

WRITERS FORUM

By George B. Russ

The winners of the coveted title "Mother of the Year" at Union Baptist Church, was captured by two beautiful Christian women - active church women.

A great deal more interest is manifested in the annual selection than many suspect. The apparent non-balance on the part of the membership is a facade, even when a voter is seen check-marking the name of his favorite candidate listed on the ballot, it is not uncommon to hear a blushing voter say, "I don't care who wins. I just go along with the action. The committee asked that the church members mark the ballot, so I am going along with the program. You're safe in saying, 'I get the message.' In this way, you don't commit yourself; you haven't agreed nor have you discouraged a potential voter.

One might say, "it is too early in the game to say that 'This year's voter trend that the average voter prefers the matured, self-poised woman, quiet in repose, with charms defined and pronounced, majestic in carriage, serene and dignified in deportment, rather than the laughing, pulsating young beauties or the austere senior citizen type. Howbeit, the marked ballots show a definite trend toward the middle aged woman. An across the board count of the votes revealed a scarcity of votes for the very young candidates; a wider interest for the elderly; but the reatest interest was shown for the middle age woman; so much so, that two women were elected from this category: Mrs. Elizabeth Jones and Mrs. Josephine Turner. Both are fine, active, outstanding Christian women; each serving humanity to the best of her ability in her own distinctive way.

Mrs. Jones is a nurse, widely acclaimed by many persons who have had occasion to share her professional service; "nurse Jones is what's happening." The amiable Mrs. Jones, aside from her duties at the Duke University Medical Center, is president of the Licensed Practical Nurses Assn. and 2nd vice president of its Executive Board. Twenty four years of dedicated services to the sick and suffering, aside from vast experience, has wrought for Mrs. Jones a goodness of heart and purity of life. She is the mother of three children; 2 sons and 1 daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jones are residents of S. Plum Street. Besides her professional interests, she is president of the popular Thrifty Savings Club, an active member of the Senior Usher Board and an advisor to the Young Adult Ushers.

Mrs. Josephine E. Turner serves the Durham community as a humanitarian in a different area from Mrs. Elizabeth Jones. Mrs. Turner is concerned with the living conditions of the people, primarily, those of the East End Community; better housing, police protection, better paying jobs for the average heads of families; better lighting, etc. She works with the zeal of a martyr, the persistence of a minister, the courage of a lion, the love of a mother. She is a *yo* person; strong and courageous; gentle and tender. Real beauty depends upon these three good health, good temper and good manners. Mrs. Turner is generously endowed with all three qualities. She is wonderful mother, grandmother, she has four children; Mrs. Jacqueline Burch, Lawrence Lee, Thomas Allen and Alava Ena. Sandra and Besty Burch is a pair of happy, well-adjusted grandchildren.

Mrs. Turner lives at 1208 Hanover Street; she is an active member of Union Baptist Church, Captain of UBC Pastor's Aid Society; Worship Chaplain of the Helping Hand Missionary Circle; Worship Chaplain of Kyhoo - Division of the Y. W. C. A.; an active member of

the Progressive Mother's also Mrs. Turner is a Board member of PAC - Policy Advisory Committee of Operation Breakthrough.

Both Mothers' of the Year were recipients of beautiful corsages and Gold Star Plaques.

Mrs. Mary Shaw Gentry, founder and director of the Junior Male Chorus was honored. A handsome plaque was presented to her by Nikki Ross "from the boys" for her love and kindness throughout the years. In accepting the plaque, Mrs. Gentry expressed great surprise and joy. "I am very much surprised, I had no dreams that the boys were thinking of me in this way. I love my boys - my love for them keeps me alive from day to day."

Mrs. Madie Tucker was also the recipient of a handsome gift wrapped package and a corsage from the Russ-Sanders Singers / Dorcas Class. The popular Mrs. Tucker was elected, unknowingly, by the members of both organizations.

Mrs. Zola Barbee was remembered in a very special way by members of the Barbee clan; children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. In a simple ceremony, Mrs. Annie E. Daniels, daughter of Mrs. Barbee, presented the church a check in Loving Remembrance of Mrs. Zola Barbee.

Mrs. Myrtle Haskins was praised for outstanding services to Dr. Grady D. Davis and his pulpit associates.



MRS. MYRTLE HASKINS

Each Sunday, dinner is prepared for Dr. Davis and as many persons as he cares to bring with him to dinner. This service includes holiday or other occasions when he is in the city. Mrs. Haskins, a silent, unassuming person, enjoys preparing festive boards for her pastor, family and friends. The Pastor's Aid Society also gave Mrs. Haskins a check for \$25.00. Ms. Hall presented her friend and co-worker a huge, handsomely gift wrapped package.

Mrs. McNeil, Bates Host Friendly Circle Club

Sunday, May 16, the Friendly Circle Club of St. Mark A. M. E. Zion church held its monthly meeting with Mrs. Helen McNeil at 704 S. Roxboro St. Devotions were led by

the president Mrs. Elizabeth Brown. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Members present were: Mrs. Sarah Cameron, Mrs. Juanita Barnes, Mrs. Lena

Thompson, Mrs. Dazel Stevens, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Mrs. Ada Bates, Mrs. Helen McNeil, Mrs. Marie Bethea Mrs. Hattie Geer,, Grover Burtthey, Major Geer and W. L. Thompson.

Following the business session the hostesses, Mrs. McNeil and Mrs. Bates, served a most delicious dinner which everyone enjoyed.

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Bishop James received the A. B. degree from Wilberforce University and the Mas-

ter of Theology degree from Howard University. He has pastored in Sumter, South Carolina where under his leadership, James Village, a low-income housing development, was developed and completed. Prior to his election as Bishop in 1972, he served as Director of Social Action for the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He is widely known for his civic and community leadership especially in the areas

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Mrs. Willia George is chairman of the program. Rev. P. R. Cousin is minister. The public is invited.

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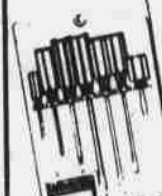


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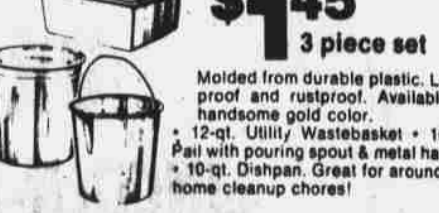
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