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## President's Message

With the ending of vacation and preparation for winter months let us first of all be thankful to Him who spared us. Though many of us have been saddened by the loss of relatives, close friends, yes even many of our club members, we still look to Him Whose Will should not be questioned.

Personally I am thankful to each of you for your support during the past club year. I am most grateful however, to those who went the second mile and made an extra contribution which made possible our representation for our Federation at the Southeastern Convention at Miami Florida. Only by our representation could we be counted as one of the eight states included in the southeastern: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Clubs which contributed to the support of the Southeastern were according to districts:

I. Southeastern District: Silver City Club of Raeford; II. Northeastern District: Woman's Club of Edenton, Negro Women's Community, Matrons Social Literary and Art, Neighborhood No. I and the Junior Matrons Clubs of Elizabeth City; Banneker, Bridge, Entre-Nous and SOHS Clubs of Kinston; Book, Flower and Art Clubs of Rich Square; Mary B. Tolbert, Club of Rocky Mount; Business and Fraternal Club of Weldon; Mary McCloud Bethune and Woman's Civic Clubs of Wilson; III Central District: Daughters of Dorcas, Utopia and Junior Utopia of Durham; Ladies Art Club of Greens-

boro; Woman's Progressive Club of Oxford; IV Western District: Good Samaritan Inc and Negro Women's Clubs of Shelby and the Friendly Federated Club of Winston-Salem.

Club ladies if you are interested in our Federation's reaching its potential in its affiliation with the national and Southeastern Associations which meet biennially, please begin now to make plans for your club's contribution. You may include it in your club budget or make an extra offering at each meeting thereby helping our Federation count creditably.

Because of interest in our Federation and the opportunity to combine a vacation with attendance of the Southeastern, Mrs. F.T. Newsome of Rich Square, Misses Ione, Menzies and Pearl Henderson of Hickory attended the Miami meeting also. The Henderson sisters took advantage of a post convention tour to Nassau and enjoyed the trip.

Rather than give details about the convention which followed the usual pattern with a mass meeting, business sessions, a banquet, president's luncheon, opportunities for diversion, a Youth Program etc., I prefer to tell you about our participation at the convention.

From the standpoint of attendance our representation was among the smallest.

Financially our rank was very low. Such has been the case at each of the meetings as well as I recall. According to a statement made at the Convention having

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Picture shows presidents of the eight states that make up the Southeastern Region of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, as they met in Miami, Florida. Shown center seated is Mrs. Bertha L. Johnson, a graduate of Tuskegee Institute. She was honored with a "This is Your Life" program during the Southeastern Convention. She is a past president of the Southeastern Region. She is now president of Printiss Institute, Printiss, Mississippi, where she was co-founder with her husband.

## Fall Executive Board Meeting

Assembled in First Baptist Church of Raleigh on Saturday, September 21, 1963, at 10:30 A.M. were members from Asheville to Elizabeth City.

The devotion was conducted by the Raleigh Federated Club Women, our host. Mrs. E. D. Watkins extended greetings, after the Senior Executive Board members went to one room and the Youth Federation Board of Directors to another.

Highlights were as follows:—

I. Communications:—

(A) An invitation to attend the "Century of Negro Progress Exposition" in Chicago from August 16 through September 2, that called special attention to Women's Day August 19th. Mrs. L. Y. Brown of Rocky Mount had been in Chicago for another meeting and gave us some interesting facts of the scope and coverage of the exposition. She did not attend the programs.

(B) A release of August 23rd was read telling of arrangement for Open House at NACWC Headquarter's Building in Washington, D. C. on August 28th for all Federated Club Women who participated in the gigantic demonstration for civil rights. Dr. Rosa

Gragg had attended meetings of the Leadership Council in New York City and had accepted the request to service as a vice-chairman. Dr. Gragg is President of NACWC and hopes all federated organizations will urge passage of the President's Civil Rights Bill.

(C) President Spellman read a message she sent to Representative Herbert C. Bonner and Senator B. Everett Jordan for our federation in which she urged the use of their influence in passing the Civil Rights Bill of President Kennedy.

They were both kind enough to acknowledge her telegram by letter — with thanks. Each referred to news releases they have previously made giving their position on the proposed Civil Rights bill. Senator Jordan sent a copy of his release. We quote in part:—  
"At no time in recent years has any domestic crisis gripped the emotions of our State and Nation like the recent racial demonstrations.

"We have reached the point where there is a very fine line left between peaceful demonstrations and mob violence . . ."

"I sincerely hope that we will  
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Part of a group of N. C. Federated Club Women who attended a workshop, June 15, 1963, on the campus of Palmer Institute, Seda-lia, N. C. Miss W. Crassen, president of Palmer Institute, was the perfect host. The fellowship of the occasion will always be remembered.