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Taking Our Place In The National Association

For the past year the president has been working toward the arousing of more interest in, and larger participation with the National Association of Clubs. In the earlier days of our state organization, our interest in national membership, our support of the aims and projects of the parent body, our desire for worthy representation and participation in the executive area of its work, were all much keener; and all these were manifested more creditably, we confess, than they have been in these later years. Heretofore, our own state projects, we have said, seriously needed all our strength; and indeed, we have not yet succeeded in securing full support for our Project for the Blind, our Scholarship Fund, nor have we secured one hundred per cent payment of State association membership dues, this latter, a requirement initiated upon the adoption of our new constitution. However, if we are to become reputable members of the outstanding National Association, we must pay national dues, and report the amount accurately according to our local club membership. We have been sending an affiliation fee of fifty dollars; but our membership dues, if properly paid, would amount to more than that, and no individual member would thereby suffer any extreme poverty; but on the other hand would have the consciousness of contributing to the progress and development of one of the finest organizations of women in the world.

As we renew our work in our local clubs for the incoming year, as we return from this annual meeting and plan for improvement in all of our projects; let every leader, every delegate, every club woman, resolve to become a member of the national, to pay national dues and try to help support national projects. Set a time for collecting national dues, and include in your programs information on the life and achievements of our great women leaders, our Negro institutions, our national projects and enterprises. The desire to honor our leaders and to support these worthy causes will increase accordingly.

We are trying to set up in our own state federation, some of the departments sim-

Apartheid

Many of our club women remember with great pleasure having heard Mrs. Madie Hall Xuma of Johannesburg, South Africa when she addressed our Convention in Statesville in 1948 and again in Shelby in 1951. In each lecture, among other things Mrs. Xuma described the political and social situation that was distressing the South African native people at that time. It is for us now, a serious reflection that some of the fears that Mrs. Xuma expressed then have very sadly come to pass; for over the radio, through television, and newspapers reports have come to us describing the removal of the native people to a segregated town. Dr. and Mrs. Xuma like 60,000 other non-whites are under government orders to move outside the city 14 miles away to a designated segregated town. Johannesburg issued its final decree against natives living anywhere in close proximity to the white population, and the decree was enforced.

Mrs. Xuma was Miss Madie Beatrice Hall of Winston-Salem, daughter of a prominent physician. She met Dr. Alfred Xuma while she was a student at Columbia University. Together for fifteen years they have worked together in South Africa where Mrs. Xuma organized clubs for the uplift of the native women, promoted the YWCA and worked among the people generally as one of the useful women in Johannesburg; while her husband one of the best qualified Negro medical doctors in the city has served not only the members of his own race, but many white persons as well. Activity in his practice did not preclude leadership in other areas for Dr. Xuma. For nine years 1940-1949 he served as president of the African National Congress—an organization which is now the largest political group among the native people.

To Dr. and Mrs. Xuma our club women express their regret that such useful persons are forced to give up a comfortable home and pleasant surroundings. As they face what must be a most painful situation, we wish them to know that over here we are thinking of them and praying that God may overrule all their unhappiness and displeasure for His eternal good. The world is not standing still. Truth, justice and right have always conquered and will conquer over there; for God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform" and "He standeth now within the shadows, keeping watch above His own."

ilar to those set up by the National Association. Directors of these departments have been selected already, and soon we shall be gathering sufficient inspiration from their reports for projecting our interest into other departments.

The following ladies have accepted the
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Something New Has Been Added

Dear Hobbyists:

Yes indeed—we will have our Hobby Show again this year and are sure your group will be well represented when the hobbies are displayed. Some have asked about hobbies they brought last year, but let's look at it this way: if crocheting was your hobby last year, it most certainly is your hobby this year. One does not change hobbies with the seasons or years. So bring or send what you have to Concord, so we can have a big show.

The new wrinkle is a SALE. Each member of the Federation is asked to bring or send something to the meeting, May 13, 14, 15, which can be sold for the benefit of the Federation. Do not send anything to be sold for yourself. This will be a gift to the Federation, so let us have whatever you have to offer: canned fruits, vegetables, jellies, handiwork, aprons, anything for which we can get a sale.

The purpose of the sale is to help take care of minor expenses of the Federation meeting such as janitor service, postage, telegrams, etc. Please do your bit by sending us something to sell. All money will be carefully accounted for and turned over to the treasurer of the Federation.

Sincerely yours,

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OUR DISTINGUISHED GUEST

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Chicago; and is the first time a member of the Negro race has led the ticket in either Party in the City of Chicago.

For this achievement Mrs. Gaines was recently awarded the citation of the "Woman of the Year" by the Chicago and Northern District Association of Colored Women.

Mrs. Gaines is a Steward of Bethel A.M.E. Church. She is the President of the Maude E. Smith Day Nursery Association, one of the few interracial Nurseries in Chicago. She is a member of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and an honorary member of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority.

She serves as guest speaker for numerous churches, organizations in Chicago and the State of Illinois, as well as other sections of the country. She now gives her full time to community services as a Volunteer.