

Major Role Of Negro Women's Civic Club Is Cited

Dear Sir:

In *The Greeneville Sun* issues of Thursday, Aug. 6, and Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009, I read of the Wesley Heights Park name to be changed for Coach J.J. Jones's memory. He may have been all that was said. But truly "The Negro Women's Civic Club" should be recognized.

I am so sorry we quickly forget the past. These 36 charter members — Mrs. Hannah Crum, Mrs. Georgia Bell Campbell, Mrs. Carris Robinson, Mrs. Lucile Martin, Mrs. Evelyn Perkins, and others — worked tirelessly, and bought the land where a swimming pool and recreation center on Clem Street across from George Clem School were located. The pool was opened in 1954. The Black children were not permitted in the beginning to swim in the East View pool. (Today, it is the pool at the offices of the Greeneville Parks and Recreation Department.)

The club was organized on June 11, 1950. They contributed to the educa-

tion of the school, giving books for the library and the first typewriters, scholarships, and other things that may have been needed. They could have been called "The Busy Bees Club." Not for the Black community only but also for the Town of Greeneville.

Hey! Speaking of signs, what about the Black Greeneville College and the home where the president of the college lived??? The home is still standing there!!!

The Jones Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, on the corner of Clem Street, has a stone in the yard. This a good place for a sign because they were responsible for the schools. The stone at the end of the George Clem School on Floral Street is another good place for a sign. The white people are putting signs up for their people. *Why not for the black?*

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