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The Stolen Birthright

To steal one's birthright is to take something from someone who had it first or who had original ownership of it. The birthright belongs to the one who came first or was born first.

The Bible tells us that Esau and Jacob were twin brothers. Esau was born first and therefore, under Hebrew law, was entitled to the blessing of his father and the first consideration or ownership of his father's estate after his father's death.

You know the story - Jacob was a lover of being around home with his mother, while Esau was a daddy's boy - rugged and an outdoorsman. One day Jacob dressed up into the skin of an animal and came to his blind father, pretending to be Esau and his father blessed him and gave him the birthright. So you see, Esau's birthright was taken from him by a scheming, clever Jacob.

So were the rights of the Black man taken from him by

his slave masters. The Black man's birthright was stolen from him because he landed on the North American shores in the year 1619 and the Mayflower didn't arrive until 1620. When the Pilgrims arrived, they found the American Indians and Blacks. When measured by any standard, we find these groups are, in the main, among the have-nots in America. Surely their birthrights have been stolen from them.

Fifty years ago, Blacks owned hundreds of thousands of acres of land in the Southern part of the U.S. Most of this land has been taken by lynch mobs running the Blacks off their own land. Others lost their land through forgery (signing documents by someone other than the real owner). Still others lost their land or their birthright through foreclosure procedures and the failure to pay the taxes due.

Blacks' birthrights are still being stolen, even over the land in West Las Vegas.

Local Executive Receives Award



Ernestine Diane Bolden-Rooks

Ernestine Diane Bolden-Rooks received the Thanks Badge, the highest award given to an adult in Girl Scouting at Frontier Girl Scout Council's Award and Recognition dinner held April 28 at Port Tack.

Rooks has been employed with Frontier Girl Scout Council for 10½ years as a Field Executive. In this position her goal has been to

increase the girl and adult Girl Scout membership in low income areas, especially within the Black community. She has initiated two successful drop-in centers (after school programs for girls ages 5-17) at the Doolittle Community Center and in the Herbert Gerson Housing Project. She has also worked with the National Youth Sports Program at UNLV.

Each year Rooks organizes two special days at Foxtail Camp giving girls an opportunity to experience nature in the summer and in the winter. She is currently organizing a Day Camp in the "Naked City" area. Because of her commitment and dedication to the youth in our area, she was awarded the Appreciation Pin in 1985, the Honor Pin in 1988 and the Thanks Badge in 1990.

Christine Gun To Assume State Presidency of Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars

Nevada's Senior Vice-President Christine Gun of Las Vegas, joins other incoming presidents and leaders of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the national planning and orientation conference beginning today at the Hilton Plaza Inn in Kansas City, MO.

Mrs. Gun, who will assume the state presidency in June, will learn leadership techniques, tour the National Headquarters of the Auxiliary and VFW, and review the methods for administering the organization's 14 patriotic and service programs.

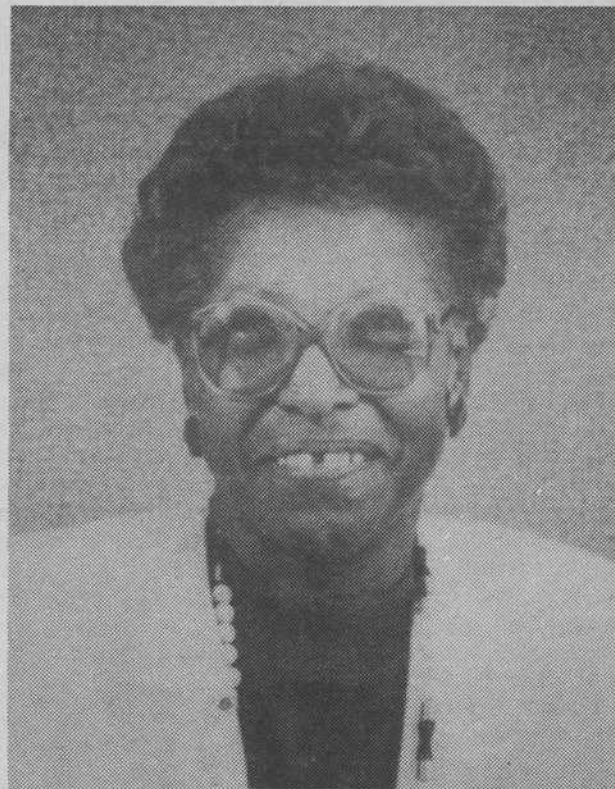
Highlighting the conference will be a discussion by incoming VFW Commander-in-Chief James L. Kimery of Albuquerque, N.M., on key issues concerning veterans and their dependents.

Incoming National

President Frances Booth of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, will present a check to the incoming commanders for the support of the organizations' joint programs and will preside over the conference.

Approximately 180 members are expected to attend the three-day conference to prepare for their upcoming year as presidents, secretaries or treasurers in the 754,230-member organization.

The Ladies Auxiliary, which has 7,087 Auxiliaries throughout the United States and in six foreign countries, volunteers more than 21 million hours each year helping hospitalized patients, securing veterans' benefits, conducting citizenship classes for aliens, providing seminars in drug/alcohol abuse, and conducting numerous other community services.



Christine Gun

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