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Official Directory

SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. W. E. Honeycutt-----Jemison, Ala.

SECRETARY

Rev. Herman Rhyne-----Pletcher, Ala.

TREASURER

Rev. Hallie E. Watson-----1916 Ave.V.,
Ensley, Ala.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rev. W. E. Honeycutt---Rev. Herman Rhyne
Rev. Hallie E. Watson

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. W. E. Honeycutt---Hallie E. Watson

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Rev. W. E. Honeycutt---Rev. Herman Rhyne
Miss Delsie Todd.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. W. E. Honeycutt

EXAMINING AND EDUCATIONAL BOARD

F. W. Strong-----Miss Delsie Todd
Mrs. W. E. Honeycutt

TRUSTEES

Henry L. Ratliff-----A. J. Patrick Jr.
Hallie E. Watson.

EDITING COMMITTEE

Rev. W. E. Honeycutt----Miss Delsie Todd

MINISTERS ATTENDING ASSEMBLY

Rev. W. E. Honeycutt-Mrs. W. E. Honeycutt
Hallie E. Watson-----Rev. Herman Rhyne
Henry L. Ratliff-----Elsie Self
Miss Delsie Todd

DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSEMBLY

A. J. Patrick Jr.-----Ensley Church

MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. W. E. Honeycutt-----Jemison, Alabama
Mrs. W. E. Honeycutt-----Jemison, Alabama
Rev. F. W. Strong-----503B Monroe Ave.,
Montgomery, Alabama
Mrs. F. W. Strong-----503B Monroe Ave.,
Montgomery, Alabama.
Mrs. Hallie E. Watson-----1916 Ave. V.,
Ensley, Alabama.

ORDAINED DEACONESS

Miss Delsie Todd-1916 Ave. V., Ensley, Ala.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Second Year

Rev. Herman Rhyne-----Pletcher, Alabama.

LOCAL PREACHERS

Elsie Self-----Labuco, Alabama.
Henry Ratliff-----Pratt City, Alabama.

GENERAL PROCEEDINGS

First Sitting

The First Annual Assembly of the Ala. District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, convened at the Ensley First Pilgrim Church, 3505 Ave. F, Ensley, Ala. Feb. 2, 1943. General Secretary of Home Missions, Rev. R. W. Wolfe in the chair. The first session opened at 10 A. M. by singing "Wonderful Jesus" and "Tell It To Jesus". Prayer by Mrs. Hallie E. Watson. Brother Wolfe read 2 Cor. 6:1-7 and gave an inspiring message to the workers.

Moved and adopted that the two first rows of seats constitute the conference bar.

Delsie Todd appointed secretary pro-tem.

Chairman then appointed Mrs. W. E. Honeycutt to act as a Reception Committee.

Rev. R. D. Brown, Ewington, Ohio, was introduced to the Assembly and given an honorary seat in the conference bar. Brother Brown gave a good testimony.

Mrs. J. C. Lawrence, Mrs. H. L. Ratliff, and Mrs. Lillian Kennedy were introduced to the Assembly and each gave a testimony of praise to God for the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Report of Former District Superintendent, Rev. E. O. Howell read and accepted.

Report of Dist. Supt., Rev. W. E. Honeycutt read and accepted.

Report of Wesley Church read and accepted.

Report of Pletcher Church read and accepted.

Report of Deaconsess, Sister Todd, read and accepted.

All committees and District Secretary and Treasurer were appointed by Rev. R. W. Wolfe, General Secretary of Home Missions.

Motion made and adopted to recess at 12 O'clock noon and reconvene at 3 P.M. Dismissed by Rev. Wolfe.

SECOND SITTING

Session opened by prayer by Bro. R. D. Brown.

Ways and Means Committee reported with six recommendations all of which were accepted.

Report of Resolution Committee read and accepted.

Moved and supported that Delise Todd and Rev. F. E. Honeycutt edit the District Minutes. Carried.

Moved and supported that 100 copies be made of the District Minutes and that two copies of the District Minutes be sent to each District and four copies be filed at the General Office. The remainder to be sold at 15¢ per copy to help pay for cost of printing. Carried.

Moved and adopted that Brother F. W. Strong be our ministerial delegate to the

General Assembly.

Moved and carried that Bro. R.D. Brown write a report of the church dedication and assembly.

Minutes of the entire session of the Assembly read by Secretary pro-tem. Accepted.

Motion made and adopted to adjourn.

Dismissed by prayer by Rev. R.W. Wolfe.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Report of Former Superintendent, Rev. E.O. Howell, read.

To the First Annual Assembly of the Ala. District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church Greetings:

Having resigned as Superintendent of the Tennessee District at the request of the General Secretary of Home Missions, I assumed the duties of Superintendent of the Alabama District March 1, 1941.

As a Church Extension Project, we were confronted with many problems but we felt that the Lord was able to see us through. We had only one church building on our own property. This was at Pletcher, Ala. At Ensley we were worshipping in a hall, donated for that purpose. We were soon faced with the task of moving and the need of building. After much prayer and deliberation we purchased a lot and started our new building. This was well underway when we were asked to assume the duties of Superintendent of the Miss.-La. District, which we did Sept. 5, 1941.

During the time we worked hard on the

building at Ensley, we held a revival at Fletcher, assisted in another meeting at Thorsby and had arrangements completed to open our work in Montgomery. We traveled in our work on the District 6,260 miles, besides one trip to the General Board Meeting at Indianapolis, Ind. We preached 56 times, saw nearly 100 seekers at an altar of prayer, many of whom were happy finders. I conducted 2 funerals and made 120 calls. Received \$62.74 on traveling expenses and \$ 58.45 toward support from the District.

We enjoyed the blessings of God and we were happy in the work and trust God to continue to bless the Alabama District.

Respectfully submitted,
E.O. Howell

Report of Superintendent, W.E. Honeycutt.

To the First Annual Assembly of the Ala. District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church now in session at Ensley, Ala. Greetings:

Through the wise Providence of God we have come to this the First Annual Assembly of the Alabama District. Although we are living in a world that is a seething mass of war and destruction when men's hearts are falling them for fear and looking after things that are coming upon the earth, the wisest of earth hardly know which way to turn next. yet in spite of all we find a deep settled peace in knowing Him and a consolation in knowing we have the privilege of "occupying till He comes".

We find a spirit of courage in the hearts of the people of this District that seems to be in keeping with the promise, "As thy day so shall thy strength be".

We wish to report the following as our activities since we arrived on this field, as District Superintendent, five months ago. The rest of September was spent in moving from Louisiana and getting settled on the field, along with getting a general survey of the field.

About October 1, 1941 we came to Enley to help finish the new church which was then ready for the roof. The next nine weeks was spent in work on the new church that was much delayed on the account of the slow delivery of materials. Through the perseverance and the co-operation of our Loyal Pilgrims and friends here, we were ready for our first services on November 30.

Besides the work done on Enley Church I have taken care of the Fletcher Church for three weeks, in the absence of the pastor. I held one revival, preached 48 times, saw 88 seekers at an altar of prayer, traveled 11,000 miles all for the glory of God, paid my own expenses on 9,000 miles. The other was taken care of from other sources. I have received for support from the field in cash and donations \$63.77.

Respectfully submitted,
W.E. Honeycutt.

REPORT OF CHURCHES

Enley, Alabama-- Hallie E. Watson--Pastor

Minister's Report: Number of sermons preached 300; prayer services conducted 300; pastoral calls to members 500; calls to non-members 450; total calls 950; revivals conducted 1; number seeking regeneration 40; number seeking sanctification 30; pray-

ed with for healing 50; number baptised 7; number communion services 3; number weddings 3; number funerals 3; how long on present field 4 years and 5 months; licensed or ordained--Ordained, Cash support from church \$1,000; donations \$30.; parsonage not supplied; gifts \$12.50; total support \$1,039.00.

Financial Report: Regular offerings \$1,121.90; Special offerings \$411.63; total receipts \$1,533.53; Pastor's support \$502.41; Improvements \$530.32; Indebtedness \$1,293.41; Evangelist \$27.03; District Superintendent \$121.69; Building Funds \$250.34; District Home Missions (tabernacle Tenn.) \$25.00; Foreign Missions \$10.; Beulah Home \$5.45; Total expenditures \$1,529.05; Cash on hand \$4.48.

Statistical Report: Members on roll last report 21; names dropped from roll 3; transferred by letter 3; number of deacons 1; total removals 5; additions by profession of faith 3; additions by letter 5; total additions 8; present membership 26; ordained ministers 1; local preachers 3; members in full standing 17; total membership 29; members of voting age on roll 24; number of preaching services 147; open air services 56; Church prayer services 138; cottage meetings 143; total services 489; number of tithers 10; subscribers to Pilgrim Holiness Advocate 1.

Sunday School Report: Number of teachers and officers 5; net enrollment 100; total enrollment 100; average weekly attendance 40; number on cradle roll 4; number sessions 78; number of scholars converted during year 14; regular offerings \$75.96;

Birthday offerings 70¢; Special offerings (Young People's Class) \$5.94; Foreign Missions .10; Total receipts \$83.70; Expenditures: Literature \$21.99; Equipment including building material \$60.14; total expenditures \$82.13; cash on hand .57. value of church property \$4,000 Indebtedness \$1,274.57; equity \$2,725.43.

Pletcher---Rev. Herman Rhyme-----Pastor.

Pastor's Report: Number of sermons preached 91; number prayer services conducted 53; pastoral calls to members 84; number seeking regeneration 109; number seeking sanctification 27; number prayed with for healing 3; number baptisms 4, number funerals 1; how long on present field--1 year and four months; licensed or ordained--licensed; cash support from church \$53.92. Estimated donations \$30.; room and board furnished; total support \$83.92.

Financial Report: Cash brought forward \$20.; regular offerings \$53.92; Special offerings \$203.55; Total receipts \$297.47; Pastor's support \$53.92; Improvements \$203.55; evangelist \$20.12; District Supt. \$19.40; total expenditures \$296.99. Cash on hand.48.

Statistical Report: Additions by profession of faith 8; additions by letter 2; total additions 10; ordained ministers 2, licensed ministers 1; members in full standing besides ministerial 7; total membership 10; number prayer services conducted 53; number preaching services 126; total services 189; number tithers 4; number subscribers to Pilgrim Holiness Advocate 3.

Sunday School Report: Number of teachers and officers 4; net enrollment 45; total enrollment 44; average weekly attendance 38; regular offerings \$18.60; literature \$8.36; equipment \$9.11; total expenditures \$17.47; cash on hand \$1.15; Grand total expenditures \$314.46; value of church property \$500.00.

DEACONESS REPORT

Miss Delsie Todd: Services conducted 40; services assisted in 32; souls dealt with about salvation 100; calls 220; homes prayed in 50; number prayed with for healing 7; vacation Bible School (10 days); Adult Bible Class 10 Lessons; Private School 3 months; tracts distributed 150; Cash support from District besides board \$5.30; donations \$6.95.

RECOMMENDATIONS Ways and Means

I

Be it resolved that the ministerial tithe be paid to District Treasurer same to be applied on Dist. Supt. salary.

II

Be it resolved that Birthday Offerings be applied on District Budget.

III

We recommend that each church raise an equivalent of \$1.50 per member per year for District Budget.

IV

We recommend that each church raise an

offering at the visit of the Dist. Supt. for traveling expense.

V

We recommend that all money be paid to the Dist. Treasurer regularly the first of each month.

VI

We recommend that the District carry out the request of the General Church in behalf of General Church Finance.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Be it resolved that we extend to Bro. Wolfe a rising vote of thanks, showing our appreciation for services rendered in this first Alabama Assembly.
2. Be it resolved that we extend our thanks to the Local Church for their kind co-operation and entertainment to the ministers and delegates of this Assembly.
3. Be it resolved that the Council be given authority to select a place and date of the Ministerial Convention.
4. Be it resolved that the Council be given authority to select a place and date for the next Annual Assembly.
5. Be it resolved that the Council be given authority to select a lay delegate to the General Assembly.