

CENTRAL DISTRICT
PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH
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HELD AT KESSLER HALL

Warrenton, Missouri

July 24, 1950



Presiding Officer—Rev. L. W. Sturk, General Superintendent.

Camp Evangelist—Rev. E. E. Leadingham.

Singers and Musicians—Rev. and Mrs. Norman Maddox.

Foreign Missionary Representative—Rev. R. G. Flexon.

Church Extension—Rev. R. A. Beltz.

Owosso Bible College—Rev. Joseph Uhrig and Glad Tidings Quartette.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. W. O. Bottenberg, 4028 Fairview Ave., St. Louis 16, Missouri.

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Rev. Edward Boone, 1320—41st St., Des Moines, Iowa.

DISTRICT SECRETARY

Rev. Ben Bebermeyer, 3100 East 13th St., Kansas City 1, Missouri.

DISTRICT TREASURER

Rev. Ellis G. Maness, 17 Denver Place, Webster Groves 19, Missouri.

ADDITIONAL COUNCILMAN

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Rev. Edward Boone

Rev. P. E. Brown

DISTRICT YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARY

Rev. Calvin Bebermeyer, Warrenton, Missouri.

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Rev. Ellis Maness

Rev. Edward Boone

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

District Council

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Rev. Howard Beecher, Warrenton, Missouri.

Rev. George Durkee, Pacific Junction, Iowa.

Rev. E. Puffer, Council Bluffs Iowa.

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Rev. Edward Boone

Mrs. Ruth Deaton

Miss Mary Taylor

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Rev. R. D. McCloud

Rev. Elmer Briggs

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

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DISTRICT STATISTICIAN

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SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. Lloyd Smith, 2198 Howard St., Springfield 2, Mo.

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Rev. W. T. Johnson, 312 Carson St., Jonesboro, Ark.

DISTRICT SECRETARY

Rev. L. A. Braden, 208 W. Emerson, Paragould, Ark.

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Rev. O. E. Fields, 2212 N. Bridge St., Jonesboro, Ark.

Rev. K. H. Ladman, Farmington, Mo.

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NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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Maness, Ellis G.,	17 Denver Place, Webster Groves 19, Mo.	WE2071R
Miller, Harvey A.,	Malvern, Iowa	3654
Livengood, O. E.,	Glenwood, Iowa	
Puffer, E.,	Council Bluffs, Iowa	
Rogers, Myrtle R.,	Council Bluffs, Iowa	34080
Simmons, Floyd,	1302—2nd Ave., Des. Moines, Iowa	35900
Smelser, T. M.,	Glenwood, Iowa	

LICENSED MINISTERS

Allen, M. L.,	Waldron, Mo.	
Bebermeyer, Mrs. Ben Sr.,	Warrenton, Mo.	
Bebermeyer, Calvin,	Warrenton, Mo.	
Briggs, Elmer,	P.O. Box 201, Council Bluffs, Iowa	
Copeland, Daniel,	P.O. Box 200, Des Moines, Iowa	54063
Houck, W. C.,	Route 1, Grand River, Iowa	
Houck, Mrs. W. C.,	Route 1, Grand River, Iowa	
Light, Pearl,	Huntsville, Ark.	
Light, Ruby,	Huntsville, Ark.	
McCloud, R. D.,	Lawrence, Kansas	
Stephens, Myrtle,	1092 Gordon St., Hannibal, Mo.	
Wickman, Peter,	University Park, Iowa	
Williams, Lois,	Eddyville, Iowa	138
Wood, Donald,	1020 South Washington, Owosso, Mich.	862

LAY DELEGATES

Church	Pastor
Des Moines, Iowa—R. A. Sincox; M. Armel; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Stewart	Edward Boone
Eddyville, Iowa, P. M. Wickman	Lois Williams
Council Bluffs, Iowa, Samuel Waters	E. Puffer
Pacific Junction, Iowa, Mrs. Anna Ferrel	George Durkee
Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Elsie Holmberg	Ben Bebermeyer
Warrenton, Mo., Wesley Knipmeyer	H. W. Beecher
Hannibal, Mo., Mrs. Elsie Brown	P. E. Brown
Webster Groves, Mo., Mrs. Lula Harris	Ellis G. Maness
St. Louis Mo., Chester Maness	W. O. Bottenberg

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Name	Address	Phone
Anderson, C. C.	Rt. 1, Box 25, West Fork, Ark.	
Bittick, F. P.	826 Maude St., Poplar Bluff, Mo.	3741
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Crews, L. A.	Box 144 Blytheville, Ark.	
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Johnson, W. T.	312 Carson St., Jonesboro, Ark.	54444
Ladman, K. H.	Farmington, Mo.	
Smith, W. L.	2108 Howard St., Springfield, Mo.	63846

LICENSED MINISTERS

Beatty, Jesse	Caruthersville, Mo.	
Bradley, Grace	1003 Bell St., Caruthersville, Mo.	
Bradshaw, Attie	Pearcy, Ark.	
Klassen, Peter	Rt. 2, Rogersville, Ark.	
Roberts, Lois	Garrison, Mo.	
Smith, Chester	2217 Ramsey St., Springfield, Mo.	3578
Wall, C. A.	637 4th St., Hot Springs, Ark.	
Wall, Mrs. C. A.	637 4th St., Hot Springs, Ark.	
Wallace, C. T.	2131 N. National Ave., Springfield, Mo.	30430R

LAY DELEGATES

Church	Pastor
Caruthersville, Mo.	Jesse Beatty
Garrison, Mo.	No Delegates
Hot Springs, Ark.	No Delegates
Jonesboro, Ark.	Mrs. W. T. Johnson
Poplar Bluff, Mo.	Mrs. P. Bittick
Paragould, Ark.	Mrs. L. A. Braden
Springfield, Mo.	Miss Mary Minton
Starlev, Mo.	No Delegate
Steele, Mo.	Mrs. W. A. Curry

	Mrs. Grace Bradley
	Mrs. Lois Roberts
	C. A. Wall
	O. E. Fields
	Paul Bittick
	J. A. Braden
	W. L. Smith
	Ray Benefield

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST SITTING—Monday 9:00 a.m.

The fourteenth annual conference of the Central District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church convened at 9:00 A.M. in Kessler Hall, Warrenton, Missouri, Monday, July 24, 1950. The opening song service was conducted by Rev. Joseph Uhrig, with Mrs. Norman Maddox at the piano. At this time the Glad Tidings Quartette of Owosso, Michigan sang the beautiful song, "This World Is Not My Home."

Rev. Bottenberg, Superintendent of North Central District, presented Rev. L. W. Sturk, General Superintendent. Brother Sturk made some very encouraging remarks regarding the growth of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, then spoke using for his subject, "The Call to Prayer, and the Call to Evangelism." After this effective message the congregation stood and sang, "Revive Us Again."

The secretary was called upon to read the conference roll. The conference granted each licensed deaconess an honorary seat in the session. The conference bar was fixed, and the time for sittings was 9:00 A.M. to 12:00; 1:30 P.M. until finished.

Rev. R. G. Flexon, secretary of Foreign Missions, was granted a seat on the platform.

By act of the conference the secretary was asked to report the camp and conference to the Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.

The Reception Committee, Mrs. W. T. Johnson and Mrs. Lois Hall were appointed by Brother Smith and Brother Bottenberg.

Rev. P. M. Wickman was introduced, and granted a seat to serve as delegate for the Eddyville, Iowa Church.

Rev. W. L. Smith, District Superintendent, of the South District, read a splendid report, and it was received by due action.

The Report of the Auditing Committee was received.

Rev. Ellis G. Maness gave his excellent treasurer's report which was accepted by the Conference.

The Reception Committee presented the following: Joseph Uhrig and the Glad Tidings Quartette; Rev. and Mrs. Maddox; Rev. McCloud; Rev. Ladman; Rev. and Mrs. Beecher; and Brother Baker. Each gave a fine testimony.

A partial report of the Resolution Committee was given: Whereas in our last District Conference we divided into two districts, and since the arrangement has proved satisfactory, therefore be it resolved that this conference petition the Executive Council for permission to make the division permanent with highway 50 serving as the boundary line. An amendment was added to include St. Louis, Webster Groves, and Kansas City with their suburbs in the northern district. After discussion the question was voted upon and carried unanimously.

This sitting was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Flexon.

The song service in the afternoon session was conducted by Rev. Norman Maddox. Rev. Ellis G. Maness offered prayer. The minutes of the morning session were read and accepted.

Rev. W. O. Bottenberg, Superintendent of the Northern District, read his report and it was accepted by the conference.

Rev. Ben Bebermeyer submitted the statistical report, and it was duly accepted.

The chairman announced that the ordination service be conducted immediately following the supper period.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the conference operate as one body as far as possible in carrying out the present business.

The report of the Ways and Means Committee was given to the conference and accepted.

The Resolutions Committee brought a partial report to the conference:

Be it resolved that each pastor shall give at least one day's work in preparing for the district annual camp meeting and conference, or send \$5.00 to the district treasurer not later than ten days prior to the opening service of the camp, to pay for the labor needed. Carried.

Inasmuch as we are in the last days and the demarcation lines are being drawn between liberalists and fundamentalists and an organization has been formed which is called the "Super Church" the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America which appears to be the foundation work of the church of the Anti-Christ, and inasmuch as the National Association of Evangelicals is the representative voice of fundamental and Holiness Protestantism in America, and is doing a noble work for foreign missions, evangelism, religious education, war relief, the radio ministry, and combating the political powers of Romanism, and Catholicism, therefore be it resolved that we, the Central District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, apply for membership in this worthy organization—The National Association of Evangelicals, and thereby lend our moral and spiritual support.

After a thorough discussion the above resolution was accepted by the North Central Conference.

The Conference adjourned until 7:00 P.M.

The song service in the evening session was conducted by Brother Bottenberg, Rev. W. L. Smith was at the piano. The ordination service was opened by singing, "A Charge To Keep I Have." After the message by General Superintendent Sturk the following Ministers were ordained: Sister Leta Bottenberg; O. E. Fields; L. A. Braden; and Ben Bebermeyer. God's presence was felt in a marvelous way. Brother Sturk then sang the beautiful number, "He'll Understand and Say, 'Well Done.'"

Election of officers was next in order and the two conferences divided for their election; Rev. R. G. Flexon presided for South Central, and Rev. L. W. Sturk for North Central.

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICERS

Superintendent—W. O. Bottenberg
Assistant Supt.—Edward Boone
Secretary—Ben Bebermeyer
Treasurer—Ellis G. Maness
Councilman—P. E. Brown

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICERS

Superintendent—W. L. Smith
Assistant Supt.—W. T. Johnson
Secretary—L. A. Braden
Treasurer—Paul Bittick
Councilmen—O. E. Fields, L. A. Crews, K. H. Ladman

Rev. Calvin Bebermeyer, Young People's Executive Secretary, submitted a very fine report, which was accepted by due action.

Rev. P. E. Brown read his Sunday School report which was accepted by the conference.

The Resolution Committee brought its final report to the conference which was accepted.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that the District Councils take care of any unfinished business.

At this time the 1950 conference adjourned by singing, "GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN."

Prayer by Rev. L. W. Sturk.

Signed:
Ben E. Bebermeyer,
District Secretary.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING BOARD

We, the Examining Board, recommend the following to receive first year license:

Mrs. Grace Bradley

The following to be retained in first year class:

Mrs. Benj. Bebermeyer, Sr.

Athie Bradshaw

Pearl Light

Ruby Light

Peter Klassen

W. C. Houck

Mrs. W. C. Houck

Lois Roberts

C. A. Wall

Mrs. C. A. Wall

C. T. Wallace

The following to be placed in second year class:
Jesse Beatty

The following to be advanced to second year class:
M. L. Allen

The following to be retained in second year class:
Elmer Briggs
Chester Smith
Myrtle Stephen

The following to be placed in third year class:
R. D. McCloud
Peter Wickman

The following to be advanced to third year class:
Calvin Bebermeyer
Daniel Copeland
Lois Williams
Donald Wood

We recommend that Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Beecher be received as ordained ministers from the Illinois District.

We recommend the following for ordination:

Ben Bebermeyer
L. A. Braden
O. E. Fields
Mrs. W. O. Bottenberg

We recommend that the following be dropped from the conference roll:

H. C. Freetag
Otis Green
Robert Sams
Silas Sanchez

Signed,
Examining Board,
P. E. Brown
Edward Boone
F. Paul Bittick

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that each of our resolutions remain in effect from year to year except when revoked by the District Conference.

2. Be it resolved that each church pay its offerings to deputational workers of the Owosso Bible College, Foreign Missions and Church Extension through the District Treasurer, so that the District will receive credit for the same.

3. Be it resolved that each pastor be permitted to conduct two revival meetings away from his own charge during each conference year, if it can be planned so as not to conflict with the local church work.

4. Be it resolved that the conference year close June 30th. All church and ministers' reports shall be sent immediately to the District Statisticians so that they may be compiled before the conference. The District Treasurer shall close his books on July 5th; therefore, money must be mailed to the District Treasurer by July 1st to be included in the annual report. By action of the District Conference, all churches who pay their District and General Budgets in full will be counted star churches.

5. Be it resolved that the District Superintendent appoint all committees. All the above appointments shall be announced at this Conference and their names be printed in the Minutes.

6. Be it resolved that we have a Sunday rally as was provided in the previous General Conference and two sacred pictures or banners be provided by the District and given, one for gain in attendance above the previous quarter, and other given on the largest percentage of gain over the previous quarter. That only schools who report regularly shall be eligible. The eligibility of such schools shall be left to the discretion of the Sunday School Secretary and Sunday School Board Chairman.

7. Be it resolved that the telephone numbers of all ministers be added to the conference roll in our Minutes.

8. Be it resolved that the District Council elect a District Sunday School Board of four, including the District Superintendent. The duties of the District Sunday School Board, in harmony with the Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, shall be as follows:

1. The District Sunday School Board shall arrange for an annual Sunday School Convention to be held at the time of the Christian Workers Convention and that the morning services of one day be devoted for that purpose.
2. To promote and encourage the Sunday school work throughout the District.
3. To present an annual report to the District Conference which shall include the following:
 - (a) A statement of the work accomplished during the year.
 - (b) A statement of the general condition of the Sunday school work on the District.
 - (c) To recommend to the District Conference through the Ways and Means Committee the amount considered necessary to finance the district Sunday school work.
4. The District Sunday School Board shall be amenable to the District Council.
5. The District Council shall have the right to remove, or cause to be removed, any member of the District Sunday School Board who, in the judgment of such Council is not in harmony with the teaching of the Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.
6. If for any reason there is a vacancy on the District Sunday School Board, the District Council, by a majority vote, may fill the vacancy.
7. The District Sunday School Board shall work in conjunction with the General Sunday School Committee in promoting the annual Rally Day, etc.
8. To have published each quarter, a District Sunday School sheet showing the attendance of each Sunday school on the district for the month, the preceding month, and the attendance for the same month a year ago, as well as the average attendance for the year. This sheet to be sent to each pastor and he make it his duty to see it reaches the reporter.
9. Resolved that inasmuch as we see the need of increasing the attendance in our Sunday school, be it resolved that we ask our churches to sponsor and conduct Daily Vacation Bible Schools, and send a report of same to annual Conference. Be it further resolved that we ask our District Sunday School Board to give all the assistance possible in giving information and securing supplies.
10. Be it resolved that no church or evangelist arrange his revival so as to conflict with the district camp and conference.
11. Resolved that the Secretary shall issue credentials to those entitled to them while they are at this conference; and if not present, they shall be mailed within a week.
12. Be it resolved that each pastor shall give one day's work in pre-

paring for the annual camp meeting and conference, or send \$5.00 to the district treasurer not later than 10 days prior to the opening service, to pay for labor needed.

13. Be it resolved that we express our appreciation to the following by rising, and saying, "God Bless You":

Rev. L. W. Sturk, General Superintendent

Rev. R. G. Flexon, Secretary of Foreign Missions

Rev. E. E. Leadingham, Camp Evangelist

Rev. and Mrs. Norman Maddox, Singers and Musicians

Rev. W. L. Smith and Rev. W. O. Bottenberg, District Superintendents
Rev. Joseph Uhrig and Glad Tidings Quartette, Owosso Bible College
Representatives

Calvin Bebermeyer, Young People's Executive Secretary

Mr. and Mrs. Bebermeyer, District Secretary and Statistician.

Mrs. Cleo Turner, Mrs. Ziegler, and all who assisted with the cooking, and operation of the dining room

Mr. Orlan Rose and son for use of their piano

All donators of food and supplies

Mr. Frank Turner for work donated, in preparing for camp.

Mr. Bill Zimmerman for use of radio facilities

To God we ascribe all the glory for His rich blessings, and the manifestations of His presence during this camp and conference.

Signed:

O. E. Fields

L. A. Braden

P. E. Brown

Resolution Committee.

REPORT OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

We, the Ways and Means Committee, present the following recommendations:

1. That each member of voting age pay \$12.00 per year budget; \$5.50 to be paid to the general budget and \$6.50 to the district budget. This amount to be paid at the rate of \$1.00 per member per month and to be sent to the District Treasurer the first of the month.

2. The District Council shall meet at the close of this conference to determine the District Superintendent's salary, provide for his expenses, and help him plan his work for the year. We further recommend that the Council determine the amounts to be paid the Secretary, Treasurer, and Statistician.

3. The Superintendent at each visit to the churches shall take a special offering for the purpose of assisting the churches to raise their budget. This offering is to be sent directly to the District Treasurer who shall receipt the churches for the same.

4. The District Treasurer shall set aside \$25.00 per month to apply toward the purchasing of a campground.

5. The District Treasurer shall set aside at least \$100.00 each year for General Conference expenses.

6. Inasmuch as the Pension Plan for preachers has been passed by the General Conference, therefore, be it resolved that we encourage all of our pastors and evangelists to cooperate with this plan.

Signed:

Edward Boone

Ellis Maness

W. T. Johnson

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT REPORT

To the fourteenth Annual Conference of the Central District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, now in session at Warrenton, Missouri, Greetings!

We say with the poet, "Safely through another year, God has led us on our way." And to Him we are thankful for every blessing, individually and collectively. In our southern zone we have enjoyed the blessings of God. Several of the churches have made marked progress in various ways. A number of great revivals have been conducted in our churches with some of our leading evangelists.

The Stanley Church has completely re-decorated their building inside and out and done much to beautify their grounds. Poplar Bluff has done much work on both their church and parsonage. In the church, Sunday school rooms have been finished and individual gas heaters placed in each room. The parsonage has been re-plastered and papered and Venetian blinds put to the windows. Springfield has recently purchased an electric Hammond organ which is proving to be a great blessing. The parsonage and garage have been painted and general repairs made.

We have visited all the churches three times with exception of one, and many of them four times. We have prayed, shouted and wept together and enjoyed God's presence. We have attended a Thanksgiving Convention at the Jonesboro Church, and three zone rallies, at Poplar Bluff, Paragould and Caruthersville Churches. These have been times of great blessings. This year the churches of this zone hope to launch a home missionary campaign. We have attended one council meeting, and in June journeyed to Frankfort, Ind., to attend the General Conference of our Church.

A fine group of people with their aggressive pastor, Rev. K. H. Ladman at Farmington, Mo., are looking our way, and already tentative plans are made for the completion of the organization.

Our Church at Hot Springs has conducted at least one meeting on the east side of their great city and things look favorable for another Pilgrim Holiness Church in that place.

A good revival meeting was held at Huntsville, Ark., with Rev. C. C. Anderson in charge assisted by Misses Pearl and Ruby Light. Brother Anderson is pastoring two churches near his home in West Fork, Arkansas. In this great territory there are many cities and towns that are asking and needing Pilgrim Holiness churches. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth workers!"

We have traveled in interest of the district, 9,090 miles through all hours of the day and night, and through all kinds of weather; but every mile, even the weary ones, have been traveled with gladness of heart and happiness to do the will of God. My salary is paid to date, and also my mileage expense.

We have enjoyed sweet fellowship with the brethren, and to God we ascribe all the praise, and thanks.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Lloyd Smith

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the fourteenth annual conference of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, North Central District, now in session in Warrenton, Missouri, Greetings.

"I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall be continually in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: The humble shall hear thereof and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt the Lord together." Psa. 34:1-3. Surely this is a great day of oppor-

tunity for the saints of God to exalt the Lord together, with our world in such a state of strife and war, everything pointing to the soon coming of our blessed Lord. We as His children and workers must take advantage of every point of contact to win souls for His kingdom.

This has been a very busy year, and while the Lord led in a very different direction of plans than we anticipated, we are sure He doeth all things well.

In the beginning of the year we had planned a home missionary revival, and had some definite arrangements concerning the meeting. We thought this would develop into a new church for the district, but just at this time our pastors at St. Louis, were forced to leave because of illness, thus making it necessary for Mrs. Bottenberg and me to locate in that city, and lead the church on into a building program. They had sold their church and parsonage, and had no place of worship. God has blessed in His leading, and we are at this time building a fine brick basement church, 40 x 70 in size, on the corner of Roger Place and Tholozan in southwest St. Louis a very beautiful location. We have also purchased for the St. Louis Pilgrims a nice brick, modern parsonage, located four blocks north of the new church.

Just here in my report, I want to thank the Kansas City church for their sweet spirit and kind cooperation in releasing us from the church there, that we might take over in St. Louis in this time of need. Blessing upon them, also Ben and Maxine for carrying on the work so efficiently.

I have visited each of the churches at least twice, and have greatly enjoyed a time of sweet fellowship and blessing. I feel that God has been blessing our people and giving victory as never before. Good gains have been made, and indebtedness decreased. A fine new church has been erected in Eddyville, Iowa; the church in Des Moines has been re-decorated, also the parsonage, also a new breakfast room added; the Kansas City church has been painted, and parsonage re-decorated. After the cyclone in Hannibal, our church there had to make repairs and re-decorate at a cost of \$1500.00 which was partially covered by insurance. Webster Groves have sold their former location and have purchased a lot well located, and have plans for a new church.

We have a preaching point at Waldron, Missouri, with Rev. M. L. Allen, pastor; also one at Wabunsee, Iowa, with Rev. O. E. Livengood, pastor.

God gave us two good revivals this year, one at Hopeton, Oklahoma, the other at Webster Groves, Mo. We have attended the Superintendent's Conference, the Young People's Convention at Hannibal, Mo., the Preacher's Convention at Jonesboro, Ark., and the General Conference at Frankfort, Indiana. Eighteen subscriptions for the Advocate have been secured.

Your for the Lost,
W. O. Bottenberg

REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

To the fourteenth annual conference of the Central District, now in session in Warrenton, Missouri, Greetings:

I am happy to report that God's blessings have been upon us through the past year. It has been a busy year, but I have always been conscious of His presence and have thoroughly enjoyed working with our young people in this capacity.

God gave us a wonderful Youth Rally for the Northern Zone at Hannibal, Missouri during Christmas week. Almost every church was well represented. Large crowds gathered and God's presence was manifested in a marvelous way. Many of the youth from the various

churches expressed having received great help and went home encouraged to do more for the church and the Kingdom. A banner was awarded to the Eddyville Church for having the greatest representation at the Rally. We trust that these rallies will become an annual event.

In every church which I visited throughout this past year, we felt God's blessings and believe that the youth in Central District are on the "Forward March."

The St. Louis Church recently organized a Young People's Society and they are working faithfully and cooperating with the building program there. I am constantly praying that each church will have a well-organized society.

I wish to express my appreciation for the prayers, and cooperation of the young people, the members, and officials of Central District this past year, and during the recent camp meeting.

Signed, Calvin W. Bebermeyer.

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY'S REPORT

We are happy to report that the Sunday schools on Central District show a good gain in attendance for the year. We averaged thirty-five more attendance this year than last. This is not a large gain, but it does show that our people are working at the job.

We trust that this year plans will be made for conducting Sunday School Rallies with our Christian Worker's Convention. It is highly important that our Sunday schools be given more emphasis and attention.

We would urge that each pastor and Sunday schools be given more emphasis and attention.

We would urge that each pastor and Sunday school superintendent cooperate in sending in their quarterly reports to the District Secretary. Let us pray and plan for larger and better Sunday schools all over the District.

Signed, Perry E. Brown.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the District Treasurer's books and annual report and find them to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. F. Paul Bittick
Rev. Elmer Briggs

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

July 12, 1949 to July 13, 1950

DISTRICT BUDGET ACCOUNT

Balance brought forward July 12, 1949	\$	144.07
District Budget funds from churches	\$2434.73	
Receipts:		
Offerings from District Young People's Convention	61.57	
Ministerial tithes	1.60	
District Superintendent's tithes	60.00	
Total Receipts	2557.90	
Add—Transferred from District Camp & Conference Fund	179.99	
Grand Total	\$2881.96	
Expenditures:		
Salaries of District Superintendents	\$1300.00	
Mileage expense of District Superintendents	712.52	
Telephone expense of District Superintendents	114.10	
Salary of District Statistician (1948-49)	30.00	

District Treasurer's salary	120.00
District Treasurer's expense	25.10
District Secretary's salary	30.00
District Secretary's office expense	8.70
Printing of District Young People's paper	10.50
Printing of District Minutes and stationery	129.75
Expenses of District Young People's Convention at Hannibal, Mo.	51.58
Miscellaneous expenses	67.08
Total Expenditures	2599.33
Add—Transferred to General Conference Fund	51.87
Grand Total	\$2651.20
Balance on hand, July 13, 1950	\$230.76

GENERAL BUDGET ACCOUNT

Balance brought forward, July 12, 1949 \$ 000.00

Receipts:

Camp Meeting offering for Foreign Missions	133.81
Special offering for General Home Missions from Des Moines, Ia.	300.00
Self-Denial Offerings for Foreign Missions from churches	109.88
Easter Offerings from churches for General Home Missions	151.79
General Budget funds from churches	1685.33
Special Offerings for Foreign Missions from churches	365.05
Total Receipts	\$2735.86

Expenditures:

Rev. E. V. Halt, General Treasurer	
Camp-Meeting offering for Foreign Missions	\$ 133.81
Special Offering from Des Moines, Ia., for Gen. Home Missions	300.00
Self-Denial Offerings from churches for Foreign Missions	109.88
Easter Offerings from churches for General Home Missions	151.79
Special Offerings from churches for Foreign Missions	355.05
General Budget:	
General Administrative	\$406.85
General Home Missions	406.89
Foreign Missions	871.59
	\$1685.33
Total Expenditures	\$2735.86
Balance on Hand, July 13, 1950	\$0000.00

DISTRICT CAMP AND CONFERENCE FUND

Balance brought forward July 12, 1949 \$150.93

Receipts:

Camp Meeting cash offerings	\$684.19
Registration fees	176.00
Miscellaneous offerings	2.82
Total Receipts	863.01
Grand Total	\$1013.94

Expenditures:	
Camp Meeting Evangelist	\$225.00
Expenses for dining room	172.67
Rental of buildings	105.00
Salary of cooks	75.00
Rental of gas stoves	23.03
Water and light	11.64
Miscellaneous expenses	160.18
Total Expenditures	\$772.52
Add—Transferred to District Budget Fund	179.99
Grand Total	\$952.51
Balance on hand, July 13, 1950	61.43

DISTRICT HOME MISSIONARY AND EVANGELISTIC FUND

Balance brought forward July 12, 1949	\$400.00
Receipts:	
Receipts from sale of Garden Grove, Iowa, parsonage	\$450.00
Payment on loan from Eddyville, Iowa, church	50.00
Total Receipts	500.00
Grand Total	\$900.00
Expenditures:	
Loan to Eddyville, Iowa, church	\$500.00
Total Expenditures	\$500.00
Balance on hand July 13, 1950	\$400.00

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND

Balance brought forward July 12, 1949	\$000.00
Receipts:	
Rally Day offerings from churches	\$81.21
Total Receipts	81.21
Grand Total	\$81.21
Expenditures:	
Rev. E. V. Halt, General Treasurer	\$81.21
Total Expenditures	81.21
Balance on hand, July 13, 1950	00.00

GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND

Balance brought forward, July 12, 1950	\$ 261.45
Receipts:	
Received from the District Budget fund	51.87
Total	\$ 313.32
Expenditures:	
Rev. E. V. Halt, for expenses of delegates to General Conference	\$ 313.32
Total Expenditures	\$ 313.32
Balance on hand, July 13, 1950	\$ 000.00

PENSION FUND

Balance brought forward July 12, 1949	\$ 000.00
Receipts:	
Received from churches	\$ 51.20
Received from pastors	25.60
Total Receipts	\$ 76.80 76.80
Grand Total	\$ 76.80
Expenditures:	
Rev. E. V. Halt, General Treasurer	\$ 76.80
Total Expenditures	\$ 76.80
Balance on hand July 13, 1950	\$ 00.00

SUMMARIZED REPORT

Accounts	Receipts	Expenditures
District budget	\$2557.90	\$2599.33
General budget	2735.86	2735.86
District camp and conference	863.01	772.52
District Home Missionary and Evangelistic	500.00	500.00
General Sunday School	81.21	81.21
General Conference	None	13.32
Pension Fund	76.80	76.80
Totals	\$6814.78	\$7079.04
Recapitulation:		
Balance on hand, July 12, 1949		\$ 956.45
Total receipts of all accounts		6814.78
Total		\$7771.23
Less expenditures of all accounts		7079.04
Balance on hand in all accounts July 13, 1950		\$ 692.19

SUMMARY OF BALANCES AS OF JULY 12, 1950

District budget account	\$ 230.76
District camp and conference fund	61.43
District Home Missionary and Evangelistic Fund	400.00

Balance in bank and cash on hand

\$ 692.19

District Superintendent's salaries paid to date. District Treasurer and District Secretary paid in full for this conference year. District Statistician has not been paid for this conference year.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellis G. Maness, Dist. Treas.

CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORT

	Members last Report	Dropped from Roll	Transferred	Deaths	Total Removals	Added by Profession of Faith	Additions by Letter	Total Additions	Total Membership	Members of Voting Age	Preaching Services	Other Services	Church Prayer Services	Total Services
North Central District														
Des Moines, Ia.	174	14	17	2	33	40	7	47	188	176	127		94	221
Council Bluffs, Ia.	17	2	5		7	1		1	11	10	112	9	80	201
Eddyville, Ia.	20				0	2	2	4	24	24	118		50	165
Pacific Jet. Ia.	15				0		11	11	26	26	156		62	218
Kansas City, Mo.	50	3	8		11	11		11	59	35	104	18	52	174
Hannibal, Mo.	32	2			2		1	1	31	31	124		50	174
Warrenton, Mo.	12				0		2	2	14	14	101		51	152
Webster Groves, Mo.	15			1	1	1		1	15	15	116		52	168
St. Louis, Mo.	33	3			3	2	3	5	35	35	58		26	84
Total	368	24	30	3	57	57	26	83	394	366	1016	27	517	1557
South Central														
Caruthersville, Mo.	27			1	1	11	1	12	38	38	104	30	130	264
Garrison, Mo.	3				0			0	3	3	40		32	72
Hot Springs, Ark.	13	2	1		3	5		5	15	15	85	4	62	151
Jonesboro, Ark.	28	1			1	2		2	29	29	119		48	167
Popular Bluff, Mo.	14	3			3	10		10	21	21	133	16	52	201
Paragould, Ark.	8				0			0	8	8	118		55	173
Springfield, Mo.	50	1			1	4	14	18	67	67	143		46	189
Stanley, Mo.	28	13			13			0	15	15				
Steele, Mo.	9	2			2			0	7	7	115		10	126
Total	180	22	1	1	24	32	15	47	203	203	857	50	435	1343

PASTOR'S REPORT

	No. Sermons Preached	Prayer Services	Total Calls	Revivals	Seeking Regeneration	Seeking Sanctification	Prayed with for Healing	Baptisms	Communion Services	Children Dedicated	Marriages	Funerals	Parsonage Supplied	Cash Support	Donations and Gifts	Total Support
North Central District																
Council Bluff, Ia.	121	30	245	2	16	5	15		2			1	No	450.80	\$316.00	\$ 766.80
Des Moines, Ia.	179	46	592	1	35	30		15	4	16	8	15	Yes	3,460.00		3,460.00
Eddyville, Ia.	85	50	89		40	10	9					1	No	568.50	30.00	598.50
Hannibal, Mo.	100	45	280				25		2		4	5	Yes	1,820.00	25.00	1,845.00
Kansas City, Mo.	148	48	340		22	18	15		3			1	Yes	1,540.00	11.00	1,551.00
Pacific Jet, Ia.	142	59	336	1	39	9	62	5	2	5	1	6	No		18.00	18.00
St. Louis, Mo.	185	50	553	2	55	42	35		3		3	3	Yes	2,250.00	25.00	2,275.00
Warrenton Mo.	85	32	95		3	2						1	Yes	602.00	252.50	854.50
Webster Groves, Mo.	98	47	74		1	1					4	2	No	780.00	18.00	798.00
Total	1143	407	2604	6	211	117	161	20	16	22	21	35		\$11,471.30	\$605.50	\$12,166.80
South Central District																
Caruthersville, Mo.	102	104	121		20	5	25		2	14			No	762.00	10.00	772.00
Garrison, Mo.	30	32	15				1						No	23.20		23.20
Hot Springs, Ark.	85	62	75		11	4	15	1					Yes		10.00	10.00
Jonesboro, Ark.	142	54	451	3	47	13	18		4	2		3	Yes	1,300.00	355.00	1,655.00
Popular Bluff, Mo.	101	35	150	3	18	9		6	1				Yes	637.00		637.00
Paragould, Ark.	106	45			20	10							Yes			00
Springfield, Mo.	103	40		2			4		2				Yes	2,600.00	100.00	2,700.00
Stanley, Mo.																
Steele, Mo.	98	8	110	1	13	4	5						No	240.00	10.00	250.00
Total	767	380	922	9	129	45	68	7	9	16		4		\$ 5,562.20	\$485.00	\$ 6,047.20

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CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

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	Total Receipts	Pastor's Support	Rents	Interest	Improvements	Evangelists	BUDGETS	Incidentals	Total Expenditures	Cash On Hand	Indebtedness
North Central District											
Council Bluffs, Ia.	\$ 1,273.07	\$ 766.80	\$	\$	\$	\$ 66.26	\$ 78.72	\$ 105.50	\$ 1,261.56	\$ 11.51	\$ 120.00
Des Moines, Ia.	12,576.74	3,640.00				900.00	1,596.00	4,158.55	11,854.81	370.99	
Eddyville, Ia.	2,334.98	568.50	76.22			206.63	50.17	32.81	1,808.59	101.89	720.27
Hannibal, Missouri	4,381.27	1,820.00			1,513.45	138.72	241.89	605.40	4,319.46	61.81	
Kansas City, Missouri	3,589.62	2,080.00		70.78	14.54	151.98	500.00	447.04	3,499.77	89.85	235.43
Pacific Jct., Iowa	872.02	18.00				75.00	64.11		858.31	13.71	
Warrenton, Missouri	2,250.99	602.50		65.70			120.00	223.63	2,063.83	178.16	825.00
Webster Groves, Missouri	3,789.83	780.00	180.00	24.39		93.00	138.00	258.65	1,744.82	2,045.01	90.00
St. Louis, Missouri	27,070.39	2,200.00	907.00				402.00	612.34	13,821.72	13,248.67	9,690.38
Total	\$58,138.91	\$12,375.80	\$1,163.22	\$160.87	\$1,527.99	\$1,631.59	\$3,190.89	\$6,443.92	\$41,224.87	\$16,121.60	\$11,681.10
South Central District											
Caruthersville, Missouri	1,492.48	762.00				100.00	115.10	456.82	1,433.92	58.56	
Garrison, Missouri	78.95	23.20				29.55	13.80		78.95		
Hot Springs, Arkansas	1,308.47			241.25		105.00	39.03	290.09	1,246.96	61.51	533.93
Jonesboro, Arkansas	2,274.61	1,300.00				130.27	159.76	202.11	2,124.43	86.72	
Poplar Bluff, Missouri	1,853.15	637.00		126.00	55.55	265.00	60.93	240.01	1,791.80	120.35	300.00
Paragould, Arkansas	527.52	70.00				80.00	108.00	216.18	518.09	9.43	250.00
Springfield, Missouri	4,932.11	2,600.00	460.00		162.45	423.95	510.00	317.32	4,877.40	54.71	390.00
Stanley, Missouri											
Steele, Missouri	355.10	240.00			30.90	40.00	22.00	32.80	343.70	11.40	
Totals	\$12,822.39	\$ 5,632.20	\$ 460.00	\$372.25	\$ 248.20	\$1,173.77	\$1,028.62	\$1,755.11	\$12,415.25	402.68	\$ 1,473.93

PROPERTY STATEMENT REPORT

	Church Value	Parsonage Value	Total Value	Church Debt	Parsonage Debt	Total Debt	Church Equity	Parsonage Equity	Total Equity
North Central District									
Council Bluffs, Iowa	\$ 5,000.00	\$.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 296.50	\$.00	\$ 296.50	\$ 4,703.50	\$.00	\$ 4,703.50
Des Moines, Iowa	15,000.00	8,000.00	23,000.00	.00	.00	.00	15,000.00	8,000.00	23,000.00
Eddyville, Iowa	3,000.00	.00	3,000.00	2,025.00	.00	2,000.00	975.00	.00	975.00
Hannibal, Mo.	10,000.00	.00	10,000.00	.00	.00	.00	10,000.00	.00	10,000.00
Kansas City, Missouri	3,000.00	4,000.00	7,000.00	523.10	.00	523.10	2,476.90	4,000.00	6,476.90
Pacific Jet., Iowa	2,000.00	.00	2,000.00	.00	.00	.00	2,000.00	.00	2,000.00
St. Louis, Mo.	4,500.00	13,400.00	18,000.00	.00	9,500.00	9,500.00	4,500.00	4,000.00	8,500.00
Warrenton, Mo.	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00	.00	.00	.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
Webster Groves, Missouri	2,000.00	.00	2,000.00	.00	.00	.00	2,000.00	.00	2,000.00
Total	\$47,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$2,844.60	\$9,500.00	\$12,344.60	\$45,155.40	\$18,500.00	\$64,654.50
South Central District									
Caruthersville, Missouri	5,000.00	2,000.00	7,000.00	.00	.00	.00	5,000.00	2,000.00	7,000.00
Garrison, Missouri	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Hot Springs, Arkansas	9,000.00	.00	9,000.00	3,629.45	.00	3,629.45	5,370.55	.00	5,370.55
Jonesboro, Arkansas	4,500.00	4,500.00	9,000.00	.00	.00	.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	9,000.00
Popular Bluff, Missouri	10,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00	1,800.00	.00	1,800.00	8,200.00	5,000.00	15,200.00
Paragould, Arkansas	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	2,500.00	.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00	7,500.00
Springfield, Missouri	4,000.00	4,000.00	8,000.00	.00	.00	.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	8,000.00
Stanley, Missouri	5,000.00	.00	5,000.00	.00	.00	.00	5,000.00	.00	5,000.00
Steele, Missouri	2,000.00	.00	2,000.00	.00	.00	.00	2,000.00	.00	2,000.00
Totals	\$44,500.00	\$20,500.00	\$65,000.00	\$7,929.45	.00	\$ 7,929.45	\$36,570.55	\$20,500.00	\$59,070.55

UNSTATIONED MINISTER'S REPORT

	Sermons Preached	Prayer Services	Calls	Revivals	Seeking Regeneration	Seeking Sanctification	Prayed with for Healing	Number Baptisms	Funerals	Marriages
North Central										
Allen, M. L.	196	52	20		34	2	4			
Briggs, Elmer	12	15	40		3	2				
Bebermeyer, C. W.	35	6								
Wood, Donald	10				2					
South Central										
Anderson, C. C.	96			4			6	1	2	
Crews, L. A.	42	16	14	2	9		2		3	
Wallace, C. F.			511				5		1	
Light, Pearl and Ruby	20	10	70	4			21			

YOUNG PEOPLE'S REPORT

	Membership		Number Meetings Held	Average	Cash Brought Forward	Offerings Received	Total Receipts	Expenditures	Cash on Hand
North Central									
Des Moines, Ia.	50	46	50		\$98.13	\$201.92	\$300.05	\$214.98	\$ 85.07
Eddyville, Ia.		90	15		21.46	54.72	76.18	69.31	6.87
Hannibal, Mo.	12	52	15			13.50	13.50	13.50	
Kansas City, Mo.	27	52	20			70.95	70.95	70.95	
St. Louis, Mo.	19	36	17			40.24	40.24	13.18	27.06
Total	108	276	117		\$19.59	\$381.33	\$500.92	\$381.92	\$119.00
South Central									
Caruthersville, Mo.	20	20	12		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Jonesboro, Ark.	48	52	48		33.70	29.76	63.46	25.00	38.46
Poplar Bluff, Mo.		52	30		12.96	25.37	38.33	2.50	35.83
Total	68	124	90		\$46.66	\$ 55.13	\$101.79	\$ 27.50	\$ 74.29

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

	Teacher's and Officers		Net Enrollment	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Average Year Ago	Cradle Roll	Sessions	Cash Forwarded	Regular Offerings	Birthday Offerings	Special Offerings	Total Receipts	Paid for Literature	Paid for Equipment	Paid for Incidentals	Total Expenditures	Cash on Hand
North District																		
Union Bluffs, Iowa	6	70	76	23	30	7	52	\$ 2.05	\$ 141.99	\$ 7.41	\$	\$ 150.55	\$ 63.08	\$ 21.55	\$ 52.06	\$ 141.69	\$ 8.86	
St. Moins, Iowa	15			193	185		52	222.41	1,090.57	298.10			1,611.15	1,060.74	284.54		1,345.28	265.87
Wyandville, Iowa	5	93	98	55	44	11	52	33.83	301.45	13.04			348.32	95.01	11.36	153.04	272.91	75.41
Winnebago, Missouri	9	120	129	63	71	16	52		1,251.88				1,251.88	100.00			1,251.88	
Winchester City, Missouri	10	138	148	71	67	10	52		369.48	13.20			382.68	138.83		243.85	382.68	
Windsor, Iowa	6	71	77	37	30		52		351.91				351.91	100.00		238.20	338.20	13.71
Windsor, Missouri	9	48	57	42	40		44		134.46	7.79			238.74	79.60		159.14	238.74	
Warrenton, Missouri	4	21	25	20	16	1	52	15.75	107.33	7.01			114.34	50.00	4.50	67.36	121.86	8.23
Webster Groves, Missouri	7	51	58	37	32		52		266.68	15.49			282.17	61.17		221.00	282.17	
Totals	71	612	668	546	515	45	460	\$274.04	\$4,014.85	\$362.04	\$	\$ 4,731.74	\$1,753.43	\$321.95	\$1,134.65	\$4,375.41	\$372.08	
South District																		
Warrenton, Missouri	7			66	64		52	\$	\$ 219.19	\$ 2.67	\$11.22	\$	\$ 233.08	\$ 62.17	\$	\$ 153.46	\$ 227.63	\$ 5.45
Warrenton, Missouri	3	15	18	12	16		49											
Warrenton, Arkansas																		
Warrenton, Arkansas	10	87	97	50	38	7	52		215.27	13.93	17.05		246.25	58.85		187.40	246.25	
Warrenton, Missouri	7	60	67	38	46		52		110.97	5.43			116.40	32.18		83.57	116.40	
Warrenton, Arkansas	5	10	15	15	16		50		66.92				66.92			66.92	66.92	
Warrenton, Missouri	13	187	200	100	88	40	52	9.99	607.40	22.44			639.83	205.47		409.48	614.95	24.88
Warrenton, Missouri																		
Warrenton, Missouri	4	40	44	28	27		52		103.70	13.48			117.18	27.20		67.13	116.33	.85
Totals	49	399	441	309	295	47	359	\$ 9.99	\$1,323.45	\$ 57.95	\$28.27	\$	\$1,419.66	\$ 385.87	\$	\$ 967.96	\$1,388.48	\$ 31.18