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## Editorial

May I use this space to tell you of some things N. C. Federated Women can be truly proud about. Things that make one glow within and say, "Yes I am apart — I am counted — and I am truly glad — Thanks to God for the opportunity."

During the 1961-62 Federation year our clubs have heard the "Clarion Watch Word" of the state projects:

Scholarship  
Birthday Gifts  
Braille Magazine

along with our local community club activities; Federated Districts and Southeastern Region appeals.

This was not total fulfillment of our obligations to affiliations. Beginning with the Shelby visit of the N.A.C.W.C., president, Mrs. Rosa L. Gragg, we have had many calls from National Headquarters, leading to the recent Thirty-third Biennial Convention in Washington, D. C.

First for Life Memberships costing \$100.00 per person. These North Carolinians have completed their payments:

Mrs. E. M. Spellman, Mrs. E. O. Donoho, Mrs. Esther Moore, Miss W. M. Crossen, N. C. Federation of Negro Women's Club.

Dr. Charlotte H. Brown — Memoriam and these names were displayed with those of other states on the plaque in Washington.

Secondly — Frederick Douglas Home Fund Drive to raise money for the restoration of the home of the famous abolitionist. For this N. C. Federated Clubs contributed \$572.50; from 51 clubs, 5 individuals and 6 non-federated groups. We are all well rewarded because President John F. Kennedy signed legislation on September 5, 1962 which makes the home of Douglas a National Shrine and a part of the park system of the National Capitol. This act climaxes the long effort on the part of the N.A.C.W.C. and President Gragg to honor Frederick Douglas, born a slave and rose to international fame. We are all proud North Carolina had a part in this.

Third — An invitation came to us by letter, very late, asking that I would be a member of "The President's Committee of 100" to raise \$100.00 each for liquidation of a mortgage on the National Headquarters at 1601 "R" St., N.W., Washington, D. C. The plan called for ten donors or more at \$10.00 each, whose names will be en-

scrolled on a metal plaque in headquarters. Our total here was \$101.00 contributed by the following:

Dr. C. H. Brown, deceased, Mrs. E. M. Spellman, Miss W. M. Crossen, Mrs. A. P. Collins, Miss Constance Young, Mrs. V. T. Bishop, Mrs. Willie Moultrie, Mrs. Alma Dockery, Miss M. D. Holmes, Mrs. Fannie T. Newsome, Shelby Negro Women's Club.

A committee including past National President, Mrs. Irene McCoy Gaines; National Treasurer, Mrs. Inez Tinsley, left one session of the Convention to go to a bank, pay the debt and returned with the cancelled mortgage. During the banquet the torch was lighted and Mrs. Gaines burned a "mock" mortgage while "The President's Committee of 100" stood. This was a rewarding experience. North Carolina stood up and was counted.

Last but by no means least: We are happy to have retained first place in the National Scrap Book Contest among twelve books entered in the Contest for 1962. Our score was 95.

Eight new pages had been added to the book picturing our newest state project, using letters, news clippings on the project and pictures of birthday parties at the Girl's Training School, Kinston. Other pages of pictures and clippings and etc. of club projects and N. C. events. It is the presentation of project activities and the organization of our Scrap Book that has won for us this honor over other states.

Then we bring you the National First Place Trophy for State Statistical Reports for 1962. This is a step forward for in 1960 we rated second place among the 41 states. This shows how strong and well organized the North Carolina Federation is. Hats off to our administration and those of us who back them up.

Now we face a new year for the State and a new Biennial for the National. Can we do less? No! No! May we pledge ourselves to follow through the new year with the light which God gives us: of Truth, wherever it may lead — of Freedom, revealing new opportunities for individual development and service — of Faith, opening new visions of a better world — of Love, daily binding brother to brother in closer bonds of friendship and affection.

Thus we shall go forward to the work of another year with steadfastness and confidence, assured of success.

## Actions Of Executive Board

September 29, 1962

The meeting was held in the Evans Metropolitan AMEZ Church of Fayetteville. The board was guest of Federated Club Women of the Southeastern District.

1. Miss W. Laws, Chairman of Birthday Project gave detail explanation of the procedure of this project and her findings up to this time. The clubs are not giving the project the support needed. It is hoped things will improve very soon. There are about 91 active clubs in the state and there are between 52 and 72 birthdays in the four institutions each month. This means that each club should plan for and expect to be asked to contribute about nine gifts a year. It was agreed that Miss

Laws shall work through the four District Presidents to bring about more satisfactory results in this project. Each board member was asked to make a special effort to urge clubs to plan for full support and budget at least ten dollars a year to give birthday gifts to the boys and girls of the institutions.

2. The following Program Committee was appointed to plan for the 1963 Annual Convention in Statesville, N. C. on, May 3 and 4, 1963.

Mrs. L. Y. Brown, Chairman; Mrs. Plassie Harris, Co-Chairman; Mrs. G. F. Mathews, Mrs. Bessie Satchell, Mrs. Eugene Jarret.

The theme shall be; "A Challenge for Change."

3. The 1963 Election Committee on nomination of officers was elected:

Mrs. Annie Pridgen, Chairman; Miss W. Crosson, Mrs. L. Albright, Mrs. Colinia Williams, Mrs. A. L. Murphy.

4. The Director of The Federation of Girl's Clubs made a report of recommendations by the Youth Board of Directors, of which Mrs. Lucile Albright is the State Director. It was approved as read, and will be found in detail on youth page of this issue.

5. Correspondence was read from both National and Regional presidents of the NACWC. Subscriptions for the U.N.E.S.C.O. Courier monthly magazine were solicited.

The Southeastern Regional meeting on July 28-30, 1963 in Miami, Florida was announced. It will be held at the fabulous Hampton House Motel and Villas. A post Convention tour is being planned to Nassau.

A Regional Centennial Souvenir Program Book is being planned as part of the exhibit in 1963 Emancipation Celebration in Chicago. Clubs are asked to present material.

6. By leaders the N. C. Federated girls were reported having made a very fine presentation for their first time attending the National Ass. of Colored Girl's Convention in Washington, D. C. Report on youth page.

7. It was suggested that workshops in teaching and planning of the work and duties of the state federation clubs be supported by all federated club members.

8. Congratulations to our state scrapbook committee! Our book won first consideration by the judges at the national meeting.

Some members were absent due to illness, for which all present were sorry. The hospitality of the host was greatly appreciated by those attending.

Mrs. A. B. Byrd

Chairman of Board, presiding

Mrs. E. M. Spellman, Pres.

Bessie Sattsbell, Reporter

## Religious Emphasis

### FACING THE NEW CLUB YEAR

We pledge ourselves  
To follow through the coming year  
The light which God gives us:  
The light of Truth, wherever it  
may lead;  
The light of Freedom, revealing  
new opportunities for individual  
development and service;  
The light of Faith, opening new  
visions of the better world to be;  
The light of Love, daily binding  
brother to brother and man to  
God in ever closer bonds of  
friendship and affection.  
Guided by this light,  
We shall go forward to the work  
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### "THE WORLD'S BIBLE"

by Annie Johnson Flint

Christ has no hands but our hands  
To do His work today;  
He has no feet but our feet  
To lead men in His way;  
He has no help but our help  
To bring them to His side.

We are the only Bible  
The careless world will read;  
We are the sinner's gospel,  
We are the scoffer's creed;  
We are the Lord's last message,  
Given in deed and word.  
What if the type is crooked?  
What if the print is blurred?

What if our hands are busy  
With other work than His?  
What if our feet are walking  
Where sin's allurements is?  
What if our tongues are speaking  
Of things His lips would spurn?  
How can we hope to help Him  
And hasten His return?