Dr. Campbell Is Division Meeting Consultant

Dr. Anne Campbell, national president of AAUW, was the consultant and luncheon speaker at the Louisiana AAUW Learning Conference held July 13 on the campus of LSU at Alexandria. Dr. Patsy K. Barber, division first vice-president, presided at the meeting attended by fifty-eight state and local branch officers.

Dr. Campbell announced that the national organization of AAUW now has 184,000 members and this year contributed over $1,083,000 towards AAUW endowments to help provide fellowship grants to both American and foreign women for advanced study. Of interest also in the report by Dr. Campbell was the information that 60 percent of the new members in AAUW are below 35 years of age and 51 percent of the membership are working women.

Study and action topics presented at the conference were global interdependence, dynamic learning, women searching for self, and the media.

Regional vice-president, Mrs. Johanna Abrahams announced the appointment of Mrs. Bolivar Lee Hait of the Lafayette branch as Centennial Fund Chairman for the five state region of Louisiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi. During the business session Mrs. Peggy Nolan, Lafayette, presented the newly revised state by-laws. Mrs. Marion DeLaitsch, Lafayette, was elected chairman of the nominating committee for the Louisiana Division.

Hait Named to Associate Post

Bolivar Lee Hait of Lafayette Branch has been named a member of the Association Development Committee (Centennial Fund) and Co-ordinator for the Southeast Central Region of AAUW, which includes Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. As Centennial Fund Chairman for Louisiana, she has been instrumental in the raising of over six thousand dollars for fellowships in the state in the past year. These funds have helped build the Mary E. Dichmann Endowment Fund of the Louisiana Division honoring Dr. Mary E. Dichmann of the Lafayette Branch.

Bolivar Lee takes to her new position in the Association much experience gained at branch and state division levels. In the Louisiana Division, she has served as Fellowships Chairman, Centennial Goal Chairman, and Second Vice President, Program Chairman. For Lafayette Branch, she was co-chairman for two state conventions held in Lafayette. Also for Lafayette, she was Fellowships Chairman (authoring a skit, A Spot on the Agenda), Centennial Goal Chairman, Area Chairman for Community Problems, and Bulletin Editor. As an active worker, she has attended AAUW workshops and conventions at the state, regional and association level.

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Presidents Perspective

Another year is now underway, and I am not concerned about the various branch plans—I know that they will be successful and trust that they will provide rewarding experiences for all members, old and new.

This is a special privilege accorded to each president of the Louisiana Division—an opportunity to speak directly to every AAUW member in Louisiana. This is a very democratic organization since each of us has an opportunity to express our opinions and vote on everything from program topics, legislative concerns, and nominations for Association, Regional, Division and Branch officers. Did you express your approval for the candidate of your choice by sending a brief endorsement to the nominating committee? Have you a nomination for Division officers? Listen for the call from the Louisiana nominating committee.

Do you wish to see Louisiana's voice strengthened at the committee level? Send your own or urge those members who have that special information and ability to make a contribution, to send a vita to Mrs. Marion DeLashmet, Rector of Women, 116 Girard Woods Drive, Lafayette, 70501.

I have two other concerns which only you can solve. The first has to do with strengthening our branches and the Louisiana Division—MEMBERSHIP. There are many women who have the same qualifications you have. We need them. Let us all work hard to increase our membership in order that we will be one of the fortunate Divisions with a 15% increase at the next Association Convention in Seattle.

The second is Mary E. Bichmann Fellowship. We are doing well, but need to sustain our momentum and enthusiasm. This is an individual member responsibility. In conclusion, I cannot resist a final word about our concern for equal rights for all women. Let us support the work of AAUW in cooperation with other groups working for the ratification of the ERA in Louisiana.

Dr. Auril W. Phelps
President Louisiana Division

ERA: Remember the Past and Work for the Future

Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

RESOLVED: That the women of this country ought to be entitled to vote, and that women and men are entitled to the same opportunities and benefits under the law to which men are entitled.

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RESOLVED: That all laws which prevent woman from occupying such a station in society as her conscience shall dictate or which place her in a position inferior to that of man, are contrary to the precepts of nature, and therefore of no force or authority.

RESOLVED: That the women of this country ought to be enlightened in regard to the laws under which they live, that they may no longer publish their degradation by declaring themselves as ignorant and incapable of holding any position, and of being deceived by others, by assuring that they have all the rights that they want.

Sound like 1974? In fact these are two of the resolutions of the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention. Perhaps you are not aware of how the conventions of this century worked and suffered in order to obtain the vote—the first action toward the full legal equality they sought.

In 1873 Susan B. Anthony was tried, and finally, and guilty of the crime of "attempting to vote." In 1876 at the huge U.S. Centennial celebration at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, suffragists caused bedlam by having the audacity to pass out a "Declaration of the Rights of Women."

In 1893 and 1894 the 7th and 8th congressional campaigns in state legislatures, fifty-six of their suffragist activities, were arrested, placed in isolation, force-fed, and treated so brutally that only public protest kept them from having to give up. Nineteen women in front of the White House with banners asking for suffrage. They were attacked by passers-by, and for "suffragettes" the women were arrested, placed in isolation, force-fed, and treated so brutally that only public protest kept them from having to give up. The women knew this in 1848. How much better you know it today. Be proud that your grandchildren, men and women, will have full legal equality.

Be proud that you can look realistically at 198 years of legal injustice and can face the challenge of change. And after you feel pride—GET BUSY! Work for the Legislators who support ERA. Write or call them today and volunteer "x" number of hours of campaign effort. Run against anti-ERA Legislators. In Missouri this year thirty women have WON their primaries for the State Legislature. Doris Quinn has defeated the anti-ERA Legislator who kept it bottled in Committee. Can Louisiana be behind?

Know the issues. Take note that the American Bar Association supports ERA, along with 100 Louisiana groups. Note that an LSU Law Professor who opposes ERA, has stated that it will send Louisiana women bottled in Committee. Can Louisiana be behind?

Contact your Branch Legislative Chairwoman or me and offer your help. The statistics on educational injustice, rape, widowing earnings gap, the "head and monster" legal provisions of this state, and the Federal legal inequalities prove over and again that you are NOT legally protected, you are legally exploited.

Write to Mrs. Carlisle this in 1848. How much better you know it today. Be proud that you will finish the work begun by these great women.

Karline K. Tierney
Legislation Co-Chairman

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Florida. Her teaching experience includes appointments at high school, junior college, and university levels. At LSU, Bolivar Lee has served as freshman advisor and co-editor of A Handbook for Freshman Advisors, Parkside South on south campus, and Reader for Roxanne, Alpha Sigma Alpha advisor, member of the University Committee on Sororities, and co-editor of Handbook for Advisors of Beginning Students.

She is listed in Who's Who of American Women and Who's Who in America. Her professional and honorary memberships include the South Central Chapter of English Sigma English Association, LTA, Louisiana Council of English Teachers, Sigma Tau Delta, Pi Gamma Mu, and Delta Kappa Gamma.

Also a participant in many community activities, Bolivar Lee is a member of the Board for the Lafayette Community Foundation and the Sponsor for MUSAC, Music and the Arts, and is a member of the Louisiana State Board of Music and Performing Arts, PEU, University Women's Club, and the Louisiana Consumers' League.
$2,800,000 Raised Toward Centennial Goal

Bolivar Lee Hait, co-ordinator for the Southeast Central Region, observed that an attitude of optimism characterized the annual meeting of the Association Development Committee held in Washington, D.C. on September 26-27. Jan Boys, Director of Public Relations, and Mrs. John G. Clarke, SEC Vice-President, were among those who addressed the committee. Chairman, expressed satisfaction with the progress of the Centennial Fund Program. The amount of $2,800,000 has been raised by contributions and accrued interest during the first three years of the Centennial Decade. Maxine Thot-nabene, a member of the Louisiana Division board of directors and membership committee, commented, "Congratulations and Adulation! Your achievement in 197374 set new records. The total contribution including funds for endowment and current use was $1,083,000 with $911,000 designated for fellowships, a per capita giving record of $6.20."

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Division Members' Achievements Noted

Ms. Mary-Averett Seelye, National Continuing Interests Chairman, has reported that among the outstanding manuscripts listed for the AAUW Writing Project 1973-74 were works by two of our division members: in the Adult Story section, "A Funny Story," by Mary Fowler Beasley, Ruston, and in the Poetry section, a poem by Joyce Rudisill Long, Lafayette.

Mrs. Sylvia Patterson, Cultural Chairman of the Lafayette branch, reports much activity by various members of the English Department at USL. Dr. Bernice Webb, as Coordinator and Consultant for a special "Poetry in the Schools" program in Lafayette Parish, has been conducting a creative writing workshop for students and teachers, with special emphasis upon poetry. In addition to publishing poems of her own, Dr. Webb also is the author of a recently published biography of James Naismith, The Basketball Man. Dr. Barbara Cicardo, who has received several grants for workshops for the teaching of films in a pilot program at USL for freshman composition classes, has published several articles on results of the program. Dr. Jane Bonin of the New Iberia Branch, former editor of The Magnolia, has had two books, Prize Winning Drama in America and Major Themes in American Drama, and several articles published recently.

A member of the Metairie-Gretna branch, Mrs. Verlyn Sanders, has compiled a booklet entitled, "Genealogical Research from Selected Libraries, Archives and Societies Chiefly in Louisiana," which she has presented to the Jefferson Parish Library. The work was done as the bicentennial project of the Vieux Carre DAR Chapter of which she is librarian and historian. Two other members of the Metairie-Gretna branch, Mrs. Rosalie Barnes Huson and Mrs. Miriam Bonnabel, have composed a song for Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary women teachers' organization, "The Ideals of Delta Kappa Gamma." All proceeds from the sale of the song are to be donated to the scholarship fund of AAUW.

In Lake Charles, the Children's Museum Committee, under the chairmanship of Eleanor Patrick, is continuing to present exhibits at the Municipal Airport. Included in recent exhibits were bells from all nations, antique books and periodicals, leather craft works, and decoupage items.

Edu-Action Topics Suggested

Education: Are you resource-full? Are you helping your program development, topic, and legislative chairmen as a resource person? There are many materials that you can find and suggest for study group discussions. "do-it-yourself" member program panels, interviews and others. Suggest ideas for edu-action so that you'll have good reports for me for the spring convention. Your reports are due March 15.

Some of the good action projects I've heard about lately are adopting an international branch—an AAUW branch from another country—and exchanging slides with the members; sponsoring bi-centennial projects such as mural contests, poster contests, and essay contests; and assisting qualified women (or men) to run for public office as individuals or in small groups. It can be done. Some of my fellow AAUW members helped me campaign for the school board—and we won.

Continuing education. If your branch missed Project RENEW deadlines for applications (Oct. 1 and 10) for money for a member's continuing education in college, be planning for next year. Travelship applications are due November 1. Get further information from your branch president.

New Area Reps.—You should have the purple "Your Questions, Our Answers About AAUW Area Representatives" from your predecessor by now. If you don't, I have a few extra copies. Write me, Box 576, Ruston, La. 71270, and I'll send you a copy.

—Marty Beasley, Education Area Representative

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