

EASTER

By Donald Leve

Easter is when the believers of Christ observe His resurrection. The people had been warned by prophets and Christ that He was to rise from the dead the third day buried. The prophet Jonah, being swallowed by a whale and was in the whole for three days, Christ spoke of this during His three years stay. As Jonah was in the whale, so would He; the Son of man be in the heart of the earth. Christ also mentioned His body is similar to that of the temple. He said the temple would be torn down or His body would be killed but rebuilt in three days or He would rise in three days.

The prophet Malachi being the last of the prophets, the people had no middle man as before to relay messages to and from God. From then up to John the Baptist, is considered as the dark age or out of tune with God.

Man is to work out his soul salvation the best he can from the laws Moses had left with and for them. They really made a mess of getting along religiously. They had formed groups because they had different beliefs and went their separate ways. One of their strong points that really separated them was the hereafter. One group believed in the hereafter and the other group did not.

As far as God was concerned,

they had deep convictions but this little upstart Christ, they had nothing to offer Him but death. This mess they had created is what Christ had to face and this is what they kept cramming down his throat.

The operation of the church had been under the direction of these groups headed by chief priests, scribes and elders. In the event things went a little wrong, it had to be settled by these heads. It was these heads who were responsible for the death of Christ. It was they who hallowed the loudest, "Crucify Him." The church wanted Christ out of the way so badly, they traded Christ to the State or the government for a real criminal. The real criminal was released but Christ was put to death for no other reason or reasons, than let the public know, the church was only a show-off. Nothing being done for the sake of the masses.

One thing in particular was stressed, the Sabbath. God did His creating in six days and the seventh day was a rest day and He hallowed it and called it the Sabbath Day. This they observed. Christ was killed on the sixth day of the week but had to be off the cross before any part of the seventh day. It was a must to have Him down and buried Friday, which was done.

Christ was buried, the tomb

sealed secure as man could. Everyone satisfied but for security measures, guards were requested and granted. Everyone slept well except the ladies. They had a feeling the other side would some how sneak Him out, so they went early the first day of the week (Sunday) to see if they had moved Him. They could tell from afar off that God had a hand in this movement. The heavy stones that were placed at the mouth of the tomb had been rolled away. They were under the conviction He had been moved by some one. While there at the tomb pondering just what could have happened, Christ appeared and they took Him to be one of the keepers of the tomb and wanted to know what had been done with their Lord?

The 15th chapter of the I Corinthians, St. Paul is relating his experiences with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The sudden changes that happen to man by means of God's spirit. This change that happened when Christ arose concerning the Sabbath. This change that will take place with man in mid-air, how man will be changed from flesh to the spirit.

In this same chapter, we find our friend Paul, wrapped in the spirit telling it just like it is. In verse 51, "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed, 52, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

The resurrection of Christ brought this all about. All power was given to Christ by His Father. Now He truthfully cries out: Verse, 55, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56. The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law."

CHURCH NEWS



Zetas Show Appreciation for Mrs. Koontz at CU

Miss Geraldine King, Business (left) pins on orchid corsage on her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz on behalf of Gamma Gamma Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. at NCCU.

Mrs. Koontz, who rendered a dynamic speech as principal speaker for the NCCU Awards Day Program served until recently as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor and Special Counselor to the Secretary of Labor for Women's Programs, Director of the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor, and former president of

the NEA.

Representing Zeta's Durham graduate chapter, Eta Beta Zeta, Miss Mary Ann Hawkins (left), presented Mrs. Koontz (right) with a plaque after expressing the local chapter's appreciation for Mrs. Koontz's many contributions to our society and the exceptional manner in which she has upheld Zeta Phi Beta Sorority's aim to reach finer womanhood through service. Center, looking on is Miss Geraldine King, NCCU Senior.

I LOOKED AND I SAW

By REV. G. R. STONE

"VICTORY BEYOND COMPARE"

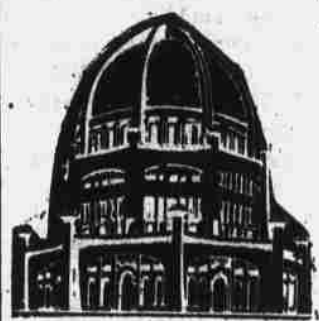
Every constructive thinking man looks forward to reaching a point in his life where he may receive fruits from his labor. For the most part, no individual expects defeat out of that which he chooses for his future. It should be remembered, however, that a man does not live completely to himself but among others as well. Whatever he does today as well as what he does at home later time, affects the lives of others.

It is impossible for one to live in God's world without making some kind of impression on others either for better or worse. Man likes to search for the world's unknown that may, when discovered, increase either his joys or sorrows. For example, Adam in the garden of Eden sacrificed many of his heavenly joys for the vain glories that the curse of sin has brought even to all of us. I do not mean to infer that sacrifices should not be a part of our way of life today—even God requires them, but we should not sacrifice righteousness for damnation.

As we consider the impact of the fall of man in Adam, all die but by the works of God through Jesus who became the Christ; all who believe shall be made alive. God's way of accomplishing His last victory over sin was through the birth, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus' coming into the world, being both human and divine took the sting out of death and victory from the grave. One may sin from



time to time, but Jesus is the way for man's return to God the Creator. He who hath ears to hear—let him hear.



WORDS FOR THE WORLD

O SON OF SPIRIT! My first counsel is this: Possess a pure, kindly and radiant heart, that thine may be a sovereignty ancient, imperishable and everlasting.

—BAHAI WRITINGS

B & P Women To Meet In California

NEWARK, New Jersey — The spring executive board meeting of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., will be held Friday to Sunday, April 27-29, at the Oakland Hilton Inn at the International Airport in Oakland, California.

National officers, committee chairmen, life members and presidents of senior and youth department clubs are expected to attend.

MRS. ROSALIE McGuire of Baltimore, national president, in announcing the meeting, said that the board will discuss the new thrust of the organization's action program and plans for implementing this year's theme "Unity, Commitment and Action".

Details will be worked out for the 38th annual convention, August 14-19 in Buffalo and the closing day will be devoted to a focus on business promotion.

THE HOSTESS CHAPTER for the meeting will be the East Bay Area club.

White Rock Sr. Choir Presents '7 Last Words'

With a near capacity crowd of music lovers, the Senior Choir of White Rock Baptist Church presented the Seven Last Words of Christ on Palm Sunday.

Soloists for the occasion included Mrs. Elna B. Spaulding, Soprano, John K. Hanks, Tenor and Eugene Eaves, Baritone. Tympani, Orchestra Bells, Cymbals and Trumpets were played by members of the Hillside Concert Band. Among the students were Misses Cheryl Patislox and Michele Jones on Orchestra Bells; Tympani, Toney Spruel; Symbals, Alan Knoer, and Trumpets, Thurman Clark, Jeffery Lawrence, Curtis Johnsrude and Bryan Summers.

Organist was Mrs. Lavina W. Parker and Mrs. Sarah O. Barden was Pianist. The orchestral arrangements were by William E. Howell of North Carolina Central University.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Lewis Savage wishes to express their sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown to them during the hour of bereavement. May God bless each and every one of you.

Mrs. Minnie Savage & Family

Natural and accidental deaths of drug abusers increased in 1977, while suicides decreased by two.



SAVAGE

Lewis Savage Rites Held Sat., April 14th

Funeral services for Lewis Savage, former Durham Resident, were held Saturday, April 14, at 2:00 p.m. at the Scarborough Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. William A. Reaves delivered the eulogy and prayer and remarks were offered by the Rev. McMillan. Savage and his family were residents of New Haven, Connecticut.

A son of Mrs. Minnie Savage and the late Walter Savage, he was born August 8, 1928. He attended Hillside High School. As a member of the U.S. Coast Guard, he served his country in World War II and later joined the American Legion.

Savage was united in marriage to the former Miss Margaret Hall. Five children now survive from this union.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Margaret Hall Savage, three daughters, Mrs. Deborah Savage Haley, Miss Lela Savage, and Miss Stephanie Savage; two sons, Kelvin Savage and Kenneth Savage; two grandsons, his mother, Mrs. Minnie Savage; five sisters, Mrs. Grace Shaw of Cleveland, Ohio and Mrs. Beatrice Richardson of Brooklyn, New York. Mrs. Clara Wilson, Mrs. Gladys Mills and Mrs. Helen Williams, all of Durham, NC; four brothers, Roy Allen, Richmond, Virginia, Johnnie Savage, of New Haven, Conn., and Charles Savage of Durham; four uncles, Howard Allen, Robert Allen, Lewis Allen, all of Durham and Charlie Sa vage of Henderson North Carolina.

Interment was in Beechwood Cemetery.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE WILL BE OBSERVED SUNDAY MORN, APRIL 22

Easter Sunrise Service will be observed at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church on Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. The combined choirs of the church will be featured. The Reverend A. D. Moseley, minister, will be the principal speaker.

Come and enjoy the beauty

Last Rites Held Thursday for Grant Robbins

Grant Robbins of 804 Price Avenue departed from this life April 9, at 8:45 p.m. at his home. He was born September 24, 1885 in Brunswick County. He was the son of the late Henry and Jane Robbins of Brunswick County, NC.

He was an employee of the Virginia Carolina Chemical Co. (now Mobil Oil Co.) for 55 years.

At the beginning of his



ROBBINS

career, age 15, he served as water boy at the Wilmington, NC plant.

In 1926 he was transferred to the Durham plant at which time he brought with him his family.

During more than half a century with the fertilizer concern, he performed in various capacities including masonry, carpentry, sample mixer and foreman. Prior to his retirement he had advanced to chemical analyst.

He is survived by a wife, Mary Lane Robbins, four daughters, Mrs. Cora Wilson of Durham, Mrs. Aletha Kennedy of New York, Mrs. Carlotta Holmes and Mrs. Inez Rogers of Durham, one brother, Henry D. Robbins, Sr. of Brunswick County, four grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

ful, holy sunrise and renew your covenant for Christ is risen.

The public is invited to the Mount Gilead Baptist Church at 411 Dowd Street.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was slain in Memphis, Tenn., by confessed killer, James Earl Ray, on April 4, 1968.

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White Rock Baptist Church

Lorenzo A. Lynch, Minister
3400 FAYETTEVILLE STREET

Easter Sunday, April 29, 1978

9:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL

10:55 A.M. WORSHIP

SERMON The Pastor
"On The Resurrection of Christ" (John 20:19-26)

Gospel Choir Leading The Singing
Mr. Albert W. Cain, Director
Mrs. Virginia Alston, Organist

there is comfort in nature...

The beauty and mystery of nature are a never-failing source of wonder and consolation. We are pleased that the natural beauty of our surroundings brings comfort to many.

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CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION OF

Mechanics and Farmers Bank

OF DURHAM IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND DOMESTIC SUBSIDIARIES AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MARCH 28, 1978

ASSETS

Cash and due from banks	\$ 2,798,417.44
U. S. Treasury securities	3,485,486.20
Obligations of other U. S. Government agencies and corporations	7,982,494.20
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	6,691,268.40
Other securities	15,038.17
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	3,900,000.00
Other loans	10,941,527.86
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	861,123.10
Real estate owned other than bank premises	10,212.35
Other assets	279,087.59
TOTAL ASSETS	\$36,814,549.81

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	9,884,028.89
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	17,015,442.83
Deposits of United States Government	1,464,540.88
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	3,787,369.25
Certified and officers' checks, etc.	447,941.95
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$32,599,322.80
(a) Total demand deposits	\$12,873,818.73
(b) Total time and savings deposits	\$19,725,504.07
Mortgage indebtedness	220,059.88
Other liabilities	436,405.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$33,255,788.08

MINORITY INTEREST IN CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES \$ 22,885.94

RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES

Reserve for bad debt losses on loans (set up pursuant to Internal Revenue Service rulings)	174,597.52
Reserves on securities	1,500.00
TOTAL RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES	\$ 176,097.52

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital notes and debentures	680,000.00
Equity capital, total	2,179,778.32
Common stock-total par value	683,110.00
(No. shares authorized 200,000)	
(No. shares outstanding 136,622)	
Surplus	1,170,802.00
Undivided profits	325,866.32
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 2,859,778.32

TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$36,814,549.81

MEMORANDA

Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date 32,961,928.24

Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date 10,737,232.84

Total deposit of the State of N. C. or any official thereof \$ 1,052,841.92

I, J. B. ANGLIN, JR., Comptroller, of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that this report of condition is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. B. Anglin, Jr.

State of North Carolina, County of Durham, ss: Correct—Attest:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of April, 1978, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank. W. J. Kennedy, Jr.

Josephine S. Strayhorne, Notary Public My commission expires December 10, 1974. J. H. Wheeler
J. S. Stewart
Directors