

FLORIDA STATE FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CIVIL EMPLOYEES.
ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. May 21, 1953.

The First Annual Convention of the Florida State Federation of Chapters N.A.R.C.E. was held in the Serene Hotel, St. Petersburg, Fla. May 21, 1953 and May 22, 1953. The first session of the Convention consisted of registration of delegates and roll call of officers, reports of officers and committees, etc.

The Convention was called to order at 2:15 P.M. May 21, 1953 by Mr. Feuerstein, Chairman on arrangements. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Cook, after which the pledge to the Flag was given by all. Mr. Feuerstein introduced Mr. Loving who made the address of welcome, after which the gavel was turned over to State President Hall. He expressed his delight in his first visit to St. Petersburg, and especially so as that city has the oldest and largest Chapter in the State.

Mr. Larkey, First Vice President of the State Federation was introduced and spoke on the work of organizing the different Chapters in the State. He also reported on the work of the Journal in reporting the progress and proceedings of the several Chapters and the expense in connection therewith.

Field Vice President Wagner was introduced and presented the Federation Charter to Mr. Hall who received it for the Federation. Mr. Wagner expressed his appreciation for the cooperation given him in the work of organizing the Federation and for the fine Fraternal feeling shown. He also gave in considerable detail the necessity of being organized in order to bring pressure to bear on the legislative branch of the Government so that the benefits to the annuitants may be kept up with the living costs.

Roll call of officers showed all officers and board members present with one exception.

A motion was made and carried that the reading of the minutes of previous meetings be dispensed with.

A letter from National President Wilson was read expressing greetings to the Convention. A telegram was also read from him stating that the Senate had passed Bill #4662, which had already been passed by the House. The Telegram was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Reports of Officers and Committees were then given.

A motion was made and defeated that the Chairman appoint a nominating committee for the different offices to be filled.

Mr. Larkey spoke on the matter of nominating committee stating that there was no need for such a committee as nominations could be made from the floor of the Convention.

Mr. Hall announced that he would not be a candidate for reelection owing to his physical condition and the pressure of his own business. He reviewed the work done by him in the organization of the Federation. A motion was made and carried that Mr. Hall's report be accepted and filed.

The Treasurer Mr. Ellis, read his report showing receipts of \$182.07 and expenditures of \$178.76 leaving a balance on hand of \$3.29 with \$27.85 Bills Receivable. The report was ordered filed.

The report of the Second Vice President, Mr. Sinsabaugh expressing his appreciation for the cooperation given him was ordered filed. The Chaplain, Mr. Cook, spoke from the spiritual side of the organization and expressed his satisfaction that the minds of the people were concerned with spiritual things as well as material matters.

The Sgt. at Arms reported on the progress of the meeting and the cooperation given him.

Mr. Feuerstein reported for the Convention Committee that 15 Chapters reported and that 42 delegates registered.

Report of Committee on Resolutions was made by Mr. Wagner who stated that the resolutions were largely recommendations to the national Committee.

Motion made and carried that recommendations of the Resolutions Committee be adopted.

The President spoke concerning a salary for the Field Vice President. A motion was made and carried to refer it to the Resolutions Committee.

Mr. Hersh spoke of the necessity of bringing pressure on Congress urging them to pass laws eliminating retirement pay from income tax as is done with Railroad Retirement and other kinds of retirement. A motion was made and carried referring this matter to the Legislative Committee.

Convention recessed until 9:00 P.M. May 22, 1953.

May 22, 1953 9:30 A.M.

Convention was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by President Hall. Rev. Cook offered prayer.

Mr. Feuerstein reported for the Credentials Committee that there were a total of 38 delegates with 45 votes. Mrs. Hawley of the Credentials Committee read the names of the Chapters represented and the number of delegates allowed each Chapter.

Mr. Hall presented communications from N.A.R.C.E. Chapters at Fort Worth Texas, Yeadon, Penn., and from the California State Federation extending good wishes for the success of the Convention. They were ordered filed.

Mr. Wagner read several resolutions, among them one expressing our appreciation to Senators Smathers and Holland for their support to matters relating to retirement benefits and they were elected honorary delegates to the Federation Conventions. Another resolution was in-re the establishment of more than one Federation in Florida. This resolution was defeated. Resolutions were also read and passed commending St. Petersburg Chapter for their work in preparing for the Convention, and the St. Petersburg Press for the publicity given the Convention, and the Chamber of Commerce, Police Department and Hotel Management for their assistance and cooperation. Mr. Feuerstein was instructed to draw up the proper resolutions and have them delivered.

A resolution was presented by Mr. Loving in-re the manner of conducting the meetings of the Federation. It was moved and carried that this resolution be tabled. It was later removed from the table and it was moved and carried that the resolution be accepted and filed.

Mr. Hersh presented a resolution concerning Section 8. of the Retirement Act, and indicated that further amendments should be made for the benefits of certain annuitants. This resolution was adopted.

A motion was made and carried that the President appoint a grievance committee.

At 11:00 A.M. President Hall called First Vice President Larkey to the Chair and he presided until the Convention adjourned sine die.

The election of officers was taken up at this time. Nominations for President were called for. Messrs Larkey, Sinsabaugh, Feuerstein and Hersh were nominated. Messrs Sinsabaugh and Hersh declined. A ballot was taken resulting in the election of Mr. Arthur G. Larkey as President.

Motion was made and carried to recess the Convention until 1:30 P.M. Convention was called to order at 1:30 P.M. Nominations for First Vice President were called for. Messrs Sinsabaugh and Feuerstein were nominated. Mr. Feuerstein declined and the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot for Mr. Sinsabaugh for First Vice President.

Mrs. Rose Ridgeway of Miami was nominated for Second Vice President and there being no further nominations she was declared elected as Second Vice President.

Rev. Cook was nominated for Chaplain and there being no further nominations he was declared elected as Chaplain.

