla.

Okmulgee—
P. H. Myers, 101 E. 3rd St., Okmulgee, Okla.

Oak Grove and Purcell—
Nathan Coburn, care Methodist Church, Purcell, Okla.

Tulsa—
J. N. Wallace, 611 East Easton St., Tulsa, Okla.

Wynnewood—
O. G. Moss, care Methodist Church, Wynnewood, Okla.

Wewoka - Shawnee and Seminole—
Fay Norman, 331 W. Cedar St., Wewoka, Okla.

District Evangelist—
L. S. Shaw, care Methodist Church, Davis, Okla.

District Missionary Sec'y—
Mrs. E. M. Johnson, 543 W. 11th St., Pine Bluff, Ark.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

J. H. OLIVER, District Superintendent, 2215 W. 11th St.
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Altheimer—
J. S. Stokes, care Methodist Church, Altheimer, Ark.

Brown Chapel (Little Rock)—
A. Tyson, care Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.

Chidester—
To be supplied.

Carthage—
C. H. Dorsby, care Methodist Church, Carthage, Ark.

Dermott and Eudora—
S. C. Crowford, care Methodist Church, Eudora, Ark.

Hensley and Gould—
I. G. P. Johnson, care Methodist Church, Gould, Ark.

Stamps and Hope—
J. I. Davis, care Methodist Church, Hope, Ark.

Johnsville—
To be supplied.

McGhee and Sweet Home—
G. G. Troup, care Methodist Church, McGhee, Ark.

New Edinburg—
D. J. Roe, care Methodist Church, New Edinburg, Ark.

Pilgrim Rest—
C. H. Roe, R. F. D. No. 1, Grove, La.

Pine Bluff Ct.—
C. H. Brooks, care Pine Bluff Dist. Supt.

Pine Bluff (St. James)—
C. G. Tillman, 314 Poplar St., Pine Bluff, Ark.

Texarkana—
R. J. Talbert, 316 East St., Texarkana, Ark.

White Memorial (Little Rock)—
A. C. Cabean, 1406 Valma St., Little Rock, Ark.

Fordyce Mich.—
H. J. Frazier, Dermott, Ark.

Dist. Missionary Sec'y—
Mrs. M. F. Strong, 3700 W. 20th St., Little Rock, Ark.

Dist. Sec'y of Evangelism—
A. C. Cabean, 1406 Valma St., Little Rock, Ark.

Annual Conference Sec'y of Evangleism—
T. J. Griffin, 249 Walnut St., Hot Springs, Ark.

ANNUAL REPORT

J. S. Cullins, Conference Lay Leader of the Southwest Conference

October 25, 1945

Bishop Kelly and Members of the Conference:

I beg to submit my annual report as Conference Lay Leader.

As to how well I have succeeded as your leader, is left for you to say, but as for me, it has been a great source of joy and satisfaction to have served you as your leader.

During this year, because of war conditions and lack of sufficient funds early enough in the conference year, all of our plans did not materialize as we had hoped but we bridged the chasm wherever possible, to push the work upon a higher plane.

VISITATIONS AND PROMOTIONS

Group meetings:—

Pine Bluff, District Group Meeting, Sweet Home, Ark.

Little Rock, District Group Meeting, Duncan Chapel, Little Rock, Ark.

District Conference, Pine Bluff District Conference, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Oklahoma District Conference, Seminole, Okla.

Fort Smith District Conference, Pankey Edition, Little Rock, Ark.

Little Rock, District Conference, Fargo, Ark.

Annual Meeting of Conference Lay Leaders of the Central Jurisdiction

August 17 - 18, Atlanta, Ga.

On August 22, 23, and 24, I attended one of the best Area Council meetings that has ever been held in Methodism with our beloved Bishop, brotherly in Spirit, broad in his Vision, he presented to us a grogram that, if we, as laymen and ministers will cooperate, will put the St. Louis Area on an equal basis with any other Area in Methodism.

At the call of the Bishop Sept. 12, I went to Chicago and from there to Kankakee, Ill. in the interest of purchasing the Hilland Country Club Estate; on the Kankakee river, near Kankakee, Ill., in the heart of the beautiful Kankakee Valley; by rail, 54 miles south of Chicago; by Highway, 60 miles; and by air, 20 minutes ride. It is in the midst of one of the finest and heatlhiest sections of the United States. Kankakee is the County seat of Kankakee county, with a population of 66,000.

I conducted a study course in Stewardship cultivation at Duncan Chapel, Little Rock, Ark.; and conducted same at Wesley Chapel Church, Little Rock, Ark.

I spoke 28 different times in churches on the program of Lay activities.

I visited the Young Peoples' Institute promoted by the Pine Bluff District at Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.

I accompanied the pastor of Wesley Chapel and a group of Laymen (by a special request of the pastor St. James Church at Lonoke and Sweet Home) to said churches to help them put over a drive for claims for their church. As your Lay Leader, you can see I have placed all I have on the altar of service; but we cannot afford to close our eyes to the stupenduous task ahead of us; nor to the glorious opportunities that challenge us. Therefore we must not become weary, but push ahead.

Our objectives for the year 1945 - 1946

STEWARDSHIP CULTIVATION—

1. A stewardship committee course organized in every charge.
2. Methodist men's organization in every charge.
3. Adequate support for every minister.
4. Provision for educational advancement for every minister.
5. Vacation, with pay, for every minister in Southwest Conf.
6. A Layman speaker in every pulpit on Layman's day.
7. Promotion of Layman's week and dedication week in every charge.
8. World Service promotion by the Laymen.
9. Personal Evangelism.
   a. self
   b. family contact
   c. community by personal evangelistic effort.
10. Better attendance in worship service
    a. by visitation
    b. by correspondence
    c. by distributing church literature.
11. Social welfare
    a. effort on the part of the Laymen to sustain prohibition
    b. to abolish juvenile delinquency
    c. work toward better race relationship in every community.
12. Circulation of church literature to create a wider study of same on the part of the Laymen
    a. Methodist laymen
    b. Christian advocate
    c. Methodist church
    d. Advent in stewardship.

We realize the fact, that the above objectives have not been fully carried out; and that it will take many years to accomplish them in their entirety; but one encouraging feature is now apparent—that all of the churches are becoming aroused and thinking in terms of definite action of carrying out these objectives. As positive proof some churches are selecting certain objectives and getting good results. One of the key organizations already functioning in a big way and doing big things in some of the churches, is the Methodist Men's Organization.

DISTRICT OPERATION—

The work of all District and Associate District Lay Leaders, I'm sorry to say, has not functioned as I had hoped. We know not what is the hindrance. However, we sincerely hope the hindrance will be removed and they will soon be able to get on the field and carry on; because it takes team work to put this program over.

The district superintendents of the four districts have co-operated beautifully with our program. We realize the fact that, without their co-operation and the co-operation of the pastors of each district, we could not have accomplished what we have. We know that the church program is very broad and that it will take co-operation and team work to put the program over. Therefore it has been our policy to make every christian effort to work with those in authority. If we have made any mistakes, it has been of the head and not of the heart.

So brothers let the Master's teaching be our motto: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"; in order that we might be able to put the work on a higher plane.

FINANCIAL REPORT—

The Annual Conference Board of World Service and Finance approved a Lay budget of $500.00 (five hundred dollars) for the Conference year of 1944-1945. This budget was accepted by the Annual Conference at Wesley Chapel Church at Tulsa, Okla. Each district was assessed to pay the budget as follows:

Fort Smith District	$130.00
Little Rock District	130.00
Oklahoma District	130.00
Pine Bluff District	110.00
Total	$500.00

Each District Superintendent heartily accepted the assessment as made by the Conference Board of World Service and Finance.

The following amounts have been paid on these assessments by districts according to the report of the conference treasurer:

Fort Smith District	$ 16.00	bal. due	$114.00
Little Rock District	53.00	bal. due	77.00
Oklahoma District	27.00	bal. due	107.00
Pine Bluff District	58.00	bal. due	52.00
Total	$150.00		

J. S. Cullins, Conference Lay Leader	$ 76.94
Prof. C. G. Randle, Dist. Lay Leader	15.28
Mr. E. E. Lewis, Dist. Lay Leader	35.00
Total	$126.52

Balance due the budget for activities for the year 1944-1945—$350.00 (three hundred fifty dolars). Bal. in treasure—$21.51.

The expense of the Lay Cabinet in attendance to the Annual Conference.

You can see that we have been greatly handicapped in the promotion of the work of Lay Activities in our Conference, because of lack of funds.

As your Conference Lay Leader, I cannot afford to call Lay Cabinet Meetings, to meet and plan the work; and call upon them to go out on the field to do promotional work without at least having money to pay their expenses.

OBSERVATION—

The lack of manpower and the willingness of available men to attend both district and annual conferences.

Manpower in the church must be greatly aroused in order that we may have more men available for service in the church.

A closer study in the selection and election of Charge Lay Leaders; the best available men and women are needed for this place.

RECOMMENDATIONS—

A more brotherly love between the minister and the layman.

A study program, sponsored by the official board in every church; studying the program and the needs of the church.

All assessments for Lay Activities be raised and sent into the Conference treasurer by Laymen's day; and not later than thirty days thereafter. The Conference budget of $500.00 for lay activities remains the same for the next Conference year.

That a conference wide lay retreat or institute be held at Philander Smith College during the Conference of 1945-'46.

We also recommend that the Annual Conference raise the annuity rate on pension and relief from 7 per cent to 10 per cent of the pastor's salary.

As Laymen of the Southwest Conference we have much love and respect for our beloved ministers, who have worn themselves out serving humanity; only to be forced to step down from the ministry at the pointed age without adequate means of support.

Out of the 19 conferences of the Central Jurisdiction, the Southwest Conference stands at the bottom as to annuity rate for retired ministers. This, within itself, is a challenge to the Layety of our Conference. Can we measure up to the challenge?

WE CAN—WE MUST—WE WILL!

Now brethren, it is not too early to chart our compass, examine our gear and enlist our crew. We have a great Captain, who has commissioned us all in his service. Our Executive Officer, Bishop E. W. Kelly, has examined the charts and named his aides. He expects a few gales and storms but knows we can make port if we follow the compass and our Guide.

Let us ride the anchor, push our indifference overboard and keep on the course, for we read in Galatians 5:3 that: "If a man think himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceives himself."

ANNUAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

To our most esteemed Bishop E W. Kelly, the district superintendents, pastors, and every man, woman and child who in any way contributed to the small regress of success realized through the Board of Education, we express deepest appreciation.

We veritably feel that, you as we experience a peculiar type of strength that could come to you and us in no other way than through this grand adventure with God and the Church.

May God continue you with the insight which makes you willing and even year for just a place to serve.

F. W. T.

Executive Secretary's Report to the Annual Conference—1945

Bishop Kelly, ministers, other co-workers and friends:

This report is not just a record of work done. It carries with it a definite picture and challenge. In it are shown some of your most sincere efforts in Kingdom building. You have really given the urge that makes one stretch himself. During the year, your response has been most encouraging. From the close of last Annual Conference until now, there have been very few opportunities in which your aid was solicited that did not receive your willing cooperation.

"We who are engaged in the work of Christian Education, whether pastors, church school superintendents, teachers or officers are workers together with God. We share His purpose in shaping human character and life. Matters of eternal destiny are in our hands. One of our responsibilities is that of helping all men and women everywhere to know the love of God, to understand and live the truth as revealed through Christ and to work continuously for the building of a Christian world." To this end we have labored with you in the past twelve months and feel that through the help of God, we have helped you make a few steps in the onward, upward push.

The Crusade for Christ is really on. In various degrees each one of you shows that you are aware of this fact. The financial phase touched every one. That is a good thing. The way is now more or less paved for the insurge of Evangelism. The Church School has an immense responsibility. This task is being faced in a very heroic manner. The Saint Louis Area agreed enthusiastically on the slogan 'Everyone win one'. So, with this goal before us, we must attend carefully to every contact already made and lose no time or steps in increasing the enrollment in our Church Schools.

Leadership Education

We now have six accredited teachers in our conference.

The Educational Work of The Small Church:—Mrs. E. O. Moses, Mrs. M. F. Strong, Mrs. Jessie Gaines, Mrs. Bessie Rumph.

Enriching The Spiritual Life:—Rev. M. M. Wilbun

Current Home Missions Theme:—Mrs. E. O. Moses

Through aid from the General Board, we have enjoyed and been helped by the leadership of Mrs. W. F. Bates, Southcentral Jurisdiction. With her assistance we are able to report:—

1. One Coaching Conference for Accredited Workers.
2. Ten leadership training courses in local churches.
3. A five-day Conference for Vacation Church School Workers.

She was also valuable in two district institutes—Pine Bluff and Little Rock districts. Individual conferences with ministers were both beneficial and appreciated.

We have had the services of Dr. N. F. Forsyth, Miss Olive Smith, Rev. Darry Eisenberg from the General Board; Miss Fay McRae, field worker of the Board and Miss Margaret Marshall, Director of Religious Education, Little Rock Council of Churches.

In addition to these, our conference leadership is greatly strengthened through advantages taken of training opportunities offered in the MCCE (the National); the COSA; the CREC; and

the Jurisdiction Training School at Gulfside. Those actively engaged were:—Strong, Taggarts, Randles, Scott, Oliver, Kelley, Tillmans, Wynn, Johnson, Moses.

Besides the foregoing, my personal enrichment consisted in continuous reading, study and devotion. I experienced an eye-opening share in The Conference on Church School Enrollment and Attendance as a part of The Crusade For Christ, held in Chicago, May 16 and 17; the Conference on Vacation Church School Work at Wiley College, also at Samuel Huston College. Too, I represented The General Board of Education in The Pastor's Schools of Practical Methods at Philander Smith College and at Rust College. Working with these people in various sections of the Church acts as inspiration and as a dynamo in making us want the biggest and best for our Southwest. The Atlantic Coast Area Council added its own peculiar bit in my workshop.

Here are some interesting activities of age-group work:
Forty six D. C. C. S's.
Four district institutes (for youth and adults)
are held seperate from the district conference.
Intermediate camp at P. S. C.
Special attention to Adult work by one district director.
Use of P. S. C. students in vacation schools.
Personal contacts with college students.
Use of local youth in Vacation Schools.
Discussion of and proposal for M. Y. F.
Community chorus, (adults).
Fantasy (children).
Community Vespers (children).
Drama, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AT WORK (suggested by CD-Y).

Other Work

Correspondence with ministers and laity of conference.
Answered most, read all correspondence from the General Boards.
Cooperated as far as possible with every request for service.

Goals for 1945-1946

All of last years plus . . . 25 training classes; 250 training credits; institute on conference level; two leadership training schools - Arkansas and Oklahoma.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSIONS

April 24, 1944—Scott Memorial, Paraloma, Ark.—$100.00
June 22, 1944—Wesley Chapel, Brinkley, Ark.—$350.00.
October 24, 1944—Union Grove, Palestine, Ark.—$350.00.
December 15, 1944—Wesley, Morrilton, Ark.—$250.00.
December 22, 1944—New Zion, West Marche, Ark.—$250.00.
January 24, 1945—North Little Rock, Ark.—$200.00.
February 15, 1945—McCabe Chapel, North Little Rock, Ark.—$200.00.
March 1, 1945—Morrilton, Ark.—$250.00.
March 8, 1945—Taylor Chapel, Cotton Plant, Ark.—$200.00.
April 24, 1945—Bullock, Mache, Ark.—$500.00.

July 13, 1945—Cotton Plant, Ark.—$200.00.
August 3, 1945—St. Francis, New Edinburg, Ark.—$300.00.

Maintenance Report

November 2, 1944	$463.50
February 23, 1945	463.50
May 23, 1945	463.50
August 26, 19445	490.25

Respectfully,

J . S. Cullins.

P. W. A. REPORT

Fort Smith District—October 27, 1945

Mrs. C. C. Hall, West Marche	$15.00
Mrs. W. L. Hanner, Lockesburg, C. T.	15.00
Mrs. H. Bright, Horatio	15.00
Mrs. C. Richam, Paraloma	15.00
Mrs. R. B. Brown, Pinkey, C T.	1500
Mrs. J. C. Tynes, Center Point, C. T.	15.00
Mrs. B. W. Wynn, Fort Smith	15.00
Mrs. D. D. Hawkins, N. Little Rock	15.00
Mrs. J. W. Winston, Manumel, C. T.	5.00
Mrs. E. Hickman, Dainel, C. T.	5.00
Mrs. I. P. Parker, Caddo Gap	7.00
Mrs. W. H. D. Bright, Fayetteville	15.00
Mrs. J. A. Brooks, Van Buren	15.00
Mrs. T. J. Griffin, Hot Springs	8.00
Mrs. A. L. Buchanan, C low, C. T.	15.00
Grand Total	$190.00

Mrs. C. C. Hall, President.

REPORT OF MINISTERS WIVES ASSOCIATION

To The Southwest Annual Conference—Texarkana, Ark.
October 26, 1945

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

Mrs. J. H. Oliver, Pres., Pine Bluff	$ 10.00
Mrs. C. G. Tillman, Sec.-Treas., Pine Bluff	10.00
Mrs. J. H. Taggart, Little Rock	10.00
Mrs. A. C. Cabean, Texarkana	10.00
Mrs. M. F. Strong, Little Rock	10.00
Mrs. G. G. Troupe, Pine Bluff	5.00
Mrs. C. H. Roe, Grove, La.	5.00
Mrs. C. H. Brooks, North Little Rock	10.00
Mrs. A. Tyson, Sweet Home	10.00
Mrs. E. E. Hodges, Pine Bluff	10.00
Mrs. J. H. Henry, Pine Bluff	7.00
Mrs. L. B. Coulter, Carthage	6.00
Mrs. S. N. Thomas, Texarkana	10.00
Rev. P. H. Myers, Gould	5.00
Rev. A. H. Harris, Little Rock	5.00
Total	$123.00

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

Mrs. J. M. Smith	$10.00
Mrs. Ella Miller	10.00
Mrs. B. F. Littlejohn	5.00
Mrs. Willie Coburn	5.00
Mrs. E. L. Steward	7.00
Mrs. Alice Sanders	5.00
Mrs. L. J. H. Franklin	5.00
Mrs. Lillie Moore	5.00
Mrs. Olehia Woodward	5.00
Mrs. L. D. Johnson	5.00
Mrs. Fay Norman	5.00
Mrs. J. N. Wallace	5.00
Mrs. B. F. Scott	5.00
Mrs. W. M. Green	5.00
Mrs. E. M. Johnson	5.00
Rev. Duley Smith	4.00
Total	$91.00

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

Mrs. P. H. Kelley, Little Rock, Ark.	$ 5.00
Mrs. A. A. Ray, Little Rock, Ark.	5.00
Mrs. W. A. Smith, Clarendon, Ark.	5.00
Mrs. E. F. Wallace, Batesville, Ark.	5.00
Mrs. E. H. Mitchell, Forrest City, Ark.	2.50
Mrs. N. W. Holland, Cotton Plant, Ark.	5.00
Mrs. W. M. Wilbun, Little Rock, Ark.	2.50
Mrs. W. S. Sherrill, Little Rock, Ark.	5.00
Mrs. Izealia Moses (St. James) Little Rock	5.00
Mrs. A. J. Tolbert, Batesville	5.00
Mrs. J. Walt Moore, Little Rock	
Mrs. M. L. Brooks, Little Rock	
Mrs. Z. R. Fields, Hughes, Ark.	
Rev. J. S. Stokes, Clarendon, Ark.	
Rev. M. H. Thompson, Marianna, Ark.	5.00
Mrs. C. L. Kyles, Newport, Ark.	5.00
Rev. S McDonald, Newport, Ark.	5.00
Mrs. S. S. Taylor	
Total	$60.00

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

As we take the second step in the Crusade for Christ, we enter the field of Evangelism. Here we are faced with an appalling degeneracy of man's moral integrity. This is apparent as expressed in increased drunkenness. Mounting Juvenile Delinquency, divorces, infidelity, increased use of tobacco, especially among women, broken homes and a general drifting away from God, and the Church.

No man who loves God, and his fellowman can be indifferent to these evils which confront us, now like a poisoned rat, at the Vitals of our Nation. The F. B. I. disclosed last week that there has been an increase in every type of crime, except involuntary

slaughter, during the first six months of 1945. MURDER is up 4 per cent: RAPE up 9 per cent. To an all-time high, The Bureau also noted, that the Criminal age has gone down as the crime rate has gone up. Of 270,000 arrests, the record shows that one out of every four was under 21 years, while 17 years old offenders topped the list. And that out of 12,000 arrests of YOUTH under 16, 2,000 were 14 years old, and under.

The redemptive work being done by the YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS such as the METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP and the NATIONAL YOUTH MOVEMENT with such slogans as, "ALL FOR CHRIST AND CHRIST FOR ALL," are drawing many to their standard. THE BOARD OF TEMPERANCE through its official publication, "THE VOICE," reasons with the learned, and teaches the simple. And with representatives on the field, of whom there is none greater than our own Dr. A. R. Howard of The Central Jurisdiction.

To overcome these veils we must do everything that is humanly possible, throughout our Area. YES, throughout the Nation—LEGISLATION is not enough. Good intentions will not change conditions: even resolutions with high sounding phrases will not atone for the sins of the Nation.

Nothing but the blood of JESUS CHRIST can cleanse and save men from these sins. The WORLD at its worst, needs the CHURCH AT ITS BEST. Today is the churches opportunity. And we rejoice that THE CRUSADE FOR CHRIST has come at a time like this. THEREFORE YOUR TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

1. That the ministers and laymen of The SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE go on record as urging every pastor and layman to enter the EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN with such earnestness and zeal that once more the fires of true CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES will burn on our hearts, giving us a passion for souls that will be seen and felt in the dark corners of the Nation.
2. That we designate the Second Sunday in July as WORLD TEMPERANCE SUNDAY and celebrate the day with a TEMPERANCE PROGRAM OF EDUCATION AND CONSECRATION.
3. That we pledge anew our support to the program and policies projected by THE BOARD OF TEMPERANCE in the fight for a better CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ORDER.

Signed,

W. H. D. Bright
M. L. Brooks
E. L. Steward
E. Hickman

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

P. H. Kelley, Dist. Supt., 1601 Ringo St., Phone 4-5668

Bishop E. W. Kelly, Distict Superintendents and Members of the Southwest Conference:

After another year of toiling and a spiritual battle against the evil forces of the world, we come in the name of our Heavenly

Father to present our third annual report of the work accomplished on the Little Rock District. I have enjoyed the fellowship of the pastors, members and friends of the district. Words are inadequate for me to express my gratitude to them for their loyal support to the program of the church.

The following objectives have been fostered during the year:

"Evangelism"

This being the second spearhead of the Crusade for Christ we have urged all the pastors, lay leaders and presidents of the W. S. of C. S. to give their support to this much needed cause. The results have been very gratifying. Revivals have been conducted in several of the churches, family alters re-built, back-sliders reclaimed and children are being baptised at the alters.

"Education"

Philander Smith College stands as a beacon light upon the hill of culture with Dr. M. L. Harris, president with his progressive ideas and with a selected faculty from the best universities of the country we are building a college that we all should be proud of. Several new courses have been added. The largest enrollment in many years. As ministers and laymen of the Southwest Conference we should give Dr. Harris our un-stinted support.

The church schools have been a wonderful asset in the religious training of our young people. Eight vacation Bible schools were conducted on the district, namely:

Wesley Chapel, Duncan Chapel, Batesville, Fargo, Taylor's Chapel, Marvell, St. James and Union Grove. These schools served as a stimulant to each community. We extend our appreciation to Dr. Harris, Mrs. Frances Taggart and co-workers for their excellent service rendered. More than four hundred attended these schools.

The Woman Society of Christian Service

Mrs. N. W. Holland, the district president, has worked untiringly during the year trying to organize a society in every church. A pageant was rendered by the Woman Society of Christian Service at the district conference. Title: "The Women of the Bible." It was inspiring and informative.

"Youth Fellowship"

Mrs. Iona Oats, directress of the Youth Fellowship, has spared no pains, nor labor to lead the youth to higher heights of Christian living and activities. The results of her work was seen by the large attendance at the institute at Fargo, Ark., August 7. On Thursday night the youth of the district rendered an excellent program that will not be forgotten soon.

"Lay Activities"

Mr. S. D. Ivey, district lay leader, has striven hard to get the laymen to see the importance of giving special attention to ministerial support. Thus the pastors throughout the district rejoice over an increase in salary.

"Ministers' Wives Association"

Mrs. P. H. Kelley, president of the Ministers' Wives Association, knowing that the inevitable day will surely come, has urged the ministers' wives to give five or more dollars to the Board of Conference Claimant against that day.

"Deaths"

On January 21, 1945, Rev. C. W. Thompson, pastor at Palestine, finished his work on earth and went home to rest.

August, 1945, Rev. Bennie Moses, an energetic and faithful retired supply pastor, laid down his mantle and joined the celestial host on the other side.

These have gone, but still live in our memory.

The District Conference

The District Conference, Woman's Society of Christian Service and Institute met at Fargo Agricultural School, Fargo, Ark., August 7, 1945.

The above named school is one of the best in the state. Well located, modern buildings and covering several acres. Dr. Floyd Brown is the efficient and wide-awake president.

The institute was conducted by the dean, Dr. J. Walt Moore. Dr. Moore knows how to get things done and seemingly with a magic touch was able to make the institute interesting from beginning to end. His faculty, Mrs. E. O. Moses, Mrs. Iona Oats, Mrs. Floyd Brown, and Mrs. Bates of the Board of Education, deserves much praise for their excellent work.

The visitors present were Rev. and Mrs. Taggart, Mrs. Edith Strong, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. C. G. Tillman, Dr. J. C. Polk, Rev. J. A. Brooks, and Rev. Winston.

Beauty Spot Host Rev. S. E. Johnson, pastor. Rev. Johnson and the good people gave us a royal entertainment.

PASTOR'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Batesville—Rev. R. J. Tolbert, pastor.

Rev. Tolbert has served this charge successfully for five years. He has renovated both church and parsonage. Crusade raised in full.

Clarendon—Rev. J. S. Stokes, pastor.

This is Rev. Stokes' first year. He will make a good report. The Wesley Church at Brinkley will be completed in a few months.

Cotton Plant—Rev. E. F. Wallace, pastor.

This charge, under the leadership of this good pastor, has made great progress. The parsonage has been recovered and the interior re-decorated. The interior of the church has also been painted. Claims in advance of last year. Crusade in full.

Crawfordsville—Rev. B. M. Hill, pastor.

Rev. Hill has done a good year's work. He has a good report.

Duncan Chapel—Rev. M. L. Brooks, pastor.

The Rev. M. L. Brooks has proven to be the right man in the right place. A beautiful lot 50x150 joining the church lot has

been purchased and paid for. $1,200.00 paid on old indebtedness. Crusade in full.

Forrest City—Rev. E. H. Mitchell, pastor.

Rev. Mitchell came to us since the last annual conference. Under the leadership of Rev. Mitchell this charge has taken on new life both spiritually and financially. He will make a splendid report.

Hughes and Kokomo—Rev. T. R. Fields, pastor.

Rev. Fields has served this charge successfully for eight years and asked to be released. We pray God's blessings upon him as he takes his rest.

Hunter and Fargo—Rev. S. E. Johnson, pastor.

Rev. Johnson has done a good year's work. Money and material on hand to repair both of his churches.

St. James (Lonoke)—Rev. S. S. Taylor, pastor.

This is Rev. Taylor's second year. He is still held in esteem by his people. He has an excellent report. Crusade in full.

Marvell—Rev. Wm. Moore, pastor.

Brother Moore has had another good year. Claims in advance of last year.

Marianna and Scott's Valley—Rev. M. H. Thompson, pastor.

On April 28, the parsonage at Marianna was burned to the ground. With some aid from the Board of Home Mission, the pastor and his people have re-built a beautiful five room parsonage and when completed will be one of the best in the state. All claims in advance of previous year.

Newport—Rev. S. McDonald, pastor.

Brother McDonald and his good people have laid the foundation for a ten thousand dollar church. He will make a good report.

Brassfield—Rev. N. W. Holland, pastor.

This congregation was forced to leave the old church building on account of high water. They worshipped in a Baptist church. Bro. Holland has a splendid report. Crusade paid in full.

Scrugg's and Lee's—Rev. Clifton Banks, pastor.

Brother Banks has worked hard this year and has had good results. Money in the bank to beautify and complete churches on this circuit.

Wesley Chapel—Dr. J. Walt Moore, pastor.

Dr. Moore and the Wesleyans have had another year of prosperity and growth. Twenty members added to the church during the year. Crusade quota, $1,350.00 paid in full. Also other claims in full. Paid to the Board of Home Missions, $4,500.00.

We invite you to hold your next session of the conference at Wesley, Little Rock.

My Personal Labor

This has been an unusual bad year for traveling, yet through some how and some way the Lord led me on and we made four trips around the district. Some time on foot, wagon, horse-back and sometime in my car. We have traveled more than five thousand miles during this year.

We have held two group meetings, on district conference, at-

tended the leadership training school at Gulfside and the area council at St. Louis.

We have preached Christ and the Crusade through the district with splendid results. We have not reached our goal. We have only members on the district, some are as true as gold and by the last roll call we hope to answer over the top.

Therefore we make the following recommendations:

1. That every pastor become thoroughly dedicated to this cause.
2. Interest every member of his church regardless of the cost.
3. Every loyal Methodist stay with this program until every dime of the twenty-five millions dollars has been raised.

Respectfully yours,

P. H. Kelley

REPORT OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT—1944 - 1945

J. Murray Smith

To the Bishop, Fathers, and Brethren:

It is with profound thanks and gratefulness to Almighty God that I am permitted to make this, my fourth annual report, as Dist. Superintendent over the Oklahoma District of the Southwest Conference of the Methodist Church. In making this report, I would not dare go into the details of the work done on the district without first paying a tribute to the men on the district to whom all the credit is due for the success which has been achieved. It is to them collectively and individually that I wish to thank and thank again for the co-operation to the last man which they have given me in carrying out my suggestions and untiring efforts they have made in putting over the program of the district as handed down by the Area and general church.

I wish time would permit me to take each man and tell of his efforts from time to time that have not, and did not, escape my notice even when he was not on the charge and among his members, however I shall indulge in giving an account of each charge and each church on that charge.

The work on the district will speak for itself when the reports are examined. We started the work off with an adjourned session of the annual conference held at Muskogee on Nov. 2nd, and in this meeting Bishop Kelly and Dr. Gammon Morris were present and the Crusade for Christ was outlined and thoroughly discussed. In this meeting each pastor was given his quota for the Crusade as well as for the claims of the church. Each went away thoroughly consigned to his duty and obligation. How well they have done the job will be told you in this report.

AUXILIARIES

On the Oklahoma District we have The Woman's Society of Christian Service; The Methodist Youth Fellowship; and Laymen's Association, all organized and going forward with the program of the church. The Woman's Society of Christian Service has done a wonderful piece of work and is still doing. The enormity of their

work can be better appreciated by checking on the individual church or charge. In every case you will find that the pastor can count on his program being put over when he puts it in the hands of the women. The Society is under the leadership of Mrs. B. F. Scott and has been carried to higher and higher heights each year of its existence, however during the last several months the forward movement has been a little retarded owing to the sudden sadness which came into the family of the President. We predict that in the very near future the Society will be in the lime-light of success.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship was never so promising as it is today. This was proven at the district conference when through a special set-up which had its beginning at the district conference last year, through their own adopted rules and regulations they were able to take care of the expense of its officers to and from the conference and had some twenty-odd dollars left in their treasure. They have in mind now a program that will carry the the Youth Fellowship to a much higher level. They are quite successful with their program and ask that you all pray for their continued success.

The Laymen Association is not as well organized as it should be, yet they are moving along slowly and have plans to further the interest in its program. They are in close touch with the program as out-lined by the General Board of Lay Activities, and have manifested a great interest in the second spear-head of the Crusade for Christ—"Evangelism."

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

On July 19th-22nd we held the District Conference together with the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and the Laymen Association. The conference was held at Seminole, Okla. with Bro. Norman and his good people, who, with the assistance of the other congregations of the city gave us a royal entertainment in every way, using the beautiful Public School building and its spacious dining room in which to serve the meals. The sessions of the conference were held in the beautiful church building which Bro. Norman has erected since he has been assigned to that place. The reports of the pastors were all in advance of the previous year.

CRUSADE AND CLAIMS

The Crusade and Claims of the district have been looked after very carefully and most of the churches have made excellent reports on the same. Our Crusade quota was $6,949.00 and to date we have reported in cash $6,950.00

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

The Ministerial Spport over the district has been greatly increased and nearly all of the pastors have collected their entire salary. Quite a few of the charges have increased the estimated salary for another year.

PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE

The cause of the College has been taken care of in full by all the charges through the Crusade.

OUR CHURCH PAPER

The Central Christian Advocate and also other church papers are being represented in each charge by a Good Literature Secretary who sells the cause to the congregation and community.

SICKNESS AND HEALTH

In April the district superintendent was seriously attacted with a case of low blood pressure and for three months he was not able to go out on the district. The pastors all held their own 3rd quarters and made reports to the Supt. In June Bro. Wallace, our pastor at Tulsa, had an attact which caused him to be confined in the Mayo's Clinic for six weeks. In July our Bro. B. F. Scott, pastor at Oklahoma City was attacted and had to have an operation from which he was not able to overcome. He passed to his well-earned reward July 15th. Other than these the health of the pastors and their families have been good.

CHARGES

Altus:—This charge has been without a pastor for two years, and yet they have been carrying on under the lead of the District Supt. The congregation raised and put in the bank $700.00 to rebuild their church which needed to be torn down. During the last fifteen day the building has been torn down and the material stacked away to safety. The congregation has on a $1,000.00 rally for the second and third Sunday in Oct., and on the 8th of Nov. a new church building will be started, pastor or no pastor. The Dist. Supt. will man the affairs.

Anadarko:—This church is pastored by Bro. Willis Johnson, who also looks after our work at Sulphur. Bro. Johnson has on a repair program at both places and have finance on hand to carry it through. At Sulphur, the congregation is very small but it was one of the first congregations to raise its full quota of $50.00 for the Crusade for Christ.

Ardmore:—With Bro. Littlejohn in charge this place is well taken care of. All the indebtedness has been cleared away and some very important improvements have been made. Bro. Littlejohn is here with a good report.

Boley:—Bro. E. L. Steward is master of the situation at Boley. The church building was in a very delapidated condition and almost unfit to hold service. Bro. Stewart has torn the building down and is now in the act of building a new house in which to worship. He hopes to have it ready before the cold weather sets in. Bro. Stewart also looks after the work at Weleetka, and is doing fairly well at that place.

Chelsea-Vinita:—Bro. W. H. Wright, a supply pastor, is well on the job at this charge. Both congregations are very small yet they are very loyal to the program of the church. Both places raised their entire quota of $50.00 each and are known as "Blue Ribbon" Churches.

Colbert:—Bro. Z. H. Young, a Supply Pastor, has charge of this work and is doing a fine work. He has pushed the program of the church in every way, and especially the Crusade for Christ. He is here with full report on the Crusade and over 90 per cent of the Benovelence.

Crescent-Hennessey:—Bro. Frank Sanders has this charge well in hand and very much alive. Bro. Sanders has pastored this charge for the past five years and has done a fine piece of work. Every year there has been an improvement made and now it is in a fine shape in every way.

Depew-Chandler:—This charge has been struck very hard. The membership has been greatly reduced, for over half of the few that were there went to defense centers. The building is yet very inadequate and ill situated. The congregation has purchased a lot that is more appropriate and have some money in bank to build as soon as conditions change, which seems to be in the near future. At Chandler there is no building and only a very few members. Under existing conditions Bro. Craig, the pastor, who is a supply, is doing fairly well.

Davis-Wynnewood:—This place is in charge of Bro. O. G. Moss, a retired preacher of our conference. Bro. Moss is doing well at both places and both congregations are very loyal and attentive to the claims of the church. Both places are quite on to the "paid in full" with their Crusade.

Eufaula-Porter:—This charge was left to be supplied. The Dist. Supt. has been looking after the Eufaula church and Bro. E. M. Johnson, our pastor at Muskogee, looks after Porter. Both of these congregations have raised their full quota of the Crusade. Eufaula raised the $100.00, its quota at the first meeting of the campaign on Nov. 19, and Porter had its quota in full reported in April at Little Rock.

Guthie:—This charge is being taken care of by Bro. D. G. Franklin, a retired minister. Bro. Franklin knows no failure and as usual he has made quite a deal of improvement on the church and is going on to a successful end with no indebtedness.

Grand River:—Bro. N. M. Riley, a supply pastor, is in charge of this church and has been its pastor for quite a few years. The congregation is loyal and they have raised their full quota of $50.00 for the Crusade.

Hugo-Grant Circuit:—This charge is still being looked after by Bro. Woodard. This is Bro. Woodard's third year at this place and he is doing a fine piece of work. There are three points to this circuit and Bro. Woodard comes with a good report from each.

Muskogee Parish:—Bro. E. M. Johnson is still on the job and is doing very well in raising claims and Crusade. Bro. Johnson also gives an evening service at Porter and has raised the entire quota at Porter.

Oklahoma City:—Bro. B. F. Scott served this charge until he passed. That was in July, and since then the Dist. Supt. with the assistance of other pastors on the district have been looking after the spiritual part and the Lay Leader with the assistance of the Woman's Society of Christian Service have been carrying on the business and financial part. This arrangement was carried out very successfully. The full quota of $1,100.00 for Crusade and the full quota of Claims have been raised. The church has been cleared of debt and the spiritual part of the church is very high as well as the financial set up.

Okmulgee:—This charge has been looked after by the Dist. Supt. for the entire year. The congregation has been very loyal in raising Crusade and claims. They are also preparing to build their parsonage. They have already paid for most of the lumber to be used in the building and are now waiting to make contract with some carpenter to do the work.

Purcell-Oak Grove:—Bro. Nathan Coburn has charge of this work and has done a very satisfactory years work. Both places have raised their full quota of Crusade and comes with a good report.

Tulsa:—Bro. J. N. Wallace, although having had to spend six weeks in the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., under an operation, has done a full year's work. On the church, there are no debts at all. All the claims have been raised, the full quota of $1,238.00 has been raised and the salary of the pastor has been raised to $2,000.00.

Wewoka-Shawnee-Seminole:—Bro. Fay Norman is in charge and is still going forward in a very successful way. At Wewoka, conditions do not permit the building program to begin, yet the congregation is raising funds to do the job. At Seminole the congregation is growing and this promises to be a very strong point in the near future. At Shawnee, the membership is still on the defense jobs and the very few that is left are still going forward with the program of the church. This place has raised its full quota of the Crusade.

In all the work on the Oklahoma District has been carried forward steadily, the men have all been co-operative and harmony prevails with all. We desire the prayers of the conference that we shall be able to still go forward in the building for the kingdom of God.

Yours in His name,

J. Murray Smith, Superintendent.

H. W. Webb People has said: "What God wants is men great enough to be small enough to be used." Moses was such a man.

To the Bihop and Brethren of the Southwest Conference:

It was with such a spirit that I left the Tulsa Conference of 1944 and started out on my task for another twelve months.

We thank God and our co-workers that we have been priviledged to work together harmoniously this year, and now time finds us assembled together in our 68th Session of the Southwest Annual Conference to review our work, take inventory of our conditions and to project ourselves under God into the future. Varied have been the experiences in this years labor. We dare not follow the pessimist in his observation of this world, and say, "look what a terrible fix this world is in with wars." NO, but rather we choose to follow the optimist in quoting: "Look what has come to this world—Christ." For with every barrier comes the opportunity of a demonstration of the Christ Spirit through service and I am pleased to say for the Pine Bluff District that both pastors and people have wrought well.

The program of the Crusade for Christ was an experiment which had in it many forebodings and much uncertainty. We accepted the order handed down from the general body and set about our work determined to succeed and make this district second to none in the conference. The reports show that the placing of responsibilities upon us under a system of administration which would manifest our strength or weakness has contributed to that self dependence and self respect which have actually marked an epoch in our life in the church. Never before in our history has the general morale of our people been better.

Some of the outstanding achievements have been:

District Group Meetings—Here the years work was carefully planned in every department and for all groups.

The District Councils—Where survey was made on the progress of the work and where teams of three's went out to cultivate the district. Advantage was taken of the opportunity at hand to train leaders and seven district leaders were enrolled in such schools as the Conference on Recreation and Summer agencies convening at Oklahoma City; The Leadership Training School at Gulf Side and Philander Smith, Little Rock. The results of this additional training was seven Vacation Church Schools, a two days history making Dist. Conf. in April, and a record breaking Young Peoples' Dist. Institute at Philander in July. Too much cannot be said for our own Pres. M. L. Harris, who made it possible for us to hold our Institute at a minimum expense. He has extended an invitation for another year, and suggested a date when we would have access to all property without conflict with other groups. We shall ever be grateful to this young man for the interest he has shown in the work. We find him always ready to assist in any district or conference project.

District Superintendent Personal Labor

I went away with 16 pastors and 28 pastoral charges. I have held four qut. conf. in every charge. I have conducted twelve revivals, ten on the Pine Bluff Dist., 1 on the Oklahoma Dist. in Tulsa, Okla. A. M. E. Church. I have held special meetings in nine of my charges with the dist. team helping to sell the Crusade for Christ. I have organized one mission at Fordyce, Ark., which I will say more about later.

Pastors Labor

Altheimer Circuit:—A. H. Harris has done a fine work at one of the points. His report will show an increase in Claims and Crusade in full, but failed to get off to a good start at Union Grove. He was released in April.

Brother C. H. Dorsby had raised all Claims in full at Carthage and reported same by April at the Dist. Conf. There I gave him Union Grove which was a part of Bro. Harris' work and he has done remarkably well with this church. Bro. Dorsby has made some repairs on the parsonage at Carthage. He goes down as an ardent worker.

Chidester-Bunn-Dermott:—G. W. Harper had his work well in hand. He had raised 85 per cent of his claims before being transferred to the Central West Conf. stationed at Lincoln, Neb. That left three churches for the Supt. to pastor. These churches have paid Crusade in full and 97 per cent of all other claims.

Eudora:—H. J. Frazier's report is fair with Crusade in full.

Gould and Johnsville:—P. H. Myers comes with a report which exceeds that of last year. Crusade paid in full. His parsonage burned in June. He has raised $200.00 and made plans to build soon.

Hope:—I. G. P. Johnson comes with a report that will excell previous years. All Claims paid in full including Crusade. A plan to build a church at a cost of $3,000.00 of which $800.00 is now

in hand. The plan is to have the church built in time to entertain the Dist. Conf. in April, 1946.

Hensley and Brown Chapel (Little Rock):—M. F. Strong brings an excellent report. All claims in advance to that of last year. Crusade in full.

McGehee Parish:—G. G. Troupe has closed a fine years work. He paid 98 per cent of all claims in the Dist. Conf. Crusade at all points paid in full and money on hand to paint the church at McGehee.

New Edinburgh Circuit:—With D. J. Roe the first eight months appeared a failure. It looked as though he could not get the ball in for a strike, but in the ninth he was in there with a call strike. With a boost from the district team and myself he was able to stay in the game. At the eleventh hour he called on his son, J. F. Roe, for help. These Roe's closed the year at Edinburgh with one of the best revivals of all times. 90 per cent of his claims and Crusude paid in full. He has built one church plans are in progress to build two more. Money in the bank and lumber on the ground to build the third church. We organized a mission at Fordyce and holding services in the A. M. E. Church. We have a membership of 25 adults and twelve children. This mission is in a population of 3,500, with 45 per cent Negros. Public School enrollment of 550 and with a little assistance from the General Church can be made a strong point in the near future.

Pine Bluff, St James:—C. G. Tillman is the man of the hour. He has organized the church and every dept. functioning. Such a spirit exists that has brought an increase in the support of the church and the ministry. He has raised a sum total of $..... for all purposes. He entertained the Dist. Conf. with much credit. This was history making because it was the first spring conference to be held and because it was the first time to have the presence of a Bishop. It was a treat to have Bishop E. W. Kelly and Pres. M. L. Harris look in on our conference.

Pine Bluff Circuit:—C. H. Brooks has had a good year. Crusade paid in full and 9 per cent of all other claims paid and $150.00 on repair.

Pilgrim Rest and Shady Grove:—C. H. Roe has done an excellent job. All claims up to date. He has paid out $85.00 on repair. At one point he is holding service in a small school house, but the membership has out-grown the building. Plans are now to build a church to accommodate his congregation. He has added 35 members to his pastoral charge.

Stamps Cicruit:—J. I. Davis as usual closed another year of achievement. All claims up to date. Painted the church at Canfield at the cost of $140.00 despite his wife having been ill all the year and is still on the sick list. We are praying for her recovery.

Sweet Home:—A. Tyson was in school at Philander, but he reports all claims paid in full and Crusade $10.00 over.

Texarkana:—A. C. Cabean has done a magnificent job. He came here four years ago. The house being used for a parsonage, was sold. He moved in the school class room until he could build the house you see on this lot. Being a carpenter himself, he did the work and without pay. Put a roof on the church, pews in the church and other interior decoration, together with installing a rest room. All bills are paid and claims paid to date.

White Memorial:—J. H. Taggart completes a very fine year's work. He has a well organized church. When he returned from Conf. he found the pews in the church waiting to be set in. He raised $500.00 the third Sunday in December as a fine beginning for the year. All claims are paid up to date and Crusade paid out.

Some of Our Needs on the District

Many of our churches are rural or small town charges. In such places the church still has the opportunity to serve it's constituency in many ways other than those which we usually class as religious. Such churches may be made the social, recreational and cultural center of practically all the people and will have an unequalled opportunity for character building and social and economical improvement. Therefore one of the greatest needs among us is preacher pastors. Preachers who are able to deliver Christ centered messages on Sundays, and who can also organize and caue to function smoothly all of the auxilaries of the church. Pastors who are able to inspire and use the wonderful power of youth in building great churches. We need pastors who are able to work with all types of people, not as dictators but as equals working together as brethren, remembering that everybody we meet has some good qualities which ought to be respected and utilized.

Another great need is BETTER WORSHIP SERVICES. I feel that I would not be overemphasizing the picture to say that most of our people do not go to church to worship but rather to be thrilled, aroused or the see their friends. Most congregations do not assemble on time. Only a few are dismissed on time. Unless we improve in thee vital matters we are certain to lose the young people, and our most intelligent people who after all are the most capable of building up strong churches that can render the greatest service in the communities.

This brings out the fact that we need scores of TRAINED LEADERS among the laymen. Brethren the opportunity is great because the need is immense. BUT, unless we are exceedingly zealous for the work we are trying to do, it may receive a place of minor importance in the rush of these days.

MY PRAYER AS WE SHALL GO DOWN FROM HERE is expressed in the words of the poet, who wrote:

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power—
Crown Thine ancient Churches story, bring her bud to glorious flower.
Lo! the host of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise.
Set our feet on lofty place, gird our lives that we may be
Armoured with all Christ like graces, in the fight to set men free.
Grant us Wisdom.
Grant us Courage
That we fail not man nor Thee.

—Amen.

J. H. OLIVER.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

SOUTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Balance, after 1944-45 Distribution		$ 449.22
Receipts, year 1944-5		
From Charges, or apportionment	$1,044.40	
From Ministers' Wives	220.00	
Interest on Distribution account	47.96	
Interest on Permanent Fund	30.38	
Bd. of Pensions, Regular Appropriation	529.00	
Bd. of Pensions, Bonus Payment	99.00	
Meth. Publishing House, Dividend	1,206.63	
Chartered Fund, Dividend	80.00	3,257.37
		$3,706.59

Prospective Distribution for 1945-46

Annuities:				
For Retired Men, 428 1-4 @ $3.50			$1,498.87	
For Widows, 601 1-4 yrs. @ $2.45	$1,473.06			
32 yrs. oth. Conf.	101.22			
For Children, 65 3-4 yrs. @ .875			57.53	
To Clearing House			171.00	
Responsibility in other Conference			55.00	3,356.68
Prospective Balance				$ 349.91

Included in this balance of $349.91 are annuities for the years 1942-43 to 1944-45 for Mrs. Payton F. Scruggs and child amounting to $162.31.

October 27, 1945.

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE TREASURER'S CASH REPORT

DISTRICTS	Crusade	Conf. Claimants	World Service	Conf. Brd. of Education	Board of Temperance	Board of Lay Act.	Treasurer's Office	Gen. Adm.	Episcopal Fund
Fort Smith	$ 393.15	115.00	10.00	9.70	1.00	12.00	15.00	2.00	53.80
Little Rock	633.00						2.00		
Pine Bluff	597.00	238.00	70.00						70.00
Oklahoma	525.00	350.00		15.00		16.00	18.00		94.10
TOTAL	$2,148.15	703.00	80.00	24.70	1.00	28.00	35.00	2.00	217.90
Philander Smith College Anniversary									
Fellowship of Suffering									
GRAND TOTAL									

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE TREASURER'S CASH REPORT
(Continued)

DISTRICTS	Philander Smith Col.	Evangelism	Conference Secretary	Pastors' Wives' Assn.	Area Camp	Total
Fort Smith	31.00	2.00	5.00	37.00	5.00	$ 690.15
Little Rock				60.00		695.00
Pine Bluff	86.00			123.00		1,184.00
Oklahoma			8.00	91.00		1,117.10
TOTAL	117.00	2.00	11.50	311.00	5.00	$3,686.25
Philander Smith Col. Anniversary						202.00
Fellowship of Suffering						23.26
GRAND TOTAL						$3,911.61

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE "CRUSADE FOR CHRIST" REPORT

District	Quota	Paid	Balance To Be Raised
Fort Smith	$28.36	$28.36	
Little Rock	51.04	23.75	$17.42
Pine Bluff	28.30	28.30	
Oklahoma	69.49	69.49	
Southwest Conference	$17,725.00	$15,983.00	$17.42

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November 13, 1945.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I have gone over the books and records of the Southwest Conference of the Methodist Church, and find them true and correct except several duplications in recording receipts; these have been acknowledged and clarified.

Signed: VIOLA D. LEWIS,
Public Accountant.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,
COUNTY OF TULSA.

The above named Viola D. Lewis being first duly sworn says that the facts stated in the foregoing statement, are true and correct as she verily believes.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 14th day of November, 1945.

GLADYS T. COOTS,
Notary Public.

My Commission Expires 24th day of August, 1947.

BISHOP E. W. KELLY

D.D., LL.D.

Bishop of the

St. Louis Area

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1 — OCT. 25, 1945 — FORT SMITH DISTRICT — SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

Charge, Church and Pastor	Membership												Church School Statistics								
	Infnts Prsntd by Parent - Grdn	Children, Youth, Adults	Bapt. Children on Preptry Roll	Total Full Membership Reported Last Year - Active & Inactive	Rcvd from Preparatory Membership and on Profession of Faith	Rcvd by Transfer & Reinstated	Removed by Death	Removed by Transfer and Otherwise	Total Full Members - Active	Total Full Members - Inactive	Total Full Members - Active and Inactive	Total Local Preachers	No. Church Schools on Charge	Officers and Teachers	Nursery Dept. - Birth to 3 Yrs.	Children's Div. - 4-11 Years	Youth Div. - 12-23 Years	Adult Division - Exclusive of Home Department	Home Department	Total Enrollment (Add 14-19 inclusive)	Average Attendance at Sunday School
Center Point - Bengin—J. C. Tyus	10	14	10	134			2	60	72	10	82		2	19	6	15	20		4	64	40
Center Ridge - Danville—E. Hickman			11	66			3		53	10	63		2	10	4	12		13	5	44	22
Clow Circuit—A. L. Buchanan		6	2	111	6	2	2	11	90	16	106		2	14	13	20	20			67	45
Conway—L. C. Williams																					
Fayetteville—W H. D. Bright	3	15	18	59	12		2		55	14	69		1	8	6	8	10	9	6	47	25
Bentonville—																					
Ft. Smith—B. W. Wynn	6	2	6	80	3	4	2	4	65	16	81		1	8		15	8	6	8	45	32
Horatio Circuit—H. Albright	13	13		90					90	21	111	1	3	24	24	20	35			103	90
Hot Springs—T. J. Griffin	4	5	4	247	1		4	9	210	29	239		1	20	7	47	19	9		102	73
Lockesburg Circuit—W H. Hannah			32	194			1	8	170	15	185		3	23	21	16				60	35
Maumelle - New Zion—J. W. Winston	3	4	3	59					50	9	59		2	12	10	20	12	15	16	85	35
North Little Rock—D. D. Hawkins	2			47	2				29	20	49	2	1	8	3	10	12			33	12
Paraloma - Saratoga—Clifton Mitchell	16		20	178			3	12	140	23	163	3	2	12		20				32	50
Pankey Circuit—R. B. Brown	10	80	20	100	3				90	13	103	3	3	11			28	63	9	111	56
Van Buren—J. A. Brooks				22					17	5	22		1	4				8		12	10
Caddo Gap Circuit—J. A. Parker																					
Mineral Springs—J. T. Hill				3		2			4	1	5		1	2		4				6	5
St. Paul—O. C. Crane				16		1			12	5	17	1	1	5		13	2	3	3	26	12
W. Marche—									23	3	26		1	6		3	4	12		25	20
Total (or Carried Forward)	67	139	126	1406	27	9	19	104	1170	210	1380	10	27	186	94	223	170	138	51	862	562
Total Last Year	53	121	206	1543	60	26	17	80	954	438	1497	14	28	181	60	156	175	297	41	797	480
Increase	14	18					2	24	216					5	34	67			10	65	82
Decrease			80	137	33	17				228	117	4	1				5	159			

	Church School Statistics										W. S. of C. S.				Church Property			
	Children	Youth Fellowship	Adults	Methodist Pupils in Vacation Church Schools	Methodist Pupils in Weekday Schools	Pupils Joining the Church on Profession of Faith	Are All Lesson Materials Used Approved by the Meth. Church?	Number Enrolled in Accredited Leadership Schools and Classes	Ch'rch School Offering for Wrld Service and Conf. Benevolences	Total Amt. Raised by Church School for all Purposes	No. of Units of Organization	Membership W. S. C. S.	Paid for Local Work	Number of Preaching Places	Estimated Value of Church Buildings, Equipment and Land	Estimated Value of Parsonages, Furniture and Land	Estimated Value of Other Property	Indebt. on Bldgs., Equipment, Parsonages & Current Expenses
Center Point - Bengin	40	15				4	yes			35	2	32		2	4,000	2,000		
Center Ridge - Danville	10	6	10		12		yes		7	35	1	10	15	2	4,000	1,050	150	
Clow Circuit		16										14	30	2	8,500	1,500		
Conway																		
Fayetteville	5	10	10	24		12	yes	14	64	175	1	16	30	1	1,600	1,800		
Bentonville																		
Ft. Smith	10	8	12	25		3	yes		15	35	1		20	1	80,000	3,000	94,000	11,000
Horatio Circuit			12		10	21			35	100	3		50	3	3,000	800		
Hot Springs	24	32	7		56	4	yes	1	62	304	3	22	416	1	80,000	4,000		
Lockesburg Circuit										85				3	700	500		
Maumell - New Zion		15	25			3	yes		12	40		10	12	2	2,500	200		
North Little Rock	15										1	20	56	1	8,000	1,000		
Paraloma - Saratoga				85			yes		10	80	1	15	80	2	3,500	1,000		
Pankey Circuit	38	20	18	40	55	1	yes		21	79	3	16	181	3	3,100	1,400		
Van Buren	5						yes		6	79	1	5		1	5,000	2,000		141
Caddo Gap Circuit																		
Mineral Springs		3	3						5		1	3	2	1				
St. Paul	12	5	2	10						5	1	6	9	1	700	300		
W. Marche									10	30	1	1	15	1	2,500			
Total (or Carried Fwd)	**159**	**130**	**99**	**184**	**133**	**48**		**15**	**247**	**1092**	**18**	**170**	**916**	**27**	**135,100**	**20,550**	**94,150**	**11,515**
Total Last Year	**58**	**173**	**112**	**284**	**150**	**45**		**72**	**339**	**907**	**28**	**191**	**375**	**28**	**127,000**	**331,000**	**4,590**	**4,400**
Increase	**101**					**3**				**185**			**541**		**8,100**		**89,560**	**7,115**
Decrease		**43**	**13**	**100**	**17**			**57**	**92**		**10**	**21**		**1**		**310,445**		

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 2 — OCT. 25, 1945 — FORT SMITH DISTRICT — SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

Charge, Church and Pastor	Expenditures For Local Church							Other Ministerial Support								
	Paid on Principal and Indebt.	Paid on Bldgs. and Improv.	Paid Other Current Expenses and Incidentals	Paid for Church School Administration, Supplies, etc.	Pastor's Salary, Estimated	Paid	Total Cash Paid, Part I (Add 41-44, 46)	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Accepted	Paid
Center Point - Bengin—J. C. Tyus		1000	15	30	500	470	1,515	110	73	10	17			75		
Center Ridge - Danville—E. Hickman		79	40	26	750	335	480	104	93	16	6	24	9	28	28	15
Clow Circuit—A. L. Buchanan		160		32	1,000	700	892	110	110	33	9					
Conway—L. C. Williams																
Fayetteville—W. H. D. Bright	25	200	50	32	800	800	1,107	80	80	14	17	56	56	40	40	41
Bentonville—																
Fort Smith—B. W. Wynn	400	500	250	75	1,300	1,238	2,463	130	130	64	64	90	90	71	71	71
Horatio Circuit—H. Albright		1000	100	71		800	1,971	125	125			40	40	40	40	
Hot Springs—T. J. Griffin	63	2643	964	86	1,700	1,700	5,456	140	140	38	38	119	119	60	60	60
Lockesburg Circuit—W. H. Hanna		400	60	50	1,200	985	1,495	120	120		17		40			10
Maumelle - Springfield—J. W. Winston		235				820	1,073	82	82	14	14	40	40	30	30	30
North Little Rock—D. D. Hawkins																
Paraloma - Saratoga—Clifton Mitchell	20				1,000	700	720	98	98		10	10	10		20	16
Pankey Circuit—R. B. Brown	23	173	181	78	500	461	916	102	102	17	17	50	18	39	39	29
Van Buren—J. A. Brooks		41	140	15	581	581	777	48	49		5		10			6
Caddo Gap—I. P. Parker		100		20	500	250	370	40	40	12	3	35	5	25	25	12
Solgihia - Bullock	256			4	480	150	410	50	30	6	6	10	10	10	10	
Mineral Springs—					40	25	25		1			12				
St. Paul—					200	100	100	23	23		3	5	5			3
Morrilton—		130		8	250	50	188	20	20							
West Marche—		400	25	30	500	200	655	40	38	10	5	15	6	10	10	10
Total (or Carried Forward)	**787**	**7061**	**1825**	**575**	**12,221**	**10,365**	**20,613**	**1432**	**1354**	**234**	**233**	**506**	**471**	**428**	**403**	**333**

	Benevolences											Administration Fund				
	Special Gifts to World Service	Special Gifts to Annual Conf. Benev., Included in Conf. Bdgt.	Methodist Student Day	Church School Rally Day	Methodist Youth Fund	Race Relations Sunday	W.S.C.S. Cash Sent to Their District & Conf. Treasurers	Schools and Colleges			Other Benevolences	General	Jurisdictional	Annual Conference	Total Paid, Part II (Add 49, 51, 53, 55-76)	Grand Total, Parts I and II (Add 47 and 77)
Center Point - Bengin	7	104	8			8		10							227	1,742
Center Ridge - Danville	6	56		3			9	20							217	697
Clow Circuit		200				12	42	37							453	1,345
Conway																
Fayetteville		150	2	3	2	30	54					1	1	4	441	1,548
Bentonville																
Fort Smith	5	400	5	5	12	25	51	67			30			5	960	3,423
Horatio Circuit						15	30					5	5		220	2,191
Hot Springs	5	405				60	54					2	2		876	6,332
Lockesburg Circuit			23		30		4	25							269	1,764
Maumelle - Springfield				12	15		10								203	1,276
North Little Rock																
Paraloma - Saratoga							18	28							180	900
Pankey Circuit		180					13	34				6	6		405	1,321
Van Buren		109		4			10		11				14		218	995
Caddo Gap					5					8			2		87	457
Solgihia - Bullock		1		4											51	461
Mineral Springs											10				11	36
St. Paul		8			5										47	147
Morrilton						3									22	210
West Marche		25			5		7	5							101	756
Total (or Carried Forward)	**23**	**1633**	**38**	**31**	**74**	**152**	**302**	**226**	**11**	**8**	**40**	**12**	**28**	**9**	**4988**	**25,601**

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1 — OCT. 25, 1945 — LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT — SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

Charge, Church and Pastor	Membership: Infnts Prsntd by Parent - Grdn	Children, Youth, Adults	Bapt. Children on Preptry Roll	Total Full Membership Reported Last Year - Active & Inactive	Rcvd from Preparatory Membership and on Profession of Faith	Rcvd by Transfer & Reinstated	Removed by Death	Removed by Transfer and Otherwise	Total Full Members - Active	Total Full Members - Inactive	Total Full Members - Active and Inactive	Church School Statistics: Total Local Preachers	No. Church Schools on Charge	Officers and Teachers	Nursery Dept. - Birth to 3 Yrs.	Children's Div. - 4-11 Years	Youth Div. - 12-23 Years	Adult Division - Exclusive of Home Department	Home Department	Total Enrollment (Add 14-19 inclusive)
Batesville—R. J. Tolbert	2		8	45				3	35	7	42		1	6		6	9	10	2	33
Clarendon Parish—E. F. Wallace	1			103		1	1	1	102		102		1	6		5	8	8		27
Crawfordville - Wesley—Bemore Hill																				
Cotton Plant—C. G. Tillman	2	1	4	139			1		130	8	138		1	8						8
Forrest City - Union Grove—E. H. Mitchell		5	5									1	2	10						10
Hughes - Kokomo—Z. R. Fields			3	47			2	4	40	3	43	1	2	8		4	9	28		49
Duncan Chapel—M. L. Brooks			15	85			1	18	74		74			5		15	13			33
Wesley Chapel—J. Walt Moore	10	3	18	398	13	2	5	20	288	100	388	1	1	20		60	40	44		164
Lonoke - St. James—S. S. Taylor	9	3	12	97	7		1	3	93	7	100		1	10	12					22
Fargo - Hunter—S. E. Johnson			3	118	2	1	2	73	31	15	46		2	8	4	1	2	2		17
Wheatley—N. W. Holland				31			2		21	9	30		1	3		3	4	5		15
Marianna Parish—M. H. Thompson	1	6	7	213			2	118	65	28	93	1	3	12						12
Marvell Circuit—W. M. Moore									30	30	60		3			10	10			20
Newport—Silas McDonald	3	6	9	40	2	2	1	1	40	2	42		2	18	9	7	20			54
Scruggs - Lee Chapel—Clifton Banks	3			60		1					100	2	2	7		12	8	5	4	36
Palestine—C. W. Thompson																				
Total (or Carried Forward)	**31**	**24**	**84**	**1376**	**24**	**10**	**19**	**241**	**949**	**209**	**1258**	**6**	**22**	**121**	**25**	**123**	**123**	**102**	**6**	**500**
Total Last Year	**15**	**66**	**70**	**1293**	**58**	**56**	**25**	**87**	**1063**	**216**	**1230**	**4**	**21**	**139**	**43**	**150**	**226**	**214**	**20**	**761**
Increase	**16**		**14**	**83**				**154**			**28**	**2**	**1**							
Decrease		**42**			**34**	**46**	**6**		**114**	**7**				**18**	**18**	**27**	**103**	**112**	**14**	**261**

	Church School Statistics												W. S. of C. S.				Church Property			
	Average Attendance at Sunday School	Children	Youth Fellowship	Adults	Methodist Pupils in Vacation Church Schools	Methodist Pupils in Weekday Schools	Pupils Joining the Church on Profession of Faith	Are All Lesson Materials Used Approved by the Meth. Church?	Number Enrolled in Accredited Leadership Schools and Classes	Ch'rch School Offering for Wrld Service and Conf. Benevolences	Total Amt. Raised by Church School for all Purposes	No. of Units of Organization	Membership W. S. C. S.	Paid for Local Work	Membership, Wesleyan Service Guild	Number of Preaching Places	Estimated Value of Church Buildings, Equipment and Land	Estimated Value of Parsonages, Furniture and Land	Estimated Value of Other Property	Indebt. on Bldgs., Equipment, Parsonages & Current Expenses
Batesville	15	8	5	3	8	9		yes		20	50	1	4	20		1	5,000	2,000		90
Clarendon Parish								yes		7		2	22	327		2	1,400			
Crawfordville - Wesley	25					8		yes			45	1	23	100		1	7,500	3,500		
Cotton Plant	25						5									2	5,000	1,200	800	175
Forrest City - Union Grove	22		15							20	30	2	15	100		2	3,000	2,500	600	
Hughes - Kokomo								yes			45	1	40	40		1	3,500	800		500
Duncan Chapel	75	40	28	10	68	28	4		18	100	288	1	60		32	1	65,000	3,000	3500	2,700
Wesley Chapel	40				51		7	yes				1		300		1				
Lonoke - St. James	20	10	15	5			3		4	8	33	2		9		2	3,000			20
Fargo - Hunter	10															2	300			
Wheatley	35	20	20				6			30	56	3	25	40		3	5,500	1,100		
Marianna Parish	25						5	yes			20					3			700	
Marvell Circuit		40	20		26					15	62		20	25	9	3	4,000	900		
Newport		5	7	4			3	yes			32			55		2	82			
Scruggs - Lee Chapel																				
Palestine																				
Total (or Carried Forward)	**292**	**123**	**110**	**22**	**153**	**45**	**33**		**32**	**200**	**761**	**14**	**209**	**1016**	**41**	**14**	**103,282**	**15,000**	**5600**	**3,485**
Total Last Year	**449**	**47**	**128**	**103**	**170**	**112**	**26**		**25**	**402**	**752**	**18**	**147**	**1833**		**23**	**88,800**	**20,200**	**4500**	**10,742**
Increase		**76**					**7**				**9**		**62**				**14,482**		**1100**	
Decrease	**157**		**18**	**81**	**17**	**67**				**202**		**4**		**817**		**9**		**5,200**		**7,257**

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Charge, Church and Pastor	Expenditures For Local Church							Other Ministerial Support								
	Paid on Principal and Indebt.	Paid on Bldgs. and Improv.	Paid Other Current Expenses and Incidentals	Paid for Church School Administration, Supplies, etc.	Pastor's Salary, Estimated	Paid	Total Cash Paid, Part I (Add 41-41, 46)	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Accepted	Paid
Batesville—R. J. Tolbert	250		45	12	700	600	907	90	90	8	3	12	3	40	40	19
Clarendon—																
Crawfordville - Wesley—Bemore Hill		1	5	5	200	100	111		31		5		4			4
Cotton Plant—E. F. Wallace		566		42	1000	846	1,454	130	130	50	8	42				
Forrest City - Union Grove—E. Hickman	200	150	180	29	800	425	984	100	100		8					
Hughes - Kokomo—Z. R. Fields	100		45	10	700	510	665	72	72		10		10			
Duncan Chapel—M. L. Brooks	1200	350	182	45	1040	1040	2,817	80	80		5		5			25
Wesley Chapel—J. Walt Moore	4700	237	4031	258	2080	2080	11,306	258	258	54	54	118	118	100	100	100
Lonoke - St. James—S. S. Taylor		10	116	36	525	510	672	100	108	12	12	26	6	40	20	20
Fargo - Hunter—S. E. Johnson			20		200	450	470	100	100		11		17			8
Wheatley—N. W. Holland					200	120	120	40	40	3	1		2	20		8
Marianna Parish—M. H. Thompson		1188	78	32	800	950	2,248	160	160	16	10	20	12	140	140	80
Marvell Circuit—W. M. Moore						150	150		90		5					
Newport—Silas McDonald		800	36	42		400	1,278		110		5		10			
Scruggs - Lee Chapel—Clifton Banks					700	235	235		124				32			
Palestine—C. W. Thompson																
Total (or Carried Forward)	**6450**	**3206**	**4738**	**511**	**8945**	**8416**	**23,417**	**1130**	**1503**	**143**	**137**	**218**	**219**	**340**	**300**	**264**

	Benevolences											Administration Fund				
	Special Gifts to World Service	Special Gifts to Annual Conf. Benev., Included in Conf. Bdgt.	Methodist Student Day	Church School Rally Day	Methodist Youth Fund	Race Relations Sunday	W.S.C.S. Cash Sent to Their District & Conf. Treasurers	Gifts Through Wesleyan Service Guild	Schools and Colleges		Other Benevolences	General	Jurisdictional	Annual Conference	Total Paid, Part II (Add 49, 51, 53, 55-76)	Grand Total, Parts I and II (Add 47 and 77)
Batesville																
Clarendon				4			10								129	1,036
Crawfordville - Wesley																
Cotton Plant		350					18		25		25			4	54	165
Forrest City - Union Grove									18		20				560	2,014
Hughes - Kokomo		100				40	15				20				146	1,130
Duncan Chapel		303							10		49				267	932
Wesley Chapel	211	1350				125		91	125		226			10	477	3,294
Lonoke - St. James		314					30		20	12	15				2543	13,849
Fargo - Hunter			4	8	15		7		21		16				537	1,209
Wheatley		74									13				207	677
Marianna Parish		295		20	15	68	30				146				130	250
Marvell Circuit															846	3,094
Newport					2	23	20	10			8	3	18	6	95	245
Scruggs - Lee Chapel															215	1,493
Palestine															156	391
Total (or Carried Forward)	**211**	**2786**	**4**	**32**	**32**	**256**	**130**	**101**	**219**	**12**	**548**	**3**	**18**	**20**	**6362**	**29,779**

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Charge, Church and Pastor	Membership: Infnts Prsntd by Parent - Grdn	Children, Youth, Adults	Bapt. Children on Preptry Roll	Total Full Membership Reported Last Year - Active & Inactive	Rcvd from Preparatory Membership and on Profession of Faith	Rcvd by Transfer & Reinstated	Removed by Death	Removed by Transfer and Otherwise	Total Full Members - Active	Total Full Members - Inactive	Total Full Members - Active and Inactive	Total Local Preachers	Church School Statistics: No. Church Schools on Charge	Officers and Teachers	Nursery Dept. - Birth to 3 Yrs.	Children's Div. - 4-11 Years	Youth Div. - 12-23 Years	Adult Division - Exclusive of Home Department	Home Department	Total Enrollment (Add 14-19 inclusive)
Altus—				26	1	1		4	23	1	24		1	4		9	4	3		20
Anadarko - Sulphur—Willis Johnson				57	3	1		11	55	5	60	1	2	8						8
Ardmore—B F. Littlejohn	3	2	8	108	8		3		75	39	114		1	7		20	14	12		53
Boley - Weeletka—E. L. Stewart	1		9	53		1	1		53	2	55		2	12		4	4	16	22	58
Chelsea - Vinita—W. H. Wright	1		7	13		1		1	16	2	18		2	6	3	11		5		25
Crescent - Hennessey—Frank Sanders	2	17	19	77	3				60	19	79		2	10		20		2	14	46
Colbert—	2	3	8	44	6		1	1	40	2	42	2	1	6	6	6	8	9		35
Davis - Winniwood—O. G. Moss	1	1	1	44	4		2	6	26	14	40		2	10		4		15		29
Depue - Chandler—L. R. Craig				23			1	2	14	6	20	1	1	4						4
Eufala—			4	18			1		17		17		1	3	1	3	7	4		18
Grand River—N. M. Riley			4	24	2				15	8	23	1	1	4		6	7	9		26
Guthrie Parish—D. G. Franklin	5	1	12	52	5	2	1	5	40	9	49		1	5		12	11	6		34
Hugo Grant Circuit—A. L. Woodard		4	1	57	9	1	1	11	42	4	46		3	11	4	7	11	4		37
Muskogee Parish—E. M. Johnson	2	2	10	159		3	2		158		158	3	2	18	14	18	18	14		82
Oklahoma City—B. F. Scott	1	1	12	187	8		5	4	187	10	197		1	10	10	15	10	9		54
Okmulgee—	1		5	42			4		30	8	38		1	5	1	3	7	8		24
Purcell - Oak Grove—Nathan Coleman			4	65	1	2	1		62	6	68	1	1							
Tulsa—J. N. Wallace	1	3	10	238	2	22		5	254	5	259		1	10		30	32	12		84
Wewoka - Shawnee - Seminole—	3	1	10	96	2	1	2	4	100		100		3	13	20	26	23	26	5	113
Total (or Carried Forward)	**23**	**35**	**124**	**1383**	**24**	**35**	**25**	**54**	**1267**	**140**	**1407**	**9**	**29**	**146**	**59**	**194**	**156**	**154**	**41**	**750**
Total Last Year	**27**	**20**	**43**	**1267**	**26**	**44**	**4**	**43**	**1111**	**116**	**1205**	**12**	**26**	**147**	**49**	**195**	**198**	**198**	**30**	**739**
Increase		**15**	**81**	**116**	**28**		**21**	**11**	**156**	**24**	**202**		**3**		**10**				**11**	**11**
Decrease	**4**					**11**						**3**		**1**		**1**	**42**	**44**		

	Church School Statistics											W. S. of C. S.					Church Property			
	Average Attendance at Sunday School	Children	Youth Fellowship	Adults	Methodist Pupils in Vacation Church Schools	Methodist Pupils in Weekday Schools	Pupils Joining the Church on Profession of Faith	Are All Lesson Materials Used Approved by the Meth. Church?	Number Enrolled in Accredited Leadership Schools and Classes	Church School Offering for Wrld Service and Conf. Benevolences	Total Amt. Raised by Church School for all Purposes	No. of Units of Organization	Membership W. S. C. S.	Paid for Local Work	Membership, Wesleyan Service Guild	Number of Preaching Places	Estimated Value of Church Buildings, Equipment and Land	Estimated Value of Parsonages, Furniture and Land	Estimated Value of Other Property	Indebt. on Bldgs., Equipment, Parsonages & Current Expenses
Aaltus	8	3	4	3		10		yes		7	21	1	7	10		1	800	200		
Anadarko - Sulphur	12							yes				1	8	30		2	3,000			
Ardmore	27		15	8	40		3	yes		40	111	1	20	133		1	3,500	1,200		175
Boley - Weeletka	22			5		8	1	yes			25	1	9	134		2	3,500	800		
Chelsea - Vinita	15							yes	30		29	1	6			2	1,000	500		
Crescent - Hennessey	51	27	26			18	17	yes		10	122	1	15	15		2	2,500	1,000		
Colbert	22					10				6		1	10	5		1	900	500		
Davis - Winniwood	15						1			5	30	2	14	78		2	3,000			
Depue - Chandler	15											1	5	52		1	360			
Eufala	7					7		yes		4	14	1	6	8		1	1,500	900		
Grand River	18					10		yes								1				
Guthrie Parish	25	20	15	5			4	yes			43	1	10	30		1	3,000	1,200		
Hugo Grant Circuit	13				25	9	3	yes				1	15	180		2	3,500	1,500		92
Muskogee Parish	43		10	5	40		2	yes		15	265	1	30	400	15	2	21,500	1,500		4112
Oklahoma City	20	4	8	6		4	1	yes		25	57	1	33	250	12	1	20,000	3,000		
Okmulgee	8					8		yes		15	25	1	7	30		1	3,500	350		
Purcell - Oak Grove						1		yes				1	6	12		2	1,400			
Tulsa	68		25	12				yes		100	200	1	60	211		1	30,000	3,000		800
Wewoka - Shawnee Seminole	67		24		40			yes			138	2	18	100		3	7,500	1,500		250
Total (or Carried Forward)	**456**	**54**	**127**	**44**	**145**	**85**	**32**		**30**	**227**	**1081**	**20**	**279**	**1678**	**27**	**29**	**119,580**	**17,150**	**7**	**5429**
Total Last Year	**460**	**16**	**28**	**12**	**132**	**93**	**4**			**306**	**599**	**14**	**100**	**3188**	**15**	**25**	**87,900**	**18,400**		**4240**
Increase		**38**	**99**	**33**	**13**		**28**				**482**	**6**	**179**		**12**	**4**	**31,680**			**1189**
Decrease	**4**					**8**				**79**				**1510**				**1,250**		

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Charge, Church and Pastor	Expenditures For Local Church							Other Ministerial Support							
	Paid on Principal and Indebt.	Paid on Bldgs. and Improv.	Paid Other Current Expenses and Incidentals	Paid for Church School Administration, Supplies, etc.	Pastor's Salary, Estimated	Paid	Total Cash Paid, Part I (Add 41-44, 46)	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Accepted
Altus—D. S.		50	12	14	500		76	40	40	6		12			
Anadarko—Willis Johnson		90	40	15		485	630	66	66		5		10		
Ardmore—B. F. Littlejohn		175	276		1,200	1,215	1,666	108	108	50	20	75	55		
Boley—E. L. Stewart		668	102	36	650	651	1,457	70	70	8	8	30	30		
Chelsea - Vinita—W. H. Wright	15			29	300	148	192	40	40		7		3		
Crescent - Hennessey—Frank Sanders		417	75	18	639	599	1,109	64	66	13	13	42	42	42	42
Colbert—Z. H. Young		58	15	16	200	200	289	40	40	4	4	14		20	20
Davis - Winniwood—O. G. Moss		400	50	13	250	271	734	64	64	5	4	15	15	20	15
Depew - Chandler—L. R. Craig		50		4	100	56	110	20	10		1	5	2	10	10
Eufaula—		60	30	12	200		102	40	40	4		8			
Grand River—N. M. Riley			8	6	125	85	99	25	15	3	2	6	4		
Guthrie Parish—D. G. Franklin		350	50		600	500	900	48	48	10	10	30	30		
Hugo - Grant—A. L. Woodard		180	40	14	500	310	544	108	93	3		21		81	81
Muskogee Parish—E. M. Johnson		490	627	84	1,150	1,104	2,305	120	120	14	14	77	77	60	60
Oklahoma City—		112	500	32	1,800	1,800	2,434	120	120	40	40	80	80	100	50
Okmulgee—			35	7	700		42	40	40	8		15			
Purcell - Oak Grove—Nathan Cobrun					460	275	275	62	62	6	6	19	19	30	
Tulsa—J. N. Wallace			800	50	2,000	2,240	2,090	140	140	35	40	140	140		
Wewoka - Shawnee - Seminole—Fay Norman		410	93		800	900	1,403	88	71	17		37			
Total (or Carried Forward)	**15**	**3510**	**2753**	**350**	**12,174**	**10,839**	**17,417**	**1303**	**1217**	**226**	**174**	**626**	**207**	**363**	**278**

	Benevolences														Administration Fund			
	Paid	Special Gifts to World Service	Special Gifts to Annual Conf. Benev., Included in Conf. Bdgt.	Methodist Student Day	Church School Rally Day	Methodist Youth Fund	Race Relations Sunday	W.S.C.S. Cash Sent to Their District & Conf. Treasurers	Gifts Through Wesleyan Service Guild	Sustentation	Schools and Colleges		Other Benevolences	General	Jurisdictional	Annual Conference	Total Paid, Part II (Add 49, 51, 53, 55-76)	Grand Total, Parts I and II (Add 47 and 77)
Altus							3										43	119
Anadarko			188					15									284	914
Ardmore B			790		20			28									1021	2,687
Boley			275		10	3		19			3						418	1,875
Chelsea - Vinita		5	134							11							200	392
Crescent - Hennessey	22		524					13			25						705	1,814
Colbert					6			5					5	1	1		62	351
Davis - Winniwood	15		157				2	8			25		30				320	1,054
Depew - Chandler	10		50					3					6				82	192
Eufaula			100				7										147	249
Grand River			50											1	1		73	172
Guthrie Parish	5		400					14				5			4		516	1,416
Hugo - Grant			270		6			16						1	2		388	932
Muskogee Parish	60	5	1091					37					63				1467	3,772
Oklahoma City	50	6	1100		10			46	75		15						1542	,3976
Okmulgee			198														238	280
Purcell - Oak Grove			156										44				287	562
Tulsa	150	6	1228	6	10	5	75							4	2	5	1811	4,901
Wewoka - Shawnee - Seminole			193					14									282	1,685
Total (or Carried Forward)	**312**	**22**	**6904**	**6**	**62**	**8**	**87**	**218**	**75**	**11**	**68**	**5**	**148**	**7**	**10**	**5**	**9873**	**27,330**

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Charge, Church and Pastor	Membership												Church School Statistics								
	Infnts Prsntd by Parent - Grdn	Children, Youth, Adults	Bapt. Children on Preptry Roll	Total Full Membership Reported Last Year - Active & Inactive	Revd from Preparatory Membership and on Profession of Faith	Revd by Transfer & Reinstated	Removed by Death	Removed by Transfer and Otherwise	Total Full Members - Active	Total Full Members - Inactive	Total Full Members - Active and Inactive	Total Local Preachers	No. Church Schools on Charge	Officers and Teachers	Nursery Dept. - Birth to 3 Yrs.	Children's Div. - 4-11 Years	Youth Div. - 12-23 Years	Adult Division - Exclusive of Home Department	Home Department	Total Enrollment (Add 14-19 inclusive)
Altheimer Circuit—A. H. Harris		10		25					20	5	25		1	4			5	10		19
Browns Chapel - Hensley—M. F. Strong		3		80	4				84		84		2	11		15	17	17		60
Carthage Circuit—C. H. Dorsby	2			23	2	1			21	5	26	1	3	15	3	5	26	24	10	83
Dermott—J. S. Stokes			4					1	32	4	36	1	1	6		10	9			25
Eudora—H. J. Frazier			2						6	3	9		1	5	6	8	6	6		31
Gould Parish—P. H. Meyers	15	20	4	94	1				60	35	95		2	8		8	6			22
Chidester—M. F. Strong			2	70				4	55	11	66		1	6		9	7			22
Hope—I. G. P. Johnson	1	30	1	11		4			35	20	55		1	4	2	1	2	1		10
McGhee Parish—G. G. Troupe		1	5	54				4	38	12	50		1	4		5	5			14
New Edinburg Circuit—D. J. Rowe																				
Pilgrim Rest - Shady Grove—C. H. Rowe		13				7	1		65	31	96	3	2	10						10
Pine Bluff Circuit—C. H. Brooks	2	27	3			2		3	22	7	29			4		5				9
Pine Bluff - St. James—C. G. Tillman	3		8	103		7	2	4	94	10	104		1	8	8	6	11	13	3	49
Stamp Circuit—J. I. Davis	1			96			3		85	8	93		3	13			15	34		62
Sweet Home—J. Tyson		1	8	74		2	1	12	48	16	64		1	6	2	6	4	6		24
Texarkana—A. C. Cabean			30	50		16	1		57	8	65	1	1	8		40	8	15		71
Whites Memorial—J. H. Taggart		1	23	252	12		4	73	162	25	187	2	1	24	14	40	31	17	12	138
Bunn—G. W. Harper			2	23			2	2	19			1	1	5		8	6			19
Total (or Carried Forward)	**24**	**106**	**93**	**995**	**23**	**39**	**14**	**102**	**903**	**200**	**1103**	**9**	**23**	**141**	**35**	**166**	**158**	**143**	**25**	**668**
Total Last Year	**33**	**55**	**121**	**1071**	**29**	**24**	**18**	**44**	**724**	**337**	**997**	**5**	**21**	**117**	**51**	**143**	**191**	**145**	**31**	**525**
Increase		**51**				**15**		**58**	**179**		**106**	**4**	**2**	**24**		**23**				**143**
Decrease	**9**		**28**	**76**	**6**		**4**			**137**					**16**		**33**	**2**	**6**	

	Church School Statistics										W. S. of C. S.				Church Property				
	Average Attendance at Sunday School	Children	Youth Fellowship	Adults	Methodist Pupils in Vacation Church Schools	Methodist Pupils in Weekday Schools	Pupils Joining the Church on Profession of Faith	Are All Lesson Materials Used Approved by the Meth. Church?	Number Enrolled in Accredited Leadership Schools and Classes	Ch'rch School Offering for Wrld Service and Conf. Benevolences	Total Amt. Raised by Church School for all Purposes	No. of Units of Organization	Membership W. S. C. S.	Paid for Local Work	Number of Preaching Places	Estimated Value of Church Buildings, Equipment and Land	Estimated Value of Parsonages, Furniture and Land	Estimated Value of Other Property	Indebt. on Bldgs., Equipment, Parsonages & Current Expenses
Altheimer Circuit	8			6				yes		5	10				1	3,000	1,500		
Browns Chapel - Hensley	30		17		13	19	4		4						2	2,200	1,300		
Carthage Circuit	24		16	34	21		2	yes		9	8	1	10	350	3	1,600	1,200		65
Dermott	15		1	4			2	yes	2	2	33	1	14	18	1	2,100	950		85
Eudora	20									12	50	1			1	25			
Gould Parish	30	18						yes				2	18		2	950	300		
Chidester	20	–	1	5	22			yes		2	28	1	8	12	1	1,500			50
Hope		15	6	4	10			yes	10		80	1	10	318	1	3,500	2,500		
McGhee Parish	15		10	5				yes	3	5	10	1	8	12	2	3,000			
New Edinburg Circuit																			
Pilgrim Rest - Shady Grove	72							yes			18	2			2	2,600			
Pine Bluff Circuit	8														2	2,500			
Pine Bluff - St. James	35	6	9	8	14			yes	12	6	100	1	37	154	1	13,000	2,500	500	17
Stamp Circuit	16							yes			50				3	5,500			
Sweet Home	16		4					yes		10	35	1	6		1	5,000	1,000		
Texarkana	25		12		40			yes		50	70	1	6		1	2,000	800		
Whites Memorial	71	41	14	15	46	24		yes	7	21	148	1	47		1	10,000	2,000		53
Bunn	10		1	7	10				1	3	16	1	10	11	1	900			40
Total (or Carried Forward)	**415**	**80**	**91**	**98**	**176**	**43**	**8**		**39**	**125**	**656**	**15**	**198**	**945**	**26**	**59,375**	**14,050**	**500**	**310**
Total Last Year	**304**	**10**	**121**	**52**	**199**	**97**	**13**		**19**	**277**	**471**	**17**	**228**	**867**	**14**	**219,800**	**16,000**	**600**	**375**
Increase	**111**	**70**		**46**					**20**		**185**			**78**	**12**				
Decrease			**30**		**23**	**54**	**5**			**152**		**2**	**30**			**160,425**	**1,950**	**100**	**65**

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 2 — OCT. 25, 1945 — PINE BLUFF DISTRICT — SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

Charge, Church and Pastor	Expenditures For Local Church							Other Ministerial Support								
	Paid on Principal and Indebt.	Paid on Bldgs. and Improv.	Paid Other Current Expenses and Incidentals	Paid for Church School Administration, Supplies, etc.	Pastor's Salary, Estimated	Paid	Total Cash Paid, Part I (Add 41-44, 46)	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Accepted	Paid
Altheimer Circuit—A. H. Harris				15	200	200	215		40	4	8	10	8			
Brown Chapel—M. F. Strong			6	6	400	207	219	36	39		4	20	10			
Carthage—C. H. Dorsby		40	50	12	250	78	180		32		8	23				
Dermott—J. S. Stokes	40		28	22	400	265	355	40	40	5	1	6		50	50	
Eudora—H. J. Frazier		110	65	31	300	56	262	28	20	4	4	21		6		6
Gould Parish—P. H. Myers	75	450	15	12	800	500	1,052	130	129		9		10	38	38	30
Hensley - Chidester—M. F. Strong	65		19	20	700	462	566	108	108	6	7	25	15			
Hope—I. G. P. Johnson	200	35	62	21	350	265	547	44	44	10	10	20	20	10	10	10
McGhee Parish—G. G. Troupe	180	160	24	44	600	400	808	48	48		6		14			14
New Edinburg Circuit—D. J. Rowe																
Pilgrim Rest - Srady Grove—C. H. Rowe		96		12	350	326	434	112	112	10		33		20	20	20
Pine Bluff Circuit—C. H. Brooks				12	500	263	275		42		4		12			11
Pine Bluff - St. James—C. G. Tillman		949	671	100	1500	1673	3,393	150	150	18	18	105	105	85	91	91
Stamps Circuit—J. I. Davis		200	50	44	580	483	777	88	85	13	10	35	25	30	20	20
Sweet Home—A. Tyson		35	62	28	400	331	456	52	52	7	6	21	15	17	17	17
Texarkana—A. C. Cabean		200	50	20	1000	780	1,050	120	120	15	6	70	14	30	30	20
White Memorial—J. H. Taggart		2050			1200	1200	3,250	124	124	22	21	84	84	35	35	35
Bunn—G. W. Harper		12	18	8	250	160	198	24	24	3		4		75	75	
Total (or Carried Forward)	**560**	**4337**	**1084**	**407**	**9780**	**7649**	**14,037**	**1104**	**1209**	**116**	**122**	**477**	**332**	**396**	**386**	**274**

	Benevolences													Administration Fund	
	Special Gifts to World Service	Special Gifts to Annual Conf. Benev., Included in Conf. Bdgt.	Methodist Student Day	Church School Rally Day	Methodist Youth Fund	Race Relations Sunday	W.S.C.S. Cash Sent to Their District & Conf. Treasurers	Sustentation	Orphanages	Schools and Colleges	Other Benevolences	General	Annual Conference	Total Paid, Part II (Add 49, 51, 53, 55-76)	Grand Total, Parts I and II (Add 47 and 77)
Altheimer Circuit		40								20				116	331
Brown Chapel	7	75	4			4	13							156	375
Carthage														40	220
Dermott						3	9						4	60	415
Eudora		15	1	3						8	16			73	335
Gould Parish				8			4							190	1,242
Hensley - Chidester	2	152				8	8						2	302	868
Hope		60					10	1	7	26	10			198	745
McGhee Parish						14		5						101	909
New Edinburg Circuit															
Pilgrim Rest - Shady Grove			3							11				146	580
Pine Bluff Circuit						8				14				91	366
Pine Bluff - St. James		382	6			8	71			50			13	894	4,287
Stamps Circuit						40								180	957
Sweet Home		85				13				24	21	6		239	695
Texarkana	23	300				20	5	1		40				549	1,599
White Memorial	21	400	10	12	3									710	3,960
Bunn						10	4						3	41	230
Total (or Carried Forward)	**53**	**1509**	**24**	**23**	**3**	**131**	**124**	**7**	**7**	**193**	**31**	**16**	**6**	**22**	**4086**	**18,123**

ANNUAL CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCE APPORTIONMENT 1945-46

Conference Apportioned And Accepted	Apportioned to the Districts Little Rock	Fort Smith	Oklahoma	Pine Bluff	TOTAL
World Service	$340.50	$340.50	$340.50	$340.50	$1,362.00
Adm. Fund	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	45.00
Philander Smith Col.	850.00	825.00	725.00	600.00	3,000.00
Conf. Bd. of Education	400.00	400.00	400.00	300.00	1,500.00
Conf. Bd. of Lay Act.	140.00	130.00	120.00	110.00	500.00
Conf. Treas.	54.00	52.00	51.00	43.00	200.00
Conf. Minutes	77.00	71.00	65.00	62.00	275.00
Secretarial Expense	10.00	8.00	6.00	6.00	30.00
Preferential	27.00	26.00	25.00	22.00	100.00
Conf. Bd. of Tem.	27.00	26.00	25.00	22.00	100.00
Conf. Bd. of Evan.	38.00	36.00	34.00	32.00	140.00
Conf. Bd. of Missions and Ch. Extension	27.00	26.00	25.00	22.00	100.00
Scholarship for Cammon Seminary	27.00	26.00	25.00	22.00	100.00

The apportionment for Area Budget is equal to fifty cents per capita.

The apportionment for Episcopal Fund is equal to one and three-fourths per cent of pastors' salary.

The apportionment for Conference Claimants is equal to eight per cent of pastors' cash salary.

The apportionment for Conference and Area Camps is a SPECIAL in the hands of the district superintendents.

J. H. TAGGART,
Chairman, Commission on World Service and Finance.

Texarkana, Ark.
Hall Memorial Church.

Bishop Kelly,

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extensions memorializes the Annual Conf. that all money handled by the Board be turned over to one Bonded Treasurer—the Conference Treasurer.

Respectfully signed,
CONFERENCE BOARD.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM

We, the members of the Commission on Evangelism, hereby recommend that the Southwest Conference accept and put into operation the goals and objectives that shall be brought to us through this year from our general commission on Evangelism as relates to the Crusade for Christ. We further recommend Bro. T. J. Griffin as Secretary of Evangelism for the Conference.

Faithfully submitted,
CONF. COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM,
A. L. Buchanan, Chairman,
M. M. Wilbun,
Mrs. Beatrice Johnson, Secretary,
Mrs. Winnie Tillman,
R. B. Brown.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Minimum Salary for Pastors in the Charges of the Southwest Conference respectfully recommends:

1. That Charges with 300 or more members shall be known as Class A charges. The minimum salary shall be not less than $1500.00.

2. That Charges with 200 to 299 members shall be known as Class B charges. The minimum salary shall be not less than $1000.00.

3. That Charges with 75 to 199 members shall be known as Class C charges. The minimum salary shall be not less than $800.00

4. That Charges with 74 members or fewer shall be known as Class D charges. The minimum salary shall be not less than $600.00.

The Committee also recommends:

5. That the minimum salary for a District Superintendent be not less than $1800.00

The Committee further recommends:

6. That Charges having 150 members or more pay 2 per cent sustentation fund based on the pastors' cash salary to help bring us the minimum salary of the weaker charges.

7. That the Bishop and his Cabinet consolidate as many of the smaller charges as possible to strengthen the support of the ministers.

8. That all Charges rated lower than A make strenuous effort to place themselves in A class.

The Committee finally recommends:

9. That the Bishop and his Cabinet work out a system or method whereby those ministers considered strongest in a combination of the qualities of training, experience, and success be used in cooperation with the District Superintendents to raise the level of successful performance of all other ministers in each district in the Southwest Conference.

10. That these recommendations be put into effect immediately; that the basis of the first ratings be the 1943-44 data; and that the ratings be changed from year to year as the data indicate.

J. S. CULLINS, Author.

Texarkana, Ark., Oct. 26, 1945.

The Cabinet recommends the following committees:

On location of the seat of the Annual Conference and the entertainment as follows:

Fort Smith District—Rev. B. W. Wynn, Marshal Dillahunty.
Pine Bluff District—Rev. J. H. Taggart, Mrs. Geo. Jackson.
Little Rock District—Rev. E. F. Wallace, Prof. J. S. Cullen.
Oklahoma District—Rev. J. N. Wallace, Mr. Milton Johnson.

Committee on Annual Conference Program.

The entertaining pastor and District Superintendent, Conference Lay Leader, Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Youth Directress, the Executive Secretary, and the Conference Secretary.

THE SERVICE RECORD

Note:—The letters indicate the present relations of the members:—"DS" Dist. Supt.; "E" Effective; "Sy" Superannuated; "P" those present at Conf. Roll Call; "A" those absent at Conf. Roll Call; "Pr" Probation; "LD" Local Deacon.

Name	Present Relation	Admitted On Trial	Deacon	Elder	Net Years Service
Albright, Hilliard (P)	E	1911	1915	1920	34
Bright, W. H. D. (P)	E	1926	1926	1929	19
Brooks, C. H. (A)	R	1913	1913	1915	31
Brooks, M. L. (P)	E	1939	1941	1943	8
Brown, R. B. (A)	E	1941	1941	1943	4
Buchanan, A. L. (P)	E	1915	1917	1919	30
Cabean, A. C. (P)	E	1915	1917	1919	30
Coburn, Nathan (P)	E	1914	1916	1918	31
Crawford, C. I. (A)	E				
Cox, Arthur (A)	E				
Cox, J. M. (A)	R	1887	1890	1892	57
Davis, J. I. (P)	E	1938	1940	1942	8
Dorsby, C. H. (P)	E	1928	1930	1932	17
Fields, Z. R. (A)	R	1901	1903	1905	43
Franklin, D. G. (P)	R	1892	1894	1896	52
Frazier, H. J. (P)	E				
Golden, Chas. F. (P)	E	1933	1936	1938	12
Green, W. M. (P)	E	1907	1907	1907	38
Griffin, T. J. (P)	E	1933	1935	1937	12
Hall, C. C. (P)	DS	1930	1932	1935	15
Hanna, W. H. (P)	E	1918	1919	1923	27
Hawkins, D. D. (A)	E	1931	1931	1931	14
Harris, A. H. (A)	E	1907	1909	1911	49
Henry, J. H. (A)	R	1910	1912	1914	34
Holland, N. W. (A)	E	1918	1920	1922	27
Moore, J. Walt (P)	E				50
Hickman, E. (A)	E	1943	1943	1943	
Johnson, E. M. (P)	E	1933	1935	1937	12
Johnson, I. G. P. (A)	E	1931	1933	1935	14
Johnson, S. E. (P)	E	1931	1931	1933	14
Johnson, Willis (P)	E	1921	1923	1925	24
Kelley, P. H. (P)	DS	1909	1910	1912	36
Littlejohn, B. F. (P)	E	1919	1926	1928	26
MacDonald, Silas (P)	R	1889	1891	1894	55
Moss, O. G. (P)	R	1921	1923	1925	19
Myers, P. H. (P)	E	1910	1910	1914	35
Nelson, Lee (A)	R				
Norman, Fay (P)	E	1935	1938	1940	9

Oliver, J. H. (A)	DS	1923	1926	1928	21
Parker, I. P. (P)	E	1914	1917	1919	30
Pointer, I. A. (P)	E	1931	1933	1936	13
Richardson, J. H. (A)	R	1915	1917	1919	28
Roe, D. J. (P)	E	1904			41
Sanders, Frank (A)	E	1930	1932	1934	14
Shaw, L. S. (A)	E	1914	1916	1918	30
Smith, Dudley (A)	R				
Smith, J. M. (P)	DS	1921	1923	1925	23
Smith, W. H. (A)	R	1903	1905	1907	30
Steward, E. L. (P)	E	1234	1936	1938	10
Stokes, J. S. (P)	E	1907	1907	1910	37
Strong, M. F. (P)	R	1897	1899	1901	46
Talbert, R. G. (P)	E	1923	1926	1928	21
Taylor, S. S. (P)	E	1930	1933	1935	11
Thompson, M. H. (P)	E	1917	1918	1920	29
Tillman, C. G. (P)	E	1930	1934	1936	14
Troupe, G. G. (P)	E	1912	1014	1916	31
Tyus, J. C. (P)	E	1938	1940	1942	6
Wallace, E. F. (P)	E	1938	1940	1942	6
Wallace, J. N. (P)	E	1908	1907	1909	39
Wilbun, M. M. (P)	E	1922	1922	1922	22
Williams, L. C. (A)	R	1911	1913	1915	34
Winston, J. W. (P)	E	1918	1920	1923	26
Woodard, A. L. (P)	E	1922	1924	1926	22
Wynn, B. W. (P)	E	1912	1914	1916	34
Banks, Clifton (P)	LD				
Mitchell, Clifton (P)	Pr				
Tyson, A. (P)	Pr				
Dozier, Joyce C.	LD				
Jones, John H.	LD				
Woods, James H.	LD				

HISTORICAL

The Little Rock Conference and a portion of the Lincoln Conference were merged in 1928 to form the present Southwest Conference. The Conference desired that its Annual Notation should date from the time of the organization of the Little Rock Conference in 1879, instead of following the date fixed by the merger of the Little Rock and a portion of the Lincoln Conference when the name was changed to the Southwest Conference at that time.

Sessions of the Little Rock Conference

1.	1879—Feb. 21	Van Buren	Andrews	I. G. Pollard
2.	1889—Feb. 11	Jacksonport	Merrill	I. G. Pollard
3.	1881—Feb. 3	Hot Springs	Foss	I. G. Pollard
4.	1882—Feb. 9	Little Rock	Peck	I. G. Pollard
5.	1883—Feb. 8	Pine Bluff	Hurst	I. G. Pollard
6.	1884—Feb. 13	Little Rock	Wiley	W. O. Emory
7.	1885—Feb. 19	Van Buren	Mallalieu	Thomas Mason
8.	1886—Feb. 11	Little Rock	Bowman	W. O. Emory
9.	1887—Feb. 17	Hot Springs	Fitzgerald	Thomas Mason
10.	1888—Feb. 15	Little Rock	Warren	Thomas Mason
11.	1889—Feb. 7	Hot Springs	Fitzgerald	Thomas Mason
12.	1890—Feb. 13	Fort Smith	Vincent	Thomas Mason
13.	1891—Feb. 22	Texarkana	Newman	Thomas Mason
14.	1892—Feb. 3	Van Buren	Mallalieu	Thomas Mason
15.	1893—Feb. 9	Little Rock	Newman	Thomas Mason
16.	1894—Feb. 7	Hot Springs	Bowman	Thomas Mason
17.	1895—Jan. 2	Pine Bluff	Walden	W. R. Duncan
18.	1896—Jan. 22	Batesville	Ninde	Thomas Mason
19.	1897—Jan. 28	Forrest City	Andrews	Thomas Mason
20.	1898—Jan. 27	Van Buren	Merrill	W. R. Duncan
21.	1899—Feb. 3	Hot Springs	Joyce	H. P. Strong
22.	1900—Jan. 31	Little Rock	Goodsell	H. P. Strong
23.	1901—Feb. 7	Brinkley	Warren	H. P. Strong
24.	1902—Feb. 6	Fort Smith	Fowler	H. P. Strong
25.	1903—Jan. 22	Clow	Walden	H. P. Strong
26.	1904—Feb. 21	Pine Bluff	McCabe	J. H. Reed
27.	1905—Jan. 19	Fordyce	McDowell	J. W. Jackson
28.	1906—Jan. 11	Fayetteville	Fitzgerald	J. W. Jackson
29.	1907—Jan. 17	Cotton Plant	Warren	J. W. Jackson
30.	1908—Jan. 23	Little Rock	Berry	J. L. Wilson
31.	1909—Jan. 28	Clow	Neulson	J. L. Wilson
32.	1911—Feb. 10	Van Buren	Smith	J. L. Wilson
33.	1911—Feb. 1	Marianna	Quale	M. N. Langston
34.	1912—Feb. 29	Pine Bluff	Moore	M. N. Langston
35.	1913—Jan. 29	Newport	Quale	D. W. Boatner
36.	1914—Jan. 29	Texarkana	McIntyre	D. W. Boatner
37.	1915—Jan. 28	Cotton Plant	Leete	L. G. Hodges
38.	1916—Jan. 26	Fort Smith	Bristol	S. J. Saxon
39.	1917—Jan. 17	Little Rock	Stuntz	S. J. Saxon
40.	1917—Dec. 6	Stamps	Quayle	S. J. Saxon
41.	1918—Dec. 4	Batesville	M. S. Hughes	J. W. Jackson
42.	1919—Dec. 17	Hot Springs	Quayle	J. W. Jackson
43.	1920—Dec. 8	Cotton Plant	Quayle	B. F. Neal
44.	1921—Dec. 14	Fort Smith	Quayle	B. F. Neal
45.	1922—Dec. 6	Helena	Clair	B. F. Neal
46.	1923—Dec. 5	Little Rock	Stuntz	B. F. Neal

47.	1924—Dec. 3	Fayetteville	Clair	B. F. Neal
48.	1925—Dec. 17	Texarkana	Jones	B. F. Neal
49.	1926—Dec.	Batesville	Clair	B. F. Neal
50.	1927—Dec.	Little Rock	Clair	L. C. Williams

Sessions of the Southwest Conference

51.	1928—Nov. 28	McGehee	Clair	J. M. Smith
52.	1929—Dec. 3	Muskogee	Clair	J. M. Smith
53.	1930—Nov. 5	Little Rock	Clair	J. M. Smith
54.	1931—Dec. 28	Fort Smith	Clair	P. W. Webb
55.	1932—Oct. 26	Muskogee	Clair	W. D. Lester
56.	1933—Oct. 28	Hot Springs	Clair	W. D. Lester
57.	1934—Oct. 29	Tulsa	Cushman	W. D. Lester
58.	1935—Oct. 30	Little Rock	Clair	W. D. Lester
59.	1936—Oct. 28	Oklahoma City	Jones	W. Louder
60.	1937—Oct. 20	Pine Bluff	Jones	J. N. Wallace
61.	1938—Oct. 19	Hot Springs	Meade	J. N. Wallace

Sessions of Southwest Conference Since Unification

62.	1939—Oct. 25	Muskogee	Jones	C. K. Brown
63.	1940—Oct. 30	Texarkana	Shaw	C. K. Brown
64.	1941—Oct. 1	Ardmore	Jones	Chas. F. Golden
65.	1942—Oct. 14	Little Rock	Jones	T. J. Griffin
66.	1943—Oct. 10	Fort Smith	Jones	T. J. Griffin
67.	1944—Oct. 11	Tulsa	Kelly	T. J. Griffin
68.	1945—Oct. 25	Texarkana	Kelly	T. J. Griffin

OUR HONORED DEAD

"Blessed are the dead who died in the Lord from henceforth yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them." Revelation 14:13.

Name	Birth	Entered Ministery	Death
Todd, W. M.	Feb. 3, 1858	Feb. 3, 1897	Mar. 30, 1902
Peele, Jefferson A.	Feb. 3, 1851	Mar. 4, 1879	Feb. 3, 1897
Taber, Charles A.	Apr. 6, 1861	Feb. 13, 1897	Oct. 6, 1936
Sams, George W.	? 1844	Jan. 6, 1886	Dec. 1, 1891
Johnson, John D.	Apr. 24, 1860	? 1874	Mar. 6, 1888
Langford, W. S.	? 1855	Feb. 1, 1883	Sept. 1887
Thompson, J. G.	? 1852	? 1875	July 7, 1887
McDonald, Henry	Nov. 27, 1857	? 1872	Dec. 31, 1889
Hall, G. A.		? ?	Sept. 2, 1934
Tate, Albert	? ?	Feb. 13, 1884	May, 1891
Speers, Alexander	Jan. 10, 1832	Feb. 13, 1883	Nov. 15, 1897
Qualls, John	Jan. 1, 1858	? 1873	July 5, 1897
Lemons, June	? 1859	? ?	? ?
Spencer, E. D.	Aug. 2, 1851	Feb. 7, 1889	Jan. 3, 1898
Bailey, Thos. J.	Feb. 12, 1862	Feb. 9, 1882	Jan. 31, 1898
Fletcher, A. J.	Sept. 27, 1853	Feb. 7, 1888	Oct. 22, 1898
Crawley, A. C.	Feb. 25, 1858	? 1876	Oct. 5, 1899
Phillips, A. J.	Oct. 10, 1848	? 1870	Aug. 2, 1902
Hamilton, J. A.	Dec. 14, 1860	Feb. 3, 1892	Mar. 20, 1903
Crump, H. G.	? ?	Feb. 13, 1890	? 1908

Name	Birth	Entered Ministry	Death
Strong, H. P.	Feb. 14, 1860	? 1887	Dec. 20, 1908
Crawford, W. H.	? ?	? 1879	? 1905
Lacy, M. L.	? ?	? 1889	? 1895
Lavis, S. B.	? ?	? 1872	? 1906
Thompson, C. W.	? 1912	? ?	Jan. 2, 1945
Taylor, G. W.	? 1832	? 1872	? 1906
Turner, E. J.	Dec. 18, 1871	? 1902	Jan. 2, 1942
McIntosh, Waters	? 1891	? ?	? ?
Maxwell, R. B.	? 1918	? 1894	Apr. 5, 1944
Moses, Bennie	? ?	? ?	Aug. 14, 1945
Sherill, W. S.	? 1860	? ?	? 1942
Scruggs, P. F.	? 1918	? 1880	Apr. 3, 1908
Scott, B. F.	? 1915	? ?	July 15, 1945
Brooks, Washington	? ?	? ?	Feb. 17, 1907
Johnston, D. W.	? 1888	? 1896	Apr. 3, 1907
Izzard, G. J.	? 1858	? 1883	? 1907
Fuller, William.	? ?	? 1883	? 1907
Higgins, W. S.	? ?	? 1899	Mar. 2, 1908
Jackson, G. W.	? 1879	? 1886	Feb. 6, 1905
Preston, L. J.	? 1843	? 1891	Oct. 26, 1932
Harris, D. H. E.	? 1860	? 1893	Sept. 2, 1934
Nelson, W.	Jan. 26, 1861	? 1891	June 1, 1934
Baxter, James	? ?	? 1884	? 1928
Stokes, S. M.	? ?	? 1884	? 1928
Evans, W. D.	? ?	? 1914	? 1917
Coulter, H. P.	Sept. 11, 1867	? 1889	Aug. 29, 1928
Kyles, C. L.	? ?	? 1907	? 1932
Fagin, R. B.	? ?	? 1897	? 1912
Hatchett, J. H.	? ?	? 1909	? 1930
Bryant, J. L.	? ?	? 1904	? 1927
Rivers, W. C.	? ?	? 1914	? 1931
Simpson, W. H.	? 1865	? 1907	? 1931
Byrd, K. T.	? ?	? 1926	? 1932
Johnson, J. W.	? ?	? 1914	? 1933
Gibson, J. D.	? ?	? 1896	? 1933
Hannah, W. M.	? ?	? 1896	? 1932
Johnson, G. N.	? ?	? 1881	? 1935
Howell, C. H.	? ?	? 1912	? 1939
Neal, L. E.	? ?	? 1919	? 1937
Smith, Fletcher	? ?	? 1921	? 1933
Speed, William	? ?	? 1894	? 1937
Nelson, J. L.	? ?	? 1925	? 1938
Jordan, B. J.	? ?	? 1912	? 1939
Cobbel, J. J.	? ?	? 1929	? 1939
Hodges, L. G.	? ?	? 1895	? 1939
Bright, Haywood	? ?	? 1895	? 1939
Prewitt, Paul	? ?	? 1894	? 1940
Harston, D. B.	? ?	? 1896	? 1940
Witherspoon, S. B.	? ?	? 1891	April 1, 1908
Clark, J. M.	? ?	? 1893	? 1909
Clark, J. M.	? ?	? 1892	May 22, 1909
Kitchen, U. S.	? ?	? 1880	? 1910
Burns, U. W.	? ?	? 1882	? 1910
Thompson, T. J.	? ?	? 1889	Feb. 10, 1910
Duncan, W. R. R.	? ?	? 1884	? ?

Barns, T. B.	?	?	?	1884	May 24, 1913
Dunlap, H. C.	?	?	?	1879	Nov. 1, 1914
Marris, W. H.	?	?	?	1881	May 24, 1913
Johnson, B. H.	?	?	?	1888	Apr. 27, 1915
Donley, G. B.	?	?	?	1888	? 1916
Griffin, B. J.	?	?	?	1877	Nov. 30, 1917
Owens, Phillip	?	?	?	1887	Mar. 3, 1918
Hall, David	?	?	?	?	? 1918
Williamson, J. W.	?	?	?	1884	Jan. 20, 1884
Roberts, Ezza	?	?	?	1876	Dec. 22, 1919
Hines, J. H.	?	?	?	1904	Mar. 20, 1920
Whitehead, C. W.	Feb. 9, 1863		Jan. 3, 1887		Apr. 4, 1921
Austin, J. H.	?	?	May, 1921		? 1910
Foster, M. H.	?	?	?	1888	? 1920
Jackson, J. W.	?	?	May 27,1922		? 1915
Cunningham, W. J.	?	?	Mar. 3, 1923		? 1887
Hawkins, J. T.	?	?	?	1892	July 4, 1923
Johnson, S. J.	?	?	?	1894	June 13, 1932
Tucker, B. T.	?	?	?	1918	? 1944
Smith, Nathaniel	?	?	?	1883	Mar. 7, 1923
Taylor, C. A.	May 4, 1856		?	1911	? 1923
Washington, E.	?	?	?	1911	? 1923
Cain, S. M.	?	?	?	1890	Feb. 28, 1923
Wilson, J. R.	?	?	?	1900	Aug. 31, 1923
Watson, Z. K.	?	?	?	1904	Nov. 2, 1923
Sampson, C. W.	?	?	?	1907	Oct. 4, 1924
Cain, M. B. A.	?	?	?	1897	Sept. 7, 1924
Lamar, C. E.	?	?	?	1909	May, 1924
Swift, J. A.	?	?	?	1884	Sept., 1925
Stephens, A. T.	?	?	?	1895	? 1933
Adams, J. C.	?	?	?	1894	? 1941
Brown, J. W.	?	?	?	1902	? 1941
Clark, F. J.	?	?	?	?	? 1943
Coburn, Dudley	?	?	?	?	? 1943
Nunn, E. A.	?	?	?	?	? 1943
Ray, A. R.	?	?	?	?	? 1943

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Recreation and Leisure—Charlotte Sepherd, Hot Springs, Ark.

Music—LaVerne Lofton, Hot Springs, Ark.

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