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Biographical Note

Alexander M. Moore was born April 8, 1916 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Alexander H. and Emma Moore. He was a graduate of Crispus Attucks High School and the University of Chicago. Moore received his Masters Degree from Butler University and his Doctor of Education from Indiana University. He first taught history at Crispus Attucks, then latter served as vice principal and principal. Following his time at Attucks, Moore served as assistant superintendent of curriculum and supervision for Indianapolis Public Schools. He died at the age of 92 on April 25, 2008. Moore was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Francis M. Moore.

Sources:

"Dr. Alexander Moore." Indianapolis Star (IN), April 26, 2008.

Biographical Note

Indiana Basketball Hall of Famer William (Bill) Leon Garrett was born on April 4, 1929 in Shelbyville, Indiana to Leon and Laura Garrett. He led the Shelbyville High School basketball team to the 1947 state championship and was named Indiana's "Mr. Basketball" that year. Garrett was one of the first African-American players in the Big Ten and was named All-American in 1951 while playing for Indiana University. After graduating, he served in the army for two years then toured with the Harlem Globetrotters from 1953 to 1955. Garrett then entered the teaching profession. In 1957, he became head basketball coach at Crispus Attucks High School in Indianapolis and lead them to a state championship in 1959. In 1970, Garrett left Attucks to work at the college level, first in student services at Indiana Vocational Technical College and then as assistant dean of student services at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. He married Betty Guess in 1951 and they had four children. Garrett died of a heart attack at the age of 45 on August 7, 1974.

Sources:
"Bill Garrett Had Full Life." Indianapolis Star (IN), August 8, 1974.


"Rites Saturday for 'Bill' Garrett, 45." The Shelbyville News (IN), August 8, 1974.
Scope and Contents

This collection contains photocopies of a January 21, 1975 typewritten letter sent by Dr. Alexander M. Moore, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Supervision of the Indianapolis Public Schools, to Blake Ress of Shelbyville High School (Indiana). In the letter Dr. Moore sends his regrets that he is unable to attend the dedication of the high school gymnasium in honor of 1947 graduate Bill Garrett, but expresses his deep respect for Garrett and praises him as a "man who lived up to the highest ideals of his vocation."

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- Shelbyville (Ind.)

Personal Name(s)

- Garrett, Bill, 1929-1974

Subject(s)

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