

# 49th Annual Meeting Minutes Report Actions

The 49th annual session of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs assembled at the Franklinton Center, Bricks, N. C., June 6, at 10:30 a. m. with Mrs. Ethel Hines in charge. A most inspiring devotion was led by the chaplain, Mrs. Beulah Perrin. A stillness permeated the audience.

Choice words of greetings were given by the cochairman of the host committee, Mrs. Sarah S. Leonard. Her voice was calm and her expression gave one to know that it was a sincere welcome that she was extending.

The assistant musician, Mrs. L. E. Duers, spared no time in furnishing appropriate music whenever necessary throughout the entire convention, which we all enjoyed and appreciated.

The president's message was received graciously by the applause from the audience. It wasn't too long, but warm words of appreciation of what had been done and encouraging words to continue.

The organizers of both the seniors and juniors were most encouraging, and from reports of the clubs organized and other expressions given during the sessions proved that they are doing a swell job. A request by them was made, however, asking that some type of identification be given them in the form of materials, objectives, purpose and that sort of thing.

The committee on scholarship expressed a growing need of funds if they continue the project; that applications are increasing; that the girls being helped had proved themselves worthy, and that more emphasis should be placed on that part of our program. This report aroused the thinking of the convention, so an idea was accepted by the board that to help bridge the present gap a public offering be taken. This was done in the evening session Friday. The response was very good.

The district presidents' reports made all present feel that a good job was being done, but that they were able to find but few labors. That we need more sincere people to put the job over.

Mrs. L. V. Merrick spared no time in stating the joy being given to the blind who were receiving the Braille Magazine. Here again our funds were too limited to increase the circulation which is badly needed. She encouraged those listening to try to help the people at home see the help and good they would do in making a blind person happy. She expressed that more funds would be provided.

Recommendations of the Executive Board and the appointing of various committees ended a most interesting and uplifting session.

At 1:30 p. m. Mrs. Maggie Jones called the second session to order, and here again the convention musician proved herself faithful to

the task assigned to her. After several selections, reports of the clubs throughout the state were called for. Enthusiasm ran high with anxiety, for the ladies were happy to tell of the work they were doing, and of having the organizers come and be with them in their meetings. They stated that it meant much to have them. Facial expression and action gave one to know that the ladies were bubbling over within to tell of the many things they were doing.

"The Power of Organized Women in the Community" was the subject for discussion in the workshop. A summary of the workshop is also given in this issue of the Journal.

Our most capable editor, Mrs. Fannie T. Newsome, presided at the 7:45 meeting Friday evening with promptness and poise. The devotion gave a beautiful setting for the program to follow.

Greetings from the entertaining clubs by Mrs. S. N. Cooper of Ahsokie gave all to know that the planning and the work to make the convention had been a pleasure and with the smoothness in which the convention moved we knew that many hours of hard work had been spent.

Rev. King, director of the Center, in his words of welcome gave a bit of information concerning the Center. He stated that there were 1195½ acres of land in the tract which was given for the purpose in which it was being used. This was given by a Philadelphia lady many years ago and was once used as a school, but through the years it has undergone many changes and is being used for club work, church work, both white and colored, and for camping and many other types of organizations where people assemble to discuss problems for world betterment.

Greetings from the host school and business were given by Mr. W. R. Collins and Mr. W. M. T. Grimes. One stated that the NAACP was the one organization next to the church and school that is helping our boys and girls.

Guest speaker was Mrs. Irma Thompson of Newport News, Va.

In the absence of Mr. Kelly Alexander, District President of the NAACP, Mr. Charles McClain, field worker of the NAACP, made the presentation. In presenting the Life Membership Certificate to the convention, he also presented a personal check of \$25 to the convention for the scholarship fund.

At the close of the evening session, the ladies in charge of the social activities adorned in their lovely pink and green gracefully, quickly and orderly had the auditorium arranged into an activity room where singing, marching, speaking and other social activities which made an enjoyable event with the ladies in their colorful attire darting about serving from

the beautiful table laden with crdeovus for us to feast upon as we conversed with friends. The social brought the day's work to a close with pleasant memories.

Saturday morning, June 7, at 9:30 a. m., Mrs. L. B. Curtright, presiding, greeted the audience and presented Mrs. E. O. Donoho, who gave the devotion which was most uplifting and prepared us for the day's work. After which time was given in reverence of those passed since the last convention.

At the close of the memorial service, the workshops reassembled to complete the unfinished work of the day before. This was a brief period as the youth were in charge of the 11 o'clock period, and all were anxious to share with them as they are a part of the whole convention. They proved themselves worthy and interested in their work and what the organizers were doing. A representative number was present and took an active part on the program.

The president, Mrs. E. M. Spellman, presided at the business session Saturday evening. Miss Mae D. Holmes, superintendent of the girls' home at Kinston, was unable to be present. However, a representative was present and made the report. She brought with her a well-trained group of girls who rendered an excellent program which explained the work that is being done at the home better than any report in other forms could have done. It showed that both the training and the administration were being well handled.

Mrs. P. R. Brown reported for the boys' home at Hoffman, N. C. The new Rose D. Aggrey building was mentioned. She stated that they were so happy in getting that building, as they were sure it was going to relieve the crowded situation, but to their disappointment they were still crowded and with 56 on the waiting list. They had 310 boys and only a faculty of 47—that they needed help for those boys and that each one could do something if no more than send some magazines, to try to think of them at certain seasons of the year when others were receiving gifts.

Reports were then received from various committees and accepted with gratitude for their work. However, the hobby show committee asked that more clubs take part in the display, that only a few clubs brought articles. The time and place committee was not able to secure an invitation for the 1959 convention. This committee suggested that a standing committee be appointed to contact the clubs throughout the state during the year to secure a place by the next convention, if approved by the body. No action was taken. A place for the convention was left with the Executive Board and the President.

This ended the 1958 convention of the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs.

Approved:

Mrs. E. M. Spellman, President  
A. W. Pridgen, Secretary

## Poems

### Evening Nap

Evening is that special time . . .  
Not ever soon or late . . . It is the  
bridge from day to night . . . On  
which to meditate . . . It is the  
passageway that leads . . . From  
daily work to rest . . . With  
peace and comfort and perhaps  
. . . The pleasure of a guest . . .  
That quiet hour of reprieve . . .  
From every business care . . .  
When you embrace your family  
. . . And favorite easy chair . . .  
When weariness is oozing out . . .  
Of every pore and vein . . . And  
as you start to nap, each loss . . .  
Becomes another gain . . . And  
just before you fall asleep . . .  
You see your sweetheart smile  
. . . And tell yourself the evening  
nap . . . Makes everything worth  
while.

### As We Are One

When you and I were wed, my  
love . . . It never dawned on me  
. . . How much two persons could  
become . . . One personality . . .  
I thought I loved you for your  
charm . . . Of physical design  
. . . And all the glances and the  
smiles . . . I longed to claim as  
mine . . . But I discovered I be-  
came . . . As much a part of you  
. . . And in the final picture we  
. . . Were one instead of two . . .  
I mean, I really love you for . . .  
The way you think and feel . . .  
Your mind and soul, instead of  
just . . . Your sensual appeal . . .  
And every night until the dawn  
. . . And to the setting sun . . . I  
give my heartfelt thanks to God  
. . . That we are truly one.

### Mortar of Life

My failures make me shudder,  
but . . . They give me courage  
too . . . And frequently inspire  
me . . . In what I strive to do  
. . . Because I know that most  
success . . . Is built upon mis-  
takes . . . And only perseverance  
will . . . Provide the needed  
breaks . . . I have to keep my  
spirits high . . . To gain the  
smallest crown . . . And get up  
on my feet again . . . Whenever I  
fall down . . . My failures fright-  
en me as they . . . Pile up along  
my shelf . . . But well I know  
that I must not . . . Feel sorry  
for myself . . . Cement must  
have its gravel for . . . A house  
of stones and bricks . . . Success  
must have its failures to . . .  
Provide the proper mix.