



**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN MEET** - Pictured above are members of the Raleigh Chapter of National Council of Negro Women who met recently at the home of Mrs. Louise Flagg. Left to right, are: Mrs. Harriet Butler, Mrs. Almema Nunn, Mrs. Marguerite Exum, Mrs. Addie Logan, Mrs. Effie Young, Mrs. Alice Smith, Mrs. Geneva Brown, Mrs. Daisy Robertson, Mrs. Esther Michael, Miss Jeanette Hicks, president; Mrs. Menetta Eaton, Dr. Ellen S. Alston, Mrs. Addie F. Harris, and Mrs. Louise Flagg.

## TWO MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE

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**JUSTIFIED WITHOUT A CAUSE**  
God tells us in His Word that believers are "justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24). The word "freely" here, does not mean "without cost," but "without cause." The same original word is so translated in John 15:25, where we find the words of Christ: "They hated Me without a cause."

the answer is: Nothing whatever. They have broken His commandments every day, lying, stealing and committing hundreds of other sins. Yet in love God gave His Son to die for them on Calvary "that He might be just and (at the same time) the Justifier of him that believeth in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). He loves and justifies believers "without a cause," i. e., without any cause in them. The cause is to be found in His own compassionate heart, for "GOD IS LOVE."

Thus those who trust in Christ who died for our sins, are justified without a cause, by God's grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

"GOD COMMENDETH HIS LOVE TOWARD US IN THAT WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS CHRIST DIED FOR US" (Rom. 5:8).

"BY THIS MAN IS PREACHED...THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, AND BY HIM ALL THAT BELIEVE ARE JUSTIFIED FROM ALL THINGS, FROM WHICH YE COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED BY THE LAW OF MOSES" (Acts 13:38, 39).

## MEDITATION

A SERMONETTE BY COLIN DOUGLAS

"Show thy marvelous loving kindness. . ." --Psalms 137:7.

Resolve today, and every day, to be kind in thought, word, and deed. Try your very best to bring only joy, only peace, only love into the lives of all the persons with whom you come into contact. Resolve to be kind, not only to your friends, but to keep yourself lovingly sensitive to the needs of those who timidly stand apart . . . for we all know that God does not want any of His children to feel alone.

Resolve, when another person makes a mistake, that you will not condemn him in your thoughts or with any other signs of displeasure - that you will act toward him as you would have him act toward you if you were in his place. And, if words of correction seem advisable, resolve to speak them in a kindly and considerate tone of voice.

Resolve that, when others are irritable, you will not add fuel to their fire by responding irritably - but that you will think of God, so that your thoughts of Him may imbue you and all your words and actions.

By adhering to these resolutions, you will change and remake your world, filling it with love, joy, peace, and harmony. For if you radiate nothing but love, kindness, patience, tolerance, and generosity toward all the persons about you, you cannot help but attract these same qualities to yourself. Established in the Spirit of God, you will always walk along the right path. Imbued, through prayer, with the power of His presence, your path will be cleared of all barriers, and you will achieve your goals with ease of a conquering spirit.

"We love the children of God, when we love God." --1 John 5:2.

## Bishop Stewart Will Begin Grace AMEZ's Rededication

The public is invited to attend Rededicatory services at Grace AME Zion Church, Hill and Edenton Streets beginning Sunday, March 27. The Bishop W. A. Stewart of the 5th Episcopal District will bring the message at 11 a. m. Bishop Stewart is a great preacher in his own right and has distinguished himself as a great churchman and world leader. His episcopacy embraces the Albemarle and Central North Carolina Conferences.

At 3 p. m., the Rev. T. H. Harris, of Rush Metropolitan AME Zion Church, will be in charge of the service. The Rev. B. S. Foust of St. Paul AME Church will render a service at 7:30 Sunday evening. During the week the services will begin at 8 p. m., with the following ministers in charge of the given days: Monday, the Rev. M. C. Steed of Maple Temple United Church of Christ, Tuesday, the Rev. Leatha Debnam, of Oak City Baptist Church; Wednesday, the Rev. B. H. Closs and the Walnut Terrace Prayer Band; Thursday, the Rev. J. F. Epps, of St. Matthews AME Church; Friday, the Rev. C. C. Alford, of the Smith Temple Freewill Baptist Church and on Sunday, April 3 at 7:30 p. m., the Rev. G. L. Jones, of the Church of God of Prophecy.

A FUNERAL PROCESSION happened to be passing by as an armored truck pulled up at an intersection. Since the truck driver couldn't get around the procession, he joined it. Another onlooker, impressed by seeing the money truck in the center of the funeral cortege, remarked, "What do you know? You can take it with you after all!" Catholic Digest -- March.

At 2 p. m., Shaw Day was observed with the Mount Olive High Glee Club, of Whitesville, offering the music, with Rev. Lockley directing. Rev. William L. Moss, Shaw University, School of Religion, offered invocation. Musical numbers enjoyed were: "Be Still My Soul," "Honor - Honor," "The Cherubim Song," "Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God" and finally, "Soon Ah Will Be Done." Welcome was expressed by Deacon Evans Jones, Deacon Wesley Dunn, of Friendly Baptist Church of Wake Forest, responded admirably. Rev. Lockley introduced the speaker, Rev. James Z. Alexander, Shaw University, Raleigh.

At the conclusion of the morning hour worship, dinner was served buffet style in the spacious and beautiful basement of the newly-built church.

## St. Matthews Church News

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## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT

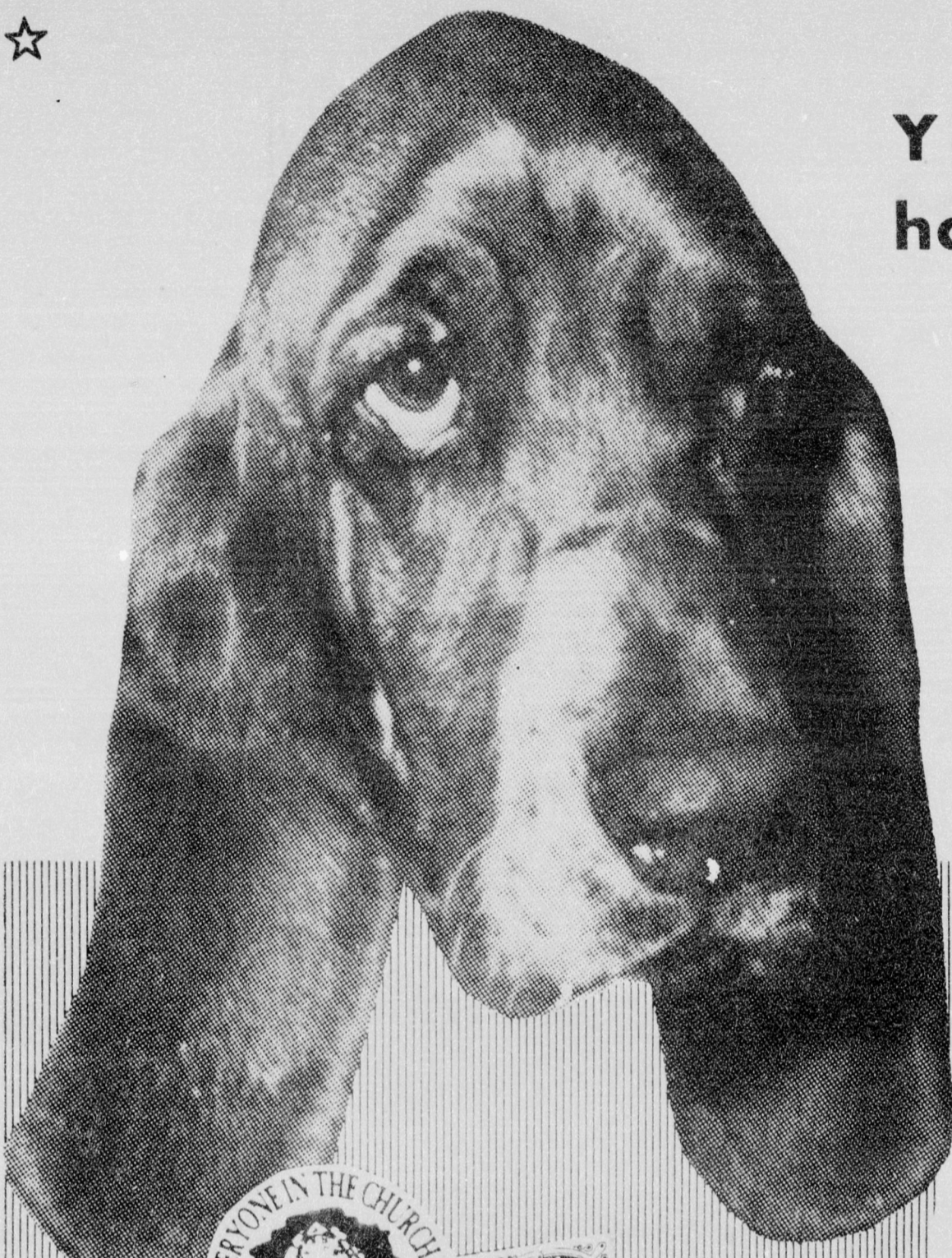


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THE CHURCH IN EVERYONE**

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

"Boy, take it from me, leading a dog's life ain't no bowl of cherries. It's always get offa this and that, and boy, what happened to me, when I turned over the lamp!"  
Our life may not be a dog's life, but everyone does have problems and always will. God does not promise that even his good and faithful children would be without problems, but He does promise strength to bear our problems. Attend church Sunday, renew and strengthen your life by leaning on the Lord.

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