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organization, representing a cross-section of all the different classes and levels of womanhood in the state. Many of these women are looking to the women of this organization for direction and leadership. As leaders it is your responsibility to keep abreast with all social, political, religious and economic trends so that you will be ready with a program that will not allow the women and their families of your race to be left behind in this forward march toward a better economic and spiritual life in these United States . . . as federated women it is our responsibility to see that no woman is left out of this great organization. Our organizers must become alert and see that every woman in every rural area, the women in every village and every local community is stimulated to become a member of an organized Federated Club. The President of this Federation, and every other Federation in our great National Association of Colored Women ought to be able to reach out and put her hands on every Negro woman in the United States, in times of crisis, or in times of sharing the wealth and progress of this country. We should be so organized, so trained that when election times come around, the president of this association knows before the ballots are counted, just who we are going to put into office. We should be so well organized that the power of our vote will be a potent influence for good in every capitol building in this land.

As Federated Club Women our power must be felt in the courts of this country. We must see that our boys and girls are not numbered with juveniles who are classed as delinquents . . . as Federated Club Women we must put on a program, now, right now, that will raise the standards of our homes. We, and when I say **WE** I mean We American Women with all our progress and opportunities have lost our **family life activities**. As one of the minority groups under investigation, the President's Committee on Job Opportunities for Minorities, states that 1/2 of the Negro boys and girls in this country are reared in homes without the father. In many cases he has been there and gone. In too many cases he was never there . . . what does this imply? . . . it implies that we as a people have failed, too greatly, to teach our boys their major responsibility in life. Our men, or our boys who are to become men, do not take very seriously their duty as participating citizens in all civic affairs. They do not know that it is their duty to be good husbands to their wives . . . and they have very little serious interest in fathering the

next generation. It is not their fault, all together, it is our fault as older women who have left our program of sex education to chance . . . it is our fault that we have not demanded that our church programs have been such that they are not planned for youth, their interest and development. (They are better now, but too late.)

With the great demand for trained man-power and woman-power, we are still allowing too many of our boys and girls to drop out of high school before they finish. We have a miserably small number of our young people entering college from our high schools. If we as a minority group are to ever gain status and stature in this country, or, any other country in the world of today, we must see to it that our youth are stimulated and inspired to go to school, and remain in school until they have finished, and, while he is in school he must make good use of his time . . . the Vice President of the United States chairs a committee that is ready with all kinds of high paying, technical, mechanical, and administrative jobs ready to place Negro young people who are prepared, but they are not available . . . this is our duty . . . to see that our youth become prepared for all the different kinds of positions available to any other youth in this country. It does not matter whether any Negro has been hired in the field or not. It does matter whether the job or profession he chooses is in his home community or not. It does not matter whether the possible opening is in one section of this country or over seas, encourage your youth to take the training. Make sure that he is an expert on the job and Uncle Sam will place him . . . let us not be too happy and satisfied with the "Firsts" who are being employed in these higher and more technical positions. Let us see to it that hundreds follow right behind every first in more and more hither-to closed door jobs to the minority.

Ladies, let us put on a program of Youth Conservation in every community, rural and urban . . . let us put on a program for raising the standards of the Negro home. Put on a program whereby we can re-establish the family meal time, where mother, father and children meet once a day and have a daily picnic talking over the experiences of the day and plan together how to meet each others problems in a Christ-like way. Let us work together as a unit for an improved generation of young people. Let us be ready and sincere about their responsibilities as citizens, as husbands or wives, as mothers and fathers, as workers in a highly technical economy of a scientific world. As

American women we have the power to make this world what we want it to be for our children and their children. We have the power that the economy of this country is depending upon for future industrial and economic success. We have the power to make good citizens out of our youth. We have the power to bring about heaven on earth . . . let us work together for the good of every other individual in our society. Our homes, our community, our state, our nation and the world . . . there are pioneers in every age and always new frontiers to conquer. It may well be that ours is the generation privileged to pioneer, if we but will, in giving new emphasis to culture, without sacrificing civiliza-

tion, to give new stature to women without sacrificing our hard won status.

What we do in the next 10 years to come will have significant consequences for the world in which our sons and daughters and their sons and daughters will meet and have to work for seventy years from now. Will there be women of great stature? Will there be a better economy than today? Will there be a more peaceful world?

The answer to these questions is not entirely ours to give, but what we do, individually, in our families, in our communities, and as organized women of power will be of importance in the shaping of the answers.

Treasurer's Report

June 8, 1957 - June 6, 1958

RECEIPTS

Brought forward.....	\$1,356.93
Received from Club dues.....	883.05
Received for Blind Project.....	356.50
Received for Schools.....	40.00
Received for S.E. Federation.....	54.00
Received for NAACP.....	14.00
Refund from Delegate.....	28.82
Total.....	\$2,733.30

EXPENSES

To Annual Meeting.....	\$ 138.51
To Schools.....	40.00
Blind	356.50
To Organizers (Taylor, Johnson, Gibson).....	72.75
For Flag.....	6.80
Secretary	25.00
Mrs. Aggrey.....	37.70
To Lawyer — Stamps.....	13.20
NAACP	200.00
S.E. Federation and Delegate.....	250.00
Federation Journal.....	311.60
Executive Board Meeting.....	51.75
Council on Human Relations.....	5.00
President Office.....	39.60
Financial Secretary.....	59.30
Mrs. Henley, Regional Chairman.....	10.00
National Federation Project.....	100.00
Treasurer's Bond and Postage.....	10.00
Total.....	\$1,727.71
\$2,733.30—Receipts	Expenses \$1,727.71
	Balance \$1,005.50

Budget Report

1958 - 1959

To be received from dues.....	\$1,000.00
Scholarships	200.00
Journal	250.00
Total	\$2,450.00

EXPENSES

Annual Meeting.....	\$ 200.00
Secretary	25.00
Journal	400.00
Board	10.00
Organizers	150.00
District Meetings.....	30.00
Youth Department.....	25.00
National P. S. E.....	100.00
Editor	25.00
Total	\$ 965.00

Committee

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