



**FOUR GENERATIONS**  
...Of Alexanders

# Alexanders Have A Ball At First Annual Reunion

By Linda Florence  
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While many people spent the 4th of July in public parks and backyards watching fire works and eating watermelon and homemade icecream, members of the Alexander family were getting more acquainted with their family tree.

Some 250 family members (by blood, marriage and adoption) congregated at Lake Norman Tuesday for the first annual reunion.

"I've met so many of my relatives; some I've never seen before and some that I've seen before but didn't know they were kin people," said Rosemond Alexander Yongue, a family reunion hostess.

"I was shocked to learn that an old time Sunday School teacher that I've known all my life is my father's cousin," Mrs. Yongue said excitedly.

It was a day of uniting and reuniting, boating, discoing, singing and praying. The atmosphere was friendly and there was more than enough fun and food to go around.

Family members mingled freely; introducing themselves, handshaking and hugging their way through the crowd.

"I'm really enjoying this," said 78-year old Rosa Alexander. "The day is nice. The river is nice and the trees and people. It's beautiful," she smiled.

"We've worked together for years, but I never knew she was kin to me, Treatie Alexander said of Rosa Alexander.

The two had worked together at a company on West Blvd. until 1966 when Rosa retired. The two embraced warmly before going off to make other discoveries of other family members.

This was the first of what family members hope will be an annual event.

"We hope to have a reunion every year," Romeo Alexander, an organizer and president of the Reunion Committee, said cheerfully.

"We, have so many kin people who live within a 100



**Cyrus Alexander**  
...Oldest member  
mile radius of Charlotte who I don't even know. I might know the father or mother but I might not know the children or my cousins," Alexander explained.



**Romeo Alexander**  
...Planned outing  
"It was just too many people to gather at a house. So, we decided to have it on the Lake," Alexander explained. Plans for the reunion were started in March. An organizing committee was set up. Some 50 letters were sent out to notify known family members of the reunion.

Then, known family members spread the news by word of mouth and a notice was also run in the Charlotte Post.

To help make the meeting easier, a registration booth was set up where each family member was given a name tag. The registration of names, addresses, and phone numbers will also be used to send out invitations for future reunions.

An outdoor program was held with poems, solos, family history, and special recognition to the eldest family members.

There was at least one set of four generations present: Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus and Lucille Alexander, their daughter Rosemond Alexander Yongue, her daughter Brenda Simmons and her daughter Janese.

The program opened with a song, "What a Friend We have in Jesus," and was followed by a prayer lead by the Rev. Wilbur Sanders.

The elected officers for the 1978 reunion were Romeo Alexander, president, Helen C. Alexander, secretary, Annie Lee Jackson, chairperson of planning committee, Parthenia Stitt, co-chairperson of planning committee; and Oren Alexander, chairperson of Ways and Means Committee.

## Herbicide Helps

### In Bermuda

## Grass Battle

Getting rid of bermudagrass is a challenge that has discouraged many Tar Heel gardeners and homeowners over the years, and it's a job that doesn't get much easier with the advancement of technology.

There are some herbicides, however, that can help in certain situations, according to North Carolina State University agricultural extension specialists.

One of the most effective chemical treatments is a commercial product named Dowpon.

## Sunday, July 9 Friendship To Present

### Debutantes For Christ

Friendship Baptist Church, under the direction of the Baptist Young Women, will present Debutantes for Christ, Sunday, July 9, at 7 p.m.

The featured speaker for the program will be Mrs. Henrietta Rhedrick.

The theme for this year's program is "To Be Young, Gifted, and Black."

This event culminates a variety of activities, including a rap session, charm clinic, skating, bowling, fashion show, cook-out, baking session, and a trip to the Land of Oz.

The purpose of Debutantes for Christ is to involve young ladies between the ages of 12 and 17 in the spiritual, recreational, educational and cultural aspects of life.

This year's participants are Anija Barnette, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Barnette, of 3163 Dawnshire Ave.; Sanja Gant, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey B. Gant, 4317 Munsee St.; Deborah Gibbs, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson, 701 E. 28th St.; Norma Renee Grier, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Grier Jr., 1824 Northcliff Dr.; Robin Denise Hicklin, 13, daughter of Ms. Katherine Hicklin, 516 Village Court; Jacqueline Denise Mason, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Mason, 2912 Beatties Ford Rd.; Antoinette McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McDonald, 2413 Twinfeld Dr.; Angela Simpson, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson, 701 E. 28th St.; Kimly Smith, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. King Smith, 1446 Dean St.; Delaine Vinson, 12, daughter of Mrs. Cynthia Vinson, 617 Gentle Breeze Ln.; and Toya Calvene Walker, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hazel S. Walker, 9515 Feldbank Dr.

### Miss Gibson Dies

Miss Harriet Gibson, 93, of 4736 Roseridge Dr. died Monday, July 3. Funeral plans are incomplete. Grier Funeral Home is in charge.

Raymond Hampton of 219 N. Myers St. died Sunday, July 2. Funeral plans are incomplete.

Mrs. Vancie Maxwell, 72, of 3721 Ellington St. died Sunday, July 2. The funeral was held on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Mount Moriah Baptist Church. Mrs. Maxwell is survived by nephews and nieces. Grier was in charge.

### Reason For Blacks

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Harris, David Hunter, J. Bernard Johnson, Harriet A. Kaplan, Rev. Coleman W. Kerry, W. S. Lee, Bobby G. Lowery, Phyllis Lynch, Hoyle H. Martin, Dr. Douglas M. Orr Jr., Theodore H. Ousley, B. Franklin Skinner, Thomas I. Storrs, Willie J. Strafford Sr., Robert J. Suarez, David Taylor, Bobbie L. Teatley, Rudy Torrence, John Turbidity, William J. Veeder, Robert L. Walton, Richrd G. Wells, Wylie L. Williams Jr., Catherine Wilson and Sam Young Jr.

### Larry Doby Jr.

### Is Drafted By

### White Sox

Larry Doby Jr., son of the former Cleveland Indians and Chicago White Sox star, was among young prospects chosen in last week's baseball draft.

Also picked was John Cook, a first cousin of two time National League MVP Joe Morgan.

Young Doby was selected by the White Sox, for whom his father is a coach. And Cook was taken by the Cincinnati Reds, Morgan's team.

### Mac Attends

Mac Attends an officers' reunion (with Pete Malcolm and Maggie as unwilling guests) which has murder on the agenda, on "Switch," Sunday, July 9, at 10 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

The proposed holiday for Mac and his former colleagues turns to a time of terror after the resort in which it is being held is isolated by a storm and the ex-officers start getting killed.

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