

Larkins Addresses Virginia Group at Charlottesville

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SPEAKER TELLS DELEGATES
The Virginia State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs has met the challenge of social change through "sacrificial and dedicated service," and with "dignity and courage," said J. R. Larkins in addressing the organization conference in Charlottesville, Va., on June 30.

Speaking on the meeting theme, "Virginia Women Meet the Challenge of Social Change," Mr. Larkins turned back the pages to yesteryear, remembering how things were in the early 1900's, when the Federation was in its infancy.

LOOKING BACK on the unpaved highways, small cities and towns, scarcity of electricity, and the trolley car and horse as a means of transportation, Mr. Larkins pointed out the contrasts between life then and now, and the social changes that have since occurred.

In line with this, he referred to the revolution of the automobile and its effect on the living habits of people, the advancement of women, in particular colored women, both educationally, socially and economically. He told how the past World Wars have affected changes, and of the struggle for equality and independence currently erupting throughout different parts of the world.

"**THE MAJORITY OF** these changes are the result of inventions and discoveries," he said, and both "have influenced the relationships, lives and patterns of living of people around the world . . . and have been responsible for the improvement in the status of all women," he continued.

As to the part the Federation has played in these major social changes, Mr. Larkins stated, "the women of Virginia have met the challenge of social change and have been responsible for the initiating and accelerating of change in many areas."

"**I KNOW OF** no individuals who have done more to improve human relations than the Negro women of the South," he went on. "This they have done through patience, hard work and tolerance of other people's shortcomings."

Mr. Larkins, Consultant to the North Carolina State Department of Public Welfare, addressed the gathering on Tuesday, June 30.

Other activities during the three day meeting at Jefferson school included a discussion on the topic, "Interpreting Our Educational Needs," by panelists Dr. Thomas H. Henderson, Virginia Union University; Miss Gertrude Perry, di-

rector, School for "Norfolk 17"; and Alfred K. Talbot, Jr., Williamsburg, president, Virginia Conference of Virginia Parents-Teachers. Also, business sessions, an executive board meeting, and a sightseeing trip to Skyline Drive.

European Tour By Mrs. Pridgen

Many of our women are touring and studying in Europe during their summer vacations. They find it thrilling, relaxing and informative.

Mrs. Esther D. Moore of Hickory has just returned from a study called "Education and Society." She will brief us on her six weeks seminar in a later issue of the Journal. The following are bits of a report from our Federation Secretary, Mrs. A. W. Pridgen of Raeford, N. C. She toured Europe during the summer of 1958. This reached us too late for the last Journal.

"As a child in elementary school studying history, the story of Columbus sailing the seas, discovering of America and making a lot of trips in and around Venice, Spain, Genoa and Portugal made me wonder if it were all a fairy tale, so, when the opportunity came and I could visit Italy my first thoughts were to go to see a reality.

After making the trips and arriving in Rome we were shown the map that guided Columbus to this great America. I was amazed. Yes, I've long realized that the story was not a fairy tale but to see it made a difference. I stood in amazement knowing I was seeing the map used in 1492. Yes it meant much to me, I now say as Kelly Miller said in one of his writings "I've seen, and am satisfied."

Yes, to have visited Rome, a city of many Biblical incidents, first the memorial house of prayer that many a woman knelt in asking God for the children when they seemed to have been barren, a building that thousands of tourist view each year and are told the same story. It has been told for thousands of years to people from all parts of the world, a house that causes one to wonder about the handiwork of God.

Then to move to another Sanctuary known as the Church of Christ there you entered a steep stairway with people climbing on their knees and offering a prayer on each step. These steps are steps
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Youth Corner

Junior President's Message

Greetings to the senior as well as junior members of the Women's Federation of Clubs.

It has indeed been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your president during the year 1958-59. The progress has been gratifying. Thanks to the many members and friends who have given me encouragement, support, cooperation and in a larger sense, directed my steps to the majestic heights of my endeavor.

As we go forth, I hope that our clubs will continue to grow, so that each year will be a crowning year. By your continuous growth, you will be able to encourage more and more clubs to federate; thus strengthening our organization immensely and aiding in the progress of it.

It is my sincere wish that every girl will strive to be of service to humanity. That she will participate in the cultural life of her community and enjoy the arts and share in the scientific advancements of her community. The girls today will be the women of tomorrow and by keeping an open mind and striving to promote a spirit of friendship, unselfishness and devotion, we will play a major role in the betterment of our country.

We must always remember the task that lies ahead of us. Each member has a great responsibility in this time of tension, fear and unrest to promote better womanhood, peace and understanding, not only among ourselves, but throughout the countries of the world.

In moving forward, we mustn't stop there and say that we are satisfied. Progress is impossible if we are satisfied. We must always reach higher to attain bigger and better goals. Speaking of new goals, I would like for all of the clubs connected with the state federation to join the national federation.

Application blanks are available and if any club would like to have one you may drop me a line.

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Date to Remember

The N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs, North Eastern District Meeting will be held in Selma,

CLUBS

Wilson

We were fortunate to organize a junior club in Wilson, N. C., and it was named "The Marion Anderson Young Ladies Civic Club."

The club, under the leadership of Miss B. J. Hodges, Mrs. Sadie Mims, Mrs. S. J. Satchell, your humble servant and others, was successful in achieving many outstanding undertakings. We were happy to have the honor of serving as hostesses to the Junior Federation.

Donna L. Daniels, President
Marion Anderson Jr. Civic Club

Rich Square

La Jeune Fille Club of Rich Square, said "goodbys" and "best wishes" to two of its most active members in mid-September. They shall miss Patrice Boone, club treasurer, and Jeanette Belifield, chairman program committee during the winter months. These girls will be making new friends in College.

Patrice is at N. C. College in Durham and Jeanette at Winston-Salem Teachers College.

Executive Board Recommendations

KINSTON, N. C. — Executive Board meeting, September 12, 1959, approved the following recommendations as related to the work of the Junior Federation.

1. Board of Directors and Officers of the Juniors shall name a finance committee and an advisor to collect dues and fees from clubs during their annual meetings. Said money shall be used for Junior Federation purposes subject to the approval of the Junior Board of Directors.

2. As an activity to stimulate club work, and supplement the Scholarship Fund, it was motioned that the Junior Federation provide a \$100.00 Scholarship annually to the adult body. Plans for club donations to be worked out by Board of Directors.

N. C. A definite date is not known but will be announced later. I am looking forward to seeing all of the clubs represented, for we hope to organize this district of Juniors.