

Red Letter Days

America is blessed with holidays. There are more than a dozen which are quite universally observed, to say nothing of the numerous reunions, picnics and fairs which we all love to attend.

Fire Prevention Day

October 9—This date was chosen because the Chicago Fire was on October 8 and 9, in 1871. Since 1911, the first week of October has been observed as Fire Prevention Week.

Columbus Day

October 12—We are a sophisticated people of this Twentieth Century, who seldom experience a thrill of excitement, and cannot imagine the glorious feeling which must have swept over Columbus and his fellow voyagers when at last land appeared on the distant horizon.

The gratitude to him has found expression in the name we have given to the District where stands our Capitol.

Do we feel as did Mark Twain when he said, "When Columbus discovered America, it stayed discovered?"

United Nations Day

October 12—The countries that fought side by side in World War II, not only won the war, but united to build the peace.

Some 1,400 delegates from 46 countries met in San Francisco and adopted a charter, June 26, 1945.

Their first aim to keep the peace; second, develop friendly relations among nations "based on respect for principles of equal rights and self-determination of peoples." The United Nations has six divisions. Do you know them?

Navy Day

October 27 — Observed since 1922, commemorating the birthday of the U. S. Navy in 1775 when the Congress voted an appropriation of \$100,000 to maintain a navy. Also the birthday of Theodore Roosevelt.

Oct. 31—A Toast to Halloween
Here's to the season of the year
When black cats run and witches ride;

Here's to the season we hold dear
When wisdom's mask is laid aside,

And in its stead gay jollity
Rides broomsticks over land and sea.

A ghost party or a ghost social is an excellent way to provide entertainment for the community and at the same time add to the funds and welfare of your organization.

Guests should be greeted by a ghost or several ghosts. If a program is not desired, games, contests, fortune telling, riddles, jokes, stories, and stunts in which many may participate are excellent means of entertainment.

The women could bring boxes,

as for a box social. Each also bring a sheet. When the boxes are to be sold, the women, attired as ghosts in the draped sheets, line up in front of the audience, and the auctioneer, dressed as a witch, calls for bids on the ghosts, not the boxes.

At the conclusion of the auction, the purchasers come forward and claim the "ghosts" they have bought, from which they receive a box.

Armistice Day

November 11—At 11 o'clock on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. That was the beginning of Armistice Day, now a legal holiday in the U. S.

This holiday is commemorative of the Armistice signed between the combatants of the First World War. After four years of terrific struggle—1914 to 1918—in which almost every nation of the world had become involved, a truce was signed.

Many churches throughout America observe the Sunday preceding Armistice Day in dedication to Peace and to honor the heroes of the World War. Ask your church to do so, then remind your members to observe two-minute silence with all America, England and France.

Thanksgiving Day

Last Thursday—Maybe Thanksgiving Day holds first place in our hearts among the many holidays of America.

Surely it ranks with the Fourth of July and Memorial Day in national importance, and at the same time brings greatest joy to the family circle.

It is the first holiday instituted on the American continent, and each year our thoughts travel back to that brave little band of Puritans who, having survived the rigors of the bleak New England winter and reaped the results of their summer toil, gathered to thank God for the bountiful harvest and the health and strength He had bestowed upon them.

We have strayed somewhat from the significance given to the day by those God-fearing ancestors and inclined to think only of the joyous reunions and the delights of a well-laden table.

It is altogether fitting that Thanksgiving should be the happiest day of the year, but we should not lose sight of its true significance. Let us be grateful to God for our personal safety and comfort, and for the rich, beautiful world in which we live.

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tions that are implemented into note worthy activities in their communities throughout the following club year.

Thus the call comes to every interested race-loving woman to identify herself with some community club and thereby assist the group in the promotion of the splendid objectives of the North Carolina Federation. Singlehanded, an individual may achieve note worthy results; but united with other women working toward the same goal, she achieves far greater results.

We need new members. How fast is your club growing? Next year, our club reports will show the number of new members added to each club—an item not heretofore included on the blanks.

A generation ago our main interest was centered around the support of the Efland Home. Today, our work has expanded. We are working steadily for finer womanhood and for more capable leadership among our younger women. Twelve young college women are being given scholarship aid from our Scholarship Fund. Certainly we shall give more to each individual student when the local clubs increase their contributions to the Scholarship Fund. Letters received from college presidents, recommendations from school principals, ministers, and outstanding citizens attest to the wisdom shown in the selection of the young women who receive this help.

Meanwhile the Negro Braille Magazine needs larger support. No other state has such a project. Maintaining it is a test of our real interest in a noble cause; it is a test of our generosity, moreover of our loyalty to our own State Federation. It is with these objectives in mind that, as State President, I have sought to expand our work through regional or district associations.

Thus far, we have three district organizations: The Eastern, the Northeastern, and the Southwestern. The Eastern which under its President, Mrs. Thelma Henley, began as a club—The Interdenominational Charity Club is now a union of some twenty clubs. As guests of clubs of this Eastern District convention delegates must have been convinced of the fact that "In union, there is strength," for the annual convention of 1956 was highly entertained by the women of the Eastern District.

The Southwestern is highly fortunate in the leadership of Miss Ezra Bridges of Shelby. The women of the Executive Board are now preparing for the Second Annual Convention. The membership has increased; women have been reached who had never before attended a Federation meeting; interest has been extensively aroused. Besides this, plans are going forward for the increased support of not only our State Federation but of the Southeast- (See "PRESIDENT," Page 6)

Six Girls Get Scholarships;

A very favorable report came to the Executive Board in its July meeting from committee chairman Mrs. Edna Taylor. For 1955-56 these six girls qualified and received \$100 scholarships each:

Miss Robbie C. Webb of Shelby, at W. Va. State College
Miss Mildred Monk of Smithfield at N. C. College (graduate); Juanita Lowe of Southern Pines, at Shaw University; Edith Walker of Fayetteville at Fayetteville St. College; Miss Geneva McGill of Laurinburg at Fayetteville St. College; Wanetta Harris of Winston-Salem at Livingston College.

The rules and regulations for our Federation Scholarship Project are listed here for your future reference.

(1) All applications are to be made to the Federation President, Mrs. Rose Aggrey, 700 W. Monroe Street, Salisbury, N. C., or to Mrs. Edna Taylor, Chairman of Committee at Box 405, Pinehurst, N. C.

(2) Applications are to be made by letter, giving the names and addresses of closest relatives or guardian; give reasons for requesting scholarship—your college field of interest—college you plan to attend or are attending—and something of your career plans.

(3) Send a letter of recommendation from your Pastor—Principal of your high school—and an active Federated Club Woman of your community.

(4) The applicant must be entering college or a present student of good standing.

(5) The applicant must be interviewed by the State President or an appointed representative of the Executive Board.

(6) All applications and interviewing must be made before the regular annual meeting of the N. C. Federation, as scholarships will be awarded at that time. This is usually in May.

(7) Therefore, May 1st each year is the dead line for accepting applications. — Mrs. Edna Taylor.

HATS OFF

Hats off to Mrs. S. J. P. Taylor of Statesville, who so graciously welcomed the North Carolina Jurisdiction of Order of Eastern Stars, Prince Hall Affiliated; in its Grand Chapter Session.

This was on Tuesday night September 4, 1956, Center Street A.M.E. Zion Church. Her welcome was on behalf of the Federation Affiliated Clubs of Statesville. She took this opportunity to tell of the North Carolina Federation and its program, and to invite others to join us.