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**AGE CONVENTION FASHION SHOW**— One extravaganza of the 25th National Convention meets here August 17-23 will be a fashion staged by Ophelia DeVore head of the Gracecco Model Agency of New York who will pre-veral of her renowned models at the Statler-Hotel.

## ct teacher weds st in colorful rites

day Aug. 10, at the Psi Phi Fraternity 31 Harvard St., NW, y Ann Minor, daughter and Mrs. James I. as married to Dr. inus Byrd. emony was performed v. Jerry A. Moore Jr., 19th Street Baptist

le, given in marriage ther, wore a short ss of exquisite lace a. The bodice, fash- ace, had a scalloped and three-quarter-

were two matrons of honor: Mrs. Jennie May Beatty Minor, sister-in-law of the bride, and Mrs. Elizabeth Best of New York, cousin of the bride. Their dresses were fashioned of yellow taffeta, with fitted bodices and with skirts flared neatly at the waistline and arranged barem - style at the hemline. They wore brief yellow circular veils held in place by yellow coronets. And their bouquets were of yellow roses. James I. Minor Jr., brother

... crowd will  
... to see, not  
... prize but the  
... book that shows what  
... club did to win it.

Other topics on NACW talkers' tongues are "What a grand president Mrs. Irene McCoy Gaines made"; "All about the new president, Dr. Rosa L. Slade Gragg"; and "You really can't beat Detroit when it comes to spreading plush rugs."

Take Mrs. Gaines. So successful has been her administration that if there hadn't been laws against longer service she might have been asked to continue serving.

AS FOR Dr. Gragg, she's a go-getter if there ever was one. Businesswoman, educator, civic leader, philanthropist, politician, Dr. Gragg means much not only to Detroit but to the State of Michigan. She has served on Committee after Committee, a mayor, a governor, a president all having given her an appointment.

An ardent friend of the late Dr. Bethune, Dr. Gragg is currently the first vice president of the National Council of Negro Women.

So the NACW won't stand still. It'll grow and grow with Gragg in charge.

And the hospitality found in Detroit was something to really rave about.

There was the big Michigan State reception for instance, with many State and City officials on hand.

The reception at the palatial home of Mrs. Charles C. Diggs Sr., mother of Congressman Charles C. Diggs; and also a reception in Dr. Gragg's beautiful garden.

But why go on. With the following women talking in the day time and often far into the night, you're sure to be hearing more and more of the welcome mat Detroit Michigan spread for the NACW Convention:

H. Corinne Lowry, president of the trophy-winning Washington and Vicinity Federation of Women's Clubs;

E. Pauline Myers, executive secretary, Headquarters, 1601 R St., NW;

Ruby Kendrick, public relations officer; Carrie Hackley, representing administrative board; Isadore Letcher and Corimme Lowry, members of executive board.

Others attending the sessions and finding fun in spreading words about them: Mesdames Georgia C. Anderson, Tuesday Evening Club of Social Workers; Esther Allen, Irene McCoy Gaines Club; Minnie Biggers, Senate Art Club; Eudora Gilmore, Opportunity Club;

Also Mesdames Daisy White, Betty Harvey, Gladys G. Taylor;

Misses Anna Greene, Florence Howell;

Also Mesdames Margaret King, Sahib Georges, L. Beatrice Dance, Fannie Clark, Jacqueline Ward, Cecelia Barnes, Lucy Brown, Lillian Swift, Margaret Key Kelson, Bertha Samuels, Frances Smith. Also in attendance from Washington was Clarence Gilmore.

Mrs. Marguerite Caldwell didn't make the trip but she did a powerful lot encouraging others to go.

Other candidates for the NACW Presidency were Mrs. Susan J. Blockson, businesswoman of Sewickly, Pa., and Mrs. Ruby Scott Lyells, librarian, Jackson, Miss.

A Tip to Guys in Single Harness—Well fellows, you brought this on yourselves. You let June and it's moons disappear.

You let July go by; and now half of August is gone; and

... school principals, teachers, all with pay raises promised; tall ones, short ones, slim ones; old ones too, indeed a model to fit every man's whim. And added to all the lovely

such already in this town what a choice you men do have! Now some of you guys have been taking up space on this scribe's pen is wearing mighty  
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## Educator-writer honored at 100th birthday fete

When Dr. Anna J. Cooper, educator and writer, was honored at her 100th birthday reception Sunday, among the guests were two of her most distinguished former students.

They were Dr. Garnet C. Wilkinson, former superintendent of schools, and the Rev. John Mitchell, who gave the benediction home at 201 T St., NW.

Sitting in the front room of Dr. Cooper recalled that Dr. Wilkinson was recommended for appointment to teachership during her period as principal of the Old M Street High School in 1904.

The Rev. Mitchell was a student of Dr. Cooper's in 1910 at Lincoln Institute, now Lincoln University of Jefferson City, Mo.

Others on the reception program were Col. West Hamilton, Board of Education member; Assistant Secretary of Labor J. Ernest Wilkins, the Rev. J. Cross, the Rev. J. H. Holloway, Miss Fletcher Howell, Miss Mary Cromwell and Miss Helen J. Moore.

"IT ISN'T what we say about ourselves, it's what our lives stand for," said Dr. Cooper, whose voice is full and clear, though her hearing and vision are failing.

Born in Raleigh, N.C., the daughter of a slave, she devoted her life to education after she was graduated from Oberlin. She earned her master's degree.

She was called to Washington as one of the first college

graduates to teach at the old M Street High School, then the only colored high school in the District.

As principal - elect from 1901-06, she set about to make her students eligible for the college scholarships awarded each year to District high school graduates.

She obtained assurance from Harvard, Yale, Brown and other prominent white colleges that her students would be considered if they could pass the entrance examination.

Two of her students were the first colored high school graduates to enter Harvard without having to study at an academy first, she recollected.

DR. COOPER then continued her own education, earning her Ph.D. in Latin from the Sorbonne of Paris in 1925. While in France she wrote, in French, "Le Pelerinage de Charlemagne," which was published in 1925.

In 1929, she became president of Frelinghuysen University, founded in 1906 by Jesse Lawson who wanted to study while holding a regular job.

When a permanent site was needed for the school, Mrs. Cooper offered her spacious home (201 T St.) free of charge, where it still remains.

"I don't remember ever having taken anything just for myself," she recalls.

Throughout the Sunday Centennial birthday testimonial Dr. Cooper talked of her plans for the coming years.

