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**AT DISTRICT MEETING**—Mrs. L. J. Bost, vice-president Southwestern District Federation of Negro Women's Clubs; Mrs. Rose D. Aggrey, president, North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs; Mrs. Maggie L. Jones, vice-president, North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs; Miss E. A. Bridges, president, Southwestern District Federation of Negro Women's Clubs; and John R. Larkin, Consultant, North Carolina Department of Public Welfare.

## 300 Persons Attend Work Conference of the Southwestern District Under Direction of Miss Ezra A. Bridges

Children Born Out of Wedlock became a major concern of more than 300 representatives of the Southwestern District Federation of Negro Women's Clubs at their first annual Work Conference held Sunday afternoon at the Cleveland Training School.

John R. Larkin, consultant, North Carolina Department of Public Welfare, pointed up illegitimacy, as the state's No. 1 problem at present, and urged all clubs in the various communities to lend a hand in the solution.

The following areas were explored in a discussion period which followed the opening session: race improvement through planned motherhood, with Miss Thelma McVea, home agent and Mrs. Dora Humphrey, supervisor of Gaston County Schools as leaders; better observance of the Sabbath, Mrs. A. E. Hayley, Concord; the ballot, its uses and advantages, the Rev. George Leak, pastor of Waddell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church; principles of democratic living, Clarence Palmer, director of Holly Oak Park; what can be

done to promote the work of the Southwestern District Federation, Mrs. E. B. Baucum, Concord; and U. G. Whitworth, coordinator, Shelby.

Mrs. Rose D. Aggrey, president, North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs, stated clearly the objectives of the Southwestern District Federation, and urged others who desired to join in an expansion movement.

Other participants included, James D. Hoskins and Mrs. S. T. Enloe, extending words of welcome, Mrs. Maggie L. Jones, vice-president of the North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs, Asheville, Miss E. A. Bridges, president, and Mrs. L. J. Bost, vice-president, presiding and Mrs. L. B. Gibson, chaplain.

A social hour planned by members of the Good Samaritan Club, Shelby, with the Altruistic Club, Cherryville, was enjoyed at the close of the session.

Other clubs assisting were the Woman's Club, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church; the

## The Regional Convention

By MRS. ESTHER D. MOORE

The Southeastern Association of Colored Women's Clubs held its eighteenth biennial session in Asheville, North Carolina. This Association is composed of local and state clubs of Alabama, Virginia, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi, Florida, Arkansas, and North Carolina. The motto of this organization is "Lifting as We Climb"; and its objectives are: constructive citizenship, inter-racial cooperation, and intensive organization. Among its pioneers are such outstanding leaders as Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown of Sedalia, N. C.; and the late Dr. Mary McCleod Bethune, of Daytona, Florida.

The theme for the Convention was: "United We Work for a Better World", and the large delegation that attended the four-day sessions worked earnestly on plans for implementing the theme in the clubs comprising the Southeastern Regional Association.

The Allen High School, the Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A. buildings were thrown open for general assembly and committee meeting purposes. The City Auditorium was generously given to the Convention for the Sunday afternoon Mass Meeting. At this session the Mayor, Earl W. Eller welcomed the delegates to the city, and remained throughout the exercises. Mrs. Isabelle R. Jones of Asheville presided; Mrs. Wanser I. Webb of Norfolk responded to the various welcome addresses, and Mrs. Ora Stokes Perry of Kansas City, Mo. guest speaker, delivered the principal address using as her subject "The Leaven in the Bread".

Mrs. Stokes Perry urged the women to strengthen their organizations; to seek constantly the solution to the problems confronting the race; to work for the removal of obstacles that hinder the progress of the entire nation. She pointed out that by raising the cultural and edu-

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Green Thumb Garden Club, and Needy Family Club.

Representatives at the meeting included Salisbury, Concord, Kannapolis, Asheville, Cherryville, Hickory, Belmont, Ellenboro, and Shelby.

Music was rendered by the school glee club directed by Mrs. M. K. Pass, the Waddell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church choir, Miss M. E. Jones and the Cleveland School band by J. B. Jordan.