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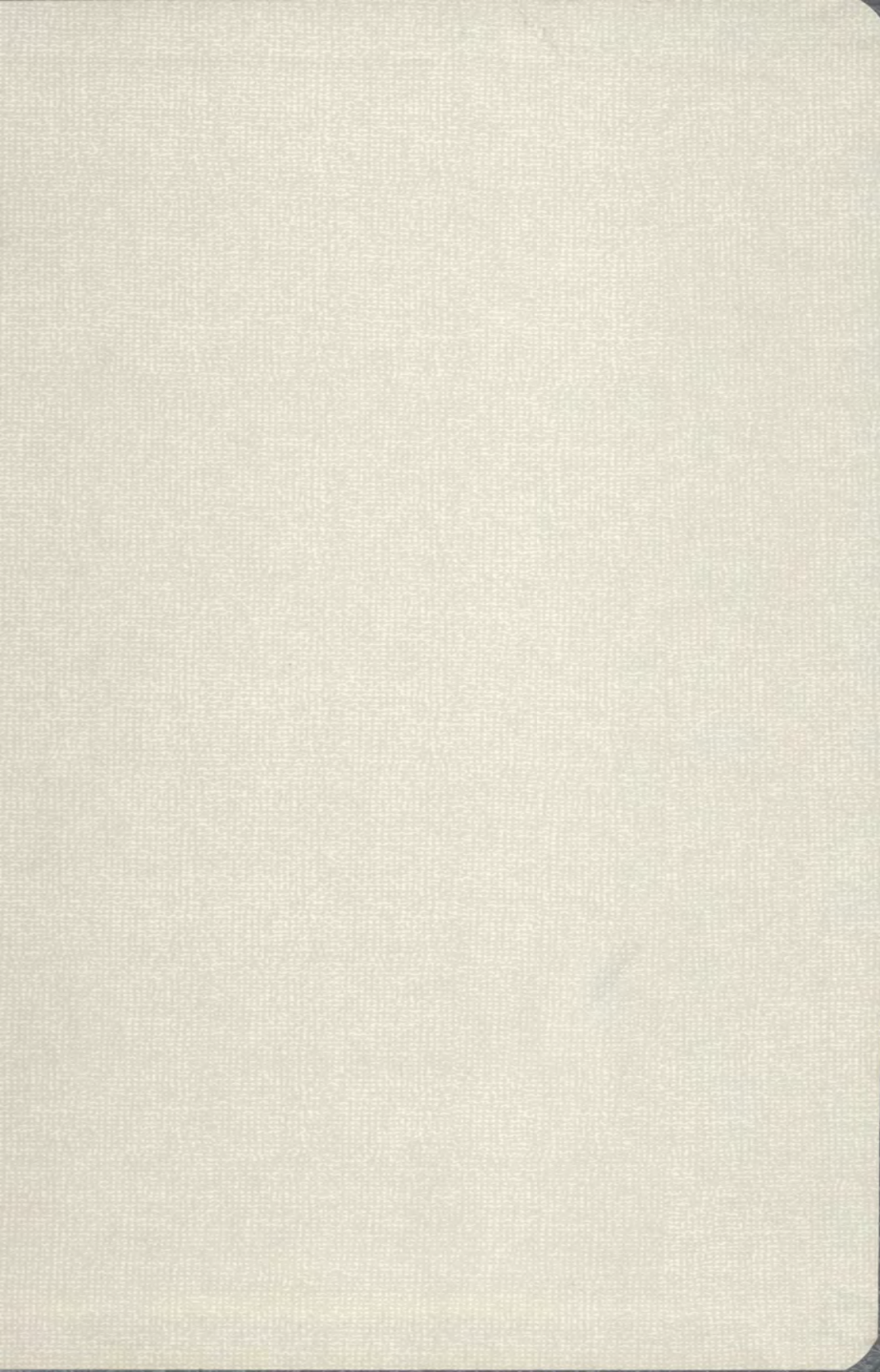
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HISTORY OF  
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Some historical notes gleaned from ANNUALS and SECRETARY BOOKS concerning Missionary work in the Virginia Valley Central Congregational-Christian Conference.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.  
(See Annual for 1938)  
Antioch Christian Church, Aug. 10, 1938.

This Conference has existed since August 27, 1838, though under different names at different times. In Frederick County, Va., on the above date a preliminary meeting for the organization of the Christian Conference of the Valley of Virginia was held. Rev. W. G. Proctor was chosen Moderator and Rev. Christy Sine, Secretary.

The first regular meeting of the Conference was held at Antioch, Rockingham County, Va., November 8, 1838. Rev. John Zahn was chosen President. Other ministers present were Christy Sine, W. G. Proctor, John N. Hiett, William Bowman.

This organization gave place to the Virginia Central Conference which was organized August 10, 1849 at East Liberty, Page County, Va. Rev. J. T. Robinson was chosen President, and Rev. Simon Ward, Secretary. Other ministers present were James Long, Christy Sine, George Cline, and Isaac N. Walter. Oldest church represented was Timber Ridge, organized in 1812. Others represented were East Liberty, Antioch, Joppa and Smith's Creek.

When Conference met in 1863 it was called the Valley Christian Conference. The Conference became divided at Edinburg, August 7, 1869. Rev. Simon Ward was President; G. W. Gentry, Sec. Other ministers present were G. W. Woods, Casper Allemong, L. P. Marston, W. A. Dofflemeyer, A. J. Kibler, J. W. Marvin, W. B. Wellons and D. A. Long. Churches represented were Antioch, Bethlehem, East Liberty, Newport, Joppa, Narrow Passage, Cedar Grove, Mt. Zion, Timber Ridge and Salem.

The division was brought about by the question "Shall the Conference accept the Declaration of Principles, Form of Government, and Directory of Worship" as set forth by the General Convention (now Southern Convention). One group seceded from the General Convention while the other group retired to another room and formed the Virginia Valley Christian Conference.

These two groups, the Virginia Central and the Virginia Valley Conferences, met in separate sessions until August 17, 1905, when they met in a united body at Leaksville as planned the year before at Mt. Lebanon and Linville. In 1905 the name of the Conference was changed to the Virginia Valley Central Christian Conference. In 1932 the name was again changed to include the Congregationalists.- The Virginia Valley Central Congregational-Christian Conference. In 1905 when the two met in joint session the ministers present were H.C. Moore, W.T. Walters, James W. Dofflemyer, John Tamkin, A.G.B. Powers, Killis Roach, M.L. Bryant and A.W. Andes.

During the Civil War this valley was the scene of battles and some of the churches suffered severely. Conferences could not be regularly held. At East Liberty in 1863 troops marched by while Conference was in session.

In 1885 the Valley Conference failed to meet and in 1886 Dr. W.W. Staley, President of the Southern Convention, called the group together and reorganized the Valley Conference at Antioch.

During the years from 1838 to 1870 it was the custom at the opening of Conference to elect the presiding officers and appoint a committee to plan Divine Worship, which meant a sermon each morning at 11 o'clock, each afternoon at 2:30, and each night at "early candle light", also a committee to arrange business to come before the Conference.

In 1867 the record shows "The meeting connected with Conference closed with good results. We had 17 conversions."

The usual order of business in these days was; 1. Reception of members (ministers). 2. Reception of Churches. 3. Examination of

Ministers. 4. Examination of churches and church records.

Eleven different times since 1850 the Conferences have passed resolutions recommending the establishment of high schools, academies, or colleges within the bounds of the Conference.

In 1873 the first Sunday School Convention was recommended by Rev. N. B. Kiracofe. Both branches of the Conference were just beginning to hold Sunday School Conventions in 1892.

In 1898 the first Christian Endeavor was reported from Joppa, and in 1909 we had the first Christian Endeavor Standing Committee.

The Conference of 1873 recommended a Home Mission Society, and a special session of Conference was called at Joppa that year to write up a constitution for the Home Mission Society.

A colored church was organized in Page County in 1872, by Rev. W. A. Doffleyer, and a colored brother, John Wood, was ordained at this Conference.

In 1908 in Conference at Bethlehem, the Home Mission Committee, composed of Mrs. M. E. Grove, T. H. Showalter and M. A. Doffleyer, recommended the organization of a Conference Missionary Association by electing a president, a secretary and a treasurer, for the purpose of raising funds for mission work within the bounds of the Conference. The Conference Missionary Association was organized with Rev. W. T. Walters, president, Rev. A. W. Andes, secretary, and Mr. J. E. W. Bryant, treasurer. This organization is still in successful operation, with Rev. William J. Andes, president, and Miss Minnie Doffleyer, secretary-treasurer.

In 1887, the Central Conference appointed Mrs. Lizzie J. Barney Confidential Secretary of Missions, and in 1890, in the Valley Conference, a Committee on Foreign Missions was appointed, probably the first in the Conference, composed of Mrs. Alice Lincoln, Misses Ada A. Swank, and Fannie Sirmers. Their report, a year later, showed a total of \$13.24 collected



for Foreign Missions from the four churches composing the Valley Conference. Last year (1937) the Conference Mission Secretary reported a total for Home and Foreign Missions from all the churches, \$437.85. /

In 1899 the Central Conference appointed Mrs. E. T. Iseley, Conference Secretary of Woman's Board of Missions. This later developed into the Woman's Missioary Conference which was organized at Linville in 1912 with Mrs. W. T. Walters, president; Miss H. C. O. Martz, Secretary; and Miss Ivie D. Andes, treasurer.

The first city church (Winchester) was admitted in 1912.

The subject of Pastorates is old, yet just as interesting as when it was first mentioned in 1852 when Conference spent a whole forenoon discussing how to divide the work in Rockingham into two circuits. In 1882 the Valley Conference churches divided into two districts with Rev. D. T. Deans and Rev. J. T. Kitchen pastors, each had four preaching places and received about \$300 for their year's work.

In 1903 the Executive Committee had a meeting ~~during the year~~ to consider arranging churches into pastorates according to request of Southern Christian Convention. We quote from their report: "Four of the ten churches are mission points. When our churches are able to support two pastors we believe a division will be profitable",

In 1906 Conference appointed a committee to map out work for the ministers. This committee made their report and it was adopted. In 1910 Conference recommended our churches group wherever possible. In 1916 the Executive and Home Mission Committees were asked to map out a suggestive arrangement as to pastorates and report to the churches within three months.

In 1917 the Executive Committee reported that they had mapped out the churches. In 1922 in Home Mission report we find reference to Page Valley Pastorate, and Rockingham Pastorate. In 1925 Resolutions Committee recommended that we consider the plausibility of placing our churches in districts in such a way as to

economize time for the pastor and, in such a way as to give the most service to the churches. The Executive Committee was empowered to carry out the recommendation.

In 1929, in his Annual Address, Rev. B. J. Earp urged pastorates, and a committee of five was elected, and churches were instructed to elect a committee of three to group the churches into pastorates.

In 1930 the Grouping Committee gave their report to Conference.

In 1931 the one group was in good order but later dropped out.

In 1937 (last year) the Home Mission Committee recommended that a committee be appointed for the purpose of grouping our conference into pastorates, so as to save time and expense for our pastors and give more time for actual contacting the people in his pastorate, and this committee is to report to the first session of Conference.

In 1881 the Valley Conference in their Literature report concerning the Christian Sun, said, "We are pleased to say that this body is the banner Conference, having a larger subscription according to its membership than any other Conference."

The first Mid-Year Conference was held at Bethlehem, March 12, 1931; this has come to be an annual event since.

In 1932 the work of the Young People was recognized and a night session was given them.

During these 100 years, Conference has met in regular Annual Sessions, Special, and Mid-Year Sessions 136 times. It was presided over by Rev. John Zahn one year; Rev. Joseph T. Robinson one year; Mr. John Burkholder, 11 yrs; Mr. Anthony Burkholder, one; Mr. George Mc Inturf, one; Mr. A. J. Downey, one; Mr. George Spaid, one; Rev. Simeon Ward, one; Rev. A. J. Kibler, seven; Rev. G. W. Woods, two; Mr. Jesse Burkholder, eight; Rev. J. W. Brown, one; Rev. W. A. Dofflenyer, five; Rev. James W. Dofflenyer, nineteen; Rev. J. H. Barney, six; Rev. D. I. Deanes,

three; Dr. W. W. Staley, one; Rev. J. W. Barrett, two; Rev. P. H. Fleming, one; Rev. D. A. Barney, two; Rev. E. T. Iseley, two; Prof. J. J. Lincoln, one; Rev. R. H. Peel, four; Mr. S. W. Lincoln, one; Rev. L. L. Lassiter, four; Rev. H. C. Moore, one; Rev. W. T. Walters, twenty-one; Mr. J. C. Bradford, one; Mr. W. C. Wampler, one; Rev. B. J. Earp, six; Rev. R. L. Williamson, thirteen, including the present session.

The proceedings of these sessions have been recorded by the following secretaries:

Rev. Christy Sine, one year; Rev. Simeon Ward, four; Rev. J. T. Robinson, one; Mr. Wm. M. Dorrough, two; Rev. Wm. E. Reichter, two; Mr. Martin Strickler, five; Rev. C. J. Rolston, eight; Rev. John Tamkin, twenty-nine; Rev. John H. Barney, one; Rev. W. A. Dofflenyer, four; Mr. C. A. Henton, seven; Mr. J. S. Kagey, eleven; Rev. C. H. Swank, one; Prof. J. J. Lincoln, one; Rev. M. L. B. Bryant, three; Mr. G. W. Rothgeb, one; Rev. A. W. Andes, thirty-five; Rev. W. J. Andes, five (including Midyear).

Treasurers were not generally employed before 1869. Finances, when mentioned at all, were handled by Finance Committees. Since 1869 the following have served as treasurers: Hiram M. Harman, thirteen years; Jesse Burkholder, two; Colonel E. Sipe, four; Martin Strickler, thirteen; Harvey Sirmers, seven; C. D. Maphis, twelve; H. V. Louderback, one; Samuel Earman, thirty-two years.

There have been 101 Annual Addresses delivered: Rev. J. T. Robinson, two; Rev. Casper Allemong, three; Rev. Simeon Ward, one; Rev. Wm. E. Reichter, two; Rev. A. J. Kibler, two; Rev. W. B. Wellons, one; Rev. J. W. Marvin, one; Rev. D. A. Long, two; Rev. J. T. Whitley, one; Rev. N. B. Kiracofe, one; Rev. C. J. Rolston, two; Rev. J. W. Brown, one; Rev. John Tamkin, six; Rev. W. T. Walker, one; Rev. James W. Dofflenyer, four; Rev. John H. Barney, three; Rev. D. T. Deanes, three; Rev. G. W. Brown, two; Rev. J. T. Kitchen, two; Rev. W. A. Dofflenyer, two; Dr. W. W. Staley, three; Dr. J. P. Barrett, one; Rev. J. W. Barrett, one; Dr. P. H. Fleming, five; Rev. D. A. Barney, one; Rev. E. T. Iseley, two; Rev. A. P. Davis, one; Rev. B. F. Black, three; Dr. E. L. Moffitt, one; Rev. S. L. Baugher, two;

Mr. D. C. Strickler, one; Rev. A. G. B. Powers, one;  
 Rev. L. L. Lassiter, one; Rev. G. W. Tickle, two;  
 Mr. S. W. Lincoln, one; Rev. M. L. Bryant, one;  
 Prof. J. J. Lincoln, one; Dr. J. F. Burnett, two;  
 Dr. J. O. Atkinson, two; Rev. A. W. Andes, seven;  
 Rev. W. T. Walters, four; Rev. Edward French, one;  
 Rev. R. L. Williamson, three; Dr. W. A. Harper, two;  
 Rev. B. J. Earp, two; Rev. R. P. Crumpler, one;  
 Rev. J. F. Morgan, one; Mr. J. E. Foster, one;  
 Rev. C. A. McDaniel, one; Mr. W. C. Wampler, one;  
 Prof. A. L. Hook, one; Rev. W. J. Andes, one;  
 Rev. R. A. Whitten, one; Dr. M. L. Weekley, one (this yr.).

The Conferences have been held at Antioch  
 twenty-one times (including this), East Liberty,  
 eight; Timber Ridge, fifteen; Edinburg, five;  
 Joppa, nine; Bethlehem, nineteen; Mt. Zion, two;  
 Newport, seven; Soliloquy, two; Pimple Hill, one;  
 Linville, ten; Alma, one; Cedar Grove, one;  
 Leaksville, eleven; Kid Run, one; Mt. Lebanon, three;  
 Palmyra, two; Dry Run, two; Concord, two;  
 New Hope, four; Mt. Olivet (R), three; Hayland, two;  
 Winchester, three; Mt. Olivet (G), one; Bethel, one. ✓

At the beginning, Conference had five churches,  
 Antioch, Timber Ridge, East Liberty, Union  
 School House (which later became Joppa),  
 and Smith's Creek.

Sixty-three churches have been admitted,  
 some of which were short lived and others  
 have stood the test of the years.  
 At present we have twenty-five churches on roll.  
 The total membership in 1849 was 286. This  
 has increased to 2,477 in 1937.

The counties included in the Conference  
 are Hampshire County, W. Va., Frederick, Shenandoah,  
 Rockingham, Page, and Green, and for a short  
 time Augusta, in Va.

The ministers who have labored for the  
 cause in the Conference have come from  
 Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, North  
 Carolina, and East Virginia, but we would  
 not forget some of the prophets who have  
 grown up in our own borders, namely the  
 Dofflenyers (David, William, James, and Jasper),  
 Ralston, Fleming (J. C.), Calhoun, Harding, Kiracofe,  
 Baugher, Swank, Black, the Andes (A. W. and ~~xxx~~)

W.J.) Bryant, Hook (W.C.), Clem and Brill.

Your Committee recommends that the name of the Conference be changed to the Virginia Congregational-Christian Conference.

Mrs. B.F. Frank, Chairman,  
J.C. Bradford,  
R. Roy Hosaflook,

Committee.

Report adopted with the proviso that the recommendation of the report be tabled for one year.

By motion a rising vote of thanks was extended to the Committee for their splendid report.

By motion a copy of the report was to be sent to The Christian Sun for publication and likewise it was to be in the minutes of the Conference, published in the Annual, and if there was an extra expense for printing in the Annual the same was to be taken care of by the Conference.

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#### Southern Christian Convention

Organized 1847 as Southern Christian Association.  
1856 became Southern Christian Convention.  
1866 became General Convention of the  
Christian Church (South).  
1894 became Southern Christian Convention.

Rev. Isaac N. Walter, who was active in evangelistic work in the Va. Valley Conference, was born Jan. 27, 1805. He was ordained Aug. 14, 1825. Ordaining presbytery Aldrich, Britton, Zimmerman and Daniel Long. In 1827 he began his first journey east from Ohio with Rev. Daniel Long. The record of Mrs. I. N. Walter shows that at the end of ten years of married life, Mr. Walter had been absent from home in evangelistic work seven full years.

Later quoting from his records - "In 30 years I have traveled over 150,000 miles, have crossed the Alleghenies 50 times, preached 8,243 sermons, attended 1,829 funerals, baptized 3,392 converts, received 8,971 members, prayed with 1,907 sick persons and married 1,052 couples".

His last words on his sick bed were, "I have not preached 30 years in vain, I am going to my reward."

Funeral at Columbus, Ohio, June 11, 1856, by Rev. Daniel Long.

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August 16, 1912, the women attending the Virginia Valley Central Christian Conference, in session at the Linville Christian Church, met in the Methodist Church at Linville, for the purpose of forming a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Board for the Virginia Valley Central Christian Conference.

The importance of each Conference having a Missionary Board was explained by Rev. W. H. Dennison.

Mrs. W. H. Dennison then took charge of the meeting, and the following were elected officers of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Board of the said Conference;

President, Mrs. W. T. Walters, Winchester, Va.;

Secretary, Miss H. C. O. Martz, Broadway, Va.;

Treasurer, Miss Ivie D. Andes, Harrisonburg, Va.

Later ~~XXXX~~ Rev. W. T. Walters, President of the Conference, on motion appointed Mrs. Mary E.

Grove, Mrs. J. K. Rusbush and Mrs. Samuel Earman  
members of the said Board.

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- Some visiting speakers at different meetings  
as the years went by were;
- 1912-Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Dennison  
1913-Mrs. W. A. Harper  
1914-Dr. W. A. Harper, Dr. W. H. Dennison  
1915-Dr. W. A. Harper, Rev. W. C. Hook, Dr. J. O. Atkinson  
1916-Mrs. R. L. Williamson, Mrs. M. E. Grove  
1917-Dr. J. O. Atkinson  
1918-Dr. W. H. Dennison  
1919-Rev. and Mrs. E. K. McCord, Dr. I. W. Johnson,  
Dr. J. O. Atkinson  
1920-Miss Bessie I. Holt, Mrs. W. A. Harper, Dr. J. O.  
Atkinson  
1921-Dr. J. O. Atkinson  
1923-Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Dr. J. O. Atkinson  
1924-Rev. J. F. Morgan, Rev. A. W. Andes, Rev. R. P.  
Crumpler, Rev. W. P. Minton  
1925-Dr. W. T. Walters, Mrs. W. T. Walters, Dr. and  
Mrs. W. A. Harper, Rev. J. F. Morgan, Rev. V. T.  
Crawford, Dr. J. O. Atkinson, Rev. A. W. Andes  
Rev. R. P. Crumpler  
1926-Rev. and Mrs. W. Q. McKnight, Dr. W. T. Walters,  
Rev. R. P. Crumpler, Rev. A. W. Andes, Rev. B. J. Earp  
1927-Mrs. F. E. Bullock, Rev. B. J. Earp, Rev. A. W. Andes  
Rev. W. B. Fuller, Rev. D. P. Barrett, Dr. W. T. Walters  
1928-Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Dr. John G. Truitt,  
Rev. A. W. Andes, Rev. B. J. Earp, Rev. W. B. Fuller  
Dr. W. T. Walters, Miss Lucy Eldridge, Dr. J. O.  
Atkinson  
1929-Rev. R. L. Williamson, Rev. Joe French,  
Rev. B. J. Earp, Dr. and Mrs. M. J. W. White,  
Rev. A. W. Andes, Rev. W. B. Fuller  
1930-Rev. R. L. Williamson, Rev. W. B. Fuller,  
Rev. A. W. Andes, Rev. B. J. Earp  
1931-Mrs. Bernard J. Newman, Rev. B. J. Earp,  
Rev. A. W. Andes, Rev. R. L. Williamson  
1932-Rev. A. W. Andes, Rev. R. L. Williamson,  
Dr. M. L. Weekley, Mrs. C. H. Rowland,  
Rev. I. S. Long  
1933-Rev. R. L. Williamson, Rev. A. W. Andes,  
Rev. B. J. Earp, Dr. M. L. Weekley,  
Mr. G. W. Rothgeb, Rev. Horace Lequear

- 1934-Rev. A. R. VanCleave, Mrs. I. S. Long,  
Mrs. A. R. VanCleave.
- 1935-Rev. A. W. Andes, Dr. M. L. Weckley, Rev. Ivan  
R. Smith, Miss Joy Grigsby.
- 1936-Rev. W. J. Andes, Dr. M. L. Weckley, Mrs. R. E.  
Moore, Rev. W. C. Hook, Rev. R. L. Williamson.
- 1937-Rev. R. D. Coulter, Rev. W. J. Andes,  
Rev. R. L. Williamson, Rev. R. A. Whitten.
- 1938-Rev. W. J. Andes, Rev. R. D. Coulter, Rev. R. A.  
Whitten, Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Hyde, Mrs. John G.  
Truitt, Mesdames Brinkley and Leathers,  
Rev. and Mrs. Ward Fellows, Mrs. W. L. Dudley,  
Kenneth Hook.
- 1939-Mrs. W. H. Mann, Rev. Roy D. Coulter, Rev. and  
Mrs. Rush Sinc, Mr. Leslie Wing, Mrs. G. P.  
Bostick, Mrs. M. J. W. White, Rev. W. M. Mann,  
Rev. R. A. Whitten.
- 1940-Rev. A. Grieg Ritchie, Rev. Roy D. Coulter,  
Rev. R. E. Newton, Rev. Paul B. Sanger, Rev. B. J.  
Earp, Rev. L. E. Huber.
- 1941-Rev. A. Grieg Ritchie, Rev. R. E. Newton,  
Rev. Paul B. Sanger, Rev. R. L. Williamson,  
Mrs. J. Monroe Harris.
- 1942-Dr. and Mrs. M. J. W. White, Rev. P. B. Sanger,  
Rev. G. H. Veazey, Rev. R. A. Whitten.
- 1943-Rev. R. A. Whitten, Rev. G. H. Veazey, Rev. R. E.  
Newton, Rev. Paul B. Sanger, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman,  
Mrs. W. L. Dudley.
- 1944-Rev. G. H. Veazey, Rev. R. E. Newton, Rev. R. A.  
Whitten, Mrs. Guy Thelin.
- 1945-Rev. S. E. Madren, Mrs. J. F. Morgan, Rev. D. M.  
Spence, Rev. R. A. Whitten, Rev. R. E. Newton,  
Rev. G. H. Veazey.
- 1946-Mrs. Guy Thelin, Mrs. F. C. Lester, Rev. S. E.  
Madren, Rev. R. E. Newton, Rev. R. A. Whitten,  
Rev. G. H. Veazey, Rev. R. D. Coulter.
- 1947-Mrs. O. H. Paris, Rev. S. E. Madren, Rev. R. A.  
Whitten, Rev. G. H. Veazey, Rev. R. E. Newton,  
Dr. W. T. Scott, Rev. and Mrs. Clyde O. Eoon.
- 1948-Miss Elizabeth Chicoine, Rev. R. A. Whitten,  
Rev. R. E. Newton, Rev. S. E. Madren.
- 1949-Rev. & Mrs. E. J. Rohart, Miss Pattie Lee  
Coghill, Kenneth Hook, Rev. R. A. Whitten,  
Rev. R. E. Newton, Miss Elizabeth McGuffey.



- 1950-Miss Helen Frances Smith of the New York office, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Educational Secretary of the Southern Convention; Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College; Dr. Wm. M. Brown, and Dr. W. T. Scott, of Elon College; Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Newton, Rev. & Mrs. E. J. Rohart, Rev. & Mrs. R. A. Whitten; Mrs. Clyde O. Koon; Rev. S. E. Madren. Mrs. Moulton of India.
- 1951-Mrs. Pearl Hemingway, President of the National Women's Fellowship, Rev. S. E. Madren, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Rev. R. A. Whitten.
- 1952-Mrs. W. B. Williams, President of the Women's Convention; Miss Oline Nicholson, returned Missionary from the Madura Mission in India; Mrs. W. W. Sloan, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill; Rev. James W. Madren, of Carroll Co. Mission.
- 1953-Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Rev. Quinton Leisher, Rev. Ralph Galt.
- 1954-Miss Jennie Doidge, Miss Grace Spivey, Mrs. W. B. Williams, Rev. & Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Rev. & Mrs. R. E. Newton.
- 1955-Mrs. F. C. Lester, President of the Women's Convention; Mrs. W. J. Andes of Elon College, Mrs. Edgar A. Bark, President of the National Women's Fellowship; Rev. R. A. Whitten, Rev. H. V. Harman. Mrs. John A. Reuling
- 1956-Dr. & Mrs. F. C. Lester, Mrs. F. Cushing Foss of Rhode Island; Mrs. Edward H. Taylor of the Evangelical and Reformed Church;
- 1957-Dr. & Mrs. F. C. Lester; of Asheboro, N. C.;
- Mrs. Ray Gordon, Pres. East Va. Women's Fellowship;  
 Mrs. H. E. Robinson, Pres. N. C. Women's Fellowship;  
 Mrs. E. J. Rohart, Mrs. Joe A. French, Mrs. L. W. Stagg,  
 Mrs. Ed Bresko, Miss Susie D. Allen, Mrs. Marvin F. Sherrill, Mrs. J. D. Strader, Mrs. Garland Spratley,  
 Mrs. Clyde Fields, Miss Dorothy Foltz, Dr. W. T. Scott, Mrs. W. T. Scott, Rev. Philip Williams,  
 Mrs. Raye V. Knight, Mrs. Ellis Clark, Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Mrs. R. E. Brittle, Mrs. J. S. Rollings, Sr.  
 Mrs. Carl Wallace, Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mrs. D. W. Shepherd, Mrs. T. G. Humphries, Mrs. W. J. Andes,  
 Mrs. W. E. Wisserman, Mrs. J. H. Booth, Jr., Mrs. Guy Benchoff, Mrs. H. G. Ballinger, Rev. S. E. Madren,  
 Rev. Luther G. Heist, Rev. E. J. Rohart, Mrs. A. W. Andes.

1958-Miss Isabel Heringway, nurse who serves in Turkey, and her mother, Mrs. Mary Heringway, who served as missionary in China for many years; Mrs. F. C. Lester, President Southern Women's Convention; Mrs. Robert Grin, Pres. of E. & R. Guild Potomac Synod; Miss Angie Crew missionary from Japan; Rev. S. E. Madren, Rev. E. J. Hohart.



## OFFICERS OF WOMEN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

<u>President</u>	<u>Vice-President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
1912-Mrs. W. T. Walters		Miss H. C. O. Martz	Miss Ivie D. Andes
1913-Mrs. W. T. Walters		Miss H. C. O. Martz	Miss Ivie D. Andes
1914-Mrs. W. T. Walters	Mrs. J. K. Ruebush	Miss H. C. O. Martz	Miss Ivie D. Andes
1915-Mrs. W. T. Walters	Mrs. J. K. Ruebush	Miss Mabel Liskey	Miss Ivie D. Andes
1916-Mrs. W. T. Walters	Mrs. R. L. Williamson	Mrs. L. C. Fultz	Miss Ivie D. Andes
1917-Mrs. W. T. Walters	Mrs. B. J. Farp	Mrs. E. D. Chapman	Mrs. B. F. Frank
1918-Mrs. W. T. Walters	Mrs. W. C. Hook	Mrs. J. E. W. Bryant	Miss Verdie Showalter
1919-Mrs. W. T. Walters	Mrs. W. C. Hook	Mrs. J. E. W. Bryant	Miss Verdie Showalter
1920-Mrs. W. T. Walters	Mrs. A. B. Kendall	Mrs. B. F. Frank	Miss Verdie Showalter
1921-Mrs. Boyd Richards	Mrs. A. B. Kendall	Mrs. B. F. Frank	Miss Verdie Showalter
1922-Mrs. Boyd Richards	Miss Ora Scott	Mrs. B. F. Frank	Mrs. R. A. Larrick
1923-Mrs. Boyd Richards	Miss Ora Scott	Mrs. B. F. Frank	Mrs. R. A. Larrick
1924-Miss Verdie Showalter	Ora Scott	Mrs. B. F. Frank	Mrs. R. A. Larrick
1925-Miss Verdie Showalter	Ora Scott	Mrs. B. F. Frank	Mrs. R. A. Larrick
1926-Miss Verdie Showalter	Ora Scott	Mrs. B. F. Frank	Mrs. Boyd Richards
1927-Mrs. Boyd Richards	Mrs. A. W. Andes	Mrs. B. F. Frank	Miss Verdie Showalter
1928-Mrs. R. A. Larrick	Mrs. A. W. Andes	Mrs. B. F. Frank	Miss Verdie Showalter
1929-Mrs. R. A. Larrick	Mrs. A. F. Kite	Mrs. B. F. Frank	Miss Verdie Showalter
1930-Miss Ora Scott	Mrs. A. W. Andes	Mrs. B. F. Frank	Miss Verdie Showalter
1931-Mrs. A. W. Andes	Miss Ora Scott	Mrs. B. F. Frank	Miss Verdie Showalter
1932-Mrs. A. W. Andes	Miss Ella Pickering	Mrs. B. F. Frank	Miss Verdie Showalter
1933-Mrs. A. W. Andes	Miss Ora Scott	Mrs. B. F. Frank	Miss Verdie Showalter
1934-Mrs. B. J. Farp	Miss Helen Showalter	Mrs. B. F. Frank	Miss Verdie Showalter
1935-Mrs. K. H. Sale	Mrs. A. W. Andes	Mrs. B. F. Frank	Miss Verdie Showalter
1936-Mrs. K. H. Sale	Mrs. A. W. Andes	Mrs. B. F. Frank	Miss Verdie Showalter

President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
1937-Mrs. K. H. Sale-----	Mrs. A. W. Andes-----	Mrs. B. F. Frank----	Miss Verdie Showalter
1938-Mrs. K. H. Sale-----	Mrs. A. W. Andes-----	Mrs. B. F. Frank----	Miss Verdie Showalter
1939-Mrs. K. H. Sale-----	Mrs. S. A. Jenkins--	Miss Helen Showalter-	Verdie Showalter
1940-Mrs. A. W. Andes---	Mrs. E. Lena Rothgeb-	Miss Helen Showalter-	Verdie Showalter
1941-Mrs. A. W. Andes---	Mrs. E. Lena Rothgeb-	Miss Helen Showalter-	Verdie Showalter
1942-Mrs. H. A. Whitton-	Mrs. Noah Painter --	Miss Helen Showalter-	Verdie Showalter
1943-Mrs. H. A. Whitton-	Mrs. G. H. Veazey----	Miss Clarence Andes---	Mrs. Noah Painter
1944-Mrs. R. A. Whitton-	Mrs. A. W. Andes-----	Miss Helen Showalter-	Mrs. Noah Painter
1945-Mrs. R. A. Whitton-	Mrs. A. W. Andes-----	Miss Helen Showalter-	Mrs. Noah Painter
1946-Mrs. R. A. Whitton-	Mrs. S. E. Madren ---	Mrs. Clyde Miller----	Mrs. Noah Painter
1947-Miss Verdie Showalter-	Mrs. R. A. Whitton-	Mrs. Clyde Miller---	Mrs. Noah Painter
1948-Miss Verdie Showalter-	Mrs. R. A. Whitton-	Mrs. Howard Hensley-	Mrs. Noah Painter
1949-Miss Verdie Showalter-	Mrs. R. A. Whitton-	Mrs. Howard Hensley-	Mrs. Noah Painter
1950-Mrs. J. E. Bryant-----	Mrs. R. A. Whitton-	Mrs. Howard Hensley-	Mrs. H. F. Nelson
1951-Mrs. J. E. Bryant-----	Mrs. F. J. Rohart--	Mrs. Howard Hensley-	Mrs. H. F. Nelson
1952-Mrs. Cecil Whitlock---	Mrs. F. J. Rohart--	Mrs. Austin Kippes---	Mrs. J. E. Bryant
1953-Mrs. Cecil Whitlock---	Mrs. F. J. Rohart--	Mrs. Austin Kippes---	Mrs. J. E. Bryant
1954-Mrs. Cecil Whitlock---	Mrs. Tom Good-----	Mrs. Austin Kippes---	Mrs. J. E. Bryant
1955-Mrs. Cecil Whitlock---	Mrs. Tom Good-----	Mrs. Austin Kippes---	Mrs. J. E. Bryant
1956-Mrs. Tom Good-----	Mrs. F. J. Rohart--	Mrs. Shirley White---	Mrs. Stella Liskey
1957-Mrs. Tom Good-----	Mrs. F. J. Rohart--	Mrs. Shirley White---	Mrs. Stella Liskey
1958-Mrs. Tom Good-----	Mrs. F. J. Rohart--	Mrs. Shirley White---	Mrs. Stella Liskey





The women of <sup>the</sup> Virginia Valley Central Conference were organized in a Mission Group Aug. 16, 1912, by Mrs. W. H. Dennison of Norfolk, Va., who with her husband Dr. W. H. Dennison were visiting the Annual Conference in session at Linville.

Mrs. W. T. Walters was chosen President and served nine years; Miss H. C. O. Martz secretary and served three years; Miss Ivie D. Andes treasurer and served six years.

During the years that followed these have served as Presidents; Mrs. Boyd Richards four years; Miss Verdie Showalter six years; Mrs. R. A. Larrick two years; Miss Ora Scott one year; Mrs. A. W. Andes five years; Mrs. B. J. Earp one year; Mrs. K. H. Sale five years; Mrs. R. A. Whitten five years; Mrs. J. E. Bryant one year.

Vice-Presidents were--Mrs. J. K. Ruebush two years; Mrs. R. L. Williamson one year; Mrs. B. J. Earp one year; Mrs. W. C. Hook two years; Mrs. A. B. Kendall two years; Miss Ora Scott seven years; Mrs. A. W. Andes nine years; Mrs. A. F. Kite one year; Miss Ella Pickering one year; Miss Helen Showalter one year; Mrs. S. A. Jenkins one year; Mrs. E. Lena Rothgeb two years; Mrs. Noah Painter one year; Mrs. G. H. Veazey one year; Mrs. S. E. Madren one year; Mrs. R. A. Whitten four years.

Secretaries were--Miss H. C. O. Martz three years; Miss Mabel Liskey one year; Mrs. L. C. Fultz one year; Mrs. E. D. Chapman one year; Mrs. J. E. W. Bryant two years; Mrs. B. F. Frank nineteen years; Miss Helen Showalter six years, Mrs. Clyde Miller two years; Miss Clarenc Andes one year; Mrs. Howard Hensley three years.

Treasurers were-- Miss Ivie D. Andes five years; Mrs. B. F. Frank one year; Miss Verdie Showalter twenty years; Mrs. R. A. Larrick four years; Mrs. Boyd Richards one year; Mrs. Noah Painter seven years; Mrs. H. F. Nelson one year.

Corresponding Secretaries were-- Miss Hazel Davis one year; Mrs. B. F. Frank one year.



## Report of Historian 1951 (cont)

The Woman's Mission Board met in Annual Session at the time of Annual Conference, one session of which was given over to the work of the Woman's Mission Board until the year 1928, when the women met in special meeting session at Linville, with representatives from most of the churches, and organized a Woman's Mission Conference. From 1912 to 1927 when the Woman's Mission Board met in connection with Annual Conference the following churches entertained the groups; Linville 1912 and 1926 -- Winchester 1913 and 1920 -- Antioch 1914 and 1924 -- Timber Ridge 1915 and 1923 -- Palmyra 1916 -- Bethlehem 1917 and 1925 -- Leaksville 1918 and 1927 -- New Hope 1919 -- Mayland 1921 -- Joppa 1922.

From 1928 when the Woman's Mission Conference met in separate session they have been entertained by; Linville 1928, 1932, 1940, and 1949 -- Leaksville 1929, 1933, 1942 and 1951 -- Antioch 1930, 1941 and 1947 -- Dry Run 1931 -- Bethel 1934 and 1946 -- Concord 1935 -- New Hope 1936 and 1945 -- Newport 1937 -- Palmyra 1938 -- Mt. Olivet, R., 1939 -- Mayland 1943 -- Bethlehem 1944 -- Whislers Chapel 1948 -- Winchester (1950)

The Conference has been divided into Districts and each District tries to have a Mission Rally once each year when all the churches in the District are urged to attend the nearest rally.

The purpose of this Conference is to promote and stimulate an interest in missions; to enlist its organizations in a fellowship of worship, education, service and giving to undergird the general program of the Va. Valley Central Conference as it serves the cause of Christ within its own bounds and throughout the world.

--- Mrs. B.F. Frank, Historian .

Report of Historian 1952

In today's report I shall call attention to a few very fine meetings held in our conference in the interest of Missions. In the 1920s and 1930s there were held "One Day School of Missions". These were not held alone by the Women's Conference, but jointly by the Church Mission Secretaries, Women Missionary Societies, Mission Superintendents of Sunday-schools, and Pastors of the Conference. There were on the programs such noted visiting speakers as Dr. J. O. Atkinson, Mission Secretary of the Southern Convention; Dr. W. P. Minton, Mission Secretary of the General Convention; Rev. D. P. Barrett, returned Missionary of Puerto Rico; and local pastors - Rev. V. T. Crawford, Rev. B. J. Earp, Rev. W. B. Fuller, Rev. J. F. Morgan, Rev. A. W. Andes, Rev. R. P. Crumpler, Rev. W. T. Walters, and Dr. M. L. Weekley.

The One Day School of Missions developed into what we now know as District Rallies.

There seemed to be some rivalry in attendance as shown by these quotations "May 1925, -Antioch having the banner attendance, Rev. J. F. Morgan gave that society a years subscription to The Christian Missionary". "Nov. 1926, Linville Church had the largest number present and so to encourage attendance, the missionary society of Antioch, which carried the honor last year, gave a years subscription to The Christian Missionary to the Linville Missionary Society."

-- Mrs. B. F. Frank,  
Historian.

Report of Historian 1953

I wish to call your attention to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Women's Missionary Conference of the Virginia Valley Central Congregational-Christian Churches.

By-Laws, Section 4, Duties of Officers and Department Superintendents, (f) "Historian shall compile a history of the Conference and shall keep it up to date by means of a scrap book which will carry a copy of the minutes, clippings, letters sent out by the conference. She shall also urge the officers, departmental superintendents and chairmen of standing

committees to preserve a permanent file to be passed on to their successors".

-- Mrs. B.F. Frank, Historian.

## Report of Historian 1954

### LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS

Our Societies have been encouraged to give Life Memberships and Memorials of \$10. each to some worthy cause recommended by the Women's Missionary Convention. In 1941 we were asked to send these funds for six years to Bangalore Seminary in India, in memory of Dr. J.O. Atkinson. It helped young ministers of India and Ceylon to secure further training. In 1948 to 1952 this money was used to educate a young man, Timothy Chang from China, who attended college in this country. In 1952 to 1954 it has been used to renovate rooms at Franklinton Center, which has recently been moved to Bricks, N.C., and the money will be used to build a chapel.

The churches which have taken part in this work are Antioch, Bethel, Bethlehem, Leaksville, Linville, Mt. Olivet (G.), New Hope, Newport, Winchester and Woods Chapel. The following persons have been honored: --- later we added Wisslers Chapel;

#### Life Memberships- (

Mrs. Elsie Alger - Bethel  
 Mrs. A.W. Andes - Antioch  
 Mrs. Maude Bradley - New Hope  
 Mrs. Clarence Brill - Winchester  
 Mrs. J.E. Bryant - New Hope  
 Mrs. Goldie Carper - Winchester  
 Mrs. E.W. Cather - Winchester  
 Mrs. Lydia Chrisman - Winchester  
 Mrs. Frances Cooper - Winchester  
 Mrs. Rosa Curling - Winchester  
 Mrs. Thelma Daugherty - Winchester  
 Mrs. Florence Day - Woods Chapel  
 Mrs. Nannie Dofflenyer - Bethel  
 Mrs. Samuel Earman - Linville  
 Mrs. B.J. Earp - Winchester  
 Mrs. B.F. Frank - Antioch  
 Mrs. Anna Lee Freeze - ~~New Hope~~ Newport

Mrs. Louise Galt - Woods Chapel  
Mrs. Bettie Lee Good - Bethel  
Mrs. Earl Green - Antioch  
Mrs. N. M. Hasler - New Hope  
Mrs. C. E. Himler - Bethel  
Mrs. R. C. Hook - Winchester  
Mrs. Orville Hoover - Winchester  
The Jacksons -  
Mrs. Frances Kagey - Woods Chapel  
Mrs. W. H. Keyser - Leaksville  
Mrs. Austin Kipps - Woods Chapel  
Mrs. Clyde Koon - Woods Chapel  
Mrs. Frances Liskey - New Hope  
Mrs. Hubert Liskey - New Hope  
Miss Verdie Liskey - New Hope  
Mrs. W. A. McCurdy - Winchester  
Mrs. Bessie Mason - Winchester  
Mrs. T. W. Matthews - Winchester  
Mrs. Rachel Miller - Leaksville  
Mrs. Edgar Nelson - Winchester  
Mrs. H. F. Nelson - Winchester  
Mrs. R. R. Newton - Leaksville  
Rev. R. E. Newton - Leaksville  
Mrs. N. F. Painter - Leaksville  
Mrs. E. Lena Rothgeb - Leaksville  
Mr. George W. Rothgeb - Leaksville  
Mr. R. O. Rothgeb - Leaksville  
Mrs. K. H. Sale - Winchester  
Mr. J. N. Shifflett - Woods Chapel  
Mrs. Milton Shifflett - Woods Chapel  
Mrs. R. E. Short - Leaksville  
Miss Olive Showalter - Antioch  
Miss Verdie Showalter - Antioch  
Mrs. A. K. Sirbaugh - Winchester  
Mrs. Naomi Sirbaugh - Winchester  
Mrs. O. J. Sours - Leaksville  
Mrs. Ethel Spade - Winchester  
Mrs. E. M. Spitzer - New Hope  
Mrs. Glenna Tibbens - New Hope  
Mrs. Reba Turner - Bethel  
Mrs. W. H. Vanpelt - New Hope  
Mrs. Guy H. Veazey - Bethlehem  
Mrs. Mabel Veazey - Newport  
Mrs. David Welsh - Bethlehem  
Mrs. Ada Whitlock - Winchester

## Life Memberships (cont.)

Mrs. R. A. Whitten - Winchester  
 Rev. R. A. Whitten - Winchester  
 Mrs. R. L. Williamson -

The following have been honored by Memorials:

Mrs. Barbara Andes - Antioch - 1952  
 Dr. J. O. Atkinson - Mt. Olivet (G)  
 Mrs. Jacob Berry - Antioch - 1953  
 Mrs. Bettie Deavers - Antioch - 1954  
 Mrs. Newton Hoover - New Hope  
 Mr. R. Roy Hosaflook - Linville  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Liskey - New Hope  
 Mrs. T. W. Matthews - Winchester  
 Mr. John W. Miller - Leaksville  
 Mr. Harold Rhodes - Linville  
 Mr. George W. Rothgeb - Leaksville  
 Mrs. Florence Simms - *Woods Chapel*  
 Dr. M. L. Weckley - Linville  
 Mrs. Abbie Galt - Woods Chapel  
 Mrs. Sarah Tate - Antioch - 1954

Making 65 Life Members and 15 Memorials, a total of 80 names at \$10. each, which gives \$800 to help in missions.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. B. F. Frank, Historian.

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Report of Historian 1955

The month of March, 1955 gave Winchester one of her most enriching experiences when she held a weeks mission activities in the form of a World Fair. The Fair opened on Sunday morning when the minister preached a sermon on "Our Christian World Mission". The choir's music was missionary; the worship center a lighted atlas, flanked by large silk flags of five nations where we have a Christian witness. On the opening Sunday night our Northern District Rally featured Mrs. John A. Reuling, an American Board Missionary in the Union of South Africa for 14 years, as speaker. On Wednesday evening a trip around the world featured a visit to four countries - in one home we found Mexico, in another the Philippines, in another China, and finally Japan as pre-

sented by the Women's Fellowship. On Friday at noon an "India" luncheon presented Mrs. Guy Benchoef as guest speaker, in an atmosphere typical of the countries. "Under Three Flags" was the speakers theme. Five denominations were represented with fifty-five present. Mrs. Benchoff is National President of E & R Woman's Guild.

Sunday night a neighbor Fellowship gave a Skit, "The Church in the American City". The World Fair was one of the finest experiences the Winchester Church has known.

(Contributed by Mrs. R. A. Whitten to Mrs. B. F. Frank, Historian.)

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Report of Historian 1956

Today as we gather <sup>in the church</sup> for our 29th Annual Session of Women's Conference in New Hope Church, I would like to have you go back with me to 1895 when this church was organized by Rev. E. T. Iseley, who was pastor of the four churches of the Conference, with a salary of \$300.

New Hope has had a noble part in the work of our Conference thru the years. One of our leading ministers, Rev. M. L. Bryant, was a son of this church. The Sunday-school Convention was held here in 1915, 1938 and in 1942. They have entertained the Annual Conference in 1899 with Mr. S. W. Lincoln, president; Mr. J. S. Kagey, secretary; Mr. C. D. Maphis, treasurer; the Annual Sermon by Rev. B. F. Black. In 1903 Annual Conference with Rev. L. L. Lassiter, president; Rev. M. L. Bryant, secretary; Mr. C. D. Maphis, treasurer; Annual Sermon by Rev. M. L. Bryant. In 1910 the Annual Conference with Rev. W. T. Walters, president; Rev. A. W. Andes, secretary; Mr. Samuel Earman, treasurer; Annual Sermon by Rev. Edward French.

In 1919 the Annual Conference with Rev. W. T. Walters, president; Rev. A. W. Andes, secretary; Mr. Samuel Earman, treasurer; Annual Sermon by Rev. A. W. Andes. In 1946 Annual Conference with Mr. Roy A. Larrick, president; Rev. R. E. Newton, sec-

retary; Miss Amy Louderback, treasurer; Annual Serron by Rev. Roy D. Coulter.

Our Women's Missionary Conference met here in 1936 with Mrs. K. H. Sale, president; Mrs. A. W. Andes vice-president; Mrs. B. F. Frank, secretary; and Miss Verdie Showalter, treasurer. We again met here in 1945 with Mrs. R. A. Whitten, president; Mrs. A. W. Andes, vice-president; Miss Helen Showalter, secretary; Mrs. Noah Painter, treasurer.

This year of 1956 the Women's Fellowship (successor to Missionary Conference) meets with Mrs. Cecil L. Whitlock, president; Mrs. Tom Good, vice-president; Mrs. Shirley White, secretary; Mrs. J. E. Bryant, treasurer.

The Women's Societies of our Conference sponsored a "Traveling Library" from 1935 thru 1939. In this time there were 25 different books sent from one church to another and finally back to the secretary. The following churches took part - Antioch, Bethel, Bethlehem, Leaksville, Linville, Mt. Olivet (G), Mt. Olivet (R), New Hope, Newport, Timber Ridge, and Winchester. The names of the books were:

1. That Other America
2. Between the Americas
3. Women Under the Southern Cross
4. The Flying Boat
5. Over the Mexican Border
6. Around a Mexican Patio
7. African Bridge Builders
8. God's Candle Light
9. What is This Moslem World
10. Doorways
11. Rebuilding Rural America
12. The Untouchables Quest
13. Tales From India
14. Mexico, A Study of Two Americas
15. The Land and Life of Africa
16. Lupita
17. The Three-Cornered Continent
18. Out of Africa
19. Story of the American Negro
20. Mecca and Beyond
21. Victories of Peace
22. Highland Heritage
23. City Man
24. Moving Millions
25. Congo Crosses

In 1940 these books were put in the hands of the Literature Superintendent, Mrs. O. J. Sours, to be loaned out on call. About this time the Women's Missionary Convention began making up Packets which included a Home and a Foreign Mission study book, and many of the societies bought Packets and thus the "Traveling Library" ended. The Packets contain in addition to the study books, many leaflets telling of our mission work at home and abroad that should be studied by our groups. There are also helps for a Bible Study Class. We hope each society will purchase a Packet and get the group interested in enriching their own spiritual lives and reaching out a helping hand to others.

Mrs. B. F. Frank, Historian.

#### Report of Historian 1957

The bit of history for this year is this: The women of the Virginia Valley Churches had the joy of entertaining for the first time the Southern Convention Women's Fellowship which meets biennially, alternate years with the Southern Convention. It met <sup>the meeting was held</sup> April 30 and May 1 at Bethlehem <sup>Church</sup> Tenth Legion, Rockingham Co., in its 23rd biennial session. It was attended by delegates from the Congregational Christian Churches of N.C. and Va.

There were approximately 300 attending. 65 registered from N.C., 71 from East Va., 76 from the Valley, with 15 ministers in attendance. At least 15 E & R. friends were present for the meeting. Mrs. F. C. Lester of Asheboro, N.C. is President of the group.

Tuesday evening a banquet was held in the neighboring Linville Creek Church of the Brethren. On the program was special music by Mrs. John Glick of Broadway and the "Melodyanns" of Broadway High School. The Convention sessions ~~we~~ were favored by addresses by Mrs. Marvin Sherrill of Warwick (who was a member of the Fellowship Tour of the Congregational-Christian women to



Europe last fall; Mrs. Guy Benchoff of Woodstock, National President of Women's Guild of the E. & R. Church; Mrs. W. B. Williams of Newport News, National President of Women's Fellowship of Congregational-Christian Churches; and Rev. Philip Williams, Associate Secretary of the Board of International Missions of the E. & R. Church.

Important items of business transacted included the adoption of a new Constitution and By-Laws, and the adoption of the biggest goal in history for our women - \$50,000 for missions in the next two years. The money from Life Memberships and Memorials will continue to go to the Church History Room at Elon College for another two years. The Thank Offering for 1957-58 will again be in the form of sharing in the Woman's Gift, with the use of Thank Offering boxes, and the third remaining in the Southern Convention will be used for aiding the Valley Central Congregational-Christian Churches erect a building which will also include facilities for a Conference Center.

Mrs. B. F. Frank, Historian.

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and Memorials.

Life Members

Mrs. W. H. Alger - Bethel  
 Mrs. Halford Baker - Winchester  
 Mrs. Bertha Boyce - Winchester  
 Mrs. Albert Clark - Winchester  
 Mrs. Bettie Beavers - Antioch  
 Mrs. Ella Williams Green - Woods & Wisslers  
 Mrs. Annie Hamner - Bethel  
 Mrs. Limie Harrison - Bethlehem  
 Mrs. Aggie Hensley - Bethel  
 Mrs. Eva Hosaflock - Linville  
 Mrs. Dora Kipps - Woods & Wisslers  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Kipps - Woods & Wisslers  
 Mrs. Ralph Loftis - New Hope  
 Mrs. Gladys Green Litten - Woods & Wisslers  
 Mrs. Ben McDaniel - Leaksville  
 Mrs. Lorraine Michael - Bethel  
 Mrs. Virginia C. Mason - Winchester  
 Mrs. John Miller - Winchester  
 Mr. John Miller - Winchester  
 Mr. Thomas W. Matthews - Winchester  
 Mrs. Elsie Neiswander - Antioch - 1956  
 Miss Ella Pickering - Bethlehem  
 Mrs. Emerson J. Robart - Antioch - 1955  
 Mr. Keyser Rothgeb - Leaksville  
 Mrs. Pauline Shope - Bethlehem  
 Mrs. Ruby Salyards - Woods & Wisslers  
 Mrs. Donald F. Smith - Winchester  
 Mrs. Bealle Sine - Winchester  
 Mrs. J. Canby Shanholtz - Winchester  
 Mrs. Claude Suter - New Hope  
 Mrs. Lena Turner - Bethel  
 Mrs. T. F. Trenary - Winchester  
 Mrs. Sarah Tate - Antioch  
 Mrs. Andrew J. Vincent - Winchester  
 Mrs. Olin Vanpelt - New Hope  
 Miss Winifred L. Whitlock - Winchester  
 Mrs. Grace Wood - Antioch - 1956  
 Mrs. E. Floyd Showalter - Antioch - 1958  
 Mrs. Nellie Dean - Antioch - 1958

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Mrs. Pauline Arrentrout - Antioch - 1957  
Mrs. Dottie Arrentrout - Antioch - 1955  
Mr. G. Clarence Brill - Winchester  
Miss Erma Fulk - Antioch - 1957  
Mrs. Bettie Lee Good - Bethel  
Mrs. Josaphine Hinler - Bethel  
Miss Mary Pickering - Bethlehem  
Mrs. J. L. Sirbaugh - Winchester  
Mr. John A. Spaid - Winchester  
Mr. J. Warner Stearn - Linville  
Mrs. Myrtle Stepp - Bethel  
Mrs. Mary E. F. Sirmers - Linville  
Mrs. Mary Thomas - Bethlehem - 1957  
Mr. David H. Welsh - Bethlehem  
Mr. J. E. Bryant - New Hope  
Mrs. Lavonia McCoy - Bethel - 1957  
Mrs. Martha B. Sirbaugh - Winchester  
Mr. George S. Archart - Woods and Wisslers Chapel 57

Mrs. Minnie Hensley- Bethel  
Mrs. Virginia Monger- Bethel  
Mrs. Leitha Monger- Bethel  
Mrs. Anna Mae Doffleryer- Bethel  
Mrs. Grace Griffith- Leaksville  
Mrs. Clara Dovel- New Hope  
Mrs. Ernest E. Pugh- Winchester



## Report of Historian 1958

Since we have changed our name from Women's Missionary Conference to Women's Fellowship have we lost our missionary enthusiasm?

A little review of our work and interests of the past year may do us good.

We have six Departments of work: Christian Education, Friendly Service, Missionary Education, Social Action, Spiritual Life, Stewardship.

During the past year Mrs. Joseph Frazier of Elkton has been chairman of Christian Education. This department plans our programs and gathers many books and leaflets which we get in our Packet. Groups met and studied together the books, "The Kingdom Beyond Caste" (home), and "Cross and Crisis in Japan" (world).

→ Mrs. E. J. Rohart of Linville has been chairman of Friendly Service. This Department has a list of needy mission fields, hospitals, schools, etc. where help is needed. They have divided the work out to the different churches and each group has endeavored to meet its quota by sending clothing or cash to the field specified.

→ Mrs. Clyde Koon of St. David's Church was chairman of Missionary Education. This Department has shown us the magnitude of our work in mission fields in Near East, China, Japan, India, Africa, Philippines, Mexico and every State in the U.S.A.

→ Mrs. T. H. Wease of Linville was chairman of Social Action. This Department encourages our women to take part with neighboring churches of other denominations in World Community Day, World Day of Prayer, May Fellowship Day, with local United Council of Church Women.

→ Mrs. R. A. Whitten of Winchester was chairman of Spiritual Life. This Department leads us to the study of some portion of the Bible. This past year we have enjoyed the study of the Psalms. Our groups had planned devotions in their regular meetings. Our Spiritual Life program deepens the spiritual life of every member who takes active part in trying to learn

more of the life and teachings of Jesus.

Mrs. N.F. Painter of Luray was our chairman of Stewardship. This Department leads us to share our time and talents as well as our money. Are we too interested in our own selves to read "The Christian Sun" and other church literature on needs of the mission fields around the world? If we know, we will care and we will share.

Life Memberships and Memorials are a part of our Stewardship responsibility. We will be happy to give our Thank Offering, two-thirds of which goes to National Women's Fellowship Projects and one-third to Building Fund of Virginia Valley Central Church.

Mrs. B.F. Frank, Historian.

We are sorry to report that our faithful and loyal pastor of the Winchester Church, Rev. R. A. Whitten, has had to retire because of failing health (after 22 years of service at the Winchester Church). Our hearts have been gladdened by the arrival of the new minister, Rev. Mark Andes, who has recently been called to take Brother Whitten's place.

Fifteen women from our churches in the Conference attended the Southern Convention Women's Fellowship meeting in First Church, Greensboro, N.C. last April. Among them was our President, Mrs. Tom Good.

Seventeen from our Conference attended the School of Missions held in June at Elon College, N.C.

During the past year several churches of our Conference have added Sunday School rooms and show signs of progress. Antioch added two Sunday School rooms and are in the process of opening up a kitchen and dining room in the basement. Bethlehem added Sunday School rooms. Joppa put in a new foundation. Mayland added four Sunday School rooms. Winchester helped finance the purchase of a movie projector for the church, purchased china and silver for the church kitchen, contributed to the Church Building Fund and to the purchase of the new parsonage. Ground has been broken for the new church to take the place of Woods and Whisslers Chapels.

We are adding the following names to the list of Life Members -

Mrs. Willie Minnick	☉ Antioch
Rev. E. J. Rohart	- Antioch
Mrs. Anna Mae Dofflemeyer	- Bethel
Mrs. Crissie Dofflemeyer	- Bethel
Mrs. L. W. Snyder	- Bethel
Mrs. Carol Monger	- Bethel
Mrs. Annie Lee Freeze	- Bethel



## Life Members - continued

Mrs. Willie Good	- Bethlehem
Mrs. Catherine Brown	- Bethlehem
Mrs. Bess Seklers	- Bethlehem
Mrs. Eula Huffman	- New Hope
Mrs. O. C. Ploss	- Winchester
Mrs. John I. Larrick	- Winchester

## Memorials -

Miss Olive Showalter	- Antioch
Mrs. Naomi Dofflemeyer	- Bethel
Mrs. Oltie Blose	- Bethel
Mrs. Loraine Michael	- Bethel
Mrs. Beulah McDonald	- Bethel
Mrs. Mae Corbin	- New Hope
Mr. Abner Nelson Green	- Valley Central
Mrs. John G. Taylor	- Winchester
Mrs. Rosa H. Curling	- Winchester

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Mrs. DeWitt F. Cupp  
Historian

We are saddened to report the passing of three of the members of our Valley Ministerial Family: Rev. R. A. Whitten, retired minister of Winchester, January 10, 1960; Mrs. W. B. Fuller, Harrisonburg June 5, 1960; and Mrs. S. E. Madren, Elkton, August 26, 1960

Our conference was well represented by twelve women at the School of Missions in June. We were happy to have Mrs. John R. Wilkins of Woodstock, President of Virginia Regional E. & R. Guild, as a guest of the Valley Conference at the School of Missions.

A highlight of the year was the Spring Rally at Linville in the form of a Spiritual Life Retreat. Mrs. Tucker G. Humphries, Franklin, Virginia, Chairman of Spiritual Life of Eastern Virginia Conference led the meditations on "Seek Ye the Lord".

We are happy to welcome Rev. Thomas D. Sutton who is now located in the Page County pastorate.

The following Life Memberships were given during the past year:

Bethel -  
Mrs. Ida Alger  
Mrs. W. H. Hensley

Valley Central -  
Mrs. Sylvia Shirkey

Memorials given:

New Hope -  
Mrs. W. H. Van Pelt  
Mrs. Maude Bradley

Bethlehem -  
Mrs. Vivian Harrison

Winchester -  
Mrs. Frederick Jenkins  
Mrs. Cleveland Smedley  
Mrs. Ruth N. Naecker  
Mrs. Mark W. Andes

Winchester -  
Rev. R. A. Whitten

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Mrs. Norma Cupp, Historian

The first of the year was the opening of the school of Missions in the city of New York. The school was held at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Miller, 150 West 10th Street, New York, from August 20, 1899, to August 30, 1899.

The conference was well represented by twelve women at the school of Missions in New York. The women who were present were Mrs. J. W. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Miller.

A highlight of the year was the holding of the first of a series of conferences in the city of New York. The first of these conferences was held at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Miller, 150 West 10th Street, New York, from August 20, 1899, to August 30, 1899.

The first of these conferences was held at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Miller, 150 West 10th Street, New York, from August 20, 1899, to August 30, 1899.

The following is a list of the names of the women who were present at the first of these conferences:

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## BRIEF HISTORY 1912-1962

Notes copied from Secretary books of Woman's  
Missionary Conference of Virginia Valley Central  
Conference

On August 16, 1912 the women attending the Virginia Valley Central Christian Conference in session at the Linville Christian Church met in the Linville Methodist Church for the purpose of forming a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Board for the Conference.

The importance of each Conference having a Missionary Board was explained by Dr. W. H. Denison. Mrs. Denison took charge of the meeting, and the following officers were elected:

President----Mrs. W. T. Walters, Winchester, Va.

Secretary----Miss H. C. O. Martz, Lacey Springs, Va.

Treasurer----Miss Ivie D. Andes Rt. 4, Harrisonburg, Va.

(Other officers who have served through the years are listed elsewhere.)

From the beginning of this organization through 1927 the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Board met in connection with the Annual Conference, an hour being given over to them to give a Missionary Program.

Opening Hymn

Scripture-----Mrs. Samuel Earmen

Prayer-----Mrs. M. E. Grove

Solo-----Mrs. Boyd Richards

Our Work and Aim-----Miss H. C. O. Martz

Our Finances-----Miss Ivie Andes

Solo-----Mrs. W. A. Harper

Individual Responsibility in Mission Work---Mrs. W. T. Walters

At other Conferences the programs presented was Missionary Addresses by local pastors, visiting speakers and returned Missionaries. The last time that the two, the Annual Conference and the Woman's board met joint session was on August 16, 1928 at Mt. Olivet (R) Church.

At a board meeting held Nov. 1, 1924 in the home of Rev. A. W. Andes a motion was made and passed to hold a One Day School of Missions in the spring. The first One Day School of Missions was held May 2, 1925 at Mayland with Rev. J. F. Morgan of Winchester presiding. Three more One Day School of Missions were held. At the last meeting in 1927 Rev. D. P. Barrett, a returned Missionary from Puerto Rico held his audience spellbound as he told of conditions 27 years ago when he first went there. Rev. A. W. Andes spoke on "The Missionary Challenge of Carrol County.

At a Board Meeting held at Bethlehem March 3, 1928 a motion was made and passed that our conference be divided into five Districts. Each district was asked to hold a Rally and these five Rallies were to be held on five successive days. The following committee was appointed to plan Rally week: Mrs. Boyd Richards, Mrs. B. F. Frank and Miss Ora Scott.

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE 1923-1928

Notes copied from Secretary Books of Woman's  
Missionary Conference at Virginia Valley Central  
Conference

On August 15, 1917, the women attending the Virginia Valley  
Central Christian Conference in session at the Bluefield Christian  
Church met in the Bluefield Methodist Church for the purpose of form-  
ing a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Board for the Conference.

The reports of each Conference having a Missionary Board  
was explained by Dr. W. H. Denton, who had been in charge of the  
meeting, and the following officers were elected:  
President---Mrs. W. I. Holbert, Winchester, Va.  
Secretary---Miss M. C. O. Lewis, Lewis Springs, Va.  
Treasurer---Miss Iva D. Anders, Ft. W. Harrisonburg, Va.  
(Other officers who have served through the years are listed else-  
where.)

From the beginning of this organization through 1923, the Woman's  
Home and Foreign Missionary Board had in connection with the Annual  
Conference, an hour being given over to them to give a Missionary  
Program.

- Opening Prayer-----Mrs. Samuel Taylor
- Solicitors-----Mrs. E. Grove
- Prayer-----Mrs. Boyd Richards
- Devotional-----Miss M. C. O. Lewis
- Our Work and Home-----Miss Iva Anders
- Our Finances-----Mrs. W. A. Hagan
- Gifts-----Mrs. W. I. Walters
- Individual Responsibility in Mission Work-----Mrs. W. I. Walters

At other Conferences the program presented was Missionary  
Addresses by local pastors, visiting speakers and reported Mission-  
aries. The last time that the Annual Conference and the  
Woman's Board held a joint session was on August 15, 1928 at Mt. Olive  
(25) Church.

At a board meeting held Nov. 1, 1924 in the home of Rev. A. W.  
Under a motion was made and passed to hold a One Day School of  
Missions in the spring. The first One Day School of Missions was  
held May 11, 1925 at Mountain View, Va. F. Johnson of Winchester  
presided. The second One Day School of Missions was held at the  
first meeting in 1927 at Mt. Olive, Va. Reported Missionary from  
parts also held his audience as well as the One Day School of  
Missions and when he last visited Rev. A. W. Anders spoke on "The  
Missionary Challenge of Carol County."

At a board meeting held at Mountain View March 3, 1928 a motion was  
made and passed that our conference be divided into five districts.  
Each district was named to hold a Rally and these five Rallies were  
to be held on five successive days. The following committee was  
appointed to plan Rally week: Mrs. Boyd Richards, Mrs. E. E. Frank  
and Miss Eva Scott.

## Brief History continued.

Later in this same year August 2, 1928 the Woman's Missionary Board of the Virginia Valley Central Conference met at the Linville Christian Church in their first separate Annual Conference. Reports of the Rallies were given and the following goals were read and adopted:

1. An increase of 10 per cent in membership
  2. Average attendance at meetings equal to one-half of the membership.
  3. Ten per-cent of membership at Mid-Year Rally.
  4. A ten per-cent of membership reading one or more Missionary book.
    - b. One hundred Missionary Articles read by members of society.
  5. A Missionary Cradle Roll, either separate or with the Sunday School.
  6. At least one-half of the families in the society subscribing to the magazine "The Herald of Gospel Liberty".
  7. Seventy-five percent of dues collected.
  8. Quarterly reports sent promptly.
  9. Annual offering to Literature Fund.
  - 10 Thank Offering Service held.
- Societies reaching all goals were to be listed as Banner Societies.

At this first annual meeting the following ministers were present: Rev. A. W. Andes, B. J. Earp, W. B. Fuller and W. T. Walters. Banner societies the first year were --Antioch Young People, Bethlehem Women and Winchester Women.

Five district Rallies were held each year unless there was some conflict in dates from 1928-1957. In 1957 it was decided to have two Districts instead of the present five. Group 1 to be known as Eastern District including Beulah, New Hope, Mt. Olivet (R), Mt. Olivet (G), Bethel, Mt. Lebanon, Leakesville, Newport, Dry Run and Joppa. Group 2 to be known as the Western District including Antioch, Mayland, Bethlehem, Woods and Whislers Chapel, Linville, Winchester, Timber Ridge, Concord and Palmyra.

Since 1957 at the spring Rallies we have had the following speakers:

- 1958--Bethlehem--Miss Isabel Hemingway
- 1959--Mt. Olivet (R)--Miss Lucille Frost
- 1960--Linville--A spiritual life retreat with Mrs. Tucker Humphries.
- 1961--New Hope--Mrs. Marjorie Shane
- 1962--Mt. Lebanon--Mrs. Jenny Treat

For years up through 1956 our Conference elected a Supt. of Literature who encouraged members to read Mission Books and leaflets. In the years 1935-1939 we sponsored a traveling library. There were twenty-five books sent from one church to another and finally back to the secretary. Later these books were put in the hands of the Literature Supt. to be loaned out on call. In 1940 Packets were assembled by the Southern Convention Women. These packets contained mission study books, helps for Bible Study Classes and Mission leaflets.

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Since the 1950s and 1960s, the Women's Missionary Society of the United Methodist Church has been active in various areas of the world. Reports of the Society's work in these areas are included in the following pages.

- 1. An increase of 10 per cent in membership.
- 2. Average attendance at meetings equal to one-half of the number of members.
- 3. The percentage of membership in mid-year rallies.
- 4. A percentage of membership reaching one or more Missionary Societies.
- 5. One hundred Missionary Societies held by members of societies.
- 6. A Missionary Society held, either separate or with the Sunday School.
- 7. At least one-half of the members in the society subscribing to the magazine "The Herald of Gospel Liberty".
- 8. Seventy-five percent of dues collected.
- 9. Quarterly reports sent promptly.
- 10. Annual offering to the Society fund.
- 11. Annual offering service held.

As this first annual meeting the following ministers were present: Rev. A. W. Anderson, H. J. Lipp, W. H. Miller and W. T. Walters. Other ministers in the first year were: -Linton Young, Rev. William Young and W. Anderson.

The following names were held each year since that time: 1957-1958, 1958-1959, 1959-1960, 1960-1961, 1961-1962, 1962-1963, 1963-1964, 1964-1965, 1965-1966, 1966-1967, 1967-1968, 1968-1969, 1969-1970, 1970-1971, 1971-1972, 1972-1973, 1973-1974, 1974-1975, 1975-1976, 1976-1977, 1977-1978, 1978-1979, 1979-1980, 1980-1981, 1981-1982, 1982-1983, 1983-1984, 1984-1985, 1985-1986, 1986-1987, 1987-1988, 1988-1989, 1989-1990, 1990-1991, 1991-1992, 1992-1993, 1993-1994, 1994-1995, 1995-1996, 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025.

Since 1957 at the spring rallies we have had the following:

- 1957-1958 - 1st Annual Meeting
- 1958-1959 - 2nd Annual Meeting
- 1959-1960 - 3rd Annual Meeting
- 1960-1961 - 4th Annual Meeting
- 1961-1962 - 5th Annual Meeting
- 1962-1963 - 6th Annual Meeting
- 1963-1964 - 7th Annual Meeting
- 1964-1965 - 8th Annual Meeting
- 1965-1966 - 9th Annual Meeting
- 1966-1967 - 10th Annual Meeting
- 1967-1968 - 11th Annual Meeting
- 1968-1969 - 12th Annual Meeting
- 1969-1970 - 13th Annual Meeting
- 1970-1971 - 14th Annual Meeting
- 1971-1972 - 15th Annual Meeting
- 1972-1973 - 16th Annual Meeting
- 1973-1974 - 17th Annual Meeting
- 1974-1975 - 18th Annual Meeting
- 1975-1976 - 19th Annual Meeting
- 1976-1977 - 20th Annual Meeting
- 1977-1978 - 21st Annual Meeting
- 1978-1979 - 22nd Annual Meeting
- 1979-1980 - 23rd Annual Meeting
- 1980-1981 - 24th Annual Meeting
- 1981-1982 - 25th Annual Meeting
- 1982-1983 - 26th Annual Meeting
- 1983-1984 - 27th Annual Meeting
- 1984-1985 - 28th Annual Meeting
- 1985-1986 - 29th Annual Meeting
- 1986-1987 - 30th Annual Meeting
- 1987-1988 - 31st Annual Meeting
- 1988-1989 - 32nd Annual Meeting
- 1989-1990 - 33rd Annual Meeting
- 1990-1991 - 34th Annual Meeting
- 1991-1992 - 35th Annual Meeting
- 1992-1993 - 36th Annual Meeting
- 1993-1994 - 37th Annual Meeting
- 1994-1995 - 38th Annual Meeting
- 1995-1996 - 39th Annual Meeting
- 1996-1997 - 40th Annual Meeting
- 1997-1998 - 41st Annual Meeting
- 1998-1999 - 42nd Annual Meeting
- 1999-2000 - 43rd Annual Meeting
- 2000-2001 - 44th Annual Meeting
- 2001-2002 - 45th Annual Meeting
- 2002-2003 - 46th Annual Meeting
- 2003-2004 - 47th Annual Meeting
- 2004-2005 - 48th Annual Meeting
- 2005-2006 - 49th Annual Meeting
- 2006-2007 - 50th Annual Meeting
- 2007-2008 - 51st Annual Meeting
- 2008-2009 - 52nd Annual Meeting
- 2009-2010 - 53rd Annual Meeting
- 2010-2011 - 54th Annual Meeting
- 2011-2012 - 55th Annual Meeting
- 2012-2013 - 56th Annual Meeting
- 2013-2014 - 57th Annual Meeting
- 2014-2015 - 58th Annual Meeting
- 2015-2016 - 59th Annual Meeting
- 2016-2017 - 60th Annual Meeting
- 2017-2018 - 61st Annual Meeting
- 2018-2019 - 62nd Annual Meeting
- 2019-2020 - 63rd Annual Meeting
- 2020-2021 - 64th Annual Meeting
- 2021-2022 - 65th Annual Meeting
- 2022-2023 - 66th Annual Meeting
- 2023-2024 - 67th Annual Meeting
- 2024-2025 - 68th Annual Meeting

The following names were held each year since that time: 1957-1958, 1958-1959, 1959-1960, 1960-1961, 1961-1962, 1962-1963, 1963-1964, 1964-1965, 1965-1966, 1966-1967, 1967-1968, 1968-1969, 1969-1970, 1970-1971, 1971-1972, 1972-1973, 1973-1974, 1974-1975, 1975-1976, 1976-1977, 1977-1978, 1978-1979, 1979-1980, 1980-1981, 1981-1982, 1982-1983, 1983-1984, 1984-1985, 1985-1986, 1986-1987, 1987-1988, 1988-1989, 1989-1990, 1990-1991, 1991-1992, 1992-1993, 1993-1994, 1994-1995, 1995-1996, 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025.

Brief History continued.

Friendly Service.

Prior to 1954 much work was done in Friendly Service as the different churches saw the needs. In 1955 we received a quota from the Southern Convention and each church volunteered gifts. In 1956 each church was given an assigned quota. In the spring of 1958, in answer to an urgent call we brought to the spring Rally at Mt. Olivet (G) 44 layettes which were sent to Lebanon.

Following is a brief summary of financial records. Offerings for the first five years amounted to \$240.54. For the five years preceding our Silver Anniversary in 1937 the offerings were \$1865.42. For the last five years offerings were as follows:

1958-----	\$1668.03
1959-----	1766.49
1960-----	1623.69
1961-----	1781.43
1962-----	1773.65
Total for last five years-----	\$ 8613.29

In 1957 we entertained for the first time the Southern Convention Women's Fellowship. The meeting was held April 30 and May 1 at Bethlehem with approximately 300 attending. Mrs. F. C. Lester was president of Southern Convention at this time. Tuesday evening the banquet was held in the Linville Creek Church of the Brethren. Important items of business transacted included the adoption of a new Constitution and By-Laws and the adoption of the biggest goal in history for our women---\$50,000 for the next two years.

In 1957 the Va. Valley Central Woman's Fellowship voted the following change in the Constitution: The Departments shall be; Spiritual Life, Christian Stewardship, Christian Education, Missionary Education, Christian Social Action and Friendly Service. Each Department shall be directed by an elected chairman.

The highlight of the year 1960 was the Spring Rally at Linville in the form of a Spiritual Life Retreat. Mrs. Tucker G. Humphries of Franklin, Va. led the meditations on "Seek Ye the Lord." At the fall Conference in this year 1960 it was recommended that the 1961 Conference of the Women's Fellowship meet jointly with the Va. Regional Woman's Guild of the Potomac Synod with separate business sessions.

In the spring of 1961 seven of our women of the Valley attended a leadership training workshop at Franklinton center, Bricks, N. C. This was the first time our National Leaders have come into our midst to conduct such a workshop. On October 25, 1961 at the Bethlehem Church we held a joint meeting with the Va. Regional Guild of Potomac Synod. Speakers were--Mrs. Alfred Barthlemew and Mrs. F. C. Lester. At the morning and afternoon meetings, workshops were conducted by the departmental chairman of the Women's Fellowship and the Woman's Guild.

Mrs. B. F. Frank



friendly service.

From 1957 until 1960 work was done in the Valley Service as the 25th anniversary was celebrated. In 1957 a special program was held at the Southern Conference and each church volunteered. In 1958 each church was given an assigned pastor. In the spring of 1959 an attempt was made to call the program to the Spring Rally of 1960. (3) -- Letters were sent to the...

Following is a brief summary of financial records. Offerings for the first five years amounted to \$2,400.00. For the five years preceding our Silver Anniversary in 1957, the offerings were \$10,500.00. For the last five years offerings were as follows:

1957	10,500.00
1958	1,800.00
1959	1,000.00
1960	1,000.00
1961	1,000.00
1962	1,000.00
1963	1,000.00
1964	1,000.00
1965	1,000.00
1966	1,000.00
1967	1,000.00

In 1957 we participated for the first time in the Southern Conference Women's Fellowship. The meeting was held April 30 and May 1 at the University of North Carolina. Dr. F. C. Baker was president of Southern Conference at this time. Tuesday evening the program was held in the Hillsboro Church of the Fellowship. Important items of business transacted included the adoption of a new constitution and by-laws and the election of the district and the history for our women--\$20,000 for the next two years.

In 1957 the Valley Council Women's Fellowship voted the following changes in the Constitution: The Executive Board replaced by a Representative Council. Officers a Representative Council. Executive Council. District and Valley Service. Each department shall be directed by an elected chairman.

The highlight of the year 1960 was the Spring Rally in Hillsboro in the form of a "Spring Rally" held at the Hillsboro Hotel. Mrs. Thomas G. Humphreys of Franklin, Va. was the guest speaker on "Back to the Lord". At the Fall Conference in this year 1960 it was recommended that the Valley Council meet in the Valley Service with the Valley Fellowship. Women's Union of the Fellowship agreed with separate business sessions.

In the spring of 1961 seven of our women of the Valley attended a local rally in Hillsboro at the Hillsboro Hotel. Mrs. H. C. Baker was the guest speaker. On October 22, 1961 at the Hillsboro Conference held at the Hillsboro Hotel with the Valley Fellowship. Officers of the Hillsboro Women's Union were Mrs. F. C. Baker, District and Valley Service. The Hillsboro Women's Union and the Hillsboro Women's Union of the Hillsboro Hotel.

PRESIDENTS

Mrs. W. T. Walters---1912-1920  
 117-36th St. South  
 St. Petersburg, 11, Florida

Mrs. Boyd Richards--1921-1923

Miss Verdie Showalter--1924-1926  
 1411 Patrick Henry Drive  
 Falls Church, Va.

Mrs. Boyd Richards---1927  
 Mrs. R. A. Larrick--1928-1929

Miss Ora Scott--1930-----Deceased

Mrs. A. W. Andes--1931-1933  
 Park View  
 Harrisonburg, Va.

Mrs. B. J. Earp--1934--(She moved away before the year  
 was up and the Vice-President--Miss Heleñ Showalter (Mrs. Clyde  
 Miller) served in her place.)

Mrs. K. H. Sale--1935-1939----Deceased

Mrs. A. W. Andes----1940-1941

Mrs. R. A. Whitten--1942-1946

Mrs. J. E. Bryant--1950-1951

Mrs. Cecil Whitlock---1952-1955

Mrs. Tom Good---1956-1959

Mrs. Austin Kipps--1960-1962

VICE-PRESIDENTS  
 (years served)

Mrs. J. K. Ruebush-----2  
 Mrs. R. L. Williamson-----1  
 Mrs. B. J. Earp-----1  
 Mrs. W. C. Hook-----2  
 Mrs. A. B. Kendall-----2  
 Miss Ora Scott-----7  
 Mrs. A. W. Andes-----9  
 Mrs. A. F. Kite-----1  
 Miss Ella Pickering-----1  
 Miss Helen Showalter-----1  
 Mrs. S. A. Jenkins-----1  
 Mrs. Lena Rothgeb-----2  
 Mrs. Noah Painter-----1  
 Mrs. G. H. Veazey-----1

MEMBERS

Mrs. W. T. Walters--1915-1920  
115-10th St. South  
St. Petersburg, Fla. Florida

Mrs. John Richards--1921-1923

Mrs. Vera Brown--1924-1926  
1401 Park Road  
Falls Church, Va.

Mrs. Roy Williams--1927

Mrs. E. A. Hartick--1928-1929

Mrs. E. G. Foster--1930--Deceased

Mrs. A. W. Adams--1931-1933

Box 104

Washington, Va.

Mrs. E. A. Hartick--1934--(She moved away before the year  
was up and the Vice-President--Miss Helen Dowling (Mrs. Clyde  
Miller) served in her place.)

Mrs. E. H. Rife--1935-1936--Deceased

Mrs. E. W. Anderson--1937-1941

Mrs. M. A. Walker--1942-1946

Mrs. W. A. Brown--1947-1951

Mrs. Cecil Whitlock--1952-1955

Mrs. J. C. Cook--1956-1959

Mrs. Helen Roper--1960-1962

VICE-PRESIDENTS

(years served)

- 1915-1920 Mrs. W. T. Walters
- 1921-1923 Mrs. John Richards
- 1924-1926 Mrs. Vera Brown
- 1927 Mrs. Roy Williams
- 1928-1929 Mrs. E. A. Hartick
- 1930--Deceased Mrs. E. G. Foster
- 1931-1933 Mrs. A. W. Adams
- 1934--(She moved away before the year was up and the Vice-President--Miss Helen Dowling (Mrs. Clyde Miller) served in her place.) Mrs. E. A. Hartick
- 1935-1936--Deceased Mrs. E. H. Rife
- 1937-1941 Mrs. E. W. Anderson
- 1942-1946 Mrs. M. A. Walker
- 1947-1951 Mrs. W. A. Brown
- 1952-1955 Mrs. Cecil Whitlock
- 1956-1959 Mrs. J. C. Cook
- 1960-1962 Mrs. Helen Roper

Vice-Presidents Continued

Mrs. S. E. Madren-----	1
Mrs. R. A. Whitten-----	5
Mrs. E. J. Rohart-----	6
Mrs. Tom Good-----	2
Mrs. Shirley White-----	3

SECRETARIES

(years served)

Mrs. H. C. O. Martz-----	3
Mrs. Mabel Liskey-----	1
Mrs. L. C. Fultz-----	1
Mrs. E. D. Chapman-----	1
Mrs. J. E. W. Bryant-----	2
Mrs. B. F. Frank-----	19
Miss Helen Showalter-----	8
Miss Clarene Andes-----	1
Mrs. Howard Hensley-----	4
Mrs. Austin Kipps-----	4
Mrs. Shirley White-----	4
Mrs. Tom Good-----	1
Mrs. Bland Leebrick-----	1

TREASURER

(years served)

Mrs. B. F. Frank-----	6
Miss Verdie Showalter-----	20
Mrs. R. A. Larrick-----	4
Mrs. Boyd Richards-----	1
Mrs. Noah Painter-----	7
Mrs. H. F. Nelson-----	2
Mrs. J. E. Bryant-----	4
Mrs. Stella Liskey-----	5
Mrs. Violet Hosaflook-----	1

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to the Women of the Valley Virginia Central Conference who have helped to carry on the Mission work of the church the past fifty years. Several of the women who served on the first Missionary Board in 1912 are still living and very active in the Women's Fellowship today. We are grateful to these women who first saw the need and did something about it.

Through the contents of this book you will see the work that has been accomplished the past year and the years preceding. Please read each report carefully. I appreciate very much the cooperation you have given me.

Since we are now the "United Church of Christ," our work will be combined with the laymen to form the United Church Council for Lay Life and Work. May we be Partners With God in this new venture and pray that he will help us to Create and Renew the Church.

Wife-Prayer and Continued

- 1 Mrs. E. E. Henderson
- 2 Mrs. A. A. Henderson
- 3 Mrs. J. J. Henderson
- 4 Mrs. Tom Gordon
- 5 Mrs. Emily White

SECRETARIES

(years served)

- 1 Mrs. E. E. Henderson
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- 13 Mrs. J. J. Henderson
- 14 Mrs. Tom Gordon
- 15 Mrs. Emily White

TREASURERS

(years served)

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PROCEEDINGS MESSAGE

Contributions to the work of the Valley Virginia Central Conference who have helped to carry on the mission work of the church the past fifty years. Some of the women who served on the first Missionary Board in 1855 are still living and very active in the church. It is a privilege to have these women who first saw the need of a mission work in this country. The work of this board will see the work that has been accomplished the past year and the years preceding. Please read each year's bulletin. It contains very much the cooperation you have given us.

There are two new "Widow's Bands of Grace," our work will be combined with the former under the name of the "Widow's Band of Grace" and work. We are preparing to hold in this new venture and pray that he will help us to create and renew the Church.

## HISTORIAN REPORT 1961-62

On August 10, 1961, the boards of the Women's Fellowship and the Women's Guild, met in the Bethlehem church to make plans for the first joint meeting together. The meeting was planned for October 25th., 10:00 at the Bethlehem Church.

The theme for the day was "Creating and Renewing the Church." Workshops of the six departments were held, the leaders being the department chairman from the Guild and Fellowship. Mrs. Alfred Barthlemew and Mrs. F. C. Lester were the speakers.

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Mrs. Kermit Kibler, Chairman

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presidents met at New Valley Central Church  
to make plans for conference.

On October 4 1963 Our Fall Conference will be  
with the Bethel Church . Miss Katy Wilcox, a  
retired Missionary from China will be the speaker,  
Mrs. R. M. Kimball, president of Southern  
Convention Womens, Fellowship, Mrs, Kenneth  
Register, will be on the program.

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On April 17, 1964, the valley Central Church entertained the Spring Rally "The theme The Growing Christian in our Changing Culture." Mrs Richard Jackson , a return missionary from China, was guest speaker, Mrs Robert ~~Kinball~~ Kinball , President of Southern Convention Womens Fellowship and Mrs. Kenneth Register. First Vice\_President, spoke of the Bible study for the year and the summer conference at Elon.

The afernoon Rev. Mark Andes and Rev. L. Bill Simmons gave us a presentation on proposed Sourthern coference and the proposed Central Atlantic conference of the United Church of Christ.

On September 1, 1964, the Board Metting was held at Valley Central Chmrch to make plans for Fall Conference to be held at Antioch Church October 2. The guest speaker will be Bishop Marciano Evangelista, from Phillipines, and Mrs Robert Kinball , frome Noth Carolina.

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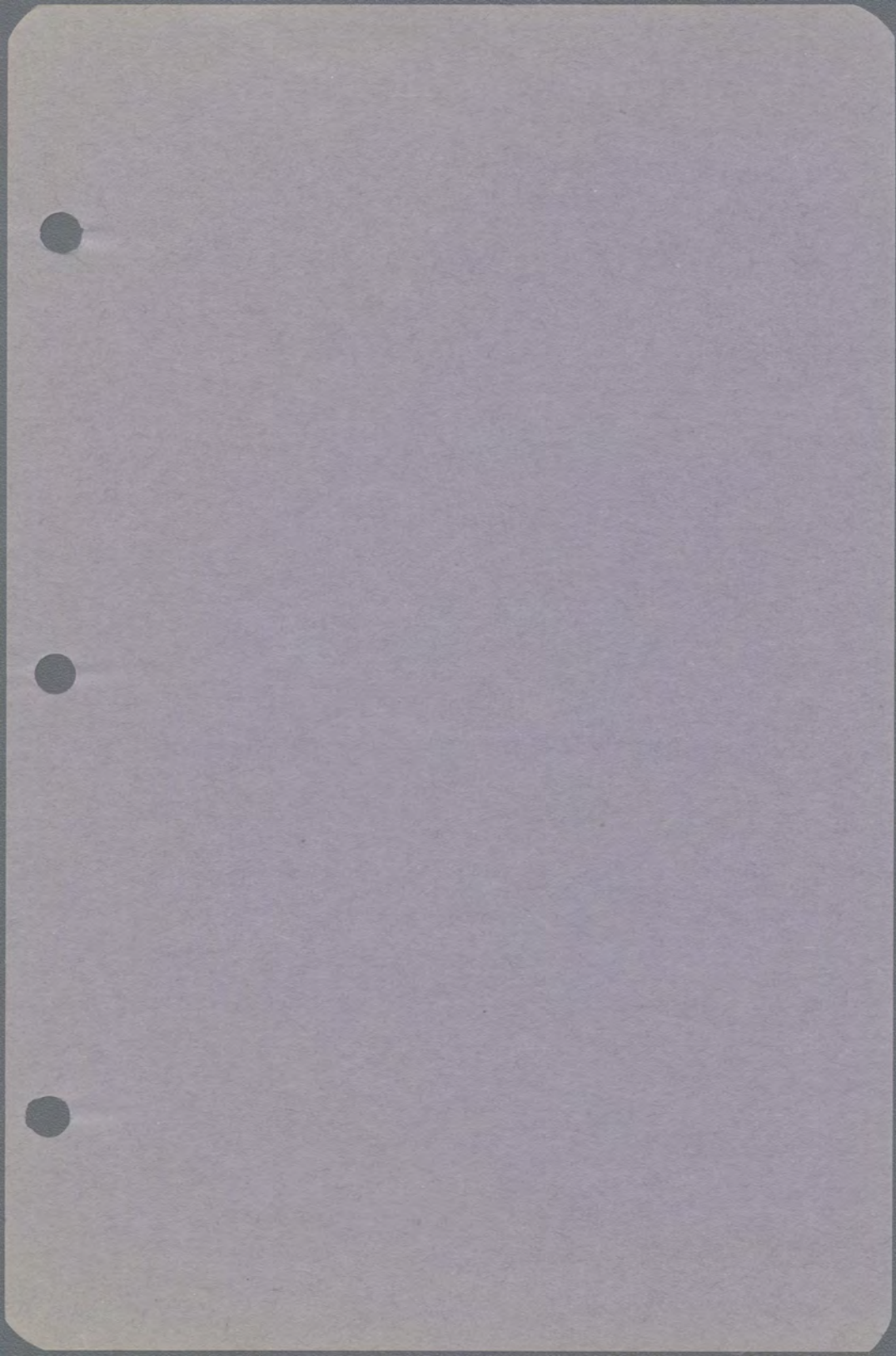
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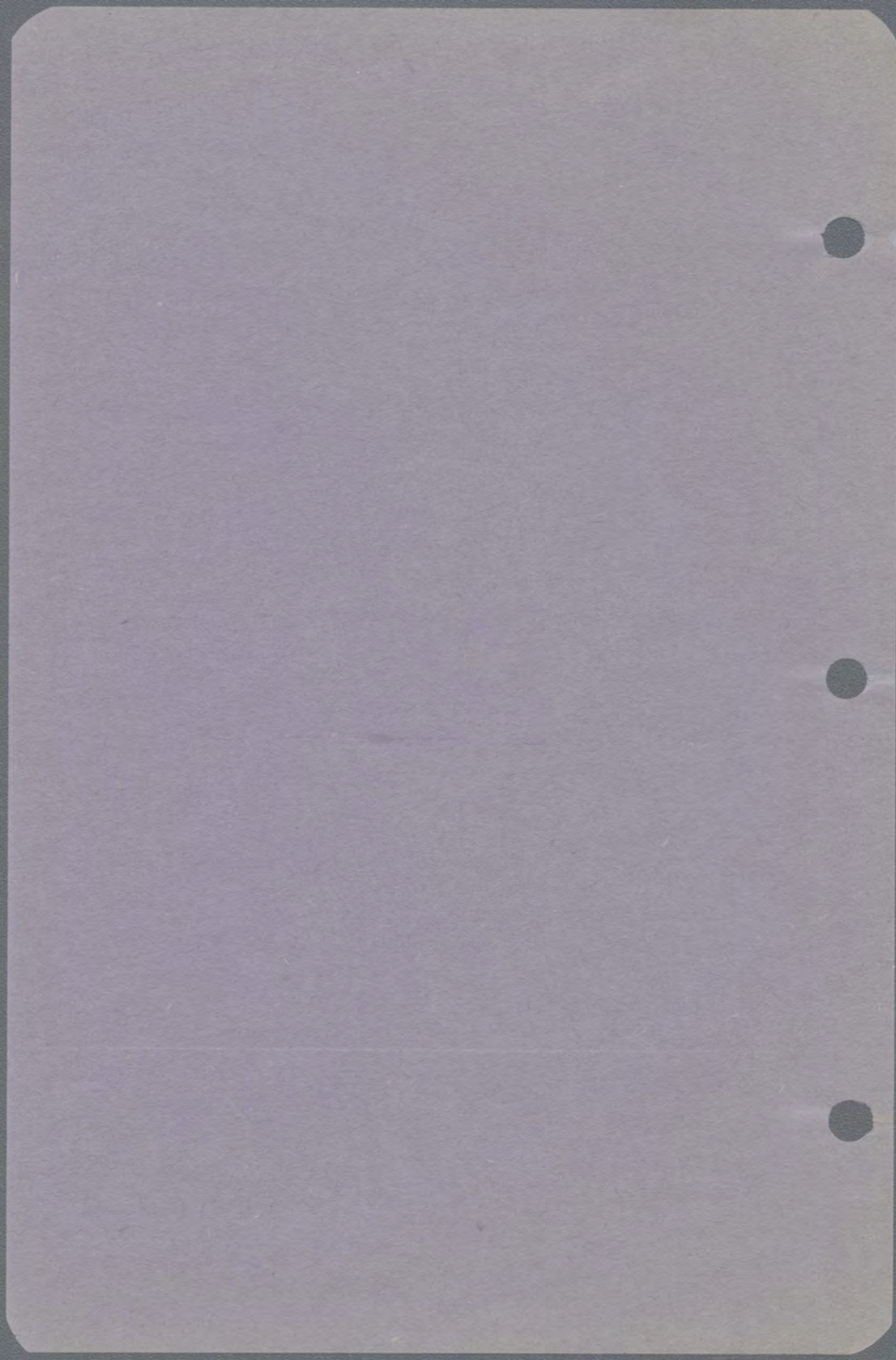
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
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