

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION CLOSES, GUTHRIE CHOSEN NEXT MEETING PLACE

The eighth annual session of the Oklahoma State Federation of Negro Women's clubs was held in Enid, Oklahoma, August 29th and 30th.

There were twenty-four clubs represented by thirty-seven delegates from the various sections of the state.

The reports from the clubs showed much success during the past year, financially and otherwise.

Much inspiration was given to the ladies by the delegates who represented the state in the national meeting in Denver, Colorado. At this meeting the mortgage on the Douglas home in Washington, D. C., was burned. To help sustain this home the state federation is to donate annually \$25.

Throughout the session much stress was placed upon war work and war activities. In our midst were many mothers who had sons in France. Quite a tribute was paid them.

A poem composed by Mrs. Josie Craig-Berry of Oklahoma City was adopted as the state club song set to the music of America.

There was a beautiful display of art work sent in from the various cities.

The demonstration of food conservation in the form of drying of vegetables given by Mrs. H. V. Ashcraft, agent of Logan county, was very interesting and helpful.

Mrs. A. N. Southwick, (white), agent for Garfield county, was present and expressed herself as being very much pleased with the work.

Mrs. L. M. Givens of Louisville, Ky., who has traveled extensively throughout Europe and America, was present and talked in the interest of Negro art and art museum.

The next place of meeting will be Guthrie.

Too much praise cannot be given the people of Enid for the very excellent way in which they cared for the federation. Every one expressed themselves as having had a very, very pleasant time.

Mrs. Judith Horton, the president, deserves much credit for the very splendid way in which she conducted the meeting. Mrs. Horton is a wide-awake president.

A WAR WORD TO SORROWING MOTHERS, WIVES AND SISTERS

(By Lydia Kelley in Indianapolis Freeman.)

During the month of August and September, when many of our young men will be called away to brave the perils of war, the Christian mother's heart will be forced to feel, perhaps as never before, what our blessed Lord had to undergo in giving up his life for the salvation of man. We are told that nothing is stronger than a mother's love, one test of which will be the anguish suffered by those whose sons shall soon take part in the frightful carnage that is devastating the world. Now is the hour for testing.

A crisis is at hand in your lives. Peace has gone. War is here. Your souls must change with this change, for better or worse. You have the choice. Will you be worthy of the women of the revolution and civil war, who gave their sons, husbands, brothers and lovers, weeping, yet smiling through their tears, broken-hearted, yet grand-hearted, grieving to lose a man, yet proud of gaining a soldier? The answer to this question rests with you. For instance will not our imperfect sense of nationality be made perfect by the trials of this war? Will any of our mothers hold back their sons from glory? You are a mother, and so am I. But so is Columbia, and she has rights to her sons. She has been in labor with us all that we might see the light of liberty. Do we owe her no return? Besides a dead backer of his country is a greater comfort to his mother than a live slacker. (My son gave his young and beautiful life in the Spanish-American war, and I am proud that he did.) The one is a glorious memory for her, the other an inglorious reality. On the one hand she sees only a career of amusement, trouble, grief, perhaps, wrong-doing, ending in decrepit old age; on the other hand an oblation upon which "The Gods Themselves Throw Incense." We have a right to course the seas. To maintain that right we ought to be willing to die. A barrier has been raised to obstruct us. We shall break through it, or at least be broken in the attempt. Our honor requires this much of us. Our fellow countrymen have been sunk. They cry to us for reparation from the deep. They ask Columbia to clear the path. We must take the initiative now or probably rue our negligence later. If England had waked up in time prospects would be better. Let us learn from her that safety lies in immediate action. Your sense of honor urges you. The actual suffering endured by the young men may well be considered light in comparison with what a loving mother will endure at home. The son will have every encouragement to cheer him on. He will have excitement to distract him from the danger that confronts him; he will be urged on by hope of the glory of success; but

the mother will suffer a continual agony of anxiety and expectancy. (Yet she must be brave.) The papers may bring some fatal news. What poor consolation will it be for her in scanning the casualty list to assure herself that her son is not among the dead or missing. Truly the sorrows should be the devotion of every Christian mother while her son is on the fighting line. May our prayer be urgent, earnest and sincere. Do not say: "War is terrible." Lost honor is worse. Therefore give your sons. Their future has deeds of glory, of honor (God grant it may). But their arm will never be stronger, or the deed so great as today. Nineteen hundred years ago one died for you. When he marched to the battle field of Calvary, this mother, though broken-hearted, did not say: "Stay with me." Your son goes today, probably to die for his country. Can you summon enough courage to say "Go?"

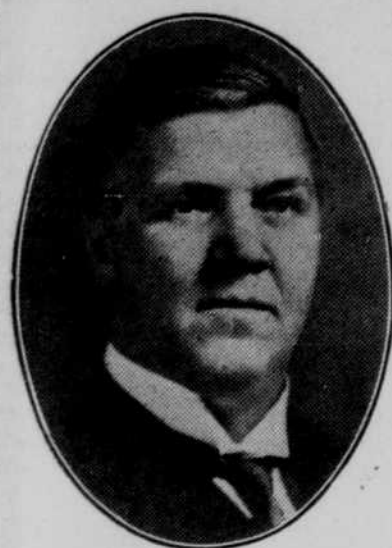
WEST VIRGINIAN HAS TWO INVENTIONS

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Suddenly the falling plane straightened out, the other just behind it. With a beautiful loop the first one turned backward and down again, the trick putting it just above and behind its pursuer. A slight sound could be heard from below, much like the tearing of a bit of cloth—the rattle of its machine gun. The fight was over in a second. A burst of flame,

and the second plane came crashing earthward, falling in a field nearby. A moment later the victor swooped down in a perfect landing. It was the buyer of \$15,000 in Liberty Bonds that enabled Uncle Sam to train this victor in that morning's fight—a battle which saved an artillery observation plane from destruction by the Hun. The tiny scout plane which the boy piloted was bought with the proceeds of \$10,000 in bonds. These boys need the co-operation of big brothers over here who will send their fighting dollars to aid them in their battles. They need machine guns, each costing \$200 in bonds. They need ammunition for which a \$50 bond pays for only two minutes of firing, and they need more planes and pilots which will be paid for with the fighting dollars of the "Fighting Fourth" Liberty Loan.

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