

The Reality Of A Long-Time Dream

BY REV. WALTER M. PHILLIPS

SUNSET ACRES

APEX - Sunday, April 13th, was reverential as well as decorative at St. Mary's. The Reverend U. S. Wade preached what would normally be an Easter sermon, for the first Sunday. Easter, found him elsewhere on his "appointed rounds." Mary Magdalene came to the tomb while it was early, scarcely daybreak, and seeing the stone, wherewith the tomb had been sealed, taken away, she ran to Peter and to the other disciples saying, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we know not where they have laid Him." So, the question, where is Jesus? becomes appropriately cogent: Surely He is not at the Paris "peace table." If He were the geometrical design (the shape) of the table would be of no consequence when men have a mind to commune together earnestly.

He will more frequently, make His currently infrequent appearances in Washington, the Seat of "Our Native Land," when political expediency takes a backward step and let justice, not altogether punitive, but mixed with mercy, take a step forward. His feet are now, if not both, at least one, crossing the threshold. Let us not shut the door in His face. Where was He when the "Poor People's March" tramped into the ballwicks of some of our Black pastors? Some of them were reported to have been asleep while walking, watching and praying were going on.

Peter, do you now deny you ever knew the sired child of Martin Luther King, when just a week ago you were with one voice preaching the crucifixion of the father, along with the fate of the father's Father?

I know that our preachers and their congregations in Raleigh will be hospitable to these persons and that our Governor and officeholders will be attentive and responsive in a positive way. I am sure Durham was a sympathetic host and we are thankful.

And, speaking of hosts and hostesses, our family, Rev. and Mrs. Lancey Raines and Rev.

Wade were guests of Bro. Albert Council and Mrs. Louise Council at a well-laden table, prepared with the assistance of the council's neighbor. A group of young people, including Perry, a son, and Miss Nancy Hinton were also welcomed guests.

On Saturday, the 12th, an urgent meeting of the Raleigh District of the Central North Carolina Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church was held at Douglas Chapel, where Rev. F. L. Rush is pastor.

The meeting was called for the important business of formulating plans for the Christian Education and Sunday School Convention to be held at Mount Moriah A.M.E. Zion, Henderson. The writer is pastor. Presiding Elder E. H. Beebe called the meeting to order, and though Reverends Stedman, Rush, Mrs. Polly Taylor, Mrs. Williams Freeman and two other women were present, a small "gathering" out of twenty-three pastorages, the meeting was intelligently prosecuted. Mrs. Taylor, the efficient District secretary, read the agenda which consisted of typed programs of Convention business. The Convention is to be held in June. We hope the plans will meet with the approval of absent pastors and members.

Monday, April 14th Community theology was brought closer to our attention when, at 9 a.m., the Interracial Ministerial Alliance was called to order at Fuquay Baptist church, Rev. Charles Dorman is pastor. A panel, consisting of Pastors F. L. Rush, W. M. Freeman, Chas. Dorman and the leader, whose name escapes me, opened a lively discussion of a "baffling query." What can we do to more effectually communicate with the Black community? Answer: Teach your congregation, who probably pay you not to communicate, to know that they, too, must find an answer to, "Where is Christ". If you claim that He is with you and yet deny the Rights to "These my equals," what are you? Remember, He is no respecter of persons.

Apex News

BY MRS. LOUISE COLVIN

APEX - The male chorus of First Baptist Church was in charge of the devotions for the 11 o'clock worship service. Nathaniel Lofton was soloist and organist. He performed well.

The pastor, Rev. J. E. Perkins, delivered an interesting sermon. His text was chosen from the 24th Psalm, verse 1. His subject, "Stewards Of the Lord," was most inspiring. Communion was served. Visitors worshipping with us included Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cross of Anderson, S. C., Mrs. Diannah M. Thomas and sons of Washington, D. C. Visitors are always welcomed at First Baptist Church. We are always happy to see our boys who are in the armed forces attend our services. Mr. Thaddeus Bullock, Jr., graced our edifice last Sunday.



MRS. COLVIN

This entire community extends to the Woodard family its deepest sympathy in the loss of their son, Robert, who was killed in action in Vietnam. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of Holly Springs and burial was in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church cemetery.

Sunday afternoon at 2, the

male chorus of the Church appeared on a program at the Prince Chapel Church, along with other groups. It was an enjoyable service.

Sunday afternoon at 3, the men of St. Mary's A.M.E. Church observed Men's Day with Rev. J. H. Little, pastor of the Pleasant Grove United Church of Christ, as the guest speaker. His theme was timely and fitting for the occasion, "The Kind Of Men the World Needs Today," was his subject. The senior choir of St. Mary's accompanied him. Also appearing were the Christian Chapel Male Chorus and the First Baptist Male Chorus. Nathaniel Lofton sang a solo accompanying himself at the organ. Mr. P. A. Williams was master of ceremony and thanked all of the members of the church and friends for their splendid support. A total offering was \$229.85.

Sunday evening at 7:30, the male and gospel chorus of First

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Feltonville News

BY MRS. MARY MOSS

The Felton Grove Church School opened at 10 a.m. The scripture lesson was taken from Psalm 1. The lesson was read and explained wonderfully.

At 7:30 p.m., the Family Circle appeared on a program at Scott's Grove Church. The spring revival began Sunday and will continue through Friday at Scott's Grove Church. All are invited to come and worship them.

Worship service will be held at Felton Grove Church the first Sunday in each month. You are welcome to worship with us. Our sick and shut-ins are Mr. James Percell, Mr. John Lee Cozart, and Rev. H. R.

Baptist Church, Rev. Perkins, and members rendered services at the White Oak Baptist Church. Rev. Perkins' text was taken from the Book of St. Matthew 13:3-8. His theme was "Cooperating With God." Mr. Henry Mason was the sponsor. The Tents' Day Care Center will hold open house on Sunday, May 4 at 2:30 p.m. The Center is located on Tigen Road across from the Apex Consolidated School. Mrs. Kathleen H. Lassiter is director.

Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m., the young adult choir of First Baptist Church will observe its 10th anniversary. Everyone is invited to attend.

PERSONALS
Mr. and Mrs. Lock Thomas and sons of Washington, D. C., spent the weekend with Mrs. Thomas' mother, Mrs. Minder Mangum.

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Smith. We remember our sick in our prayers.

Mrs. Elywin Moss is giving Deloris a shower Friday night at the home of Mrs. Mary Moss. Happy birthday to Mr. Franklin L. Moss who celebrated a birthday last Saturday.

The people of Feltonville congratulate Mrs. Alice Watkins, who was married to Mr. James Petty recently. We all wish them much happiness.

Feltonville Community is in more hope of getting water. We are asking the cooperation of all of the people.

Visitors during the weekend were Mrs. Ethel Avery and children of Clayton, who visited her sisters, the Cozarts and Mosses; Mr. Watler T. Hayes of Chapel Hill, Mr. Roosevelt Thomas of Raleigh and his friend, John, also visited Feltonville.

Our special people for the week are Gloria Blackman, Carol Brailsford, Tammie Wilson, Darlene Burnette, Candie Johnson, and Elisher Baker. A THOUGHT

"Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of Me." St. John 5:39.

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