

McKee Operates His Business "On A Very Professional Level"

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Jimmie McKee is the popular proprietor and owner of the Excelsior Club on Beatties Ford

Road, one of the Queen City's classiest and popular late afternoon and night spots.

The Charlotte native and graduate of Second Ward High

School combines a social life with his wife, the former Minnie Jackson, and a business life with some of the finest men and women in the

Charlotte community.

The Excelsior is the hub of the political and social life of the Westside -- has been for years.

"I would never have believed that we would have been as successful as we have been if you'd asked me that question when we started," said McKee, in reference to the question, "When you first opened did you think that you would have as popular a place as you have?"

"We have just tried to operate on a very professional level and this has helped us to add more and more customers," said McKee, refusing to brag about his

establishment.

The modest McKee is a member of First Baptist Church, the Johnson C. Smith University 100 Club, the Board of Directors of the Mecklenburg Democratic Party and a member of the YMCA.

The Excelsior has been in operation for 38 years, commencing on July 14, 1944.

McKee says that to be successful, whatever goal that you are seeking, you must be willing to make sacrifices.

"Sacrifice is the key word," he said. "If you sacrifice you can get anything that you want."

Reid: You Have Got To Sacrifice To Make It In This Work World

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To make it in this work world you have got to sacrifice, according to Henderson Food Corporation and Reid's Super Food Mart president Henderson Reid

Preparing to open a discount beverage shop at the corner of West Boulevard and Old Steele Creek Road, he said that the average youngster wants to become a success overnight.

"This is not the way it happens," he said. "You have to sacrifice with money and time. When you want to go to the show, you have to put that aside and save the money to help you in the long run."

You can't have your cake and eat it too, said Reid who set goals for himself that included a family, saving money and having a business.



Henderson Reid
Owner, Reid's Super Food Mart

"It wasn't always like this," stated Reid. "I cleaned offices to get started in the business world."

The Charlotte native is a graduate of Plato Price High School (formerly located off Morrisfield Dr.).

He grew up in the Reid Park neighborhood and attended Carver College (now Central Piedmont Community College).

He obtained an AA degree in Business from Carver College.

He is married to the former Dorothy Rucker and has three children: Clayton, 30, Steve 25, and Deborah, 26.

He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Amay James Presbyterian Church (elder), the Southwest Charlotte Optimist Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

Black Students

In observance of Black History Month, the Black Student Organization at Pembroke State University is sponsoring two events.

The first event is a contemporary gospel program. This program was scheduled for February 23 at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center here at the University.

The second event is our annual Black History Month program. This program is scheduled for February 25 at 8 p.m. also in the Performing Arts Center.

Charlotte from the 1950s through the 1970s. They include records of his activities on the Charlotte City Council from 1965 to 1974 and in the N.C. State Senate from 1974-80.

Robin Brabham, special collections librarian, said Senator Alexander's papers are among the largest and most important in the collection. The papers will give researchers some insights into national civil rights struggles as well as local, because Senator Alexander was on the mailing lists of the NAACP and other organizations involved in the issues of the day.

During Black History Month, selections from the Alexander papers are on display in the library.

Fred Alexander Papers

The professional papers of the late State Senator Fred D. Alexander have been placed in the manuscript collection at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and his contributions to local and state government have been recognized through the naming of the Government Documents Room of the Library for him.

The UNCC Board of Trustees approved the naming of the research area at its meeting last week. Mrs. Alexander informed the library that she was placing the papers in the collection that includes the papers of several Charlotte mayors and the late writer Harry Golden, among others.

Senator Alexander's papers detail the civil rights movement in

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