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**TO THE WOMEN OF THE
FEDERATED CLUBS:**

In our recent Executive Board Meeting at Bennett College, we were asked by Mrs. E. R. Merrick, the publisher of the "Negro Braille Magazine," to consider this publication as our new Project in view of the fact that we have been relieved by the State of much of the responsibility for the "Training School for Girls" at Kinston. During the years we have helped many worthy causes; but she says, to her knowledge "We have done nothing for this too-often-forgotten group, the Blind."

She further informed us, that more than 300 magazines are published annually in the United States. However, until the appearance of the "Negro Braille" in 1952, no publication carried information that related primarily to Negroes. This magazine is beginning its third year, and is published quarterly. Its content is made up largely of selected material from "JET," a Johnson Publication of Chicago. The embossing and handling is done by the "American Printing House for the Blind" in Louisville, Ky.

Like most Braille Magazines, it is sent free to its readers, which number more than 200. The cost last year was about \$700.00 (82 c per copy). The expense to date has been provided by interested friends. On a few occasions some donations from efforts of the Blind, themselves.

This magazine, which has attracted international attention and commendation, had its origin in our own state, and is published by one of our members. The first Negro Braille Periodical is hereby offered for your consideration as a "Federation Project."

Many of the club women have probably read the complete story of the Negro Braille magazine as it appeared recently in several Negro papers. Mrs. Merrick deserves not only our sincere praise for her extraordinary achievement, but also our cooperation and generous support. Deserving of our commendation also are the members of the Local Planning Committee, who from the beginning of the project, have been associated with Mrs. Merrick and with whom she confers from time to time.

**TO PRESIDENTS AND
CLUB MEMBERS**

The time has again rolled around for our Annual Convention which will be held in High Point, May 14 and 15, 1954.

In order to strengthen our Federation and support our projects, we are urging all presidents to stress the need for larger representation. It is good to send a delegate. That is required; but we want you to emphasize also the help that your club will gain by having as many members attend the State meeting as can conveniently arrange to do so.

The fellowship, the reports, the planning, the addresses are all most inspiring and are well worth whatever sacrifice may be involved in the effort to attend. Some city federations arrange for bus transportation which enables more members to attend.

SESSIONS

The sessions are as follows:

Friday: 10:00 A.M., 1:30 P.M., 8:00 P.M.; Saturday: 10:00 A.M., 1:30 P.M.

Attendance—Every federated club in North Carolina should send representatives.

Every woman's club which has not federated and will federate at the time of the Convention should send representatives.

Any woman who is not affiliated with a club and desires to attend the Convention may attend and apply for membership as a member-at-large.

Reports—There are two kinds of written reports to be made by each club.

(1) Name and address of the club, name and address of president, name and address of secretary, number of members, amount of representation fees, amount of contributions to other projects. These reports are given to the treasurer.

(2) Each club should have a written report of activities for the year. This report should be given to the secretary so that it may be used by the organization in preparing minutes of the Journal reporting the annual meeting.

HOUSING

All correspondence concerning housing should be addressed to:

Mrs. Frances S. Russell
1119 East Washington St.
High Point, N. C.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Friday A.M.—Business Session
Friday P.M.—Public Meeting
Saturday A.M.—Youth Program
Saturday P.M.—Panel Discussion, Work Shop, Memorial Session.
Place of Meeting—William Penn High School.

Write immediately and make arrangement for housing and meals.

FINANCES

For state dues each club member is required to pay 50 cents a year. Each club is asked to raise \$25.00 toward the Scholarship Fund. If your club has fail-

**BURLINGTON TO WORK
AGAINST DELINQUENCY**

According to a recent announcement by Detective Sgt. Boyd Murray before the Lions Club of Burlington, the Police Department is preparing to launch a program for the purpose of crime prevention. This being a new type of police educational program as stated, will require the cooperation of church groups, civic clubs, and uplift organizations throughout the city.

"Our rate of delinquency in Burlington is low, compared to other cities of our own size," Sergeant Murray said, but he pointed out that there is much reason for the public to be aware of problems as they can arise.

He stated that 93 per cent of America's youth never get into trouble with the law. Five per cent are easily led, and the remaining 2 per cent fall within the ages of 8 and 16.

"One per cent of the final 2 per cent," he said, "is admitted to institutions and one fourth of the 1 per cent is rehabilitated with the remaining three fourths per cent being continuous trouble makers. The other 1 per cent represents the group that never gets caught and never are taken before a judge.

Of every child caught by the law in violation, Sgt. Murray pointed out, there are three who are released. In most cases officers will go directly to parents when a child is caught violating the law and will release him in the custody of parents."

We trust that civic authorities in Burlington as well as in other places will not overlook the help that may be given by our colored leaders, nor the financial help that might be given to promote efforts already initiated by our citizens. Experience has proved that, in any market an ounce of prevention is always worth a pound of cure, and that it is much easier to work toward prevention than to provide the right cures.

Reports are encouraging from communities where there are wisely directed boys' clubs. These clubs provide activities that are highly beneficial in solving (Continued on Page 6)

ed to raise this amount, send whatever you can.

CONVENTION EXPENSES

Lodging and Breakfast.....\$2.00
Lunch — Friday..... 1.00
Dinner — Friday..... 1.50
Dinner — Saturday..... 1.50
Registration 1.00

Please pay your registration fee as soon as you arrive. Should you stay two nights your lodging and breakfast will be \$4.00. May we have a large representation from your club and your very best reports.

Yours for a great convention.
(Mrs.) Rose D. Aggrey,
President