Helping Women on the Homefront and at Home:

The Charlotte YWCA's Impact on Women During the World War Periods

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“The Charlotte YWCA did not challenge racial and economic structures during the World War periods, however, it played a significant role in uplifting women and promoting their interests through its war efforts”

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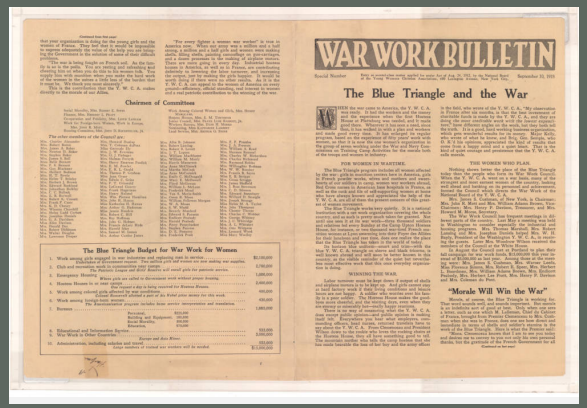

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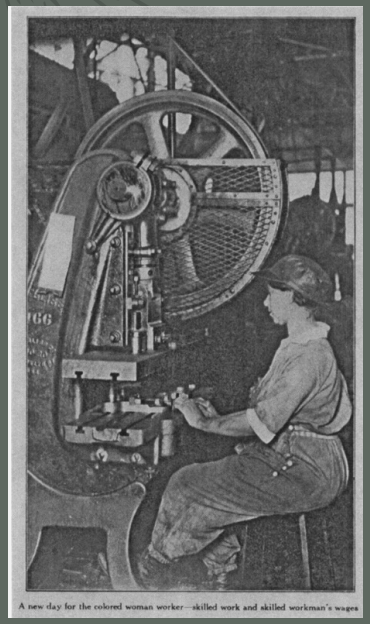

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Scholarship Approaches

Charlotte's History

Male-dominated with a focus on industry

YWCA History

National

Local

Charlotte YWCA

Central Charlotte Branch

- Opened in 1902
- Designed for middle-class, White women and girls
- Moved to multiple locations in the uptown area

Phyllis Wheatley Branch

- Opened in 1917
- Designed for African American women and girls
- Rarely moved, stayed in Brooklyn, NC

Central Branch

Successes

- ❖ Camp Greene Hostess House
- ❖ Daycare Center
- ❖ Housing

Failures

- ❖ Recreational Programs
- ❖ Central-branch Relationship

Phyllis Wheatley Branch

- Extension of "*Noblesse Oblige*"
- Programs Catered to All Women
  - Sewing Courses
  - Educational Sessions
  - Partnered with Brevard Library

Thank You!