

NAACP Leadership Conference Local Choirs Invited To "If My People" Here May 27

Hears Alfred L. Alexander

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ALFRED L. ALEXANDER
...NAACP Youth President

Alfred L. Alexander, President of the NAACP's North Carolina Youth and College Division, and Chairman of the organization's National Youth Work Committee, spoke to a crowd of 300 delegates last week at the Region III Leadership Conference's Luncheon Meeting at the Southfield Hotel in Southfield, Michigan.

The Luncheon Meeting was presided over by The Honorable Tom Turner, member of the NAACP National Board of Directors.

Alexander, speaking from a prepared text, told the assembled delegates "We have reached the point in our development that we can less afford to think within the narrow concepts of just what black citizens want but must go far beyond that to a much wider concept in the terms of the needs of every human being who are 'the have nots', and who have and are still being denied complete and absolute equality."

He continued, "America is one of the most powerful nations on earth and one that spends millions on moon trips and space ventures and has all kinds of military strength, and yet this is the same nation that can not house all its people, care for its sick and disabled, forces its elderly to live at the subsistence level, a nation where blacks, women, and other minorities are still discriminated against in the job market."

The former WGIV Radio Commentator for the "NAACP TALK TO THE PEOPLE HOUR" stressed the need to expand and increase employment opportunities for minorities in America.

Alexander said, "No Ameri-

at least one million. We cannot relax our efforts in demanding equality of opportunity in every aspect of human life. Let us demand, not meekly request, equality here in America."

Luncheon speaker Alexander, who recently returned from a 3-week tour of Germany sponsored by U. S. Youth Council, is a Political Science and Criminal Justice major. He is an Apprentice

Funeral Director and Embalmer at Alexander Funeral Homes, Inc. a member of Zachariah Alexander, Sr. Prince Hall Lodge No. 833, and a member of St. Paul Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. Paul Drummond.

Mayfield Memorial

The Ushers Board of the Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, located at 700 Sugar Creek Road West and Pastored by Rev. H. S. Diggs, will observe its Annual Celebration on Sunday, at 6 p.m.

The Mayfield ushers number about 45 persons and are divided into groups who serve as hosts during the corporate worship services held at the church. The Chairman of the ushers is Mr. Lewis James who is also a deacon of the church. The Mayfield Memorial Church is affiliated with the North Carolina Baptist Ushers Convention which is an auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The President of the State Ushers Convention is Mr. S. L. Fenell of Durham, North Carolina and the Dean of the State Ushers is Rev. H. S. Diggs of Charlotte, North Carolina.

can sleep in, no American should suffer without adequate medical care because he is too old to work or too poor to pay the bills. Access to Health Care is a basic human right; Social Security is inadequate, this neglect must stop. He added, "No student should be graduated from high school if he can not read with understanding, write so that others can understand him or be able to add, subtract, multiply and divide. Integration is a sham unless education takes place in the integrated school. We must not stand for this."

The North Carolina Central University graduate concluded, "The NAACP must continue to speak out on these critical issues. We must see to it that black people are registered voters, and that they do indeed vote intelligently. We must encourage qualified blacks to run for political office. We must seek to build a strong NAACP membership of

Charlotte and area choirs are invited to join in the presentation of "If My People..." the national touring Christian musical experience aimed at prayer and united intercession for the nation, which will be staged on Thursday, May 27th, in Charlotte.

The local musical groups will join in a permanent chorus of 50, along with ministers, narrators and Dean Jones, in offering the inspirational program to participating sponsoring churches in Charlotte.

Written by Jimmy and Carol Owens, "If My People..." is based on II Chronicles 7:14 and the authors note that "it is not a show but a musical vehicle to guide believers into an experience with the Lord, and prepare hearts to intercede for our nation and expect God

to answer."

The American premiere was held in Washington and the company has traveled to England. In Los Angeles a choir of 600 represented some 135 churches, with a total audience of 30,000 present for three nights. No admission is charged and 70 cities will be visited on the current tour.

All choirs wishing to participate are asked to contact Jerry Thomas at (704) 333-2455 for rehearsal arrangements. His address is c-o Salt Seller, P. O. Box 5484, Charlotte 28225. The massed choir will be directed by composer Jimmy Owens for the May 27th performance.

The tour is sponsored by Christians Concerned for Prayer in America, headquartered in Van Nuys, California. A special televised program will originate on July 4th from

Philadelphia.

"IF MY PEOPLE..." will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 27th at the Charlotte Coliseum.

First Baptist

Mrs. Bronnie H. Daniels, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, will be the Guest Speaker for Mission Emphasis Day, Sunday, April 25, at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Daniels is the State Director of the Young Adult Department of Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

Rev. J. B. Humphrey is the Minister.

seum. Choir rehearsals begin Monday, April 19, 7:30 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church and continue every Monday until the performance.

Second Ward's 1935

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Saturday Night

There will be a meeting of the Second Ward High School Class of 1935, on Saturday, April 24, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry A. Davis at 6219 Farm Pond Lane.

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Last year, WBT drew 25,000 people to the sale and raised well over \$45,000 for the participating organizations.

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WBT Radio will provide doorprizes and giveaways and will broadcast live from the

Merchandise Mart during the sale hours. The WBT personalities are scheduled to appear at the following times: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Bob Lacey and Harold Johnson. Saturday, 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., H. A. Thompson and Larry James. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Bob Morgan and George Woods.

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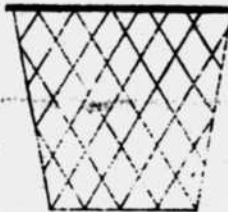
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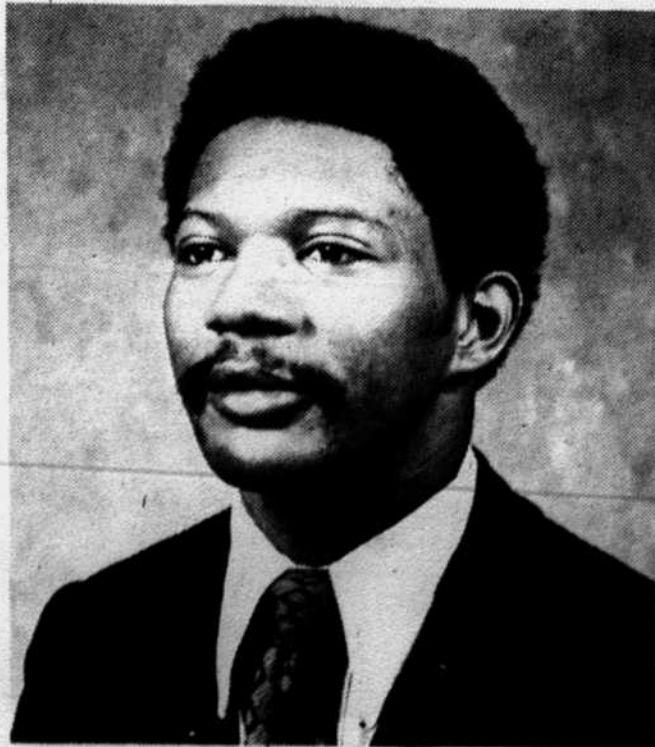
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