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**Expansion**

In all of our efforts to expand Federation work in North Carolina so that women in every area of our state are able to participate in the promotion of our objectives, we, as club leaders must constantly stress not only the need for a keen and an individual awareness of all the obligations involved in good citizenship; but we must emphasize also the urgent demand for the regular performance of these obligations fearlessly, wisely, and faithfully on the part of all citizens.

Some of our club women manifest considerable interest in civic affairs. In our annual reports, several clubs reported their efforts to arouse interest in the use of the ballot. Some clubs invited one or two candidates for offices to address their clubs. Arrangements for transporting voters to the polls were included among the activities of several clubs. Women who enjoy the advantages of education and who are interested in race improvement, in better sanitation, better streets, housing, school lighting: in short, women who are eager for simple human rights, must seek to arouse the interest of disinterested women and urge them to exercise the use of the ballot.

Since the initiation of the Hobby Show in High Point in 1954 under the direction of Miss Snow Bailey and Mrs. Gazella P. Lipscomb of Durham, the attractive project has gained greater interest each year. At Fayetteville, we are looking forward to a Superior Hobby Show. Women of the Eastern District under Mrs. Henley's guidance, are making elaborate preparation for the show. Prizes will be offered this year for the best work exhibited. Let every club make at least a commendable showing. Win a prize if you can. Mrs. Thelma Henley, President of the Eastern District, 317 Coolspring St., Fayetteville will receive articles for display.

As our organization grows in numbers, certainly our interests expand and we move into other areas of usefulness. This does not mean that we should diminish our interest in any of the noble causes which in past years commanded our sup-

port. The state of North Carolina now makes reasonable provisions for our delinquent boys and girls in the state training schools; which relieves our club women of the tremendous responsibility that for many years confronted us. There are, however, several ways in which we may still render some necessary help to boys and girls in these training schools. Information as to what type of help is really needed, and concerning what gifts would be most acceptable, may be obtained from the Superintendents of these training schools. At our coming convention in Fayetteville, this matter will be discussed.

## THE BRAILLE MAGAZINE

Most inspiring has been the response from the readers of this magazine for the blind. Their letters of appreciation are so tremendously appealing that only the most hard-hearted women in our Federation would refuse to make a contribution toward the cost of publishing the Negro Braille Magazine.

Mrs. E. R. Merrick, the editor and founder has the assistance of a local committee comprising some of the finest people in Durham. Magnanimous, loyal, and enterprising they are indeed; but they cannot carry the whole load. The cost of each issue is enormous, and we should increase our help. The joy of sharing in this most noble endeavor will be our reward.

## TEMPERANCE

Resuming our interest in efforts to reduce the widespread use of intoxicants must always remain as one of the fundamental objectives of our club women. Without money and without price we can help to promote the temperance cause in this nation. Sixty-five million liquor drinkers in the United States must be led away from this evil. At our coming convention let us discuss ways and means of reducing this alarming number.

Proclaim over and over the warning; preach this truth, so poignantly expressed by that great Salvation Army commander—Evangeline Booth; sound the alarm until we shall have an army of young men and young women pledged to total abstinence, sworn enemies of alcoholic beverages.

*DRINK has drained more blood,  
Hung more crepe,  
Sold more homes,  
Plunged more people into bankruptcy,  
Armed more villains,  
Slain more children,  
Snapped more wedding rings,  
Defiled more innocence,  
Blinded more eyes,  
Dethroned more reason,*

**We Move Forward**

The North Carolina Federation is not marking time, nor is it taking any steps backward. Our women are steadily moving forward. The Federation Journal extends its congratulations to Miss Ezra A. Bridges of Shelby for her outstanding work in conducting the Work Shop Conference at the first general meeting of the newly organized Southwestern District Federation. Miss Bridges, the President, visited several towns where there were no clubs and interested the women in these places in club work. Now we have new clubs of enthusiastic women added to our State Federation. In April another group will be added so that soon we shall have the Federation banners flying all over the state. Mrs. Fannie Newsome of Rich Square, Mrs. Anna Johnson of Wilson, and Mrs. A. B. Byrd of Rocky Mount are leading in an effort to invite the women in their respective areas. A mass meeting has already been planned for April 15 at Rocky Mount.

**"Ten Commandments To Kill An Organization"**

- I. Always have something else to do when a meeting is called.
- II. If you attend a meeting, be sure to find fault with the officers and fellow members.
- III. Decline to hold office, as it is easier to criticize than to be criticized.
- IV. Get sore if you are not put on a committee.
- V. If you are put on a committee fail to serve.
- VI. If the chairman asks for opinions, by all means keep silent, but later, tell others what SHOULD have been done.
- VII. When a few people roll up their sleeves to help things along, always preach that a clique is running the organization.
- VIII. Stick to telling what you have done in the past for an organization. Never look to the future.
- IX. Delay paying your dues as long as possible.
- X. Never bother about getting new members.

Submitted by

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*Wrecked more manhood,  
Dishonored more womanhood,  
Broken more hearts,  
Blasted more lives,  
Driven more to suicide,  
And dug more graves—  
Than any other poisoned scourge  
that ever swept its death-dealing  
waves across the world.*