

Activities of Women's National Organizations

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MISSOURI STATE ASSO. CONVENES IN KINLOCH; ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

KINLOCH, Mo.—One of the largest delegations in several years marked the annual meeting of the Missouri State Association of Colored Women in Kinloch, Mo., June 24-27. Mrs. Clara E. Adams, the president, presided.

Among the many issues of importance, discussed by able leaders were "The Dawn of the New Day for the Negro Woman" by Mrs. Ruth Wheeler; "Citizenship" by Mrs. Beatrice M. Grady; "Faith in the Home" by Mrs. Vandolia Martin; "Twelve Negro Women of Distinction in the Work of Rehabilitation and Adjustment" by Mrs. Frank S. Bledsoe; round table discussion on National Defense by E. G. Stager of the Social Planning Council, John T. Clarks of the Urban League, and Jackson Williams of the Legionnaires. Musical numbers interspersed these heavier numbers with many outstanding musicians participating.

An impressive memorial service was held for four officers who died during the past year, Mesdames Mildred V. Anthony and Rose Jenkins, past state presidents and Mesdames Sara E. Radford and Tena Henderson, chairmen of department.

Mrs. Clara E. Adams declined reelection to the presidency because of ill health, as did Miss E. Ethelyn Hoard, the third vice presidency because of her enlarged school work. The officers elected for the next two years are, president, Mrs. Rosetta Gibson, Kansas City, Mo.; first vice president, Mrs. Cleopatra Gooch, Sedalia, Mo.; second vice president, Miss Bessie Banks, Chillicothe, Mo.; third vice president, Mrs. E. C. Grady, St. Louis, Mo.; recording secretary, Mrs. Christina Richards, Sedalia, Mo.; assistant secretary, Mrs. Marjorie Banks, Chillicothe, Mo.; financial, Mrs. Clothilde Bass, Kirkwood; chairman executive board, Mrs. W. C. Bridges, St. Louis, Mo.; supervisor of N.A.C. Girls, Miss Margaret Robinson, St. Louis, Mo.; organizer, Mrs. Zenobia Wilson, Kansas City, Mo.; historian, Mrs. Ela J. Uyles, Kirkwood; statistician, Mrs. Mary Pethy, Jefferson City, Mo.; parliamentarian, Mrs. Alberta Owens, St. Louis, Mo.; auditor, Mrs. Willa P. Allen, St. Louis, Mo.; chaplain, Miss Bessie Coleman, St. Louis, Mo.; chairman of arts and crafts, Mrs. Alice Scales, Kinloch, Mo.; chairman of music, Mrs. Mary E. Coleman, Chillicothe, Mo.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Fredericka D. Perry, Kansas City, Mo.; treasurer, Mrs. Vandolia Martin, St. Louis, Mo.

The Past Presidents' Council renewed its appeal for support of the candidacy of Miss Arsanian M. Williams for the national presidency. Miss Williams, vice president-at-large, is expecting to succeed to this office at the biennial convention in Oklahoma City this month.

The next meeting of the State association will be held on the fourth Wednesday in June 1942 at Chillicothe, Mo. The girls' association will meet at Chillicothe on the preceding Tuesday.

* * * NEW YORK FEDERATION WOMEN'S CLUB HOLDS 33RD ANNUAL SESSION

ITHACA, N. Y.—The Empire State Federation of Women's clubs held its thirty-third annual convention here, July 9, 10 and 11. On the ninth the Empire State Federation of Girls' clubs held its eighth annual convention in the same city. Both conventions were the guests of the Women's club—Southside Community Center.

Twenty-seven clubs were represented at the Empire State Federation. Among the notables who addressed the convention were Dr. J. Edward Mason of Rochester, N. Y., for 40 years financial agent for Livingston college, Salisbury, N. C. Mrs. Emma Rivers delivered an address on "Building Bridges for Women." The closing address, on "The Negro and National Defense" was delivered by Mrs. Bessie H. Payne. The panel discussion Friday morning centered around the theme "Our Challenge, How Will We Meet It?"

Brilliant musical programs were special features of the convention. A sight-seeing tour Friday evening was followed by a resplendent banquet.

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Amelia G. Anderson; vice president, Jessie Cooper; second vice president, Cora Beil; recording secretary, Mrs. Margaretta Holmes; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Jane Demond; financial secretary, Mrs. Olga Galloway; chairman, executive board, Mrs. M. M. Harden; parliamentarian, Mrs. Julia Coleman Robinson; historian, Miss Dorothy Lewis; auditor, Beatrice Heamans; chaplain, Mrs. M. Miller.

The mid-winter executive session will be held in New York City the fourth Saturday in January, the guest of the New York Regional, Mrs. Rosa Daniels, president.

The Empire State Federation of Colored Women's clubs was organized by Mrs. Alice Wiley Seay in the year 1908.

* * * SEATTLE CLUBWOMEN HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC GREEN RIVER GORGE

SEATTLE, Wash.—The annual picnic sponsored by the members of the Sincerity (Federated) club of Seattle, Wash., July 4, at Green River Gorge, proved to be a most enjoyable affair. The club charter-

ed one of the Greyhound buses for the occasion. The members and friends met at the Sojourner Truth club house from which place they traveled to the gorge. An abundance of delicious food, and soft drinks were served to the satisfaction of all after which many visited the gorge, there.

They viewed with awe and amazement the magnificent beauty of nature.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmons and daughter, Sadie of Yakima were guests of the club. There were 35 persons in all and a wonderful time was had. The bus returned at 8 p.m. All were in high spirits and a feeling of comradeship prevailed. Songs and laughter marked the return trip and plans were made for another such treat. Much credit is due Mrs. Ora Belle Jackson, the chairman of the picnic for the comfortable accommodations to and from the gorge and the great pleasure which all enjoyed. Mrs. Bertha Brown, the president of the club, extends her thanks to all who helped to make the affair the great success that it proved to be. Mrs. Adessa Lanning is the reporter.

MISSOURI N.A.C.G. GIVES PRIZES FOR BEST ART WORK AT STATE ANNUAL MEET

KINLOCH, Mo.—One hundred and sixty-four girls, representing 16 clubs, assembled at the Dunbar school, Kinloch, Mo., June 24 for the opening of the seventeenth annual session of the Missouri Association of Colored Girls.

Sessions were presided over by Miss Ardonia Abbott of Sedalia, Mo.

Winners of the state poetical contest were Ida Carter of Sedalia, first; Cadence Little, St. Louis, second; Maralyn Spears, Kirkwood, third. A reception followed the presentation of awards.

The Junior T.C.A. club of Sedalia, Miss Morine Carter, president, received the silver loving cup for the best art work for 1941-42. Miss Carter also received two blue ribbons on one article alone. Miss Ruth Clark is club art chairman and state art chairman.

In the state financial contest, Miss Morine Carter received first prize, also; Miss Mary Los O'Guinn of Kinloch, second; Miss Joy Hooper of St. Louis, third.

All officers were re-elected unanimously. Miss Julia Richards of Sedalia was elected state pianist.

52 RACE WOMEN LAWYERS LISTED IN BAR JOURNAL

Fifty-two women are practicing lawyers in the U. S., of whom 50 per cent are self-supporting, with incomes ranging from \$1500 to \$4000 a year.

These statistics are furnished by Dr. Sadie T. M. Alexander, a member of the Philadelphia Bar, in a story on women lawyers in the initial publication of the National Bar Journal.

Constituting about 5 per cent of the colored lawyers, female barristers are distributed as follows:

New York Leads
 Twelve in New York, eleven in Illinois, six in Ohio, four in D. C., four in Massachusetts, three each in Virginia and California, one each in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Rhode Island, Minneapolis, Oregon, Oklahoma, Missouri, Michigan and Indiana.

Dr. Alexander said that question-

naires addressed to the women indicate that 80 per cent of them hold undergraduate degrees from leading American universities, and that 95 per cent of them are graduates of approved schools of law. In addition, many hold graduate degrees.

The first colored woman to be admitted to the bar was Miss Charlotte E. Ray, who began practice in Washington in May, 1872, upon her graduation from Howard university.

Female Portias located in the East are as follows:

New York City—Judge Jane M. Bolin, Justice of Domestic Relations court; Mrs. Eunice Hunton Carter, assistant district attorney; Mrs. Lucille F. Chance, Miss Ruby Diggs, Miss Nell Doles, Mrs. Sadie Gatling, Miss Jeanne M. Mitchell, Mrs. Anna Jones Robinson, Mrs. Sarah Pelham Speaks, Mrs. Ruth W. Whaley;

New York State—Miss Lutie L. McNeil, New Paltz; Mrs. Dorothy Coleman Spaulding, Brooklyn;

Washington—Miss Elsie Austin, legal advisor to the Recorder of Deeds; Mrs. Ollie M. Cooper, Miss Marjorie McKenzie, Miss Roberta McKenney, Mrs. Zephyr Ramsey;

Massachusetts — Mrs. Blanche Braxton and Mrs. Clara Burrill Bruce of Boston; Miss Jacqueline Guild and Mrs. Rowena E. Taylor of Cambridge;

Virginia—Mrs. Bertha L. Douglas, Norfolk; Mrs. Inez Fields Scott, Hampton; Mrs. Marian L. Poe, Newport News;

Philadelphia—Dr. Sadie T. M. Alexander, former assistant city solicitor.