

NEWS FROM HALIFAX

Halifax County NAACP Holds Annual Banquet

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The First Annual Banquet of the Halifax County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was held Monday night at the Zodiac Club of Pleasant Hill.

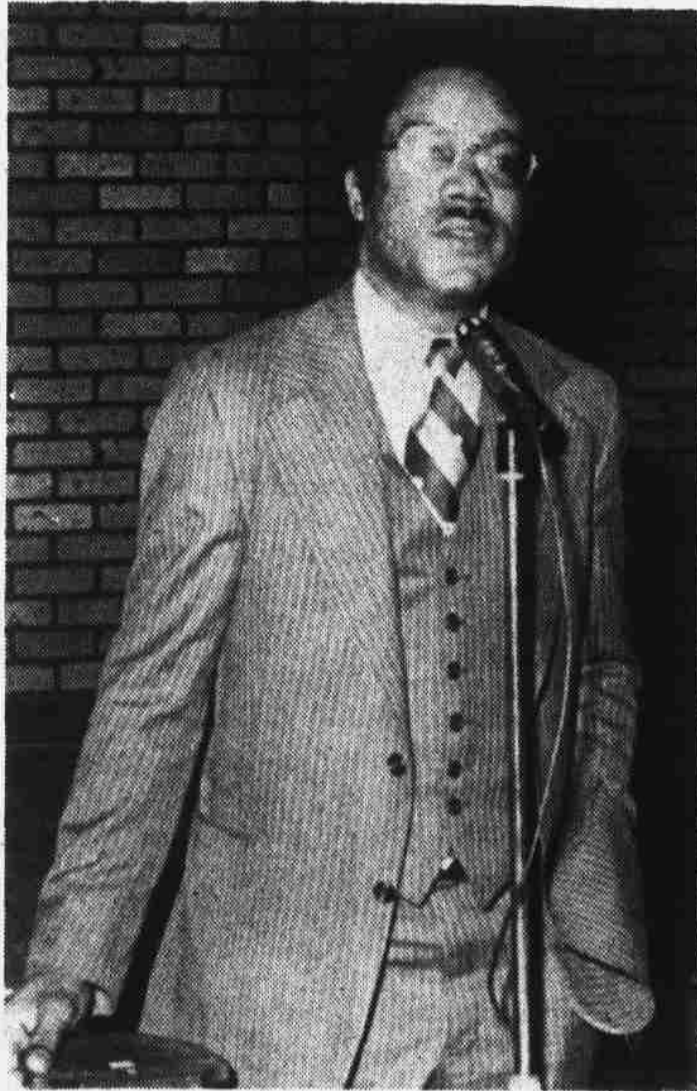
Greetings to members and guests were extended by Chapter President Rev. G. A. Gilchrist of Weldon.

The speaker was introduced by Attorney T. T. Clayton of Warrenton.

Speaking for the occasion was Charlotte attorney, Julius Chambers, Director of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. Chambers spoke to an eager crowd of over 300 persons on the problems of Blacks and other non-whites face in business, education, industry, and employment.

Specific emphasis was given the Black dropout number, voting power, and busing. He strongly urged that Blacks exercise the power they have at the polls.

The entire speech was a recapture of memories and factors relating to the progress and the need for



SPEAKER AT FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET - Attorney Julius Chambers of Charlotte, Director of the NAACP Legal Fund, as he spoke to an enthusiastic audience of over 300 at the first annual banquet of the Halifax County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held Monday evening in Pleasant Hill.

more progress by non-whites everywhere.

The presentation was well taken by the audience for a standing ovation followed.

Honored with plaques for outstanding work in the NAACP and human relations were Rev. G. A. Gilchrist, president, Mrs. Lillian Hicks, secretary, A. C. Cofield, treasurer, J. W. Dixon, board member, Mrs. Myrtle Knox, retired Halifax educator, George T. Young, Sr., Assistant Supt. of Halifax County Schools, and the speaker Attorney Julius Chambers.

Plaques of appreciation from the 1973 and 1974 Black History classes of Weldon High School were presented to Dock Brown and Eddie Davis, two outstanding educators and members of the County Chapter.

The interest in participation and attendance seemed to support the ideals and the strength of the NAACP in Halifax County.



RECEIVING PLAQUES - (L-R) Mrs. Lillian Hicks, secretary; George T. Young, Sr., Assistant Superintendent, Halifax County Schools; and J. W. Dixon, Board Member receiving plaques for outstanding work in the NAACP and human relations from Rev. Jeremiah Webb of Weldon. Photo by Ray V. Spain.

Summer Flowering Bulbs

You probably aren't doing a whole lot of thinking about gardens and flowers and such these days. But believe it or not, now is the time to decide about your summer flowering bulbs--and depending on your flower choice, you can start planting as early as January.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has a booklet that give you tips on how to select and care for summer flowering bulbs so you'll be a successful gardener. For a copy of "Summer Flowering Bulbs" send 25 cents to Consumer Information Center, Dept. 82, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

Here are some highlights for you:

Select healthy, mature bulbs. This means a bulb that is firm and with an unblemished skin.

If you buy bulbs before planting time, keep them in a cool, dry area. A

temperature of 60 to 65 degrees is cool enough to prevent most bulbs from drying out until you plant them.

Before you prepare the new flowerbeds, test the drainage of the soil. Dig a hole about a foot

deep and fill it with water. The next day, fill the hole with water again, and see how long it remains. If the water drains away in 8 to 10 hours, the soil will drain well enough for planting. If the water stays in the hole after 10 hours, you'll need to improve the drainage. You can do this

by digging furrows along the sides of the future flower bed, and adding the soil from the furrows to the bed.

Dig and plant your flowerbeds when the soil is fairly dry. Wet soil packs tightly and retards plant growth

PRESIDENT AMIN

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The Ugandan president said, "speaking as chairman of the OAU and as friend of all the liberation movements," that the OAU is giving military and financial aid to the "liberation forces" in South Africa. He said that the white-dominated governments of that country and Rhodesia 'will get into trouble, very big trouble' if they do not turn over power to their black majorities.

He claimed, 'There is more than 17 full battalions of black liberation soldiers who have been trained very well in guerrilla warfare in Africa, Arab worlds and other parts of Asia. They will be going back. I think it will be a disaster for the white minority.' Turning to the Mideast question, Amin said that "I love very much the Jews' but he opposed their Zionist policy "of expanding its border and also taking more Arab land." He said he agreed with the position of Yasir Arafat and said the Israelis "must stop murdering the Arabs and agree to go back to Palestine and live together as Yasir Arafat have told me." He added, "I want Israelis to come to Uganda. They are welcome, because I want peace in the world. That is my message to the Jews. You pass this message from Field Marshal Amin."

Toward the end of the interview - which will be published by OUI Magazine in a future issue, Amin said that the U. S. was not the only nation guilty of "imperialist" policies in the past. He said, "We are not against anybody. But once you are sided with one of the superpower - I don't want to mention the name - then you are the victim of imperialism. And imperialism are not only American, for your information. I just wanted to tell you this."

Laughing, Amin continued, "Do you want me now to make it clear to you. I can make it clear, but I think you can guess this yourself. American are not only imperialism."

Amin-who has claimed his rise to power in Uganda was foretold in a dream long ago - was asked by interviewer Broder how often he had prophetic dreams. Amin replied: "Not so often. Only when necessary."

