

# WRITERS FORUM

"We now reaffirm our undying devotions: We pray Thou will fill us with all strength and Grace.

Crown all high endeavors with victories forever and May we run with faithfulness Life's fateful Race." Happy Anniversary, Dr. Grady D. Davis: Union Baptist Church.

Dr. Grady D. Davis, officers and staff of Union Baptist Church extends best wishes for one and all a Healthful, Hopeful, Happy New Year.

We thank you for your support in making our church programs a success in 1975; and, we ask for your prayers and support in 1976 for a better and bigger Union Baptist with Peace and Good-will for all Mankind - Happy New Year!

The pastor's Annual Psychological Feed-back reveals that the busy "little man with the voice of a lion" - Ize - has kept every thing in order; he knows he knows where its at.

'My 12th Pastoral Anniversary; Everybody is Somebody at Union! Again, the Union successfully applied the "behavioral modification technique in shaping our behavior by means of the Rat Box (Skinner); the Cat Box (Thorndike); the Pandora Box (Great Myth); and the Money Box (green power/Union). Again the ante was upped and blessings were poured out too numerous to



The Davis Family—1975

count. Praise God (and Union) from whom all blessing flow. A Prison Ministry Committee was begun at Union. A series of sermons were preached on crime outlined at Case/Cause/Consequence/Christ and Christmas. This ministry will extend into 1976. This is an amazing union in the Union family.

Regarding home and hearth: 5520 Sweetbriar Drive, Raleigh, N. C. The Davises observed a 23rd wedding anniversary! Love and Ecology begins at home: the Harrisons, Deryl/Ron, bought their first home. Ron is still at Colonial Stores, Inc. Promoted to the transportation Department; Deryl is a State Probation / Parole Officer. Grady, Jr., is completing his tour of

Army Service and is planning to continue his education as a Junior at North Carolina State University. Psyche at NCSU in the Food Science Department studying to be a Lab Technician, while also keeping her job at Elaine Power's Figure Salon. Mahatma Gandhi, U. S. Army assigned to Headquarter's and Company, VII Corp. Stugart, Germany. He also plans to continue his college career while overseas. Crystal has now entered Junior High School and is enjoying it very much.

In connection with his role as a Parole Commissioner. Grady,

accompanied by Dorothy and Crystal, attended the first National Conference on Alternatives to Incarceration in Boston, September 19-21. He read two books pursuant to this conference: "Kind and Usual" by Jessica Mitford, and "Crime o Punishment" by Carl Menninger. These are must reading for those interested in Penology, Criminology and Psychology.

The dapper, dashing, doctor also received a plaque: "Speaker of the Year" for his high school reunion sponsored by the Class of 1944. While attending the reunion, he failed to recognize Vicent

Lee; not just another run of the mill classmate, but Vincent who walked with him up 301 highway, 4 1/2 miles each way from Pleasant Hill to Northampton County Training School at Garysburg. Time changes things, places and people.

Looking toward the 3rd century era, Dr. Davis, writes, "Please read 'Future Shock' by Alvin Toffler: on to the spirit of July 4, 1976 - the BiCentennial Celebration of the Declaration of Independence: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.' There is a serious crisis between the document and achievement. Our future is still in the hands of the Man/Messiah of whom Isaiah (9 :6 prophesied: 'for unto us a Child is born: unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder. These will be His royal titles: 'Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.' His ever-expanding, peaceful government will never end. From the functioning family - the Grady Davis clan.

## A POTPOURRI OF RECENT EVENTS

George B. Russ



"Little Miss Adult Choir"

"Little Miss Young Adult Choir" began her 1975-'76 reign Sunday, December 21, 1975. Her first duty, since she was crowned, was the presentation of her pastor, Dr. Grady D. Davis during the Youth Day Worship Service.

The 5 year old Robin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Edwards of Plum Street. The recently crowned "Little Miss Young Adult Choir" attends R. N. Harris Elementary School. She is a member of the UBC Tots Choir; a student of ballet at Kay Sullivan's Dance Studio.

The pretty, pert, precocious Robin hasn't decided what she wants to be when she grow up; for now, it's a toss - up between a majorette and a cheerleader. Her favorite saying is, "i'm bad - I know I am bad! I'm super-bad." Bad, not in the demeaning aspect of the term, but positive achievement.

"Her interests, other than majoretting and cheerleading, are gradually developing, but not to the point of really showing that she excels in any particular area," says her mother, Mrs. Eloise Edwards.

Queen Robin Elizabeth Edwards and her court made a grand entrance to the tune of "We're Marching to Zion, and marched down the long aisle to the periphery of the rostrum. Here, they posed prettily until the chairperson, Mrs. Hattie P. Partin, presented each member of her majesty's cortege: Nicole Malachi, 1st runner-up, Sharonda Thorpe, 2nd runner-up; Dean-Na Marie Pratt, Jill Taylor and Tonya Farmer. Princelets: Micheal Day, Donald Houser, Rodney Day, Sean Parker, Micheal Hopkins and Timothy Harris.

Robin Edwards, first place winner, wore a cardinal red coronation robe and a matching glittering crown that threatened to topple, walked the last lapse alone. Obviously, she wanted to do something about her wishy-washy crown, but she didn't dare touch it. However, fate had decreed that the crown should shatter her majesty's composure. So, after doing a good job of her presentation speech, Dr. Davis reached down to give her a hug and the

crown fell apart. Robin gave her grandmother Freeman a weebegone look, but she managed to keep her cool and joined the other pulpit associates: Miss Anna R. Henderson, James T. Muse, Reverend Essex Fields, Rev. Foster R. Ize, Sr., Grady D. Davis and Rev. Kirk. December 21 was a salute to all College/ University students.

In behalf of the Young Adult Choir, Miss Cathy McAdams made handsome gift presentations to the Church's Building Fund and the Bus Fund.

Mrs. Retha Mae Durant gave a well-rounded report of the Helping Hand Missionary's Winter activities: Making Betty Jones and other children happy at the Cripple Children's Hospital was this fine group of Missionary workers' holiday project. Gifts were presented to Dr. Grady D. Davis, Rev. Essex Fields, Rev. Lottie B. Kee, Mrs. Beatrice McQueen, Mrs. Lossie Dominey. President of the Helping Hand Circle; Ms. Isabelle Holder and Rev. John L. Caldwell.

The Senior Usher

Board's Annual Christmas Party was staged in the UBC Fellowship Hall, December 20 at 7 p.m., with the amiable, gracious Mrs. Viola Thompson presiding.

"Joy to the World!" set the pace for this festival of Christmas Fellowship. Persons participating in the opening ceremonies were Rev. N. B. Sanders, Mrs. Minnie Fikes.

The after dinner speaker was David Turner; a teacher of Brick Masonry at Northern High School; wife, Mrs. Carolyn Sanders Turner; father of two children - girls: Shawn, Tarsha; residents of Old Farms. Turner is the nephew of deacon W. C. Young.

Mr. Turner's discourse was based on "Consecration and Service." Text: Romans 12:8; for as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office; so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one member one of another.' A timely message at this season when discouragement comes in many guises to invade the

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