

WRITERS FORUM

By GEORGE B. RUSS

The continuing story of Inauguration Day at Cox Memorial U.A.F.W. Baptist Church is one of mounting interest. Immediately following the 11 o'clock worship service, a delicious, piping hot dinner was served in Cox Memorial Fellowship Hall. By the way, meat loaf, succulent with the juices of chopped green peppers and onions, was one of the meat platters. My sniffers hadn't been wrong earlier in the day. While the guests partook of the steampable delectables, the Inaugural Committee had come alive: Mrs. J.A. Hudson, Mrs. Lillie Murphy, Mrs. J.B. Davis, Mrs. Roceriah Grimes, Isham Lee, Mrs. Sadie Avery, Deacon, R.S. Stewart, Marvin McRae, Burnes Jones. Lastly, Mrs. Everta Cox Holloway. My mental fingers began rifling the files of my



MRS. EVERTA COX HOLLOWAY

memory as I watched Mrs. Everta Holloway, wearing a friendly hostess welcome mat, weave through the noonday freeloaders. My acidosis was making itself manifest, therefore, I did not pursue the good-cheer lady as she hurried toward the crowd of new arrivals, a delegation of officers and the Emanuel Hill F.W.B. Choir of Kinston, had arrived and on the heels of these representatives, Bishop G.D. McNeil, Jr., pastor of the Lillington Star F.W.B. Church and Choir arrived. Haste was the password during the next thirty minutes, however the milling crowd was handled with professional dexterity and an opportunity to talk with Mrs. Holloway presented itself sooner than I expected. Truly enough we had met before, she is a former member of Oak Grove F.W.B. Church, at Calfax and Simmon Streets, here, she had served as chairman of the Ladies' Usher Board. "I joined the Usher Board when I was twelve years old I joined the church when I was eleven."

"Are you a native of Durham?"
 "No. My home is in Johnson County, but I have been here since the thirties."

"As a member of the Inaugural Committee, what is your expectation regarding the upcoming service?"

"I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the committee. We have all worked hard to make the service an overwhelming success. Aside from inviting some of the VIP's, I have done too much I invited Mayor Hawkin, the Cox Memorial Senior Lady Ushers will serve during the Inaugural Service and was instrumental in getting this group to serve."

"Do you work with the Sunday School?"

"No. I am president of the Progressive Club, sing with the Gospel Chorus and the Senior Choir. I lead a very busy life. I also arrange Guided Tours. My recent schedule included Canada, Florida, Georgia and the Louray Caves."

"You do lead a busy life!" I exclaimed. "Tell me, do you live by a basic philosophy?"

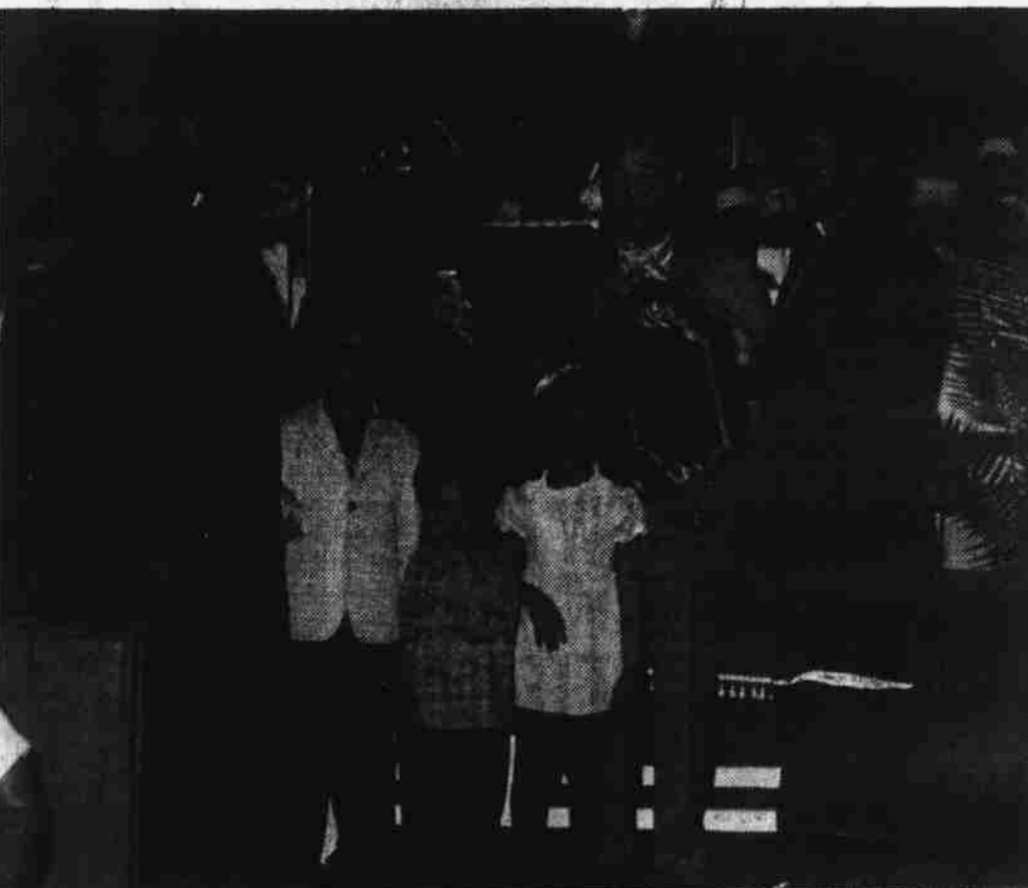
"The 23rd Psalm is my daily guide post: 'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.' At this point, Mrs. Everta Cox Holloway announced that she would have to leave, "I am ushering this evening, excuse me, please."

I sat watching the lady as she hurried off, thinking of how wonderfully well everything had gone thus far. With only ten minutes left before the processional of ministers, there should be no devastating slip ups.

Mrs. Everta Cox Holloway opened the door at the stairway landing and disappeared. Strangely enough, my recollection of who she was quickly dawned upon me. She is the niece of the late Rev. W.F. Cox, pastor and founder of the original Ok Grove F.W.B. Church and builder of the present edifice at Colfax and Simmon Streets, Durham.

The trumpet keys of the organ sounded as I mounted the stairway leading to the sanctuary. The processional of ministers had begun, God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand:

Thy love divine hath led us in the past, In this free land by Thee our lot is cast; Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay, Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way."



BISHOP W.A. JONES RECEIVES PLACQUE FOR NOON DAY PRAYER SERVICES—Bishop W.A. Jones, stands with his wife, daughter and two sons as his members presented him a Plaque of Honor for the 4 years of service that he has rendered with the Noon Day Prayer over Station WSRC. The plaque was presented on Sunday, February 16 at the True Way Holy Church by Dr. L.H. McDonald, president of the Durham Ministerial Alliance and Dr. Leon Saunders, pastor of the Jesus House of Prayer. The members of the True Way Holy Church desire to thank Dr. McDonald, Dr. Saunders and all the other churches and friends for their participation and help in the anniversary celebration and award to Bishop W.A. Jones.

Persons employed as casual babysitters or as home companions to the disabled and elderly are not covered by the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.



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Morehead Ave. Baptist Church To Celebrate Men's Day

Dr. Joy J. Johnson, President of the General Baptist State Convention, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fairmont, and a 3rd term legislator in the North Carolina House of Representatives will be the speaker for the 19th Annual Men's Day Celebration at 11: A.M. Sunday, March 16th at Morehead Avenue Baptist Church. Dr. William Fuller, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church Durham, and graduate of Shaw University will speak at the 6:00 P.M. service.

The Laymen will be in charge of both services. A plaque will be presented to Mr. Benjamin S. Ruffin for community services, business and educational contributions. Deacon Garland Jones is the chairman of the Men's Day Committee. Dr. B.A. Mack, pastor.

Brotherhood Week Observed By Durham County Miss. Union

The Durham County Missionary Union met at the Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church February 23 with a most inspiring agenda. Fourteen churches were represented, including members from the Holloway Street Baptist Church and the Yates Baptist Association.

Highlights of the meeting included inspirational hymn singing and prayers for love and unity among the group. Prayers were led by Mrs. Lucy McPherson and other devotions

were led by Mrs. Estelle Ceter. Panelists participating included members of the Holloway St. Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church and M. Gilead Baptist Church.

Closing thought for the day was "And they continued steadfast in the Apostles doctrine and fellowship and in breaking bread and in prayer."

Mrs. Willie Snead, president of the group presided, while Mrs. Rebecca Carlos served as program chairperson.



What can you do to have a happy marriage? Heed these words from the Bible: 'Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.'



Keeping the faith is one of God's answers to helplessness. 'Be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine.' Eph. 4:14

E. W. Walker Bible Class Holds Meeting

The E.W. Walker Bible Class of the First Calvary Baptist Church met Sunday, February 23, at the home of Mrs. Celestine Cunningham and Mrs. Hallie Crews.

Devotionals included a song led by Mrs. Crews, Scripture Lesson read by Mrs. Livingstone and the Lord's Prayer, recited in Unison and led by Miss Hattie White.

During the business session various reports were made. A delicious repast was served to the members present which included Mesdames Hallie Crews, Bessie Smith, Valerie Livingstone, Bertha Green, Rebecca Haskins, Ellen Little, Sadie Chambers, Rose Gradton, Nellie Hayes, Luella King, Hattie White, Bevin Mitchell, Elizabeth Torain, Josephine Faushee, Alene Mebane, Nancy Cameron and Semega Solomon. Mrs. Elizabeth Torain thanked the hostesses for an informative and interesting meeting.

CARD OF THANKS

Many thanks to everyone for the kindness shown me during my hospitalization. MRS. L.E. CANNADY

Black Business Mourns Death Of Hon. Elijah Muhammad

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The President of the National Business League, Dr. Berkeley C. Burrell, said today in response to news of the death of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, "Prophets don't die Their death serves to defy them. Only their physical presence leaves. The Messenger's philosophy and teachings will continue to grow and flow from the mouths of his followers who have been privileged to sit at his feet and learn from his wisdom. His religious beliefs have not been accepted by all Black people, but his philosophy of unity, dignity, pride and self-reliance will remain indisputable ad infinitum."

At the 74th Annual NBL Convention, the National Business League collaborated with the Nation of Islam in an effort to forge a new power for Black business and Black people.

"What was born there was in fact, a new beginning for all of us" said Dr. Burrell, "What brought us together was the theme - The Power of Unity. What we want away with can, I feel, best be captured in the words of the Representative of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Louis Farrakhan who said: Together we have the potential - through unity of lifting 30 million Black people in America, up from the mud, up from poverty and want and nakedness and squalor."

"For the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, unity was not a word, but a principle of action. He lived that philosophy which has brought the Nation of Islam in 44 years from very small numbers to a growing, powerful and one of the most self-sufficient segments of the Black populous."

Because the National Business League brought to fruition the dream of seeing national Black business, trade and professional associations come to meet with the Nation of Islam we are particularly saddened by the death of the Messenger and have today sent the following telegram to both his family and the Nation.

In this hour of sadness, the world mourns the loss of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, a leader for his people, a prophet for the world. The National Business League joins in this expression of sympathy, although we know that the memory and teachings of the

Messenger will live in the hearts and minds of Black men and women of every continent the world over.

Eveready Club Celebrates 25th Anniversary

The Eveready Club of Orange Grove Baptist Church, East End Ave., celebrated the club's 25th Anniversary Sunday, February 23, at 3:00 p.m.

Rev. Ralph Mangum was guest speaker for the occasion. His soul stirring subject was: "Ye are the Salt of the Earth." Rev. Mangum was accompanied by his choirs and congregations from his churches in Oxford, and Virginia, Va. A singing group from Butner, and the Amos Specials of Durham rendered selections. A memorial service for the deceased members of the group was held.

Club members wore black dresses and a red rose to identify them.

Following the services a delicious dinner was enjoyed by all. A decorated cake with 25th Silver Emblem on it served as a lovely arrangement.

Mrs. Esther Moore, president of the club, was presented a lovely white carnation as a token of appreciation for her services to the club.

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By Rev. C.R. Stone, D.D.

"PROTECTION DIVINE"
 All kinds of protection hinge on some type of know-how called "power." Because of the hinge which involves man, all power is of God regardless to the nature thereof. It is important to project man into this power because God has a huge investment in man. Especially is the idea true due to man's fall, thus causing man to be a victim of paradise lost. In other words, man enjoyed a perfect relationship with the Father, but lost his touch with our God.

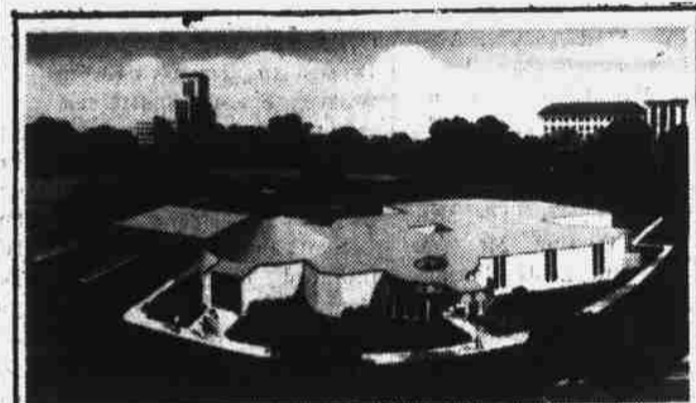
Man's restoration to the divine protection of God involves a plan of salvation in the likeness of a man. Therefore, the all wise God sent His beloved Son into the world being human and divine, to do for man that which an individual can never do for himself. The thing which no man can do for himself is simply gather enough power to save his life. Because of man's insufficient power, a man-like person called Jesus submitted Himself to the total will of God thereby paying the absolute premium for all mankind.

The divine protective premium of salvation made possible by God for man is likened unto a man made insurance policy when purchased. In fact, man has to obligate himself thereby getting his name on the roll. The man who chooses to make himself responsible to the necessary provisions found according to the law has protection divine, redeemable through the Son of God. The benefits in protection divine are by no means a rematch on man's part of the Father's concern.

He who hath ears to hear—let him hear.

The Immigration and Nationalities Act requires the Secretary of Labor to certify that any immigrant coming to the United States for employment purposes will not deprive permanent residents of job opportunities or adversely affect work standards.

The 1974 amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act apply to domestic workers who receive at least \$50 per calendar quarter from one employer or who work a total of more than eight hours a week for one or more employers.



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9:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL
 10:55 A.M. WORSHIP

SERMON The Pastor

"On Carrying the Cross of Christ (Part II)
 The 'Arm - Changers!' (Matthew 27: 46-47)

Senior Choir - leading the singing Mr. J. H. Gattis - Director

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7:00 P.M. Conversations - Epworth and White Rock with Epworth.