

Anna May Wood

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Clubwomen Headed By Mrs. Court F. Wood

Elected President of District Federation for Term of Two Years

Successor of Mrs. Ellis Logan has been Washington Resident for Thirty Years

Mrs. Court F. Wood was elected president of the District Federation of Women's Clubs at the final session of the twenty-first annual meeting, held in the vestry of the Eighth Street Temple yesterday afternoon. The ticket presented by the nominating committee was elected in its entirety.



Those who will head the District federation for the ensuing two years—this being the inaugural of the two-year period of office—are, Mrs. Wood, president; Miss Celynda W. Ford, first vice president; Mrs. A. Rogers Tracy, recording secretary; Mrs. John H. Stokes, corresponding secretary (re-elected); Mrs. Josephine L. Jacobs, treasurer (re-elected); Miss Laura J. Graddick, auditor, and Mrs. Eugene H. Pitcher, general federation secretary (re-elected).

Thirty Years in Washington

Mrs. Wood, the only nominee for president of the federation is a native of Philadelphia, but has lived in Washington for the past thirty years, during which time she has become actively identified with the civic and club interests of the city.

Mrs. Wood has served the federation as auditor, recording secretary and first vice president, and according to members of the organization was the one logical candidate to succeed Mrs. Ellis Logan, the retiring president, a judgment which was borne out by her election yesterday.

The new president of the federation is a past president of the Capitol Hill History Club and of the Philo Classics. She is a member of the W.C.T.U., Florence Crittenton Home Day Nursery and the Congress of Mothers.

An orderly discussion was started yesterday afternoon, just as voting was about to begin, by Mrs. Mary F Lockwood, who objected to the method of election by a nominating committee. Several other members of the federation also registered objections. It was at this juncture that Mrs. Wood demonstrated her leadership by rising and pointing out that in the morning the nominating committee, headed by Mrs. Emma Sanford Shelton, had given ample opportunity for nominations from the floor, and that the delegates had not availed themselves of the opportunity, except in the cases of two of the offices to be filled. Mrs. Wood also pointed out that anyone could vote for any one desired simply by writing the name on the ballot.

Proposed to Change By-Laws

It appeared, however, that some of the delegates were not satisfied with the idea of a nominating committee, and before the discussion closed it was announced that at the next meeting of the federation it will be moved that the by-laws having to do with the nomination of an official ticket by a nominating committee be repealed.

Despite this little flurry at the last moment members of the federation today regard the twenty-first annual meeting as one of the most harmonious and pleasing in the organization's history. A feature of

the closing hours of the convention was the presentation of bouquets of flowers to Mrs. Ellis Logan. Flowers were presented by the W.C.T.F. and others, and the Sunshine Community Society presented the retiring officer with a large American flag.

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**Mrs. Court F. Wood's Appeal in Interest of Washington
Arouses Great Enthusiasm**

Special Dispatch to The Star

New York, May 27 -- Mrs. Court F. Wood, president of the District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs, aroused the thirteenth biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to great enthusiasm last night by allusions to the National Capital -- their capital. The occasion was "Presidents' night," and instead of giving the stereotyped report Mrs. Wood "begged leave to print" what she had written of the work accomplished by the District of Columbia clubs and confined the spoken word to an appeal for the interest of every one of the two million club women of the country in making Washington the most beautiful capital in the world.

"Not because it is your capital or mine," she urged, "but because it is the government center of the great republic founded by our mutual ancestors, destined by the grace of God to be the dominant international power of the future. The people of Washington alone cannot make it the nation's dream city beautiful, you must help, my federated club co-workers, by electing to Congress men with an international vision. Then, and then only, shall we have a capital city to compare favorably with old world capitals."

It was a proud night for the District of Columbia Federated Clubs in another respect. Mrs. Wood was authorized to pledge the \$1,000 assessment for the general federation endowment fund, and by the payment of \$500 cash bestowed upon Mrs. William E. Andrews of Washington the honor of founder in the general federation.

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Mrs. Court F. Wood Seeks to Interest Local Clubwomen

"Every federated clubwoman should buy a liberty bond."

This is the advice of Mrs. Court F. Wood, president of the District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Wood will seek to interest club-women in bond buying.

As an example to other clubwomen, Mrs. Wood herself bought a bond. She made the purchase at the National Capital Bank, on Pennsylvania avenue between 3d and 4th streets southeast.

Federated clubwomen all over the country are seeking not only to buy bonds themselves, but are urging others to do so.

Wood. Departed this life Monday, September 15, 1924 at 7:30 a.m., Anna May Wood (nee Whiteside) beloved wife of Court F. Wood of Wood's Commercial School. She is survived by her husband and one son, Foster Wood. Funeral from her late residence, Wednesday afternoon, September 17 at 2:30 o'clock. Interment Congressional Cemetery (Philadelphia, Pa. papers please copy).

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**Mrs. Court F. Wood Dies; Prominent Clubwoman
Former President of District Federation
Had Been In Failing Health Two Years**

Mrs. Court F. Wood formerly president of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs of the District of Columbia, and a resident of this city for 40 years died at her residence, 311 East Capitol street, today. She had been in failing health for two years it is stated and became acutely ill two weeks ago.

Mrs. Wood was the wife of Court F. Wood, president of a commercial school here. Before her marriage she was Miss Anna May Whiteside. She had long been an active member of Waugh M.E. Church.

She is survived by her husband, a son, Foster Wood, a local attorney; a sister, Mrs. Florence Phillips and a brother, William Whiteside, both of Philadelphia. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

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Rites for Mrs. C.F. Wood To Be Held Tomorrow

Funeral From Family Residence at 2:30 O'clock With Rev. W.H. Hoffman in Charge

Funeral services for Mrs. Court F. Wood, who died at her residence, 311 East Capitol street, yesterday will be conducted at the late residence tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. W.H. Hoffman, pastor of the Waugh M.E. Church, assisted by Rev. Dr. Howard E. Downes of Baltimore, a former pastor of that church, will officiate. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Prior to her recent illness Mrs. Wood had the distinction of having been appointed as a representative of Washington to the International Council of Women at their quinquennial convention to be held in this city next May. She resigned following her illness.

During the World War Mrs. Wood was chairman of the Federation Red Cross Auxiliary and also the Waugh M.E. Church auxiliary of the Red Cross. She also was a major of the uniform corps of the Women's Volunteer Aid of the Red Cross, receiving a Red Cross service medal for her services.

Mrs. Wood was a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union here, the Waugh M.E. Church, the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, the Capitol Hill History Club and other philanthropic organizations. She also was a member of the Columbia Chapter, D.A.R.