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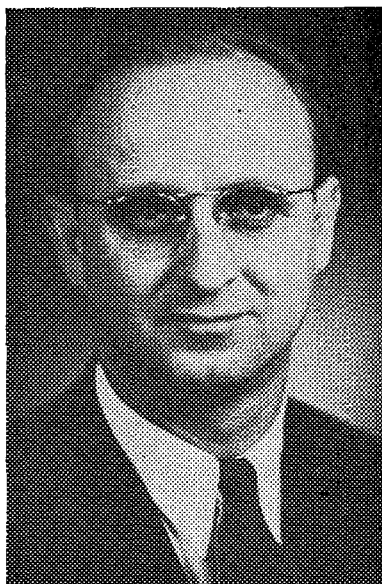
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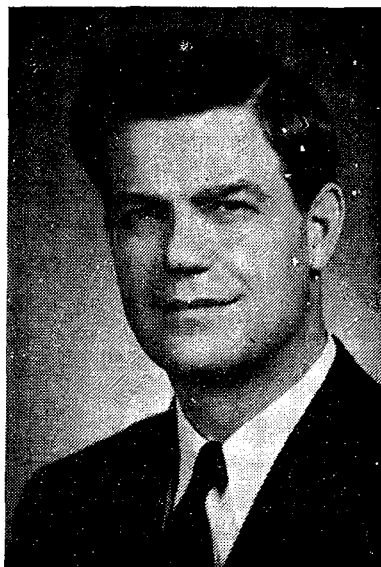
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Conference Proceedings

The Fifth Annual Conference of the Alabama-Northwest Florida District opened Tuesday, 7:30 P.M., June 23, 1953, in the First Pilgrim Holiness Church, Pensacola, Florida.

Rev. J. A. Thomas, host pastor of the conference, made a few salutatory remarks and introduced the District Superintendent, Rev. C. A. Simmons, pastor of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of Birmingham, Ala., who recognized all ministers present. Bro. Lee was appointed to lead the congregation in song. They sang "Redeemed" and "Beautiful." Also, the chorus of "Constantly Abiding" was sung. Bro. Huff, pastor of our church at Selma, Ala., led us to the throne of grace in prayer. As the offering was taken, the congregation sang, "Glory to His Name" with Bro. Snyder, pianist of Magnolia Springs Church, assisting at the piano.

We were favored with a special song by Bro. Marvin Davis of the Sanctified Church of Christ entitled, "It's Real," with the shouts and praises of the saints ascending to the glory of God.

Rev. R. A. Beltz, presiding officer of the conference, and our General Secretary of Church Extension, was introduced, and said he was glad to be at the Alabama-Northwest Florida Conference again. He presided over the first conference when it was known as the Gulf States District, but the name was later changed to the Alabama-Northwest Florida Conference. Also, he gave the schedule for the conference speaker, Rev. Elliot.

We were again honored with a special song by Bro. and Sis. Miller of Magnolia Springs, Ala., who sang "There's Someone Who Cares for You."

Bro. Beltz, introduced the conference evangelist, Rev. Elliott, who is our youth leader of the Pilgrim Holiness Church and President of the National Holiness Association, who spoke on the subject, "The Church's Greatest Business." Bro. Elliott opened his discourse by saying: I have a big God, a big gospel, I'm a big businessman. The question was asked Henry Ward Beecher, "What is the greatest thing you could do in this life?" This was his answer: "To win another soul to the Lord, Jesus Christ is the greatest thing one could do in this life." Soul winning is the greatest this side of eternity. Bro. Elliott chose his text from St. John 17:18, "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." The text includes a twofold mission, and Bro. Elliot spoke on three major points, namely:

- (1) Who sent Him.
- (2) What induced Him to come.
- (3) Why did He come.

The mission of Christ from heaven to this world, and the mission of the Church from Christ to the world embraces this twofold mission. Christ was God sent. Who are we, the church, working for—none other but Christ. We are divinely commissioned by the Lord, Jesus Christ to carry the gospel. If I was commissioned by President Eisenhower, I would consider that an honor. But to be commissioned by the Lord, Jesus Christ is the greatest honor that could be bestowed upon humanity.

What ever caused our Lord Jesus to leave the heavenly realm of beauty, where sin never digs a grave, where the flowers never fade, where there is no sorrow, heartaches, or regrets to come into this sin-darkened, devil possessed world of sorrow. He was motivated, prompted,

and propelled by love. It was a love service. What we need in the Pilgrim Holiness Church and the National Holiness Association is a baptism of love. Why did Christ come to this world? He came to seek and to save that which was lost. On one occasion Christ said, "I must needs go through Samaria," where He met a poor adulterous woman steeped in sin, who when she met Jesus, left her water pots after she found the artesian well bubbling up in her soul. He came to seek. He went seeking. He had a seeking ministry. The power that comes after the Holy Ghost descends is a power for service as well as a power to cleanse. After we're saved and sanctified, we are not to be placed in a show window but to be of service to humanity.

Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." How many have you led to Christ the past week? How many have you asked to come to church? These are soul searching questions that we must face. For some unknown reason, we are getting away from this seeking ministry. I pray that we'll get back to it again. If every member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church would be at the business of seeking for lost humanity, we would double our membership for the next quadrennium.

As the service drew to a close, the congregation stood and sang, "I'll Live for Him," as the saints raised their hands in a solemn covenant with the Lord to bring the lost to Jesus Christ. Bro. Beltz closed the service with prayer.

FIRST SITTING

The first sitting of the Fifth Annual Conference of the Alabama-Northwest Florida District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church convened at 9:00 A.M., June 24, 1953, at the First Pilgrim Church of Warrington, Florida.

Rev. C. E. Johnson led the conference in singing, "Where He Leads Me I'll Follow," and "Standing on the Promises." Rev. Simmons, the District Superintendent, introduced Rev. R. A. Beltz, General Secretary of Church Extension to the conference. Rev. Beltz delivered a very interesting and helpful message. His Scripture lesson was taken from 1 Cor. 9th chapter, verses 16-22. He spoke on the subject, "Your Church Program for the Year." He stated the program is a brief explanation of the order to be pursued, or the subjects embraced, in any public exercise, performance; it is a plan of future procedure. What should be the pastor's objective. Rev. Beltz quoted from the Manual the following: "First, to glorify God, our Father, to exalt Jesus Christ, our Savior, and to honor the Holy Spirit." Second, to carry out the great commission of our Heavenly ascended Head by publishing the full gospel to every nation.

Rev. Beltz spoke on the following seven major points relative to the pastor's objective for the coming year: (1) His preaching; (2) his pastoral care; (3) his special revival emphasis; (4) his building program; (5) the finance of the church; (6) the pastor's interest in the Sunday School, Young People's Society, Missionary groups, and other organizations of the church; (7) the pastor's personal qualifications.

At the conclusion of Bro. Beltz's message the roll was called. It was moved and carried that the first three rows of seats and the platform be the conference bar.

The District Superintendent appointed the following to serve on the various committees: Educational and Examining—Rev. J. A. Thomas;

Ways and Means—Rev. Harry M. Lee; Resolutions—Rev. Harold Huff and Rev. C. E. Johnson; Auditing—Mrs. J. A. Thomas; Reception—Rev. Harry M. Lee.

It was moved and carried that the morning sitting would be between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M. and the afternoon sitting to convene from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The Reception Committee presented the following to the conference: Bros. P. F. Elliot, Huff, Cole, and Eversdyke. They were given an honorary seat within the conference bar.

The report of the District Superintendent was read and accepted. The Statistician's report was read and accepted. In the absence of the District Sunday School Secretary, Rev. Elvin Hotle, Rev. C. A. Simmons, the District Superintendent, read the Sunday School report. It was accepted. Rev. C. A. Simmons and Rev. R. A. Beltz presented (2) Sunday School awards. One was given to Rev. and Mrs. Repogle, the pastors of Magnolia Springs Church, for having the largest numerical gain; the other award is to be given to the Montgomery Church for having the largest percentage gain. The pastor of the Montgomery Church, Rev. Strong, cannot be present at the conference. Therefore, it was moved and carried that Rev. C. A. Simmons, the District Superintendent, take the award to them.

The report of the District Young People's Secretary, Rev. J. A. Thomas, was read and accepted.

The conference adjourned with prayer by Bro. Eversdyke.

SECOND SITTING

Wednesday Afternoon, June 24, 1953

Bro. Huff led the congregation in singing "I Know Whom I Have Believed" and "Unsearchable Riches of Christ." Prayer was offered by Bro. Repogle. Bro. and Sister J. A. Thomas sang "Jesus Reaches Out His Hand."

Rev. R. A. Beltz introduced Rev. P. F. Elliott, the conference speaker. He stated that the Sunday School is a wide open door to soul winning. We should think, pray, talk soul winning. Rev. Elliott spoke on the subject, "Developing Lay Leadership in Our Churches." For a text, he used 2 Tim. 1-2. An organization that succeeds must have good leadership. Success is not an accident. If we are to succeed in our churches, we must plan for it through the leadership of the Holy Ghost. We must do more as a church. We must not stagnate but go forward in winning souls. Blessed is the pastor who can get a few lay leaders to help him build the church. Woe is the pastor who tries to do all the work himself. What would Jesus do if He was pastor of your church? We can teach our laymen to bring people to our church. Jesus said, "Go and I will go with you." Jesus will give power to win souls. How long has it been since you have won someone to Christ? The churches who grow the fastest get their laymen to go into the field.

At the conclusion of Rev. Elliott's message, Rev. Beltz took the chair and the roll was called with each member of the conference agreeing to take the following number of subscriptions of our church paper, "The Pilgrim Holiness Advocate": M. G. Cole, 10; C. E. Johnson, 25; H. M. Lee, 5; S. V. Repogle, 10; C. A. Simmons, 15; J. A. Thomas, 10; Jesse Carter, 5; G. H. Carr, 12.

The Educational and Examining Board recommended Rev. William Eversdyke for four (4) year license; Rev. Harold Huff for third year

license; Rev. M. G. Cole as ordained. They were received into the conference. The Educational and Examining Board recommended Leo Record for first year license; Robert Emmons, second year license; Edward Moore, third year license; Eldon Hotle, first year license; G. H. Carr, first year license; Jesse Carter, second year license; Richard Carr, fourth year license.

The following officers were appointed by the General Board: District Superintendent, C. A. Simmons; District Treasurer, Rev. J. A. Thomas; District Secretary, Rev. Harry M. Lee.

The following ministers were elected on the district council: Bro. Reprogle and Bro. Huff. Rev. C. A. Simmons was elected trustee for (3) years. Bro. Cole and Bro. Reprogle were elected delegates to the General Conference. A motion was made and carried that the District Council nominate (7) lay members to be voted on by the conference, (1) of which is to be delegate to the General Conference.

The District Superintendent appointed Bro. Cole, Bro. Thomas and Bro. Reprogle as a committee to bring memorials to the conference for the General Conference. The conference adjourned and Bro. Eversdyke closed the service in prayer.

EVENING SERVICE

June 24, 1953

The service for the second evening of the conference opened with Bro. Lee conducting the song service and Bro. Snyder at the piano. The congregation sang "Come to the Feast" and "Follow On." Afterwards, a children's chorus was sung, "Isn't He Wonderful." We were led in prayer by Rev. Phipps, President of our Bible School at Kernesville, N. C. We were favored with a special song by the choir of the First Pilgrim Church of Warrington, Fla., entitled, "Jesus Has Lifted Me." We were again favored by a special number by Bro. Snyder on the piano.

Bro. Phipps, President of our Bible School of Kernesville, N. C., made a few comments on the school. Bro. Miller and Bro. Snyder sang a special, "Jesus Opened Up the Way," which proved a blessing to all. A trio, composed of Bro. Miller, Sister Miller and Sister Norris, sang, "O, I Want to See Him."

Bro. Elliot's message for the evening was based on the power of the Holy Spirit. He spoke from the text found in Acts 1:8 centering his discourse on three points: (1) A divine person presented; (2) a divine power promised; and (3) a divine purpose proclaimed.

Is Jesus Christ real in your life? You may not be able to comprehend the efficacious blood of Christ that's able to cleanse man from sin. It's too far beyond man's finite mind to fathom the virgin birth. We can't explain how a sinner steeped in sin, can be raised from the pitfalls of sin and placed on the velvet carpet of God's forgiveness. But it's real. How many of you can say that God, the Holy Ghost, has His Kingdom established in your heart?

Point number two is a divine power proclaimed. When you received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, you receive cleansing power. The power of the Holy Ghost is not mental power, physical power, or moral power. The scientists claim there's no other power beside these three powers. But I'm here to tell you there is another power. The disciples had power to cast out demons, to heal the sick, but they couldn't get along with each other. When the Holy Ghost comes, He will take the fuss and the fumes out of you. It's not the power to do, but it's the power to be. The baptism of the Holy Ghost gives you that power to be pure, power

to be holy, to be clean, to be bold, to be fearless, to be one in unity. When the Holy Ghost comes, He will cause unity to exist. We're cursed today with pretense, showmanship and a cloak of deception. Do you know Him? Do you have the Holy Ghost? The promise of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost was fulfilled but not exhausted. It's the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do you have the power tonight? The power of the Holy Ghost will give you boldness, fearlessness, and power to witness. Does it ever bother you when you work in the factory, live with men, and never witness to them. Never pray with them, never tell them about Jesus, never invite them to church?

Services were closed with an old fashioned class meeting and all gathered for a season of prayer at the altar.

MORNING SESSION

Third Sitting — June 25, 1953

Services opened with Bro. Lee leading the congregation in singing, "Blessed Assurance." Bro. Reprogle, pastor of the Magnolia Springs Church, led us in prayer.

Rev. R. A. Beltz, Secretary of Church Extension, brought the morning message, basing his discourse on 1 Cor. 9:24-27, and using as a text verse 25.

In these verses of Scripture, Apostle Paul was bringing an illustration from the field of sports. In verse 25, the Apostle says they do it to obtain an corruptible crown, and we do it to obtain an incorruptible crown. The driving force "they do it" is the fact that obtains for them the corruptible crown. How much more should "we do it" to obtain an incorruptible crown.

The Indianapolis Speedway contestant trains hard to obtain a corruptible crown, training in the hot summer time with the temperature as high as 130 degrees on the track. Bro. Beltz chose as a subject for his message "Claiming the Narrow Margin."

Back in 1940 in Arcadia, Calif., there was a horse race with the winning contestant to be given a purse of \$100,000. Of the numerous horses running in the race, two great contending horses entered the race, one of who's name was Seabiscuit. Up to the last lap of the race, Seabiscuit was losing. With a final burst of speed, Seabiscuit won the race by a scant two lengths. The narrow margin in which he won the race was two lengths, which won for his master \$100,000.

Seven out of ten baseball players are thrown out by a narrow margin of only six inches, which represents the difference between an out and a hit.

There is a narrow margin in our work, between success and failure, victory and defeat, doing a passing work and doing outstanding work. There are good ministers doing a commendable work but are not successful pastors. They are not claiming the narrow margin.

I—Claiming the narrow margin in your spiritual life. . . . There are those who fail in their Bible reading, secret devotions, etc. To claim the narrow margin here, you must wait upon the Lord until your heart and soul are aflame for God. It's one thing to be prepared intellectually to preach, and another thing to be prepared spiritually to preach.

II—Claiming the narrow margin in your study. . . . There are those in the ministry who have so few books in their study. Let's be students

of the "Book." An extra three or four hours in your study may be the means of you claiming that narrow margin. We need a revival of Bible preaching in the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

III—Claiming the narrow margin in your relationship with the people. . . . A few more contacts might mean the difference in claiming the narrow margin here. Salesmen lead us to shame along this line.

IV—Claiming the narrow margin in your personal appearance. . . . Did you ever offend anyone by a clean shirt and a pressed suit? You can claim the narrow margin here.

V—Claiming the narrow margin in our time. . . . There are four basic functions of all pastors, that they must find time to do:

1. Time for study.
2. Time for our family.
3. Time for pastoral calling.
4. Time for personal devotion.

VI—Claiming the narrow margin in our secular work. . . . We should relegate our secular work until it finally goes into oblivion. It's no sin to participate in secular work because Paul made tents with Aquilla and Priscilla. But there's a great temptation to get too occupied in secular work and neglect your church and lose your efficiency. We need more preachers who will launch out and give their full time to the ministry.

You largely make your own place in the Pilgrim Holiness Church. We don't hold men back in this church who don't hold degrees or college educations. You can claim the narrow margin yourself. You have to put in time and win souls for the Lord. It's up to you individually to claim the narrow margin. You can put it over by claiming that narrow margin.

Rev. R. A. Beltz called the meeting to order and appointed Rev. H. M. Lee to serve as district secretary, pro-tem.

Rev. Beltz appointed a district home missionary board consisting of Rev. C. A. Simmons, Rev. H. M. Lee and Rev. J. A. Thomas.

Minutes of the previous sitting were read and accepted.

Ways and Means Committee's report was read and accepted. (See Ways and Means).

It was moved and carried to accept Rev. Thomas for (2) years and Rev. Repogle for (3) years as members of the Educational and Examining Board.

Roy Norris was elected as delegate to the General Conference, and Frank Kingen as alternate.

Report of Resolutions Committee read. Resolutions one through twenty-two remain the same. Resolution number (23) changed. Resolution number (24), (25) and (26) to remain the same. Resolution number (27), (28), (29), (30), (31) and (32) are new resolutions. (See resolutions).

It was moved and carried that Rev. Thomas and Rev. Repogle prepare a memoir for Rev. Crute to be placed in the minutes.

It was moved and carried to accept the invitation to the Magnolia Springs Church for the 1954 conference.

AFTERNOON SESSION

June 25, 1953

The song service was led by Bro. Lee. The congregation sang, "I Am Thine O Lord," and "Bringing in the Sheaves." We were led in prayer by Bro. Carr. Bro. and Sister Eversdyke sang us a special song entitled, "He Lifted Me Out," as the praises of the saints resounded to the glory of God.

The message of the hour was delivered by Rev. Elliott based on the Scriptural text found in Rev. 3:8. His subject was "The Challenge of the Open Door."

There is a conflict going on in the world today between the forces of cold, dead, professionalism, and a fervent, militant, vigorous and positive type of evangelism. A marching Christianity is being fought by Satan and his dead professionalism—a cold, dead formalism that the word "Ichabod" could be written over the door. We should be alerted against worldliness, formalism, a feather-bed complacency, a deadening indifference, a spirit that is setting down over us that we should be warned about. God help us to be different than others. A mere defensive has never won a war. A sleeping church must be aroused. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. The Scripture says to occupy till I come. The Lord wants to give us a holy stir. Our position is likened unto Napoleon's. When his soldiers said, "We can't hold our position," he said, "Advance." The time is come when we must advance against a cold war. We must be on the offensive. The biggest job we have in the church of today is to knock out that spirit of complacency, indifference and lethargy, until we are on the march. How will we do it? The commandment has been given to us. It has never been annulled, revoked, or taken out. The commandment is to go after that which is lost. God has commanded us to go. If the devil don't get us to compromise or lower our standards, he'll get us in a spirit of complacency. God wants us to be fruit-bearing Christians. God help us to stand on guard against complacency, lethargy and indifference, and burn out for Him.

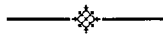
EVENING SERVICE

June 25, 1953

The congregation was led in song by Bro. Lee. They sang "He Lives." We were led to the throne of grace in prayer by Bro. Kingen. Brother and Sister Eversdyke favored us with a special song entitled "God Knows and That's Enough for Me." Again we were honored by a number by the Magnolia Springs quartet composed of Brother and Sister Miller, Brother Snyder and Sister Norris. They sang, "If I Be Lifted Up." Another special song was sung by Brother and Sister Lee entitled "He's Helping Me Carry My Load."

For the closing message of the conference, Bro. Elliott spoke on the text found in Jer. 3:4, "They are the guide of my youth." He was speaking to the youth and for the youth. We hear of how God can give guidance and leadership to the old people, but the text also applies to the youth as well. God, the Holy Ghost, can lead, supervise, and guide our steps until our steps are numbered of the Lord. Paul, the Apostle, was led and checked by the Holy Spirit in his missionary journeys. There is in each of us that thing called conscience which tells you when you do right or wrong. You can have divine guidance. We can have divine protection. We can be in that place where we can be conscious of the fact that all is well with our soul. We all need a guide, and especially of all age groups, young people need a guide. We should listen to our father and mother and the preacher. We would then

save a lot of heartaches, sorrows and pain. It pays to listen to the one who knows, because youth is a formative period of life. It's better to mould character in youth than try to reform it after sin has ruined it. As the twig is bent, so grows the tree. Pastors, we're in the business of bending twigs. Youth is the formative, plastic stage of life. It's the time when character is moulded. It takes a lot of courage, backbone and stamina to go against the crowd. It's better to go all alone, than to go in bad company. Youth is inexperienced and needs a guide. Youth is faced with sinister forces it has never faced before. The billboards advertise youth in sin. When traveling a road I have never travelled before, I ask someone who's been over it. I'm telling you tonight, young people, that there's One who has been over the road. Christ is our guide. He is experienced and will take you through.



RESOLUTIONS

(1) Be it resolved that the yearly reports be made in duplicate, one copy to be mailed immediately to the District statistician, and the other copy to be brought by the delegate to the conference. Be it further resolved that the Minister or Deaconess send a copy of his or her report to the District Statistician not later than ten days after the Conference year closes.

(2) Resolved that our conference year close May 31, 1951.

(3) Be it resolved that the district treasurer's books close 12:00 noon, June 9th.

(4) Resolved that the district treasurer send to each church a quarterly financial report of all monies the church has sent in to the district treasurer.

(5) Be it resolved that each church give a grocery shower for the pastor the first prayer meeting of each month.

(6) Resolved that minister's license shall not be granted to anyone who does not tithe to the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

(7) Resolved that the churches pay their pastors while attending the camp and conference the same as if they were on their charge.

(8) Resolved that there be an offering taken in the local church to defray the pastor's expense to and from conference; this offering to be taken by the District Superintendent at his annual meeting with the local church.

(9) In as much as many of our churches fail to observe the Lord's supper for long periods of time, be it resolved that the churches of the Alabama-Northwest Florida District shall have communion service at least once a quarter. This is to be held the first Sunday of each quarter.

(10) Be it resolved the pastors be given two weeks vacation each year with pay.

(11) Being conscious of the present evil day in which we live, and knowing the fact, that because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold, Be it resolved that the Pilgrim Holiness churches of the Alabama District, which are within driving distance of each other, pledge their prayers, kind co-operation, and presence of each other as much as possible during one another's revival services.

(12) Be it resolved, that we recommend each Young People's Society co-operate with the project sponsored by the General Youth leader, Rev. Paul F. Elliott namely. The Church Extension work in Florida and the European work in Africa by taking an offering monthly for the same.

(13) Be it resolved that each pastor have the privilege of holding (2) revivals a year, but it is understood that one of these revivals will take the place on his vacation time.

(14) Be it resolved the Alabama-Northwest Florida District have 2 zones, the North zone being comprised of the Birmingham, Montgomery and Selma Churches, the South zone being comprised of the rest of the Churches in the District. Also that each zone meet at least once each quarter, and that an offering be taken that often, at the gatherings and sent to the District Treasurer. We further recommend that the Young Peoples District Secretary visit each Zone once during the year and that his traveling expenses be paid by the District Treasurer.

(15) Be it resolved that we have a District Bulletin published quarterly under the supervision of the District Supt. and the Young Peoples District Secretary, all details as to the expense etc., to be left in the hands of the Council.

(16) Be it resolved that instead of having the regular Ministerial meeting this year, we have a special convention open only to our Ministers and wives, the date, place and length of time to be decided by the Council and Br. Beltz.

(17) Be it resolved that each church install and practice the envelope system of collecting tithes and offerings.

(18) Resolved that each pastor read all resolutions of this conference to his congregation at the earliest possible convenience.

19() Resolved that each pastor of our district make a special effort to place a current manual in the home of each member of our church.

(20) Be it resolved, that our District Superintendent on each of his regular visits to the churches, meet with the Church Board, or if no Board, question the Pastor as to whether the church and Sunday School is paying their District obligations, also if the Pastor is sending in his Ministerial tithe to the District Treasurer, if they are coming short, he is to try and impress upon them the importance of them meeting their obligations. Be it further resolved, that he also make inquiry as to whether the monthly donations are being brought into the Pastor, and to do his best to impress upon the congregation to do their best for the Pastor.

(21) Resolved that the District Superintendent make (3) trips over the District during the year, and give more time when needed.

(22) Resolved that all persons applying for lincense appear in person before the Examining Board, unless the applicant is sick or otherwise unable to appear; and in that case some members of the Conference certify as to his or her character and location.

(23) Be it resolved that those pursuing the Study Course take the same through the District.

(24) Resolved that no member of the Conference leave without its permission.

(25) Resolved that no church elect a Delegate to our District Conference who will not agree to stay throughout the entire Conference, Manual Sec. 82 — Paragraph 2.

(26) Resolved that the District Superintendent be consulted and present if possible when drawing up all deeds in the District, and see that all deeds be abstracted.

(27) It was moved and carried that each local church send a quarterly report to the District Superintendent.

(28) Be it resolved that the District have a youth rally and a Sunday School Convention the date and place of which to be set by the District Council.

(29) It was moved that the 1954 District Conference be held June 29, 30, and July 1.

(30) Resolved that we as a Conference reveal our gratitude and appreciation to our Secretary of Church Extension, Rev. R. A. Beltz, for his faithful presence during this 1953 Conference, and that we pledge our allegiance to him by a rising vote.

(31) Resolved that we confer our appreciation to Rev. P. F. Elliot for his inspiring and sound gospel messages of divine truth.

(32) Be it resolved that we show our appreciation to the host Church (Pensacola First), and to the good pastor, Rev. J. A. Thomas and wife for their kind hospitality and gracious way in which they have ministered to us, by a rising vote of thanks.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

(1) We recommend that all licensed and ordained ministers pay their ministerial tithes into the District Treasury to be applied on the District budget.

(2) We recommend that all birthday offerings be paid to the district treasurer to be applied on District Home Missions.

(3) We recommend that each church pay five percent of all tithes, regular offerings, and Sunday School offerings to the district treasurer to be applied on the district budget.

(4) We recommend that the District Superintendent's traveling expenses while traveling in the interest of the District be paid at the rate of (5) five cents per mile. Also that his district correspondence and communications be paid by the district treasurer.

(5) We recommend that on each visit of the district superintendent each church take an offering to be applied on the superintendent's traveling expenses and to be sent to the district treasurer.

(6) We recommend that all monies be sent to the district treasurer not later than the tenth of each month.

(7) We recommend that each church pay \$1.00 per member this year to be applied on General Conference expenses to be sent to the district treasurer.

(8) We recommend that the District Superintendent be paid \$75.00 per month the same to be paid from district budget.

(9) We recommend that the district treasurer be paid \$35.00 a year for his services, the same to be paid out of the district budget.

(10) We recommend that the district secretary be paid \$25.00 per year for his service.

(11) We recommend that the district put into operation immediately the Pilgrim Pension Plan; that each church pay into the district treasurer monthly the sum of four percent of their pastor's salary. Be it further resolved that the district treasurer pay the four percent for all unstationed ministers, evangelists and the district superintendent who pay their full tithe into the district.

(12) Be it resolved that each church pay \$10.00 per year for District Conference expenses.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To our good chairman and leader, Rev. R. A. Beltz, Pastor's Delegates, Laity and to the Fifth Annual Conference of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of the Alabama-Northwest Florida District, now in session at Pensacola, Florida; Greetings in the Name of Jesus.

Though another busy and strenuous year we have all come to this moment when we can gather in the Name of Our Lord and enjoy the fellowship of this occasion. I trust that the richness of these devotional periods and even the presence of God in the business sessions will cause each of us to go back home with a greater burden for the lost than ever before. If this be true we need not worry about souls being saved for they are born out of this spirit of travail.

It has been a gracious privilege to labor with and for you this year, in the District interest. We humbly bow and give God the glory for His blessings throughout the year. Though there have been a few battles, the victories have so far outmatched them that they are hardly worth mentioning. "Tis grace that brought us through thus far and grace will lead us on."

Needless to say that this has been a very busy year trying to pastor the Birmingham church and also give the necessary time to the District and also doing work on our building in Birmingham. I want to express my appreciation to you who have been so patient during the time of my father's long and serious illness which kept me away so much of the time during January through April. Your kind words will never be forgotten.

During the past year, God has taken from us one of our beloved ministers, Rev. L. T. Crute, but we feel sure that he made the landing and can give God the praise that another has died in the Faith.

We have appreciated the work of our new pastor and family at Selma, Alabama. Rev. Harold Huff, who came to us from Indianapolis, Indiana have faithfully worked and there are some noted results as evidence.

Rev. F. W. Strong and family have been faithful to the calling in Montgomery and are one of the two churches who show a gain in Sunday School through the year.

Mobile has had for it's pastor, Rev. M. G. Cole and wife for the past year who, though they have faced battles, have seen some victories. We regret that they feel they had to resign because of the physical strain. Rev. Eversdyke and his family will go there for the coming year. They come to us from Owosso, Michigan and we feel they are talented and consecrated workers.

Pensacola, first church is moving forward with the faithful leadership of Rev. J. A. Thomas and family.

We appreciate the work of Rev. George Carr at the second church in Pensacola. Surely he has been faithful and has worked hard to see the work of God go in this section.

Magnolia Springs church has had one of it's best years and is the other church who showed a gain in Sunday School attendance. Brother Reprogue tells me that this has been one of the best years of his ministry.

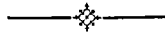
MY PERSONAL REPORT

I have pastored the Birmingham church and this report will come to you through the regular pastor's report. I have traveled 6,298 miles

for the District and 13,702 miles in Pastoral and other duties. I have attended one District Superintendent's Conference. Held three Council meetings, have counceled with pastors each time called on, held 5 board meetings for the churches visited the churches 15 times and held the customary annual meetings, and attended one District Conference. Besides this we have been seeking out the possibilities of new work which we feel will prove profitable when we can get into these towns.

Let me tell you again that I do appreciate your prayers and co-operation throughout the year and trust we will all join together again this year to make this the best. May the blessings of God be upon each of you and the proceedings of this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. SIMMONS



To the Fifth Annual Conference of The Pilgrim Holiness Church Alabama-Northwest Florida District, now in session, greetings . . .

It has been a pleasure to labor for Christ and His cause this year. We have been busy with the duties of the church and Pastoral work, our Young Peoples work has been limited.

We have visited four zone meetings this year in the Southern zone. We were privileged to bring the evening message at the Magnolia Springs Church at the second zone meeting of the year. There were good attendance at each of these rallies.

We predict greater things for the Young People of the Alabama Northwest Florida District. Praying that we may not only grow numerically but spiritually.

Respectively submitted,
J. A. THOMAS,
Executive Secretary

Rev. L. T. Crute was born at Boston, Mass., August 25, 1879. He came to Indiana about the year 1902. He was saved in the Holiness Christian Church at Kokomo, Ind., in 1915 and was ordained to the ministry on August 29, 1918. His first pastorate was at Leisure, Ind., and other churches were at Lebanon, Thorntown, Michigan City, New Carlisle, Jasonville and Dupont, Ind.

The last seven years he made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Norris, of Foley, Ala.

He suffered a severe heart attack on Tuesday night, April 21st, at 1:30 and died instantly. His testimony a few nights before his death that he was ready to go at any time whenever the Lord will. At the time of his death he was a member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, Magnolia Springs, Ala.

Bro. S. V. Reprogle had charge of the funeral service and other ministers who attended were Rev. George Carr, Rev. Cole, Rev. Thomas and Rev. Crieck.

Six of his grandsons were pallbearers.

MRS. JOHN A. NORRIS

Birthday Offering

Brought Forward	\$ 108.65
Receipts	\$ 59.17
Total Receipts	\$ 167.82
Expenditures	\$ 120.00
Balance	\$ 47.82

District Conference Expense

Brought Forward	\$ 26.41
Receipts	\$ 142.41
Total Receipts	\$ 168.82
Expenditures	\$ 128.82
Balance	\$ 40.00

District Young People Zone Rally

Brought Forward	\$.00
Receipts	\$ 1.70
Total Receipts	\$ 1.70
Balance	\$ 1.70

Ministerial Tithe

Brought Forward	\$ 248.10
Receipts	\$ 1073.81
Total Receipts	\$ 1321.91

EXPENDITURES—

District Superintendent's Salary	\$ 825.00
District Treasurer's Salary	35.00
District Secretary's Salary	25.00
Loan to Pensacola First Church	100.00
P. W. Thomas	72.05
C. E. Johnson	92.46
Shipping Tent for District	23.71
C. E. Johnson Traveling Exp. and Mailing Exp.	12.90
Pension Plan	108.00
Total Expenditures	\$1294.12 \$1294.12
Balance	\$ 27.79

Pilgrim Bible College

Brought Forward	NONE
Receipts	\$ 72.31
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Total Receipts	\$ 72.31
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Expenditures	\$ 72.31

District Budget

Brought Forward	\$ 226.21
Receipts	788.34
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Total Receipts	\$1014.55

EXPENDITURES—

Telephone Bills	\$ 93.63	
Traveling Expenses to Council Meetings	51.50	
Supt.'s Expenses to Supt.'s Conference	57.00	
Flooring for Selma Church	30.00	
500 Letterheads	8.50	
Mailing	2.50	
Insurance for Pensacola First	23.00	
Loan to Birmingham	100.00	
Printing District Minutes	125.00	
Harold Huff's Expenses to Selma	36.00	
Expense of Selma Revival	30.07	
Flowers	5.00	
Expense of Ditto Machine	24.81	
Moving J. A. Thomas to Pensacola	100.00	
Bank Expense	4.21	
District Supt.'s Traveling Expenses	264.90	
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Total Expenditures	\$ 956.12	\$ 956.12
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Balance		\$ 58.43

Grand Totals

Brought Forward	\$ 718.00
Receipts	3702.89
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Total Receipts	\$4420.89
Expenditures	4145.74
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Balance	\$ 275.15

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

	Total Enrollment	Average Weekly Attendance	Cradle Roll	No. Sessions	Net Gain	Net Loss	Cash Brought Forward	Regular Offerings	Special Offerings	Birthday Offerings	Literature	Miscellaneous	Total Expenditures	Cash on Hand
Birmingham	130	54		52		7		\$ 427.02		\$12.91	\$109.74	\$330.19	\$ 439.93	
Magnolia Springs	76	88	4	52	18			708.67	\$776.41	16.20	130.10		134.10	
Mobile	41	34	3	52		20								
Pensacola I	100	80	5	52		2		48.70	14.17	3.00	33.99	25.97	59.96	\$3.91
Pensacola II	79	56	5	52		6		333.13	138.00	16.27	68.00	138.00	206.09	
Selma	3	25		52		15		323.24	30.00	7.15	114.78	4.00	118.78	
Totals	505	364	29	364	25	58		186.66	12.11	5.73	44.04	14.70	58.74	
								\$2027.44	\$940.69	\$61.26	\$504.65	\$512.86	\$1017.51	\$3.91

STATISTICAL REPORT

	Members Last Report	Names Dropped	Transferred	Deaths	Total Removals	Additions by Faith	Additions by Letter	Total Additions	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Local Ministers	Deaconesses	Voting Members	Total Membership	Preaching Services	Church Prayer Services	Cottage Prayer Services	Total Services	No Tithers	Subscribers to Advocate
Birmingham I	14																			
Birmingham	25					3	7	10	3		1	1		35	130	35		165		11
Magnolia Springs	26		2	1	3		2	2	1	2				28	124	48		172		
Mobile	21	5					2	2	2	1		1		18	153	52		205		2
Montgomery	4								2					4	102	52	7	161		1
Pensacola I	37	5	6		11	4	2	6	1	1	1			32	126	47	7	180	15	15
Pensacola II	9	2			2	2		2	1	1				9	104	50			6	12
Selma	11								1	2				13	134	24	7	170		
Totals	147	12	8	1	16	9	13	22	11	7	2	2		139	873	308	21	1063	21	41

PASTOR'S REPORT

	Sermons	Prayer Services	Pastoral Calls	Revivals in Local Church	Seekers for Regeneration	Seekers for Sanctification	Dealt With Personally	Prayed With for Healing	Communion Services	Baptisms	Children Dedicated	Marriages	Funerals	Cash Support	Donations	Gifts	Total Support	Parsonage Supplied	Time on Field
Carr, George	104	50	875	3	15	4	12	20						\$ 480.62	\$ 10.00	\$ 57.26	\$ 547.88	No	2 yrs., 9 mos.
Cole, M. G.	75	28	310	1	12	7	6	4				1		1305.00	36.00		1341.00	Yes	9 mos.
Huff	24	14	351	1	5		3	1						63.50	60.00		123.50	Yes	4 mos.
Reprogle, S. V.	80	45	438	1	12	7			1		4	2	2	2026.00	80.00		2106.00	No	11 mos.
Simmons, C. A.	80	40	312		22	21			2		4	2	3	1525.54	74.00		1599.54	Yes	6 yrs., 7 mos.
Strong, F. W.	153	55	456	1	10		122	5						28.00	30.00		58.00	No	1 yr., 9 mos.
Thomas, J. A.	91	54	456	2	60	39		12	4	1	2		1	2640.00	25.00	85.00	2750.00	Yes	11 mos.
Total	607	286	3198	9	136	78	143	42	7	1	10	4	7	\$8068.66	\$315.00	\$142.26	\$8525.92		

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY REPORT

	No. Meetings Held	Average Attendance	Cash Brought Forward	Offerings	Total Offerings	Total Expenditures	Balance on Hand
Birmingham	52		\$ 5.43	\$ 25.28	\$ 30.91	\$ 28.65	\$ 2.06
Magnolia Springs	52	22	2.40	219.39	221.79	178.11	43.68
Mobile	52	12		15.28	15.28	15.28	
Montgomery	52	13		1.60	1.60	1.60	
Pensacola I	52	40		34.54	34.54	14.85	19.69
Pensacola II	45	14					
Selma	43	12	15.51	15.19	30.70	30.69	.01
Totals	348	121	\$23.34	\$411.28	\$1314.62	\$109.18	\$65.44

PROPERTY VALUATION

	Church Value	Parsonage Value	Total Property Value	Indebtedness
Birmingham	\$12,000	\$ 8,000	\$20,000	\$ 8,700.67
Magnolia Springs	10,000		10,000	
Mobile	20,000	6,000	26,000	7,400.00
Montgomery				
Pensacola I	10,000	10,000	20,000	2,580.11
Pensacola II	2,500		2,500	500.00
Selma	2,500	3,500	6,000	351.67
Totals	\$67,000	\$27,500	\$94,500	\$18,821.78

FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash Brought Forward	Regular Offerings	Special Offerings	Building Fund	Total Receipts	Pastor's Support	Interest	Improvements	Indebtedness	Evangelist	District Superintendent	District Budget	General Home Missions	General Foreign Missions	Incidentals	Tithe	Pension	Camp and Conference	Bible School	Sunday School and Youth	General Conference	Total Expenditures	Cash on Hand
\$142.35	\$ 2,382.40	\$ 477.72	\$2,068.88	\$ 5,071.35	\$1,525.54		\$466.43	\$1,567.95	\$ 220.71		\$112.78	\$ 56.88	\$ 8.50	\$ 549.52	\$315.00	\$ 50.30	\$20.00	\$12.57	\$17.51		\$ 4,608.69	\$ 462.66
594.31	5,740.94	2,251.05	2,725.00	11,311.30	2,600.00			2,311.42	325.00		322.47	374.33	403.83	475.60			20.00				6,832.65	4,498.65
	588.50	2,103.00	57.66	2,749.16	1,583.50			484.07	150.00		115.73	14.03	25.77	196.37	158.35		4.00	7.34			2,749.16	
	215.01	26.00		241.01	30.74				67.25		10.00			11.03		54.00					201.98	13.03
39.65	3,060.86	2,282.28		5,382.77	2,735.10		115.00	552.30	381.00	8.08		100.00	38.00	1,406.73				17.66			5,353.77	29.00
4.80	526.05	504.62		1,035.47	480.62		107.01		138.14	5.96	42.15	35.00	20.00	540.49							1,030.17	5.30
1.57	525.65	464.69		991.91	223.50		186.73	50.00	160.00		11.26	12.11		307.07			10.00	16.00			991.67	.24
\$782.66	\$13,039.41	\$7,602.27	\$4,851.51	\$26,782.47	\$9,166.16		\$875.17	\$4,965.74	\$1,442.10	\$13.04	\$614.69	\$592.35	\$495.10	\$3,487.31	\$473.35	\$104.30	\$54.00	\$53.57	\$17.51		\$20,768.09	\$4,938.88