

Vernell Funderburk, co-owner of The Wedding Place, is an experi-enced bridal consultant. "I started at a bridal salon right out of college," she recalled, and worked there 12 years until the birth of her second son. After five years out, she went back to work for another bridal salon for a warr or two before salon for a year or two before returning to the first. It was another

returning to the first. It was another six or seven years before she and her present partners decided to open their own business. Funderburk is a graduate of Second Ward High School. She stu-died business administration for two years at Central Piedmont Com-munity College and for two years at

McCrorey. "Church is my main interest," said Funderburk, a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church. "I was born and raised there," she added. A first soprano in the choir ("I love to sing. I have sung all my life."), Funderburk is also second vice pre-sident of the missionary union and president of the missionary circles. Site serves on other committees as well.

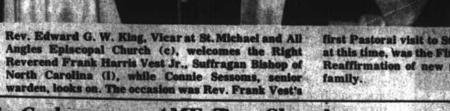
The loves music, especially spi-ituals and other religious music. The busy woman sews and is "a hirly good artist." In addition, "I ove to play tennis when I can," she lated

Funderburk's family consists of her husband, Carson O., who works with Consolidated Trucking, and with Consolidated Trucking, and three sons. Kenny, 12, and Carson, M, will be attending seventh and ninth grades at J.T. Williams in the fail. The eldest son, Ronald, is a supervisor for North American Van bines. Ronald and his wife, Deborah; have two children.

Alphas Return To Atlanta For National

Convention

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, nc. will convene its 79th Anniver-ary Convention August 9-15, at the Blanta Hilton in Atlanta, Ga. The meeting will be the first under he leadership of Alpha General National) President Charles C.



first Pastoral visit to St. Michael and also celebrated, at this time, was the First Baptism, Confirmation and Reaffirmation of new members into the St. Michael

At Gethsemane AME Zion Church **Roman Gabriel To Highlight Rutledge Graduation Ceremonnies**

Roman Gabriel, former Los An-geles Rams' quarterback and NFL "Player of the Year," will be the 1985 Commencement speaker for Rutledge College of Charlotte. The College's annual Commencement exercise will be held on Saturday, June 22, 1985 at Gethsemane AME

June 20, 1985 at Gethsemane AME Zion Church, 531 Campus Street. Approximately 140 Associate De-grees and Diplomas will be pre-sented to graduates in accounting, data processing, management, word processing, secretarial science, and medical office administrative

medical office administrative assistant programs. A former star quarterback with the N.C. State Wolfpack who went on to NFL fame, Gabriel is now vice president of Charlotte Professional Sports, Inc., and is working with businessman George Shinn, Chair-man of the Board of Rutledge Edu-cation System, to bring a pro-fessional sports team to Charlotte. Gabriel is also actively promoting the Rutledge College system and the Rutledge College system and encouraging students to continue their education through appear-ances in high schools around the Gabriel is regarded as one of the

greatest professional athletes ever to come out of North Carolina. The son of a Wilmington railroad cook, he was the Rams' number one draft ne was the Rams' number one draft pick in the 1962 draft, and the NFL's "Most Valuable Player" in 1971. He also had a brief career in Holly-wood, appearing in the movie, "The Undefeated," with John Wayne. He did TV football commentary for CBS-and regional radio broadcasts. Gabriel is correctly differents. and regional radio broadcasts. Gabriel is currently delivering a sports commentary each morning on Charlotte radio station WEZC 104.

Rutledge College of Charlotte is part of the Rutledge Education part of the Rulledge Education System, founded by George Shinn. The college has an enrollment of 350 and is accredited by the Accredit-ing Commission of the Association of Independent Colleges and Schools, a national accrediting body. The Charlotte campus was recently de-signated as a candidate for Ac-creditation by the Southern Asso-ciation of Colleges and Schools.

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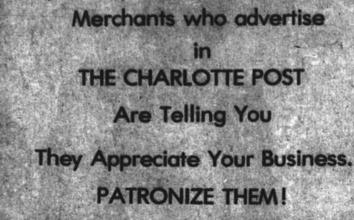
At the Commencement ceremony the college will recognize outstand-ing scholarship and leadership through presentation of special awards.

Tax Returns Should Be in The Mail Shurty

The majority of refind checks owed to North Carolina taxpayers as a result of processed 1984 state income tax returns should be in the mail by June 30, according to Secretary of Revenue Helen A.

returns that require refunds and 500,000 returns that are fully paid or nontaxable.

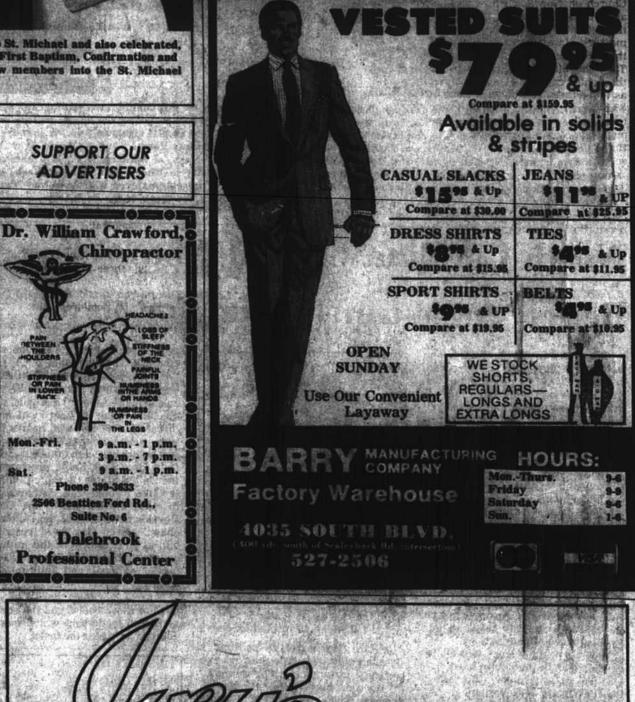
It is possible that some refund checks will be delayed beyond June 30 due to error in the return re-quiring the Department to have



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ore than 5,000 members and More than 5,000 members and guests are expected to attend the meeting which already holds the record for having the largest con-vention in Alpha history, set in 1977. Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young; the city's former mayor, Maynard Jackson; Ernest N. Morial, Mayor of New Orleans and Presi-dent of the U.S. Conference of Mayors; and Congressman William Oray III, Chairman of the House Budget Committee, are all sched-aled to take part in the conven-tion. All are members of Alpha Phi Alpha.

This convention will also feature the kick off of the Fraternity's drive to build a new multi-million dollar. National Headquarters in Chicago, Seheral Office at 4432 Dr. Martin Either King Jr. Drive.

The Atlanta Alpha convention will be hosted by the Eta Lambda (Atlanta Alumni) Chapter. Mr. obert L. Lewis, Housing Development Administrator for the City of Atlanta, will serve as the Conven-lion Chairman and Dr. Larry Earvin, Chairman of the Depart-ment of Social Science at Clark College, is the chapter President. Other local host chapters include: lots (Morris Brown College); Al-phā Rho (Morchouse College); Alpha Phi (Clark College); Zeta Mu (Georgia State University); Mu Alpha (Emory University); Mu Alpha (Emory University); Mu (Georgia Institute of Technology); and Nu Mu Lambda (Decatur, Alumni). Other convention officials include James B. Blanton III, of Chicago, Executive Secretary; and Kermit J. Hall, of Yeadon, Pa., Director of General Conventions.

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Although there were approxim ly 100,000 more returns warran returds in 1985 than in the preroximate year, the Revenue Department is also running ahead of schedule in processing returns on hand. The average refund check shows a slight Average retund eneck shows a slight increase over the previous year. To date, about 1.7 million refund checks have been issued for an amount close to \$370 million, averaging about \$224 per check. The Department has received 1.9 million

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