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Editorial A Great Society

The themes of our N. C. Federation Convention in June – the Southeastern Regional Biennial Convention in July – and the National Association Biennial in 1966 all will emphasize "The Great Society," the president of this country is asking us to help build.

Some say we have a Great Society in America, BUT it maybe getting a little out of hand. What do you think. We have selected three quotes for your consideration.

First; "To Serve or be Served"
—Barbara Jacobson, Wellesley College Freshman

Second; "The Salt of the Earth"
—Sunshine Magazine, May 1963

Third; "What Makes a Nation Great?" – Alexander Blackburn
TO SERVE OR BE SERVED

"We cannot forget the lessons of Greek civilization. So long as each individual was self-reliant, all individuals bound together by one great aim – the service of their country—that civilization flourished. But a softness and a complacency finally came over the Greeks to cause their ruin. In the end, more than they wanted freedom, they wanted security, comfort and a comfortable life; so they lost all – security, comfort and freedom. When they wanted the state to give to them, not to give to the state, when freedom from responsibility was the freedom they wanted most, then Athens ceased to be free and was never free again.

"The hopes of mankind cannot be kept alive by mere words, constitutions, charters, or doctrines of rights. We ourselves must be willing to make our lives an embodiment of right and service. Life holds out to each of us the promise of becoming whatever we have in us to become. To serve is to fulfill that promise, to make our own contribution to life itself – and that is not to live in vain."

THE SALT OF THE EARTH

WHO ARE THEY? They are those who find their duty and do it. They are those who believe they are ordained to make life better for their neighbors and to relieve the burdens of their favored brethren.

WHO ARE THEY? They are the businessmen, the inventors, the production men, the farmers, the trainmen, the clerks, the "silent army" . . . the unrecognized, unhonored . . . but the jewels of the American way of life.

WHO ARE THEY? They are those who accept the responsibilities of leadership in times of peril. They

are the worthy successors of the heroes of Valley Forge, Gettysburg and Iwo Jima.

WHO ARE THEY? They are the statesmen, editors and patriots . . . and the men and women on the street . . . who eternally fight those who with poison thinking and teeth of steel are trying to defile and destroy the integrity and freedom of the Nation.

WHAT MAKES A NATION GREAT? Not serried ranks with flags unfurled,

Not armored ships that gird the world,

Not hoarded wealth nor busy mills,

Not cattle on a thousand hills,

Not sages wise, nor schools nor laws,

Not boasted deeds in freedom's cause.

All these may be, and yet the state In the eye of God be far from great. That land is great which knows the Lord,

Whose sons are guided by His Word; Where justice rules 'twixt man and man,

Where love controls in act and plan; Where, breathing in his native air, Each soul finds joy in praise and prayer—

Thus may our country, good and great, Be God's delight—man's best estate.

Executive Board Met In February

The meeting was held on February 27th at the Girl's Training School, Kinston, N. C. with Mrs. A. B. Byrd presiding. A large representation was present.

List of deceased members and relatives was read and given to our editor for publication in the Journal.

One hundred twenty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents was reported having been collected for the Hughes Fund.

Mrs. F. T. Newsome gave a report of the Southeastern Regional Board Meeting which was recently held in Petersburg, Va. Mrs. Newsome has been appointed Chairman of the National Scrap Book Committee and has been appointed Chairman of Southeastern Public Relations.

The Birthday gift project for the Girl's Training School was discussed and a decision was reached that the Superintendent of the school, be allowed to retain all late and unclaimed gifts and dispose of them as she sees fit. It was also decided that we continue correspondence to legislatures to seek support in encouraging the erection of a chapel at the girl's school in Kinston.

Amotion was carried to authorize our state president and one more board member to attend the meeting in Raleigh, N. C. of the State Legislative Council with the intention of affiliating with this organization at an early date.

Our state unit contributed over \$358.00 to the National Auto Contest and received honorable mention.

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Madison Is Mountain Man



BLAIRE MARK MADISON
Commissioner for Correction
of North Carolina, Raleigh

He was born in Iredell County, N. C. and studied at High Point College and Duke University. He is married to former Miss Helen Williams of Yadkinville, N. C. Interesting experiences:

1. Principal of two schools in his home in County.

2. Professor in Appalachian State Teachers College and Asheville College.

3. When he came into his present work in 1955 he was Ass't. Director of Prisons for N. C.

4. He has published many professional articles in periodicals and bulletins of wide circulation.

5. A Christian gentleman with memberships and many duties in Edenton Street Methodist Church, as well as varied offices in N. C. Methodist conference and council.

6. Professional and Civic, he is really kept busy in Raleigh with some ten different organizations.

Our thanks to him for the invitation to attend this activity that honor our Federation of Women's Clubs by this distinguished honoring of our former president, Mrs. Lula Kelsey.

LARKINS

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Columbia University and University of N. C.

Received Doctor of Laws 1958, A. & T. College, Greensboro.

A member of Trustee Boards of Shaw University, N. C. College and Raleigh Business College.

He serves on numerous committees and holds membership in some eight organizations. His awards and publications are too numerous for our space here. At present he is visiting Professor of Sociology, at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh.

Our congratulations go to him with the blessing of God for his future.



Portrait being unveiled by
Grandchildren of
Mrs. Edna Taylor

Portrait was donated to State Training School at Kinston by the Southeastern District of N. C. Federation of Negro Women's Clubs.

Larkins Makes Dedication

Dedicatory program speech by John R. Larkins, Consultant, N. C. State Department of Public Welfare, of Raleigh, at State Training School for Girls, Kinston, N. C., on October 25, 1964:

We have assembled here today to unveil a portrait and hold dedicatory services for the late Mrs. Edna B. Taylor. It is fitting and proper that we pay tribute and honor to this great woman.

I always look forward to visiting this institution, because it stands as a monument to the efforts, sacrifices, and achievements of the North Carolina Federation of Negro Woman's Clubs. Mrs. Taylor was a member of the Federation and served as an officer of this organization with distinction for a number of years. She loved this institution and worked closely with Superintendent Holmes and her staff in the excellent job they have and continue to do here.

Nearly forty-five years ago, a brilliant and dedicated young woman entered the public school system of North Carolina, and brought with her excellent educational training for that time. More important, she brought love and concern for children and youth.

She was not content to confine her activities to the teaching profession, and entered into the wider arena of community and state activities. She joined and became identified with all of the social movements and crusades concerned with the lifting and improving of humanity. She served as a member of the Advisory Board of the North Carolina Board of Juvenile Correction, and held offices several times in the State Baptist Convention. She served also as State organizer for the North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs. After retiring from 42 years of teaching and hard work in the public school system, she was

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