

# Executive Board Meets As Training School Guests

A most enjoyable visit and busy day was spent by the Mistress Spellman, Barnes, Pridgen, Collins, Byrd, Merrick, Newsome, Darden, Jones, Curtright, Moore, E. Taylor, S. Taylor, Brown, Leonard, Albright, Smith, Arr, Allen, Murphy and Misses Young and Crasson, members of board, as guests of Girls Training School at Kinston, with Supt. Holmes as hostess.

The meeting opened with devotions by the girls Glee Club singing "How Great Thou Art."

Mr. Blaine M. Madison, commissioner of Corrections and his assistant, Mr. Charles Bennett, greeted us. They had come in interest of the gesture of the Federation, to use Efland Home Funds for a Chapel at the school. In presenting these gentlemen Miss Holmes stated her appreciation of the interest of club women over the years. She pointed out that the classroom now being used does not lend itself so readily to religious services. She pointed out that an improvised stage is used. The room is doing used for many purposes, physical ed, Christian ed, music, and commercial classes. The many uses naturally may tend to lessen the religious atmosphere of the room. There is a great need for a chapel that is simple yet beautiful.

Mrs. David Jones, chairman of the Chapel Committee, made the following report. This committee had held a meeting the night before and Mrs. Curtright and Miss Crassen sat in.

## Report of Chapel Committee

Your Committee has had two sessions and at this time wishes to make a progress report.

1. We have in a way arrived at what we would like to bring for discussion as to our objective, namely—

A Chapel to give the girls at Dobbs Farm an experience in worship and meditation. Such an experience is helped to reality by the atmosphere of the place of worship, so we feel that it would be important that the structure should meet all requirements of good architectural design; that it should be marked by simplicity, beauty, dignity and usefulness. We are suggesting that it be built to seat 200 people.

2. The Committee authorized Miss Holmes to start inquiries into the type of construction, costs, etc. and we hope to present this report to you at your next meeting.

3. The Committee requests that today you go carefully over the Campus and make a note of your suggestions regarding location so that when recommendations come regarding this you may be ready for consideration of the same.

4. The Committee wishes also

to ask Mrs. Barnes to report at this meeting the money at present in the Efland Fund and to say when the entire amount will be available.

5. The Committee wishes to express gratitude to Mr. Madison and to say we covet his continued interest and assistance in this undertaking.

Committee members:

Mrs. E. C. Mitchell  
Mrs. Louise Bost  
Mrs. Thelma Henley  
Mrs. Rose D. Aggrey  
Mrs. E. B. Taylor  
Mrs. Esther Barnes  
Miss Ruth G. Rush  
Miss Mae D. Holmes

The board meeting continued in usual routine of minutes, reports, and action on recommendations and resolutions seen elsewhere in this issue. The president reported that the 1960 Convention will be held in Raleigh as guest of the Jr. and Sr. Women's Club. Mrs. Hattie Toole is making arrangements. The probable dates will be early June.

A most attractive "T" shaped table with fruit centerpieces greeted all the members and visitors as they entered the dining room of the school. You do not need to be told of the tasty well served food that more than satisfied everyone.

## Committee Reports

All of these committees did not have a chance to give material and suggestions in the convention.

Here we offer a brief summary of some committees that left their reports:

### Scrap Book Committee

This committee displayed at the Wilson Convention the Federation's first scrap book.

It is index to carry materials from each of our four districts, and it is designed to have materials added as the years roll by. Send materials at any time you wish.

The State Scrap Book will be displayed in 1960 at the National Convention of Federated Clubs in New York City.

The committee is making two suggestions:

1. That each club try to have a small Scrap Book as a means of preserving for posterity the history, activities and accomplishments of the club.

2. That each club try to bind for the future reference one copy of each issue of our Federation Journal.

Mrs. Fannie T. Newsome—Chr.

### Mrs. V. T. Bishop—Co-Chr. Economics and Business Committee

The economic and business situations of the Negro of N. C. is of grave concern. Because of our aim of "Lifting as We Climb," the committee on Economics and Business submit the following secured from its study:

The 1950 census showed North Carolina population as 4,061,929 with 1,078,808 non-white. Of the non-white 1,047,353 were Negroes. Of the 49,572 unemployed 20,442 were non-white. A median income of \$2,215 for white families and \$1,056 for non-white families.

North Carolina is one of two states with Negro population over one million. With 27 per cent of Negroes urban, 21 per cent rural non-farm and 31 per cent rural farm.

This committee also discussed:

- Making a living
  - Homes and Families
  - Minimum Wage Law
  - Changing Southern Economy
- Mrs. Virginia E. Smith  
Chairman

### Crime and Delinquency Committee

They presented to you "Sources of Information" to be used by clubs in discussion:

- N. C. State Board of Public Welfare, Raleigh, North Carolina
- U. S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington 25, D.C.
- Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation, 1200 Johnston Building, Charlotte 2, N. C.
- National Education Association of the United States, 1201 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

### Books

1,000,000 Delinquents Fine, Benjamin, World Publishing Co., New York City.

Kuaraceus, W. C. Juvenile Delinquency and the School World Publishing Co., New York City.

Books may be borrowed from libraries, local and state.

Mrs. Marie Harding  
Chairman

### Citizenship Committee

"Citizenship in the United States is acquired by birth or by naturalization." Please read the 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the U. S.

In reference to "Civil Rights" the N.A.A.C.P. has dedicated itself to accomplishing:

1. Enactment of federal, state, and local for employment practices legislation with provision for effective enforcement.

2. Enactment of state and federal legislation to abolish the poll tax as a prerequisite to voting.

3. Support of bill that strengthen

the powers that protect voting rights of person in southern states.

Mrs. Alice R. Spicer  
Chairman

### Courtesy Committee

"All doors open to courtesy" says Thas. Fuller

1. At least one club discussion during the year on "Courtesy".

2. Mimeographed sheets were distributed on subject at convention. More will be sent on request.

3. Buy or borrow and discuss this book, "Courtesy" a book of modern manners by Helen M. Sprackling, M. Barrows- Publisher price \$2.25.

Five Fundamental Don'ts

1. Don't sprawl, sit; don't chaw, chew; don't pick, poke, scratch and pry at yourself when with others.

2. Don't interrupt. Don't break into conversations, into groups, into private thoughts and personal matters.

3. Don't be ungrateful. Say, "Thank you, God"; "Thank you, mother"; "Thank you, dear," and "Thank you each and every one."

4. Don't be pushy. Not with your body, your hands, your feet, your complaints, your problems, your food or your opinions.

5. Don't be self-centered and stupid. Learn the rules of the game and when in Rome, do as the Roman do, gracefully.

Mrs. Fannie T. Newsome  
Chairman

Mrs. Alice P. Collins  
Co-Chairman

### Fraternal Relations Committee

Fraternal meaning "brotherly or sisterly" relationship, the committee presented three "A" as a program of actions for the club:

1. Appraise the community; see what other clubs are doing; urge other clubs to federate.

2. Arouse the interest of members of your club to get together as a team.

3. Assist whenever possible with whatever agencies are available to promote good fraternal relationship.

Mrs. P. V. Patterson—Chr.  
Government Bonds and Peace  
Committee

1. Government bonds are a security in times of peace and war.

2. They are a protection for the future of our family life and our country.

3. A purchase of freedom from want and distress.

Clubs are urged to study the spending of our family income.

We shall practice saving in investing. Purchase of Government Bonds is one way.

Mrs. Laura Plummer  
Chairman

Mrs. T. O. Satterwhite  
Secretary