

W.A. Clement ECSU Founder's Day Keynoter

ELIZABETH CITY, N.C. — Drawing a close parallel between the times (1829-1909) when black legislator Hugh Cale lived and today, William A. Clement declared, "Hugh Cale was an unusual man," as he addressed the Founders Day convocation commemorating the Ninetieth Anniversary of Elizabeth City State University.

"Cale, having lived during one of the most difficult periods for blacks in the United States, concluded that if blacks were to enjoy a fuller life, it had to be through education," Clement, retired Executive Vice President of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, added.

Clement reasoned, "His purpose in introducing House Bill 383 which established this institution was to help people acquire knowledge in order for man to understand himself better, lead a good life and thereby improve the quality of life for everyone."

Looking at some of the "difficult challenges" or opportunities of today, Clement observed, "The problem for blacks is not

conservation but conservatives," note that "liberals seem to care."

"Conservatives are so caught up in their theories and macro-economic ideas that they seem unaware of such non-theoretical problems as poverty and racial discrimination," Clement observed.

The veteran insurance executive and Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina later stressed, "Our job is to conserve the best of the old and realize the best of the new. An institution cannot permanently rise above the quality of its people."

During the convocation Professor Emeritus Evelyn A. Johnson presented a copy of her book, "History of Elizabeth City State University: A Story of Survival," to Chancellor Marion D. Thorpe. Her fair, even-handed, and well-documented account of ECSU's history was recently published by Vantage Press.

Later, at Oak Grove Cemetery, the Founders Day celebrants watched as wreaths were placed on graves of the founders, Cale, Dr. Peter W. Moore and Dr. John H. Bias.



PARTICIPANTS IN JACK AND JILL CLUSTER MEETING

Jack and Jill Cluster Meeting Held Here

The Durham Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., hosted the area Cluster Meeting on Saturday, March 7 at the Downtowner Motor Inn. The morning sessions opened with welcomes from William Bell and Dr. Dallas Simmons.

This year's Cluster theme centered on Parental Values — Teenage Values. The parent session focused on

parental values as they relate to parenting, education and politics. Panelists were Dr. Barbara Nixon, Dr. Barbara Ellis, Mrs. Carolyn Thornton and Mrs. Mignon Schooler, moderator.

The teenage session focused on how teenage values relate to parenting, education and politics. Panelists were Mrs. Mary Ann Black, Mrs. Missouri Morris, A.J. Howard Clement, III, and Mrs. Bernice Marsh, moderator.

During the luncheon, entertainment was provided by individual and group musical and dance presentations.

Says Speaker

"Black Families Will Survive"

Dr. Robert Bernard Hill, director of research for the National Urban League, Washington, D.C., told some 400 persons at a banquet at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center on the St. Augustine's College campus Saturday night, March 14, that the black family will survive the 21st century due to its strengths.

The banquet was one of Saturday's activities held during the convention on the black family sponsored by the Raleigh chapters of Chums, Inc., Links, Inc., Jack and Jill, the Hampton Alumni Association, the Black Child Development Institute, the Triangle Affiliate, and the Wake-Raleigh Chapter of the Urban League. The theme for the convention was "Strengthening the Black Family."

Dr. Hill, the main speaker for the banquet, outlined several strengths among black families which he says will "give them the necessary tools for survival during this most difficult period in

the lives of all families." They are:

- the extended family will be strengthened in that black families will again have multi-generations living in households;
- informal adoption will become popular in that black relatives will again rear children instead of the existing trend of placing black children in foster homes that have proved to be both unstable and destructive to these children;
- blacks will begin to develop positive terms to describe their families instead of relying on white social scientists to develop negative terms such as "illegitimate," "pathological," etc.;
- the black family will use its force to prevent bills being passed in various legislatures that are harmful to the family structure;
- there will be greater flexibilities in the changing of roles where family members will perform the duties they are best suited for instead of having their roles defined for them;
- the black family will have a strong achievement orientation by strengthening its institutions and by working together;
- the black family will strengthen its community-

based organizations. Dr. Hill said that all of his conclusions are based on research and that there are no existing foundations for refuting his findings.

"When I tell them about the strength of the black, they respond, 'What strengths?' To answer this question, we have only to look at our history. It has been our strengths that have caused us to survive," said Dr. Hill.

He said that the one good feature of the Reagan administration is that it will unite blacks again.

The sponsors of the convention presented awards to two two-parent families: Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester White and Mr. and Mrs. James Ray; a single-parent family: Mrs.

A special welcome was made by Nathan Garrett, and remarks were made by the regional teen vice president, Miss Damita Salters. Garrett is president of the local Jack and Jill Senior High Fi group.

A special afternoon session was conducted by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, Mrs. Emma Jackson. Presiding over the Cluster meeting was Mrs. Yvonne Simmons, president, Durham Chapter of Jack and Jill. Mrs. Barbara Moore, immediate past president of the local chapter, served as the Cluster coordinator.

Willie B. Kitchen, and an extended family: Mrs. Jessie H. Copeland, a grandmother, who has reared her own children and is now rearing her granddaughter. In presenting the awards, Mrs. Marjorie Debnam, co-chairman of the convention, said, "We have to celebrate all of the various family structures that are responsible for our survival; we hope that we will look at these families as a pillar on which to build."

On the program also were a representative from Gov. Hunt's office; Charles V. Petty, state coordinator for the White House Conference on Families; Mrs. Elizabeth Coffield, Wake County commissioner; Smedes York, Mayor of Raleigh and Durham's nationally known poet, Lance Jeffers.

NCCU Alumna Is Finalist In Statewide Competition

Miss Georgette Brown, who holds her master's degree in special education from North Carolina Central University in Durham, is one of five finalists competing for the Terry Sanford Award of the North Carolina Association of Educators.

be announced at the association's April 4 convention in Asheville.

Miss Brown is a resource teacher at Squire Elementary School in Gaston, N.C. She was the school's 1980-81 Teacher of the Year.

The award is based on

General Telephone To Seek Rate Increase

General Telephone Company of the Southeast has notified the North Carolina Utilities Commission, Duke University and the City of Durham of its intent to file a request in April for increased rates. The increase, if granted, would be the company's first local service rate increase in five years.

The proposed rates would increase one-party residential service in Durham, Butler and Creedmoor by \$3.50 a month and one-party business service by \$8.75 a month, according to

Claude O. Sykes, vice president and general manager for North Carolina.

Sykes said the proposed rates are for use of the switching network and do not include the telephone instrument itself. The charge for the telephone would depend on the type of instrument that was leased from the company, beginning at \$1.10 for a standard dial telephone.

"Current rates are based on operating expense levels dating back to 1975," and have not kept up with increasing costs, Sykes said. He cited cost increases in labor, equipment, material, interest payments, and investments in operating facilities as affecting the company's earnings. Rapidly changing technology requires replacing equipment "before we actually recover the capital dollars invest in it," he explained.



Paul

Agriculture Council Head To Speak

RALEIGH — Allen Paul, president and chief executive officer of the Agriculture Council of America, will speak at Fourth District Rep. The Andrews' farm breakfast here on Saturday, March 21, at the N.C. State Faculty Club.

"We will be hearing from a native Tar Heel who is directly involved on a daily basis in communicating the story about agriculture to the non-farm public," Andrews said.

As head of the ACA in Washington, Paul coordinates a nationwide program designed to communicate the role of agriculture in modern society, Andrews said. The council has a U.S. Farm Export Education Project under way, and Andrews is one of more than 100 members of Congress serving as sponsors of the project.

Paul, 41, is a native of Aurora in Beaufort County and is an alumnus of Davidson College. Prior to founding the ACA, he was a reporter for The Raleigh Times and an aide

to the late Fourth District Rep. Harold Cooley, long-time chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, and former Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman.

"Allen's speech should be most interesting and timely, and I feel sure that a great many farmers and others interested in agriculture will want to join in welcoming him on his visit back to Raleigh," said Andrews, who has held farm breakfasts once or twice a year since entering Congress in 1973.

"As usual, this breakfast will be non-partisan, non-political and Dutch-treat — \$6.00 per person," he said. The buffet line will open about 7:30, and we should finish by 9:30."

Reservations may be made with Fourth District offices—541-2981 in the Research Triangle Park and 625-3060 in Asheboro. "It is most helpful for us to be able to give the Faculty Club an accurate count of those planning to attend," Andrews said.

The Faculty Club is on

Highway 54 between Meredith College and the State Fairgrounds and just off I-40.

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