

# Golden Anniversary Issue

## Message From Our President

Greetings to all Club Ladies and Friends:

My simple message to you could not conscientiously begin without first giving thanks to our Maker for preserving us and enabling us to go about our many many duties. To my knowledge several of our ladies have suffered because of illness or accidents but we are still grateful that they too survived. There may be those who have left our ranks for the world beyond. We are still grateful that they had lived among us, cast their shadows and made impressions worthy of emulation.

My next thought is of the hundreds of you who have been loyal to your club work in your community and beyond it for truly your influence has been felt in many ways since last we met. For each of you I offer prayers for your continued success and interest in the work of, "Lifting as we Climb."

You will surely be interested in activities connected with our State Federation since our annual meeting at Bricks, N. C. Claiming most  
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MRS. VIVIAN MASON

Guest speaker for Golden Anniversary Banquet, May 14, at 8 p.m. in Wilson, N. C.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the N. C. Federation of Negro Women's Clubs will be observed at the

next Convention, to convene May 14, 15 and 16 as guest of Wilson City Federation.

Mrs. Mason, a resident of Norfolk, Va., was born in Wilkes-  
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## 'Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow'

(Guest Editorial)

By J. R. LARKINS, Consultant  
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The 50th Anniversary of the North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs will be a historic event in North Carolina. It is an exciting and thrilling time. An anniversary usually brings forth celebration, dedication and perpetuation. There are two things which may be done in observation of an anniversary: (1) Look back over the years and ascertain what has been done, and (2) Assess the past achievements, analyze the present program, and formulate a program designed for the future.

Fifty years ago a small group of women realized the need to improve the plight of their people. This brave and far-sighted group of socially conscious women were pioneers in a great social movement. It was their love for the American tradition that led them in this movement — "Lifting As We Climb." It is the tradition of  
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Theme: "Woman's Role in World-wide Brotherhood and Peace."

The Executive Board made final plans on February 28th for the 50th Convention on North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs.

The City Federation of Women's Clubs of Wilson, North Carolina, will be our host, with Mrs. Norma Darden as chairman and Mrs. Annie Johnson cochairman.

Date—May 14, 15, and 16, 1959.

Place—Darden High School.

Registration, Thursday, May 14th—4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 15th—9:30 a.m. until.

Events—

1. Golden Banquet  
Thursday Night

May 14th at 8:00 p.m.

Darden High School Cafeteria  
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**50TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING COMMITTEE**—Seated, left to right, Mrs. Edna Taylor, Pinehurst; Mrs. Susie Jones, Bennett College; Mrs. C. L. Singleton, Elizabeth City; Mrs. F. T. Newsome, Rich Square, chairman; Mrs. M. N. Leitao, Kinston; Mrs. Alice Collins, Smithfield; Mrs. A. L. Murphy, Asheville. Standing, left to right, Mrs. Thelma Henley, Fayetteville; Mrs. Jennie Enloe, Shelby; Mr. John R. Larkins, Raleigh; Mrs. Leola Allen, Asheville; Mrs. Fannie Kilpatrick, Asheville. Not shown in picture: Mrs. Doris Pope, Rich Square; Mrs. Sarah Leonard, Rocky Mount; Mrs. Alice Jones, Raleigh; Mrs. E. O. Donaho, Winston-Salem.