

Mrs. Pridgen's European Tour

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that Jesus walked; therefore, we so value his once presence in person that we humble ourselves for having the privilege of traveling where He trod and we kneel and pray along the way. A most wonderful and beautiful real picture to behold gives you a feeling of the presence of God in all His glory.

We then moved to other scenes and on into a chapel where we were shown the chain that held Paul and Silas in prison when the earthquake came and set them free. In another were the clothes that wrapped Christ when He was placed in the tomb. His foot prints molded in the sand of time are also encased, and protected over the years. And then to the Catacombs where thousands and thousands of people are buried in cement vaults four and five deep. This causes one to appreciate deeply the work of man and the glory of God.

Arriving at the castle built by Louis XIV and as the story goes enjoyed by Louis XV and last by Louis XVI. With its walls adorned with paintings of the greatest painters with chandeliers as brilliant as the sun rays you wonder what is man anyway.

Now we come to the Vatican City which took more than a hundred years to build. St. Peter's the greatest temple of Christianity and for four hundred years the Popes have been enriching it. It is said that the magnificence of this Square and its grandeur cannot be felt or acquired if visited every day for years. On entering the first chapel erected in 1450, is the Sistine Chapel with its tapestries representing the scenes from the Acts of the Apostles, the museum with the martyrdom of St. Alexander and the martyrdom of St. Bartholomew. But let me end the description of the sanctity of this interior and say a word of the exterior. The huge wonderful dome and the stately columns in the midst of a beautiful garden by a stream give you a real picture of indescribable beauty.

A word about Westminster Abbey which was founded by St. Edward the Confessor in 1065 and where you will see the chapel and his Shrine, Henry the VII Shrine and many others, at this particular time this Abbey was being beautified by the cleaning of its marble walls and the shrines. We can't forget Buckingham Palace, the home of the British kings and queens with its six hundred rooms to accommodate the queen in her setting of public work as she plays her part in the life of a constitutional monarchy. Here you could see "All the King's Horses and all the King's Men" as the rhyme goes.

Too, we had a walk down Prin-

cess Anne Street in Edinburg, Scotland and overlooking the castle sitting on a hill far away.

As you know the world's fair was going on in Burssels so we spent two days there walking and riding from one embassy to another viewing all kinds of industries, sports and fashions, in fact a little of everything was to be seen that one can mention. However the most exciting event was the trip in the Atomium where there were foods and drinks of all description for one to refresh himself while overlooking the fair grounds.

From there to Paris for a wonderful trip in the Eiffel Tower to look over the city of Paris and to see its fashions and customs.

And to say what was most exciting or thrilling I'm hardly able to say unless it was the day spent bathing in the Mediterranean Sea. This of all the thrills will long be remembered.

The whole country with its hills, valleys, mountains and many streams with its friendly people of many habits and customs is a fine place to go. Take a tour.

Mrs. A. W. Pridgen

Convention Minutes

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of counties as has been the custom and to date only one club has submitted activities of the year's work. This is the Ahoskie Women's Club of Ahoskie, N. C. The one big project that is felt needs mentioning here is the kindergarten they are sponsoring along with many other activities listed.

During the closing session a decision was made to use funds derived from sale of Efland property, the Federations' initial contribution for a home for delinquent Negro girls, toward erecting a chapel at the present Training School for girls at Kinston, N. C.

Books Can Be Friends

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and reared in the environs of N.C. Her accomplishments in the field of education are many. She is the author of "Out of My Dreams." Each of us will enjoy this volume of delightful poems comprising the eight groups.

She is presently on staff of Elizabeth City Teachers College. Being proud of her native N.C. prompted the opening group of poems. Always a teacher, she dedicated one group to "The Teacher, The School and The Child." Other groups will be of equal interest on travels, memories, music, love, beauty and etc.

Introduce this in your clubs.

Program Committee Reports Results

REPORT OF SOUVENIR PROGRAM COMMITTEE — 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

(approved board meeting; September 12, 1959)

Total collected for
ads and sale of programs \$1,950.34
Total Expenses 1,789.78
(printer \$1,677.25)
(other expenses \$112.53)

Balance above expenses \$160.56
Of above spent for Banquet
and Scrapbook 131.65

Balance to Fed. Treasury \$28.91
Fannie T. Newsome—Chr. Com.
Doris Pope—Sec.
M. N. Leitao—Sec.

SOUVENIR PROGRAM included support from following: 13 Business and organization ads, 10 College Ads, 3 Institutions — Kinston, Hoffman, Oxford; Personal Donation of Dr. Atkins — Winston-Salem Tr. College; 49 Clubs — City Federations and Dist. Ass. including Juniors; 64 Patrons and 31 free pages; used by Federation and paid out of funds.

CLUBS TAKING PART: (size of ad in pages before each listing) 1, Young Matrons Guild—Lumberton; , Neighborhood No. 1 Elizabeth City; 1, Hickory Women's Civic; 1, Amles Prof. Women's Club—Selma; 1, Alpha Art Club—High Point; 1, Kinston Bridge Club; 1, Carnation Art Club—Windsor; 1, S.P.M. Club—Williamston; ½, Book and Garden Club—Wilson; ¼, Rose Yound Club—Concord; ½, Social Swank Club—Statesville; 1, Sr. and Jr., Womens Club—Raleigh; 1, Jr. Matrons Club — Elizabeth City; 1, Book Club—Rich Square; 1, S.O.H.S. Club—Kinston; 1, Flower and Art Club—Rich Square; 1, Les Vingt Femmes—Beaufort; 1, Entre Nous Club—Kinston; 1, Utopia Club—Durham; ½, Climbers—New Bern; 1, Moore County Federation; ½, Southwestern Dist. Assn.; ½, Jr. Federation — Rocky Mount; 1, Daughters of Dorcas—Durham; ½, Jr. Daughters of Dorcas—Durham; ½, Brown Pearson Club—Rocky Mount; 1, Jonquil Garden Club—Smithfield; 1, Progressive Women; ¼, Southeastern Dist. Assn.; ½, City Fed. of Asheville for Mrs. Jones; 1, Banneker Literary and Soc.—Kinston; 1, Ladies Art Club—Greensboro— Dr. Brown; 1, Negro Women's Federation—Statesville; 1, Four Girls Clubs of Elizabeth City; 1, Amaryl's Garden and Civic Club —Washington; 1, Negro Women's Comm. Club—Elizabeth City; 1, Northeastern Dist. Assn.; 1, Shelby Negro Women's Club; ½, Woman's Kindergarten Club—Ahoskie; ¼, Al-

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Training School

By MISS MAE D. HOLMES
Superintendent

The Training School for Girls has continued to make progress. The staff is to be commended for its untiring efforts to serve the needs of the children well.

Special progress has been shown in the following areas, despite limitations: Ceramics, Arts and Crafts Department, Homemaking, Music and Religious Education.

Our present population is 89 girls, and we have a pending application list of 45 girls.

We are happy to report the following milestones in our program:

1. One new cottage to accommodate 25 girls now in progress.
2. One new cottage for 25 girls and a gymnasium to be added to the present Administration and School Building after July 1, 1959.
3. An addition of six new staff members — July 1959.
4. Twelve months of school activity at State Salary Scale.

Among our most urgent needs have been Beauty Clinic operations as a course of study along with personal improvement, personal hygiene in our regular vocational school program, and a unit or center for Religious activities and related areas, as there is no church, chapel or an adequate substitute area for Religious activity.

After much effort it appears that we are about to realize fulfillment of the Beauty Clinic. We are optimistic about this realization much earlier than we had expected it. We still need, however, the continued interest and support of the Federated Clubs.

We have not succeeded in fulfillment of the original plan to add a chapel to the Administration Building. Unfortunately we are not optimistic about the early fulfillment of the urgent need for a special place for Religious Activity. At present it is necessary to have all Religious services in the dining room or in a double classroom, which is set up and used temporarily, and which necessarily doubles and triples for classrooms, all assemblies, programs and then Religious activities.

We feel that a special unit for Religious activity is most important. It is urgent for obvious reasons. A special place designed for Religious activity on the ground would create an atmosphere of worship and contribute to a much more meaningful program.

Our efforts are turned in this direction, and we believe you will share our thinking that this is a real need. Anything that the Federation can do to aid in the realization of this obvious need will be worthwhile, greatly appreciated, and may serve to help the girls to continue as Christian citizens when they return to their various communities.