

## Organizational Committee Reports

The **Committee on Organization** was suggested at the Annual Dinner Meeting of the Executive Board held at the Franklinton Center on June 5 at 8:00 p.m. It was believed by the ladies who were present at this meeting that the organizers of clubs in different parts of the state should have some information about the Federation to put into the hands of members of the newly-organized groups, or those about to be organized. It was also suggested that this material be in condensed form.

The committee held its meeting in the auditorium of the Franklinton Center on June 6 at 6:30 p.m. and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- I. That a handbook or a pamphlet be prepared.
- II. That this handbook give the following information:
  - A. The Federation purpose
  - B. Main objectives of the Federation
  - C. Information on membership
    1. Eligibility
    2. Fees
  - D. Historical sketch of the Federation to include:
    1. Some outstanding accomplishments
    2. Some noted leaders
  - E. List of Federation Officers
 

Committee;
Miss Katie Bunn
Mrs. E. O. Donoho
Mrs. Susie Lynn
Mrs. Theola Moore
Mrs. T. Satterwhite
Mrs. Edna Mitchell,
chairman

## Improve Your Club

Is your club concerned about the question "What does the Community think of us as an organization?" and if you would like to move in the direction of a positive answer, here are some ways to do it.

1. The club must be doing something, either as individuals or as a club, which merits the appreciation of the community. The Club should have a program of action in all avenues of service. Any organization, institution, or business which is concerned about public acceptance, there is no substitute for performance.

2. Tell the story of your club well and widely within the bounds of good taste. Newspapers, radios and television stations—or any other communication mediums—should be utilized in telling your story.

3. Publicize each meeting, each Club project and all special events. Your Public Relations Committee should operate on the principle that the club is a "continuing story" of service.

## New Clubs Formed



Rocky Mount Jr. Club



Enfield Jr. Club



Rich Square Jr. Club

# June Workshop Summary

Theme: The Power of Organized Women in the Community

There were many interesting experiences shared by Federation members during the workshop periods held at the Franklinton Center on June 6. The leaders were Mesdames Susie Jones and Edna Mitchell and Miss Wilhelmina Crosson.

In the general discussions were included some considerations necessary for the proper functioning of organized groups. The following list includes the most important:

1. A clear statement of the purpose of the organization.
2. Good character traits
  - a. Christianity
  - b. Power to discriminate
  - c. Dedication and devotion
  - d. Ability to evaluate activities
  - e. Ability to achieve an ideal
  - f. Power of self-cultivation
3. Suggestions for improving the work of organized groups:
  - a. Search our culture and do away with caste system.
  - b. Live with children and do things with them so that we may lay a good foundation for future club organization.
  - c. Be alert on delinquent problems and help children to see the finer things of life.
  - d. Stress the power of organization in the home, the citadel of civilization.
  - e. Meet all obligations promptly.
  - f. Keep club members well informed that there may be intelligent participation in community affairs.
  - g. Join other groups, such as civic forums.

One of the most helpful phases of the workshops was the relating of what has been done and what is now being done by organized women in different parts of the state.

Some examples are:

1. The young people in Pine-

hurst and Smithfield will enjoy their recreation this summer because women have worked faithfully to aid in preparing recreation centers for them. This is being done in other areas also.

2. Club women of Statesville invited into their meeting a white woman who had made a trip abroad. They gained information and became better known as intelligent citizens of their community.

3. In cities and towns of North Carolina, club women have encouraged voting, and have also aided in training for more intelligent use of the ballot.

4. A club woman in Windsor donated blood. By doing this she stimulated other club women to become donors and also built up club morale.

5. The Charlotte Y.W.C.A. Public Affairs Committee went to a bus company and interceded for a change in a bus route for the protection of the girls who were obliged to be out at night. They succeeded in getting a bus to come within a half a block of the Y.W.C.A. and the girls were relieved of having to walk a long distance.

6. Concerted efforts on the part of organized women, aided greatly in the election of a Negro to the School Board in Southern Pines.

7. Organized women in Elizabeth City sponsored several activities in the city-wide campaign for "Cleaning-Up, Painting-Up and Fixing-Up" the city.

8. In a large city in the western part of the state a minor is now lodged in jail. Club women are working for his release. If they succeed, this will be a triumph for organized women.

9. Club women in High Point want a lunch room instead of a snack bar in one of the large department stores. Efforts thus far have not been satisfactory, but these women are getting touch with customers and are urging that they discontinue patronage

## Faces Missed At Meet

The 49th Annual Convention of N. C. Federation was all we could hope for according to reports received. Both socially and educationally the delegates benefited greatly, and now all eyes are turned to the Golden Anniversary in 1959.

Few can remember an Annual Convention of N. C. Federation of Negro Women's Clubs, and not seeing the faces of Mr. John R. Larkins, Negro Consultant of N. C. Public Welfare—nor Mrs. Rose D. Aggrey, Past President of the Federation—nor Miss Mae D. Holmes, Superintendent of Girls' Training at Kinston.

Many asked why? Where are they? Mrs. Aggrey and Miss Holmes drove up as the meeting closed but here is the answer. Ambassador Chapman and his official party were visiting in N. C. and these distinguished folk were busy entertaining them. The Ambassador had come to N. C. to deliver the commencement address and receive an honorary degree at A. and T. College in Greensboro. Mr. Larkins was responsible for the Ambassador's itinerary while in the state which included, a reception in his honor given by the Aggrey family in Salisbury; a banquet by citizens in Raleigh and a visit to Training School at Kinston as the guest of Miss Mae D. Holmes. These affairs were well attended by members of N. C. Federation of Negro Women's Clubs.

until these condition are changed.

Good club organization in any community is the kind that challenges every woman in the community to do her best for the general welfare.

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