

Carolina T&T Establishes Memorial Scholarship Fund



Rev. George E. Battle Jr.
.....Gethsemane's pastor

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The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company salutes one of history's black leaders by donating money to establish the Kelly M. Alexander Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund. The fund is named after the late Kelly M. Alexander Sr., who was president of the North Carolina NAACP and served as Chairman of the NAACP's national board of directors.

During 1986 three scholarships will be awarded of \$1,000 each for the 1986-87 academic year. The scholarships will be distributed so that one student will be selected from the Eastern, Piedmont, and Western Regions of the state.

Kelly M. Alexander Sr. became president of the North Carolina NAACP in 1948 and served as president for 35 years. He also served as the Chairman of the NAACP national board of directors

since the early 1950s. Mr. Alexander contributed during his public career his steadfast devotion to youth development and training for leadership. Kelly M. Alexander Sr. served the last 12 years of his life as the number one volunteer in the NAACP. Mr. Alexander is featured in the May 1985 edition of Crisis magazine, giving him a memorial tribute. He leaves two sons, Alfred and Kelly and wife Margaret.

"He was a man of his convictions."

He truly loved young people. Throughout his life, he spent most of his time steering them in the right direction. That was something about him that was for real," praised his son Kelly Alexander Jr.

The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company created the scholarship fund to recognize significant persons and hopes that other "corporations would do the same thing in the future to help scholarship funds to grow."

The eligibility rules and application forms are being sent to area high schools to the guidance counselors and all NAACP chapters in the state. Other applications can also be found at Alexander Funeral Home, 112 N. Irwin Avenue, 333-1167.

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Miranda Mack, Community Relations Field Manager of the Adolph Coors Company, will be the keynote speaker for the Charlotte Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.'s ninth annual Founder's Day-Awards Luncheon. The event will be held on Saturday, April 5, noon, at McDonald's Banquet Center.

Several persons from the Charlotte community will be recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Club and the community, namely: James Barksdale, Rev. George Battle, Nathaniel Blacks, Rev. George Goodman, Bill Johnson, Rev. E. B. Newberry and Thomas Taylor.

Others to be honored are: Esther Hargrave, for Community Service; Nicole Willis, in Youth Achievement; Mary Gill, in Professional Achievement; Connie Smith, Club Appreciation; and Dorothy Lipscomb, Sojourner Truth Award.

Tickets, at a cost of \$10 each, may be purchased by contacting Theresa Elder at 596-1681 or Anna Hood at 333-4685 after 5:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Club's scholarship fund for worthy students.

Minority Affairs

The Mecklenburg County Office of Minority Affairs is in the process of compiling a Minority Directory.

Any local minority business, organization, or church that wishes to be included should contact the Office of Minority Affairs, 336-4100, or 700 N. Tryon St. Deadline is April 30.

Personal Growth

WomanReach will offer a Personal Growth Support Group the first and third Mondays each month beginning in April and continuing through June from 7-8:30 p.m. at the WomanReach-North Center, Davidson Community Center, Davidson, facilitated by Jane Taylor. Call 892-3549 to register.

The WomanReach Center is a United Way Agency. The facilities are handicapped accessible and services are freely given and freely received.

For more information, call a WomanReach peer counselor Monday - Thursday 10-4 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10-4 p.m., at 334-3614.

Absentee Ballots

Registered Mecklenburg voters who are physically unable to enter the voting place, are ill, disabled, feeble, or who will be out of the county May 6, are eligible to vote by absentee ballot. The balloting includes Democratic and Republican primaries for U.S. Senate, Board of County Commissioner seats, four Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board seats and two statewide questions. To obtain an absentee ballot, write the Mecklenburg County Election Office, 741 Kenilworth Avenue, Charlotte, N.C. 28204. Deadline for filing absentee ballots for the May 6 primary is Tuesday, April 29.

Sgt. Elias F. Neal

First Sgt. Elias F. Neal, brother of Emma J. Neal of 323 State St., Charlotte, has participated in "Hell On Wheels I," (HOWI) field training exercise at Fort Hood, Texas.

The exercise demonstrated the capabilities of the soldiers to deploy and sustain operations and service support for a division-size force. Exercise objectives provided for practice of individual and unit skills, focusing on skills such as rear area combat operations, division movement, command and control and river crossing.

Neal is an artillery operations supervisor with the 92nd Field Artillery at Fort Hood, Texas. He is a 1960 graduate of Plato Price High School, Charlotte.

Commodore Sinclair

Marine Pfc. Commodore M. Sinclair, son of Loretta Sinclair of 3113 Southwest Blvd., Charlotte, has been promoted to his present rank while serving at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twenty-nine Palms, CA.

A 1984 graduate of West Charlotte High School, he joined the Marine Corps in May, 1985.



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