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Odessa Brown's MLK Birthday Celebration

We Need A Rainbow Coalition For God, Says Black Actor

By Priscilla Hailey
Staff Writer

The Rev. Clifton Davis, co-star of "Amen," was the special guest speaker at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Birthday Celebration presented by Odessa Brown Children's Clinic, last Sunday, Jan. 11 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Davis, a composer and accomplished singing artist, brought the audience to an uproar as he sang, "God Sent His Son, They Called Him Jesus."

An assistant pastor at Loma Linda Seventh Day Adventist Church in Loma Linda, California, Davis spoke on, "The Real

Price of Freedom." He said that we have a Rainbow Coalition for civil rights but now we need a Rainbow Coalition for God.

"When you think about Dr. King's dream," he continued, "you think about Jesus. You think about how God sent him that he might bring freedom."

"The price of freedom goes beyond economics. Visions go beyond suffering. King had a vision that he refused to wait anymore."

"Dr. King had a higher calling—a vision from God, a commitment to God," he continued.

He said, "We should take time to serve mankind because when you're serving mankind, you're

serving God."

Davis, who television viewers know best as the handsome son on the series "That's My Mama," concluded by saying that when he was asked to return to show business, he didn't want to compromise his faith by getting involved in Hollywood but out of the blue, there was a need for someone to play a minister in a new television series — "Amen." He said the Lord told him, "To go forth my son, I'm with you every step of the way."

He said that as a minister, he has to think about the kind of roles he takes. But "Amen" gives him a chance to work as an actor

and still express Christian values.

The Martin Luther King Odessa Brown's Clinic Award was presented to Lisa Jacobs who spent three fourths of her life as a patient at the clinic. She is now a sophomore at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia.

Curtis Midkiff, a student at South Shore Middle School received a standing ovation after reciting Dr. King's famous speech, "I Have A Dream."

The Odessa Brown Children's Clinic celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday is one of the many programs scheduled during January as we celebrate his birthday.

Abernathy To Speak At Goodwill



The Rev. Dr. Ralph Abernathy

The Rev. Dr. Ralph David Abernathy of Atlanta, Georgia will bring the message at Goodwill Baptist Church, 126-15th Avenue during a special Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service Sunday, Jan. 18 at 11 a.m.

Dr. Abernathy was Dr. King's closest friend and confidant. Special music will be rendered by Goodwill's Mass Choir.

The Rev. Dr. Levi Benjamin Baldwin, Jr. is pastor.

In Remembrance Of

Robert James Melonson, Sr.

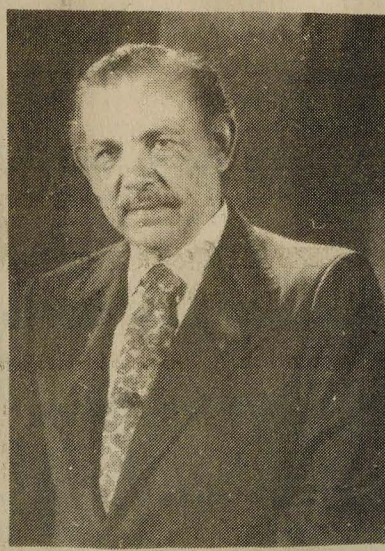
A U.S. Postal Service employee for 28 years, Robert James Melonson, Sr. passed away Jan. 9, 1987 in Swedish Hospital Medical Center. Robert was born in Ames, Texas on June 20, 1924.

In 1948, he was united in matrimony to Cecilia Broussard (who preceded him in death). To this union eight children were born.

In 1981, he was united in matrimony to Ethel Hebert.

Rosary will be held on Friday, Jan. 16, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Therese Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 11 a.m. at St. Therese Catholic Church. Arrangements are by Bonney Watson Funeral Home.

His survivors include, his wife, Ethel; one daughter, Wanda Melonson of Harvey, Louisiana; and seven sons, Wayne, Gary, Marlowe, Michael, Errol, Yul and Robert, Jr., of Seattle; his mother,



Robert Melonson, Sr.

Frances Melonson of Ames, Texas; four brothers, Douglas of Detroit, Michigan; Jerome and Timothy of Ames, Texas; and Allan of San Antonio, Texas; 12 grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Herman Cotton Dies At 61

Mr. Herman Cotton died on Jan. 4, 1987 after a brief illness. He was one of the few Black men who owned and trained thoroughbred horses.

For 21 years, Herman raced his horses at Longacres, Yakima Meadows, Portland Meadows and Bay Meadows.

Prize Rebel, Fair Court, Kissin' Rebel and M. Dear Rebel are only four of the several horses trained and owned by Herman.

A United States Army veteran, he joined the service at age 18, following graduation from high school and served until the end of the war.

He leaves to mourn, his loving wife, Jacqueline and his devoted aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs.



Herman Cotton

William H. Funderburg.

Remembrances can be sent to the Oncology Department of Providence Hospital in Seattle.

In Memory Of The Rev. Carson

The Rev. Dr. B. Leon Carson, Ebenezer A.M.E. Zion Church, departed this life at University Hospital in Seattle on Saturday, Jan. 10, 1987 at 12 p.m.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. at

Funeral director is Allen's Evergreen Funeral Home.

Governor Gardner Keynotes

Special King Tribute

Governor Booth Gardner will be the keynote speaker for the Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 19 at the Emerald City Seventh Day Adventist Church, 25th and East Columbia.

The Seattle Committee of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Washington State Holiday Commission is sponsoring this event, which will feature the Hosanna Community Choir, directed by Alfred Taylor, in a musical tribute. The committee asks that everyone attending bring a food item for donation to a local food bank.

The program caps a week-long tribute to Dr. King in the Seattle area. The State Holiday Commission's official theme for this year's celebration is "Keeping The Dream Alive—A Day Of Peace."

Dr. King expressed this vision in his December 1964 Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech: "Sooner or later all the people of the world will have to discover a way to live together in peace. We must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love."

CHURCH BRIEFS

The Table Is Spread

God's spirit is falling and many already have stepped out into it's rain.

The revival, at Unity Church of God In Christ, 4055 38th Avenue South, has proven to be all that was promised last week.

Beginning with the musical held last Saturday, the power of God has manifested itself mightily throughout this week. Under the anointed charge of Elder Reginald Witherspoon, God's evangelic message explodes with the promise of great things to come in 1987. So come, feast with the Unity family and their pastor, Elder James E. Hicks now through Friday, Jan. 16. Choirs will sing each night.

1987 MLK Lectureship

The Odessa Brown Children's Clinic, an outpatient facility of Children's Hospital and Medical Center is sponsoring the 1987 Martin Luther King, Jr. Lectureship.

This year's guest speaker is Dr. Henry W. Foster, professor and chairperson, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Meharry Medical College and clinical professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

His lecture topic is "Adolescent Pregnancy: A National Dilemma." The lectureship will take place on Thursday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m. in Jessie Shields Fellowship Hall, Mount Zion Baptist Church, 1634 19th Avenue.

A reception will follow the lectureship. For more information call Marie Aldover at 329-7876.

An Evening With

The Rev. William Gray

The Christian Century Lecture Series Northwest presents an evening with the Rev. William Gray and a House of Representatives from Pennsylvania on Friday, Feb. 16, 8-10 p.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 1634-19th Avenue.

Gray who is an ordained Baptist minister, is also chair, House Committee on the Budget; and his serving his fourth term in Congress from Pennsylvania's Second Congressional District. Rep. Gray authored the House version of the Anti-Apartheid Acts of 1985 and 1986.

Gray will address the topic "Church and State: Allies or Adversaries?"

The event is free and open to the public. Free will offering will be taken to cover local expenses of the lecture. For additional information call the Church Council of Greater Seattle at 525-1213.

Attend The Church Of Your Choice.

The White Family In Concert

The Emmanuel Baptist Church family will be presenting the White Family in concert Saturday, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. The concert is being held at Beacon Hill First Baptist Church, 1607 South Forest, where Dr. Robert Houston is pastor and Sister Sharon Smith is the minister of Music.

They will be praising God in song, you don't want to miss these young people. Appearing with the White Family, are Bro. Demetrius White, drummer, Sister Yolanda White and Bro. Cuttray White, lead singers, who are also students of Garfield High School. Sister Yashica White, minister of music, will play the organ and piano.

Sister Ernestine Dillard In Concert

The Mass Choir of the Progressive Missionary Baptist Church will be presenting Sister Ernestine Dillard, the wife of the Rev. Lomus Dillard pastor of Curry C.M.E. Church, in concert Sunday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.

Sis. Dillard is a newcomer to the Seattle-Tacoma area and a dynamic soloist. We are asking all our friends to come and hear this woman of God sing praises to the Lord. Come expecting an explosion for the Lord.

Progressive Church is located on the corner of 14th & Spring where Rev. A. Bernard Devers is the pastor.

Friday Evening Worship Services

To every person that is letting Satan hold them hostage, there is a way out through the plan of Salvation. On Friday, Jan. 16, 10:30 p.m. there is a worship service you are invited to attend at Beacon Hill First Baptist Church, 1607 South Forest Street. The public is invited.

Their pastor has been blessed with a total ministry. His Sunday morning message was "The Decision You Make Determines Your Destiny," Genesis 13:1-2. Think about it. Dr. Robert Houston is pastor.

King Celebration

The Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration for South King County will be held on Sunday, Jan. 18, 6 p.m., at St. Anthony's Center, 314 SO. 4th in Renton. Guest speaker will be City Councilmen Norm Rice. Music will be rendered by the Peace Chorus and the Martin Luther King Mass Choir, directed by Robert Ridley and Frank Bolden. Admission is free.

Annual Washington State Dinner

Come and join us, on Saturday, Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m. The Full Gospel Pentecostal Federated Church Association is having their annual Washington State dinner, being held at the East Madison YMCA located at 23rd and Olive.

All are welcome. Donations accepted. Sister H. Jefferson is state supervisor; Elder James Shaw is state overseer. For more information call 226-7411.

A Gospel Choir Festival

Celebrating the life and ministry of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Shades of Praise Choir, directed by Kent Stevenson and the Total Experience Choir, directed by Pat Wright, will be having a gospel choir festival Sunday, Jan. 18, 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 811 Fifth Avenue.

This will be an evening for remembering with honor and reverence the man who inspired millions of people to fight for

their personal and religious freedom; a night to hear the best gospel in Seattle; a time for lifting up the work of the Emergency Feeding Program, sponsored by the Black United Clergy for Action (BUCFA); and night for recognizing the Church Council of Greater Seattle, innovator and leader of social programs and ecumenical action in the great Northwest.

The public is invited.

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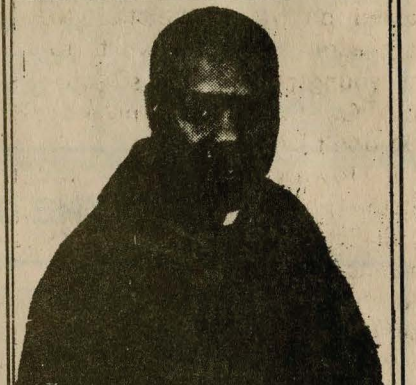


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