

State Federation Holds Good Session

Beatrice Proves Most Hospitable and Gracious Hostess—Full Report by Mrs. Sarah Walker, Lincoln Staff Representative of The Monitor.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Nebraska State Federation of Colored Women's clubs met at the Firemen's hall, June 25, at Beatrice, Neb. Twenty-eight delegates were in attendance, with Mrs. Fannie Young, the president, presiding. The convention was held two days, June 25 and 26.

The session of Tuesday morning was devoted to the registration of delegates and the discussion of important business. In the afternoon opening remarks were made by the Rev. O. J. Bruckhardt of Lincoln, followed by the annual address of the president and the report of Mrs. Jennie Sellers, the state organizer. A vocal duet was rendered in a beautiful manner by Misses Inez Gordon and Nondus Scott of Beatrice.

Mrs. R. J. Kilpatrick, chairman of the Red Cross, gave an interesting talk on the work of that organization.

The evening session was opened by the singing of "America," followed by a brief address of welcome to the delegates on behalf of the city by Mayor Heffelfinger, which was responded to by the president. A paper was then read by Mrs. Charles Haynes of Lincoln and two readings were given by Mrs. M. Pinkett of Beatrice and Mrs. Lulu Rountree of Omaha.

After the members of the State Federation had decided to unite with the national convention, Rev. I. B. Smith of Lincoln, but formerly of Beatrice, gave an address on "The Negro in the Present War." He referred to the honorable part played by the members of the race in all wars of American history, and pointed to the Negro soldiers now in the American army in France as evidence of their loyalty to their country.

The session of Wednesday morning, June 26, opened by singing "Blest Be the Tie." After which the ode presented and accepted by the O. N. E. club of Omaha was sung and accepted as the opening ode of the Federation in the future.

The afternoon session was opened by the chaplain, Mrs. Sarah Severe of Omaha, after which memorial services were held for Mrs. Anna Bedell, past chaplain, whose death occurred last year. Papers were read by Mrs. Sylvia Thomas of Lincoln and Mrs. Ophelia Saffold of Omaha. A reading was also given by Mrs. Fannie Russell of Omaha.

The evening session was devoted to a musical and literary program. Papers were read by Mrs. Covington and Miss Blanche Nance of Omaha. Instrumental solos by Mrs. Guy Chinn of Fairbury, Miss Opal Ashford, assisted by Miss Viola Walker of Lincoln rendered in a pleasing manner the song entitled "A Thrush at Eve."

An oration, entitled "Woman's Place in the Present Crisis," was delivered by Miss Cordella Johnson of Omaha. A solo entitled "One Fleeting Hour," rendered by Miss Inez

Gordon closed the program for the day.

Among those in attendance were delegates from the O. U. E. club, Cienan's club, Eureka Art club and Ivy club, all of Omaha, and the D. M. S. club, Women's Davis club and Women's Protective league of Lincoln. The various clubs are making a strenuous effort to pay for a home for old folks and orphans in Lincoln, aside from the other beautiful work in which they are engaged.

The display of art work, hand-painted china and embroideries was beautiful. The delegates were entertained by the D. Y. P. club of Beatrice in a manner that will be long remembered by every one present. Too much praise cannot be given to the club, which was represented by five families.

It has been said in behalf of the members of the state federation and the delegates that never before since the history of the Federation has this organization ever been entertained and so well cared for as while in the beautiful little city of Beatrice. Beatrice deserves all due praise and she may well rest assured that her efforts were highly appreciated by everyone present.

Much praise is also given to Miss Nondus Scott and Miss Inez Gordon, who rendered their assistance so willingly during the sessions. Their beautiful singing will be long remembered.

The amount of money turned in by the various clubs was \$164.32, after a small indebtedness was subtracted there remained \$128 to be paid upon the Old Folks' Home.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were the following:

Mrs. Fannie Young, Lincoln, president.

Mrs. Lenora Gray, Omaha, first vice president.

Miss Oletha Russell, Omaha, second vice president.

Mrs. Ada Holmes, Lincoln, secretary.

Mrs. Grace Cisco, Beatrice, assistant secretary.

Mrs. Len Gordon, Beatrice, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Gertrude Ashby, Omaha, treasurer.

Mrs. Gertrude Haynes, Lincoln, assistant treasurer.

Mrs. Sarah Severe, Omaha, chaplain.

Mrs. Jennie Sellers, Lincoln, state organizer.

Mrs. Winnie Scott, Beatrice, chairman ways and means committee.

MRS. SARAH WALKER.

All the state officers were in attendance at the State Federation of Colored Women's clubs. The delegates and visitors were: Mrs. Charles Haynes, Mrs. Luella Coleman, Mrs. Sylvia Thomas, Mrs. Lucy Davis, Mrs. Margaret Williams, Mrs. Sarah Walker, Mrs. Ashford, Mrs. J. W. Cooley, Mrs. Patterson, Miss Opal Ashford, Miss Ruth Collins, Miss Viola Walker, Mr. Sanford Fallings of Lincoln; Miss Blanche Nance, Miss Cordella Johnson, Mr. Clarence Gordon and Mr. Nathaniel Perry of Omaha.

Luxuries as usual means a victorious Germany. Save and buy War Savings Stamps.

DECISION AGAINST "BIRTH OF A NATION" AT LINCOLN

The hearing featuring the preventing of the exhibition of the play entitled "The Birth of a Nation" from being shown at the Rialto theater was held Tuesday afternoon July 2, in Judge Flansburg's court at 5 p. m. A large number of Colored citizens were present, among them being Mrs. Mary A. Talbert of New York, who presented the case Saturday, June 29.

The decision was given in favor of Lawyer Rhode, who contended that the entire play was detrimental to social order and should not be shown. That it would stir up race prejudice. He also stated that the part featuring the Klu Klux Klansmen showed very readily a disregard for law and would only cause mob rule and mob insurrection. Judge Flansburg's decision was to the effect that if the play was shown, the first part of the play depicting the library scene should be excluded and the second part of the play entirely.

DRASTIC RULES PROMULGATED TO MEET BIG SUGAR SHORTAGE

With only 1,600,000 tons of sugar available to supply the United States during the remainder of the year drastic sugar regulations have been put into effect by the food administration. To meet the ordinary requirements on the strictest rationing we will have to cut our consumption 25 per cent, announces the Nebraska organization. Summarized the new rules are:

All buyers of sugar, except the householders for home consumption, must secure certificates and present them when the purchase of sugar is made. Retailers will secure their certificates from their county food administrator. All others will get theirs from the Omaha office.

Householders may buy not to exceed two pounds at any one time in cities and towns, and five pounds in rural communities. While householders are entitled to three pounds per person each month, they are asked to eat only two pounds per month.

Public eating places are prohibited from putting sugar bowls on their tables or counters.

Families can get twenty-five pounds for canning and preserving purposes. Additional twenty-five-pound lots can be bought only on a certificate issued by the county food administrator.

The manufacture of ices and sherbets is now prohibited.

Boarding houses, feeding twenty-five people or more, must secure certificates for their sugar.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM TO HOLD SERVICES

The annual services of the Sons and Daughters of Jerusalem will be held Sunday afternoon in Grove Methodist church, Twenty-second and Seward streets, at 1:30 o'clock. The lodge members are to assemble in basement of the church at 1 o'clock sharp. The service will begin at 1:30 and the sermon will be preached at 2:30 p. m.

The following is the program:

1. Mrs. Silas Johnson, piano.
2. Welcome remarks the Rev. G. G. Logan on behalf of church and congregation.
3. Invocation by Dennis Todd, M. E. H. P.
4. Blessed assurance Jesus is mine.
5. Reading the Supreme Grand King's Thanksgiving Proclamation by Noah W. Ware, M. of C.
6. Song, "The Child of the King," No. 302 G. H. No. 1-6.
7. Remarks "The Order and Its Benefits" by Son E. D. Robinson, M. E. H. P.
8. Song, Gordon Levite Guards, Odell Myres and Mildred Myres.
9. Sermon by Rev. Thomas A. Taggarth.
10. Collection, Son Good, Son Betts, Daughter Effie Washington.
11. Remarks by the Supreme Grand King Harry R. Graham.
12. Announcements.
13. Benediction by the Rev. John Constelo.

BEEF, SUGAR AND WHEAT MUST BE CONSERVED AT ALL TIMES

Beef, sugar and wheat must be conserved at all hazards, says the food administration for Nebraska. The conservation measures regarding these commodities will be continued that we may meet immediate needs and also build up a reserve, which will meet demands later in the season. There will be no let-up in the regulations, announces the food administration.

POLICEWOMEN APPOINTED

Indianapolis, Ind.—This city is keeping up with the best things doing in progressive communities. Not long since the authorities appointed a number of women for police duty. Among these are two well known Colored women, Mrs. Mary Mays and Mrs. Emma Christy Baker.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICITY HEAD VISITS OMAHA

Prof. Charles T. Stewart, Well Known Newspaper Man and Public Speaker, Spends Two Busy Days in City.

Prof. Charles T. Stewart, Associated Press representative and head of the government department of publicity for the Negro press, spent Saturday and Sunday in Omaha, leaving for Kansas City Sunday night. Prof. Stewart, who preaches as well as writes, preached in St. John's A. M. E. church Sunday morning and evening, and delivered a most timely address to women only in the afternoon. Prof. Stewart is a firm believer in the necessity of plain speaking and instruction to men, women and children on the sanctity of their bodies as a preventative of immorality.

Prof. Stewart among his many other duties is one of the speakers appointed by the United States government under Mr. McAdoo to present the subject of Liberty loans and war savings to the public. His addresses on these subjects are not confined to Colored Americans.

While here he was the guest of the Rev. W. C. Williams, pastor of St. John's church, but he took time to call on his old friend, Dr. G. G. Logan, pastor of Grove M. E. church, and to pay a brief but welcome visit to the home of Rev. John Albert Williams. He brought greetings from Mr. Fred C. Williams, traveling representative of The Monitor, whom he met in Houston, Tex., and whom he says is a live wire, pushing a live newspaper.

ARTILLERY MEN BEING ENLISTED

Philadelphia, June 27.—A call was issued on Tuesday to Colored men of this city to enlist in the field artillery. Lieutenant E. W. Johnson, who has been detailed here on recruiting duty has opened an office in the Y. M. C. A. Building, 1734 Christian street. Recruits will go to Camp Dix and Camp Meade. The failure of a large number of selected men to pass the rigid physical examination for overseas duty has made it necessary to resort to recruiting, he says.

\$35,000,000,000 CONGRESS IS A REALITY

Washington, July 1.—The world's first \$35,000,000,000 congress was a reality today, when the last appropriation measure of this session was introduced in the United States house of representatives. Including loans to the allies, expenditures at this session totaled \$35,189,000,000.



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