

Jake Alexander Seeking Eastern Takes



JAKE ALEXANDER

Jake Alexander today declared that he is seeking the Republican nomination for Governor. The announcement came during press conferences held in Asheville, Winston-Salem, Raleigh and Charlotte.

In making his announcement, Alexander asked the people of North Carolina to help and support him in his efforts to become their next Governor.

Alexander, the third Republican seeking the GOP nomination, resigned as Secretary of the Department of Transportation April 9. David Flaherty and Coy Privett announced earlier in April.

Alexander pledged "never to do anything that will make the people of North Carolina regret having given me their help." The Republican nominee then outlined his "Alexander Program", a five-point plan designed to "make North Carolina an even better place for all of us to live, work, and raise our families."

The "Alexander Program" addresses the issues of crime, state spending, the need for government accessibility to the citizens, and utility rates.

Alexander addressed the controversial issue of capital punishment stating, "I am for capital punishment." He also called for tightening of parole laws and for speedier court trials. He stressed the need for establishing "more uniform sentencing for the same crime."

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2 Marine Summer Workshops Planned At Wrightsville

Rising high school junior and seniors will have an opportunity to learn about marine science, ecology of the coastal region and career opportunities at two summer workshops.

The dates of the workshops are: June 27-July 3, and August 1-7.

The workshops will be held at the Harbor House Marine Science Center at Wrightsville Beach, according to Linda H. Washburn, 4-H Agent.

The programs include lectures, films, discussions and field trips to coastal areas and marine science laboratories.

The workshops are sponsored by the 4-H organization, but attendance is not limited to 4-H members. However, students must have the endorsement of their science teacher, principal or county extension agent. Persons who have attended previous marine science workshops are not eligible.

Each workshop is limited to 25 students. The cost for the workshops, including meals, lodging and field trips, is \$115. Participants must arrange their own transportation.

Applications can be obtained by calling 688-2900 or writing to the 4-H office, 721 Foster St., Durham 27701.

The deadline for applications is June 2.



LEFT TO RIGHT - MRS. S. E. DUNCAN AND MRS. MABEL M. JONES

"Start A Crusade" Challenge Given At Livingstone College

SALISBURY - "Every young person should form at the outset of his career the solemn purpose to make the most and the best of the powers which God has given him, and to turn to the best possible account every outward advantage within his reach," said Mrs. Mabel M. Jones, Head Start educational director for Salisbury City and Rowan County Schools, as she addressed the eighth annual Samuel Edward Duncan Day Honors Convocation April 24 at Livingstone College.

"Why not start a crusade in your life today to dare to do your best?" she asked. "Many of you are more capable of doing more than you have done. Just remember that Life's journey is a laborious one, and you must not expect to find the road all smooth. Take life like a man or woman. Take it just as though you only were born to the task of performing a merry part of it - as though the world had waited for just your coming."

"Today, you are just starting on the real road of active life. The volume of the future lies unopened before you. Its covers are illuminated by the pictures of fancy, and its edges are gleaming with the golden tints of hope. You are in the world to make it better, to live it up to higher levels of enjoyment and progress, to make hearts and homes brighter and happier by devoting to your fellowman your best thoughts, activities and influences," she said.

The speaker was introduced by Dr. Olivia T. Spaulding, Livingstone's academic dean, who cited 273 students for scholastic achievement, upon their introduction by Mrs. Doris P. Jones, director of career counseling, placement, and co-operative education.

Students with highest honors, who received lamp of knowledge trophies were seniors Margaret Ellis Caple, elementary education major, Salisbury; Gerald Burton, mathematics, Baltimore, Md.; Jylla Dean Moore, mathematics, Salisbury; Dennis Vernon Proctor, political science, Buffalo, N. Y.; William Cornelius Scales, business administration, Winston-Salem;

and James Edgar Walls, business administration, Arlington, Va.

The sole junior receiving the lamp of knowledge trophy was Joyce Ann Ingram, a history major from Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Sophomore recipients were Denise E. Johnson, business education, Miami, Fla.; Joyce Bonita Johnson, chemistry, East Spencer; Eunice Annette Jones, undecided, Memphis, Tenn.; Barbara Cynthia McIver, elementary education, Jacksonville; Renee Bernadette Monroe, social welfare, Salisbury; and Marcus Garvey Wilson, biology, Montgomery, Ala.

Seniors with high honor receiving gold Olympiad medals were Dallas Bryant Evans, history, Williamston; Linwood Ed Howard, business administration, Hampton, Va.; Genie Arvesta McDonald, business administration, Fayetteville; and Sandra Burney Russell, elementary education, Salisbury.

Receiving bronze, Olympiad medals with high honor were juniors Linda Yvonne Bowman, biology, Winston-Salem; Jasper Nkadwere Ekeman, biology, Nigeria, West Africa; Larry Darnell Logan, business administration, High Point; and Karin Ann Simmons, biology, Toledo, Ohio.

Sophomores who received aztec Olympiad medals with high honors were Esther LaNaise Atkins, mathematics, Salisbury; Ronald Edwin Brown, social welfare, Newport News, Va.; Phyllis Lawrence, elementary education, Chicago, Ill.; Barbara Faye Lide, business administration, Raeford; Alexander Person, Jr., business administration, Gary, Ind.; and Barbara Althea Ross, business education, Raeford.

Honor students breakdown by classes included 21 seniors; 16 juniors; and 32 sophomores. Awards and recipients were Alpha, Sheila Allen; Business and Professional Women's Club, Alisa Wilson; Fannie C. Clay, Tahnya Lynch; College Achievement, Thomas Ramsey; College Typing, Barbara Ross; Sidney Green,

Johnny Miller and Rodney Hampton; W. H. Hannum, Gerald Burton; Abbie Clement Jackson, Carl Walker; Dr. J. T. Williams, Sylvester Fox; Jennie Harris Williams, Cassandra Johnson; Wiley Lash, Barbara Davis; Alice Brown, Cassandra Johnson, Thomas McDonald, Frances McCoy; Lula Montgomery, Sophomore Class; E. Moore, Dennis Proctor; E. J. Pierce, Dallas Evans; Harvey Robinson, Leslie Hamlett; Amelia M. Tucker, Michael Grier; Catherine Hughes Waddell; Barbara McIver; Life Members Council, James Baker, and Lorenza Meekins; Zeta Phi Beta, Denise Johnson; and Student Teaching, James Baker.

Howard Thurman International Essay Contest winners are Vardry Spencer, first place; William Moore, second place; Barbara McIver, third place; and Dennis Proctor, fourth place.

Recognized were 15 members of the Livingstone Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, 22 persons named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" and 130 students who placed on the college's first semester dean's list.

Mrs. Ida H. Duncan, widow of the late Dr. S. E. Duncan, was honored with the presentation of a gift by Livingstone's two Distinguished S. E. Duncan Scholars, Jylla D. Moore of Salisbury and Lela M. Thompson of Asheville, both seniors.

Dallas Bryant Evans, a senior history major from Williamston and president of Alpha Kappa Mu, presided over the convocation. On behalf of the hospitalized Mrs. Emily H. Harper, registrar and director of admissions, Mrs. Doris P. Jones gave the statement of the occasion. Prayer was offered by Dr. Frank R. Brown, dean emeritus of Hood Theological Seminary. Music was by the Livingstone College Concert Choir and Men's Chorus, directed by Mrs. Eloise M. Simpson.

Atty. Nonnie F. Midgette Is Named To N.C. Justice Dept.

RALEIGH - Attorney General Rufus L. Edmisten announced the hiring of Nonnie Franklin Midgette, a black attorney formerly engaged in the private practice of law in Winston-Salem, by the Administrative Section of the Department of Justice.

Midgette is a member of the Howard University National Recruitment Board. He is past president of the Winston-Salem Chapter of the Howard Alumni Association. Also, he is a member of the Ralston Study Committee, and the Redevelopment Commission of Winston-Salem.

Midgette is a graduate of Howard University and was awarded the Juris Doctor degree there in 1971. He served in the Army from 1965 to 1967. His prior work includes legal research for the National Labor Relations Board and the National Commission on Consumer Finance. He has also worked for the Legal Aid Society of Forsyth County.

Midgette is a member of the North Carolina State Bar, the North Carolina Bar Association, and the Forsyth County Bar Association.

Attorney General Edmisten stated, "We are delighted to have a person with Mr. Midgette's outstanding qualifications. His background and experience will be a great addition to our staff in the Administrative Section."

His wife is the former Bessie Dingle. The Midgettes have three children.

Mexican Peso Will Not Be Devalued

MEXICO CITY - As is customary at Easter time, a number of U. S. newspaper writers are speculating on the imminent devaluation of the Mexican peso.

This custom began 22 years ago when the peso was last devalued on April 18, 1954. Despite the fact that the peso has become one of the world's most stable currencies, the rumor mill continues to operate.

The reasons for maintaining the 12.50 to 1 parity of the peso to the U. S. dollar are numerous. Mexican financial officials say. But it is sufficient to cite two: The monetary stability and free convertibility of currency maintained for the past 22 years are the cornerstones of the nation's economic policy and has merited the complete confidence of Mexican and international investors and, as was pointed out at the recent Bankers Association convention, there is nothing to counsel devaluation and much to make it unadvisable.

At the same time, primary and secondary reserves in gold, silver and international exchange in the Banco de Mexico Central Bank stood at \$2,988,200,000 at the end of 1975.

The effect of a devaluation on the external economic balance is minimal. Furthermore, the government of Mexico, by applying vigorous administrative measures last July, has reduced the rate of increase of imports from 58.8 percent in 1973-74 to only 8.8 percent in 1974-75. The growth rate of public sector imports declined from 80.0 percent to 13.4 percent and the commercial balance deficit from 84 percent to 16.1 percent for the same periods. These measures have practically eliminated imports which do not generate income and in light of the above statistics, make any devaluation measure less feasible.

On the other hand, it should be pointed out that a devaluation would increase the cost of imports, 80.4 percent of which are production materials and machinery indispensable for continued economic expansion and which increased at a rate six times higher than imports of consumer goods between 1970 and 1975.

The solidity of the Mexican economy is demonstrated not only by the ability to meet successive crises of inflation and recession which have characterized the world in recent years but also by the unmistakable signs of recovery which are now evident. For example, for the present year it is calculated imports of foods and agricultural products will be reduced by 54 percent over 1975 figures. In January and February of this year, the country registered savings of 105 million dollars over the corresponding figures for agricultural imports in 1975. In another key field, Mexico imported petroleum during the 1971-1974 period but last year became a net exporter with net revenues from this source amounting to 140 million dollars.

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AME Zion Delegates Are Off To Chicago Meet

CHARLOTTE - Bishop H. B. Shaw, senior prelate, A. M. E. Zion Church, Wilmington, according to reports from the headquarters of the second largest black Methodist body in the world, located here, led 114 delegates from N. C. to the 40th quadrennial session of the General Conference, to McCormick Inn, 23rd & Shore Lake, Tuesday, May 4.

The N. C. delegation is the second largest that will attend the meet. Alabama will have the largest. The ministerial delegation will be composed, almost entirely, of men. The lay delegates will be 75% women, for the first time, in the history of the denomination.

Due to the fact that there will be no election of

bishops and there is a movement to restructure the overall process of the denomination, it is believed that legislation will be the main thrust of the 15-day meet. It is to be remembered that Methodism, throughout the world, is taking a new look at its policy. The union of the three black Methodist bodies will be seriously considered.

The matter of contiguous districts, to cut down on the travel of bishops, the clarification of the duties of the local officers, along with the proper supervision of presiding elders, are expected to draw top billing.

There is also the matter of combining some departments, for the sake of efficiency and economy which

will claim much attention. The denomination now has 12 bishops and 12 general officers. Episcopal supervision will not be affected. However, the proposed restructuring could cut down on the number of general officers.

Housing Decision

[Continued From Page 1] will now spur progressive, assertive action, albeit difficult and complex, by the officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development," he added.

"It is high time that all Americans - not simply the victims of discrimination - but particularly the majority of citizens whose lack of pigmentation make them non-black, come to realize that the problems of housing, employment, education and health care, among others, are all America's problems. In the search for equality and justice in human rights, housing, education and

employment are an inseparable inextricable trilogy in which everyone is affected," the NCCJ President stressed.

"We will not solve any of our problems as long as so many Americans continue to think of them as problems only of a particular religious group or of the Blacks, the Chicanos, the Indians, the Asians, the Puerto Ricans or the poor," he declared.

"The future of the majorities is as much at stake as the future of the minorities."

He pledged that the NCCJ, through its 70 regional offices and 200 chapters, would continue its programming via discussion, conference and confrontation to seek the ultimate goal of equal opportunity in housing for all Americans, especially those who have previously known the "horror of blocked neighborhoods, closed markets, shake-down prices, threats of violence, even arson and murder, in their search

for decent, adequate equal housing."

The complete text of Dr. Hyatt's statement follows:

The Supreme Court's unanimous decision granting Federal courts authority to compel Federal housing officials to promote low and moderate income housing in the suburbs for minorities and the poor is the most vital judgement on civil rights rendered by the Court since the Brown decision in 1954. I applaud the Court for its wisdom and humanity in taking this giant step toward moving America toward a fuller realization of true democracy within the U.S.

This monumental edict has signalled that the Federal judiciary has the power to deal with patterns of racial segregation in housing which have imprisoned Blacks and other minorities in poorer urban cores for decades, indeed centuries.

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