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Whitman Tribute

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By WILLSON WHITMAN

(Miss Whitman is a North Carolina author and editor. She is an SCEF board member, as is Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown.)

"I'm a proud Negro. And I've had a wonderful life, a happy life. I have so much to be grateful for."

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, president emerita of Palmer Memorial Institute at Sedalia, N. C. is speaking, in a clear low voice that combines the softness of the South with just a trace of the Boston A.

Dr. Brown is one of those pioneers who helped to lay the groundwork for the present struggles for freedom in the South. Slim and erect at 77, she is living proof of what can be accomplished when intelligence and good will tackle the difficulties that beset interracial progress.

For in a cultural sense, Palmer Institute is interracial as well as (Continued on Page 5)

Guest Speaker For Shelby Convention



MRS. ROSA L. GRAGG
Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Rosa L. Gragg, Detroit, Mich. is now President of National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc., was born in Hampton, Ga., the eldest daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Willis O. Slade; a graduate of Morris Brown College, (Continued on Page 6)

Pioneer



Organizer

Dr. Charlott H. Brown

This Issue Dedicated to Her Memory

IN MEMORIAM



Theme For June 1-3 Meet

"Community Improvement Spreads Abroad Through Federated Club Women."

The meetings will be held in Cleveland Training School, 341 Hudson Street, Shelby, N. C.

Beginning 6:30 p.m. with the Executive Board Dinner on Thursday, June 1, 1961, followed by a board meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The delegation will assemble at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 2, for the opening session. Following President, Mrs. E. M. Spellman's message, officers will make their usual reports, and important committees will be named.

This afternoon will be devoted to special workshop activities un- (Continued on Page 6)

Crosson Tribute

By MISS WILHELMINA CROSSON

I have never known another so full of contradictions and inconsistencies and yet could come up with such exactness and such perfection as Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown. Her peers in North Carolina call her the "Lady of Social Graces," the "Erudite President," the "Champion of Religion" and the "Pioneer of Social Freedom." She was born in Henderson, North Carolina seventy-seven years ago and was graduated from Cambridge High and Latin School in 1900, in 1901 entered the Salem Normal School at Salem, Massachusetts, brought about by the effort of her friend and patron, Alice Freeman Palmer, first woman president of Wellesley College. This daughter of the tar heel state returned through the efforts of an American Missionary Worker who had met her on a train plying between Cambridge and Salem, Massachusetts. On October 10, she arrived at a little whistle stop called (Continued on Page 5)

Message From Our President

Greetings Kind Ladies of the N. C. Federation.

Several weeks ago you received a communication which called attention to the meeting announced by Mrs. Rosa L. Gragg, president of the National Association of Negro Women's Clubs, Inc. in the interest of acquainting club women with the need of rallying to the restoration and rehabilitation of the Frederick Douglas Memorial at Anacostia, D. C.

Realizing the short notice for your attending the meeting made me feel the need of doing so in order that our Federation would be represented. Mrs. B. H. Newell, president of one of the Elizabeth City clubs and Mrs. G. H. Morgan who is a club member accompanied me. Having Miss Wilhelmina Crosson, president of Palmer Memorial Institute and Miss Ella Evans, of one of the Federated Clubs of Rocky Mount attend the meeting made us feel proud of our representation.

Meetings were held at the headquarters of National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc., (Continued on Page 6)