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**Words of Wisdom**

When men are rightly occupied, their amusement grows out of their work, as the petals out of a fruitful flower.—John Ruskin

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## PRUITT KEYNOTER AT 116th EMANCIPATION

### Capacity Audience In Attendance At St. Joseph's Church

The one hundred sixteenth anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was observed by a capacity audience New Year's Day at St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church. The observance was sponsored by the Durham Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. Five community leaders summed the accomplishments of 1978 and presented their 1979 agendas.

The main speaker, Dr. Robert Pruitt, noted as did many other speakers, that despite the Emancipation Proclamation, the Union's winning of the Civil War, and a continual struggle thereafter, blacks in the United States are not free yet.

There were similar observations, but much more gleeful, shortly after midnight New Year's Day 1863 when telegrams of Lincoln's signing of the Emancipation Proclamation had reached vigils across the nation. Freed blacks in northern cities and in parts of southern states already conquered by the Union Army rejoiced by singing and listening to black orators, mainly

preachers, sum up the historic feat.

Lincoln's decree did not free slaves held captive in the South. It did solidify the north through a strong moral ideal—freeing the slaves. It also provided strong incentives for black slaves to flee the South and join the Union Army.

An annual event in Durham and many other southern communities since the Civil War, much of the observance focused on the role of the black preacher and the black church in freedom struggles.

"The black preacher has been and still is the freest voice in the black community," said Rev. W.W. Easley, adding that the black preacher is "compelled to tell the truth". Police brutality against blacks, police in schools, and the recall of former Durham Clarence Brown and Howard Harris were opposed by the Durham Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (DIMA).

The quest for freedom is a dominant theme throughout history, said Dr. Robert Pruitt, adding

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EMANCIPATION DAY CEREMONIES — (Top) John H. Gattis directs Community Choir. (Bottom left) Keynote speaker, Dr. Robert Pruitt, and host minister, Rev. W. W. Easley, Jr. (Photos by Kelvin A. Bell)

### J.J. Sansom Announces Promotions at M&F

J.J. Sansom, Jr., President of Mechanics and Farmers Bank, has announced the following promotions of employees of the Bank:

David L. Harrison was promoted from Cashier to Vice President-Cashier of the Bank.

Harrison, a native of Nash County, has been an employee of the Bank since 1953 and is a graduate of North Carolina College (North Carolina Central University). He has done further study at the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University. Before joining the Bank, he was Business Manager for Smith's Realty Company New Bern.



DAVID L. HARRISON

Harrison has served on the Boards of Operation Breakthrough and United Durham, Incorporated; is a member of the Executive Board of the Occaneechee Council of Boy Scouts of America and received the Silver Beaver award in 1974, the highest award a volunteer can receive in scouting; president and former treasurer of the Durham Business and Professional Chain and holds membership in the National Business League, the Durham Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; a Trustee and vice chairman of the Deacon Board of White Rock Baptist Church.



MRS. CLARICE S. BANKS graduate of Shaw University, Raleigh and has done further study through the American Institute of Banking and LaSalle Extension University. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and a Trustee of Wake Baptist Grove Church in Garner. Mrs. Banks is the wife of Craven Banks and they are the parents of one daughter.

Harrison is married to the former Miss Dorothy A. Perry and they are the parents of three sons.

Mrs. Clarice Stephens Banks, an employee of the Bank since 1962, was promoted from Assistant Cashier to Vice President of Operations at the Raleigh Office.

Mrs. Banks is a 1959

### Social Workers: Black Assessment Dismal In Triangle Area

A shocking, dismal, but yet challenging assessment of the condition of black people in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area was given by two Triangle area social workers at the Annual Banquet of The Triangle Association of Black Social Workers. Increased voting, making politicians accountable to voters, strengthening the black family, and black youth were cited as objectives.

Citing a few gains such as the increase in the percentage of black families earning more than \$15,000 since the riots of the sixties, a decrease in infant mortality, an increase in black administrators in

government, Arnold Dennis noted unemployment among the black masses doubled in urban areas, and that in 1976, 36 percent of all blacks earned less than the government set poverty level. In short, Dennis said, "one group appears to be attaining better jobs and higher income...while another group is remaining in the mire." Dennis is an administrator in the N.C. Dept. of Human Resources.

Miseducation in the black community is said Jim Polk, as a means of keeping resources within black communities, including, youth, underdevelop-

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### ROGERS FOUND GUILTY OF SIMPLE ASSAULT

Twenty-two year old former Duke University employee Derrick Rogers was found guilty of simple assault upon Duke Security guard Michael Cardin Wednesday. Rogers was sentenced to a week-end in jail by Superior Court Judge Gordon Battle of Orange County. District Court Judge Milton Reed found Rogers guilty last November and sentenced him to a year in prison.

Judge Gordon dismissed charges that Rogers assaulted a police officer saying that Cardin had no authority to detain Rogers.

Racism and oppression of workers and students have been charged by Duke groups supporting Rogers' case. Black workers and students are frequently harass-

ed by campus police, representatives of student and labor organizations contend.

Rogers was convicted by a jury of ten whites and two blacks. Several Duke employees were on the jury.

Sergeant Michael Cardin, a white Duke University security officer, testified that he approached Derrick

Rogers in the parking lot back of the N. B. Duke building on West Campus as Rogers lay in the car with his feet hanging out.

Cardin testified that he suspected that Rogers may not have been authorized to be in the car so he asked Rogers to produce his



SGT. MICHAEL CARDIN

### George Frazier Named To Head Durham NAACP

George "Bro" Frazier expressed his appreciation for the support of the Durham Community as he was elected president of the Durham Chapter of the NAACP.

Others elected to the 1979-80 state in the election last Sunday were: Mrs. Josephine Turner, first vice president; W. W. Saunders, second vice president; Mrs. Annie Bynum, secretary, and J. E. Cromartie, treasurer. Installation ceremonies will be held January 28 at 4 p.m., at St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church on Fayetteville St.

The first meeting of the newly elected officers and Executive Committee mem-

bers will be on January 20. The Executive Committee will be comprised of Addie Barbee, Alexander Barnes, Burch Coley, Mrs. Elva DeJarnon, William Harris, Mrs. Sarah H. Jones, John Mason, Mrs. Mable Powell, Mrs. Florene Roberson, Thomas Royster, Attorney Darryl Smith, T. R. Speight, J. H. Tucker, George White, Nathaniel B. White.

The newly elected president, who will replace the Rev. Percy L. High, said that among things to be considered in the January 20 meeting would be: programs to aid high school

students in preparing for the competency test; grants in the housing and labor field, the Freedom Fund Banquet, Mother of the Year Contest, and the Calendar of Events. The local chapter will also attempt to put on the largest membership drive in

the history of the City. Frazier expressed hopes of community participation in suggestions for projects of the NAACP and has asked that suggestions be sent in care of P. O. Box 3374, Durham, 27702.

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### Warren County Residents Unite To Fight Disposal of PCB

Warren County residents united this week to oppose a state plan to purchase private land in the Afton community, to dispose of PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) contaminated soil at the Warren County site.

Opponents told the Warren County Commissioners that Warren County did not want the state to purchase the land site for the disposal of the PCB contaminated soil.

The state plans to purchase more than 140 acres of land from a private landowner for the disposal of the high toxic, chemically contaminated soil.

More than 200 miles of soil along North Carolina highways was contaminated by PCB spillage, 26 miles were in Warren County.

According to a statement read by Rev. Luther Brown,

pastor of Coley Springs Missionary Baptist Church in the Afton community, the Environmental Protection Agency has found that in tests on laboratory animals, results showed reproductive defects, cancer and mutations. However, the long term effects on humans were not clear.

According to the statement read by Rev. Brown, EPA considered an environmental exposure to detectable quantities of PCBs to be significant. According to EPA, PCB can enter the body through inhalation, ingestion or absorption through the skin. Once in the body, it circulates in the bloodstream and deposits in various body organs. The body has no way of decomposing or rejecting the chemical.

EPA estimates that 300-400 million pounds of PCB

are free in the environment. Approximately 25% of this amount is in the atmosphere or water. The remaining 75% is in the soil. The PCB found in the soil comes from discarded materials containing PCB, atmospheric fall-out and spills. The PCBs coat the soil particles and are only slowly released to any water percolating through the soil. PCB is only slightly soluble in water so that it tends to remain with the soil particles rather than dissolving quickly in water.

In a special session Monday, the Warren County Chapter of the NAACP passed a resolution to oppose the state's plan for the storage and disposal of the soil contaminated by the toxic chemical PCB.

Calling the issue the next human rights issue to be

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BRINGING IT HOME — The audience at Monday's Emancipation Day Ceremonies applauds the tremendous job done by the Community Choir, led by John H. Gattis. (Photo by Kelvin A. Bell)