

THE GOSPEL WORLD

BY JAMES THOMAS

Hi There! Here we are in the Gospel World again after a very beautiful weekend and lots of wonderful programs.

Well, this coming weekend looks like another full one. The Cross Family's anniversary will be held at the Christian Home Church in Apex Sunday afternoon, March 24, at 2:30. Appearing on the program will be the Silver Stars of Raleigh, the Silver Stars of Willow Springs, the Voices of Harmony, Daughters of Zion, and the Capital City Five.



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The Capital City Five and others will sing at the McKoy's Chapel Church near Coats Sunday evening, March 24 at 7:30. The Gospelaires and the Golden Bells will sing in Danville, Va., Sunday night, March 24 at 7:30 at the Holy Tabernacle of Jesus Christ.

The Trumpeters of Bunnlevel will sponsor a musical program Sunday, March 24 at 2 o'clock. On program will be the Purgims of Joy, Fayetteville, the Henly Brothers, Fayetteville, and others. The program will be held at the Jordan Temple Church.

Revival services are already in progress at the Andrew Chapel and the McLean Chapel F.

W. B. Courcn, Rev. Charles Chamer and Rev. A. C. Gates are the speakers.

The Gospel Community club is sponsoring a big gospel song festival at the Fuquay Consolidated School on Sunday, Mar. 30 at 3 p.m. The 13 top gospel singing groups of N. C. will be there they are: the Divine Travelers, Gospel Jubilee Singers, The Gospelaires, Silver Echoes, Macedonia Four, Capital City Five, The Evening Five, the Sons of Calvary, Mrs. Jessie Peacock, The Gospel All-Stars, Leonard Wilson, the Gospel Tones, and the Pearly Gates.

An appreciation program for Bro. Wilbert Thorpe will be held Sunday night, March 30, at the Mt. Sinai Holy Church with a host of groups scheduled.

We are still collecting clothing and donations for Mr. Robert McLamb. We would like to thank all of you for your co-operations.

We welcome your church activities to the Gospel World each week. Just write to James Thomas, Radio Station WAKS, Fuquay-Varina, or to 317 East Martin Street, Raleigh, 27601.

Until next week, here is our thought for the week: "Dear Father, forgive us for spending our energy and time in foolish ways. Redirect our striving that our lives may honor Thee and be a blessing to others."

Pete's Pickin'

BY W. A. "PETE" WILDER

I had a chance to get out to Watts Chapel Baptist Church recently. I cannot say enough about the interest of these people. It was really heart warming.

I heard a new lady Sunday School teacher. Her name is Mrs. Gertrude Howell and what a terrific job she did! She said that she had never before taught, but she acted like a veteran! At the same time, Mrs. Jeffries, the organist at St. Matthew Baptist Church, did herself proud. Her songs were most effective.

The Tiny Tots Choir was also most effective. Attired in what looked like new white robes, the tots, about 10 in number, led the march up the aisle of the sanctuary. After they did their number, they did a lovely response - "Whisper A Prayer," with their hands raised in a prayerful mood.

Mrs. Susan Leach, 612 E. Cabarrus St., is hospitalized at Wake Memorial. Her many friends wish for her a rapid recovery.

I heard that Mrs. Margaret Holt, S. State St., was tendered a surprise birthday party last Saturday night at the Elks' Home. Believe it or not, she was so hard to "make move" from home, she almost missed her own party. What a party they had. It was simply "colossal."

Rev. C. C. Scott held his second quarterly conference at St. Matthew AME Church recently and had many encouraging words for the marked improvement in the interest and finances.

I had a chance to find out who the stewards of St. Matthew AME Church are by attending the quarterly conference.

Here they are: Mr. A. O. Carmichael, Mr. V. R. Leach, Mrs. Carrie P. Norman, Mrs. Margaret Bradley, Mr. Ivan Riddick, Mr. Robert Umstead, Mrs. Rena B. Carmichael, Mrs. Elizabeth Dupree and Mrs. Margaret Holt.

Cub Scout Pack No. 199, St. Matthew AME Church, had a hilarious program recently. Skits by the Den chiefs as well as the boys themselves were really enjoyed by all. The new Scout Executive, Mr. Robert Abercrombie, was present and made interesting remarks.

Three cubs were presented to Scoutmaster Carmichael to continue their scouting. They were Mark Calloway, Derrick Newsome and Jerome Williamson.

I had a chance to ask "Mike" Flagg if he remembered Crawford, a diminutive third baseman at Shaw University before Armstrong could make the club. Well, "Mike" could not remember! Shaw had "Red" Hayes, Simon Hicks, Boone and Diamond at first base, Joe Bright, catcher, Cartwright and Bland, pitchers Lytle, Mitchell, Lane and Baldwin, outfielders. You can't remember? Ask Frank Watson, Leonard Ligon or Lenoir Cooke!

March 31 Is Deadline For "Doctor Bill"

March 31 will be the last chance some people will have to sign up for the supplemental medical insurance ("doctor bill") part of Medicare, Robert A. Flynn, Social Security District Manager, has reminded the over age 65 group.

Persons who did not elect or file an application for the medical insurance during an earlier period when they were eligible to enroll can now do so. Their supplemental medical insurance will become effective July 1, 1969. Persons who enrolled for the doctor bill insurance but let the insurance expire when they failed to pay the premium can also re-enroll now and get protection beginning July 1, 1969.

Those who miss out on this chance to take the doctor bill protection will not have a chance for another year. Those who wait three years past their first chance to sign up for this insurance will not be able to get it at all. For some people this three years will be up before the open enrollment period in 1970. This means that they must enroll by March 31 or they won't be able to enroll at all for supplemental medical insurance.



POETESS JULIA FIELDS PRESENTED AT SAINT GUSTINE'S COLLEGE-Left to right: Poetess Julia Fields of Scotland Neck, discussing some of her poetry with English Majors: Patricia Foster, president of the Saint Augustine's College English Club, and a junior from Greer, South Carolina; Bessie Bandy, sophomore, Nashville; Mary Umstead, Rocky Mount; Rachel L. Eaddy, sophomore from Wendell; and Cyril I. Nwosu, sophomore from Biafra, W. Africa. The college's English Club sponsored Miss Fields on March 11.

Community Development Delegation Favors Larger Role For Poor Blacks

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Delegates attending the fourth annual conference of the National Association for Community Development here last week voted strongly in favor of a larger role for poor blacks in and expanded and reorganized anti-poverty campaign.

Instead of breaking up the Office of Economic Opportunity, the delegates voted to insist that Congress spend another \$2 billion for the program.

The conference also voted for the employment of more black directors, consultants and supervisors in CAP agencies, as well as for support of black control and economic development of poor areas.

The delegates took these actions after they were presented

by the 200-member black caucus. The caucus refrained from serious criticism of President Nixon's role in handling anti-poverty effort.

The black delegation was the largest bloc among the 650 men and women attending the conference. NACD is made up of OEO community action and HUD Model Cities program officials in Negro, Spanish-speaking and poor white communities around the country.

The full delegation passed resolutions supporting fair housing, Labor Department funding of community action programs, and the reduction of people suffering from hunger by 90 percent in two years. Investigation of graft in OEO programs was urged, along with

investigation of fraud in other federal programs.



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Poet-Novelist Dr. Walker Appears At N. C. College

DURHAM-Margaret Walker, poet, novelist, and teacher appeared in the Visiting Scholars Program sponsored by the Department of English at North Carolina College here March 10-14.

Author of the For My People, winner of the Yale Award for Young Poets in 1942, Miss Walker has received wide recognition for her 1966 novel, Jubilee. She is now professor of English and Director of the Institute for the Study of History, Life and Culture of Black People at Jackson State College, Jackson, Mississippi.

Dr. Walker's opening lecture at NCC was given at 12 noon in the auditorium of the Biology Building on Monday on "Creativity and the Black Experience." In other lectures during the week, she talked on

"Towards A Black Theory of the Arts," "Black Writers and Artists of the Past 30 Years" and two sessions of lectures and discussions related to her own work. All lectures are open to the public.

One of the highlights of Miss Walker's NCC stay was a Friday discussion of her unpublished manuscript of poetry which she is presently calling October Journey.

Miss Walker is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. She received her A. B. degree from Northwestern University and her M. A. and Ph. D. degrees from the University of Iowa. In private life, she is Mrs. Firmin J. Alexander, wife of a Jackson, Mississippi interior decorator.

Wake Baptist Association Sets 2-Day Meet

The Wake Baptist Association will meet in its Mid-Year Session at the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church, the Rev. W. B. Lewis, pastor, on Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30.

Th. Rev. George S. Stokes, Sr., is moderator of the Association.

Dr. William R. Strassner, former president of Shaw University, will be the Sunday morning speaker. On Sunday afternoon, all Baptist churches in the city will unite.

The Rev. Joseph P. Dempsey, pastor of Oberlin Baptist Church will deliver the afternoon sermon.

The goal is \$5,000 for Shaw this year.

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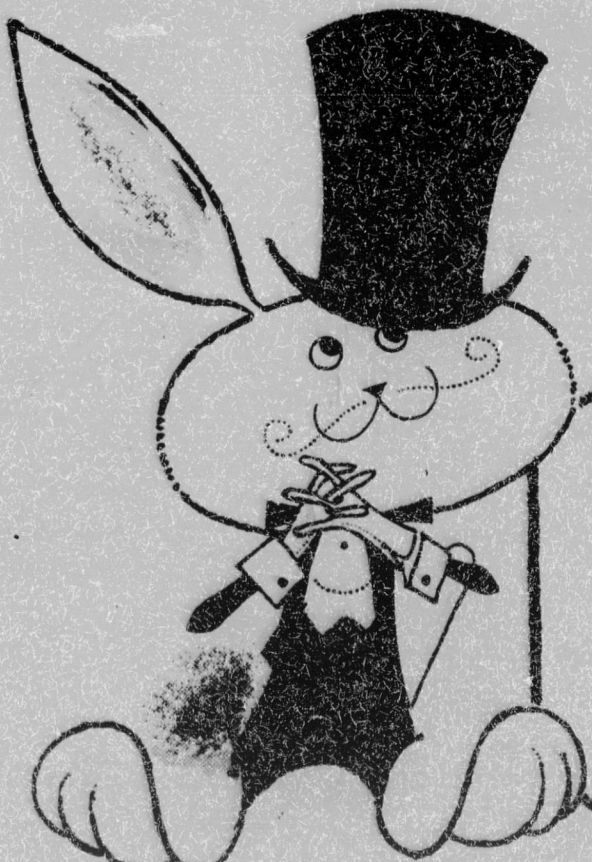
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