



Charles "Bobby" Alston
Greets Friends



Because of his demanding schedule of commitments, Charles "Bobby" Alston can't really take lengthy vacations and never gets to see many of the people he knows when he comes to Durham to visit with his mother, Mrs. Marion Alston. So, when Bobby was in town recently, they invited lots of friends and acquaintances for one big happy visit. The affair was held on Wednesday afternoon and evening, August 4, at Mrs. Alston's home on Elmira Avenue.

Guests included: Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Peddy, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Alston, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Williams, Dr. and Mrs. Cleveland Hammonds,

Mrs. Plassie Harris, Mrs. Harriet Tyler, Dr. Donna Brown Evans of Bangor, Maine; Mrs. Gwendolyn Justice of Cincinnati, Ohio; Ronald Schooler, Miss Catherine Miller, Miss Alma Ruth Sutherland, Miss Julia Spencer, Miss Mavis Bolden, Mrs. Ruby Bolden, Mrs. Margaret Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Kennedy, Jr., N.B. White, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Gilchrist,

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Allen, Dr. Joseph Mitchell, Andy McRae, Miss Jacqueline Boykin, W.L. Boykin and Miss Mildred Sears.

Charles Alston, Jr., has been minister of music and organist at Enon Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., since 1973. He is director of the Sanctuary Choir, Chancel Choir, Women's Chorus, and has conducted "The Seven Last Words," the "Incarnate Word" and the combined choirs of Enon for special occasions.

In 1981, Volume No. 1 titled "In My Father's House" featuring the Women's Chorus, was released under his direction. Volume 2 will be released in September of this year.

Alston joined the Coppin State College faculty in 1970, after having taught at Kittrell Junior College, Wilberforce University and Benedict College in Columbia, S.C., where he was music department chairman.

A graduate of North Carolina Central University and Pennsylvania State University, he has studied at Fisk, New York and Columbia universities, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He is the son of Mrs. Marion Alston and the late Charles Alston, Sr., of Durham.

A friend wrote of the gathering: "Certainly, the enjoyable fellowship with you and the broad cross-sections of Durham's citizenry and national and international visitors and family has passed. We feel, however, that many, many pleasant memories of the elegant August 4 evening still persist..."

Hillside Class of 1932 To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

A group of happy teenagers of yesteryears will come together in Durham to celebrate their 50th anniversary of graduating from Hillside High School. They have planned a three-day celebration for August

20-22. Headquarters will be the Downtowner Motor Inn. Activities for the gala weekend include registration, class business meeting and Happy Hour, Friday, August 20, 6:30-11:30

p.m.; picnic at Spruce Pine Lodge Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; banquet and dance at the Downtowner, 7-12. On Sunday at 10:30 a.m., the group will worship at the Saint Mark AME Zion Church, Dr.

H.E. Haggler is the minister. In addition to classmates from North Carolina, members are expected from Virginia, the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York

and California. Some members of the Class of 1929 will also join in the festivities. The officers of the Class of 1932 are: Mrs. Mable Harris, president; Mrs. Gladys Faucette, vice president and

publicity chairman; Mrs. Lyda F. Betts, secretary; Miss Hattie White, assistant secretary, Mrs. Annie D. Green, treasurer; and Mrs. Nannie C. Green, chairman of the program and social committee.

Better Business Bureau Warns North Carolinians

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK—A Florida firm has "mass mailed" notices to North Carolina residents in the past several weeks. The notice from United States Testing Authority, headquartered in North Bay Village, Florida, claims that the recipient has "automatically been awarded one of twenty outstanding gifts listed below worth between \$260 to \$2,000..." Complete a simple survey form and mail it with a check or money order

for \$14.80 to cover costs within ten days, the recipient is advised. The Triangle Cities Better Business Bureau has received over 500 inquiries on the firm, according to Joseph C. Bowling, Jr., executive director. He stated further that the results of his investigation reveal that the firm was established in June 1982; it is not connected with the U.S. Government; the firm has no previous experience in this field of endeavor; the firm refus-

ed to supply background information on the company principals to the BBB in Miami, Florida; according to the Consumer Protection Division, N.C. State Attorney General's Office, the firm is in violation of the N.C. General Statutes 75-32 — "Contest Rules." Recipients are requested to send \$14.80 to U.S. Testing Authority to cover postage, handling and administrative charges — a violation of the State General Statutes. Another apparent flagrant violation is that each recipient is informed that "you have automatically been awarded (a gift)" when, according to the Bureau's information, only 10 per cent have

been selected. Of the 150,000 gifts awarded, 149,981 are for a vacation certificate for two at one of eleven renowned areas, e.g. Las Vegas, Reno, Hawaii, Great Smokey Mountains. However, a reservation request must be made between 30 and 120 days in advance, and the winner is required to mail a \$15 deposit. (It appears that the vacation certificate is for time sharing or vacation sales). The postal authority in Miami said his office is investigating United States Testing Authority, as is the Jefferson County Department of Consumer Protection. Both entities suggest that consumers exercise caution in dealing with the firm.

Durham Citizens

(Continued from Front) professionals (meaning anyone who is not a policeman) simply cannot understand the stress and complexities of law enforcement, and therefore are unqualified to decide if actions were inappropriate. In recent memory, there have been only two civilian review boards established. One in Berkeley, California was established in 1973, and, according to supporters there, the board not only gives citizens a clear view into the murky world of police work, but also helps eliminate frivolous complaints against the police.

And in Detroit, Mayor Coleman Young instituted a civilian review board in 1974, and today incidents of suspects being shot by police are down about 60 per cent from the period before the review board was instituted. Favorable evidence depicting the value of the boards abounds in both Berkeley and in Detroit. Supporters say civilian review boards not only help citizens pursue complaints against police, but also make law enforcement more accountable to the people they serve, and also improve police public relations. But most efforts to launch them have failed in cities like Los Angeles, New Orleans, Chicago and Raleigh.

In response, police organizations, such as the Fraternal Order of Police, argue that citizens already have control of law enforcement through elected officials. And while in theory, this is true, in actual practice, particularly in a council-manager form of government, citizen control falls way short of what some people believe is necessary. For example, the City Council hires the city manager who handles day to day administration of city government, but when it comes to police operations and controversies surrounding them, few managers go beyond what police chiefs, or in Durham's case, the public safety director, say. And

beyond that, few city councils in North Carolina or any place else, for that matter, have seriously investigated the question of police misconduct. Charges of police misconduct in Durham are handled fairly routinely, and certainly in line with methods extant in most cities throughout the country. According to Lt. R.B. Day who heads Durham's internal affairs division, investigations are handled in the following manner: When the complaint is filed, it is turned over to internal affairs and investigated by that division. The report, according to Lt. Day, goes to the Public Safety Chief. The chief can then take whatever action he deems appropriate, up to a three-day suspension without pay, if the chief decides the complaint is substantiated. If the chief wants to levy a stiffer punishment, he must convene a board of inquiry. This board, composed of five veteran police officers, will hear the case in a trial-like atmosphere, according to Lt. Day, and after testimony the board can either find the officer guilty or innocent. If the board's decision is guilty, this authorizes the chief to levy the stiffer punishment. If the decision is innocent, then while the chief can overrule the decision, he is limited to the three-day suspension without pay as a punishment.

Warren Blacks

(Continued from Front) characteristics at least equivalent to the Warren County site, and of the six sites seriously considered by state officials for the landfill. EPA officials rated Warren County fifth. According to one expert, there are more than 700,000 acres of more suitable soils for the landfill in piedmont North Carolina than the Warren County site. State officials withdrew offers to purchase a site in Chatham County where the population is about 7 per cent white after residents there strongly protested the plan. In Wake County, where the white population is about 77 per cent of the county population, state officials stopped considering a site after opposition from residents. In Warren County, where the population is about 64 per cent black, and with blacks making up over three-quarters of the residents in the Shocco township, state officials moved forward with plans to build the landfill on a clearly inferior site from a health standpoint. Thus the residents concluded that the issue is race. "There is absolutely no other conclusion you can draw," said Sumerville, "when you look at the evidence."

Legion Post To Observe Anniversary

American Legion Post 175 and Auxiliary will celebrate its anniversary on Tuesday, August 24, at the Hut, 2110 Riddle Road, beginning at 7 p.m. The public is invited. Candidates from the Boys' and Girls' states will make brief reports; a color television set will be raffled off to the lucky ticket holder; and refreshments will be served. Among the many local, state and national program in which the American Legion and its Auxiliary is involved, special emphasis is placed on helping local youth, endorsing the slogan "Charity starts at home and spreads abroad."

During 1982, as in past years, the groups have sought to aid children with physical handicaps; to boost, inspire and encourage those youth who show exceptional abilities. The Post and Auxiliary sponsored several young men and women in attending the annual Boys' and Girls' State Political Seminars in June at Wake Forest University and UNC-Greensboro, respectively. They also sponsored candidates in the annual national oratorical contest which awards a four year college scholarship to the first place winner.

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