

# I LOOKED AND I SAW

BY  
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## WORKING AND SHARING OUR CONTRIBUTIONS

If there is one thing on which all may agree, it is the fact that our world is not what it would be. Just as all of us may agree on some key ideas, we should be allowed to disagree on some points of view also. As men live on the earth which is a part of the world, it should come as no surprise to an individual that some persons must disagree with others on many major ideas. All disagreements among the children of men are not destructive in nature but rather, some carry great advantages in the long run whereby men discover facts which are beneficial to all as a whole.

The world in which we live is an open universe where different peoples of many races seek residence for survival. The world is a huge open market for the wholesale opinions of men. Of course, every idea which is introduced in the open market for a contribution will not be accepted as a rule governing all men. However, individuals should possess the freedom to be persuaded by various ideas and launch out in different directions to secure some truths which may be helpful to others as well as themselves. After men shall have secured what they are looking for, individuals should compare their findings. In this light, men should discover another fact in that no individual nor group should work totally independent of others here on earth. In fact, the world of ideas is likened into a crossword puzzle with its parts being scattered all around and all men need to share the responsibility of placing pieces in their proper positions. The idea introduced here plainly reveals that this is our world and we can change it for better or for worse. Again, our workings among others may be likened into workers who specialize in carrying out different details at an automobile assembly line. If all men carry out their duties of discovery which come from all directions, all who are involved are able to see the completion of a well-built machine. Every individual who has been involved in the least should be proud of what he eyes behold. In addition, those who observe this machine and have not contributed should be proud of others. The truth of the whole matter goes like this, those who were not active in the completion of this machine should make their contributions in other fields of work and get their products on display to benefit all.

The world in which the children of men reside needs an unlimited number of machines. If our ideas are not allowed to be different all machines will be the same make and we cannot operate sufficiently. Man needs to continue to break away from others and break down the walls which tend to separate us from others. By doing so, all men could enjoy a world of plenty. He who hath ears to hear - let him hear.



**Mrs. Ada Leach Observes 91st Birthday Anniversary**

Mrs. Ada L. Leach celebrated her 91st birthday anniversary on Friday, November 28.

On Sunday, the White Rock Baptist Church Choir, of which Mrs. Leach was a former member, dedicated a rendition of an anthem, "The Gospel Story" to her during the regular morning worship service.

Mrs. Laura Bruce entertained Mrs. Leach and several friends at a dinner party on Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Leach expressed sincere gratitude to the friends and acquaintances who presented gifts to her on this occasion.

Talented, cheerful, alert, and creative, Mrs. Leach composed the following poem when she contemplated her "many years young".

### Growing Lovely While Growing Old

by Ada L. Leach

I want to grow lovely while growing old, Like old lace, china and gold. 'Tis said, old things mellow with time and care, There is beauty in every smile that you wear.

I'm trying to grow sweeter and more thoughtful, too, Forget, if need to, an erring deed And think only of the loving creed--

For God can hear, while my growing is clear And my heart beats to the tune He is pleased with.

Then I will surely be aware That I am still in His care-- Growing lovely, while growing old.

### First Aid Department of The Durham Ushers Union Meets

The First Aid Dept. of the Durham Ushers Union held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Callie Mayfield, Nov. 25, 7 p.m. The devotionals were led by Mrs. Willie McKeithen, scripture was read by Mrs. Willie Rooker, prayer by Burch Coley. Mrs. Hastie Price presided over the meeting. She gave a word of thanks to every one for taking a part in the devotion. Mrs. Minnie Jones, of Mt. Zion Baptist and Mrs. Ollia Jay of the Henderson Grove Church became full members of the First Aid Dept.

Closing prayer by Mrs. Willa McKeithen. A wonderful dinner was served by the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church Usher Board Social Committee. Members present Oak Grove: Mrs. Willa McKeithen, St. Paul, Emma Umstead, Callie Mayfield, Geneva Trice, Marva Dowdy, Vanille King, Mt. Gillard, Mrs. Willie Rucker, Daisy Stephenson, Henderson Grove, Mrs. Ollia Jay, Mrs. Otsie Laws, Lincoln Memorial, Mrs. Hastie Price, Mrs. Susie Dillahunt, Mrs. Lina Sanders, West Durham Baptist, Burch Coley, Union Baptist, Mrs. Grace Hyman, Mt. Vernon, Mrs. Vera Owen, Susie Craig, Mrs. Mable Holem, Mrs. Grace Jones, G. Brunce, New Bethel, Mrs. Esther McKinzy, Mt. Zion, Mrs. Minnie Jones, St. Joseph's, Mrs. Elizabeth Young, Visitor, Miss G. G. Sanders, The hostess from the Greater St. Paul usher board were Mrs. Louise Caper, Miss Martina Caple, and Mr. Priestly. The next meeting will be held at the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Dec. 16.

### HOSTS AT THANKSGIVING REUNION

Joining in the reunion were a number of local relatives and friends. The evening was concluded with a cocktail party at the home of Mrs. M. S. Bullock. Goodbyes were said on Friday morning at the annual reunion brunch in Durham at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Princetes McKinney.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
The family of the late Julius H. Barbee wishes to acknowledge all expressions shown during the illness and death of their loved one. Matilda Barbee and Family.

### KYLES TEMPLE

### TRAVELS TO MURDOCK

The Junior Class has been studying a great deal of "Serving One Another" whether in your Church, Home or elsewhere. They demonstrated this, and put Love into action when they traveled to Murdock Center, along with their Sunday School Teacher, Evelyn Yancey, escorted by Elton Yancey, to show their love and concern for the children there. The Primary and Intermediate classes joined them in this endeavor.

A delicious repast was served. After socializing and refreshments, the visit was ended with songs by the group and a departing prayer by the Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Louise Smith.



WORDS FOR THE WORLD

KNOWLEDGE IS LOVE. Study, listen to exhortations, think, try to understand the wisdom and greatness of God. The soil must be fertilized before the seeds is sown.

BAHA'I WRITINGS

# WRITERS FORUM

by George B. Russ

"The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness, could very well have been the theme of the First Baptist Church's Homecoming Day observance, in Clinton, Rev. Clifford R. Jones, pastor; inasmuch as the people epitomize this Christian truth beautifully. However, the chosen theme "Homecoming Harvest" did not take away, one iota, from the church's great humanitarian love; its great strength of character gained through its long church history to survive despite the ominous odds; its heartwarming hospitality.

"Harvest Homecoming" was shown throughout the day in every way pertinent to making this a convivial, monumental homecoming. Together, Rev. Jones, the official church family, the official boards and the strong ties of friends from neighboring churches did everything humanly possible to demonstrate the positive meaning of homecoming. A motif of harvest cornucopia was displayed throughout the handsome edifice. In fact, the welcome mat was out the moment entered the handsomely paneled foyer.

Music was rendered under the direction of Mrs. Janet Spaulding. The senior choir sang. The choir was at its singing best in renditions of "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand, Just A Little Talk with Jesus, All Things Come of Thee" and "Mansions Over the Hilltop." Mrs. Leslie Underwood was special soloist: "Bless This House." The Missionary Choir enhanced the morning offertory of "Tithes and Gifts" with two selections. "Home, In the Rock" was



**MRS. RUTH MCCOLLUM**

Rev. Jones, Homecoming Harvest message. An open, direct message to Christians, pointing out that God will punish evil doers no matter if they are His Children, "and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midians seven years." The Israelites were severely punished for their indiscretions, but God, through Gideon, answered the prayers of His weeping, suffering people. An upon the Rock where the miracle of flesh and the unleavened cakes had been wrought, Gideon built an altar there unto the Lord, and called it Jehovah-shalom; unto this day, it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. Here, the Israelites may return again and again to give thanks and praises to the God of their deliverance; the Rock of their salvation.

Fellowship Hall, where everyone enjoyed a delicious, piping hot dinner, wore above its glowing holiday elegance a halo

of expectancy: "Folk from Durham were coming over; Dr. Percy High, two bus loads and a half-van of the Mount Vernon Baptist Congregation. And sure enough the caravan conveying Dr. Percy High and entourage arrived; and before anyone stepped off the bus, a delegation of First Baptist church persons gathered around the buses, all carrying colorful autumn leaf cut-outs labeled "Welcome to First Baptist Church." As the Durham visitors alighted, a crisp leaf was pinned on coat lapels. Dr. High, officers, members and the Mass Choir of Mt. Vernon had come to finalize the activities of the First Baptist Homecoming Harvest salute.

The bright shimmering colors of the orange, yellow, russet and brown leaves pinned on the visitors plus the radiant smiles and cheerful greetings of the welcoming delegation and the Durham guests over-shadowed, momentarily, the glare of the sunny November, late afternoon. Out of the crowd of happy smiling folk, one smile shown brighter and more self-assured than all the others. Upon closer scrutiny, my first hunch proved to be correct; The smile belonged to Mrs. Ruth McCollum; tall, slim and youthful. The eternally youthful Mrs. Ruth Suit McCollum has not outlived her big sister, Ruth Suit image. She is admired and respected as Mrs. Cardoza McCollum - professor at A&T State University; the mother of three fine children; Mrs. Rosalyn M. Cole, a teacher at Southern High; Anita McCollum, sophomore at N. C. C. U.; Cardoza McCollum, Jr., which you cannot say a mean or sophisticated at Durham High; nevertheless, one refuses to disassociate the girl of yesteryear McCollum.

from the charming, unruined, busy wife, mother, Career-girl; Mrs. McCollum is secretary to the Senior Vice President, W. A. Clement, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. It was Douglas Fairbanks, star of screen and stage, who said: "Keep a smile on your face till 10 o'clock and it will stay there all day." Seemingly, Ruth's smile is her greatest preponderant - the sustainer of her youthfulness. Howbeit, Mrs. McCollum's smile has made the world a little brighter wherever she has passed along.

Mrs. McCollum has been a fervent church-worker for a long time in the music department. Without fuss and fury, she has rendered an immeasurable amount of time, talent and dedicated service to grooming voices to sing God's praises. Even before she was married, Ruth played for the Oak Grove Gospel Chorus; then, under the direction of deacon R. S. Stewart. Presently, Mrs. McCollum is one of the crown jewels of Mount Vernon Baptist Church; she serves as organist for the Senior Choir; secretary to Board of Directors of the Mt. Vernon Day Care Center; Chairperson of Social Committee of Mt. Vernon; member of the Progressive Mothers Club and some civic organizations.

Mrs. Ruth McCollum is a native of Durham - bred 'n' born here - has always resided at 504 Gray Avenue; attended Durham City Schools a graduate of North Carolina Central University. Music is the only language in which you cannot say a mean or sophisticated thing. John Erskine, nevertheless, one refuses to disassociate the girl of yesteryear McCollum.

### Missionary Group Meets

The Dorcas Missionary Group of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church met Monday, Dec. 1 at the home of Mrs. Louise Harvey, 1301 S. Alston Ave. After an inspiring devotional, several topics were discussed, led by Mrs. Louise Pearce, Miss Annie Cruse, Mrs. Annie Wilkerson, Joseph Sims, Mrs. Lyda Vanhook, coordinator. Money and gifts were collected for the Christmas project.

This was the last meeting for the year, and the members were served a delicious Christmas dinner by Mrs. Harvey. Members present were Mrs. Louise Harvey, chairman, Mrs. Vera Owens, Mrs. Blinnie Woods, Mrs. Lillian Freeman, Mrs. Willie Grace, Mrs. Sudie Bass, Mrs. Dora Powell, Mrs. Emma Sanders, Mrs. Annie Wilkerson, Mrs. Grace Jones, Mrs. Lilly Blake, Mrs. Pearl Fairly, Mrs. Gertrude Brunson, Mrs. Hastie Price, Mrs. Almema Hinton. Guests Mrs. Lyda Vanhook, Mrs. Louise Pearce, Miss Annie Cruse, Joseph Sims, Mrs. Janie Graham.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pretty, Miss Mary James. Mrs. Hastie Price thanked the hostess. Everyone was given a Christmas bag upon leaving and all enjoyed the group fellowship.

### Corono St. Club Meets

On November 22, the Corono Street Community Club held its monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Parrish. The meeting was called to order by the vice president Mrs. Lee. The members discussed their Thanksgiving plans. The Pine Knoll Rest Home was the club's Thanksgiving project. On Nov. 26 the members met at the Home for prayer meeting. Fruit baskets were passed out to the residents, portraying the club motto, "A friend in need is a friend in deed," and club prayer, "God grant us the strength to serve others, so that our living will not be in vain."

## FUNERAL NOTICES

Funeral services for Mrs. Clyde Lyons Green of 918 Plum St., were held at the Scarborough and Hargett Memorial Chapel by Bishop John Russell on Friday, November 28. Burial was in the Beechwood Cemetery.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Armstrong of Durham; three sisters, Mrs. Henrietta Lyons, Mrs. Allen Mitchell and Mrs. Alma Jones, all of Durham; two granddaughters and two great-grand children.

Courtesy of Scarborough and Hargett Memorial Chapel and Gardens.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lora E. Beale of 603 Linwood Ave., were held at the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. Rev. Percy L. High officiated. Burial was in the Beechwood Cemetery. Courtesy of Scarborough and Hargett Memorial Chapel and Gardens.

### CHAMBERLIN STUDIO HONOR ROLLS

#### FIRST HONOR ROLL

Valerie Belton, Anthony Davis, Karen King, Bridget Simpson.

#### SECOND HONOR ROLL

Rita Hester, Jacqueline Saunders, Miriam Pruden, Tonja Thomas, Kathy Thorne.

#### SERMON IN SONG

The Mt. Zoar Male Chorus and The Hawkins Chapel Chorus of Franklinton, will appear on a program "Sermon in Song" at the Mt. Level Baptist Church, Sunday, December 7 at 6 p.m. Rev. C. C. Dunstan, pastor.

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#### SUNDAY

DECEMBER 7, 1975

9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:55 A.M. - WORSHIP - SERMON - The Pastor

MUSIC - THE SENIOR CHOIR

The Senior Ushers Ushering

12:30 - 5 P.M. - Pictures being taken for pictorial directory.

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The Geminid meteor shower (3rd best of the year) occurs December 4th - 16th. As many as 50 meteors per hour may be seen on the peak night of December 13th - 14th.

through January 5, 1976  
**STAR OF BETHLEHEM**

Starting January 6 a Star-studded  
**BICENTENNIAL DOUBLE FEATURE**

Daily 8 P.M., Saturdays 11, 1, 3 and 8 P.M.  
Sunday 2, 3 and 8 P.M.  
CLOSED DECEMBER 24-25

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**Morehead Planetarium**  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
gratefully acknowledges this public service feature.

The public is invited to attend a Christmas Decoration Clinic, sponsored by the La-Petite Garden Club with all of the Garden Clubs of the city participating.

This clinic will be held at the E. D. Mickle Recreation Center on Alston Ave., Sunday, Dec. 7 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. There will be something of interest for everyone. Come and get fresh new ideas for your Christmas decorations. Refreshments will be served. COME! COME! BEST YEAR EVER.

**'CROSSING FOX RIVER,' FIFTH SANDBURG'S LINCOLN SPECIAL**

Hal Holbrook stars as candidate Abraham Lincoln who wins the presidency and then must adjust to new responsibilities in "Crossing Fox River," fifth of the "Sandburg's Lincoln" one-hour historical dramas. The program airs Monday, January 12 on NBC-TV at 8 P.M. (ET), under the co-sponsorship of Eli Lilly and Company.

"The Zeta Omega Chapter of TAU GAMMA DELTA Sorority will meet at 4:30 PM, Sunday, December 7, at the home of Miss Donna Lee, 1016 Dewey Street, Greensboro. Sorors from the Lambda Chapter, Durham, will be present."

POST SECONDARY OPPORTUNITY SESSION TO BE HELD AT HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

The Guidance Department of the Hillside High School is sponsoring a Post Secondary Opportunity Session on Friday, December 12 11:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Consultants from several colleges, businesses, and technical schools will be in attendance. Parents and interested friends are cordially invited to attend.

THE DURHAM RECREATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ITS 4TH ANNUAL GOLDEN AGERS CHRISTMADECEMBER 16, AT THE CENTRAL CIVIC CENTER ON FOSTER STREET, BEGINNING AT 4:30.

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR FOR \$1.00. ENTERTAINMENT AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

ALL SENIOR CITIZENS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.