

Birthday Gifts Project Points

After reading a letter from Miss W. Laws, chairman of this project, the following points were emphasized in the Board Meeting:

1. Each District President is urged to carry out the request of the chairman completely for get gifts out in your district. Please send in time to be there for the birthday of a boy or girl.

2. If it is not possible for you to carry out the request, then return it to Miss Laws and explain why. Presidents if you fail to follow up your clubs to see that they do their part, some child is disappointed. We are sure you do not really mean for this to happen. It would be fine to have your clubs report back to you.

3. Please write "Federation Club" on each package. Give the name of the club as well as the name of the person sending the package, or give the name of club president and her address.

4. Put full name of Boy or Girl inside the package. A nice birthday card with child's name and club it is from will add to gift.

5. Address all packages to the school where the child is.

6. It is not recommended that you expect or request an answer from the child. If the package is not returned to you it has certainly been received by the school and given the child. They may not always be in position to write. If you include an addressed card we are sure it would be returned to you.

7. No gifts will be returned. When they reach the school they become property in care of the school for use as they think best. We can certainly trust the people in charge there to use them correctly.

8. It is suggested that each club appoint a Gift Committee to handle Birthday Gifts (buy-wrap-and mail them), this will insure smooth handling of the request. The club might easily keep a record in this way and make a report yearly to the District President.

BRILLE MAGAZINE

Keep our contributions for the Braille Magazine coming in. It takes twice the effort for the blind to read but they enjoy it twice as much as we who can see.

I heard a wild bird singing

—so I know what FREEDOM is,

I looked in the eyes of a child

—so I know what FAITH is,

I have lost a friend

—so I know what SORROW is,

I watched a bud burst into bloom

—so I know what GLORY is,

I have seen a mother bend over a crib

—so I know what LOVE is,

Now, that I have seen and known all these things, I know what GOD is.

—Anon

Happy Springtime,

L. V. Merrick, (editor)



MRS. A. B. BOLEN

Regional Prexy Florida Native

Mrs. A. B. Bolen, Fort Pierce, Florida, President, Southeastern Regional Association of Colored Women, is a native of West Palm Beach, Fla., and her secondary school work was done there. Then to Bethune Cookman College and to Tuskegee Institute. She now is teaching in the Mathematics Department of Lincoln Park Academy, Fort Pierce, Fla.

She is a member of St. Paul AME Church where she works as chairman of the Parsonage Aid and the Woman's Day Drive committees.

She has had a great deal of experience in club work, which prepares her for the many duties of the Regional Association. Aside from years of club membership she is president of Fort Pierce Federated Woman's Club, that completed its clubhouse March 1964. She is immediate past president of Florida Association of Women's Clubs and is now serving as chairman of its Executive Board. This organization cited her in 1964 for outstanding community and state service.

She is the wife of C. E. Bolen, who is publisher of Chronicle, a local paper in Fort Pierce. They have one son.

Some of her affiliations are: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Order of Eastern Star, Democratic Club, Council on Human Relations, National Council of Math Teachers, Florida State Teachers Association, Florida Publishers Association, Community Association — Inter-racial group.

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which are provided to member organizations.

The State Legislative Council urges the 1965 General Assembly to:

1. Amend the adoption law to eliminate independent adoptions of children by non-relatives.

2. Allow a state income tax reduction to employed persons paid for the care of dependents.



Southeastern Convention Set Hampton Institute, July 25-27

Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., 23rd - Biennial Convention of Southeastern Association of Colored Women's Club Inc., July 25-26-27, 1965.

Theme: "Responsibility of a Clubwoman for the Design of a Great Society."

The Southeastern Region of the National Association of colored women's club Inc. is composed of the following eight states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Plans are in the making for mass meeting, workshop, press breakfast, banquet and other events.

Registration will be Sunday morning July 25th and the Keynote speaker will appear on Sunday afternoon followed by a reception.

Delegates will be housed in dormitories on campus, having two occupants per room.

Meals will be served in college cafeteria.

Maintenance for the three days will be a package deal costing \$15.-50 per person and this includes banquet for Monday night.

A Post Tour of historic Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Peninsula

3. Establish district courts which can provide statewide family court service.

4. Require periodic motor vehicle inspection.

5. Extend juvenile court jurisdiction to include 16 and 17 year olds.

How can the North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs benefit by membership in the State Legislative Council?

1. As a member organization we will be able "to submit legislative proposals to the council, calling for revision of an existing statute or proposing a new one" for the Council's consideration.

2. As a member organization we will "be alerted to the needs and

is planned Wednesday, July 28th, at reasonable cost.

The president, Mrs. Algernon B. Bolen of Fort Pierce, Florida was elected to office in the 1963 convention held in Miami, Florida. She is asking and urging club women from the eight states of the region to make early plans to join her in Hampton for a valuable three day convention, "Lifting as we Climb."

Mass Meeting — Sunday; 7-25-65 at 4:00 P.M.

Reception — Sunday; 7-25-65 at 6:30 P.M.

Banquet — Monday; 7-26-65 at 6:30 PM, Speaker — Mrs. Mamie B. Reese, Pres. National Ass.

Press Breakfast — Tuesday 7-27-65 at 7:00 AM.

The Youth will join Adults for Mass meeting, reception and banquet.

Youth using and all-over theme: "As our Culture Grows," all eight states of the region has been given a topic to develop and present in any way they wish. North Carolina has "Communications."

problems of North Carolinians" and be given information that will enable us to study the program each year that the General Assembly meets.

3. A knowledge of the needs and problems of our State will enable us to discuss personally or through correspondence the programs of the State Legislative Council with our legislator and urge him to support them.

Since "in unity there is strength" I urge your consideration of our North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs' holding membership in the State Legislative Council in order that we may join other organizations in helping North Carolina become even a greater State through its legislative program.

E. M. Spellmen