

WRITERS FORUM

By George B. Russ



The "Young Married Women's Club" referred to in the 1954 edition of the Union Baptist Church History is better known today as the Willing Workers Missionary Circle. This thriving organization is a far cry from the early club group that 'performs many missionary duties' and 'study the guiding principles in the choice of entertainment and ideas of moral conduct.'

The Willing Workers Circle is an integral part of the Senior Missionary Department, with a membership of 74 persons divided into groups of six, plus a captain. This arrangement helps members to learn and grow as Christians, provide training in worship and

devotional life; improves the fellowship of members through organized activities; demonstrates to the members the importance of their neighbors, a concern with the needs of their own members, and the unchurched prospective members.

Mrs. Celestia H. Sanders is president of the Willing Workers; Mrs. Hattie P. Partin, is program coordinator, co-chairmen: Mrs. Annie E. Daniels, George B. Russ. As a tribute to the Union Baptist Church on its 79th anniversary salute to the Missionary Departments, the program committee will present a pageant of holidays entitled "Holiday Calendar". Picturesque scenes taken from

each month is skillfully rolled into a colorful drama of beauty and talent. A beautiful "bride" to light the pathway of those to follow. Mrs. Eloise Freeman Edwards is one of the lovely brides who will highlight this pretty pageant.

Eloise Freeman Edwards, according to Chinese astrology, was born under the sign of the Dragon. She is celebrating her birthday in 1976 on the Bicentennial birthday of the United States—July 4, and 1976, according to Chinese astrologers, is the year of the Dragon. The Chinese say the Dragon is enthusiastic, shrewd, influential, attractive and profoundly sentimental.

Mrs. Edwards is a graduate of North Carolina Central University with a B. S. C. degree in Business Education. Presently employed by REMCA, Inc., as the Chief Financial Officer.

She enjoys all sports, especially football; an average Bowler with a 130 average; loves to read; loves music especially popular and gospel; enjoys singing, dancing, meeting and working with people; loves potted plants, and plays the piano.

Eloise is married to John Wilson Edwards; the mother of a son, 9 and a daughter, Robin, 6. Long range ambition is to raise her children to become God loving and God fearing citizens who will make a worthy contribution to this world. Secondly, to become a Certified Public Accountant.

This "July-Bride" is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Freeman, Dunn; she has two sisters and four brothers. Favorite colors: Orange/yellow; favorite saying: "Down not the person who is down today but cheer him in his sorrow; this old world is a funny old world and you could be down tomorrow." Favorite song: "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee."

Mrs. Inez Evans is narrator for this Willing Workers Tribute.

N. C. Falls Short of Predicted Number of Pregnancies Before Marriage

RALEIGH — While North Carolina fell short of the Bureau of Census estimate that one-fourth of all women who marry by age 21 in the United States are pregnant at the time of the wedding, a statistical study of 1973 marriages by the Division of Health Services did show that eight per cent of the brides were in the family way at the time of the nuptials.

Out of the nearly 47,000 marriages in 1973, 2,624 white brides conceived out-of-wedlock and 1,338 nonwhites.

Education appeared a fact in a number of pre-marital pregnancies. Brides with 12 years of education had the highest frequency of out-of-wedlock conceptions. This was true for whites and nonwhites alike. About 30 per cent of the total out-of-wedlock conceptions among white brides had 17 years of schooling and close to 44 per cent of nonwhite.

Brides with only 10 to 11 years of schooling had the next highest frequency

of pregnancies. After that, out-of-wedlock conceptions dropped significantly among brides with even one-year of college. White brides with 12 years of education had seven times more out-of-wedlock conceptions than those with one year of college. Nonwhite brides who had completed high school but no college had eight times more out-of-wedlock conceptions than those with one year of college education.

Brides, 17-years old, had the highest number of out-of-wedlock conceptions among whites, while 18-year olds had the most among nonwhites. For white 17-year olds, just under 23 per cent conceived out-of-wedlock, while for non-whites the figure reached almost 22 per cent.

For white and nonwhite brides, out-of-wedlock conceptions declined nearly every year of age after 18 and every year of education after the 12th.



I LOOKED AND I SAW

By Rev. C. R. Stone

"KNOWING SOMEBODY"

The Holy Trinity concept on all divine matters involves the closest relationship to be known in earth as it is in heaven. It is the relationship of knowing somebody who knows somebody who knows somebody involving three persons. It represents the true pattern on how our Christian religion works. In reality, those of us who are true followers of the way have a sure source of strength which cannot be diminished by other powers of antagonism.

Further, the three divine connections possess more than enough power to bring all men into subjection, thus making us useful within the framework of God. Of course, the God head does not have to gain the total confidence of all men in order to save the whole world from damnation.

Why should followers of the way retain their connection with these divine tap-roots on all divine matters? Unless men maintain their positions within this framework of sure happenings they are bound to lose their ways toward reaching vital goals which affect their everyday patterns of living. The divine pattern for true guidance has been set for all peoples of the world. Furthermore, it is a pattern set forth in the beginning with God when He decided to form the whole world. Because God is the instigator of the plan of knowing Himself, knowing His Son and knowing the Holy Ghost, the pattern on all divine matters involving the lives of men cannot be diminished whether many agree or only a few agree.

He who ears to hear — let him hear.

Mrs. Florence Littlejohn Hosts Meet

Sunday, March 21 the Friendly Circle Club of St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church held its regular monthly meeting, with Mrs. Florence Littlejohn, 410 Lawson Street serving as hostess.

Devotionals were led by the president, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown.

Members presents were: Mrs. Margaret Bumpass, Mrs. Sarah Cameron, Mrs. Helen McNeil, Mrs. Lean Thompson, Mrs. Dazel Stevens, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Mrs.

Florence Littlejohn, Mrs. Juanita Barnes, Mrs. Ada Bates, Mrs. Hattie Geer, Mrs. Marie Bethea, Mrs. Louise Frazier, Major Geer, W. L. Thompson, and Grover Burtthey.

The hostess assisted by her daughter, Jackie, served a most delicious dinner to the members. Grover Burtthey thanked the hostess for her warm hospitality.

The next meeting date will be announced.

Mrs. Sarah Cameron serves as secretary and Mrs. Margaret Bumpass, treasurer.

LAMPLIGHTERS MEET

The Lamplighter Club met at the home of Mrs. Mary Satterfield, 502 Woods St, Sunday, March 21.

Members present were: Mrs. Annie Daye, president, Mrs. Mary Bennet, Mrs. Pettiford, Mrs. Alice Carrick, Mrs. Delia Hubert, Mrs. Janet Allen, Mrs. Allie Hubert, Mrs. Lillie Owens, Mrs. Mattie Lee, Mrs.

Ollie Ray, Mrs. Odessa Blake, Mrs. Barrington, Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, Mrs. Alma Mitchell, Mrs. Ella Lee, Mr. Bennett. Willie Mitchell joined the club.

Thanks were extended to the hostess for her warm hospitality and the delicious repast served.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Alma Mitchell, 506½ East End Ave.

SOUL SEEKERS BIBLE CLASS MEETS

The Soul Seekers Sunday Class of Ebenezer Baptist Church held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Ethel Shannon.

Mrs. Marina Fischer, president of the class, informed the group that they were in charge of the church Homecoming plans. Details were outlined and committees were set up to handle specific assignments.

Present were: Mrs. Jennie Hayes, Mrs. Alice Davis, Mrs.

Essie Malone, Mrs. Lillie McIntyre, Mrs. Alberta Allen, Mrs. Emma Dudley, Mrs. Virginia Walker, Mrs. Celeste Dalrymple, Mrs. Marina Fischer and Mrs. Shannon.

The hostess served a delicious repast to the group. Mrs. Fischer thanked Mrs. Shannon for her gracious hospitality. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Essie Malone on Troy Street.