

A POTPOURRI OF RECENT EVENTS

by George B. Russ

The Executive Board of the UBC Willing Workers Missionary Circle held its annual planning conference, Jan. 16, in the home of Rev./Mrs. Celestia H. Sanders, at 1109 Wyldeewood Rd. The board is comprised of chairpersons of the official W. W. Staff: secretary, treasurer and chairpersons of all groups including the Children's Auxiliary.

A brief devotional preceded the business session after which the president, Mrs. Celestia Sanders, declared the meeting opened for its annual planning business.

The format for the biweekly meetings was left intact, with only minor changes made in procedural methods. Mrs. Doris P. Holland, social chairman, gave a progress report of circle's social activities: "1975 was the best year in the area of social affairs; covered dish suppers, a Father's Day Party in honor of Dave Thompson, "Father of the Year" elect; the annual Christmas party." Dates for summer-outings and the '76 Christmas Party were placed on record to be announced at a later date.

Program chairpersons, Mrs. Hattie P. Partin, Mrs. Annie E. Daniels, outlined



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programs to be presented during the first 6 months of the year. A run-down of progress in the area of organized groups revealed that the groups are doing a remarkable service to sick and shut-ins; serving as communication centers for one another regarding "what's happening within the circle and the church. "Reach-out and Touch" is the theme for the group's community projects. Through this channel, many shut-ins are contacted and given assistance to meet the needs of each person.

The 1976 budget was raised by 50 per cent in most instances: additional "Helpers" were added to second quarter's subscription order. Items

left unfinished were: Flower-fund, New Ledger for Recording Secretary and Special Projects.

Praises for a progressive year of giving services to church, community and the Willing Workers Circle were generously showered upon the board members by Mrs. Sanders as the meeting climaxed. Mrs. Vallie H. Glover, sister of Mrs. Sanders, graciously presided over the festive board of refreshments.

"The Birth, Rebirth, and Resurrection of Martin Luther King, Jr." Text: Matthew 5:33-48, was the subject of Dr. Grady D. Davis' message for the Youth Day Service, Jan. 18. Willie E. Muse presided over the first 1976 Youth Day salute. Pulpit associates were: Shaw Jeter, Kimberly Evans, Sharon La'var Thorpe. Music was under the direction of Minister of Music Grover Wilson, Jr./Miss Ava Darlene Best. The Tots and Youth Adult Choirs sang. All of the youngsters were good, but hats off to Sharonda Thorpe. My brown eyed Susan nearly blew her speech, however, she didn't. When the time came for her to have her say, she donned her prettiest smiles, gave her Prussian blue shirt a shake, then strolled over to the mike, picked up the instrument



SHARONDA THORPE

and held it with the self-assurance of a professional, then stood gawking at the audience. She wasn't panicky, nor, apparently, caring if she had forgotten the very important lines. 30 seconds later, the adult leader called, softly: "Sharonda, I am happy." And quick as a flash, Sharonda was saying brightly and cheerfully her introductory speech: "I am happy to present my pastor, Dr. Grady D. Davis; he's my friend and I love him." For all of this, Sharonda received a bear-hug and a kiss from the pastor.

Watching the four and a half year old tyke perform, my thoughts retrogressed momentarily. Sharonda recently won 2nd runner-up placement in the "Little Miss Young Adult Choir Contest." This little girl was happier with the, actually, 3rd place than the winner of the 1st place, Robin E. Edwards. Sharonda was tickled pink. The starlet attends Head-Start Pre-school at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church; an avid fan of "Sesame Street" and "Electric Company" and Mr. Rogers favorite book, "Dumbo." Her favorite toys are: a pair of

tambourines she received on her 4th birthday; and building blocks. "Loves to sing," her grandmother laughingly added. Life Savers are her favorite candies. No matter where or when she meets her godfather George B., she always asked: "George, do you have some Life Savers for me?"

Next to the many things she enjoys, the telephone offers the greatest thrill; here, her flare for stage acting comes to the fore; "George, I worked with my mother today—we did some work;" her make-believe laughter ripples over the wires. "I will be at church tomorrow—bring me some Life Savers." The next day is always Sunday for Sharonda when she is talking, with "George." More laughter, then a request; "sing for Sharonda" and away she goes "Yes, Jesus loves me—the Bible tells me so."

The Rev. Clayton Taylor of Atlanta, Georgia, the revival minister for the Union Baptist 1975 Spring Revival, was guest minister for the New Young Adult Choir, Sunday, Jan. 18 at 6:30 o'clock. The suave, well-tailored evangelist has a golden voice for singing soul-stirring gospel songs and a unique method in his deliverance of the gospel message that appeals to all ages; therefore, it was a natural for the tall, handsome, darkeyed evangelist to attract and hold the attention of the popular, pulchritudinous, provocative, New Young Adult Choir. Miss Ava Darlene Best presided over the vesper Hour. Pulpit associates were: Willie E. Muse, Abner Mason, Jr., Rev. Charles Kirk, Rev. Essex Fields.



I LOOKED AND I SAW

BY
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'OFF AND ON'

Those of us who insist on occupying our positions of interest for long should take in consideration how we do what we are anxious to do. For example, all dictators should be forced to sit down and yield their chairs to others somewhere along the way. Some dictators do not care about being in the midst of other dictators because they are too much alike by nature. Because of their special interest in their positions, they strive hard to protect their chairs by insisting that others remain in backward positions. Once in a while, within a life time, dictators should sit in the rear position. For example, one of the primary reasons why some people cannot get a real feeling for others is simply due to the fact that they stand in a blinding shadow to others, refusing to sit down.

Some people never lead a song of their kind or feeling in church nor elsewhere because some singers never end their melodies of interest. In other words, some people have a strong tendency to sing too long, thus posing as a blind shadow to others. Some people had rather see the whole world destroyed by fire than to go to a real church and catch on fire for God, thus keeping their faith alive.

Some had rather continue seeing things the wrong way for a life time than to see right matters for a little while, thus getting a brand new start.

He who hath ears to hear — let him hear.

THE GOOD WORD

from the Bible

For the Lord of all will not stand in awe of any one, nor show deference to greatness; because he himself made both small and great, and he takes thought for all alike.

Wisdom, 6-7



On January 29, 1776, the Maryland Council of Safety requested information on the depth of the water in Baltimore's harbor and the best means for fortifying of same. The logical defense position was Whetstone Point which dominated the



harbor entrance. Here a battery was ultimately erected. In September 1814 a British fleet bombarded Fort McHenry, on the site of this battery, the successful resistance of which inspired Francis Scott Key to compose our national anthem.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S CORNER

HELPFUL IDEAS FOR SUCCESSFUL RETIREMENT

Buyer Beware

Be cautious when considering buying a share in a dude ranch, ski area or the many other recreational-type developments on the market today.

David Hansen and Thomas Dickinson, professors at the University of California's Davis campus recently completed a study of undivided interest recreation developments in California. According to the study buyers are often unaware of how many memberships will be sold, what the future cost will be or whether there will be overcrowding.

The number of remote recreational developments in which all members share equally in use and ownership has increased rapidly in the past few years, says Hansen. Projects range in size from 160 to 14,000

acres, with the projected number of owners varying from approximately 400 to 2,500.

Five potential problems inherent in undivided interest developments that prospective buyers should consider carefully (according to the study done by the two professors):

- Overpricing.
- Difficulty in reselling.
- Overcrowding. In general, the spacious quality of the developments tends to disappear as memberships are sold.

—Wrong impressions. Artist's conceptions as outlined on a brochure may deviate substantially from the finished project.

—Membership requirements. Clauses could restrict membership to an "elite" group, or the characteristics of the membership rules might allow members whose behavior would be objectionable to the prospective buyer.