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Daughters of Wesley Group

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Three Pages from Mary Journal

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As we continue through "Memory Lane" I recall about 1918 there was a movement in our Church and Sunday School to have all the adult classes to become organized under the Wesleyan Federation. Our pastor's wife, Mrs. Gaines, invited Mrs. Marshall and Class to meet with her at the parsonage and discuss this new plan. There was a large meeting that night, and I wish I recall all members who were there but can not. Mrs. Gaines explained to us what would have to be done, re-organize draw up rules & by-laws & elect new officers, which we did, Mrs. Marshall, teacher Mary McKim Turner - President, Bevie Zachary, 1st President, Elizabeth Musson Scott Secy, I think she also served as Treas. We chose the name Daughters of Wesley, Class Motto Service Class Colors Purple & Gold, Class Flower Some time later we were granted a charter from the Wesleyan Federation, we knew then we were the Daughters of Wesley.

Another great event was forming out our Church, to replace our little place of worship with a more modern building. With the help of our teacher, Mrs. Marshall all the "Daughters" put their heads together to see what we could do to raise money for the new Church.

Our first undertaking was a bazaar and after supper, held in the building now occupied by Sears-Roebuck Co. We were proud

of our just money.

Soon after that the class was upset over the news of our beloved teacher, Mrs. Marshall leaving us, moving to another state. Mrs. Marshall had been such a wonderful teacher & a real true friend, we felt there could never be another one for us. Looking in the faces of our Church members we found just the one we were looking for, a precious soul, true and faithful to us to the end our second teacher, Mrs. J. D. Roberts, mother of Mrs. Ernest Gounley. The class grew to love honor, & depend on Mrs. Roberts, she was always willing and most helpful at all times. Under Mrs. Roberts we continued our aim to help all manner & also to do all we could for the building fund.

When the Church building was on the up grade, the pipe organ became our "Baby" We began having bazaars, turkey dinners, cook food and rummage sales. We were granted one Sunday each month to stand at the Church doors and take a free will offering, this was known as "Pipe organ Sunday". We also had quite a few members that made monthly donations to this fund. One spring each class member was given 50 cts. by the president to see how much we could make and turn back to the class on Easter Sunday. Around \$200.00 was made from this project. Have know our treasurer to give her report with a balance

in the bank of \$1,500⁰⁰.

During the building of the new Church
Sunday School and Church services
were held in the theatre building
corner of Magnolia & Second St. All
services ^{were held there} for then we did not have picture
shows on Sunday.

We were given the promise of selecting
our class room which is the one we
now occupy. Through our efforts it was
completed and furnished. We also made
a donation to the Mettinger window and
presented Mr. Mettinger a gold watch when
he retired & moved to Jacksonville.

Around Oct. 1916 there was a Wesleyan
meeting held in Ucala, Florida, Mrs. Robert
Edizabette M. Scott and I represented the
daughters of Wesley at this meeting.

We must not overlook our other teachers
who were just as faithful and helpful
as our first two teachers, Mrs. B. B. Chappell
Mrs. H. B. McCall, Mrs. S. E. Jones, Mrs. E. C. Williams
Mrs. Robert Cole, Mrs. C. B. Wain, Miss Thelma
Hammond and our own Lily Farnsworth
& Linholm.

As I go down "Dunwoody Lane" from 1912-1957
39 years I find the daughters of Wesley
have tried through these years to live
up to their motto of "Service"