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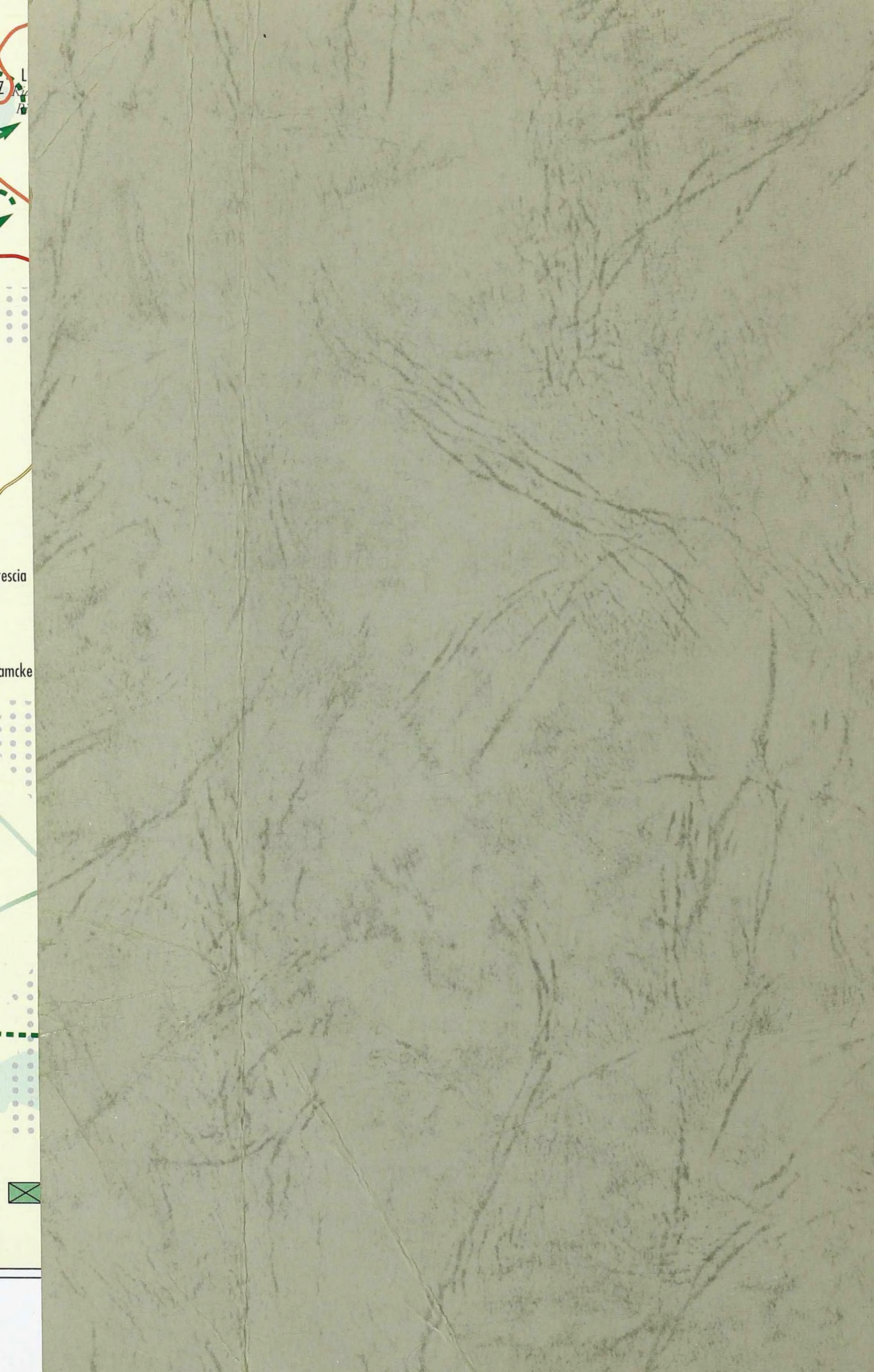
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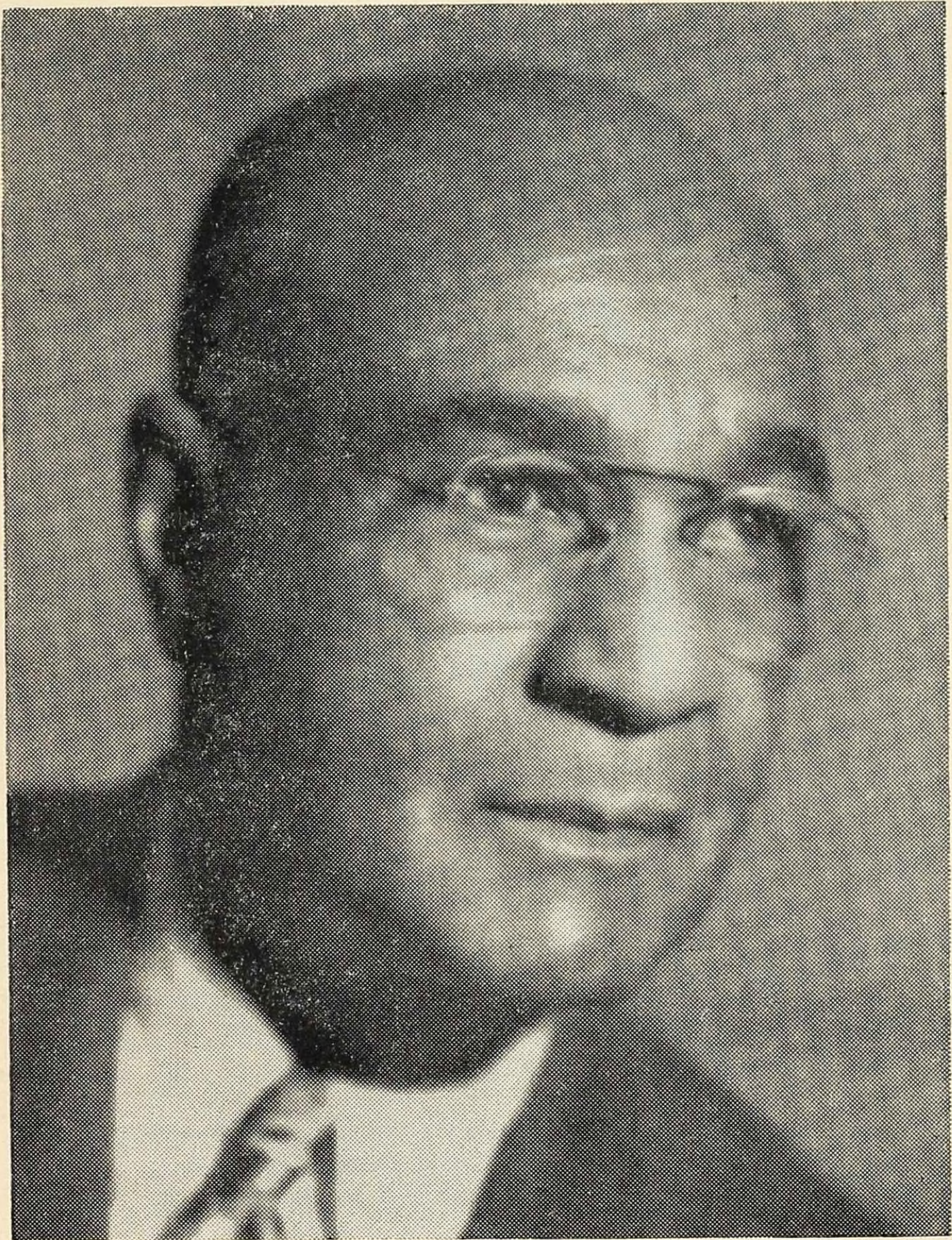
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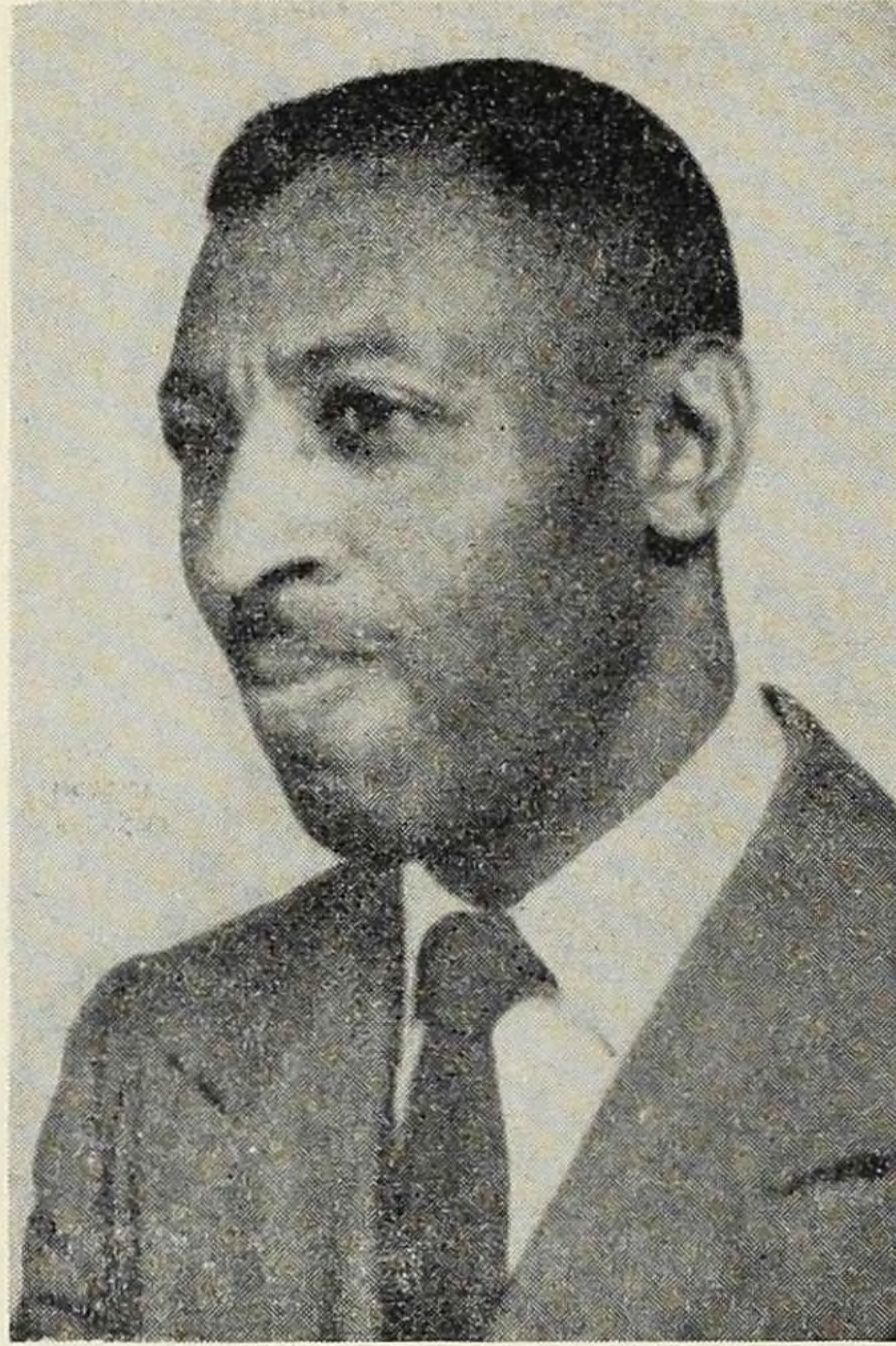
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 Ellison, W. M., Sr., 2125 Wyoming St., San Antonio, Texas  
 Franklin, C. W., 502 S. Gevers St., San Antonio, Texas  
 Franklin, W. M., Rt. 2, Box 16, Victoria, Texas  
 Hardemon, J. J., 3106 Prospect Street, Fort Worth, Texas  
 Hutchinson, F. J., P. O. Box 54, Luling, Texas  
 King, E. N., Luling, Texas  
 McMillan, K. W., 2705 Carnation Street, Fort Worth, Texas  
 Mosley, W. M., 309 Maryland Street, San Antonio, Texas  
 Phillips, P. H., General Delivery, Lampasas, Texas  
 Ross, J. S., P. O. Box 865, Luling Texas  
 Stevens, N. W., 1325 S. San Marcos Street, San Antonio, Texas  
 Tollerson, H. C., 1107 Perez St., San Antonio, Texas

## AUSTIN DISTRICT

## LAY AND RESERVE DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Charge	Name, Lay and Reserve	Address
Bartlett—		
Brady—	Mrs. Ruby Randell	1104 Hackberry
	Mrs. Peterson	
Belton Ct—		
Dale Circuit—	Benton Hemphill	
	W. J. Bell	
Fayetteville Ct—		
Georgetown Ct—		
Hutto-Littig—		
LaGrange Ct—	Miss Lois Schermack	
Lampasas Ct—		
Lockhart—	Randell Johnson	Lockhart, Texas
	Frank McClain	Lockhart, Texas
Luling Ct—	Mrs. Eva Brown	
	Mrs. Mattie Hughs	



Mason—Rubin C. Tigg	
Prairie Lea—	
San Marcos Ct—George Smith	
St. Mary's Circuit—	
St. Peter's—Mrs. Alberta Richardson.....	3015 E. 16th, Austin
Mrs. C. A. Breedlove.....	2405 Bryant, Austin
Simpson—Mrs. Beatrice Thompson	
Mrs. D. James	
Temple—Mrs. E. E. Mosley	
Tilmon—Mrs. E. P. Jones	
Mrs. P. H. Miller	
Wesley—Prof. John T. King	
Mrs. M. R. Bell	
Winchester—Ruffin Hall	

## DALLAS DISTRICT

Charge	Name, Lay and Reserve	Address
St. Paul, Dallas—Mrs. Odessa Garland.....		3603 Havana St., Dallas
Dr. S. L. Brown.....		3303 Holmes St., Dallas
Ennis-Corsicana—Mrs. Luella Jones.....		816 E. 10th Street, Corsicana
Mrs. Millie Williams.....		Eastside Project, Corsicana
Wichita Falls—Mrs. Mildred Reeves.....		616 12th Street, Wichita
Mrs. Ava M. McGill.....		902 Red Wood, Wichita Falls
Trinity, Dallas—Mrs. Mary E. Jarriett.....		5111 McKinney, Dallas
Mrs. Estella Basher.....		2438 St. Clair, Dallas
St. Luke, Dallas—Mrs. Donnie Branch.....		4714 Collins, Dallas
Mrs. M. Washington.....		4811 Collins, Dallas
Pelham Ct—Mrs. Elmer Porter.....		Route 3, Hubbard
Milford-Italy—Mrs. K. L. McIntire.....		Route 1, Milford
Mrs. Blanche Lewis.....		Italy, Texas
Cowan, Ft. Worth—Mrs. Ida L. Thompson		
Warren, Dallas—Mrs. O. L. Jackson.....		3914 Myrtle St., Dallas
Mrs. Pauline Kirkum.....		2442 Hardings, Dallas
Haven Chapel, Denison—Mrs. R. O. Rucker.....		605 Walker, Denison
Mr. J. W. Brown.....		714 W. Shephard, Denison
Sherman-Pilot Point—Mrs. E. L. Mitchell.....		311 N. E. Sherman
Mrs. S. L. Sims.....		520 College, Sherman
Ferris-Lancaster—Mrs. Neneva Bates.....		7773 E. 3rd Street, Lancaster
Waxahachie—Mr. Ed Johnson.....		614 E. Main, Waxahachie
Mrs. Leabert Gibson.....		217 Wyatt Street, Waxahachie
St. Andrews, Ft. Worth—Mrs. A. B. Miller.....		1104 E. 2nd, Fort Worth
Miss Florence Rawls.....		1150 Rosedale, Ft. Worth
Cogswell, Fort Worth—Mr. James Baker.....		5836 Kilpatrick, Ft. Worth
Mrs. Fannie Byrd.....		5026 Libby St., Ft. Worth
Mexia Ct—Mrs. Lillian E. Conner.....		Rt. 1, Box 199½, Mexia
Mr. Lewis Echols.....		Rt. 2, Box 70, Coolidge
Mexia Jones—Miss Lois Conner.....		301 N. Echols, Mexia
Mr. Henry Dancer.....		715 W. Palestine, Mexia
Thompson, Ft. Worth—Mrs. Luddie Dukes.....		3816 Hamilton, Ft. Worth
Mrs. H. Hardeman.....		3812 Lee, Ft. Worth

## SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT

Charge	Name, Lay and Reserve	Address
Beeville—Mrs. Alene Tucker		
Mrs. Justine Lott		
Belmont Ct.—Mrs. Fannie Morris		
Mr. Ed Forcey		
Corpus Christi—Mrs. E. M. Hicks		
Mrs. A. M. Blackwell		
Del Rio-Uvalde—Gladys Kinchelow		
Harvey Kinchelow		
Floresville-Pleas.—Mrs. Edna Kuykendall		
Mrs. A. M. Jackson		

Gonzales Ct.—Mrs. Josie Stevens  
 Mrs. Mable Johnson  
 Harlingen—Mrs. Viola Adams  
 Mrs. Bessie Canady  
 Hondo-Pearsall—Mrs. Frank Holden  
 Mrs. E. M. Mooney  
 Kerrville—  
 Kingsville—  
 Nixon Ct—Mr. Victor Washington  
 Mr. E. M. Campbell  
 East St. Paul—Mrs. E. M. Jackson  
 Mr. A. I. Stevens  
 Ellison-Eads—Mrs. Berdie Houston  
 Mr. Mack Fields  
 Jacobs Chapel—Mr. D. H. Miller  
 Mr. E. L. Smith  
 Jones Chapel—Mrs. R. S. Brownlow  
 Mr. C. C. Brown  
 Sanford Chapel—Mr. Boyd Tollerson  
 St. Paul—Mr. C. G. Smith  
 St. Luke—Mrs. F. C. Culberson  
 West Laurel Hts—Mrs. Estells Rudd  
 Mrs. Lavalin Jones  
 Harpers—  
 Olmos—Mr. Hiram Jackson

## VICTORIA DISTRICT

Charge	Name, Lay and Reserve	Address
Alleyton—		
Altair—	Henry Williams Mrs. F. A. Washington	
Columbus—	Miss Doris J. Connor Miss Jeraldine Dawson	
Cuero-Morales—	Mrs. V. O. Miles Mrs. Abbie Haynes	
Cologne—	Mrs. J. M. Lott Mrs. R. E. Lott	
Edna-Ganado—	Mrs. Susie Ehart Mrs. America Edwards	
Goliad—	V. T. Houk Mrs. A. L. Todd	
Hallettsville—		
Oakland—	Mrs. Myrtle Prince Mrs. Clover Warren	
Port Lavaca—	Mrs. Earline Barefield Rev. R. L. Williams	
Sublime—		
Victoria—	Mr. E. E. Hatchett L. J. Gilbert	
Weimar Parrish—		
Wharton-El Campo—	Mr. Moses Hope Mrs. Adella Shavers	
Yoakum—	Mrs. Eva Hillyer Joseph Sheen	
Yorktown—	Mrs. Alice Rose Mr. Lee Cunningham	

## WACO DISTRICT

Charge	Name, Lay and Reserve	Address
Bowman-Longbranch—	Robt. Smith.....	Rt. 2, Kosse, Texas
	Fred Carter.....	Rt. 2, Box 98, Kosse, Texas
Calvert-St. Paul—	James Woodley.....	Box 555, Calvert, Texas

	Verdia Owens.....	Calvert, Texas
Maysfield Ct—	Mrs. Winnie Wheeler.....	Box 81, Maysfield, Texas
	Mrs. Lutenzie Blair.....	1110 W. 10th Cameron, Texas
Chilton-Rosebud—	Mrs. Elsie Long.....	Chilton, Texas
	Miss Alma Green.....	Chilton, Texas
Froza Chapel—	Melvin Henderson.....	Rt. 2, Coolidge, Texas
	Mrs. Rosie McGee.....	Rt. 1, Box 26, Prairie Hill
Groesbeck-Bremond—	R. E. Hodges.....	Box 65, Groesbeck
	Mrs. R. E. Harper.....	Bremond, Texas
Hubbard-Hillsboro—	Guy Robinson.....	422 Luke St., Hillsboro
	Mrs. Tassie oJohnson.....	Hubbard, Texas
Marlin-Davis Chapel—	Mrs. Joe E. Bee.....	709 Williams St., Marlin
	Charlie Armstead.....	303 Grimes St., Marlin
Mart-Springhill—	Clifton Bryant.....	RFD 1, Box 27, Rudel, Texas
	Mrs. Irene Lacy.....	618 Elm St., Hart, Texas
Moody-Gatesville—	Mrs. Minnie Smith.....	Box 91, Moody
	Mrs. Jimmie Caraway.....	Box 68, Gatesville
Rocky-Cedar—	Mrs. Lena Cotton.....	200 So. Belnap, Mexia
	Mrs. Katherine Brown.....	Rt. 1, Mexia
Valley Mills Ct—	Jeff Hemphill.....	Box 283, Crawford
	Mrs. V. B. Gore.....	Box 534, Valley Mills
Satin-Majors—	Mrs. Earlene Dean.....	Box 25, Satin
	Terrill Brandom.....	Rt. 2, Box 134, Lorena
Bracks Chapel—	Mrs. Ophelia Austin.....	1320 Tabor, Waco
	Ed Johnson.....	316 Bosque, Waco
Jones Chapel—	Mrs. O. B. Coe.....	114 Cherry, Waco
	Mrs. Gladys Barrett.....	927 Dawson, Waco
Mt. Zion—	Mrs. M. P. Sanford.....	608 Dewey, Waco
	Mrs. Leona Basey.....	1412 N. 4th St., Waco
St. James—	Mrs. B. J. Hardeman.....	1110 S. 10th Street, Waco
	Mrs. W. L. Smith.....	2223 Colcord St., Waco

## WESTERN DISTRICT

Charge	Name, Lay and Reserve	Address
Amarillo—	Mrs. Alyce Miller.....	1507 N. Washington
Abilene—	Mrs. M. T. Reed.....	629 North 6th
Brownwood—	Mrs. Beulah Harris	
El Paso—	Mrs. Hilma Nash	
Lubbock—	Mrs. C. E. Fair	
Midland—	Mrs. C. E. Washington	
Odessa—		
O'Donnell—		
Wesley Station—		
San Angelo—	Mr. N. C. Scott	

## IV.

# Daily Proceedings

**First Day—Opening**  
**Wednesday Morning—May 18, 1955**

The Eighty-first Annual Session of the West Texas Annual Conference convened at St. Paul Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 18, 1955, with Bishop A. P. Shaw presiding. Devotions were conducted by Dr. I. B. Loud, host pastor. Music was furnished by the St. Paul Senior Choir, with Mrs. Susie Ethyl Powell, directress.

### Communion

The Communion Meditation was given by Bishop Shaw, after which the administration of the Holy Communion of the Lord's Supper. The bishop was assisted by the superintendents of the several districts and the host pastor. Approximately 800 persons took the communion. Offering for Gulfside Assembly amounted to \$138.00.

### Roll Call

Bishop Shaw directed the secretary of the last Annual Conference, Rev. Prenza L. S. Woods, to call the roll of the conference membership. Effective elders, probationers, retired ministers, approved supply pastors and elected lay delegates answered the roll.

### Organization

Disciplinary Question No. 1 was called. Who are elected for the quadrennium (Para. 630-790) Secretary? William Ellison, Jr., 1414 McKinley Ave., Austin, Texas.

Statistician? C. D. Owens, 3733 Myrtle St., Dallas, Texas.

Treasurer? I. B. Loud, Box 934, Dallas, Texas. Assistants to the secretary, statistician, and treasurer were named.

### Legal Limits

By vote the legal limits of the conference were fixed to include the entire section to the left, and the first six rows of pews on the main floor of the sanctuary.

On motion of Rev. E. T. Dixon and seconded by Rev. E. A. Smith, the printed program of the conference was made the agenda.

Rev. E. T. Dixon was elected reporter to the daily papers.

### Announcements and Introductions

Mrs. A. P. Shaw, wife of the bishop was introduced by Rev. I. B. Loud. She made brief remarks. Other introductions were made by Rev. F. D. Young: Dr. Walter Scott Chinn; Rev. L. B. Felder; Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Loud; Rev. Nelson, A.M.E.; Rev. Philemon Titus; Rev. Edwards; Mrs. Jack Caesar, A.M.E. Church; Mr. J. E. O'Conner, Southwest Conference; Rev. J. C. Stripling; Dr. R. E. Brown, Sr., retired principal; Rev. W. M. Ferguson, General Board of Temperance.

C. A. Smith announced the publication of the book "The Negro in Methodism," by J. B. F. Shaw.

### Memorial Services

Bishop Shaw asked for the roll of those who had passed. The following names were read: Rev. B. F. Lee, Rev. Esau Smith, Rev. T. W. Stevens; of the parsonage family, Mrs. B. F. Lee; and Prof. R. A. Atkinson, laymen of the church. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Marshall. The congregation joined in the singing of hymn No. 312. The services were conducted by Rev. W. W. Baker; Rev. E. M. Cooper reading from the Holy Scriptures and Rev. I. H. Pierce giving the concluding prayer. The sermon was delivered by Rev. A. C. Holden, who also pronounced the benediction.

**Wednesday Afternoon—First Day—2:30 P. M.**

The afternoon session was presided over by Dr. R. S. Mosby, with devotion being conducted by Rev. E. T. Fuller.

Rev. W. M. Ferguson, field representative of the Board of Temperance was presented and addressed the conference.

Rev. J. H. Carruthers, chairman of the Conference Board of Missions made a report regarding the work of the board. (See report.)

Rev. F. Rivers Barnwell, led the conference in the singing of several of the great hymns of the church.

Rev. F. D. Young, Conference Missionary Secretary made the report regarding the work of the missionary secretary. (See report.)

Dr. Merrimon Cunninggim, dean of Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, was introduced by Rev. E. T. Dixon. Dr. Cunninggim challenged the conference on the importance of a trained ministry; urging both pastors and laymen to interest the best minds for the ministry.

Dr. I. B. Loud presented Dr. J. Fisher Simpson, editor of the Christian Advocate, who spoke briefly.

Dr. F. D. Young gave the benediction.

**Thursday Morning—May 19, 1955****Second Day**

The devotional period was conducted by Rev. M. A. Freeman, after which the bishop called for the reading of the minutes of the previous session. The minutes were received and adopted with the necessary corrections.

**Conference Business**

The question was raised regarding the appointment of a Committee on Journal. Bishop Shaw appointed E. A. Smith, Elmo C. Tatum, and C. H. Johnson.

**Passing of Characters**

The character of the District Superintendents was passed, affecting the names of D. H. Hansboro, J. G. Owens, Prenza L. S. Woods, O. B. Coe, J. A. Wills and J. L. Wattley.

**Disciplinary Questions**

The questions Nos. 1-5 and No. 13 were called. (See report in condensed minutes.)

On motion of Rev. E. T. Dixon a previous motion made regarding the printed program of the conference was re-considered. Motion was carried.

**Motion**

Rev. E. T. Dixon moved that the ordination services be changed from Sunday at 2:30 p.m. to Saturday evening at 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. and that the appointments be read at the end of the 11:00 o'clock worship service. The motion was carried.

**Visitors**

Dr. Walter Scott Chinn was presented to the conference by Bishop Shaw. He brought greetings to the conference.

**Composite Report**

The bishop called for the reading of the composite report of the district superintendent, with the Rev. J. A. Wills reading the report. (See report.)

**Telegrams**

Bishop Shaw read greetings from Rev. Charles L. Warren of the Southern California-Arizona Conference and from Rev. W. T. Wilson, secretary of the Central West Conference.

On motion of Dr. T. B. Echols the conference sent messages of thanks to the brothers for their interest in the work of the West Texas Conference.

**Disciplinary Question No. 23**

Who are received on trial? (See condensed minutes reports.)

**Question No. 26**

Who are admitted into full connection? (See condensed minutes report.)

### Ministerial Session

Bishop Shaw asked that a closed session be held with the ministers of the conference. It was requested that the full conference body would resume at the 11:00 o'clock hour. Words of wisdom and fatherly council necessary for a successful ministry were given by the bishop. He also pointed out the fact that the major emphasis of the conference was in the area of evangelism. Reports and other matters were presented.

On motion of I. B. Loud, and properly seconded, the executive session was adjourned.

### Conference Business Resumed

The election of delegates (ministerial and lay) to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences. (See reports elsewhere.)

It was moved by Rev. I. B. Loud and seconded by Rev. P. L. S. Woods that the afternoon be devoted to the Anniversary of Pensions. Motion carried.

### Bishop's Hour

Bishop Shaw introduced Bishop Charles C. Selecman, who spoke briefly. Bishop William C. Martin of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area was presented by Bishop Shaw. Bishop Martin spoke on, "Our Methodism—Its Mission in the World Today." He told how Methodism has been able to hold together forces that have sometimes been thought of as contrary to each other . . . etc. The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Martin.

### Introductions

The following introductions were made: Reverends A. E. Mayes, F. M. Mayes, C. S. C. Weaver, L. V. Winfield, J. C. Stripling (Texas Conference), Dr. M. S. Davage, president, Huston-Tillotson College; Dr. J. W. Golden, General Board of Evangelism; Rev. T. R. Albert, New Orleans, La.; Dr. L. Rucker, C.M.E. Church, Dallas; Rev. Wm. Price; Miss Lorey Edwards of Waco; and Mrs. H. R. Rogers.

### Thursday Afternoon—Second Day

2:30 P.M.

Devotion conducted by Rev. Lavelle Lowe with Rev. D. B. Baker presiding. At the conclusion of the devotional period, Bishop Shaw asked for a motion on the nature of the afternoon session.

On motion of Rev. I. B. Loud and seconded by Rev. P. L. S. Woods, the conference voted to hear reports from the Board of Pensions, Evangelism and Lay Activities. Motion carried.

Dr. J. W. Golden was introduced. He gave a stirring address on the work of Evangelism.

On motion of Rev. I. B. Loud and seconded by Rev. J. W. Morgan, the conference voted that the Board of Pensions through its representative, Dr. T. B. Echols be heard Friday. Motion carried. On motion of I. B. Loud, the conference voted to consider the election of two reserves from ministerial and lay groups. (See report of election elsewhere.)

Dr. J. H. Touchstone was introduced. He addressed the conference on the Board of Lay Activities.

On motion of Rev. O. B. Coe, and seconded by Rev. J. G. Owens, the conference voted to elect lay reserves on Friday morning. Motion carried.

### Introductions

Rev. S. B. Bryant, pastor of Duncanville, Texas, and Rev. Elden Traste, Cedar Hill Methodist Church were introduced. Rev. Traste spoke on social security for ministers.

Dr. M. S. Davage brought greetings from the college. He announced the passing of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of Bethune-Cookman College. Dr. Robert F. Harrington, Area Secretary, brought greetings from Gulfside.

Dr. Prince A. Taylor, Editor of the Central Christian Advocate, New Orleans, was presented by the bishop. Dr. Taylor presented a check in the amount of \$1,675.67 from the publishing house. On motion of Dr. T. B. Echols the conference accepted the check.

### Ministers Wives Association

The ministers wives were presented. (See report elsewhere by Dr. T. B.

Echols.) He made a statement regarding the work they have done during this conference year. (See report elsewhere.)

Benediction was pronounced by Dr. T. B. Echols.

### Roll Call of Districts

Austin District .....	\$ 500.00
Dallas District .....	1000.00
San Antonio District .....	1024.25
Victoria District .....	239.00
Waco District .....	471.00
Western District .....	367.00
Total .....	<u>\$3601.25</u>

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### The Election

Bishop Shaw asked for the number of official delegates. There were 89 ministerial delegates and 53 lay delegates. The bishop gave necessary instructions regarding procedures in balloting.

The following were named as tellers: R. L. Palmer, D. H. Hansboro, T. R. Watkins, A. D. Minor, E. J. Tanner, and J. B. Phoenix.

#### General Conference: Ministerial

First Ballot: No. ballots counted .....	83
Necessary for choice .....	42
I. B. Loud .....	49
Second Ballot: No. ballots counted .....	82
Necessary for choice .....	42
No election	
Third Ballot: No. ballots counted .....	80
Necessary for choice .....	41
No election	
Fourth Ballot: No. ballots counted .....	82
Necessary for choice .....	42
R. S. Mosby .....	48

#### Jurisdictional Conference: Ministerial

First Ballot: No. ballots counted .....	76
Necessary for choice .....	39
No election	
Second Ballot: No. ballots counted .....	78
Necessary for choice .....	40
J. H. Carruthers .....	47
Third Ballot: No. ballots counted .....	65
Necessary for choice .....	33
T. B. Echols .....	36

#### General Conference: Lay Delegates

First Ballot: No. ballots counted .....	53
Necessary for choice .....	27
John T. King .....	39
Mrs. O. B. Coe .....	32
Second Ballot:	

#### Jurisdictional Conference: Lay Delegates

First Ballot: No. ballots counted .....	38
Necessary for choice .....	20
Mrs. M. R. Bell .....	22
C. H. Johnson .....	22

Friday Morning—May 20, 1955

Third Day

8:30

The morning session opened with Rev. A. D. Minor leading the devotions.

Hymn 257 was sung. Rev. G. L. Johnson read from I Cor., 15th Chapter, concluding with a prayer. Closing hymn 167.

#### Conference Business

Bishop Shaw asked for the report of the Committee on Journal. Rev. Elmo C. Tatum reported for the Committee.

#### Committee on World Service and Finance

The report was submitted through its chairman, Rev. O. B. Coe. (See report.)

On motion of Rev. F. D. Young and seconded by Rev. E. A. Smith, the conference voted that a reprint of the report of the Commission on Finance be sent to all pastors. Motion carried.

#### Board of Evangelism

The Board of Evangelism, through its chairman, Rev. T. M. Bruton read the report of his board. With the deletion of that item in the report requesting the amount of \$500, the report of the chairman was adopted. (See report.)

Bishop Shaw spoke concerning a Missionary Plan in Dallas; that of organizing a commission of white and colored personnel, to study the possibility of relocating Trinity Church and the building of St. Luke.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Carruthers the presiding bishop and the district superintendents were authorized to set up a commission on relocating Trinity, the building of St. Luke, and to study the possibility of building Union Memorial Church in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Motion prevailed.

#### Board of Hospitals and Homes

Dr. Connie R. Yerwood, chairman of the Board of Hospitals and Homes was recognized. She reported for the work of this board. The report was adopted. (See report.)

#### Board of Conference Claimants

The report of this board was read by Rev. D. B. Baker. Motion for the adoption carried. (See report.)

#### Conference Treasurer

Rev. I. B. Loud, Treasurer of the conference was called to make his report. The conference voted to receive the report following a motion by Rev. E. A. Smith that a reprint of the treasurer's report be sent every year to each pastor. Rev. Elmo C. Tatum seconded the motion.

#### Introductions

Mr. Harold Kilpatrick was introduced and spoke on the Texas Council of Churches. Reverends J. H. Carruthers, E. M. Cooper, and I. B. Loud spoke highly of the fine work that is being done by the Texas Council of Churches. On motion by Rev. O. B. Coe, seconded by Rev. J. G. Owens, it was voted that the West Texas Annual Conference become an official member of the Texas Council of Churches. Motion carried.

#### Communication

Bishop Shaw asked the secretary of the conference to read a communication from Bishop R. E. Jones expressing his regret of not being able to attend the conference due to the serious illness of his brother. The conference authorized the secretary to send a message of regret to Bishop Jones. It was done. On motion of Rev. O. B. Coe, seconded by Rev. J. L. Wattley, the conference was authorized to send the Gulfside Assembly the sum of \$138. The motion was carried.

On motion of Rev. I. B. Loud, authorization of \$1000 be set aside to be disbursed as follows: \$600 for Texas Council of Churches and that a memorial offering of \$400 per year be raised for Gulfside. The motion was seconded by Rev. O. B. Coe.

#### Conference Board of Trustees

Rev. F. D. Young, acting secretary of the Conference Board of Trustees, made a report presenting the names of K. W. McMillan, T. M. Bruton, and Robert S. Mosby as members of the board the term expiring 198. (See report elsewhere.)

On motion of Rev. D. H. Hansboro, and seconded by Rev. T. B. Echols, a





**Saturday Morning—May 21, 1955**  
**Fourth Day**  
**8:30**

The devotions were conducted by Rev. George L. Johnson with the singing of Hymn No. 315. Rev. L. W. Washington gave the invocation. After singing hymn No. 147 Bishop asked for a change in program. The conference was asked to go immediately into the ministerial session.

**Conference Business**

Bishop Shaw called for the report of the Committee on Journal. The report was adopted.

**Passing of Character of Pastors**

The character of the pastors of the several districts was passed. (Austin, Dallas, San Antonio, Waco, Western and Victoria Districts.)

**Disciplinary Question No. 18**

Who are the approved supply pastors? (See condensed report.)

**Disciplinary Questions No. 19-23**

(See condensed minutes report.)

**Conference Business Resumed**

The report of the Conference statistician was called. The report was read by Rev. Curtis Owens. The report showed increase in membership, officers and teachers, Woman Societies and Methodist Men. Motion for the adoption of the report was carried.

**Social and Economic Relations**

The report of the committee was made by the chairman, Rev. E. T. Dixon. The matter of this report was put forth for motion; it was approved with the necessary corrections. (See report.)

**Resumption of Report on Finance**

Rev. J. H. Carruthers continued the report on finance previously made. Advanced budget proposed in the amount of \$19,000. Motion prevailed for the adoption of \$19,000 carried.

**Board of Pensions**

Rev. D. B. Baker made report for the Board of Pensions. On motion of Rev. I. B. Loud the conference voted to raise the annuity to \$14.00 per service year for retired pastors. Motion was approved.

Bishop Shaw presented Dr. Robert S. Goodrich, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Dallas. He spoke of the Radio and Film Commission.

**Board of Education (See Report)**

Rev. William J. Washington was presented by Rev. Charles Smith. He gave a brief report of the work of the Board of Education.

**Disciplinary Question No. 50**

Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Rev. E. A. Smith, Pastor St. Paul, San Antonio, Texas, extended an invitation to the conference to meet in San Antonio for the next Annual Conference.

Rev. T. M. Bruton, Pastor, St. Paul Methodist Church, invited the conference to meet in Corpus Christi, Texas.

On motion of Rev. I. B. Loud that the cabinet appoint a committee to study the place for the next Annual Conference. Motion opposed. Corpus Christi was selected as the site for the next Annual Conference.

**Minimum Support**

Motion made by Rev. S. A. Keesee that the sum of \$1,600 be regarded as minimum support for married men, and the sum of \$1,400 be given to single men. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

The report of the treasurer was made through Rev. I. B. Loud. The report was received and adopted.

Rev. M. A. Freeman moved that the Conference accept the name of Cowan-McMillan Memorial in honor of Rev. K. W. McMillan instead of Cowan Chapel. Motion approved.

Regarding the property sold at Kyle, Rev. D. H. Hansboro moved that \$50.00 be made available for distribution for improvement on the Austin District. Motion carried.

D. B. Baker spoke about some property at Ballinger, Texas. Bishop Shaw suggested that all questions involving abandoned property be referred to the Conference Board of Trustees.

There was presented to the Conference by District Superintendent Reverend John A. Wills of the Western District, seven and three-fourths acres of land on Lake Brownwood as a camp site. On motion of Brother R. S. Mosby, that the Cabinet and Bishop select a Board of Managers to supervise and give directions on the developments. Motion approved.

Rev. I. B. Loud offered a prayer for Dr. S. L. Brown, noted layman who was ill. The Conference was asked to send Dr. Brown a message.

John T. King, District Lay Leader, brought forth this motion: We move that this Conference approve the delegation to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences as a committee on the construction of final Memorials to be presented to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences in the name of the West Texas Annual Conference. Motion carried.

Announcements were then called for.

The Ordination Service was scheduled from 7:00 to 7:45 today.

The following were received in full connection. (See condensed minutes report.)

#### Sunday Morning, May 22, 1955

The Sunday session opened with the singing of the great hymns of the church, Nos. 23, 172 and 162, with Rev. I. B. Loud presiding. Prayer of Confession led by Rev. J. L. Wattley; the responsive reading was led by Rev. Prenza L. S. Woods; the Affirmation of Faith by Rev. O. B. Coe; Rev. J. A. Wills gave the Pastoral Prayer. Rev. J. G. Owens presented Bishop Shaw who spoke from the text Matt. 6:10. Invitation to Christian Discipleship was extended by Rev. J. L. Wattley.

A brief session of the Conference was called by the bishop.

#### Disciplinary Question No. 25

Who on trial are discontinued? R. L. Palmer read the report of the Committee on Conference Relations. On motion of this committee, the name of Rev. Willie Smith was discontinued. Motion carried.

#### Disciplinary Question No. 42

What ministers have been retired? On motion of R. L. Palmer, presented the name of Rev. E. N. King. It was done for retirement.

#### Disciplinary Question No. 43

What approved supply pastors have been retired? On motion of R. L. Palmer, presented the name of Rev. Jack Caesar for retirement. It was done.

#### Announcements

Bishop Shaw announced the election of C. G. Smith, layman of San Antonio, a trustee of the Gulfside Assembly.

Rev. E. T. Dixon and Mrs. O. B. Coe made other announcements, regarding the nature of their work.

#### Baptism

Bishop Shaw baptised little Mary Alice McGill, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Abram McGill.

#### Motion

On motion of Rev. F. D. Young, that following the reading of appointments the conference would stand adjourned without date. Motion carried.

#### Hymn

Reading of the appointments was followed by the singing of the hymn: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Benediction: Bishop A. P. Shaw.

## V.

**The Methodist Church****THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The Minutes of the West Texas Annual Conference held in Saint Paul Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, from May 18, 1955, through May 22, 1955. Bishop A. P. Shaw, presiding.

**Part I. Organization and General Business**

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium (Para. 630, Sec. 3, Para. 790):  
Secretary: William Ellison, Jr., 1414 McKinley Avenue, Austin 2, Texas.  
Statistician: C. D. Owens, 3733 Myrtle Street, Dallas, Texas.  
Treasurer: I. B. Loud, Box 934, Dallas, Texas.
2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated? (Para. 625) Yes.
3. (a) What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts? (Para. 637, Sec. 3) Treasurer, I. B. Loud, \$10,000.  
(b) Have the books of said officers or persons been audited? (Para. 637, Sec. 3) Yes.
4. Have the boards, commissions, or committees been appointed or elected? (Para. 630) Answer Yes or No.  
(a) Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications? Yes. (b) Committee on Conference Relations? Yes. (c) District Committees on Ministerial Qualifications? Yes. (d) Committee of Investigation? Yes. (e) District Boards of Location and Building? Yes. (f) Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference? Yes. (g) Conference Commission on World Service and Finance? Yes. (h) Town and Country Commission? Yes. (i) Conference Deaconess Board? No. (j) Conference Board of Missions? Yes. (k) Conference Board of Education? Yes. (l) Conference Board of Temperance? Yes. (m) Conference Board of Lay Activities? Yes. (n) Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes? Yes. (o) Conference Board of Evangelism? Yes. (p) Board of Conference Claimants? Yes. (q) Commission on Christian Vocations? Yes. (r) Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service? Yes. (s) Committee on Proportional Payment of Ministerial Support? Yes. (t) 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? (Para. 637, Sec. 2) Yes.
6. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? (See Supplementary Report.)
7. What is the schedule for minimum support for pastors? (Para. 826)  
Single men—\$1400.00; Married men—\$1600.00.
8. What is the plan and what are the approved claims of the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year? (Para. 801-2) 16% of estimated pastor's salary.
9. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of conference claimants? 15% of estimated pastor's salary. 12% for immediate distribution and 3% for pension fund.
10. What are the apportionments transmitted by the Council on World Service and Finance to this Conference?  
(a) For World Service, \$7953.00.  
(b) For Episcopal Fund—amount equal to 2% of pastors cash salary.  
(c) For General Administration Fund, \$495.00.

- (d) For Interdenominational Cooperative Fund, \$396.00.
11. What amount is apportioned to this conference for the Jurisdictional Administration Fund? \$425.00
  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? (Para. 1623) See Reports.
    - (b) What is the report of the Conference Board of Missions of disbursements of missionary aid within the conference? (Para. 1295-99)
    - (c) What is the report of the Commission on World Service and Finance? (Paragraphs 791-809) See report.
    - (d) What is the report of the Commission on Christian Vocations? (Para. 643)
    - (e) What are the other reports?
  13. What Methodist institutions or organizations are approved by the conference for annuity responsibility? (Para. 1618, Sec. 2c, 11) Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Texas.
  14. What date is determined for Golden Cross enrollment? (Para. 1569) None.
  15. (a) Who is elected conference lay leader? (Para. 1504) C. H. Johnson.  
 (b) What is his report? (See report.)  
 (c) Who are elected district lay and associate district lay leaders? (Para. 1509)  
 Austin District: John T. King, Randall Jackson; Dallas District: Elmer Porter, Earl Govins; San Antonio District: Boyd Tolleuson; Waco District: J. W. Thompson, Jackie Gibson; Western District: G. R. Tomlin, Magnes Walker; Victoria District: S. C. Chase, U. S. Lott.

## Part II. Pertaining to Ministerial Relations

16. Are all the ministerial members of the Conference blameless in their life and official administration? Yes.
17. Who constitute the Conference Committee of Investigation? (Para. 931) S. A. Keesee, R. S. Mosby, J. H. Carruthers, G. F. Alexander, Thomas M. Bruton.
18. Who are the approved supply pastors? W. L. Andrews, Wm. S. Byars, Wm. Brothers, Joe H. Carter, Edward Clark, Charles Espie, J. W. Goode, H. D. Hamilton, A. T. Hargraves, J. H. Hudson, Arthur N. Johnson, Z. M. King, Harvey Kinchelow, Dailey LeFall, B. D. Lindsey, Cleo Metcalf, E. M. Mooney, Abram McGill, C. J. Polk, R. J. Smith, M. C. Scott, Jerry T. Thomas, Elmo Watson, Frank Williams, Robert Whitiker, L. B. Napier, Judge L. Mayfield, Robbie Wade, J. B. Holden, Dudley Kirk.
19. What approved supply pastors now under full time appointment are taking the conference course of studies.
  - (a) In the first year? J. B. Holden, Cleo Metcalf, E. M. Mooney, W. F. Andrews, Joe E. Carter, H. D. Hamilton, A. T. Hargraves, Arthur N. Johnson, Harvey Kinchelow, Robbie Wade, R. J. Smith, Robert Whitiker, J. L. Mayfield, Dudley Kirk.
  - (b) In the second year? Dailey LeFall, Edward Clark, Frank Williams, J. W. Goode, Z. M. King, Elmo Watson.
  - (c) In the third year? Wm. Brothers, L. B. Napier, J. T. Thomas.
  - (d) In the fourth year? Charles Espie, B. D. Lindsey, Abram McGill, C. J. Polk.
20. What approved supply pastors are credited with annuity claim on account of full-time service during the past year? W. M. Brothers, L. B. Napier, Elmo Watson, Jack Caesar, J. W. Goode, Charles Espie, Z. M. King, C. J. Polk, B. D. Lindsey, W. A. Webb and H. G. Simmons.

21. What preachers coming from other churches have had their orders recognized? None.
22. Who have been received from other churches as traveling preachers? None.
23. Who are received on trial? Ellis Green, W. A. Webb, Jim Sam Loud, James E. Broughton; Ellis Green voted but was not present to take vow. (b) none, (c) none.
24. Who are continued on trial: (a) in first year? Taylor Stewart (b) Advanced to second year? E. H. Carter, S. M. Cleaver (c) Continued in studies of second year? None.
25. Who on trial are discontinued? Willie Smith.
- ✓ 26. Who are admitted into full connection? Evans Crawford, Jr., Antone Dykes, John Elliott, Marshall Hodge, Robert W. Johnson, Robert King, Albert Pitts, H. T. Simmons, Wm. L. Shaw, Emmitt J. Tanner, Roy E. Stanley, Lawrence Washington, Albert Cecil Williams, Dennis A. Woodling.
27. What full members are in studies? Robert King, John Preciphs, Albert Pitts (First year by special vote of conference.)
  - (a) Third year? H. T. Franks, R. W. Johnson, Roy Stanley, Emmitt J. Tanner.
  - (b) Fourth year? A. D. Minor, M. E. McMillan, W. M. Walmsley.
28. What full members have failed to complete the studies:
  - (a) Of the third year? Sherrill Moore, E. D. Alexander.
  - (b) Of the fourth year? M. E. McMillan, W. M. Walmsley.
29. What full members have completed the fourth year? E. M. Cooper, Charles Smith.
30. Who have been elected deacons? (a) as local preachers? Arthur N. Johnson, Charles Espie, Dailey LeFall, Dudley Kirk, Harvey Kinchelow, Cleo Metcalf. (b) On trial? Jim Sam Loud, James E. Broughton.
31. Who have been ordained deacons? Broughton, James E; Mayfield, Judge L.; Metcalf, Cleo; Kinchelow, Harvey; Kirk Dudley; LeFall, Dailey; Loud, Jim Sam; Johnson, Arthur.
32. Who have been elected elders? (a) Local Preachers? W. M. Brothers, E. E. Crawford, Abram McGill. (b) None. (c) Conference members in studies? Antone Dykes, Hiawatha Franks, Antone Dykes, Marshall E. Hodge, Robert W. Johnson, Emmitt J. Tanner, Lawrence Washington, Eldridge Cooper. (d) Seminary rule? Albert Cecil Williams, Evans Crawford ordained elsewhere.
- ✓ 33. Who have ordained elders? Cooper, Elridge M.; Crawford, Jr., Evans C. (ordained elsewhere); Crawford, Sr., Evans C.; Dykes, Antone; Franks, Hiawatha; Hodge, Marshall; Johnson, Robert W.; McGill, Abram; Pitts, Albert S.; Tanner, Emmitt J.; Washington, Lawrence D.; Williams, Albert Cecil.
34. Relative to accommodation transfers for ordination and reception:
  - (a) (2) Transferred out-ordination-elder, Evans Crawford, Jr., (j) Evans Crawford and Dennis Woodling.
35. Who are readmitted as Deacons? None; as Elders? None.
36. Who have been received by transfer? None.
37. Transferred out? Robert F. Harrington to Louisiana Conference as of May 13, 1955.
38. Who have had their conference membership terminated:
  - (a) by voluntary location? None.
  - (b) by involuntary location? None.

- (c) by withdrawal? C. J. Gay, L. A. Irvin, Wm. Hornsby.  
 (d) by judicial procedure (expelled)? None.
39. What ministerial members have died during the year? B. F. Lee, Esau Smith, T. W. Stevens.
40. Who are the supernumerary minister, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? C. R. Green, 3 years.
41. Who are granted sabbatical leave? None.
42. What ministers have been retired?  
 This year? E. N. King.  
 Previously? R. A. Appling, Turner Snow.
43. What approved supply pastors have been retired?  
 This year? Jack Caesar.  
 Previously? Wm. Franklin, B. W. Anderson.
44. Who are left without appointment to attend school? Dennis Woodling, M. E. Hodge.
45. What is the number of:
- |                                  |      |                     |      |
|----------------------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| (a) Pastoral charges? .....      | 111  | Readmitted? .....   | None |
| Approved supply pastors? .....   | 29   | Discontinued? ..... | 1    |
| Received on trial? .....         | 4    | Withdrawn? .....    | 3    |
| Received into full connection?.. | 10   | Expelled? .....     | None |
| Transfers in? .....              | None | Located? .....      | None |
| Transfers out? .....             | 1    | Deceased .....      | 3    |
| Rec'd from other churches.....   | None |                     |      |
46. What other personal notation should be made? None.

### Part III. Concluding Business

47. What is the report of the conference treasurer? (See report.)
48. What is the report of the conference statistician? (See report.)
49. What are the detailed objectives of this conference for the coming year?  
 Relocation of Trinity & Bldg. of St. Luke (Dallas).
50. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Corpus Christi, Texas, St. Paul Methodist Church.
51. Is there any other business? None.
52. What changes have been made in appointments since last Annual Conference session? D. B. Baker of Wichita Falls, Texas, appointed to Cuero, Texas.
53. Where are the preachers stationed for the ensuing year? (See List of Appointments.)

## VI.

## APPOINTMENTS

Appointments of the West Texas Conference of the Methodist Church  
1955 — 1956

All appointments are in Texas unless otherwise indicated. The names of retired ministers are in bold type and parenthesis. Supplies are in parenthesis only. The figure at the end of the line denotes years of service.

## AUSTIN DISTRICT

D. H. Hansboro, Superintendent (2)  
(Victoria District ..... (2)

	Years
Frederick's Temple—(Robbie Wade) .....	1
St. Peters—Eric Purnell .....	4
Simpson Tabernacle—Zan W. Holmes.....	2
Wesley Chapel—Robert S. Mosby .....	4
Bartlett Circuit—R. T. King .....	1
Belton: Mt. Zion—T. H. Foy .....	1
Brady—John Preciepts .....	2
Burnet and Llano—(M. B. Burkley) .....	4
Dale and Smithville—H. T. Franks .....	2
Fayetteville Circuit—S. E. Moore .....	3
Georgetown Circuit—Taylor Stewart .....	2
Hutto—(Jerry Thomas) .....	.....
LaGrange Circuit—William M. Ellison, Jr. ....	3
Lampasas—(Cleo Metcalf) .....	2
Lockhart: Saint Mark—J. B. Richardson .....	1
Luling Circuit—E. L. Spencer.....	2
Mason—(J. L. Mayfield) .....	4
Prairie Lea Circuit—(W. S. Byars).....	1
San Marcos: Jackson Chapel—I. H. Pierce .....	1
Temple—George L. Johnson .....	1
Tilmon Circuit—(William M. Brothers) .....	5
Winchester—H. G. Simmons .....	1
District Missionary Secretary.....	William M. Ellison, Jr.
Secretary of Evangelism.....	Z. W. Holmes
Secretary of Temperance.....	H. T. Franks

## DALLAS DISTRICT

J. G. Owens, Superintendent (4)

	Years
Corsicana—M. E. McMillan .....	1
Dennison: Haven Chapel—Charles W. Smith.....	2
Dallas: Hamilton Park—to be supplied.....	.....
Saint Luke—to be supplied.....	.....
Saint Paul—I. B. Loud .....	8
Trinity—J. B. Phoenix .....	2
Warren—C. D. Owens .....	2
Ennis and Waxahachie—(E. H. Carter) .....	1
Ferris and Lancaster—(S. M. Cleaver) .....	4
Fort Worth: Cogswell—(Abraim McGill) .....	3
Cowan-McMillan—(K. W. McMillan) .....	4
Fort Worth: St. Andrews—J. H. Carruthers .....	10
Thompson Chapel—W. W. Baker .....	3
Grand Prairie—(A. N. Johnson) .....	1
Mexia: Jones Chapel—W. L. Shaw.....	3
Mexia Circuit—J. F. Muse .....	11
Milford and Italy—R. L. Foy .....	2
Pelham Circuit—S. G. Pharms .....	2
Sherman-McKinney—Charles Espie .....	5
West Dallas—to be supplied .....	.....
Wichita Falls: Mt. Calvary—John Elliott .....	.....
District Missionary Secretary.....	J. H. Carruthers
District Secretary Evangelism.....	W. W. Baker
District Secretary Temperance .....	C. D. Owens



## SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT

Prenza L. S. Woods, Superintendent (2)

	Years
Beeville—O. K. Brewster .....	7
Corpus Christi—T. M. Bruton .....	7
Del Rio Ct.—(W. M. Ellison, Sr.) .....	4
Floresville (St. Paul)—Albert S. Pitts .....	3
Harlingen (St. Paul)—W. M. Warmesley .....	1
Hondo (Simpson)—(Harvey Kinchlow) .....	1
Kerrville—S. D. Miller .....	1
Kingsville (Scott Chapel)—A. D. Porter .....	2
Nixon-Runge—(Elmo Watson) .....	4
San Antonio:	
East St. Paul—M. A. Freeman .....	10
Ellison-Eades—E. C. Tatum .....	1
Jacob's Chapel—F. D. Young .....	2
Jones Chapel—E. T. Fuller .....	1
St. Luke—C. L. King .....	2
St. Paul—E. A. Smith .....	5
(E. M. Mooney) Assistant	
Sanford Chapel—A. C. Holden .....	1
West Laurel Heights—(L. B. Napier) .....	8
Seguin: Harpers-Olmos—(W. L. Andrews) .....	3
Seguin: Wesley Chapel—T. R. Watkins .....	1
District Missionary Secretary.....	E. A. Smith
Evangelism, District Secretary .....	M. A. Freeman
Temperance, Secretary .....	O. K. Brewster

## WACO DISTRICT

O. B. Coe, Superintendent (4)

	Years
Bowman Chapel and Longbranch—(B. D. Lindsey) .....	3
Calvert: St. Paul—(W. A. Webb) .....	3
Chilton: Goodville and Rosebud—D. T. Tucker .....	4
Froza Mission—(H. D. Hamilton) .....	1
Groesbeck and Bremond—Roy Stanley .....	1
Hubbord and Hillsboro—H. E. Kuykendall .....	10
Marlin: David Chapel—G. F. Alexander .....	3
Mart-Springhill—(C. J. Polk) .....	4
Maysfield and Port Sullivan—G. W. Kelly .....	4
Moody and Gatesville—(J. S. Loud) .....	2
Rockey Chapel, Cedar—R. W. Johnson .....	2
Satin and Majors—(R. J. Smith) .....	1
Valley Mills and Crawford—S. W. Curtis .....	2
Waco: Bracks Chapel—G. J. Goff .....	9
Waco: Jones Chapel—L. D. Washington .....	1
Waco: Mt. Zion—E. J. Tanner .....	4
Waco: St. James—S. A. Keesee .....	4
District Missionary Secretary.....	G. J. Goff
District Secretary Evangelism.....	E. J. Tanner
District Secretary Temperance.....	R. W. Johnson

## VICTORIA DISTRICT

J. L. Wattley, Superintendent (2)

	Years
Alleyton Circuit—(A. T. Hargrave) .....	2
Altair Circuit—S. M. Franklin .....	1
Belmont Circuit—Marshall Majors .....	1
Columbus St. Paul—Lavale Lowe .....	2
Cuero-Morales—D. B. Baker .....	2
Edna Scruggs Chapel—A. D. Minor .....	5
Elcampo Parish—Antone Dykes .....	4
Goliad Parish—T. J. D. Simms .....	5
Gonzales Circuit—Z. E. King .....	1

Hallettsville Ct.—I. C. Greer .....	4
Oakland Texas—M. C. Stone, Jr. ....	1
Port Lavaca Ct.—(John W. Goode) .....	9
Schulenburg Ct.—D. C. Carroll .....	7
Sublime Ct.—(Z. M. King) .....	4
Victoria Station—J. H. Marshall .....	11
Waelder Parish—(Edward Clark) .....	2
Yoakum Shiner Ct.—(L. H. Haywood) .....	1
Yorktown—(Frank Williams) .....	1
District Missionary Secretary.....	A. D. Minor
District Secretary of Evangelism.....	D. B. Baker
District Secretary of Temperance.....	T. J. D. Simms

### WESTERN DISTRICT

R. L. Palmer, Superintendent (1)

	Years
Abilene Plum Street—C. J. Houston .....	1
Amarillo Wyatt Memorial—(John A. Wills) .....	7
Brownwood Emmanuel—R. L. Palmer .....	1
El Paso Myrtle Avenue—M. T. Reed .....	1
Hobbs and Lovington—A. Cecil Williams .....	1
Levelland—to be supplied.....	
Lubbock Mt. Vernon—I. C. Loud .....	2
Midland Hollowell—E. M. Cooper .....	5
Odessa Mackey—J. W. Morgan .....	3
O'Donnell—J. H. Hudson .....	1
Rosco and Colorado City—(N. C. Scott) .....	1
San Angelo Wesley—L. E. Muse .....	4
Slaton—I. C. Loud .....	
District Missionary Secretary.....	J. A. Wills
District Secretary Evangelism.....	L. E. Muse
District Secretary Temperance.....	M. T. Reed

### SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

General Board of Education.....	E. T. Dixon
Board of Pensions.....	T. B. Echols
Faculty, Huston-Tillotson College.....	William Ellison, Jr.
Faculty, Langston University.....	Edwins Edmonds
Conference Secretary of Evangelism.....	T. M. Bruton
Conference Missionary Secretary.....	F. D. Young
Conference Secretary of Temperance.....	D. H. Hansboro
Executive Secretary Christian Education.....	William J. Washington
Left without appointment to attend school.....	Marshall Hodge

## VII.

### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPOSITE REPORT

Meeting in Dallas, Texas, May 18, 1955

Bishop Alexander Preston Shaw and members of the Eighty-first Session of the West Texas Annual Conference.

Brethren: We are grateful for the achievements of Christian faith and Stewardship which made this report possible. We are encouraged by the many outstanding accomplishments of the year; but we are made humble by our failures and short comings in some areas of the work.

Churches and Parsonages have been renovated and given a new-look; new parsonages, new churches have been built. The membership of the West Texas Conference has increased. But there still looms ahead of us the unfinished task of making Disciples of even those about us, to say nothing of the unexplored populace in the confines of our Conference.

First: We on behalf of our District colleagues, express our gratitude and thanks to the Almighty God, for giving us strength to go through this year with no mark of Devine displeasure visible upon us.

Second: We are grateful and deeply touched by the earnest efforts and brotherly Spirit and fellowship, on the part of Pastors and the hundreds of faithful Laymen and young folk that we have been privileged to work with.

From the banks of the Red River above Denison on the north, and the Pan-

handle of Texhoma on the northwest; to the Gulf of Mexico on the south, and from the east line of the Southern Pacific including Dallas, Calvert, and Hempstead on the east, across the golden spread in the west to the eastern shore lines of the State of Arizona.

### Evangelism

Evangelism has been an every-day emphasis throughout the Conference year. Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel; this first command, "Preach." Since there is no substitute for Preaching, Preaching Missions has been a major issue this entire Year. Stewardship and Evangelism highlighted the Crusade on Church Attendance. Special Study Classes with Pastors and consecrated Laymen conducting the courses lifting Stewardship of all life magnifying the tithe. "Four Nights for God" were climaxed with team visitation, many additions have been made as our Statistical Record will show.

### Education

The Christian Education Staff with a Favorite Son of the West Texas Conference, Joseph W. Washington with his Staff of workers is one of the best. These workers, have given themselves freely of their time, service, and with much patience have done a Trojans job in giving purpose and direction to Christian Education throughout the Conference. Leadership in every area is provided. Brother Washington has been successful in getting across an effective, productive program.

All of which could not have been done, but for the co-operation and support of the Ministers. We laud them for such cooperation and support.

Plans for the Summer's work are well laid giving rise to the assurance that this Summer's Program will be one of the best ever projected on a Conference-wide level.

And now that 7¾ acres purchased by the Western District for a Camp Site, on Lake Brownwood, is not only a reality "But" it is in close proximity to all Districts of the West Texas Conference. We look forward with great anticipation, for Retreats, Assemblies, Institutes throughout the entire Conference, "And" what a day?

When TEXAS, WEST TEXAS and NEW MEXICO BECAME AN AREA; Area Councils, Annual Conferences, Jurisdictional meetings, the Abilities, Natural resources, and Materials are available and Texas, a land of oil and soil, with Health and Wealth has the money.

### Huston-Tillotson College

Dr. M. S. Davage as President has given us a type of leadership at Huston-Tillotson College that is unequalled in any of our Church-Related Schools. With an unmatched Faculty, a far-sighted Board of Trustees have wrought well, the recently completed Science Building at a cost of a Half Million Dollars, is not only ideal but has the last word in equipment with a student enrollment of more than five hundred.

We join the Chorus in singing: "Great Day of Righteous Marching."

### The Woman's Society of Christian Service

The Woman's Society of Christian Service on the Conference, District, and Local Church Level continues to make progress. Our Conference President Mrs. O. B. Coe and her efficient staff of Conference Officers have seemingly given the District and Local officers a "Spiritual Hypo."

These Consecrated Women have worked with the total program of the Church in every charge in the Conference and in many charges were it not for their Prayers and Sacrificial Service much of our work would fall far short. We pray Gods blessings on them as they continue to share in lifting the Church and the World toward God.

### Our Laymen

We have in the bounds of the West Texas Conference more than 18,000 of the best laymen Methodism has produced. They have given of their time, their Talent, and their Possessions Under the Consecrated leadership of one of the Most outstanding Christian leaders in Methodism Brother C. H. Johnson as Conference Lay-Leader. He has lead in each of these fields. We can truthfully say of them that they are worthy of the name Laymen of The Methodist Church.

### Ministerial Support

In a recent News Article from the Associated Press by George W. Cornwell May 6, 1955, and I quote "If the American dream means a new car and money in the bank, most of the Nation's Churches pastors have to get along without it. Pay of the Clergy is lowest of the Professions. On the average they are in debt about \$500.00 apiece. There has been a recent stir of concern in many of the Denominations about the relatively low salaries of the ministry and some gradual steps to do something about it. Since the incentive of the ministry is service rather than profit, Pastors are at a psychological disadvantage in doing much themselves to get a reasonable wage, even when the need is genuine. Charge with no less than ten members should not think of paying a pastor less than \$40.00 per week and if 40 members then \$60.00 per week. There must be salaries if young Consecrated prepared men are to remain in the West Texas Conference. Don't be alarmed when leaders from other Areas, make or could make the ministry inviting in other section of the country. We still have a few LITTLE LAYMEN that want LITTLE MINISTERS on little salaries. They have yet to read "Owe no Man," even for his services.

### Our Labors

The Austin District under the Capable Consecrated of Brother Hansboro known through the Conference as "Dale," The change to this District furnished a challenge. "But" the inspiration has brought from him the best. Evangelism, Missions is very evident and the results gratifying.

The Benevolent causes has received first consideration most of the Charges have come through in a fine way. Much praise is due Brothers S. D. Miller, Mayfield, E. N. King. Taylor Stewart, Roby Wade, R. J. King, E. C. Purnell and W. M. Ellison, Jr., for being among the first to complete the goal with all claims. Others have striven hard as their reports will show.

Special mention is given to Brother Foy, after 60 years our Church at Belton, is one of beauty. The \$20,000 Parsonage at Wesley Austin, under the Leadership of Brother Mosby is the last word in modern homes for the Ministry. Brothers Spencer and Burkley also has done a lively job of beauty at their respective Charges.

### Dallas District

Brother J. G. Owens the beloved District Superintendent; have had a fine year. The Dallas District has been at work this year in a sincere effort to promote all causes of our Church. In every endeavor the Pastors and Laymen have been conscious of their great heritage.

The Churches of the District have been acutely aware of the great Christian Commission to go make disciples of all men. As a result of this consciousness several churches have done outstanding work in the field of evangelism, viz.: St. Paul, St. Andrew's, Warren, Mt. Calvery, Cowan and Thompson Chapel. In our effort to spread Methodism throughout the District, a new and growing church has been organized in Grand Prairie, Texas. Our supply Pastor, Rev. A. N. Johnson, is responsible for this fine venture.

Dr. K. W. McMillan and his good people with the help and good will of others have given to the Conference a beautiful edifice which has been elegantly furnished.

The Warren Church of Dallas under the leadership of Rev. C. D. Owens, has done the impossible in raising finance for their commodious new church, and the congregation is now ready to change to their new home on Oakland Avenue.

Dr. I. B. Loud and the congregation of St. Paul, Dallas, have done a fine job in renovating both church and parsonage.

Our St. Andrew's Church under the leadership of Rev. J. H. Carruthers, has acquired new property adjacent to the old and some repairs have been made on the church and other buildings.

We have been gratified to note the rise in interest in Christian Education among the churches. St. Andrew's sets the pace for us in this area with its Kindergarten-Nursery, Recreational Department. This is truly a service institution.

St. Paul, Cowan, and Warren are doing marvelous jobs in the field of Christian Education. The Charges and Pastors of the District have rallied behind the benevolence program. Many will show 100% reports for all causes.

### San Antonio District

The District with a favorite son of the West Texas Conference at the helm, has in every way measured up to the expectation of our Great Conference; and what else could we expect of our sons? To attempt to evaluate or mention the successes of particular charges would require more space than is available for our reports.

Evangelism and Missions having had first place on the District. The results will be shown in the Pastors reports. Being responsible for 27.8% of the entire Conference Budget. A month before Conference 93% of some was in the hands of the Conference Treasurer.

We are grateful to the Ministers and fine Laymen for their support on the San Antonio District.

### Victoria District

Brother Watley has just completed his first year as a member of the Cabinet. A good year is reported by him; the entire Benevolent Program was presented and heartily accepted by the Pastors and Laymen of the Victoria District. Many has been the additions to the Churches this year. Despite the fact that Brother B. F. Lee will be with that host of West Texans.

When the roll was called a few moments ago answered with others whose Labors with us are over. So will that Stalwart long to be remembered Layman Prof. R. A. Atkinson. The loss of which was a serious handicap. He fell in the midst of a busy year's work, but the work will stand for its self.

Much increase will be observed, as each Pastor will give report of their work.

### Waco District

Brother O. B. Coe: A tireless worker. A side-by-side worker with his Pastors. Have had a fine year on the Waco District, and what else could we expect of "Obio"? Side-by-Side he and his wife, Conference President of the Womans Society of Christian Service have actually teamed on the District. From the very first District planning Conference, which proved a stimulating influence, and a source of Spiritual inspiration. The Four Nights for God climaxed with teams in visitation, which resulted in ninety-seven additions into fellowship of the Churches and a decided increase in Church Attendance.

Seven Churches have conducted Vacation Church School Study Classes in all Local W.S.C.S. Societies.

Most of the Pastors will have round reports of their work. The most gratifying experience has been the Spirit of fellowship among the Brethern.

### Western District

To serve as Pastor and District Superintendent for the past 5 years 5 months and 18 days. Has not been a play job neither a pleasant vacation. We were faced with many reverses and adverse circumstances.

When we were assigned to Amarillo and the District—we had no Church there: We had no Parsonage there: As District Superintendent we were promised \$280.00 for District expense. We traveled that first year 37,000 miles on a salary of \$1576.00 We worked on the Amarillo charge 15 months without one penny of salary.

Bishop we want to say Thanks to Brothers Coe, Hansboro, Owens, and Cooper for tiding us over our first year. But since that first year we have either brick or stone Churches on every Charge but one; Every Charge but one has a Parsonage.

The finest Ministers in Methodism are now on the Western District. We have added this Conference year 79 in The Four Nights for God.

All claims have been presented and every Pastor on our District will have a fine report.

### New Fields, Unexplored Areas

Bishop and members of the Conference there are West Texas fields, Virgin fields, for Methodism throughout this whole West Texas Conference, on every District. We might well have two more new congregations in the city of Austin. The same is true of San Antonio and Corpus Christi. We could easily have four more in Dallas, two more in Fort Worth, Waco could support easily another strong Church.

Thanks to Rev. I. C. Loud and Rev. E. M. Cooper for new congregations at Slaton and O'Donnell.

We are ready now for a Minister that is a builder to invade New Mexico, beginning at Lovington and Hobbs.

We have a salary of \$2400.00 if we can find the man.

Humbly submitted,

J. G. Owens

O. B. Coe

J. L. Wattly

P. L. S. Wood

Dale H. Hansboro

John A. Wills

District Superintendents.

### VIII.

## REPORT OF COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE 1955-1956

Bishop Shaw and members of the West Texas Annual Conference. We, your commission on World Service and Finance have made a careful study of all benevolent and service causes claiming the attention of our Conference and have used every precaution that no cause, board, or commission be neglected. We are also mindful of the present economic status of our people and their willingness to share their material possessions that the Kingdom of God may be realized in our day. In keeping with our theme "The Lord Jesus Calls Us To Stewardship Of All Life," we feel that our budget for 1955-1956 is reasonable and therefore submit the following report for your action and determination.

### WEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE BUDGET FOR 1955-1956

#### General and Annual Conference Benevolence

##### General:

World Service .....	\$7,953.00
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\$ 7,953.00

#### Annual Conference Benevolence

##### Education

Huston-Tillotson .....	\$7,000.00
Executive Secretary .....	3,200.00
House Rent .....	625.00
Travel and office expense .....	625.00
Undergraduate pastors' school .....	500.00
Supply pastors' school .....	700.00

\$12,650.00

#### Administration

##### General:

Interdenominational Cooperation fund .....	396.00
Radio and Film Commission .....	300.00
General Administration fund .....	495.00

\$ 1,191.00

#### Jurisdiction:

Jurisdiction Conference expense .....	425.00
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\$ 425.00

#### Area:

Area Administration fund .....	\$2,550.00
Area Secretary .....	760.00
Area Publicity .....	110.00

\$ 3,420.00

**Annual Conference:**

Memorial Committee .....	\$ 50.00
Board of Mission .....	200.00
Conference Missionary Secretary .....	200.00
Commission on World Service and Finance .....	500.00
Committee on conference relations .....	25.00
Conference Treasurer .....	600.00
Board of Education .....	200.00
Christian Vocation .....	75.00
Board of Temperance .....	150.00
Board of Lay Activities .....	500.00
Board of Evangelism .....	200.00
Commission on World Peace .....	150.00
Board of Hospitals and Homes .....	100.00
Conference Journal .....	1,150.00
Conference Secretary and Staff .....	200.00
Conference Statistician and Staff .....	150.00
Committee on Investigation .....	100.00
Social and Economic Relations .....	350.00
Conference Board of Trustees .....	100.00
Board of Ministerial Training .....	50.00

\$4,850.00 + 200 = \$5,050.00

We recommend that the following percentage be used in making apportionments to the several districts of the Annual Conference:

Austin District .....	18.7%	\$5,797.00
Dallas District .....	24.5%	7,595.00
San Antonio District .....	26.5%	8,215.00
Victoria District .....	9.9%	3,069.00
Waco District .....	13.5%	4,185.00
Western District .....	11.2%	3,472.00

\$31,000.00

We recommend that the following quotas be apportioned to the several charges of the annual Conference.

We further recommend that wherever an adjustment is required on the percentage share of any charge, that it be done by Quarterly Conference Action and changes made be reported in writing to the Commission on World Service and Finance and the Conference Treasurer.

**AUSTIN DISTRICT**

	%	World Service	Advance
St. Peters .....	4.9	284.00	174.00
Simpson .....	14.7	852.00	552.00
Wesley Chapel .....	22.5	1,304.00	799.00
Bartlett .....	2.5	144.00	89.00
Belton .....	3.9	226.00	139.00
Brady .....	2.2	128.00	78.00
Dale-Smithville .....	2.4	139.00	85.00
Fayetteville .....	2.2	128.00	78.00
Mason .....	2.0	116.00	71.00
Georgetown .....	3.0	174.00	107.00
LaGrange .....	2.9	168.00	103.00
Lockhart .....	8.7	504.00	309.00
Luling .....	8.7	504.00	309.00
Lampasas .....	1.0	58.00	36.00
San Marcos .....	4.5	261.00	160.00
Tilman .....	3.4	197.00	121.00
Temple .....	6.5	377.00	231.00
Winchester .....	.3	18.00	11.00
Littig .....	.6	35.00	21.00
Burnett & Lano .....	2.5	145.00	89.00
St. Mary's .....	.6	35.00	21.00
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DISTRICT QUOTA .....	18.7	\$ 5,797.00	\$ 3,553.00
CONFERENCE QUOTA .....	100.	\$31,000.00	\$19,000.00

## WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

## DALLAS DISTRICT

	%	World Service	Advance
Denison .....	4.5	\$ 342.00	\$ 209.00
Ennis-Corsicana .....	2.6	197.00	121.00
Ferris-Lancaster .....	2.7	205.00	126.00
St. Luke .....	1.0	76.00	47.00
St. Paul .....	25.5	1,936.00	1,187.00
Trinity .....	3.5	266.00	163.00
Warren .....	7.00	532.00	326.00
Cogswell .....	.7	53.00	33.00
Cowan .....	1.6	122.00	74.00
St. Andrews .....	25.5	1,936.00	1,187.00
Thompson .....	8.0	608.00	372.00
Jones-Mexia .....	3.5	266.00	163.00
Mexia-Ct. ....	3.4	258.00	158.00
Milford .....	2.3	175.00	107.00
Sherman-Pilot Point .....	2.0	152.00	93.00
Waxahachie .....	.8	61.00	37.00
Wichita Falls .....	2.7	205.00	126.00
Pelham .....	2.7	205.00	126.00
<b>DISTRICT QUOTA</b> .....	<b>24.5</b>	<b>\$ 7,595.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,655.00</b>

## SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT

	%	World Service	Advance
Beeville .....	3.	\$ 247.00	\$ 151.00
Corpus Christi .....	14.	1,150.00	705.00
Del Rio Uvalde .....	2.5	205.00	126.00
Floresville .....	2.0	164.00	101.00
Harlingen .....	3.0	247.00	151.00
Hondo-Pearsall .....	1.0	82.00	50.00
Kerrville .....	3.0	247.00	151.00
Kingsville .....	2.0	164.00	101.00
Nixon .....	2.0	164.00	101.00
Ellison-Eades .....	1.5	123.00	76.00
E. St. Paul .....	10.0	821.00	504.00
Jacobs Chapel .....	13.0	1,068.00	655.00
Jones Chapel .....	4.3	353.00	216.00
Sanford Chapel .....	4.3	353.00	216.00
St. Paul .....	24.00	1,972.00	1,208.00
W. Laurel Hgts .....	1.7	140.00	86.00
Wesley-Seguin .....	6.7	551.00	337.00
Harpers-Olms .....	1.0	82.00	50.00
St. Luke .....	1.0	82.00	50.00
<b>DISTRICT QUOTA</b> .....	<b>26.5</b>	<b>\$ 8,215.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,035.00</b>
<b>CONFERENCE QUOTA</b> .....	<b>100.</b>	<b>\$31,000.00</b>	<b>\$19,000.00</b>

## VICTORIA DISTRICT

	%	World Service	Advance
Alleyton-Weimar .....	1.0	\$ 35.00	\$ 21.00
Altair .....	2.0	69.00	43.00
Belmont Ct. ....	6.0	208.00	128.00
Cologne Ct. ....	2.0	69.00	43.00
Columbus .....	10.8	375.00	230.00
Cuero Marles .....	9.5	330.00	202.00
Edna-Ganado .....	11.0	382.00	234.00
Hallettsville .....	5.7	198.00	121.00
Goliad .....	3.0	104.00	64.00
Gonzales Ct. ....	10.0	347.00	213.00
Oakland .....	3.8	132.00	81.00
Port Lavaca .....	1.8	62.00	38.00
Refugio .....			
Schulenberg .....	4.6	160.00	98.00
Sublime .....	1.5	52.00	32.00



Waelder			
Victoria .....	15.	521.00	319.00
Wharton-El Campo .....	8.5	296.00	180.00
Yoakum Shiner .....	2.8	97.00	60.00
Yorktown .....	1.0	35.00	21.00
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DISTRICT QUOTA .....	11.2	\$ 3,472.00	\$ 2,128.00
CONFERENCE QUOTA .....	100.	\$31,000.00	\$19,000.00

## WACO DISTRICT

	%	World Service	Advance
Bowman-Long Branch .....	3.0	\$ 126.00	\$ 77.00
Calvert .....	3.0	126.00	77.00
Chilton-Rose Bud .....	4.5	188.00	115.00
Froza .....	1.0	42.00	26.00
Groesbeck Ct. ....	5.00	209.00	128.00
Hubbard .....	5.0	209.00	128.00
Marlin .....	13.0	544.00	334.00
Mart Ct. ....	5.0	209.00	128.00
Maysfield .....	3.0	126.00	77.00
Moody .....	1.5	63.00	39.00
Satin Majors .....	5.0	209.00	128.00
Valley Mills .....	3.0	126.00	77.00
Bracks Chapel .....	7.0	293.00	180.00
Jones Chapel .....	7.0	293.00	180.00
Mt. Zion .....	7.0	293.00	180.00
St. James .....	21.0	879.00	539.00
Rocky Ct. ....	5.0	209.00	128.00
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DISTRICT QUOTA .....	13.5	\$ 4,185.00	\$ 2,565.00
CONFERENCE QUOTA .....	100.	\$31,000.00	\$19,000.00

## WESTERN DISTRICT

	%	World Service	Advance
Abilene .....	9.0	\$ 156.00	\$ 96.00
Amarillo .....	2.5	43.00	27.00
Brownwood .....	17.5	304.00	186.00
El Paso .....	19.5	339.00	207.00
Lubbock .....	17.5	304.00	186.00
Odessa .....	10.0	174.00	107.00
Midland			
San Angelo .....	24.0	416.00	255.00
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DISTRICT QUOTA .....	5.6	\$ 1,736.00	\$ 1,064.00
CONFERENCE QUOTA .....	100.	\$31,000.00	\$19,000.00

## MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

In compliance with the General Conference we recommend that the Episcopal fund shall be 2% of pastors cash salary.

## CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

- (A) We recommend that conference claimants fund for immediate distribution be 12% of pastors cash salary.
- (B) We recommend 3% of pastors cash salary for reserve pension, total 15%.

## DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT FUND

We recommend that the district stewards of the several districts shall set the salary, house rent, travel and office expense for superintendents; with the salary not to exceed 16 percent of pastors apportioned salary, and a maximum of \$1500.00 per district administration.

## PASTORS SALARY

We recommend a 10 percent increase in pastors salary in each charge in the conference.

### MINIMUM SALARY FUND

We recommend that each charge be apportioned 2 percent of pastors cash salary for minimum salary.

### RESERVE PENSION

We recommend that each member of the Annual Conference or supply pastor under appointment shall pay 2 percent of his annual salary to the conference treasurer for reserve pension fund.

We recommend that the Annual Conference goal for reserve pension for 1955-1956 shall be \$10,000.00 apportioned as follows:

Austin district .....	\$ 1,870.00
Dallas district .....	2,450.00
San Antonio district .....	2,780.00
Victoria district .....	990.00
Waco district .....	1,350.00
Western district .....	560.00

TOTAL .....\$10,000.00

### SPECIAL DAYS

We recommend observance of the following days: Methodist student day, June 12, 1955; Promotion day, September 25, 1955; World Wide Communion, October 2, 1955; Race Relation Day, February 12, 1956; and Week of Dedication February 19-26, 1956.

We recommend that report days shall be on or before Thanksgiving. Race Relation and Easter.

### COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

O. B. Coe, Chairman	J. G. Owens, Vice Chairman
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### REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SECRETARY

Mr. Chairman, Brethren of the Conference and Friends:

Any approach to a comprehensive plan and program of Missions must take into account subjectively a statement which grew out of the corporate thinking of the delegation of the General Conference of 1952 and which may be found in our Methodist Discipline, Para. 1166, which statement I quote:

"The supreme aim of Missions is to make the Lord Jesus Christ known to all peoples in all lands as their divine Saviour, to persuade them to become his disciples, and to gather these disciples into Christian churches;—to promote world Christian fellowship; and to bring to bear on all human life the spirit and principles of Christ."

With a supreme consciousness of this very definite challenge, we set about the task of promoting the missionary work in our Conference for the year of 1954-55.

Accordingly, we held three Missionary Institutes, two of which were held on the tri-district level in the cities of San Antonio and Waco respectively and one on the Conference level and held in the City of Austin. For these series of meetings we were able to call to our support what we regard as the very best minds of our Conference. The District Superintendents sat as resource persons. Our minds were brought to focus on the following areas of missionary concern and in endeavor:

1. Presentation of Districts as to church locations, distances of travel and unused property.
2. The Missionary imperative.
3. Relationship between church and community agencies.
4. The work of the Missionary Secretary.
5. Organization of the Local Church.
6. Trends in Maintenance and Church Extension.
7. Shifts in Rural Population.
8. An expose and interpretation of Dr. Felton's Report on the Central Jurisdiction.

Leading in these discussions were Drs. R. S. Mosby, I. B. Loud, E. A. Smith, Julius S. Scott, Jr., J. H. Carruthers, W. M. Ellison, Jr., The Revs. John A.

Wills, Eric Purness, T. R. Watkins, T. M. Bruton, A. D. Minor, I. C. Loud, Madams C. M. Watkins and O. B. Coe and Mr. Odie Davis.

Through the minds of these ladies and gentlemen the West Texas Conference was brought into a focal position whereby we were able to view comprehensively the missionary task which awaits our endeavor. Here again we heard the voice of our Master leaping across the stretch of the centuries and challenging the workmen of our generation with the same sincerity with which he called to the selected twelve in yesteryear, "Lift up your heads and look upon the fields, they are white unto harvest."

Partial and exhausted surveys were made of all our major cities and the results of these surveys brought us ultimately to the conclusion that our most urgent Missionary challenge and imperative today is to be found in our great crowded ways. And so to complete my message today I have borrowed a subject from Murray H. Leiffer in the symposium "Crowded Ways." Not his essay, just the subject and I wish to treat in my own way. "The City, The People and the Church."

Cities are truly nerve centers and storm centers of the world. Every city is a great heart throbbing with life and sending out good blood or bad through its thousand arteries of activity.

To save the city goes a long way toward saving the world.—When Jesus drew nigh Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, he looked upon a wonderful field of labor.—Cosmopolitan in its population, this great city was visited by men from every nation under the sun. Cities have not changed fundamentally from the day of Jesus to this day.—Today the church finds in the city its most difficult and most important work. Jesus was on his way not just from Bethany but from the very heart of His Father to bring a remedy for the City's zleeding wound.

A magnificent sight it must have been as Jesus crossed the brow of Mt. Olive and saw the dome of the ancient city of God loom up before him in the distance.—But Jesus saw more than the external view. Not a thing on its streets, in its houses or in the hearts of its inhabitants was hidden from him—He saw Jer. glory, joy, sorrows, its sin and its suffering; its wealth; its poverty.—Everything that the eye of omnipotence could penetrate was open to Jesus.—He saw the awful contrasts which every city furnishes.—He saw the sanctuary for worship and the places of vice for the worship of Satan.—He saw faces radiant with the peace of God and faces scarred with the ugliness of sin.—He saw men and women toiling to save the lost and other thousands seeking to entrap the innocent.

If we could see our cities as Jesus saw Jer., what unutterable contrasts would confront us. The joyful are here—the dying are here—the praying are here—the swearing are here.

Proud men of wealth prolong the day in their cushioned chairs, while wretchedness shivers in the streets.—Gay mansions full of light and music and swelling hearts, while in the death cell the pulse of life beats faint, and blood-shot eyes look out through the darkness for the light of the last morning. This is the city.

Riot cries aloud and staggers in its rank dins of shame, while piety gathers at the solmn altar to obtain pardon for sins. This is the city.

The voluptuous and light hearted whirl in the dance, while mother with silvery hair kneels at her bedside to implore God for her wayward daughter.—All these and more lie hidden under the cover of the city.

I wonder if the great heart of God does not break again and again as He beholds the cities of our day?

Yet, right here in the city we have the finest type of piety that the world has been able to produce.—Any religion that will stand the firey test of city life is GOOD religion.

Now there is a kind of country religion that will not admit of transportation to the city. It is alright down on the farm where the church is the center of community life—but something happens to it when it is brought under the lights. Hundreds of pious people from the rurals are utterly lost in the city. The currents of city air quickly extinguish their flickering candle-lights.

It requires faith and courage to stand when all the winds that blow, blow in a contrary direction.— To stand held only by the invisible chains of duty.— To stand just because it is right to stand.

Thank God that right here in the city under the stress of great tribulations

and great temptations God is developing the finest type of Christian character.—The Lily—

But by the side of this piety we find in the city the worst wickedness.—The surface of the city is white with the leprosy of sin. It is here you find the way of the sinner—here you find the seat of the scornful—here you find the council of the ungodly.

The wickedness of the city has always been a festering boil breaking forth upon the body politic.

### Society

Now society at large cares nothing about the guilt of sin, but the terrible stench of rottenness which rises from sin, worries the city greatly. So the city must do something—and this is what the city does: Builds a prison, this will rid us of some of the annoyance. In another corner the city plans a mad house, that the sore might fester there unseen. In another corner the city lays out a potters field. Here it dumps the remains of the by-products of our highly streamlined and ultra modernized social order.

These are the aprons that the city wears to protect itself against the filth of sin.—O there are scores of institutions for the redemption of the lost—the reclaiming of the erring, the raising of the submerged—Schools, Asylums, Homes for the Orphans, etc., etc.—But only the church of Jesus Christ offers complete redemption for the whole life and salvation from sin. This is the task of Missions—of evangelism—of Christian education. . . . This is the task of the church.

Side by side with all these organizations for redemption are the organized kingdoms of sin displaying their Satanic energy.—The streets are filled with man-traps deep as the pit of hell—gambling is rampant; harlotry does not wait for an invitation—drunkardness is evident not only in the package house but on the streets and even in many of our best homes.

These are but a few of the things that Jesus saw and still sees as he draws nigh the city.

As the city with its agony came before him it broke his great heart and the cry of his sorrow mingled with the hosannas of the crowd and hushed them to silence. Jesus saw in the city so many mortal souls that could be raised up to heaven or that could sink down to hell. Thus he cries: "O Jerusalem, thou hast not known the day of thy visitation; thou hast not known the things which belong to thy peace.

If Jesus should come to our cities today He would behold a scene very little removed from the scenes which He beheld as He passed through the streets of Jer. He would behold humanity amidst a scene of seething turmoil, milling, struggling, surging and upon their countenances the unmistakable signs of unrest, uncertainty and insecurity. They do not know the things which belong to their peace.

Jesus did not simply weep over Jer. He set to work to remedy its evils. Oddly enough or is Jesus began at the house of the Lord. If the city is to be saved in your day and my day, the work of cleansing the house of God must be the first work taken in hand. Judgment must begin at the house of the Lord.

With the chanel of Christs redeeming power choked by sin, depection—fault finding—petty contemptible prejudices and narrow cynicism how can the waters of Salvation flow out into the world?—Let us pull out the plugs and let the waters of Salvation flow and kow till all the world shall know, "There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's vain.

### Finally

Man has never been able to bring forward a successful plan for the uplift of humanity:

Law alone will not do nit  
Outward reforms will not do it  
Organizations will not do it.

The city needs the transforming blood of Jesus.

Where cross the crowded ways of life, Where sounds the cries of race and clan,  
Above the noise of selfish strife, We hear thy voice, O Son of man.  
Rise up, O man of God.

Respectfully

F. D. Young, Conf. Miss. Secretary.

**REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO THE  
EIGHTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE WEST TEXAS  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Thursday, May 19 at 4:00 p.m. with Dr. K. W. McMillan, Chairman, presiding.

Dr. R. S. Mosby, special representative for the Board, made his report and from it the Board arrived at the following recommendation:

1. That the abandoned property at Kyle, Texas, be sold. The sale price suggested is \$50.
2. That there are two pieces of abandoned property at Reedville, Texas. One is practically worthless because it has at some time been mined for gravel. We recommend the sale of this plot if it has any sale value. The second plot has a front of 117 feet and a depth of 96 feet. There is a prospective purchases. We recommend the sale of this plot.
3. The Board of Missions and Church Extension holds a mortgage against our abandoned property at Giddings, Texas. The Board recommends that the plot be sold and the proceeds received therefrom be applied on the mortgage debt.
4. A one-acre plot, formally Redd's Chapel on the San Antonio District, has been abandoned and the Board has an offer of \$50 for that plot. We recommend the sale of that plot.

We wish to further recommend that the Conference now in session give its consent to the setting up of an Executive Committee consisting of the Chairman of the Board and three members of the Board with power to look into all unused and abandoned property throughout the Conference and make disposition of such property.

We offer the names of R. S. Bosby, T. M. Bruton and F. D. Young as the Board members to constitute this Committee.

We present a bill of \$40.20 to cover travel of the Special Representative, R. S. Mosby. Mileage 804.

We offer the names of K. W. McMillan, T. M. Bruton, R. S. Mosby to be elected to the Board of Conference Trustees, terms to expire 1958.

Respectfully submitted,

Conference Board of Trustees,  
K. W. McMillan, Chairman.

F. D. Young, Acting Secretary.

**IX.**

**REPORT OF TREASURER**

**WEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH  
AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

To the Board of Directors  
West Texas Annual Conference  
Of The Methodist Church  
Dallas, Texas

We have audited the records of the West Texas Annual Conference Methodist Church, and we certify that, subject to the comments incorporated in our report, the accompanying balance sheet and statement of income correctly presents, in accordance with sound principles of accounting consistently maintained by the Conference Treasurer during the period under audit and during preceeding years, the financial position as of May 31, 1955, and the results of operations for the year ended that date.

GEORGE L. ALLEN & COMPANY  
BY:  
Public Accountant

Dallas, Texas  
August 12, 1955

August 18, 1955

West Texas Annual Conference of  
Methodist Church  
Dallas, Texas  
Gentlemen:

In keeping with your directions to make a detailed audit of the financial records and other business of the West Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist

Church, we are submitting hereon below a report covering same. The time embraced is June 1, 1954 and May 31, 1955, both dates inclusive. There is included in this report for informational purposes "A Schedule of Checks" detailing all checks drawn subsequent to the close of the audit period and the present time.

#### INCOME & DISBURSEMENTS

Income was derived by checking the Conference Treasurer's report from Pastoral Charges and tracing these entries into the bank deposits and bank statements. Test checking was here employed.

Cancelled checks were examined with entries in the cash journal in order to support disbursements items of the Conference. Total receipts from all sources during the period under audit amounted to \$73,707.71, of which \$65,008.17 came direct from Districts. Total disbursements aggregated \$80,939.08; this figure includes dishonored and post dated checks from a number of ministers. These checks were remitted at various times throughout the Conference Year. The Conference Treasurer had all these items on hand for personal examination by the auditors.

#### BALANCE SHEET

The balance sheet as of May 31, 1955 shows total assets of cash in the bank amounting to \$24,188.61 with gross assets amounting to \$2,773,508.61; outstanding obligations representing notes payable, adequately secured by church property, aggregating \$251,346.00, leaving the Conference possessed of a surplus of \$2,522,162.61; this is after due allowance has been made for depreciation, etc., on physical assets.

The valued cooperation of the Conference Treasurer and his official personnel is gratefully acknowledged. If there is any further information desired in connection with this report please feel free to call upon us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Auditor, James Walker

### WEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH Dallas, Texas STATEMENT OF INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS

#### INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES:

##### Districts:

Conference Claimants .....	\$12,635.00	
Episcopal Fund .....	1,915.00	
Reserve Pensions .....	1,830.00	
Ministers' 2% .....	254.00	
Minimum Support .....	502.00	
Sustentation .....	155.00	
World Service .....	28,458.00	
Fourth Sunday .....	586.00	
Advance Specials .....	14,491.00	
Rally Day .....	234.00	
Week of Dedication .....	325.00	
Methodist Student Day .....	18.00	
Race Relations .....	1,283.00	
Methodist Youth Fund .....	21.00	
Methodist Committee on Over-seas Relief...	285.67	
District Administration .....	1,500.50	
Bishop's Annual Appeal for Korea .....	465.00	\$65,008.17
Highland Park Methodist Church .....		2,438.92
Board of Education — Nashville .....		500.00
Methodist Publishing House .....		1,657.77
Annual Conference Offerings:		
Huston Tillotson College .....	\$ 339.00	
Gulfside Assembly .....	138.10	477.10
Special Offering from Youth Meeting .....		7.50
Methodist Ministers' Wives and Daughters Ass'n .....		3,618.25
Total Income .....		\$73,707.71

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Huston Tillotson Pastor's School .....	\$ 2,438.92	
Memorial Committee .....	41.30	
Board of Lay Activities .....	354.95	
New Orleans Area Pastor's School .....	1,000.00	
Conference Board of Education .....	5,239.58	
Annual Conference Programs .....	117.95	
District Expenses .....	3,908.54	
Conference Board of Missions .....	145.00	
Commission on World Service & Finance.....	1,287.88	
Telephone & Telegrams .....	755.57	
Minimum Support .....	161.26	
Board of World Peace .....	177.50	
Area Budget .....	2,000.00	
Area Secretary .....	1,760.00	
Area Publicity .....	110.00	
Committee on Investigation .....	226.10	
Conference Offering for Gulfside .....	138.10	
Advance Specials .....	17,702.27	
Returned Checks .....	1,146.00	
Call Meeting (New Orleans) Bishop King....	128.66	
Refund on over-paid Claims .....	95.00	
Board of Ministerial Training .....	6.00	
Board of Social and Economic Relations.....	45.00	
Episcopal Fund .....	1,915.00	
General Administration Fund .....	495.00	
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund .....	396.00	
Bishop's Appeal for Korea .....	452.59	
Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief.....	114.00	
Fellowship of Suffering and Service .....	114.58	
Week of Dedication .....	325.00	
World Service .....	7,960.05	
Conference Statistician .....	110.00	
Huston-Tillotson College:		
Scholarship .....	\$ 50.00	
Conference Session .....	339.00	
Race Relations .....	1,283.00	1,669.75
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Jurisdictional Conference Fund .....	300.00	
Board of Hospitals and Homes .....	90.00	
Conference Missionary Secretary .....	150.00	
Conference Board of Trustees .....	100.00	
Conference Secretary .....	170.00	
Conference Journal .....	875.00	
Board of Evangelism .....	207.82	
Board of Temperance .....	155.00	
*Subsequent Checks (Journal 1954 and 1955)		26,413.71
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Total Disbursements .....		\$80,939.08
**Excess Disbursements .....		-7,231.37
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Balance Cash Brought from 1954 .....		\$27,419.95
Loan from Bank .....		4,000.00
Less: Excess Disbursements .....		-7,231.37
Less: Subsequent Checks (See Schedule) .....		-17,108.81
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BALANCE .....		\$7,079.77
Less: Designated for Reserve Pensions .....		5,702.25
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BALANCE .....		\$1,377.52

\*These items are carried in Official Journal (1953 and 1954).

\*\*This is due to \$26,413.71, subsequent checks shown in Official Journal for 1953 and 1954.

## WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

WEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH  
Dallas, Texas

## BALANCE SHEET (As of May 31, 1955)

## ASSETS:

Cash .....	\$ 24,188.61
Church Building, Equipment & Land .....	2,230,415.00
Parsonage Furniture & Land .....	428,900.00
Bonds & other Assets .....	90,005.00
<b>Total Assets .....</b>	<b>\$2,773,508.61</b>

## LIABILITIES:

Notes Payable .....	\$ 251,346.00
Surplus .....	2,522,162.61
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Surplus .....</b>	<b>\$2,773,508.61</b>

WEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH  
Dallas, Texas

## SCHEDULE OF INCOME BY DISTRICTS

Austin .....	\$11,079.00
Dallas .....	16,784.00
San Antonio .....	17,517.52
Victoria .....	5,013.15
Western .....	5,285.00
Waco .....	9,329.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME BY DISTRICTS .....</b>	<b>\$65,008.67</b>

WEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH  
Dallas, Texas

## REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK

## Reconciliation of Bank Balance as of May 31, 1955

Balance per bank statement .....	\$34,155.37	
Deposit in transit .....		3,185.20
Outstanding Checks .....	\$13,151.96	
Book Balance .....	24,188.61	
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$37,340.57</b>	<b>\$37,340.57</b>

## OUTSTANDING CHECKS

Date	Check Number	Amount
5-26-55 .....	715 .....	\$ 100.00
5-21-55 .....	729 .....	15.00
5-21-55 .....	731 .....	16.60
5-21-55 .....	732 .....	30.05
5-21-55 .....	733 .....	30.00
5-23-55 .....	738 .....	250.00
5-23-55 .....	743 .....	75.00
5-23-55 .....	744 .....	19.95
5-25-55 .....	748 .....	15.00
5-26-55 .....	749 .....	74.61
5-26-55 .....	752 .....	56.00
5-26-55 .....	753 .....	1,622.00
5-26-55 .....	754 .....	10,086.00
5-26-55 .....	759 .....	30.00
5-26-55 .....	757 .....	108.65
5-26-55 .....	758 .....	20.00
5-26-55 .....	760 .....	30.00
5-26-55 .....	762 .....	75.00
5-26-55 .....	783 .....	10.00
5-26-55 .....	784 .....	438.10
5-26-55 .....	786 .....	50.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>		<b>\$13,151.96</b>



**WEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Dallas, Texas**

**SCHEDULE OF CHECKS**

(Drawn subsequent to close of Audit, May 31, 1955.)

Date	Payee	Amount
6- 7 -55	C. D. Owens (Conference Statistician) .....	\$ 50.00
6- 9 -55	Dr. Edmond Heinshon (Annual Conference Program).....	27.99
6- 9 -55	Star Post Publishing Company (Annual Conference Program) .....	81.69
6-27-55	Southwestern Bell Telephone Company .....	118.15
6-29-55	I. B. Loud (Expense of Nominating Committee).....	238.21
7- 2 -55	Huston Tillotson College .....	2,000.00
7- 5 -55	The Board of Trustees of Clampo (Advance Special) Methodist Church and Rev. Antone Dykes.....	200.00
7-19-55	The Board of Pensions of the Methodist Church.....	14,292.77
7-19-55	A Cecil Williams, Subsidy Hobbs (New Mexico Advance) and Lovington .....	100.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>		<b>\$17,108.81</b>

**WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE**  
**BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS**

**Our Task**

The Board of Ministerial Training and Qualification takes the task assigned it by the Church with due seriousness. It has tried in every instance to uphold the law of the Church, yet, at the same time, be as helpful and encouraging as possible to every man intrusted to its care. We have an exceptionally fine group of young men in the classes. While these are being guided and trained for the Christian ministry, others must be recruited. In these endeavors, we solicit the wholehearted cooperation of the district superintendents, district committees on Ministerial Qualifications, each pastor and local church of our conference.

**Our Commission**

And Jesus said: "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." "Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you and ordained you." "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." "Lo, I am with you even unto the end."

**Our Recruiting Program**

The purpose of this brochure is twofold. Its first aim is to acquaint the conference with the calibre of young men who make up the constant flow into the life stream of our annual conference and The Methodist Church.

Secondly, we wish to call attention to the urgent need and ever growing demand for more and better recruits for the Christian vocations.

Even though the West Texas Conference probably leads the other conferences of our Jurisdiction in recruiting young men for the ministry, still we are far short of the supply we should be producing. During this quadrennium, beginning with 1951, we have taken only thirty young men into our ministerial fellowship. Of this number twenty-two are college graduated; eleven advance university and seminar degrees, including two Ph.D.'s; the remaining men are of senior college rank.

For lack of proper guidance, sympathetic understanding, proper consideration in appointments and other reasons a few of these young men have not made the progress they should have made. It is our hope that the entire conference will become conscious of the presence of these young men and be ever ready to lend them the needed encouragement, less we be guilty of not having the proper appreciation for our own sons and daughters in the gospel.

**The Church Needs Young Men and Women**

"The world goes forward on the feet of youth." This is as true in Christian vocations as in military affairs and other endeavors. Every day the calls come from the home and foreign fields for more workers. Not only are there wide areas under-staffed, but there are other areas without any Christian leadership in our homeland as well as abroad.

### The Preaching Ministry

There will always be a demand for better and more effective preaching of the gospel. It is an absolute necessity to the preservation of our civilization and the triumphant progress of God's Kingdom on earth. Civilization collapses without the church, and the church dies without a preacher. It is still true that the community can be measured by the type of preaching it receives. **Like priests, like people.**

### Christian Education

For a quarter of a century, the West Texas Conference has been a leader in the field of Christian Education. We must not lose our crown. Our colleges and local churches must continue to lead our young people to realize the wonderful opportunities in this field for the investment of their lives.

### Missions

To our regret in years past, this has been a field in which our Negro people have manifested very little interest. We give thanks to God for the growing interest being manifest now. Young men and women are giving themselves to missions at home and around the world.

### Pastor's School

We are grateful to Dr. Marshall T. Steele, the Department of Inservice Training of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, to Bishop Shaw and the Boards of Ministerial Training and Qualifications of the Texas and West Texas Conferences for their foresight in providing a school for Approved Supply Pastors within the confines of our State. We have faith to believe that our entire Methodist ministry will be enriched and the Cause of the Kingdom of God will be advanced. We pledge this venture our unstinted support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Committee,  
J. G. Owens, Chairman.

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Our efforts this year in projecting and promoting a definite program in Christian Education for the conference have been quite revealing and somewhat rewarding. The continual support of a devoted staff, ministers, and laymen has enabled us to attain successes in many areas of our work. However, it should be explicitly understood that a degree of complacency has not been assumed because we are yet a far cry from achieving the ultimate to which we do earnestly strive. Through our efforts we are able to see the dawn of a new day. We must keep as an ever cognizant thought the fact that the real fruits of our labors will not always have immediate fruition but will show forth only through continual work in years to come.

Through the program of Christian Education that we promote, we hope that all efforts will be felt on local levels and in local situations. We strive to reach, among others, these primary goals. We want "to help each person (child, youth, and adult) to achieve an intimate acquaintance and fellowship with God as his Heavenly Father, and to fully realize, in everyday life, the power of God's Spirit. We want to help lead each person (within our reach) to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, to acknowledge his supremacy, and to make a sincere effort to practice his teachings in all relationships of life."<sup>1</sup> We want to help make plain to all that the Christian way of life is a growing process—toward Christian maturity. Following the moral of the parable of the mustard seed the Kingdom of God is embedded in our lives by God with the capacity of becoming an actual possession in its fullness through a continuing process of growth.

It is a very humble but firm conviction that through a well-developed program of Christian Education within each of our local churches, and by and through God's grace, these goals can be realized.

<sup>1</sup>The Educational Work of the Small Church, Schisler, John Q. pp. 16 & 17.

**PROPOSED ACTIVITIES AND SCHEDULES FOR THE YEAR  
JUNE 1955 - MAY 1956**

**Children's Work:**

1. We propose that Vacation Church Schools be had in each local church during the month of June, the first two weeks.
2. We plan to strengthen the programs already in action for the children of our conference by offering efficient leadership for leaders of children.
3. We plan for the annual Vacation Church School Training Clinic this year to be had during the last of February (date to be announced). We hope that following this conference training clinic that a training clinic will be had on each district so that each local church may have this service.

**Youth Work:**

1. District youth institutes have already been planned for each district (check the April-May edition of News Release for dates and places). It is highly desired that the requirements for the institutes will be followed as closely as possible. Check the Dean of your institute for further information.
2. CONFERENCE YOUTH ASSEMBLY—JULY 26-29. We hope that this year each church will strive to send at least one youth. The assembly will be had on Huston-Tillotson's Campus again this year.
3. We plan to send eight (8) youth to Mt. Sequoyah again this year. The date of that meeting is August 5-12. There will be two (2) adult counselors to go along with the youth. The pattern we hope to follow is that the conference president and vice president of the MYF and each district president of the MYF be sent as delegates. The two adult counselors will be two youth directors from the districts.
4. We would like to send seven (7) youth to the National Convocation of Methodist Youth that will meet in Lafayette, Ind., at Purdue University, August 22-26. We plan to send two adult counselors too. We hope that local churches will assume the responsibility of sending some youth from its church.
5. We will send two youth to the San Antonio Youth Work Camp again this year and we propose that a scholarship of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) be given to each youth as a token for his representation.
6. There are several interjurisdictional meetings where youth from our conference will attend. We strongly propose that invitations be extended to youth of other jurisdictions to attend the institutes and any other activity that may be had on the conference, district, sub-district, or local level. This official action was taken in the Dean's meeting in March.
7. We recommend that the quarterly program in emphasis be followed by each local group with whatever modifications deemed necessary or desired.

**Adult Work:**

1. We plan for a conference with Older Adult leaders so that programs of older adults can be started in local churches and in sub-districts.
2. We plan that in the same fashion we can get started with a definite program for adults (36-65). This meeting will be called during the Fall.
3. The West Texas Conference Young Adult Assembly will be held at St. Paul Church in San Antonio, Texas, in April 1956. (Definite date to be announced.)
4. We plan for a very fine representation to go to the New Orleans Area Young Adult Assembly that will be had at Gulfside August 18-21. We hope to have a group of twenty.

**Leadership Training:**

1. We plan that our entire conference and district staffs will go to Gulfside for the annual Area Leadership Training School that will be held July 7-14. We hope that the district superintendents and any other leader than can possibly go will attend this training enterprise and be benefited by the rich experience.

2. We plan to accept the invitation from the South Central Jurisdiction to send two representatives to their Jurisdictional Leadership School that will be held at Mt. Sequiyah July 11-22.
3. We hope to send representatives to the 23rd International Sunday School Convention that will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, July 27-31. This, too, would be quite an enriching experience for a church school worker.
4. Definite plans are being made to conduct accredited Christian Worker's Schools in San Antonio, Dallas, Austin, Ft. Worth, and Waco. Three-day schools will be conducted in many other places on a sub-district basis.
5. Visits by the executive secretary and other staff members will still be continued as openings will allow.

#### **General Church School Work:**

1. The one-day and three-day Christian Workers institutes will be conducted for churches that cannot afford a regular accredited school. These should be requested for before August.
2. We recommend a stern attempt on the part of every pastor to increase the interest and attendance for his church school. Every church school should be a good church school.

#### **Christian Vocations:**

The only activity in promoting Christian Vocations this year was through a Christian Vocations Conference which was held in conjunction with the Religious Emphasis Week at Huston-Tillotson College, February 25-27. Rev. E. A. Smith was the special resource leader and an average attendance of 25 youth (from the college campus and the conference) participated. In the Sunday morning closing worship service, led by Dr. T. B. Ecols, 13 youth pledged themselves for full time Christian Service; 37 pledged themselves for part-time Christian Service and Vocations that could be called Christian; and a total of 97 pledged themselves to follow the Christian principles in their daily living. Christian vocations were not stressed in the institutes this year.

#### **The Methodist Student Movement at Huston-Tillotson College:**

The organization, as such, is almost defunct. There have been some meetings of a body of Methodist students and the organization has continued its affiliations with the state organization.

This is an area of opportunity for our conference Board of Education that should have more immediate attention. We have a responsibility to our youth that go to college that we should cease to neglect. We hope that each pastor will encourage the youth from his church to continue his church relationship through the MSM.

#### **Christian Vocations:**

1. We plan for the annual Christian Vocations Conference to be held on the campus of Huston-Tillotson College the second week in February.
2. Christian Vocations shall be emphasized in each of the youth institutes and in the youth assembly.
3. We recommend that each church hold, during the year, a conference on Christian Vocations for the youth of its community.

#### **Special Days to Observe During the Year:**

1. Methodist Student Day—June 12
2. Church School Rally Day—October 2 (Goal for the conference this year is \$1,895.00)
3. Christian Education Week—September 25-October 1
4. Children's Day—May 6
5. Family Week—May 6-13
6. Student Recognition Day (to be announced)
7. EACH FOURTH SUNDAY SHOULD BE OBSERVED IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL AND AN OFFERING SHOULD BE TAKEN FOR THE CAUSE EMPHASIZED.

**FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT  
BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS  
WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE**

May 18-22, 1955

**Amount Available for 1955-56 Distribution**

Balance on hand after 1954-55 distribution.....	\$ 1,449.00
Received from Charges on Apportionment.....	12,635.00
Received from Board of Pensions on Appropriation.....	1,030.00
Received from Board of Pensions Chartered Fund.....	75.00
Received from The Methodist Publishing House.....	1,657.77
Due from Clearinghouse .....	116.00
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Total Amount Available for Distribution.....	\$16,962.77

**Years and Annuities of Claimants**

16 Retired Preachers .....	451¼ yrs. @ \$14.00.....	\$ 6,318.00
36 Widows .....	674 yrs. @ 9.80.....	6,606.00
7 Children .....	246¼ yrs. @ 3.50.....	862.00
Others .....	50¼ yrs. ....	595.00
8 Special Conference Claimants .....	154½ yrs. @ 9.10.....	905.00
Relief: F. J. Hutchinson.....	\$ 60.00	
Willie Smith .....	100.00	
Ervin N. King .....	300.00	460.00
Expense for Board of Conference Claimants (D. B. Baker) .....		25.00
Responsibility in other conference increase rate.....		80.00
Emergency Fund .....		500.00
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Total .....		\$16,351.00
Prospective Balance .....		\$ 611.77

PERMANENT FUND .....

\$18,900.52

**Temporary Reserve Pension Fund**

May 12, 1954 Balance .....	\$13,613.68
May 31, 1954 Interest .....	438.54
June 1, 1954 Trsf. from Dist. Acct. ....	300.00
July 22, 1954, By Ira B. Loud .....	7,423.88
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	\$21,776.10

**Received at This Conference**

Ministers Wives Association .....	\$3,618.25
Ministers' 2% Cash Salary .....	239.00
From Charges on Reserve Pension, Special.....	1,930.00
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	\$ 5,787.25

T. B. ECHOLS, Representative,  
Board of Pensions,  
The Methodist Church.

**FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT  
BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS**

West Texas Annual Conference

May 18-22, 1955

RATE PAID \$14.00	
Receipts during 1954-55 to be distributed during 1955-56.	
Annual Conference Sources:	
Balance Previous Year .....	\$ 1,449.00
Pastoral Charges on Apportionment.....	12,335.00
Held by Board of Pensions: Illinois Corp. ....	\$ 756.02
Total Investment Income .....	756.02
<b>Board of Pensions:</b>	
Chartered Fund .....	75.00
Appropriation—Illinois Corporation .....	1,030.00
Due for Clearinghouse .....	116.00

**Other Items:**

Methodist Publishing House .....	1,657.77
Pastor's Per Cent of Salary .....	254.00
Min Wives Assoc .....	3,618.25
Reserve Pens. (Spc) .....	1,830.00
Special Relief (E. N. King) .....	300.00

Total .....\$23,421.04

**Prospective Disbursements during 1955-56 of funds collected during 1954-55.****Regular Conference Claimants:****On Basis of Service:**

Preachers .....	\$6,540.00
Widows .....	6,935.00
Children .....	925.00
Total Regular Annuity .....	\$14,400.00
Regular Relief .....	360.00

**Special Conference Claimants:**

On Basis of Service .....	\$ 894.00
Total Special Conference Claimants .....	\$ 894.00

**Other Items:**

Emergency Relief .....	\$ 500.00
Increase in Rate Above Clearinghouse Rate	
Claimants in Other Conferences .....	80.00
Min Wives Assoc MRPF .....	3,618.25
Pastors 2% MRPF .....	254.00
From Charges (Spc) MRPF .....	1,830.00
Expenses, Board of Conference Claimants .....	25.00
Prospective Balance .....	1,459.79

Total .....\$23,421.04

**STATEMENT OF PROSPECTIVE DISTRIBUTION  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS**

**Supply Pastors and Widows  
West Texas Conference  
1955-56**

Annuity Rate Ministers, \$9.10; Windows, \$6.40; Children, \$2.28.

Name of Claimant	Years	Annuity
<b>Ministers:</b>		
Anderson, B. W. ....	12	109
Caesar, Jack .....	28	255
Franklin, W. M. ....	15	137
<b>Widows of Ministers:</b>		
Mathis, Mrs. Silas .....	10	64
Prince, Mrs. Belt .....	11	70
Stevens, Mrs. Thomas .....	25	160
<b>Children of Ministers:</b>		
Prince, Annie Louise .....	14½	33
Prince, Kathrine .....	14½	33
Prince, Thelma Lee .....	14½	33
<b>Totals</b> .....		<b>894</b>

**STATEMENT OF PROSPECTIVE DISTRIBUTION  
RETIRED MINISTERS**

**West Texas Conference  
1955-56**

Annuity Rate \$14.00

Name	Total App'v'd Yrs.	Texas Yrs.	Texas Annuity	Other Yrs.	Other Annuity	Total Annuity	Relief
Appling, Robert A. ....	27¾	27¾	389			389	
Brown, C. C. ....	29	29	406			406	

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Burkley, Martin B. ....	27½	26½	371	1	12	383	
Childs, Jonah H. ....	30¾	30¾	431			431	
Ellison, Wm. M., Sr....	39½	39½	553			553	
Franklin, Charles W....	40½	40½	567			567	
Hardeman, Jesse J....	39½	39½	553			553	
Hutchinson, Floyd J... 35¼	35¼	35¼	494			494	60
King, Ervin N. ....	19½	19½	273			273	300
McMillan, Kay W. ....	50½	32½	455	18	216	671	
Mosely, William M....	17	17	238			238	
Phillips, Preston H. ....	30½	30½	427			427	
Ross, James S. ....	47	47	658			658	
Snow, Turner ....	9	9	126			126	
Stephens, Newton W. 11	11	11	154			154	
Tollerson, H. C. ....	15½	15½	217			217	
Totals .....	469¾	450¾	6312	19	228	6540	360

STATEMENT OF PROSPECTIVE DISTRIBUTION  
WIDOWS

West Texas Conference — 1955-56

Annuity Rate \$9.80

Name	Widow's	West Texas		Other		Total
	App'v'd	Yrs.	Annuity	Yrs.	Annuity	
Allen, Elijah T. ....	8¾	8¾	86			86
Allen, Ralph W. ....	14½	14½	142			142
Bailey, Robert R. ....	9¼	9¼	91			91
Blair, Frank L. ....	7	7	69			69
Braden, Robert ....	9	9	88			88
Browne, James G. ....	2½	2½	25			25
Byars, Burnett A. ....	30¾	30¾	301			301
Callahan, Frank C. ....	19	19	186			186
Coe, John ....	20	20	196			196
Cooke, Victor A. ....	18	18	176			176
Downs, Karl E. ....	9¾	4¾	47	5	151	198
Eggleston, Joseph B. ....	22¾	22¾	223			223
Eusan, Joseph C. ....	18½	18½	181			181
Fountain, Mumford ....	21¼	3¼	32	18	151	183
Glover, A. J. ....	11	11	108			108
Goff, B. J. ....	17	17	167			167
Harvey, Samuel N. ....	44¾	44¾	439			439
Holden, Adolphus D. ....	12	12	118			118
Hudspeth, Francis M....	20	20	196			196
Humphrey, Sandy D. ....	11	11	108			108
Jacques, A. D. ....	17¼	17¼	169			169
Jones, H. A. ....	25¾	25¾	252			252
Lott, William B. ....	41¾	41¾	409			409
McKinney, Hiram L. ....	13¾	13¾	135			135
Mooney, William ....	30	30	294			294
Moore, Norrell J. ....	27½	27½	270			270
Mosely, S. D. ....	24½	24½	240			240
Robinson, Walter A. ....	6¾	6¾	66			66
Sodia, Riley ....	22¾	22¾	223			223
Stone, John W., Jr. ....	10½	10½	103			103
Stone, John W., Sr. ....	32½	32½	319			319
White, W. M. ....	13¼	13¼	130			130
Whitaker, Charles E. ....	19¼	19¼	189			189
Williams, Cornelius S....	24½	24½	240			240
Wyatt, M. L. ....	29¾	29¾	292			292
Wyatt, Thomas H. ....	26¼	26¼	257			257
Totals .....	699½	676½	6633	23	302	6935

## WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

STATEMENT OF PROSPECTIVE DISTRIBUTION  
CHILDREN

West Texas Conference — 1955-56

Annuity Rate \$3.50

(Name of mother or guardian first; name of child second.)

	Age	Father's App'v'd Yrs.	W. Texas Yrs.	W. Texas Annuity	Other Yrs.	Other Annuity	Total Annuity
Blair, Mrs. Frank L... Cynthia Ann	12	21¼	21¼	74			74
Blair, Mrs. Frank L... Frank L., Jr.	9	21¼	21¼	74			74
Blair, Mrs. Frank L... Lorenzo Wayne	7	21¼	21¼	74			74
Downs, Mrs. Karl..... Karleen Mae	15	14½	9¼	32	5¼	56	88
Ellison, W. M..... Alexander M. Mason	19	58¾	57¾	202	1	3	205
Ellison, W. M..... John Marshall Mason	18	58¾	57¾	202	1	3	205
Ellison, W. M..... Sonye Bertram Mason	13	58¾	57¾	202	1	3	205
Totals .....		254½	246¼	860	8¼	65	925



**CONFERENCE BOARD OF WORLD PEACE  
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH****Mrs. O. B. Coe, Chairman**

Bishop Shaw, Ministers, Laymen and Friends:

We seem to be fighting a losing battle, but I have faith in God, and if we cooperate with Him we are sure to win the Victory.

**A Christian View of the International Crisis**

The broad outlines of the world's dilemma are generally known, with full recognition that we are not without guilt with regard to the total situation that has arisen, we are convinced that an act of aggression has been committed. The United Nations authorized an international police action which has, on varying grounds and in various ways, been opposed and resisted by North Korea, by the people's Government of China and by the U.S.S.R. In the United States as well as in other countries, a far-flung program of military preparations is under way. While there are some who believe that force should never be used, preponderant majority reluctantly accepts the necessity of military strength to serve as a deterrent to aggression and, wherever aggression occurs, as a means of opposing it. The reality of the situation is that the world is divided into two armed camps and that the United States and other governments are making every effort to have a military power sufficient for any emergency. In face of these circumstances, the definition of our problem is not too difficult. We must find those affirmative steps, which will decrease the need for using military measures now underway and, if further need does arise, to keep such military measures at every point to the absolute minimum which circumstances will allow.

In seeking to determine these affirmative steps, we must ask ourselves what can be done. The people to whom we can speak and who will listen to us. We can not at this time hope to get sympathetic audience from Soviet controlled areas. What we can do is to govern our own immediate actions and goodwill as progressively to extend the area of our influence and ultimately win a hearing from those who oppose us.

In suggesting eight possible lines of procedure, I shall first of all indicate the danger against which we should guard and then explain or illustrate the positive means by which this may be done. Needless to say, isolation of anyone proposed from the others may lead to a faulty conception of what is intended.

1. Guard against hysteria which robs action of moral perspective and political wisdom. Confronted by imminent danger, people are disposed to cast reason and judgment to the wind. In alarming proportions, there is, for example, the demand that we should now drop atomic bombs on communist China and promptly invade Manchuria. I unhesitatingly express my personal opinion that these are the very things which we should not at this moment do. In the first place, until all other means have been explored and found impossible, the dropping of Atomic bombs, would not be morally justifiable.

2. Guard against self-righteousness and hatred which give impulse to the monstrosity of a holy war or preventive war.

3. Guard against unilateral action which rejects a moral judgment as reflected by majority opinion in the United Nations. One hopeful factor in the United Nation's decision to recommend military measures against aggression by North Korea was emergency for the first time in history of international police action, imperfect though that recognizedly was. That new factor must be retained and improved.

4. Guard against false pride and face-saving tendencies which close the door to open minded and effective negotiation. We must be constantly willing to review our policies, especially as they apply to particular situations. For example, an original commitment may have called for military action embracing all Korea. Alternate possibilities should not be arbitrarily discarded, such as the creation of a buffer strip to be controlled by the U. N. for a cooling off period. Great importance must be in this connection be attached to the offers by immediate or small governments to negotiate differences between the major powers.

5. Guard against complacency which comes with increasing military strength and which may bring a disposition to risk an incident or even to create an incident for inciting conflict on a world scale.

6. Guard against making our economy so dependent upon military production as to give the impression that we are unprepared to recognize the importance of economic health throughout the world.

7. Guard against the prejudice which refuses to see the evils in situations which are predominantly good and thus deserving of support. Rarely if ever, is one party to a dispute, entirely right and the other entirely wrong. Few situations may be described as completely black and white. The mixture of good and evil which characterizes virtually every international issue is a substantial obstacle to effective solutions. Christians must be particularly vigilant in making sharp distinctions so that, in supporting a predominantly just cause, they will not condone the injustices which are inherent on which emerge in the situation.

8. Guard against impatience in seeking a sound conclusion of the world's present plight. Americans by tradition want to get a job done quickly and to have it out of the way. If we are bent upon creating a world atmosphere in which conflicting ideologies can compete peacefully, we cannot expect a speedy conclusion. It is in large measure this lack of patience that makes some people contend that communism can be successfully combatted by military action. The result of a global war, even though we were victorious, would probably be to spread communism far more quickly and widely than has been possible through Soviet tactics of coercion, infiltration, revolution, and deception. We must be prepared in patience to persevere in what may continue to be a long drawn out struggle. In this connection two lines of activity are imperative. Because of their intrinsic merit they would be imperative even if there were no need to oppose communism. The program of economic assistance to underdeveloped areas of Africa, Asia and the Far East is the only just and effective answer to the upsurging demand for independence and for an acceptable standard of living. Equally important is the universal observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms. We must guard against totalitarian methods which we condemn in others, set an example of true democracy in our domestic practice, and speed the completion of an adequate International Covenant on Human Rights. Measures such as these require patience and their fruits are not always readily apparent. Nevertheless their inherent rightness calls for patient continuance in well-doing.

The struggle for peace must go forward unremittingly and men must be driven by the conviction that the peace can yet be won. In these trying days and always, we pray God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, for the faith which will enable us to stand in face of principalities and powers of darkness. From Him alone can come strength to make the expression of our faith adequate for the needs of our day.

#### Conference Activities

World order Sunday was observed. Some of the Ministers held special service. At the 11:00 o'clock service and brought a message on World Peace. United Nations Week was observed, U. N. Teas, film strips were shown in churches and schools. Speakers spoke on The Work of the U. N. and sermons were preached on Sunday during U. N. week. Dec. 10th, Human Rights Day was observed. Film strips were shown and charter reviewed.

Meetings were held in January with Conference Missionary Secretary planning for February meeting. All were on the District level. February was an inspirational month—good Preaching was witnessed throughout, and new members were taken in and most every church reported an increase in attendance. A teaching program on the local level has helped youth and adults to become more interested in our Peace program.

We observed special Prayer Days for World peace. Thanks to Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr. for keeping us informed on important issues, telegrams and letters were sent to our Senators and Representatives urging them to oppose Universal Military Training. Reasons were given for our stand.

Warm clothing, care packages and cash for Oversea Relief has been a part of our program. And as I close my report I seem to hear Micha saying: "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; Nations shall not lift up sword against Nations, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall sit every man under his vine and fig tree, and none shall make them afraid."

And I could hear my Lord saying: "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall inherit the earth."

**Recommendations**

1. That we observe Memorial Day, May 30th.
2. That we observe Independence Day, July 4th.
3. Continue to observe World Order, Sunday, October 23rd.
4. Support the program of the U. N. and observe U. N. Day Oct. 24 - Oct. 31, the U.N. Trick or Treat program.
5. Inform youth about the use of conscientious objectors cards, work with Local Draft Board as it relates to same.
6. Continue to work and pray for peace.
7. Every member of the Board subscribe to the Methodist Peace Courier.
8. Organize Board of World Peace on District level with two ministers, two laymen and one youth.
9. That the Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations be included ex-officio in the membership of our Conference Board of World Peace, same on organized Districts.
10. Increase Budget for Board of World Peace for the essential Conference tasks.
11. A Teaching program on all levels.
12. Make use of materials sent from the board. Use Visual Aid.
13. Send a representative to General Board Meeting.
14. Set up speakers bureau with a representative from each District.
15. Make use of the Social Creed of The Methodist Church.

Humbly submitted,

Mrs. O. B. COE, Chairman  
 Rev. C. D. Owens  
 Rev. J. B. Richardson  
 Rev. I. C. Greer  
 Rev. L. D. Washington  
 Mrs. F. M. Burton  
 Mrs. W. L. Smith  
 Mrs. J. M. Rodgers  
 Erma Jones (Youth)

**CONFERENCE LAY LEADERS**

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 H. R. Blair ..... Vice Chairman  
 John T. King ..... Secretary  
 Mrs. Odessa Garland ..... Assistant Secretary  
 J. W. Thompson ..... Treasurer

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Austin District ..... John T. King  
 Dallas ..... Elmer Porter  
 San Antonio District .....  
 Waco District ..... J. W. Thompson  
 Western District ..... G. R. Tomlin, 309 Jackson, Amarillo, Texas  
 Victoria District ..... S. C. Chase, P. O. Box ....., Columbus, Texas

**ASSOCIATE LAY LEADERS**

Austin District ..... Randall Jackson  
 Dallas District ..... Earl Govins  
 San Antonio District ..... Boyd Tollevson  
 Waco District ..... Jackie Gibson  
 Western District ..... Magnes Walker  
 Victoria District ..... U. S. Lott, R. F. D. 3, Box 245T, Victoria

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**BOARD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS  
 WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE**

Approved May 21, 1955

Dallas, Texas

Our General Conference of 1952 adopted a statement concerning "The Methodist Church And Race." Included in this statement is the following:

"Ours is a world church. As such its responsibility is to unite in one fellow-

ship men and women of all races and nations. As Christians we confess ourselves to be children of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.

"In our church, however, racial discrimination and segregation do exist. It is our imperative duty to confess our failure to achieve God's will in Methodism and then resolutely to set about achieving a Christian brotherhood in the Church that will be free from racial discrimination and segregation." (The Discipline of The Methodist Church, 1952; paragraph 2027, page 651.)

We rejoice in the progress that has and is being made throughout our Church since that time in the area of Race Relations. It is good to know that our Conference is sharing greatly in this progress.

1. For approximately two years our superintendent of the San Antonio District has occupied space and made use of facilities and secretarial services in the office building of the Southwest Texas Conference.

2. The past two years a group of Youth and Adult Counselors from our Conference have attended the South Central Jurisdiction M.Y.F. Workshop at Mt. Sequoyah, Arkansas.

3. The past two years youth from our Conference have helped plan and have attended the Older Youth Work Camp at Mt. Wesley Assembly, Kerrville.

4. Members of the West Texas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service are participating fully in the Southwest Texas Conference School of Missions at Kerrville, Texas.

5. Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, is graduating its first Negro students this year. Two of them, John Elliott and Cecil Williams, are members of our Annual Conference.

6. Last Summer a "Tri-racial Work Camp" sponsored by the General Board of Social and Economic Relations, the National Conference of Methodist Youth, the Southwest Texas Conference of the South Central Jurisdiction and the social agencies of San Antonio, Texas, was located in San Antonio, Texas. A youth from our conference, Martha Jo Echols, participated in the Work Camp.

7. Two delegates from our West Texas Conference have been invited to attend the South Central Jurisdiction Leadership Training School at Mt. Sequoyah.

8. Our Executive Secretary will help plan and members of our Conference will be in attendance at a Methodist sponsored Audio-Visual Workshop to be held at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas.

The members of the West Texas Conference Board of Social and Economic Relations are interested in seeing our church's progress in the area of race relations continued.

A member of our Board, Reverend I. C. Loud, Jr., attended a meeting of the chairmen of Conference Boards of Social and Economic Relations of The Methodist Church in Evanston, Illinois, and brought back helpful information.

Therefore, we are presenting the following items for your consideration and approval:

1. That the following persons be authorized to represent our Conference Board of Social and Economic Relations in a meeting with the Southwest Texas Conference Board of Social and Economic Relations. The meeting is to be held Wednesday afternoon, May 25, 1955, at 2:30 in the Youth Building at Travis Park Church, San Antonio. They will help work out plans for an Institute on Social and Economic Relations to be held at Mt. Wesley, Kerrville, July 11-13: I. C. Loud, Jr., J. W. Thompson, W. J. Washington, O. B. Coe, C. M. Watkins, E. A. Smith, John T. King, Prenza L. S. Woods, Robert S. Mosby, T. B. Echols, I. B. Loud and F. D. Young.

2. That our Conference approve the following Memorial and petitions prepared and approved by the Southwest Texas Conference Board of Social and Economic Relations inserting the words, "West Texas Methodist Annual Conference" where necessary.

#### Memorial to the General Conference

WHEREAS, The Methodist Church has seen fit to allow Churches to transfer from one Jurisdiction to another following the procedure as outlined in Paragraph 538 of the 1952 Discipline, and

WHEREAS, Much of the procedure involves approval of widely scattered groups, and

WHEREAS, Such transfers are basically local matters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Paragraph 538 of the 1952 Discipline be amended to eliminate all but the local approvals, so as to read as follows: Paragraph 538. Any local Church shall be transferred from one Jurisdiction of which it is a part to another Jurisdiction in which it is located geographically upon completion of the following actions, regardless of the order in which taken: (a) Approval of the Membership and the Quarterly Conference of said Church; and (b) Approval of both the Annual Conference of which the church has been a part, and the Annual Conference to which transfer is desired. Such transfer shall be effective when all these required actions have been certified to the Council of Bishops by the secretaries of all the Conferences involved, whereupon the Council of Bishops shall issue a declaration that the transfer has been duly effected.

**A. A Petition to the Managers of Hotels:**

Since God has created of one all Nations and racial groups and has endowed them with a yearning for justice, freedom, and self-esteem; and

Since there is an urgent need for all racial groups within The Methodist Church to meet together to study and transact the business of the Church under circumstances which are in harmony with the principles of Christian brotherhood,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Southwest Texas Methodist Annual Conference petition the Managers of the hotels within the bounds of our area to accept the patronage of Americans of African and Mexican ancestry upon the same basis as that upon which they accept patronage from other ancestral groups; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That other things equal, we will seek to give our personal patronage to those hotels which are governed by this basic principle of democracy.

**B. Petition to the State Governor, et al.:**

Since the Supreme Court of the United States, in a decision handed down on May 17, 1954, has declared the practice of racial segregation in public schools to be unconstitutional; and

Since the practice of segregation makes impossible the realization of the highest concepts of Christian brotherhood among all groups and individuals; and, further,

Since segregation robs America of her place of leadership in the world community commensurate with her material wealth, power and skills,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That this Conference petition the Governor, the State Attorney General, the State Board of Education, the State Legislature, and all Local School Boards, to work together that the public school system of Texas be brought into full harmony with the letter and the spirit of the above mentioned decision.

3. That two members of our Board, Reverend W. J. Washington, Executive Secretary, Conference Board of Christian Education and Mrs. C. L. Watkins, Conference Secretary, Christian Social Relations, Woman's Society of Christian Service be authorized to plan and conduct a series of district and subdistrict institutes on "Social Action in the Local Church." They will utilize various materials and resources available from the Board of Social and Economic Relations of The Methodist Church, including the 16mm. film on Civil Liberties, "The Sound of A Stone."

4. That our Resident Bishop, Alexander P. Shaw, invite Dr. A. Dudley Ward, Executive Secretary of the Board of Social and Economic Relations, The Methodist Church, Bishop William C. Martin, resident Bishops of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Area and Bishop A. Frank Smith of the Houston-San Antonio Area to meet with him to plan an Interracial Conference of Texas Methodists to be held during the first quarter of 1956.

This conference is to explore the opportunities and possibilities for cooperation in furthering the cause of Jesus Christ and spiritually enriching Methodism in Texas, our Nation and the World. Along with other persons selected by the Bishops, the delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences from all the Methodist Annual Conferences in Texas are expected to be in attendance.

It is our hope that this Conference will discuss the matter of segregation in The Methodist Church and prepare appropriate memorials to the 1956 General Conference.

## WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

5. That a corrected copy of this report be sent to all the chairmen of Methodist Annual Conference Boards of Social and Economic Relations in Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE,  
BOARD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS

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## BOARD OF TEMPERANCE

## WEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dallas, Texas, May 20th, 1955

Bishop Shaw and members of the West Texas Conference Board of Temperance have been emphasized throughout each district of our conference, and this emphasis is to be continued by special training of leadership from local and district levels.

The committee on temperance recommend that the Annual Conference appoint a key person to help establish training institutes on the district level, to work in connection with the general board of temperance. We add that the Annual Conference will make provision to send a youth to the summer temperance school each year.

Be it resolved that each pastor and local congregation co-operate in every way to keep the temperance program alive in every Church.

Be it further resolved that the name of Mrs. Mattie Ruth Bell be added to this committee.

D. H. HANSBORO, Chairman

I. C. LOUD, Secretary

E. J. TANNER

L. E. MUSE

ROSCO MURPHY.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS  
AND CHURCH EXTENSIONS

Bishop Shaw and Members of the Annual Conference:

As chairman of the Conference Board of Missions, I come before you with a heart filled with gratitude that I have been spared another year and enjoyed the privilege of working with my brethren to build the Kingdom of God.

I am encouraged to discover that there is today as never before an awareness of the importance of the missionary needs at home and abroad, on the part of the men as never before. I am convinced that the gradual process of Missionary Adjudication and Cultivation in our local churches by our well informed and alert pastors is having its effect. The spirit of selfishness on the part of ministers and laymen is giving way to the largest view of interest in brotherhood; therefore, the missionary interest of the church is being accepted with more enthusiasm than ever before.

The Annual Conference Advance Program is helpful to the moral of the conference. It is injecting a sense of independence and selfreliance into the

hearts of our people, and I feel that it will do so in a greater way in the years to come, if we keep before us a more definite advance program.

We have discovered that there are a number of our men living below the standard of a full time pastor, so we must see to it that all of our full-time pastors and their families are not living in want and then expect them to do a good job as leaders in our churches. I therefore recommend to this Annual Conference that we adopt a budget of \$1900000 for Annual Conference Advance with these specific designations:

1. \$5,000.00 for the Western District. Out of that amount the subsidy for the district superintendent not to exceed \$1,000.00. Subsidy for the pastors whose salaries are sub-standard and the remaining money to be put into two projects each year.
  - (a) That \$1,500 be put into the building at Slaton where Rev. I. C. Loud is pastoring and that \$300.00 be paid Rev. Loud for serving that church along with Lubbock this conference year. That no askings will be placed upon that work this year, for annual or general conference benevolences or ministerial support, in order that they might complete that building this year.
  - (b) That the remaining amount be put into the project in New Mexico where the white church has pledged the general board their support in erecting a building for our work there.
2. That out of the remaining \$1,400.00 of Advance, \$6,000.00 be set aside for maintenance of all full-time pastors of the conference whose salaries are substandard.
3. \$1,000.00 paid to the general board on our Warren Church. As chairman of the conference board, I signed an agreement for the conference to give out of Advance \$1,000 per year for 9 years on the Loan for Warren from the board.
4. That out of the remaining \$7000 will be deducted the promotion expense for the board of Missions and Annual Conference Secretary, and the remaining amount be used in the most important or urgent jobs that can be completed within the conference year.
5. That the Extension Money will not be used on the basis of district distribution but on the basis of strategic need where it will be to the advantage of the conference as a whole. Of course we all realize that an amount equal to 10% will be deducted for National Missions.
6. That the Advance Funds of the Annual Conference be administered by the conference Board of Missions and Church Extensions.

We are urging all churches that have debts with our general board will face up to that obligation manfully. It is dishonest for any local church not to pay its debts; brothers and sisters, let us erase that black mark from our records. The following pages will show the distribution of the maintenance funds from the Board.

**BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION  
WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE  
May 1, 1954—April 30, 1955**

**DETAILED REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS**

Name of Charge	To Whom Paid	Amount
St. Peter's .....	Eric Purnell.....	\$ 150.00
Hutto-Littig .....	J. T. Thomas.....	69.96
Lampasas .....	Cleo Metcalf.....	99.96
Tilmon Circuit .....	William Brothers.....	200.04
Winchester-Salem .....	H. G. Simmons.....	99.96
Burnett (Special) .....	D. H. Hansboro-B.F. King.....	200.04
Ennis-Corsicana .....	Willie Smith, Jr.....	118.33
Cowan Chapel .....	K. W. McMillan.....	100.06
Milford-Italy .....	R. L. Foy-W. Smith, Jr.....	196.92
Sherman-Pilot Point .....	Charles Espie.....	150.00
Wichita Falls .....	D. B. Baker.....	6.25*
Waxahachie-St. Andrews .....	E. H. Carter.....	306.77
Denison .....	Charles Smith-J. B. Phoenix.....	300.00
St. Luke-Dallas .....	Marion McMillan.....	642.63
St. Andrews' (Social Worker).....	Mrs. Darnetta Hemphill.....	1,016.73
Del Rio-Uvalde .....	William Ellison.....	150.00
Hondo-Simpson .....	Eugene Mooney.....	99.96
Harpers-Olmos .....	W. L. Andrews.....	99.96
Ellison-Eades .....	L. H. Haywood.....	150.00
Floresville-Pleasanton .....	A. S. Pitts.....	150.00
Calvert-Bremond .....	William Walmsley.....	450.00
	Wilbert Bledsoe	
Altair Circuit .....	Marshall Majors.....	150.00
Port Lavaca .....	John Goode.....	150.00
Weimer Parish .....	Eddie Clark.....	174.96
Yoakum-Shiner .....	Z. E. King.....	174.96
Abilene-St. Paul .....	M. T. Reed.....	258.61
Roscoe-Colo. City .....	M. T. Reed.....	91.63
Mackey Chapel .....	J. W. Morgan-W. Washington.....	68.73
Brownwood .....	Johnnie B. Richardson.....	133.95
Midland-Levelland .....	E. M. Cooper.....	104.97
Home Opportunities		
Western District .....	J. A. Wills.....	399.96
Oakland Circuit .....	Marshall Majors .....	12.50*
Llano .....	J. T. Thomas.....	8.33*
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Total Receipts .....		\$6,486.17
Total Disbursements .....		\$6,486.17

\*Charges received only May 1954 Appropriations.

**DETAIL OF RECEIPTS**

Unused Balance April 30, 1954 .....		000.00	
Date	Amount Received	For Month of	Check Number
May .....	\$ 509.98	May .....	15192
June .....	555.79	June .....	A206
July .....	555.79	July .....	A514
August .....	555.79	August .....	000047
September .....	555.79	September .....	000215
October .....	530.79	October .....	000475
November .....	530.79	November .....	000755
December .....	530.79	December .....	000946
January .....	530.79	January .....	001115
February .....	543.29	February .....	001524
March .....	543.29	March .....	001826
April .....	543.29	April .....	002068
Total Receipts .....	\$6,486.17		

Signed: JIMMIE MAE MOORE,  
Sec'y, Board of Missions and Church  
Extensions—West Texas Conference

Signed: J. H. CARRUTHERS,  
Chairman, Board of Missions and Church  
Extensions—West Texas Conference



Following is the listing of the churches who have debts with the Board of Missions and Church Extensions. I hope the Laymen will bestor themselves about this condition.

### WEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

#### Loans, as of April 28, 1955

1. **Loan A-229—Thompson Chapel, Ft. Worth, Texas**  
Loan \$2000.00, made 10-31-54. Principal balance \$1,790.00 all of which is past due, plus interest past due of \$185.65. We are planning to rewrite this loan on a new payment schedule.
2. **Loan A-292—Wesley Chapel, Seguin, Texas**  
Loan \$5000.00 made 8-27-47. Principal balance \$3,693.41. This loan was recently rewritten but is again delinquent in principal of \$65.00, plus interest of \$24.66. Where we have rewritten the repayment schedule and the church becomes delinquent, it jeopardizes the plan we have been following and may mean its cancellation in the very near future.
3. **Loan A-373—Jacob's Chapel, San Antonio, Texas**  
Loan \$10,000.00, made 3-7-49. Nothing has ever been paid on the principal. The principal past due is \$7000.00, plus \$982.02 interest past due. We are planning to rewrite this loan and make a donation of \$781.74 to bring the loan up to date.
4. **Loan A-460—Mt. Zion Church, Waco, Texas**  
Loan \$2000.00 made 10-30-51. Principal balance \$1,651.04. This loan was recently rewritten, calling for quarterly payments of \$100.00 principal, plus interest. At the present time \$78.01 principal is past due, but I believe the church is planning to pay monthly on this schedule, and, therefore, they will have two months more to make up this principal past due.
5. **Loan A-500—Simpson Church, Austin, Texas**  
Loan \$12,500.00, made 11-19-52. Principal balance \$9,816.03. Principal past due \$143.42. Interest up to date. The terms call for monthly payments of \$148.81. Principal, plus interest. This church could pay up its past due amount if it cared to.
6. **Loan O-1345—St. James Church, Waco, Texas**  
Loan \$10,000.00 made 1-5-33. Principal balance \$8,483.60, all of which is past due. In addition, interest past due is \$1,559.63. We have made an offer to help liquidate this loan up to \$6,000.00 but the church has refused to cooperate in liquidating the whole amount by paying a small amount each month. This is a disgusting situation, and we feel that this church, in fairness to other churches in the West Texas Conference should get under this load and take care of it.
7. **Loan O-1683 Emmanuel Church, Brownwood, Texas**  
Loan \$6,000.00 made 5-12-47. Principal balance \$6000.00, plus insurance premiums advanced by our Board of \$246.20. We have recently made an offer of \$4,000.00 if this old loan can be liquidated. This may be a spot where the conference can help.
8. **Loan O-1807—Qualls Chapel, Ferris, Texas**  
Loan \$1000.00, made 11-30-48. Principal balance \$105.00 all of which is past due, plus \$1.44 interest.
9. **Loan O-1850—Plum Street Church, Abilene, Texas**  
Loan \$3000.00, made 5-10-49. Principal balance \$2,456.41. This loan was just rewritten April 26, 1955, calling for quarterly payments of \$125.00 each, plus interest, with the first principal payment due, under the new schedule, July 1, 1955.
10. **Loan O-1866—Myrtle Avenue Church, El Paso, Texas**  
Loan \$2000.00 made 6-27-49. Principal balance is \$527.12. This loan is up to date.
11. **Loan O-1884—Scott's Chapel, Kingsville, Texas**  
Loan \$2000.00, made 9-9-49. Principal balance \$1,956.84. This loan was rewritten in February 1955, on the basis of \$97.80 quarterly, beginning April 1, 1955. The very first payment under this new schedule namely \$97.80 principal plus \$9.78 interest, has not been made. Again the plan of rewriting loans is being jeopardized.

12. **Loan O-2002 Dallas District Parsonage, Ft. Worth, Texas**  
Loan \$1000.00, made 4-25-51. Principal balance is \$1000.00, all of which is past due, plus interest of \$78.50. This is another disgusting situation in your conference. I have just written a letter about this loan.
13. **Loan O-2008—Webster Chapel, Victoria, Texas**  
Loans \$6000.00 made 6-6-51. Principal balance \$5,016.45. This loan is up to date.
14. **Loan O-2030—St. Delight Church, Ennis, Texas**  
Loan \$2,000.00, made 9-29-53. Nothing has ever been paid on the principal. Principal past due \$600.00, plus \$10.10 interest, plus \$20.00 insurance. Something should be done here.
15. **Loan O-2055—Mt. Calvary Church, Wichita Falls, Texas**  
Loan \$2,858.00 made 9-30-52. Nothing has even been paid on the principal. Interest due in the amount of \$12.86. This is another situation where action should be taken.
16. **Loan O-2076—Wyatt Memorial Church, Amarillo, Texas**  
Loan \$1,500.00 made 6-8-53. Principal balance \$1,315.08. Principal past due \$565.08, plus \$13.62 interest.
17. **Loan O-2115—Richardson Chapel, Hallettsville, Texas**  
Loan \$2,500.00, made 12-30-54. Principal balance \$2,250.00. Loan up to date.

**The Following Donations Were Made This Conference Year:**

Dallas, Texas—Warren Church, Dallas Dist.....	\$10,000.00	Donation
Odessa, Texas—Mackey Chapel, Western Dist. ....	500.00	Donation
San Antonio, Texas—Jacob's Chapel, San Antonio.....	781.74	Donation
Waelder, Texas—Wesley Chapel, Victoria.....	500.00	Donation
Belton, Texas—Mt. Zion Church, Austin.....	750.00	Donation

Note: If not qualified for, This Grant Expires in one year.

Thus I submit my report,

J. H. CARRUTHERS,

Board of Missions and Church Extensions.

**REPORT OF  
THE BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES**

Dallas, Texas

May 20, 1955

Bishop Shaw and members of the West Texas Annual Conference, it is indeed a privilege for the Board of Hospitals and Homes to make to you its annual report.

The resolution passed by the West Texas Conference in Austin on May 20, 1954, authorizing a committee to explore the possibilities for the development of a home for delinquent girls within the bounds of the Conference, and seek a relationship, through proper channels, with the Texas Mission Home and Training School in San Antonio from which it would receive administrative and material assistance has been carried out. We therefore recommend that the West Texas Conference, now in session at Dallas, Texas, this 20th day of May, 1955, approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The administration of the Texas Mission Home and Training School has made overtures to the West Texas Conference for an interest and concern in young girls who fall victim to the pressures and evils of modern social living resulting in moral disintegration, and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the Church to take an interest and concern for the welfare of all people, with a passion for the fallen,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the West Texas Annual Conference appeal to the Texas Planning Commission to permit the West Texas Conference to share in the ownership of the Texas Mission Home and Training School in San Antonio. Girls of the West Texas Conference would thereby benefit from such a co-ownership.

The chairman of this Board represented the West Texas Conference at the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes at the Palmer House in Chicago February 9 and 10, 1955. The responsibility of the Church in the care of the sick and infirm, orphans, widows, youth, deaconesses, and the aged continues to be emphasized with attention being called to cost of this care and Conference responsibility in the share of

this cost. The West Texas Conference share has been a meager minimum. We hope for an increase in this contribution.

Board of Hospitals and Homes of the West Texas Conference	S. L. Brown, M. D. W. M. Carline, D. D. S.
C. R. Yerwood, M. D., Chairman	T. M. Bruton
E. A. Smith	J. O. Wyatt, M. D.
F. D. Young	L. G. Pinkston, M. D.
Wm. M. Ellison, Sr.	

#### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Bishop A. P. Shaw and members of the West Texas Annual Conference.

The committee on resolution sincerely submit the following:

With the 81st session of the West Texas Annual Conference drawing to a close, this committee takes this method of extending their gratitude and deepest heart-felt thanks and appreciation for the inspiration and aspiration received from the superb leadership of Bishop A. P. Shaw:

WHEREAS, His manner of presiding was most gracious: his loving attitude and brotherly care put the conference at ease and set the minds and hearts of each person burning with zeal and passion:

WHEREAS, This session of the 81st Annual Conference gave each minister and layman wide viewpoints and deeper insights of God's will and love toward one another;

WHEREAS, The host pastor and members worked with keen interest and untiring efforts to make things pleasant and comfortable to each person that attended;

WHEREAS, The music, sermons, and speakers from the local to representatives from the General Boards was most gratifying;

BE IT RESOLVED that this 81st session of the West Texas Annual Conference will be stamped in the archives of our minds and day after day flow back into the stream of conscious living;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we give this host pastor and members a rising vote of thanks for a job well done.

#### THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND COURTESIES

J. B. Richardson, Co-Chairman  
E. J. Tanner, Secretary  
L. H. Haywood  
Eli Woods  
S. O. Pharms  
Merrell T. Reed  
Mrs. F. M. Hudspeth  
M. C. Stone

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF CONFERENCE SECRETARY OF EVANGELISM, WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

St. Paul Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas

May 18, 1955

Greetings:

Bishop Shaw, and members of the West Texas Annual Conference, it is indeed an honored privilege for me to give you in this report a brief synopsis of the activities of your Board of Evangelism during the past year.

As we think of the basis upon which the great Methodist Church was started, "Warm Hearts," we are led to believe that if it is to be continued it must also strive to maintain these same kind of "Warm Hearts." As we study the statistical records of the entire Central Jurisdiction we find that the Jurisdiction itself suffered losses in its membership during the years of 1952-53. Each of the Four Areas of the Central Jurisdiction suffered losses in membership. They were as follows:

	No. Lost
The Atlantic Coast Area .....	1,508
The Baltimore Area .....	461
The new Orleans Area .....	2,175
The St. Louis Area .....	875

A total of 5,019 members less at the end of 1953, than we had at the end of 1952. This does not give us too much over which to boast. Then, too, we can see clearly that the New Orleans Area, seems to have had the greatest loss. Then let us break the Area down and see just where we the West Texas Conference stands: between the years 1952-53 the West Texas Conference suffered a loss of: 196 members; but this is still not the darkest picture—if we will study the last year's statistical reports we find that our Conference (West Texas) has suffered a still further loss of not just 196; but between the years of 1953-54, we had a loss of 1,047 members. That means that we now have over a thousand less in membership than in 1952. I shall give you a break-down by District for the year 1953-54:

The Austin District had a loss of.....	30 members
The Dallas District had a loss of.....	771 members
The San Antonio District had a loss of.....	368 members
The Waco District had a loss of.....	47 members
The Victoria District had a gain of.....	121 members
The Western District had a gain of.....	48 members

These figures reflect the statistical records of our last Annual Conference Reports. Are these facts alarming to each minister? Yes, but just to be alarmed is not nearly enough, we must decide "Now" to do something to change this condition. There are far too many barren churches to be found in the West Texas Conference.

The activities of the secretary of Evangelism began soon after adjournment of the last Conference year. We sent letters to all of the District Superintendents early in the year to the effect that: we would gladly take part in any and all of their district meetings if given an opportunity to bring the Evangelistic program before the men of the district. We were fortunate in having four of the six district superintendents give their reply: "you are welcome to not only attend our district meetings; but we shall be happy to give ample space in each district meeting for you to represent your Board.

A little later in the year, in the month of July, we were called upon to represent the Evangelistic work in Huston-Tillotson College during the School for Ministers. Sometime during this same month we mimeographed and sent to each pastor a questionnaire asking them to fill in and mail it to the District Secretary of Evangelism. He in turn would compile these reports and send them to me.

In the month of August we were invited to work with the Austin District Conference which met in Luling, Texas. We left in the Austin District and went to the Victoria District where we met and took part in this district work in the interest of Evangelism. This meeting was held in Columbus, Texas. We represented the field of Evangelism in the San Antonio District during the month of October. November 17, 1954, we were with the Waco District which met at Rockie Church. In February 1955, we were called to Victoria, Texas, where we met Dr. Edwards "General Board" Representative, and we were accompanied by him to the following places:

- February 1, 1955: Victoria District, Victoria, Texas (Clinic)
- February 2, 1955: San Antonio District, San Antonio, Texas (Clinic)
- February 3, 1955: Austin District, Austin, Texas (Clinic)
- February 4, 1955: Waco District, Waco, Texas (Clinic)

February 16, 1955, we were invited to take part in the Victoria District Conference. We held up before the men of these districts the necessity of striving for a successful "Crusade for Church Attendance." We gave them information concerning materials, where to get them, and how to determine amounts needed for each church. We went from Quero, eTexas, to Austin, Texas, where we represented the Board of "Evangelism" in the Austin District. On the 23rd, of February we represented the work of Evangelism in the San Antonio District (East St. Paul).

During the month of March 1955, we mimeographed a two-page questionnaire, designed for pastors' reports on work accomplished during the period of January 2, 1955-April 10, 1955. This report blank would reflect what was done along the line of "Evangelism" during the period of the "Church Attendance Crusade." This blank carried in its pages among other items: the number who were received on "Profession of Faith." Received "From Other Denominations." Received by "Transfer from other Methodist Churches." Total number received during the period.

This report also contained a sheet to be filled for the "Bishops' Four Nights For God" Evangelistic Crusade Reports.

At the time of this report there are several of the pastors who have already returned these blanks properly filled out, and they do reflect that there has been a definite up-turn in the trend of "Evangelism" throughout the West Texas Conference... We believe that when the Statistical reports are all in and tabulated, that we shall find that the "gloomy" picture painted at the beginning of this report will have been replaced with reasons for rejoicing.

Humbly submitted:

THOMAS M. BRUTON,  
Secretary Evangelism, West Texas Conference

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE RULES

Mr. Chairman:

#### 1. Nominations

The District Superintendents shall be a standing committee on nominations and shall nominate all members of the quarrennial and annual boards, commissions, and committees except where they are otherwise provided for.

#### 2. Limits

No member of the Conference shall be permitted to serve upon more than two of the major Conference Boards, except where the Discipline shall provide otherwise. Special effort should be made to place every Conference member upon at least one Board. All vacancies occurring on any Board or Committee shall be filled according to the provisions in rule 1.

#### 3. Lay Representation

Lay members to the Annual Conference shall be elected annually.

#### 4. Conference Program

A program for the Annual Conference shall be arranged by a planning Committee made up of the resident bishop, all district Supts., the host-Pastor, the chairmen of major boards, the executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education, the Secretary of the Conference the President of the WSCS and the Conference Lay Leader.

This committee shall have the responsibility for the planning and printing of the annual Conference Program — to be paid for by the Annual Conference.

#### 5. Reports and Resolutions

All reports and resolutions intended for publication in the conference journal shall be typewritten and submitted in triplicate to the Conference Secretary.

#### 6. District Committee Ministerial Qualifications

The district committee on qualifications of local preachers shall consist of five traveling elders in the district.

The names of the district committees will be printed in the Conference Journal.

#### 7. Pastors Reports

All Pastors' reports to the Conference Treasurer and Conference Statistician shall be turned in at least fifteen days before the date set for the meeting of the Annual Conference.

Additional rules may be added to this list and these present may be amended or deleted by order of the Annual Conference.

(Rules adopted by 79th Conference Session.)

### X.

### CONFERENCE HISTORY

The Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in annual Conference relations in New Orleans, La., December 25, A.D. 1865, by Bishop Ghompson. The Conference then organized included Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, and was named the "Mississippi Mission Conference." Three annual sessions of this Conference were held and in January, 1867, the Texas Conference was organ-

ized out of the Mississippi Mission Conference, which included the entire State of Texas. There were eight annual sessions of the Texas Conference held, and it was during the eighth session of the Conference held at Marshall, Texas, January 7, 1874, that the "West Texas Conference" was organized, with Bishop Thomas Bowman, President.

The ministers comprising the West Texas Conference were called to meet in Wesley Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas, January 22, 1874. Those present at the organization were: G. W. Honey, Jacob Miller, Mack Henson, Daniel Gregory, Samuel Allen, W. O. Sheety, Larkin Carper, Archie Johnson, J. T. Hill, T. T. Leach, T. G. Lacy, Alex Campbell, London Morris, Isaac Wright, Cyrus Hackett, Daniel Harper, and Charles Scruggs. All have finished their labors.

This Conference to date has six districts, 111 Pastrol Appointments, and a school that is a credit to the denominations, viz., Huston-Tillotson College, located at Austin, Texas.

## In Memory of the Deceased

B. F. LEE

ESAU SMITH

T. W. STEVENS

MRS. B. F. LEE

PROF. R. A. ATKINSON

He who, from zone to zone,  
Guides through the boundless sky thy  
certain flight,  
In the long way that I must tread alone  
Will lead my steps aright.

Bishop	Secretary	Place and Year
Edward Thompson	J. P. Newman	New Orleans, Dec. 25, 1865
Matthew Simpson	J. P. Newman	New Orleans, Dec. 13, 1866
E. R. Ames	J. B. Lynch	New Orleans, Dec. 19, 1867

### SESSION OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE

Bishop	Secretary	Place and Year
Matthew Simpson	Joseph Welch	Houston, Jan. 3, 1867
E. R. Ames	G. W. Honey	Houston, Jan. 3, 1868
Matthew Simpson	Joseph Welch	Austin, Jan. 21, 1869
Levi Scott	G. W. Honey	Houston, Jan. 14, 1870
E. S. James	G. W. Honey	Austin, Dec. 6, 1871
I. W. Wiley	W. B. Fayle	Galveston, Jan. 8, 1872
Thomas Bowman	W. B. Fayle	Marshall, Jan. 7, 1873

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## SESSIONS OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

BISHOP	SECRETARY	PLACE AND YEAR
Thomas Bowman	G. W. Honey	Austin, Jan. 23, 1874
W. L. Harris	L. H. Carhart	Columbus, Feb. 22, 1875
E. G. Andrews	L. H. Carhart	Austin, Feb. 20, 1876
R. S. Foster	A. M. Gregory	Waco, Nov. 22, 1877
Gilbert Haven	A. M. Gregory	Columbus, Nov. 28, 1878
E. O. Haven	B. F. Smith	Victoria, Dec. 3, 1879
H. W. Warren	B. F. Smith	Austin, Dec. 1, 1880
Thomas Bowman	B. F. Smith	Calvert, Dec. 1, 1881
E. G. Andrews	B. F. Smith	Columbus, Dec. 7, 1882
W. L. Harris	B. F. Smith	San Antonio, Dec. 12, 1883
S. M. Merrill	B. F. Smith	Waco, Dec. 4, 1884
R. S. Foster	B. F. Smith	Austin, Dec. 18, 1885
J. F. Hurst	J. T. Gibbons	Victoria, Dec. 16, 1886
Thomas Bowman	J. W. Robinson	Columbus, Dec. 7, 1887
D. A. Goodsell	J. T. Gibbons	Calvert, Feb. 7, 1889
J. M. Walder	J. T. Gibbons	San Antonio, Feb. 6, 1890
C. D. Foss	J. T. Gibbons	Waco, Feb. 5, 1891
S. M. Merrill	B. F. Smith	Austin, Dec. 15, 1892
J. N. Fitzgerald	J. T. Gibbons	Dallas, Dec. 15, 1893
H. W. Warren	Andrew Foster	Columbus, Dec. 5, 1894
E. G. Andrews	Andrew Foster	Calvert, Dec. 2, 1895
W. X. Nindle	Andrew Foster	Cuero, Dec. 8, 1896
W. F. Mallalieu	N. J. Johnson	Waco, Dec. 8, 1897
C. H. Fowler	N. J. Johnson	Denison, Dec. 6, 1898
D. A. Goodsell	N. J. Johnson	Austin, Dec. 22, 1899
I. W. Joyce	N. J. Johnson	Victoria, Dec. 19, 1900
I. W. Joyce	J. W. H. Pickney	Dallas, Dec. 8, 1901
W. F. Mallalieu	Andrew Foster	Luling, Dec. 8, 1902
J. M. Walden	Andrew Foster	Waco, Dec. 16, 1903
L. B. Wilson	Andrew Foster	Fort Worth, Dec. 14, 1904
Henry Spellmyer	T. H. Wyatt	San Antonio, Nov. 30, 1905
L. B. Wilson	T. H. Wyatt	Columbus, Dec. 13, 1906
W. M. Burt	T. H. Wyatt	Marlin, Nov. 28, 1907
W. A. Quayle	T. H. Wyatt	Victoria, Nov. 26, 1908
T. B. Neely	T. H. Wyatt	Waco, Nov. 25, 1909
D. H. Moore	T. H. Wyatt	Austin, Nov. 6, 1910
T. B. Neeley	T. H. Wyatt	San Antonio, Nov. 23, 1911
Robert McIntyre	T. H. Wyatt	Luling, Dec. 11, 1912
Robert McIntyre	T. H. Wyatt	Calvert, Dec. 10, 1913
W. O. Sheppard	T. H. Wyatt	Austin, Dec. 10, 1914
W. O. Sheppard	T. H. Wyatt	Victoria, Dec. 9, 1915
W. O. Sheppard	J. W. Warren	Waco, Dec. 13, 1916
R. J. Cooke	J. W. Warren	Cuero, Dec. 10, 1917
Chas. B. Mitchell	J. W. Warren	Fort Worth, Dec. 18, 1918
Chas. B. Mitchell	J. W. Warren	Yoakum, Nov. 12, 1919
R. E. Jones	S. N. Harvey	Georgetown, Dec. 8, 1920
R. E. Jones	F. W. Brown	San Antonio, 1921
R. E. Jones	C. W. Franklin	Austin, 1922
R. E. Jones	C. W. Franklin	Fort Worth, 1923
F. T. Keeney	C. W. Franklin	Austin, 1924
C. L. Meade	C. W. Franklin	Waco, 1925
R. E. Jones	C. W. Franklin	Victoria, 1926
R. E. Jones	C. W. Franklin	San Antonio, 1927
R. E. Jones	J. H. R. Dudley	Dallas, 1928
R. E. Jones	J. H. R. Dudley	Austin, 1929
Wallace E. Brown	J. H. R. Dudley	Columbus, 1930
Chas. F. Locke	J. H. R. Dudley	Fort Worth, 1931
R. E. Jones	J. H. R. Dudley	Waco, 1932
R. E. Jones	W. W. Baker	San Antonio, 1933
Chas. L. Meade	W. W. Baker	Marlin, 1934
R. E. Jones	W. W. Baker	Dallas, 1935
A. P. Shaw	W. W. Baker	Austin, 1936
A. P. Shaw	W. W. Baker	Waco, 1937
R. E. Jones	J. H. R. Dudley	Fort Worth, 1938
A. P. Shaw	J. H. R. Dudley	San Antonio, 1939
R. E. Jones	J. H. R. Dudley	Dallas, 1940
R. E. Jones	J. H. R. Dudley	Austin, 1941
A. P. Shaw	C. R. Greene	Waco, 1942
R. E. Jones	C. R. Greene	Fort Worth, 1943
R. N. Brooks	C. R. Greene	San Antonio, 1944
R. N. Brooks	C. R. Greene	Dallas, 1945
R. N. Brooks	F. D. Young	Austin, Sept. 25, 1946
R. N. Brooks	F. D. Young	Waco, Oct. 7, 1947
R. N. Brooks	F. D. Young	San Antonio, Oct. 12, 1948
R. N. Brooks	F. D. Young	Dallas, Oct. 11, 1949
E. W. Kelley	Prenza L. S. Woods	Austin, April 11, 1950
R. N. Brooks	Prenza L. S. Woods	San Antonio, May 1, 1951
R. N. Brooks	Prenza L. S. Woods	Fort Worth, July 1, 1952
J. W. E. Bowen	Prenza L. S. Woods	Waco, June 16, 1953
A. P. Shaw	Prenza L. S. Woods	Austin, May 19, 1954
A. P. Shaw	William Ellison, Jr.	Dallas, May 18, 1955

## XII

## Our Honored Dead

NAME AND DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BURIAL	Yrs. in Ministry
J. B. Ferguson, Jan. 6, 1874	Bell County	1854 20
J. S. Stricklin, Mar. 25, 1878	Girary, Kansas	1
E. S. Havens, Feb. 29, 1875		1870 3
Ruben Coleman, Dec. 3, 1875	Bastrop	1870 5
Isaac Wright, Apr. 3, 1875	Austin	1874 1
J. G. Webster, Mar. 14, 1877	Cottonwood, Col.	1874 3
Ben Hoffman, Mar. 21, 1878	Eagle Lake	1874 4
John Wright, Jan. 17, 1880	Cottonwood, Col.	1874 6
Archey Johnson, Feb. 6, 1880	Giddings	1874 6
Hiram Melton, Aug. 3, 1880	Limestone Co.	1874 6
Jacob Okman, Oct. 1, 1882	Flatonia	1872 10
Jackson Johnson, Oct. 1, 1882	Manor	1875 7
Jackson Caesar, Sept. 21, 1883	Wharton	1879 4
Larkin Carper, Apr. 26, 1885	San Antonio	1870 15
Elijah Nesby, Sept. 26, 1885	Sprinkle	1875 10
Caesar King, Aug. 16, 1885	Georgetown	1874 11
J. W. Robinson, Sept. 1, 1888	Austin	1874 11
Wash. Goodwin, May 3, 1890	Manor	1876 14
J. H. Brawley, Apr. 20, 1893	Luling	1887 6
G. W. Brothers, Aug. 20, 1893	Cuero	1883 10
Toney Augustis, June 10, 1894	Columbus	1879 15
J. H. Purnell, Oct. 10, 1894	Waco	1890 4
J. H. Williams, Oct. 3, 1895	Denison	1893 2
J. T. Gibbons, Aug. 3, 1896	San Antonio	1883 13
A. L. Armstrong, Sept. 10, 1896	Gatesville	1893 3
Daniel Harper, Sept. 1, 1896	Victoria	1874 22
Nathan Caswell, Dec. 20, 1896	Austin	1875 21
C. L. Madison, Sept. 16, 1900	Austin	1876 24
B. F. Smith, May 20, 1902	Cuero	1877 25
L. H. Harvey, July 4, 1902	Cuero	1896 6
A. S. Bethaney, June 30, 1902	Fort Worth	1893 9
Chas. Hart, Aug. 10, 1902	Winchester	1877 25
Daniel Mumphrey, July 4, 1903	Marlin	1887 26
John Neal, Mar. 22, 1908	Davilla	1894 9
Samuel Gates, Feb. 25, 1905	Austin	1874 31
Anderson Brack, Sept. 10, 1905	Waco	1874 31
Mack Henson, June 17, 1905	Austin	1874 31
Andrew Foster, Nov. 26, 1906	Victoria	1880 31
James Jorman, Dec. 9, 1908	Seguin	1877 29
B. L. Adams, Mar. 19, 1908	Littig	1893 15
Gabriel Wilson, July 16, 1908	Calvert	1875 33
Thos. Watkins, Apr. 10, 1908	Marlin	1886 22
Willia Graves, May 10, 1908	Waco	1876 32
G. A. Shanklin, Dec. 19, 1900	Hubbard	1881 19
J. T. Jacobs, Mar. 11, 1911	San Antonio	1882 29
W. H. Davis, Sept. 12, 1910	Seguin	1882 28
Jeff Buel, June 10, 1910	Waco	1887 23
C. P. Westbrooks, Dec. 30, 1911	Hubbard	1885 26
A. J. Lynch, Mar. 18, 1911	Victoria	1893 18
R. H. Ponton, Sept. 19, 1912	Bermond	1878 33
J. W. Mitchell, Dec. 17, 1911	Belton	1882 25
M. C. Caviness, June 28, 1912	Lockhart	1887 25
J. H. Holden, Nov. 1, 1912	Hondo	1887 25
Lee Reed, Mar. 14, 1918	San Antonio	1881 32
E. E. Henderson, Sept. 9, 1913	Luling	1881 32
Alfred Dickerson, June 9, 1913	Sprinkle	1897 36
F. L. Kirkpatrick, Dec. 7, 1915	Austin	1897 18
Granvil Norman	Los Angeles, Calif.	
Joseph Hariford, 1917	Winchester	1894 23
J. S. Wyatt, Dec. 24, 1916	Victoria	1887 29
Christopher Young, Aus. 13, 1916	Victoria	1875 42



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NAME AND DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BURIAL	Yrs. in Ministry
G. W. Townsend, Sept. 19, 1916	Victoria	1883 33
W. E. Blackson, Feb. 9, 1916	Austin	1899 17
R. L. Lovinggood, Jan. 17, 1916	Austin	1901 16
L. R. Parker, 1916	Smithville	1901 15
W. H. Mosby, 1916		1878 38
John Bickham, Feb., 1916	Gonzales	1891 25
A. T. Jackson, 1918	Dallas	1887 34
Ephrahim Jones, April, 1918	Seguin	1897 21
P. B. Bennett, 1918	Waco	1887 31
Riley Sodia, 1918	Edna	1895 14
C. C. Scrugs		
R. N. Dennis, 1919	Calvert	
A. Lockhart, 1921	Waco	
E. L. Jackson, 1921	Temple	
C. H. Franklin, 1921	San Antonio	
J. W. Wromley, 1921	Winchester	
G. W. Nevils, March, 1922	La Grange	
Primus Gates, 1922	La Grange	
A. L. Carper, 1924	San Antonio	
S. D. Humphrey, 1922	Marlin	
D. C. Hailey, 1924	Waxahachie	
B. J. Goff, 1925	Waco	
D. C. Lacy, Dec. 25, 1925	Mexia	
Harry Swann, 1925	Victoria	
W. H. Stevens, 1925	Winchester	
W. H. Purnell, 1925	Waco	
Moses Smith, 1925	Austin	
Morton Lott, 1925	Austin	
W. M. Mooney, 1925	Cuero	
J. C. Mayes, 1925	Temple	
Albert Johnson, 1926	Georgetown	
C. N. Strait, 1927	Luling	
J. C. Eusan, June 11, 1928	San Antonio	
N. H. Townsend, Aug., 1928	Yoakum	
H. H. Qualls, June 10, 1928	Waco	1893 35
J. H. Swann, June 11, 1928	Lytton Springs	1893 35
S. W. Harvey, Aug. 10, 1928	Ennis	
J. W. Wright, 1929		1881 46
J. L. S. Edmonson, Oct. 13, 1929	Missouri State	
M. S. Jordan	Cuero	
Benjamin F. Wright, Oct. 15, 1930	Fayetteville	
J. H. Hutchinson	Austin	
Alfred Brown, 1931	Shiner	
William Reed, 1931	Waco	
C. B. Melton, 1931	Kerrville	
George Pleasant, 1931	Austin	
J. W. Weekley, 1932	Luling	
G. M. Moten, 1932	Waco	
Clinton Schueler, 1932	Luling	
S. E. Jones, 1933	Cuero	1930 30
D. L. Mosby, 1933	Columbus	
J. H. Napier, 1933	San Antonio	
John Coe, 1933	Marlin	
J. E. Brown, 1934	Lampasas	1909 25
E. E. Cooper, 1934	Oakland	1888
Enoch Cogswell, 1934	Mart	1887
L. W. Roberts	Milford	1908 27
J. W. Stone, Jr., 1935	Hubbard	1916 19
C. S. Williams, 1935	Marshall	1903 32
J. W. Stone, Sr., 1937	Lockhart	1897 40
C. H. Hamilton, 1937	Mexia Ct.	1916 21
George Waters, 1937	Yoakum	1898 30
James Coe, June 12, 1938	Luling	1909 29
I. T. Sanford, July 13, 1938	Waco	1894 33

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H. A. Jones, Dec. 23, 1938	Austin	1904	34
A. D. Jacques, Jan., 1939	Pine Bluff, Ark.	1907	32
L. L. Strait, Jan., 1939	Gonzales	1922	17
A. M. Cuerington, Aug. 22, 1939	Cameron		
G. M. Malory, 1939	Waco		
W. A. Robinson, 1940	El Paso		
T. J. Jackson, 1940	Dale		
S. S. Hudspeth, 1940	Lockhart		
E. C. Henderson, 1941	Schulenburg		
George Bailey, 1941	San Marcos		
A. M. Mason, Aug. 30, 1941	San Antonio	1893	48
J. W. Downs, Feb. 8, 1941	Austin	1919	20
M. Fountain, 1942	Waco		
S. D. Mosley, 1942	San Antonio		
J. D. Mackey, 1942	Luling		
J. T. Carper, 1942	Houston		
L. H. Richardson, 1942	San Antonio		
E. T. Allen, 1943	Granbury		
J. G. Brown, 1943	Waco		
C. E. Whitiker, March, 1943	Austin	1923	20
M. L. Wyatt, 1943	San Angelo	1915	28
B. F. Braden, 1943	Lockhart		
M. W. Stephens, Oct. 20, 1943	San Antonio		
J. B. Eggleston, Oct. 27, 1943	Yoakum		
J. W. Warren, Nov. 23, 1943	San Antonio		
D. F. Vance, Dec., 1943	Austin		
B. J. Easter, May 4, 1944	San Antonio		
N. J. Moore, August, 1944	Winchester		
F. C. Callihan, 1945			
T. S. Moore, 1945	Marlin		
W. M. White, 1945	Hondo		
C. Mannie, Sept. 27, 1946	Luling	1922	24
A. G. Russel, Oct. 6, 1946	Floresville	1922	24
J. H. R. Dudley, October, 1946	Giddings	1917	29
J. S. Smedlock, 1947	Mexia		32
Victor A. Cook, Dec. 15, 1947	Austin	1935	13
Victor A. Cook, Dec. 15, 1948	Austin	1917	31
Ralph W. Allen, Mar. 28, 1948	Goliad	1924	24
S. G. Graham, Oct. 1, 1947	Waco	1917	31
T. H. Wyatt, June 1, 1948	Austin	1900	48
T. H. Bryant, Aug. 12, 1948	Alleyton	1926	22
H. L. McKinney, Aug. 24, 1949	San Antonio	1926	14
Frank Blair, 1949	Mexia	1925	24
Karl Downs, February 26, 1948	Austin		
Silas Mathis, 1950	Bremond		
Horace C. Grant, 1950			
Joel S. Jordan, 1950	Cuero	1927	22
H. S. Byars, 1950	San Antonio	1927	22
J. W. Maye, 1950	San Antonio		
W. B. Houston, 1950	Kyle		
J. W. V. Hutchinson, 1950	Austin	1913	26
J. H. Strait, 1950	San Antonio	1921	21
A. D. Holden, 1950	Hondo	1923	27
J. H. Brown, 1951	Columbus	1924	22
G. V. Covitt, 1952	Floresville	1910	37
J. N. Hooey, 1951	Houston	1914	34
B. A. Byars, August 1, 1951	San Antonio	1919	32
G. A. Deslandes, January 26, 1951	San Antonio	1916	26
R. H. Duncan, 1951	Austin	1896	25
S. N. Harvey, 1951	Hallettsville	1905	46
W. B. Lott, 1953	San Antonio		
F. M. Hudspeth, 1953	San Antonio		
B. F. Lee, 1955	San Antonio	1922	33
Esav Smith, 1955	El Campo	1932	23
T. W. Stevens, 1955	Hallettsville	1938	17

## XIII.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Wednesday Evening, May 18, 1955

First Day

Dr. K. W. McMillan, Presiding

- 7:30 Devotions.....Rev. J. J. Hardeman  
 Special Music: Perkins Seminary Singers, Dr. Fred D. Gealy, Directing  
 Choirs: St. Paul and Warren Methodist Churches, Dallas  
 Sermon.....Rev. T. M. Bruton  
 Special Feature: Film, "The Sound of a Stone"  
 Benediction

Thursday Evening, May 19, 1955

Second Day

Rev. M. A. Freeman, Presiding

- 7:30 Devotions.....Rev. J. F. Muse  
 Music: St. Paul Gospel Senior and Gospel Choirs  
 Address: Rev. E. A. Smith, Pastor, St. Paul Methodist Church, San  
 Antonio, Texas  
 Benediction

Friday Evening, May 20, 1955

Third Day

Rev. William Ellison, Presiding

- 7:30 Devotions.....Rev. I. C. Loud  
 Huston-Tillotson College Choir and Concert Band  
 Prof. Nathaniel G. Williams, and  
 Mrs. Marcet King  
 Address.....Dr. M. S. Davage  
 President, Huston-Tillotson College  
 Offering  
 Benediction.....Rev. William J. Washington

Saturday Evening, May 21, 1955

Fourth Day

Rev. O. B. Coe, Presiding

- 7:00 Devotions.....Rev. O. B. Coe  
 Ordination Services.....Bishop A. P. Shaw and District Superintendents  
 Benediction  
 7:45 Methodist Youth Fellowship.....Rev. A. Cecil Williams Presiding  
 Music: St. Paul Methodist Church:  
 Harry T. Burleigh Choir (Lincoln High School)  
 Ambassadors (Booker T. Washington Technical High School)  
 Address: Rev. Neyland Hester

Sunday Morning, May 22, 1955

- 9:30 Church School; Superintendents, St. Paul, Warren and St. Luke in  
 Charge  
 10:45 Morning Worship.....Rev. J. G. Owens, presiding  
 Sermon.....Bishop A. P. Shaw  
 Announcements  
 Offerings  
 Final Words by Bishop A. P. Shaw  
 Reading of Appointments  
 Benediction

Abbreviations:  
 Re. — Retired  
 T. — Transfer  
 Ef. — Effective  
 O.T. — On Trial  
 F.C. — Full Connection

XIV

MINISTER'S SERVICE RECORD

Exc. — Years Not Effective  
 Supply  
 Located  
 Supernumerary  
 More than two years on trial  
 Student without Pastoral Work

Name	Present Relation	First Admitted			Full Year Connection	Ordained		How and When Received — West Texas	Exc.	Date Ret'd.	Years of Service
		Conference	Year	How		Deacon	Elder				
Alexander, E. D.	Super	West Texas	1947	O.T.	1951	1946	1951	O.T.	1947	2	6
Alexander, G. F.	Ef.	West Texas	1920	O.T.	1922	1920	1924	O.T.	1920		35
Baker, D. B.	Ef.	West Texas	1921	O.T.	1922	1921	1925	O.T.	1921		34
Baker, W. W.	Ef.	West Texas	1921	O.T.	1923	1921	1925	O.T.	1921		34
Barnwell, E. Rivers	Ef.	West Texas			1942		1942	Union	1942		13
Brown, C. C.	Re.	Col. M. M. P.	1919	O.T.	1922	1919	1920	Mer.	1939	1949	31
Bruton, T. M.	Ef.	West Texas	1924	O.T.	1926	1926	1928	O.T.	1924		31
Brewster, O. K.	Ef.	West Texas	1941	O.T.	1943			O.T.	1941		14
Burkley, M. B.	Re.	West Texas	1920	O.T.	1922	1920	1924	O.T.	1920	1952	33
Carroll, D. C.	Ef.	West Texas	1930	O.T.	1934	1930	1933	O.T.	1930		25
Carruthers, J. H.	Ef.	West Texas	1929	O.T.	1931	1929	1933	O.T.	1929		24
Coe, O. B.	Ef.	West Texas	1924	O.T.	1926	1924	1929	O.T.	1924		31
Childs, J. H.	Re.	West Texas	1915	O.T.	1918	1915	1918	O.T.	1915	1946	32
Cooper, E. M.	Ef.	West Texas	1951	O.T.	1953	1951		O.T.	1951		4
Crawford, Jr. Evans D.					1955						
Curtis, S. W.	Ef.	West Texas	1943	O.T.	1945	1941	1947	O.T.	1943		9
Dixon, E. T.	Ef.	West Texas	1943	O.T.	1946	1945	1946	O.T.	1943		12
Dykes, Antone					1955						
Echols, T. B.	Ef.	West Texas	1922	O.T.	1924	1922	1926	O.T.	1922		33
Edmonds, Edwin	Ef.	West Texas	1945	O.T.	1951	1945	1951	O.T.	1945		11
Elliott, John					1955						
Ellison, Wm., Jr.	Ef.	West Texas	1929	O.T.	1931	1929	1933	O.T.	1929	2	26
Ellison, Wm., Sr.	Re.	West Texas	1912	O.T.	1916	1912	1918	O.T.	1912	1952	41
Foy, R. L.	Ef.	West Texas			1950			O.T.			
Foy, T. H.	Ef.	West Texas	1915	O.T.	1918	1915	1920	O.T.	1915		40
Franklin, C. W.	Re.	West Texas	1912	O.T.	1914	1912	1916	O.T.	1914	1953	42
Franklin, S. M.	Ef.	West Texas	1946	Cred.	1946		1946	Cred.	1946		9
Franks, Hiawatha					1955						
Freeman, M. A.	Ef.	West Texas	1928	O.T.	1930	1928	1931	O.T.	1928	3	24
Fuller, E. T.	Ef.	Col. M. M. P.	1924	O.T.	1927	1924	1929	Mer.	1939		31
Goff, G. J.	Ef.	West Texas	1946	O.T.	1951	1945	1951	O.T.	1946		9
Green, C. R.	Super.	West Texas	1933	O.T.	1935	1933	1937	O.T.	1933	2	21
Greer, I. C.	Ef.	West Texas	1933	O.T.	1935	1933	1937	O.T.	1933		22
Hansboro, D. H.	Ef.	West Texas	1937	O.T.	1939	1937	1941	O.T.	1937		18
Hardimon, J. J.	Re.	West Texas	1912	O.T.	1916	1912	1918	O.T.	1912	1952	41
Haywood, L. H.	Ef.	West Texas	1943	O.T.	1946	1938	1943	O.T.	1943		12
Hodge, Marshall					1955						
Holden, A. C.	Ef.	West Texas	1929	O.T.	1931	1929	1933	O.T.	1929		26
Holmes, Z. W.	Ef.	West Texas	1927	O.T.	1929	1927	1931	O.T.	1927	3	25
Houston, C. J.	Ef.	Col. M. M. P.	1928	O.T.	1931	1928	1933	Mer.	1939		26
Hutchinson, F. J.	Re.	West Texas	1914	O.T.	1916	1914	1918	O.T.	1914	1950	37
Johnson, George L.	Ef.	West Texas	1943	O.T.	1946	1943		O.T.	1943		12
Johnson, Robert W.					1955						
Keesee, S. A.	Ef.	West Texas	1929	O.T.	1931	1929	1933	O.T.	1929		26

Kelley, G. W.	Ef.	West Texas	1929	O.T.	1931	1929	1933	O.T.	1929		26
King, C. L.	Ef.	Col. M. M. P.	1940	O.T.	1942	1940	1944	O.T.	1940		15
King, E. N.	Re.	West Texas	1935	O.T.	1937	1935	1939	O.T.	1935		19
King, Robert					1955						
King, Z. E.	Ef.	West Texas	1927	O.T.				O.T.	1927	6	22
Kuykendall, H. E.	Ef.	West Texas	1923	O.T.	1927	1925	1929	O.T.	1923		32
Loud, I. B.	Ef.	West Texas	1933	O.T.	1935	1933	1937	O.T.	1933		22
Loud, I. C.	Ef.	West Texas		O.T.				O.T.			
Majors, Marshall	Ef.	West Texas	1925	O.T.	1927	1925	1929	O.T.	1925		30
Marshall, J. H.	Ef.	West Texas	1925	O.T.	1927	1925	1929	O.T.	1925		30
McMillan, K. W.	Re.	West Texas	1900	O.T.	1902			O.T.	1900	1951	52
McMillan, M. E.	Ef.	West Texas		O.T.				O.T.			
Miller, S. D.	Ef.	Col. M. M. P.	1924	O.T.	1927	1927	1929	Mer.	1939		31
Minor, A. D.	Ef.	West Texas	1947	O.T.	1953	1942	1946	O.T.	1947		9
Moore, Sherrill	Ef.	West Texas		O.T.				O.T.			
Morgan, James	Ef.	West Texas	1939	O.T.	1941	1939	1943	O.T.	1939		16
Mosby, R. S.	Ef.	West Texas	1919	O.T.	1921	1919	1923	O.T.	1919		36
Mosley, Wm.	Re.	West Texas	1927	O.T.	1929	1927	1931	O.T.	1927	1944	17
Muse, J. F.	Ef.	West Texas	1911	O.T.	1913	1911	1915	O.T.	1911		44
Muse, L. E.	Ef.	West Texas	1922	O.T.	1924	1922	1926	O.T.	1922		33
Owens, Curtis	Ef.	West Texas	1946	O.T.	1948	1946		O.T.	1946		9
Owens, J. G.	Ef.	West Texas	1939	O.T.	1943	1939	1945	O.T.	1939		16
Palmer, R. L.	Ef.	West Texas	1925	O.T.	1927	1925	1929	O.T.	1925		30
Pharms, S. G.	Ef.	West Texas	1927	Cred.	1947		1947	Cred.	1947		8
Phillips, P. H.	Re.	West Texas	1921	O.T.	1923	1921	1927	O.T.	1921	1952	32
Phoenix, J. B.	Ef.	West Texas	1922	O.T.	1924	1922	1926	O.T.	1922		33
Pierce, I. H.	Ef.	West Texas	1924	O.T.	1926	1924	1929	O.T.	1924		31
Pitts, Albert S.					1955						
Porter, Ashley	Ef.	Col. M. M. P.	1917	O.T.	1919	1917	1921	O.T.	1917		38
Purnell, E. C.	Ef.	West Texas	1946	O.T.		1945	1951	O.T.	1946		9
Reed, M. T.	Ef.	West Texas	1943	O.T.	1946	1943	1947	O.T.	1943		12
Richardson, J. B.	Ef.	West Texas	1943	O.T.	1946	1943	1947	O.T.	1943		12
Ross, James	Re.	Col. M. M. P.	1901	O.T.	1901		1903	Mer.	1901	1948	48
Simms, T. J. D.	Ef.	West Texas	1921	O.T.	1923		1925	O.T.	1921		34
Smith, C. W.	Ef.	West Texas	1947	O.T.		1947		O.T.	1947		8
Smith, E. A.	Ef.	Central Ala.	1938	O.T.	1941	1939	1941	Trans.	1951		17
Smith, Willie	Ef.	West Texas	1948	O.T.		1948		O.T.	1948		7
Spencer, E. L.	Ef.	West Texas	1936	Cred.	1936			Cred.	1936		19
Stone, M. C.	Ef.	West Texas	1943	O.T.		1943		O.T.	1943		12
Tanner, Emmitt J.					1955						
Tatum, Elmo	Ef.	West Texas	1936	O.T.				O.T.			19
Tollerson, H. C.	Re.	West Texas	1927	O.T.	1929	1927	1927	O.T.	1927	1951	25
Tucker, D. T.	Ef.	West Texas	1927	O.T.	1929	1927	1931	O.T.	1927		28
Walmsley, Walter	Ef.	West Texas	1948	O.T.	1951	1947	1951	O.T.	1948		
Washington, J. W.	Ef.	West Texas	1951	O.T.	1955						
Washington, L. D.					1953	1951	1953	O.T.	1951	1	3
Watkins, T. R.	Ef.	West Texas	1943	O.T.	1945	1941	1947	O.T.	1943		12
Wattley, J. L.	Ef.	West Texas	1919	O.T.	1921	1919	1923	O.T.	1919		26
Williams, Albert Cecil					1955						
Wills, J. A.	Ef.	West Texas	1925	O.T.	1927	1925	1929	O.T.	1925		30
Woodling, Dennis A.					1955						
Woods, P. L. S.	Ef.	West Texas	1941	O.T.	1948	1945	1948	O.T.	1941	6	8
Young, F. D.	Ef.	West Texas	1923	O.T.	1926	1924	1928	O.T.	1923		32

Table No. 1

The Methodist Church

Statistical Report

West Texas Conference, Central Jurisdiction, May, 1955

C. D. Owens, Lubbock, Texas

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP												CHURCH SCHOOLS												W.D.C.S.			Meth. Men		Property and Other Assets												
Baptisms		Total Full Members Reported Last Year	Received from Preparatory Membership and on Prof. of Faith	Received from Other Denominations	Received by Transfer from Other Methodist Churches and Res.	Removed by Death	Removed to Other Denominations	Removed by Transfer to Other Meth. Ch. and Discontinued	Total Full Members	Total Local Preachers (Incl. in Line 11)	Church School Membership						Attendance			General Information						Number of Societies (Not Guilds, Groups, or Circles)	Membership (Including Wesleyan Service Guild)	Amount Paid for Local Work	Number Chartered Groups	Membership	Number Subscribers to The Christian Advocate	Number of Preaching Places	Estimated Value of Church Building Equipment, and Land	Estimated Value of Parsonages, Furniture and Land	Estimated Value of Other Property (Incl. Cash, Bonds, etc.)	Indebt. on Bldgs., Equipment Parsonages and Current Expenses					
Infants Presented by Parents or Guardian	All Others: Children, Youth, Adults										Officers and Teachers	Nursery Home Members	Child Div. 0-11 Yrs.	Youth Division—12-23 Years	Adult Div. 24 Yrs. & Over	Total (Add 13-18 Inclusive)	Average Attendance at Sunday School (All Ages)	Average Att. Sun. Evening Fellowship	Children	Youth	Adults	Number of Church Schools on Charge	Meth. Pupils & Constituents in Vacation Church Schools	Meth. Pupils & Constituents in Weekday Schools	Church School Memb. Joining the Church on Prof. of Faith												Are All Lesson Material used App. by the Meth. Church	Church School Offering for World Ser. and Conf. Bene.	Number of Societies (Not Guilds, Groups, or Circles)	Membership (Including Wesleyan Service Guild)	Amount Paid for Local Work
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	
1	9	14	26	146	13	8	4	4	14	153	4	10	17	36	25	10	15	113	60					1	40		2	Yes	50	1	32	245		12	4	1	6000	6000		3445	
2	5		48	473	22	20	10	8	10	490		13	10	30	25	30	20	128	50	10	20	20	10	1	108		1	Yes	20	1	37	188		2	1	50000	10000	4000	9000		
3	3		48	680		3	4	7	3	156		20	19	55	20	15	40	159	50					1	20			Yes		1	135	365	1	44	32	1	150000	25000	15000	14975	
4	2	21	9	69	13		6		10	69		8	13	36	18			75	42	14				3			20	Yes		2	18			3	3	4000			35		
5		2	7	63		1		2		70		7		13	10			33	22					2				Yes	29	2	90	165			2	2	35000	3400			
6	1		17	22						22		3	2	4		1	8	18	8		4	2	2	1				Yes							1	1	11550	2000			
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9			2	16						16				2	1														Yes							2	2	3000			
10	19	5	24	71			1	2	1	69	1	10	12	5	8	16	14	55	19					2			1	Yes		1	46				2	2	10000	2000			
11			4	31					3	26		3		4	4	16	24	10				2							Yes		2	9	4			2	2	6000			
12	1		7	73	1			4	3	2	65	1	4		2	6								1				Yes	9	1	5				2	2	20000	2000			
13	2			24		2		2		24		14				20		10											Yes			200				2	2	4000	400		
14	1	3	4	20						20		3	1		2		10	13	24					1		1		Yes								1	1	1500	1500		
15		2	33	226	1	5	1	5	1	227	2	10	8	22	12	17	91	40	30	14	12	12	1	30		1	Yes	10	1	75		1	10	6	1	10000	6000				
16	9	8	50	284	6	1	5	2		287	1	13	15	36	22	25	10	121	60				2	60		4	Yes	65	1	51	63	1	15	5	2	10450	2900	200	185		
17			8	13						13		5		8				12	9		4	2	5	1	1			Yes	4						1	1	1500	500		45	
18	10	1	23	208		2	2		3	210	1	22	27	10	7	40	14						3	25		2	Yes	75	2		30			2	3	15000	3500				
19			62	153	10			1		162	1	15	21	47	36		10	129	65		15	6	3	1			2	Yes	25	1	35	270			1	1	12000	8000			
20			25	115	3	1		2		117		10	20	17	11		18	76	30		12	10	8	1				Yes	35	1	20	66					5000	1000			
21				69	3			2		71		11		17	18		5		30		25	8	12	3				Yes		2		20			3	3	7000	7000			
22	7		1	26			1			35		4	5	13	2		6		26					1				Yes							1	1	2000				
†	74	62	404	2908	84	44	42	39	37	211	2861	11	206	175	400	281	195	234	1152	625	129	101	82	57	29	283	1	43		374	22	681	1456	3	86	60	35	377000	80700	21000	27685
††	60	66	371	2823	41	39	174	41	19	79	2940	12	189	155	294	266	68	215	1098	616	128	182	135	121	29	61	77	22	Yes	317	17	502	1573		47	69	36	314750	63000	19000	13693
*	14		33	85	43	5			18	132			17	20	106	15	27	19	54	9	1					222			57	5	79			3	39			62250	23700		13998
**		4					132	2			79	1										81	53	64												9	1				

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†Total (or Carried Forward)

††Total Last Year

\*Increase \*\*Decrease

- 1 St. Peter, E. C. Purnell
- 2 Simpson, B. W. Holmes
- 3 Wesley, R. S. Mosby
- 4 Bartlett, W. S. Byars
- 5 Belton, T. H. Foy
- 6 Brady, John Preciphs
- 7 Dale Smithville, G. H. Franks
- 8 Fayetteville, S. E. Moore
- 9 Fredrick-St. Mary, Robie Wade
- 10 Georgetown, Taylor Steward
- 11 Hutto-Littig, Jerry Thomas
- 12 La Grange, Wm. Ellison, Jr.
- 13 Lampasas, Cleo Metcalfe
- 14 Llano, M. B. Burkley
- 15 Lockhart, M. C. Stone
- 16 Luling, E. L. Spencer
- 17 Mason, J. L. Mayfield
- 18 St. Marcos, S. D. Miller
- 19 Temple, E. N. King
- 20 Tilmon, W. M. Brothers
- 21 Winchester Ct., H. G. Simmons
- 22 Burnett-Prairie View, R. T. King



Table No. 1

The Methodist Church

Statistical Report

West Texas Conference, Central Jurisdiction, May, 1955

C. D. Owens, Lubbock, Texas

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP												CHURCH SCHOOLS												W.D.C.S.			Meth. Men		Property and Other Assets												
Baptisms		Total Full Members Reported Last Year	Received from Preparatory Membership and on Prof. of Faith	Received from Other Denominations	Received by Transfer from Other Methodist Churches and Res.	Removed by Death	Removed to Other Denominations	Removed by Transfer to Other Meth. Ch. and Discontinued	Total Full Members	Total Local Preachers (Incl. in Line 11)	Church School Membership						Attendance			General Information						Number Chartered Groups	Membership	Number Subscribers to The Christian Advocate	Number of Preaching Places	Estimated Value of Church Building Equipment, and Land	Estimated Value of Parsonages, Furniture and Land	Estimated Value of Other Property (Incl. Cash, Bonds, etc.)	Indebt. on Bldgs., Equipment Parsonages and Current Expenses								
Infants Presented by Parents or Guardian	All Others: Children, Youth, Adults										Officers and Teachers	Nursery Home Members	Child Div. 0-11 Yrs.	Youth Division—12-23 Years	Adult Div. 24 Yrs. & Over	Total (Add 13-18 Inclusive)	Average Attendance at Sunday School (All Ages)	Average Att. Sun. Evening Fellowship	Children	Youth	Adults	Number of Church Schools on Charge	Meth. Pupils & Constituents in Vacation Church Schools	Meth. Pupils & Constituents in Weekday Schools	Church School Memb. Joining the Church on Prof. of Faith									Are All Lesson Material used App. by the Meth. Church	Church School Offering for World Ser. and Conf. Bene.	Number of Societies (Not Guilds, Groups, or Circles)	Membership (Including Wesleyan Service Guild)	Amount Paid for Local Work			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	
1			43			3				46		3	2	16	8			29	23	4		8		1				Yes	34	1						1	9000	4000		15000	
2	21	2	171	1325	4	21	57	10	9	22	1366	6	39	89	120	87	18	308	654	390	100	129	80	200	1	100		1	Yes		1	260	1200			200	1	200000	45000	40000	8200
3	1	5	16	75		5	5	2	2	2	77		5	5	13	3		5	31	11					1				Yes		1	9			9	3	1	35000	7500		
4	10	7	56	267	15	14	22	3	4	1	310	1	19		14		55	44	162	95	20	10	10	15	1			15	Yes	100	1	81	504	1	20	5	1	160000	9000		40000
5	2	2	15	86		2	1	1			88		6	11			7	67	73	20	12	32	15	10	1		15		Yes	12	1	32	192		12	4	1	6000	4000	300	30
6	2			65	4	7	6	3			9		8		16	17		13	55	42		8			2			4	Yes		1						2	6000	1500		2000
7	27	10	37	210	175	25	8	2			410	2	30		75	25	20	30	180	150		10	20	30	1			25	Yes	100	1	100	400		20	2	1	25000	3000		6000
8	11	6	220	1418	12	8	30	11	2	4	1468		30	49	126	70	16	133	424	180		20	30	15	1			16	Yes	54	1	250	1067	1	255	16	1	255000	15000	1505	12702
9			6	25			8				33		2		8	3		6	19	12	3	4	3	2	1			3	Yes	8	1	8	10				1	3500			
10	7	2	41	234	5	7	4	2	6	3	236		15		71	23	10	26	145	46	4			10	1	15		2	Yes	8	1	38	350			3	1	20000	7500		3308
11	1		19	114		3	3				120		14	5	4	12		63	59	35					2		10		Yes	18	2	35	82				2	10000	2000		107
12	3		61	117	5		2	3			121		13	6	47	12	4	3	85	48	4		17		1			5	Yes		1	10	12		4		1	5000	3000		
13			2	129	2	1	2		2		128		10		22	28	15	3	68	47		11	22	10	1	4			Yes	10	1	15				3	2500	500			
14							1				52		25		7	18		52	29	16					2					2					52		2	3000	1500		
15			8	89	5	2		2			94	2	18		10	19		24	71	59		15			3			5	Yes		1	12			3	3	5000	3000			
16	5	1		40	4	1	2				47		6		8	23		10		8	15	6	5	4	1			4	Yes	9	1	17	200	1	7	6	1	6000	4500		
17		5	10	29		1	1		3		34		4		8	2		2	16	7		5	2	4	1				Yes		1		20		7		1	3000	1500		
18	1	2	30	67	2	10	2			9	75	1	7		29	3		8		25	13	13	6	6	1				Yes		1	13		1	29	1	1	30000	3000		350
†	91	42	692	4433	233	107	156	40	28	41	4714	13	254	167	594	353	145	797	2100	1204	185	248	234	310	23	119	25	80	Yes	351	20	880	4037	4	415	242	25	895000	115500	44505	87717
††	78	82	512	4302	98	172	111	43	35	107	3633	10	188	130	469	402	103	522	1591	1020	185	228	224	308	24	267	35	77	Yes	593	21	863	3500	6	288	118	20	598500	87800	45500	33105
*	13		180	131	135		45				1081	3	66	37	125	1	42	275	609	184		20	10	2				3			17	537		127	124	5	286500	27700		54612	
**		40				65		3	7	66						49									1	148	10			242	1			2							995

DALLAS:

†Total (or Carried Forward)

††Total Last Year

\*Increase

\*\*Decrease

- 1 St. Luke (Dallas), M. E. McMillan
- 2 St. Paul (Dallas), I. B. Loud
- 3 Trinity (Dallas), J. B. Phoenix
- 4 Warren (Dallas), C. D. Owens

- 5 Denison, Charles W. Smith
- 6 Ennis-Corsicana, Willie Smith
- 7 Ft. Worth: Cowan, K. W. McMillan
- 8 Ft. Worth: St. Andrews, J. H. Carruthers
- 9 Ft. Worth: Cogswell, Abram McGill
- 10 Ft. Worth: Thompson, W. W. Baker

- 11 Farris-Lancaster, S. M. Cleaver
- 12 Mexia: Jones, W. L. Shaw
- 13 Mexia Ct., J. F. Muse
- 14 Milford-Italy, R. L. Foy
- 15 Pelham Ct., S. G. Pharms
- 16 Sherman-Pilot Pt., Charles Esple

- 17 Waxahachie, E. H. Carter
- 18 Wichita Falls, M. E. Hodge



Table No. 2

The Methodist Church

Financial Report

West Texas Conference, Central Jurisdiction, May, 1955

I. B. Loud, Dallas, Texas, Treasurer

EXPENDITURES FOR LOCAL CHURCH				MINISTERIAL SUPPORT										Connectional Fund				BENEVOLENCES																							
Paid on Principal and Interest on Old Indebtedness	Paid for Buildings and Improvements	Paid Other Current Expenses, Incidentals, etc.	Paid for Ch. School Administration Lesson Materials, Supplies, etc.	Pastors and Associate Pastors				Dist. Supt.'s Fund		Episc'l Fund		Conf. Claim's'		Min. Salary Fund		General Administration	Jurisdictional Administration	Area, Conf. and Dist. Administration	Interdenom. Co-op. Fund		World Service & Conference Benevolences			World Service Special Gifts	General Advance Specials	Week of Dedication	Fellowship of Suffering and Service	Conference Advance Specials	W.D.C.S. (Including W.S.G.) Cash Sent to Dist. & Conf. Treasurers	Methodist Student Day	Church School Rally Day	Methodist Youth Fund	Race Relations Sunday	Colleges	Wesley Foundation	Hospitals	City and Dist. Missionary Societies	All Other Benevolences	Grand Total 42-45, 47c, 48, 49b, 50b, 51b, 52b-55, 56, 57c-74		
				Salary Estimated, for Pastor and Associate (s) at Beginning this Yr.	Paid Pastor	Paid Associate Pastor (s)	Total Paid Pastor and Associate Pastor (s)	Paid Pastor's Travel and Expense Fund	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned				Paid	Apportioned	Accepted	Paid	World Service																	Conference	W.D.C.S.
42	43	44	45	46	47a	47b	47c	48	49a	49b	50a	50b	51a	51b	52a	52b	53	54	55	56a	56b	57a	57b	57c	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	73	74	75	
1	25	30	15	2000	2000	2000	30	320	300	40	3	300	30	40	10	4	2	41	2	2	184	184	184			8	2	180	66	2	1	1	8						2944		
2		300	1110	80	3000	2773	2773	200	480	480	60	40	450	300	60			3																						5364	
3	150	82	501	40	1680	1680	1680	30	268	268	33	33	225	33	33	5	3	98	3	3	163	163	163		16	14	12	99	39		2		30					52	3578		
4		168		20	1050	380	380		168	168	21	3	157	2	21			1			20	20	2			6	5	20			5		10						790		
5	1815	7477	14865	343	5700	5700	5700	622	915	915	114	114	855	855	114	114	47	24	1365	22	22	1445	1445	1445			25	28	937	526	25	40		150	100		45	1100	38609		
6	668	225	456	75	1680	1248	1248	416	268	268	33	11	252	55	33		4	2	43	2	2	150	150	124		9			129	18		3		20					3776		
7		750	1525	120	3000	3000	150	3150	55	480	60	60	450	550	60	90	14	7	298	7	7	450	450	418		24	15	21	328	176		11		35					8118		
8		50	321	59	1080	680	680	10	165	126	21		151		21						10	10	6						10				4					1270			
9	3100		300	110	1500	1000	1000	600	240	240	30	20	225	100	30		2	1	26	1	1	100	100	76	10	10	5	5	62	35	2	2	2	18	18				5745		
10	3208	1505	300	594	6100	5460	900	6360	240	912	912	104	109	915	819	109	109	52	27	1033	25	25	1589	1589	1589		66	67	32	1003	660			150			382	34	19276		
11	234	1975	1521	104	2860	2800	2800	240	457	457	57	20	429	226	57		13	7	267	6	6	400	400	390			10	7	210	172		10		10				8679			
12		575	240	56	1300	800	800	50	208	208	26	10	195	10	26		2	1	232	1	1	75	75	60		80				10								2335			
13			50	72	1200	900	900	72	192	192	24	20	180	135	20	3	2	1	62	1	1	75	75	62					129	10	2	2		20				1735			
14			51	32	1000	875	875		160	129	20	8	150	22	20		3	2	77	1	1	100	100	92					90				16					1398			
15					1300	1091	1091		208	208	26	6	195	23	26		2	1	27	1	1	95	95	80	134	8	12											5	1598		
16	96	100	250	48	1200	1200	1200	35	192	192	50	24	180	100	24	12	2	1	61	1	1	75	75	63	79	60		25	30		2		2		14		167	2562			
17			159	8	1200	520	520	12	192	91	24	7	180	19	24		1	1	17	1	1	51	51	51					2		1	1	1					894			
18	1350	200	800	250	2300	2130	2130	100	368	364	46	38	345	200	46	12	6	3	103	3	3	179	179	179		7	8	8	98	75				14				11	5959		
10646 13407 22479 2026 39150 34237 1050 35287 2712 6193 5982 789 526 5834 3671 764 383 159 83 3755 77 80 5173 5173 4992 10 425 226 134 3372 1827 32 79 4 509 118 ..... 45 382 1369 .....																																									

- DALLAS:**
- 1 Denison: Chas. W. Smith
  - 2 Ennis-Corsicana:
  - 3 Ferris-Lancaster: S. M. Cleaver
  - 4 Dallas: St. Luke, M. E. McMillan
  - 5 Dallas: St. Paul, I. B. Loud
  - 6 Dallas: Trinity, J. B. Phoenix
  - 7 Dallas: Warren, C. D. Owens
  - 8 Fort Worth: Cogswell, Abrom McGill
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  - 10 Ft. Worth: St. Andrews, J. H. Carruthers
  - 11 Fort Worth: Thompson, W. M. Baker
  - 12 Mexia-Jones: W. L. Shaw
  - 13 Mexia Ct.: J. F. Muse
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The Methodist Church

Statistical Report

West Texas Conference, Central Jurisdiction, May, 1955

C. D. Owens, Lubbock, Texas

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Baptisms		Preparatory Members (Incl. Baptized Children)	Total Full Members Reported Last Year	Received from Preparatory Membership and on Prof. of Faith	Received from Other Denominations	Received by Transfer from Other Methodist Churches and Res.	Removed by Death	Removed to Other Denominations	Removed by Transfer to Other Meth. Ch. and Discontinued	Total Full Members	Total Local Preachers (Incl. in Line 11)	Church School Membership						Attendance			General Information				Number of Societies (Not Guilds, Groups, or Circles)	Membership (Including Wesleyan Service Guild)	Amount Paid for Local Work	Number Chartered Groups	Membership	Number Subscribers to The Christian Advocate	Number of Preaching Places	Estimated Value of Church Building Equipment, and Land	Estimated Value of Parsonages, Furniture and Land	Estimated Value of Other Property (Incl. Cash, Bonds, etc.)	Indebt. on Bldgs., Equipment Parsonages and Current Expenses								
Infants Presented by Parents or Guardian	All Others: Children, Youth, Adults											Nursery Home Members	Child Div. 0-11 Yrs.	Youth Division—12-23 Years	Adult Div. 24 Yrs. & Over	Total (Add 13-18 Inclusive)	Average Attendance at Sunday School (All Ages)	Average Att. Sun. Evening Fellowship	Children	Youth	Adults	Number of Church Schools on Charge	Meth. Pupils & Constituents in Vacation Church Schools	Meth. Pupils & Constituents in Weekday Schools												Church School Memb. Joining the Church on Prof. of Faith	Are All Lesson Material used App. by the Meth. Church	Church School Offering for World Ser. and Conf. Bene.					
1			67		2	2			69		6	13		10		10	39	15					1			Yes		1	8	62			1	6000	4000		450						
2				1		4			104	2	9	14	19		22	31	26						2			Yes		2		7		1	2	5000	1000		70						
3	68	91	159	701	117	68	24	2	3	3	902		18	42	95	36	51	38	280	197	18	27	19	59	1	198		38	Yes	200	1	58	359	1	53	25	1	97000	10000		25899		
4	6	2	21	121	2			1			124	1	19	10		23	16		50	50	30	40		32	2	40	18	6	Yes	50	2	26	150	1	10	1	2	14000	200		3000		
5	3		23	60		3	2	4			61		8	6	18	32		37	45	38					2				Yes		2	4			2	2	22000	1000					
6	3	3	31	208		2	2				212		15	29		65	30	45	204	60		10			3	45			Yes		2				6	3	30000	9000					
7	3	1	7	104	1		2	2			105		7	10		8			37	20	5	7	8	1	1			Yes	40	1		68	1	12	2	1	10000	2500					
8				20		1					21													10				Yes		1	10	10			1	1	2000	1000					
9	3	10	4	97	1	3			3		104		6	5	12	15	6	10	54	26	25	4	15	6	1			3	Yes	50	1	10	10			1	1	6000	3000				
10		2	2	60	2		4				66		5		15	17			37	15					1				Yes	29	1	10	80			1	1	25000	2500		2000		
11			1	62		2	1	3			62		7		3	1			23	16					3				Yes	40	2	10	10			1	3	6000					
12	4	2	23	44	2	4	5	1			51		9	1	10	16			34	34	10	20	15	8	1	81			Yes	50	1	10	50	1	9	4	1	6000					
13	7	14	11	464	29	5	7	3	5	2	495		20	10	50	100	25	30	235	150	27	50	27	15	1	190	7		Yes	100	1	60	2000	1	35	25	1	32000	7000				
14	16	13	16	695	33	12	18	7	2	1	748	4	26	15	85	52	30	25	213	138		15	20	1		19		14	Yes	175	1	45	573	1	44	6	1	85000	7700		15000		
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16			32	88		2	4			3	115	1	4	8	10	14		10	42	18			6	7	1				Yes		1	25	130	1	10		1	15000	10000				
17	6		15	26	5	1			8	1	23	1	5	5	3	8	3	16	21	20	5	4	8	7	1	7		8	Yes	70	1	10	80	1		2	1	5000	3000		1400		
18																																											
19	18	10	56	276	21	21	9	14	2	4	1307		26	28	130	62	17	93	330	209		17	13	20	1	179		21	Yes	150	1	98	425	1	60	30	1	140000	19000		4950		
20				70	17	9	3	4			95		4	5	10	15			34	25	16	7	5	4	1				Yes		1		12	1	8	2	1	7000			1600		
21				10							10		2		6	7				5					1				Yes	2			3										
22	5	8	7	228	12	3	3	5	4	5	232	1	10		42	27		12	91	52					1	60			Yes	20	1		146		19	4	1	36000	4000		38000		
23		1	4	66	1		3				69		3		4	3		10	20	5		4	3	3	1				Yes		1		13				1	4000					
†	149	158	452	3583	245	139	90	54	30	19	4998	11	216	197	529	542	181	363	1861	1149	136	215	146	173	37	819	25	90	Yes	1029	26	394	4238	10	260	112	27	565000	90900		98652		
††	102	101	447	4403	230	71	103	35	26	52	4241	9	191	234	507	483	162	359	1881	1085	205	232	192	130	27	528	18	59	Yes	867	27	383	3043	8	257	142	30	457900	83300	10000	60044		
*	47	57	5		15	68		19	4		757	2	25		22	69	19	4		64				43	10	291	7	31	Yes	162		11	1195	2	3			107100	7600		38608		
**				820			13			33					37				20			69	17	46							1					30	3					10000	

SAN ANTONIO:

†Total (or Carried Forward)  
 ††Total Last Year  
 \*Increase \*\*Decrease

- 1 Beeville, O. K. Brewster
- 2 Belmont Ct., S. M. Franklin
- 3 Corpus Christi, T. M. Bruton
- 4 Del Rio, Wm. Ellison, Sr.
- 5 Floresville, Albert Pitts
- 6 Gonzales, E. T. Fuller
- 7 Harlingen, A. C. Holden
- 8 Hondo-Pearsall, E. M. Mooney
- 9 Kerrville, C. J. Houston
- 10 Kingsville, A. D. Porter
- 11 Nixon Ct., Elmo Watson
- 12 Ellison-Eads, L. H. Haywood
- 13 East St. Paul, M. A. Freeman
- 14 Jacobs Chapel, Fred Young
- 15 Jones Chapel, T. R. Watkins
- 16 Sanford Chapel, L. D. Washington
- 17 St. Luke, C. L. King
- 18 St. Mark
- 19 St. Paul, E. A. Smith
- 20 West Laurel Hghts., L. B. Napier
- 21 Seguin-Almos Ct., None
- 22 Seguin-Wesley, I. H. Pierce
- 23 Harpers Chapel, W. L. Andrews

EXPENDITURES FOR LOCAL CHURCH				MINISTERIAL SUPPORT										Connectional Fund					BENEVOLENCES																					
Paid on Principal and Interest on Old Indebtedness	Paid for Buildings and Improvements	Paid Other Current Expenses, Incidentals, etc.	Paid for Ch. School Administration Lesson Materials, Supplies, etc.	Pastors and Associate Pastors				Dist. Supt.'s Fund		Episc'l Fund		Conf. Claim's'		Min. Salary Fund		General Administration	Jurisdictional Administration	Area, Conf. and Dist. Administration	Interdenom. Co-op. Fund		World Service & Conference Benevolences			World Service Special Gifts	General Advance Specials	Week of Dedication	Fellowship of Suffering and Service	Conference Advance Specials	W.D.C.S. (Including W.S.G.) Cash Sent to Dist. & Conf. Treasurers	Methodist Student Day	Church School Rally Day	Methodist Youth Fund	Race Relations Sunday	Colleges	Wesley Foundation	Hospitals	City and Dist. Missionary Societies	All Other Benevolences	Grand Total 42-45, 47c, 48, 49b, 50b, 51b, 52b-55, 56, 57c-74	
				Salary Estimated, for Pastor and Associate (s) at Beginning this Yr.	Paid Pastor	Paid Associate Pastor (s)	Total Paid Pastor and Associate Pastor (s)	Paid Pastor's Travel and Expense Fund	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned				Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Accepted																	Paid
42	43	44	45	46	47a	47b	47c	48	49a	49b	50a	50b	51a	51b	52a	52b	53	54	55	56a	56b	57a	57b	57c	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	73	74	75
1	385		45	1800	1600		1600	288	288	36	10	270	137	36		7	4	144	3	3	209	209	209			9													2871	
2		70	36	1200	900		900	192	144	24	4	180	20	24		1	1	11	1	1	30	30	30	6					29										1253	
3	3013	578	5427	287	4030	4030	4030	500	644	644	81	81	604	604	81		23	12	245	11	11	709	709	709		32	32		418	191									16937	
4	692	280	77	1200	1200		1200	300	192	192	24	24	180	144	24	6	5	3	56	2	2	160	160	160		70	8		34	34									3390	
5			19	1300	1200		1200		208	208	26	9	195	67	26		4	2	96	2	2	138	138	138		6	6		78										1874	
6		271		2400	1885		1885	26	384	345	48	55	360	115	48		5	3	147	2	2	149	149	149		11		152			3								3209	
7				2000	1700		1700	200	320	310	40		300	50	40		4	2	43	2	2	124	124	124		126													2561	
8				350	200		200		56	56	7		53	6	7		1	1	13	1	1	37	37	37		24			4										358	
9		225	30	2080	1906		1906	100	332	266	42		312	20	42		3	2	35	2	2	101	101	101	5			10	126										2831	
10	315	601	159	2400	1600		1600	75	384	275	48	25	360	100	48		4	2	48	2	2	138	138	138		6	6	5	78	60									3544	
11	120		48	1080	860		860		172	172	22	14	160	120	22		4	2	90	2	2	146	146	146	6	6			78	17									1729	
12			377	900	700		700		162	160	18	12	135	90	18		3	2	33	1	1	94	94	94		4	4	4	58	30									1667	
13	250		1459	200	3000	3000	3000	900	563	563	60	60	450	450	60		22	12	478	11	11	690	690	690		65	30		908	110	20		100						9328	
14	6800	1200	2600	175	4000	4000	4000		640	600	80	50	600	600	80		27	14	293	13	13	849	849	849		34		20	479	170									18024	
15	290	215	600	50	2340	2097	2097	260	374	251	46	25	351	50	46		5	3	57	3	3	164	164	164		11		5	157	75						150		4508		
16	771		860	50	2600	2600	2600	100	416	416	52		390	75	52		9	5	192	4	4	277	277	277		11	12		157	60									5649	
17	300	700	200	500	500		500	30	80	80	10		75		10		2	1	24	1	1	69	69	69		41													1983	
18																																								
19		900	5761	342	4800	4800	4800	250	768	768	96	96	720	720	96		51	26	1081	24	24	1561	1561	1561		63	68		880	530		14		115				600		18650
20	1655	3150		50	1300	900	900		208	144	26	18	195		26	18	4	2	80	2	2	117	117	117		70	5			21									6253	
21			8	500	500		500		80	80	10		75		10		1	1	8	1	1	62	62	25					7											
22	1000	250	600	80	2800	2400	2400	400	448	423	56		420	271	56		3	2	34	2	2	101	101	101															5666	
23			13	576	530		530		92	92	11	11	86	86	11		2	1	18	1	1	51	51	51		3			38											856
15206	8259	18753	1609	42656	38608		38608	3141	6923	6397	853	494	6396	3725	853	24	189	102	3218	92	92	5914	5914	5914		17	583	180	196	3522	1298		37		717			760	113041	

SAN ANTONIO:

- |   |                                  |    |                              |    |                                       |    |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|----|------------------------------|----|---------------------------------------|----|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Beeville, O. K. Brewster         | 5  | Floresville, Albert S. Pitts | 11 | Nixon Ct., Elmo Watson                | 17 | St. Luke (SA), C. L. King        |
| 2 | Belmont, S. M. Franklin          | 6  | Gonzales, E. T. Fuller       | 12 | Ellison Eads (SA), L. H. Haywood      | 19 | St. Paul (S), Earnest A. Smith   |
| 3 | Corpus Christi, Thomas M. Bruton | 7  | Harlingen, A. C. Holden      | 13 | East St. Paul (SA), Marcus A. Freeman | 20 | West Laurel Hgts., L. B. Napier  |
| 4 | Del Rio, W. M. Ellison           | 8  | Hondo-Pearsall, E. M. Mooney | 14 | Jacobs Chapel (SA), F. D. Young       | 21 | Seguin-Almos                     |
|   |                                  | 9  | Kerrville, C. J. Houston     | 15 | Jones Chapel (SA), T. R. Watkins      | 22 | Seguin-Wesley, I. S. Pierce      |
|   |                                  | 10 | Kingsville, A. D. Porter     | 16 | Sanford Chapel (SA), L. D. Washington | 23 | Harpers Chapel, W. Logan Andrews |

Table No. 1

The Methodist Church

Statistical Report

West Texas Conference, Central Jurisdiction, May, 1955

C. D. Owens, Lubbock, Texas

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP												CHURCH SCHOOLS													W.D.C.S.			Meth. Men		Property and Other Assets											
Baptisms		Total Full Members Reported Last Year	Received from Preparatory Membership and on Prof. of Faith	Received from Other Denominations	Received by Transfer from Other Methodist Churches and Res.	Removed by Death	Removed to Other Denominations	Removed by Transfer to Other Meth. Ch. and Discontinued	Total Full Members	Total Local Preachers (Incl. in Line 11)	Church School Membership							Attendance			General Information						Number of Societies (Not Guilds, Groups, or Circles)	Membership (Including Wesleyan Service Guild)	Amount Paid for Local Work	Number Chartered Groups	Membership	Number Subscribers to The Christian Advocate	Number of Preaching Places	Estimated Value of Church Building Equipment, and Land	Estimated Value of Parsonages, Furniture and Land	Estimated Value of Other Property (Incl. Cash, Bonds, etc.)	Indebt. on Bldgs., Equipment Parsonages and Current Expenses				
Infants Presented by Parents or Guardian	All Others: Children, Youth, Adults										Officers and Teachers	Nursery Home Members	Children (Exclude Col. 14)	Youth Division—12-23 Years	Adult-Home Members	Adult Div. 24 Yrs. & Over	Adults (Exclude Col. 17)	Total (Add 13-18 Inclusive)	Average Attendance at Sunday School (All Ages)	Average Att. Sun. Evening Fellowship	Children	Youth	Adults	Number of Church Schools on Charge	Meth. Pupils & Constituents in Vacation Church Schools	Meth. Pupils & Constituents in Weekday Schools												Church School Memb. Joining the Church on Prof. of Faith	Are All Lesson Material used App. by the Meth. Church	Church School Offering for World Ser. and Conf. Bene.	Number of Societies (Not Guilds, Groups, or Circles)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	
1										103	1	15	11	21	31		21	109	30	30				3				Yes	10	1		12		20		3	500	150			
2	1		2	10	2	2	1	1		14		2		5	12	10	16	17	12	20	10	6	5	1		12	2	Yes	6			100	2	4	1	2000	1000		200		
3	2	4	8	40		1	1			40		9	18	5	4		7	41	17					2			4	Yes	3	2	8	6		6	2	2200	700				
4	1			120			1	1		118	2	8		5	5	5		23	15					1				Yes		1	12	25	1	12	4	1	35000	3000			
5	15		18	277		2	4	4		279		12	18	48	42	4	5	129	78	20	38	26	14	1				Yes		1	38	100			12	1	20000	5000		3500	
6	5	7	20	191	6	3	4	1		203	1	14	21	50	15		15	115	60	30				1			3	Yes	20	1	40	187	1	13	6	2	18500	5000			
7	3	6	9	103	8		1	1	7	103		7		12	8		18	35	25					1			8	Yes	20	1				1	27	1	6500	1800			
8	3			134			14	3		145	2	7	21	17			27	37	35	8				2				Yes	8	1	9	40			1	2	20000	4000		2800	
9				36			1			35		3		5	4		3	12	10					1				Yes								2	3000				
10				103		2				105		10	2	9	8	24		53	19	11		5	4	3				Yes	4						4	9500	3000				
11		12		24		2	1			25	1	8	4	4	6			12	12						2				Yes					24	4	2	3000				
12	1	1	2	66	1	1	1	2		65		10		12	16			36	75	12				2			1	Yes		2	11	50		1	2	9000	250				
13				17						17				6	5		4	15	10					1				Yes							1	2000					
14	6	3	9	173	10		2	1		182		15	25	19	30	25	27	141	100	18		18	15	1	55		6	Yes	90	1	61	236	1	18	10	1	45000	30000		4000	
15				37	1		2	2		33									17		44	3	5	2				Yes		1					3	4000					
16	3	10	29	192	14	1		8		199	2	13		19	16		10	58	25					2			6	Yes	38	1	20	186		2		9000	800	1000	325		
17		1	21	77	1	2		3		64		11	8	24	10		24	77	50		17	7	14	2			1	Yes	10	2	22	74	2	26	8	2	11000	3000			
†	40	44	118	1600	43	13	31	28	13	11	1730	9	144	128	261	212	68	172	910	590	149	109	65	57	26	55	12	31	Yes	209	15	221	1016	8	150	48	30	200200	57700	1000	10825
††	33	10	113	1714	25	14	28	33	11	16	1731	10	169	122	235	186	102	194	815	461	79	95	54	94	29	110	13	6		218	13	197	1486	13	63	56	32	196980	40800		12051
*	7	34	5		18		3		2				6	26	26	66		95	129	70	14	11					25		2	24				87			3220	6900			
**				114		1		5		5	1	1	25				22						37	3	55	1			9			470	5		8	2				1226	

VICTORIA:

†Total (or Carried Forward)

††Total Last Year

\*Increase

\*\*Decrease

- 5 Columbus, Lavelle Lowe
- 6 Edna Ct., A. D. Minor
- 7 Goliad, T. D. J. Sims
- 8 Hallettsville, I. C. Greer
- 9 Lavaca, A. T. Hargrove
- 10 Oakland Ct., Jack Ceasar
- 11 Port Lavaca, J. W. Goode
- 12 Schulenburg Ct., D. C. Carroll
- 13 Sublime Ct., Z. M. King
- 14 Victoria, J. H. Marshall
- 15 Welder Ct., Edward Clark
- 16 Wharton Ct., Antone Dykes
- 17 Yoakum Ct., Z. E. King



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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	
1	3	12	62	3						65		6	13	14	13	46	32							2				Yes	10	2		26				2	3200				
2	2	8	84	5	11	2	1			102		9		13	25	47	26							2				Yes	4	2		16			2	1700	2000				
3	6	4	20	12	5	9	1			120		8	12	15	18	43	30											Yes	20	1	12	50		15		8000	2500				
4	0	3	35	153	5	0	0	3	4	154		9	22	50	26	106	68							3				Yes		3			1	4	3	5000	8000		400		
5			8	42						42		5	10	5	10	30	20							1				Yes	15	1		10			1	1200					
6	5		33	102						102		9	22	16	10	57	40							2				Yes	10	2	22	100			2	5000	500				
7	5	5	26	61	5					66		8	10	8	7	33	22							2				Yes	50	2	25	60			2	9000			400		
8	16	41	57	247	26	2			1	275	2	6	7	28	10	12	57	30										Yes	50						2	11000	1000				
9	1		36	162	7		1	1	1	168		21	15	30	20	21	24	131	108	31							7	Yes	4	2	74			74		6615	2100				
10	3		7	61						61		4		9		10	24	10						2				Yes	1						1	3500					
11			29	109	1			1	3	109		5				29	29							2				Yes	96	2				109	2	3000	1000				
12			15	70		3		2		71		12	5	16	20	8	51	38			10	12		1				Yes	25	1	15	100		3	2000	1000		46			
13	5	2	62	171	4	3		2	2	177	1	10		60	32	20		112	75	12	10	15	1	70		4	Yes	50	1	16	70	1	14	7	12000						
14	4		75	141		11	2	1	4	154		7	11	46	20	15	8	107	67	15	42	15	12	1	75			Yes	75	1	60		1	6	10	6000	4000	1500			
15	5	1	50	135	3	3	1	1		142		12	7	24	6	4	14	55	26	20	14	9	8	1	75			Yes	42	1	42	139	1	15	6	6000	4000		1575		
16	9	10	114	506	10	10	6	5	1	525		22		92	84	26	224	80	15	20	12	6	1			4	Yes	100	1	84	630	1	15	10	100000	10000		8000			
17	1		46	180	3			3		180		14	41	26		20	97	64						2				Yes	10		2	30			2	12000			446		
†	65	66	633	2381	84	48	21	21	8	13	2513	3	167	45	435	329	85	216	1137	802	156	88	56	53	23	145		15	Yes	561	22	352	1231	5	248	49	25	195215	28900	1500	10867
††	63	22	613	2429	51	26	18	21	8	16	2489	6	186	67	370	358	147	154	1251	784	166	91	78	67	27	120		28	Yes	476	25	485	1503	3	143	51	28	193200	35000	1558	13286
*	2	44	20		33	22	3			24				65		62		18										Yes	85					2	105			2015			2419
**				48					3		3	19	22		29	62		114		10	7	22	14	4				13		3	33	272			2	3		6100	58		

WACO:

†Total (or Carried Forward)

††Total Last Year

\*Increase

\*\*Decrease

- 1 Bowman Long Branch, B. D. Lindsay
- 2 Mayfield-Pf Sullivan, G. W. Kelley
- 3 Calvert, W. A. Webb
- 4 Chilton-Goodville-Rosebud, D. T. Tucker
- 5 Froza Chapel, H. D. Hamilton
- 6 Groesbeck-Bremond, R. W. Smith
- 7 Hubbard-Hillsboro, H. E. Kuykendall
- 8 Marlin-Davis Chapel, G. F. Alexander
- 9 Mart-Springhill, C. J. Polk
- 10 Moody-Gatesville, J. S. Loud
- 11 Rocky-Cedar, R. W. Johnson
- 12 Valley-Mills-Crawford, S. W. Curtis
- 13 Bracks Chapel, G. J. Goff
- 14 Jones Chapel, Geo. L. Johnson
- 15 Mt. Zion, E. J. Tanner
- 16 St. James, S. A. Keese
- 17 Satin-Majors, W. M. Walmsley

Table No. 2

The Methodist Church

Financial Report

West Texas Conference, Central Jurisdiction, May, 1955

I. B. Loud, Dallas, Texas, Treasurer

EXPENDITURES FOR LOCAL CHURCH				MINISTERIAL SUPPORT										Connectional Fund				BENEVOLENCES																						
Paid on Principal and Interest on Old Indebtedness	Paid for Buildings and Improvements	Paid Other Current Expenses, Incidentals, etc.	Paid for Ch. School Administration Lesson Materials, Supplies, etc.	Pastors and Associate Pastors				Dist. Supt.'s Fund		Episc'l Fund		Conf. Claim's'		Min. Salary Fund		General Administration	Jurisdictional Administration	Area, Conf. and Dist. Administration	Interdenom. Co-op. Fund		World Service & Conference Benevolences			World Service Special Gifts	General Advance Specials	Week of Dedication	Fellowship of Suffering and Service	Conference Advance Specials	W.D.C.S. (Including W.S.G.) Cash Sent to Dist. & Conf. Treasurers	Methodist Student Day	Church School Rally Day	Methodist Youth Fund	Race Relations Sunday	Colleges	Wesley Foundation	Hospitals	City and Dist. Missionary Societies	All Other Benevolences	Grand Total	
				Salary Estimated, for Pastor and Associate (s) at Beginning this Yr.	Paid Pastor	Paid Associate Pastor (s)	Total Paid Pastor and Associate Pastor (s)	Paid Pastor's Travel and Expense Fund	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned				Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Accepted																	Paid
42	43	44	45	46	47a	47b	47c	48	49a	49b	50a	50b	51a	51b	52a	52b	53	54	55	56a	56b	57a	57b	57c	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	73	74	75
1			58	26	800	500	500	33	128	96	16	5	120	25	16		1		7	1		40	40	21		2			37										851	
2			56		1200	550	550		192	150	24	5	180	20	24		1		4	1	1	20	20	7		3			57										894	
3		1968	80	24	1100	900	900	8	176	168	22	5	165	35	22		1	1	25	1	1	100	100	74		2			58	10		2							2552	
4	315	500	99	68	1300	800	800	160	208	208	26	16	195	119	26		5	4	57	2	2	190	190	164		9	2	2	111			2							5580	
5			12	12	300	150	150		48	42	6	5	45	15	6							8	8			2			18									827		
6			48	36	1200	800	800	70	192	192	24	4	180	19	24		2	2	21	1	1	60	60	60		6		2	96								2	3902		
7	500		60	48	1200	700	700		192	172	24		180		24		1	1	25	1	1	72	72	72		9	1	1	93									2	4149	
8			1000	180	2400	2000	2000	180	384	384	48	35	360	215	48		3	1	29	1	1	95	95	84	8		5				4					263	9823			
9	51		116		1600	1600	1600	52	256	264	32	32	240	240	32		4	2	42	2	2	150	150	121		6		5	95	39	6							6739		
10		100	36	24	700	400	400	30	112	112	14	17	105	73	14		1	1	14	1	1	43	43	43		5	1		15									2305		
11					1200	550	550		192		24	10	180	45	24		2	1	22	1	1	65	65	65		9	2		93									3101		
12		250		30	900	700	700		144	129	18	15	135	40	18		2	1	22	1	1	63	63	63		4			58									3357		
13	46	450	400	80	2080	1980	1980	155	333	333	42	42	312	312	42	40	5	3	56	2	2	160	160	156		6	9	5	119	36		8				100	9454			
14					2100	2110	2110	230	336	337	42	42	315	315	42	42	6	3	67	3	3	195	195	195				3	135	114	10			27				8977		
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- WACO:
- 1 Bowman, B. D. Lindsey
  - 2 Maysfield, G. W. Kelley
  - 3 Calvert, W. A. Webb
  - 4 Chilton-Goodville, D. T. Tucker
  - 5 Froza Chapel, H. D. Hamilton
  - 6 Groesbeck-Bremond, R. J. Smith
  - 7 Hubbard-Hillsboro
  - 8 Marlin-Davis Chapel, G. F. Alexander
  - 9 Mart-Springhill, C. J. Polk
  - 10 Moody-Gatesville, J. S. Loud
  - 11 Rocky-Cedar, R. W. Johnson
  - 12 Valley Mills-Crawford, S. W. Curtis
  - 13 Bracks Chapel-Waco, G. J. Goff
  - 14 Jones Chapel-Waco, George L. Johnson
  - 15 Mt. Zion, E. J. Tanner
  - 16 St. James, S. A. Keesee
  - 17 Satin-Majors, W. M. Walmsly

**Table No. 1**  
**West Texas Conference, Central Jurisdiction, May, 1955**  
**The Methodist Church**  
**Statistical Report**  
**C. D. Owens, Lubbock, Texas**

	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP											CHURCH SCHOOLS										PROPERTY AND OTHER ASSETS																																																																																																
	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP											Church School Membership					Attendance					General Information					W.D.C.S.					Meth. Men																																																																																						
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												Nursery Home Members		Children (Exclude Col. 14)			Adult-Home Members		Total (Add 13-18 Inclusive)					Average Attendance at Sunday School (All Ages)					Average Att. Sun. Evening Fellowship					Number of Church Schools on Charge					Meth. Pupils & Constituents in Vacation Church Schools					Meth. Pupils & Constituents in Weekday Schools					Church School Memb. Joining the Church on Prof. of Faith					Are All Lesson Material used App. by the Meth. Church					Church School Offering for World Ser. and Conf. Bene.					Number of Societies (Not Guilds, Groups, or Circles)					Membership (Including Wesleyan Service Guild)					Amount Paid for Local Work					Number Chartered Groups					Membership					Number Subscribers to The Christian Advocate					Number of Preaching Places					Estimated Value of Church Building Equipment, and Land					Estimated Value of Parsonages, Furniture and Land					Estimated Value of Other Property (Incl. Cash, Bonds, etc.)					Indebt. on Bldgs., Equipment Parsonages and Current Expenses				
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†Total (or Carried Forward)  
 ††Total Last Year  
 \*Increase      \*\*Decrease

**WESTERN:**

1 Abilene, Merrill T. Reed 2 Amarillo, John A. Willis 3 Brownwood, J. B. Richardson 4 El Paso, R. L. Palmer	5 Lubbock, I. C. Loud 6 Midland, E. M. Cooper 7 Odessa, J. W. Morgan 8 San Angelo, L. E. Muse 9 Slaton, I. C. Loud
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Table No. 2

The Methodist Church

Financial Report

West Texas Conference, Central Jurisdiction, May, 1955

I. B. Loud, Dallas, Texas, Treasurer

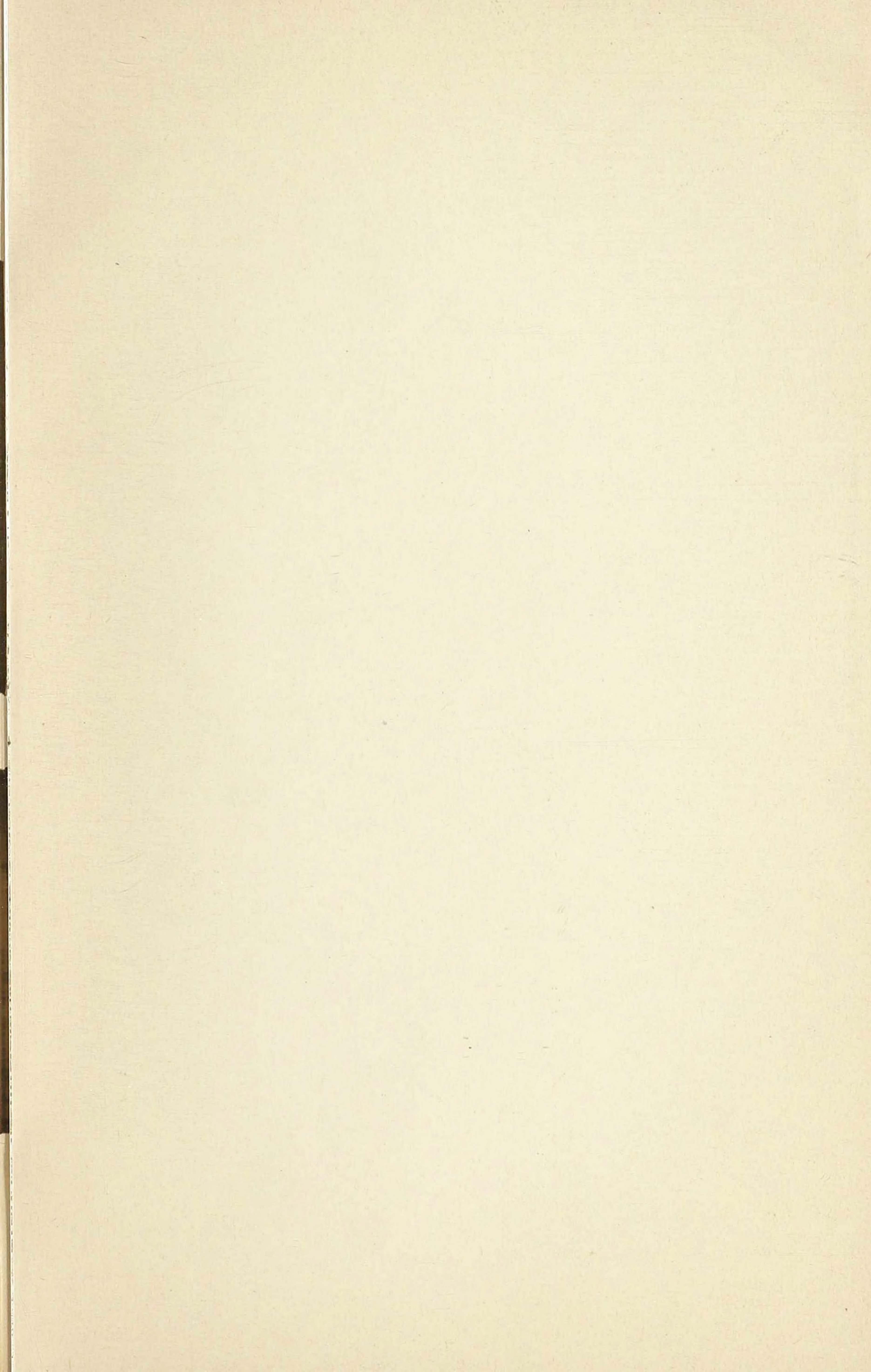
	EXPENDITURES FOR LOCAL CHURCH				MINISTERIAL SUPPORT								Connectional Fund				BENEVOLENCES														75									
	Paid on Principal and Interest on Old Indebtedness	Paid for Buildings and Improvements	Paid Other Current Expenses, Incidentals, etc.	Paid for Ch. School Administration Lesson Materials, Supplies, etc.	Pastors and Associate Pastors				Dist. Supt.'s Fund		Episc'l Fund		Conf. Claim's'		Min. Salary Fund		General Administration	Jurisdictional Administration	Area, Conf. and Dist. Administration	Interdenom. Co-op. Fund		World Service & Conference Benevolences			World Service Special Gifts	General Advance Specials	Week of Dedication	Fellowship of Suffering and Service	Conference Advance Specials	W.D.C.S. (Including W.S.G.) Cash Sent to Dist. & Conf. Treasurers		Methodist Student Day	Church School Rally Day	Methodist Youth Fund	Race Relations Sunday	Colleges	Wesley Foundation	Hospitals	City and Dist. Missionary Societies	All Other Benevolences
					Salary Estimated, for Pastor and Associate (s) at Beginning this Yr.	Paid Pastor	Paid Associate Pastor (s)	Total Paid Pastor and Associate Pastor (s)	Paid Pastor's Travel and Expense Fund	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned				Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid																
42	43	44	45	46	47a	47b	47c	48	49a	49b	50a	50b	51a	51b	52a	52b	53	54	55	56a	56b	57a	57b	57c	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	73	74	
1	1192	250	560	170	1700	1700	1700	10	272	120	34	18	255	50	34	4	6	3	69	3	3	200	200	199	30	6	164	15	4569											
2	264	85	359	43	1785	1600	1600	24	285	108	35	32	267	48	35	4	4	2	48	2	2	139	139	139	17	7	23	2812												
3			75	20	1600	1500	1500	100	256	156	32	30	240	100	32	5	2	81	2	2	150	150	142	3	48	50	23	2337												
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6	708	700	300	160	2340	2340	2340	40	374	374	47	24	351	351	47	2	1	27	1	1	20	20	17	6	78	50	10	2	10	5201										
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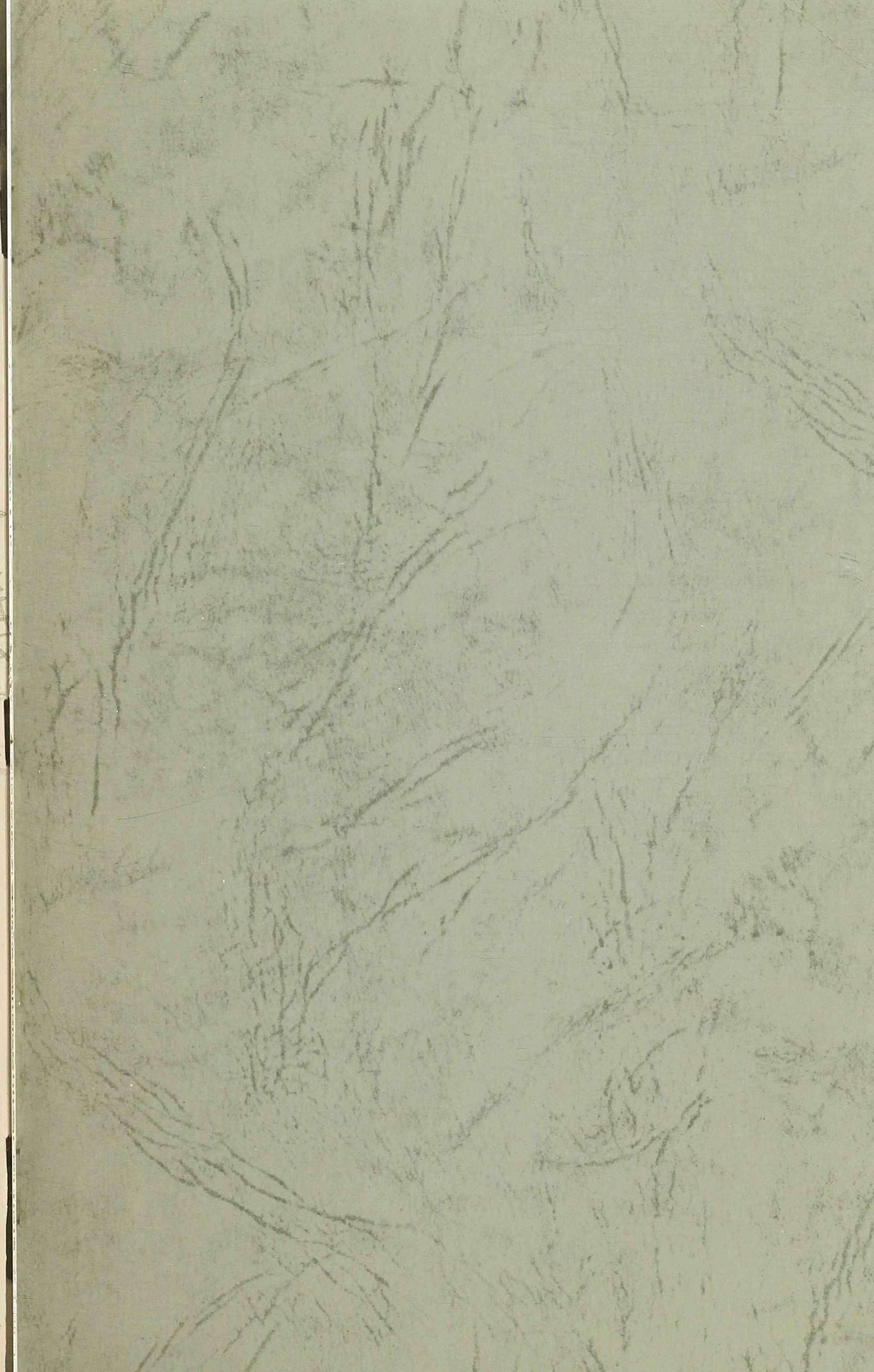
- 4 El Paso, R. L. Palmer  
 5 Lubbock, I. C. Loud, Jr.  
 6 Midland  
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 8 San Angelo

Grand Total 42-45, 47c, 48, 49b, 50b, 51b, 52b-55, 56, 57c-74









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