

I LOOKED AND I SAW

By REV. C. R. STONE

by Rev. C. R. Stone, D.D. Pine Grove Baptist Church Creedmoor, North Carolina Article No. 52 "Living Defensivelo" As long as we have the power to recall events of the past, men have questioned one another concerning their differences in basic beliefs that tended to bind them together. Sometimes there were large numbers of individuals who practiced doctrines that invaded the generations. Today's generation wrestles with many of the religious and secular ideals of old that are not their own deep convictions. Our vast means of communication afford us opportunities to find truths never before discovered. With this in mind, many of us are able to stand up and defend ourselves against the unreal. Man has responsibilities to God, others and himself to

make living a little better with respect to the good old days. If sacrifices with respect to self, time and material gains are necessary for secular advancements, they should be far more essential in order that the followers of Christ might defend their ideas of Christianity. An individual who really learns enough religious truths to chance his life could eventually save a city. On the other hand, there may not be an individual who can explain all details concerning his beliefs in the christian religion, but he ought to defend many of his wrong convictions until proven wrong religiously. The scripture requires that the believer be ready to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. He who hath ears to hear—let him hear.

Durham Junior Ushers Sponsor Baby Contest Sunday, May 20

The Junior Department of the Durham Ushers Union held their annual Baby's Contest, Sunday, May 20, at the Faucette Memorial CME Church on Charles St. The service was opened with a song. Scripture was read by Valerie Durham from the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Prayer was offered by Mr. Charles Durham, Jr. of Ebenezer. A beautiful reading by Kathy Patterson of New Bethel Baptist Church. Mr. Clyde Moore, Jr., president of the Durham Ushers Union presented the speaker of the hour, our very own Mr. J. H. Betts, vice president of the Durham Ushers Union, and a member of the St. Joseph's AME Church. Mr. Betts gave a beautiful informal talk. Some of his highlights were: Black is Beautiful, if you understand that it means some of the qualities of beauty (a) lovely, (b) handsome (c) pretty, (d) fair. He also stated that you can be beautiful, yet ugly, you can be ugly yet beautiful. Beauty is what we see and in the heart is what we feel. So it depends on the inside, what we see outside. He stated further that the young people should "get involved". First with the personal self such as: cleanliness, self respect, good habits and etc. Then a short period of questions and answers which was pleasing to all. It was very impressive to

CHURCH NEWS



FAMILIES OF THE YEAR—Pictured above the families who were chosen as winners in a Mother of the Year contest sponsored by radio station WSRC in co-operation with Columbia Records. These families are chosen from about 350 entries

in a "Why I Love My Mother" contest which was opened to children 12 years and younger. The children had to write in 50 words or less their ideas on "Why I Love My Mother". Shown above from left to right, front row, are Mrs. Doris Mercer and the children of the

various families. Back row in the same order are Chuck Harris of WSRC, Mr. and Mrs. G. Mills, Mrs. Martha Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Winston of Creedmoor, Mrs. Julean Charles and Bob Lewis of WSRC.

Rev. Percy High Is Feted With Birthday Party

The Reverend Percy L. High, Pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church, was feted with a party in honor of his birthday on Sunday evening, May 27 in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Mrs. Louise Harvey served as Chairman of the Party Committee. Prior to presentations from various organizations of the church and individuals, a program was presented consisting of readings by Misses Sharon Pretty, Edetta Page, Michelle Smith and Anita McCollum, solo by Adrienne Wilson. Remarks by Deacons S. L. Fennell and Clyde Richardson. Music was furnished by Mrs. Ruth S. McCollum at the piano. A beautifully decorated birthday cake was presented to Reverend High and a delicious repast consisting of punch, Angel Food Squares, mints and peanuts was enjoyed by the honoree, his wife and members of the church.

Fellowship Hour Held Sunday May 20 At Saint Mark

The leaders and members of classes 9 and 26 of St. Mark Church, enjoyed a fellowship hour, on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Lucas.

The purpose of this gathering was to better acquaint class members with their leaders and each other.

The hour was opened with a short devotional period. Each class member had the opportunity to identify and express himself to the group in his own way.

Members of Class 9 attending were: Bro. Joseph Nuchurch, leader, Sis. Janie Swann, Nellie Bynum, Isabel Parker and Minnie Lucas. Members of Class 26 attending were: Bro. William W. Lucas, leader, Major Geer, Niquel Barnes, Sis. Natie M. Davis and Hattie Geer.

A repast was served by Mrs. Lucas and Nuchurch.

RECITAL GIVEN AT WHITE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

The enclosed program was presented Sunday May 27th at 3 in the afternoon at White Rock Baptist Church by the Chamberlin Studio. The Community Center of White Rock has presented the studio piano pupils in recital for this thirty-eighth year.

Four pupils played one each of the three numbers for which they received the ratings of

Walker Bible Class Meets at Durham Hotel

The E. W. Walker Bible Class of The First Calvary Baptist Church met at the Durham Hotel Sunday, May 27th 1973, with a brief meeting and a short program. The welcome was made by Mrs. Rebecca Haskins. A reading by Mrs. Mary Sanders featuring The Life of our Hostess, Mrs. Caroline Dunn, a solo by Mrs. Elizabeth Bullock, remarks by the following: Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart, Mrs. Ora Foster, Mrs. Belvin Mitchell, our president and prayer by Mrs. Ed Charles. All officers were recognized. The invocation was given by Willie Bullock. The program was based on "This Is Your Life". Members present were Mesdames Caroline Dunn, the hostess, Belvin Mitchell, Sarah Allen, Hallie Crews, Ellen Brown, Elizabeth Bullock, Bertha Green, Nancy Cameron, Sadie Chambers, Celestine Cunningham, Hattie White, Rosa Grafton, Margaret Milligan, Ed Charles, Rebecca Haskins, and Willie Manley.

Guest present were Mrs. Ora Foster, Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart, Willie Bullock, Willie Manley and Mr. and Mrs. Bart Sanders. The repast consisted of roasted half chicken and dressing, Tossed green salad with Thousand Island dressing, French green beans, Asparagus, cranberry sauce, Sesame loaf bread, butter, apple pie and coffee.

Dr. Hawkins to Be Honored at Testimonial

Dr. Reginal A. Hawkins, dentist, minister, and civil-rights leader of Charlotte, will be honored at a testimonial dinner on Saturday, 2 June, 7-00 p. m., at the Holiday Inn-North, 3815 North Tryon St., Charlotte. Dr. Hawkins, a native of Beaufort, and a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University (B. S., M. Th.) and Howard University (D. D. S.), is being honored in recognition of his long-time active participation in the fight to realize equality and justice in Charlotte, in North Carolina, and in the United States. He has been especially concerned about the acquisition of rights and results under the U. S. Constitution for all minorities, including blacks. An active member of various professional, civic, religious, and political groups for many years, Dr. Hawkins was President, Old North Dental Society in 1956, and is currently Chairman, Mecklenburg Organization on Political Affairs, a member of the State Review Committee of the North Carolina Democratic Party, and a member of both the Council on Church and Race and the General Council of the United Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. Among others honors, he received the "Man of the Year" Award from the National Dental Association in 1962; and honorary LL. D. from Johnson C. Smith University in 1963; and an Honor Scroll from the National Medical Association in 1964. This testimonial dinner is in tribute to his many efforts to aid in the fight for human brotherhood, equality, and dignity for all. It is also in recognition of the fact that "Life for [him] ain't been no crystal stair", but he continues "still goin'...and still climbin'".

"Excellent" when they performed on the Durham District Piano Contest on March 31st at Duke University. Namely: Karen King, Annette Page, Cassandra Clayton and Pamela Stanback. A portion of this program was devoted to the recognition of the returning Prisoners of War by the playing of appropriate military numbers.



WINNING FAMILY—Picture above are the members of the Mercer family who won first prize in the Mother of the Year Contest sponsored by WSRC radio station in co-operation with Columbia records. The Mercers live at 6 Manson Place. The contest was open to any youngster 12 years old or younger. The contestants had to write in 50 words or less "Why I Love My Mother". From left to right are Bob Lewis and Chuck Harris of WSRC posed with Mrs. Mercer and her children. As part of the winning prize, the family had a dinner at a local restaurant.

Dr. Jacquelyne J. Jackson, Durham, and Mrs. John P. Stinson, Charlotte, are serving as co-chairpersons of the Testimonial Dinner committee. Additional members of the Committee include Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barnhill, Charlotte; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bass, Durham; Mr. and Mrs. Willie V. Bell, Durham; Dr. and Mrs. H. Curtis Bowers, Durham; Attorney and Mrs. Julius Chambers, Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Evans, Wake Forest; Viola E. Jackson, (Continued on page 6A)

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