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President Reports on N. A. C. W. C. Actions

Representing our North Carolina State Federation of Negro Women's Clubs at the 31st Biennial Convention and the 62nd Anniversary of National Association of Colored Women's Clubs held at Shelton Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Mich., July 27-August 2 was an untold pleasure and one for which there is a deep sense of gratitude.

Sharing the honor and helping in every possible way on the trip and at the convention were our own Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Collins of Smithfield, Mrs. F. T. Newsome of Rich Square, Mrs. Ammie Foster of Pinehurst and Mrs. Catherine Marks who formerly lived in Sanatorium, N. C. and now in Boston, Mass.

Welcoming the delegates and visitors of the Convention in the Grand Ball Room of the hotel included a special program and presentation of several city officials, honorary presidents of the Association and others.

After an Executive Board meeting the convention began, using as a theme "Together we work for a better world" with Mrs. Harris B. Gains, president, presiding. Interest and activities increased daily as sessions began at 9:30 a.m. and often continued into the evening with special activities at night for the more than five hundred regular voting delegates, visitors and observers bringing the attendance to more than 1,000.

Among speakers of note were Dr. Frank C. Laubach, honorary president of the Laubach Lit-



LEFT TO RIGHT—Mrs. Alice Collins, Smithfield, financial secretary, N. C. Federation; Mrs. Mocile Spellman, Elizabeth City, president, N. C. Federation; Mrs. Fannie T. Newsome, Rich Square, editor, Federation Journal; Mrs. Ammie Foster, Pinehurst, member, N. C. Executive Board.

erary and Mission Fund who emphasized the theme of the Convention and made a plea for those who were descendants of slaves to help effect better understanding between the white and darker races of the world. His quiet manner of delivery so affected the audience that at the end more than \$2,000.00 was subscribed and more than \$700.00 of the amount paid in cash to support the work on improving conditions among the darker races.

Other speakers included Hon. B. C. Cyrus, President of the Victory Mutual Life Insurance Co., Rev. George Garner, III, Mrs. Ada S. Mucklestone, Director of Women's Activities in Federal Civil Defense, Dr. B. H. Fox, Dept. of Health Education and
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A Trip To Remember

I want to express my thanks to our President Mrs. Spellman, the official delegate, for her invitation to attend the 31st Biennial Convention of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs in Detroit, Mich., July 27-August 2. I shall always prize the trip and the experiences there. It was a two day motor trip over the modern highways of N. C., Va., West Va., Maryland, Penn., Ohio and Michigan. The scenery was most beautiful. There was an opportunity to meet old and new friends both of Detroit and many other points of the country. I had the pleasure of visiting with two friends, one I had not seen in 20 years and the other in 13 years. You can just imagine how much there was to talk about and to see in their lovely homes there.

The convention was held in the beautiful Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, right there in the heart of the business section of Detroit.

The convention opened with a reception on Friday night by women of churches of Detroit, and then on Saturday we attended the Executive Board meeting of which Mrs. Spellman is a member. Mrs. Ruby S. Lyles of Mississippi presided as chairman. She is President of Southeastern District Association. Mrs. Louella H. Gaff of Virginia was Secretary of the board and she is the newly elected chairman Executive Board.

Monday morning, July 28 came the formal opening of the convention that continued until Friday, August 1. More than 1,000 women assembled from the five regions of this country. Each of the regional organizations has the responsibility of both interpreting and promoting the National program in the respective states and to aid in the advancement of progress thereof.

Executive Board Meeting

September 20—YWCA—Durham. The president is calling an important board meeting. The hour is 12:00 noon. We are facing an important new year and our best thinking is needed.

The preamble of the National Association was evidenced by the committee planning the program. We, the colored Women of the U. S. of America, realizing the necessity for organized and systematic effort to promote the general welfare of our people and to furnish evidence of our moral, intellectual and material strength and progress do hereby unite into a national organization."

The theme of this 31st biennial, "Together We Work For A Better World" sets forth a challenge for all the world.

The keynoter Dr. Frank C. Laubach
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PLAQUE PRESENTED—N.A.A.C.P. Life Membership Plaque presented during 49th Convention by Mr. McClean, field representative of Winston-Salem. President Spellman receives plaque in absence of Mrs. Aggrey.