

Apex News

BY MRS. LOUISE COLVIN

APEX - The First Baptist Male Chorus was on duty for the 11 o'clock worship service Sunday. The fellows are singing beautifully, as usual. Mr. Lovelace Jones, the director, was soloist and performed real well.

The pastor, Rev. J. E. Perkins, delivered a powerful sermon. His text was taken from the Book of Micah 6:8. He used for his theme "What Does the Lord Require Of You?" Lots of interesting points and thoughts were brought out in the message. We are happy to have Mrs. Carrie Mitchell Perkins, wife of the pastor and his son, James, as members. James is a candidate for Baptism. Recently, Mrs. Joyce McDonald and the pastor's oldest son, Joseph, Jr., were added to our church family, also on to our church family.



Holy Communion was served following the service. We were happy to have visiting deacons to assist in serving Communion. They were Mr. Willie Grimsley, Sr. and Mr. Seagraves.

The Sunday School held its picnic at the North Park in Burlington Saturday. The bus was packed and cars were loaded. The children seemed to have enjoyed it immensely, as usual. They weren't ready to leave. The Christian Home Church's picnic was held there also.

Sunday at 2:30 p.m., the First Baptist Senior choir appeared on the Woman's Day program at the Christian Chapel Church of the Friendship Community. Reports were they had an enjoyable time there. Dinner was served and the hospitality was great.

Sunday at 7:30 p.m., the Missionary Circle of First Baptist observed its 30th anniversary. Rosalyn Price read the scripture; Mrs. Bessie Jones offered the prayer; Mrs. Frances Marrow gave the welcoming

address; Rev. Eli Ratcliff of Raleigh was the guest speaker. His text was taken from the Book of St. Luke 10:33. It was a most timely and fitting sermon. His choirs, junior and senior, also accompanied him. All sang beautifully. Other singers were Miss Judy Wilson and Mr. Nathaniel Lofton, who sang two duets, and the Cross Family Singers. The history was read by Mrs. Swayzee Beasley. Mistresses of ceremony were Mrs. Julia Lassiter and Mrs. Lottie Page. The president, Mrs. Cotten and members thanked everyone for his wonderful support, especially Rev. Ratcliff and his aggregation and the Cross Family Singers.

PERSONALS
Mr. and Mrs. Willie Norwood and five children of Philadelphia visited Mr. Norwood's aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Williamson, during the weekend.

Miss Sadie Harris recently spent a week's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Harris.

Miss Darlene Farrar recently spent a week in New York with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Farrar and daughter, Mr. Oscar Farrar, Jr. is still in New York with his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Farrar, Sr. spent the weekend in Washington, D. C. with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Toney, Jr. Darlene met them there and all have returned home safely and report a wonderful time.

Lincolntonville AME
BY CAROLYN BRASWELL
ASBURY - Sunday School opened at 10 a.m. with the assistant supt., Mr. Melvin Hooker, presiding. The opening hymn was "What A Friend." Prayer was offered by Mr. James White. The second hymn was "Power In the Blood." The subject of the lesson was "God Delivers His People." The scripture was from the Book of Exodus. A review of the lesson was made by Mr. Cleveland Hicks. The banner class and banner attendance were awarded to class no. 3, teacher, Mrs. Lucille Cotton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Laymen's Organization meeting was held July 28 at 7:30.

Sick are Mrs. Lessie Cotton and Mr. William Brown.

A THOUGHT
"The beauty of the house is order, the blessing of the house is contentment; the glory of the house is hospitality; the crown of the house is Godliness."

Yes, We All Talk
BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE
IT'S SOUL LANGUAGE
QUESTION: How would you describe soul food so as to make it a part of language? -H. V. B.

ANSWER: Just like to progressed from jazz to jive to swing and to "soul music", our connotation about food eaten by some blacks has evolved. Soul food has become a delicacy craved by people of all races and classes.

There was a time when people had a stereotyped notion about what people of the black ate - collards, or greens, fat-back, water melon, pork chops, corn bread, grits, chitterlings, hog jaws, back bones, etc. As time went on, the middle class blacks would not be seen eating soul food in public restaurants.

Now the chefs have concocted prize menus of butter milk biscuits, water melon salads, spare ribs delicacies, possum and taters, etc. You pay handsome prices for what was once called cheap food.

Soul has entered the vocabulary of Afro slang. It has become part and parcel of our way of life just as the five-cent

cup of coffee once was.

READERS: For my book on Afro Slang, send one dollar to cover cost of producing and postage to M. H. Boulware, Florida A&M University, Box 310-A, Tallahassee, Florida - 32307.



RECEIVE "RED CARPET" TREATMENT-Martha Reeves and The Vandellas, while appearing in Washington, D. C., received "red carpet" treatment at the White House. Here, Presidential Assistant Robert Brown explains a few things about the White House to Martha (right), and from left, Sandra Tilley and Lois Reeves. This was the first visit to the White House for the talented Motown trio.

Negro History Bafflers

Today's Baffler tests your knowledge of the Black man's status as a minority in this country-and sometimes as a majority.

Scoring: 6-7: excellent; 5: good; 3-4: fair; 0-2: Poor. Bonus Questions count a total of two points. Other questions count one point each. Here's the multiple-choice quiz:

1. In 1790, there were (---) Negroes out of a total national population of 3,929,214.

--A. 245,739; --B. 757,208; --C. 1,001,392.

2. In 1960, the figures were (---) Negroes out of a total U. S. population of 179,323,175.

--A. 26,722,288; --B. 34,188,570; --C. 18,871,831.

3. Which of these cities has a Negro majority?

--A. Chicago; --B. Washington; --C. New York.

4. In 1960, there were 478,000 Negroes and 353,000 whites in this state. When Black people later gained power, it was charged in typical Dixie style that a "minority" had taken over.

5. In this once predominantly Negro state, Black people were in the majority in every legislative session except one in the years after the Civil war. The state's voters, in 1870, elected J. H. Rainey, the first Negro to be seated in the U. S. house of Representatives.

--A. Texas; --B. Tennessee; --C. South Carolina.

BONUS QUESTIONS: (Each counts one point.)

--A. Name the large cities (outsides the city designated in Question 3) that have become predominantly Negro in recent years.

--B. Within two percentage points, tell the current Negro percentage of the U. S. population.

ANSWERS: 1. B; 2. C; 3. B; 4. A; 5. C.

BONUS ANSWERS:

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