

Writers Forum

by George B. Russ



CLAUDE WALKER
54 years of giving service is a long run of years keeping abreast with changing times and red-blooded temperaments; nevertheless, the Union Baptist Senior Usher Board, seemingly, has come through with flying colors. For additional colorful atmosphere let us surmise that Rev. R. D. Rogers, the founder of the first usher board at Union Baptist Church, looks down from heaven, with pride and profound joy in the progress of the Senior Usher Board: this Board has, through years, been one of the best organized auxiliaries in the church: friendly, courteous, tireless in its efforts to serve all the people. The 54th Anniversary message was delivered by the Reverend Noy Harvey, pastor of Talley-Ho Baptist Church. Among the many points of eloquence bestowed upon the Ushers, the Rev. Harvey stressed, in his discourse, two thought nuggets that brought

to mind morale boosters that the Rev. Rogers often used when the ushers were crestfallen—"down in the mouth": "The usher holds one of the highest offices in the church. Ushers are God's doorkeepers." Other highlights of this Anniversary included felicitous remarks from the Usher Boards of West Durham, Mt. Vernon, Mt. Gilead and Ebenezer Baptist Churches. The U. B. C. Usher Board is proud and grateful to God to have the wisdom and experience of a pair of Veteran Ushers: Mrs. Minnie Ford and M. C. Hard—still active after nearly a half century—to advise, inspire and teach. Other persons contributing to the success of the 54th commemoration were: Charles Cameron, Master of Ceremonies; Historian, Mrs. Beatrice McQueen; presentation of guest speaker, Willie Hooker; recognition of churches; Mrs. Christine Sales; Greetings from the Church, Dr. Grady Davis. Captains for the 54th Anniversary Fund Raising Campaign: Mesdames Gertrude Cannady, Lois Brunson, Anzella Hancock, Frances Patterson, Elnora Ranson—Cash raised \$96.50. Official Staff: President—C. H. Walker, Vice President—Mrs. Minnie Ford, First Vice—Willie Hooker, Second Vice—James Cameron, Recording Sec'y—Mrs. Beatrice McQueen, Finance Sec'y—Lois Brunson, Treasurer—Freddie Best, Committee Chairmen: Mrs. Viola B. Thompson, Social—Mrs. Grace Hyman,

Sick—Mrs. Anna Holman, Secret Pal Sec'y—Mrs. Lois Brunson, 54th Anniversary Finance Captain—Mrs. Roseetta Cobb, Program—Miss Irene Hall—she admits that planning a 54th Anniversary celebration, to supersede all others, is no small undertaking, however, much of the harshness is removed by a loyal, dedicated group such as the U. B. S. U. B. For the first time in 54 years, the summer uniform for the ladies has undergone a complete change: sheer, dressy dresses of Navy blue replace the white starched poplin frocks. Blue and white is not a new look for the men, however white ducking trousers take precedence over the once popular white flannels. The new look in uniforms made its debut at the 3 o'clock, 54th Birthday celebration; with the addition of a few doo-dads: white hats and white corsages, the ladies where as chic as you please. Deacon Claude H. Walker has been president of the Senior Usher Board for a decade and during his administration, he has been a stickler to the rule of punctuality: all meetings open and close on time. The handsome, suave Walker is president and treasurer of the Men's Bible Class; Financial Secretary and clerk of the church; a member—past adjutant—of the American Legion, Weaver McLean Post 175; and, an employee of the Morning Herald where he has worked in the composing room for 23 years. The well-dressed Mr. Walker stood, nonchalantly, apart from the happy, proud ushers when your reporter approached him: "Mister Walker, you must feel very proud of your ushers, what do you attribute most to the ushers' success today?" Turning his smiling, greenish-gray eyes upon me, he answered nonchalantly; "the word success appears but once in the Bible—read it for yourself, Joshua 1:8; "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayst observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success".

Josephine Baker to Appear at Carnegie Hall June 5 Thru 8

Josephine Baker is coming back to America! This was the announcement made yesterday by producers Jack Jordan and Howard Sanders who have engaged the international star for her only New York appearance at Carnegie Hall on June 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th. The event, which has been titled "Josephine Baker and Her International Revue", will celebrate the artist's 67th birthday as well as Miss Baker's Golden Jubilee as an entertainer. She was exactly 17 years old when she ran away from her St. Louis home to try her luck in show business. A year later she was in the chorus of "Shuffle Along", the fabulous revue which was the first to be totally created by blacks. It was produced by Noble Sissle, and Miss Baker was one of the celebrated ladies who sang Eubie Blake's "I'm Just Wild About Harry". And a year after that Miss Baker went to Paris and achieved instant stardom by dancing the Charleston. From that day to this she has reigned as the queen of variety, starring in clubs and theatres all over the world, notably at the Folies Bergere in Paris where year after year productions were especially designed for her. In 1951 she accomplished a tour de force by playing key cities through the United States at the deluxe movie houses where the artist and her troupe often performed four shows a day.

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Durham; Mr. and Mrs. Harris Johnson, Durham; Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. King, Durham; Dr. and Mrs. John Larkins, Raleigh; Rev. and Mrs. Ezra J. Moore, Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Ramsey, Durham; Mr. and Mrs. John S. Stewart, Durham; and Dr. John P. Stinson, Charlotte. Among various persons listed on the program to pay oral tribute to Dr. Hawkins are the following: Mrs. Burrell Jordan (Mecklenburg Organization on Political Affairs); Attorney Julius Chambers (NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund); The Honorable John Beik, Mayor of the City of Charlotte; Rev. Robert Shirley (Catawba Unit, United Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.); Dr. Edwin Thompkins (Johnson C. Smith University)—all of Charlotte; Dr. Thomas Bass (Howard University Dental Class of 1948), Durham; Rev. Shelby Rook, Minister, Princeton, New Jersey; Golden Frinks (Southern Christian Leadership Conference), Edenton; Dr. William H. Hoffer (Old North Dental Society), Winston-Salem; Crawford E. Lane (Middle Eastern Province, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity), Wilson; and Dr. H. Curtis Bowens, Durham. Attorney James Suggs, Chairman, North Carolina State Democratic Party, has also been invited to participate in the testimonial ceremonies.

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