

## NAACP Holds Freedom Fund Dinner

### Mr. and Mrs. William A. Clement Honored; Joseph Madison Keynoter

By Felicia M. Cassels  
Mr. and Mrs. William A. Clement were honored November 1 at the Durham NAACP Sixth Annual Freedom Fund Dinner. William Alexander Clement is chairman of North Carolina Central University's Board of Trustees. Mrs. Josephine Dobbs Clement is chairman of the Durham city school board, the first black woman to hold that position. Both are active in a multitude of civic, fraternal and academic associations.



MRS. CLEMENT



CLEMENT

Joseph Madison was the dinner's keynote speaker. He is the national political director of the NAACP. Madison said blacks are in a moral crisis and quoted Dante who said, "the hottest places in hell are reserved for those who maintain a position of neutrality in light of moral crises." He urged the audience to leave apathy behind and to vote.

Albert N. Whiting, NCCU chancellor. Mrs. Carolyn I. Thornton, vice president of the Links, and Mrs. Betty Blackmun of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, each presented \$500 to the NAACP for purchase of life memberships for their organizations on behalf of Mrs. Clement. Likewise, Clarence M. Winchester of the Prince Hall Masons presented a \$5000 check for the NAACP on behalf of Mr. Clement.

A touching tribute was paid to the couple by their oldest son, William A. Clement, Jr. He spoke on behalf of the Clement's three sons and three daughters. With obvious pride, he thanked the pair for instilling in their children the importance of education and the dignity of being black. This emphasis, Clement said, helped six children develop into successful individuals. Clement is the Associate Director of Minority Business Development at Washington, D.C.'s Small Business Administration.

Benjamin Ruffin of the Governor's Office presented the two with the Distinguished Citizens Award for outstanding public service. Dr. James M. Schooler, Jr., of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity gave the Clements a silver plate while George W. Frazier presented them with a framed copy of a profile that appeared on the two in the *Durham Morning Herald*. Frazier

Other presenters included Dr. W. Davis of St. Augustine's College, Raleigh; Ben Taylor and John R. Holder of the Masons, and Mrs. Emma Randolph, a personal friend. Smiling and gracious, Mrs. Clement thanked "everyone who had done anything" for the occasion. She called the NAACP the "oldest, most stable and most prestigious of all civil rights organizations... it has always stood for something constructive." Mrs. Clement, a Durham resident for 34 years, said the city has been good to her and her family.

Her soft-spoken husband echoed her words in his remarks to the crowd of 500. He reflected on his family history, from grandparents who were slaves to his own position as executive vice president at N.C. Mutual. He also paid tribute to his wife who came into his life "at its lowest period" and who has given him "love, stimulation and motivation... regardless of the situation, I could always talk to her and get sound advice." The evening at the Civic Center also included singing by Mrs. Sylvia S. Prescott and Miss Veronica Scott, accompanied by Arnold George. Miss Scott is a 13 year old eighth grader at Rogers-Herr Junior High School.

### J.J. "Babe" Henderson Steps Down As Head of DCABP

By Trelle L. Jeffers  
J.J. "Babe" Henderson, present chairman of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, announced at the annual mass meeting for the organization on Sunday, November 2, at White Rock Baptist Church that he has informed the Committee's selections committee that he is not a candidate for reelection. The election of chairman and sub-committee chairmen will be held in December of this year.



HENDERSON

After making the announcement, Henderson said, "I am concerned about the next chairman that leads the Durham Committee. Regardless of the leadership, my appeal is (for blacks) to get together and do more."

Henderson made his announcement shortly before the group voted to process a resolution that had resulted from an amendment to the bylaws of the Durham Committee. The resolution created a sub-committee on Religious and Human Affairs. The purpose of this committee is to establish cooperative effort and liaison between the Durham ministers and Paulette Robinson at Sunday's meeting for their outstanding service to the Maryland's state Senator

and Majority Whip, Clarence Mitchell, III. At 22, Senator Mitchell became the youngest person to be elected to the Maryland legislature and has been successfully elected for eighteen years. Using the theme, "Black Folks Wake Up: if it is to be, it is up (to each of us)", the Senator told the gathering that the Mississippi River is still washing up skeletons of blacks who had at one time attempted to vote. He criticized the apathetic black middle class for its lack of participation in the voting process.

Senator Mitchell said, "Politics is the art of how who gets what, when and where." He said that a lot of black middle class people believe that they have obtained their present positions because of their ability. "I know that my opportunity came from older folks who fought so that I could enjoy my present position," said the Senator. He warned the black middle class that the danger of losing the big house and the two cars is only two pay checks away.

### Black Solidarity Day

## Observed at Duke University

By Felicia M. Cassels  
Black students at Duke University celebrated Black Solidarity Day November 3. The Day originated in Brooklyn, New York in 1971 under the auspices of four black men. Brooklyn native and Duke Student Sheila Jamison said Black Solidarity Day was created "to show the strength of the black family in whatever form it takes." Ms. Jamison was one of the organizers of the Duke celebration. The students made a

special effort to eat breakfast, lunch and dinner together as well as to participate in the activities of the day. One activity was a march from Duke's East campus to West campus to demonstrate solidarity in their concern over the lack of black professors, a black cultural center and an Afro-American Studies Department, said senior Andrea Martin. About 200 people attended a rally held after the march in which several student leaders and activists

spoke. Vernon Royce, a South African Duke Divinity School student, said the day represented a serious call to black solidarity and commitment to struggle on behalf of a definite constituency. He said the suffering of black students at Duke is only a microcosm of what is happening in the larger society, mentioning Klan guerrilla camps, the North Carolina eighty per cent black prison population. Junior Brian Fair,

former president of the Associated Students of Duke University (ASDU) urged students to prepare new strategies and create a new agenda for dealing with problems posed by being black on a predominantly white campus. Fair, the second black to serve as ASDU president, resigned his post early this fall after a controversy developed over two summer trips he took to student association conferences. Fair maintains the trips were made in the

interest of Duke students but white ASDU executives and students accused Fair of misusing ASDU funds. Fair financed the trips himself and asked only for reimbursement. He ultimately resigned because he said he felt his administration was becoming ineffective due to the controversy and other petty personal differences. Articulate freshman Darlene Wiggins received a standing ovation after urging blacks to exercise

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## North Carolina Baptists Press For Political Action

\$1.2 Million Raised  
CHARLOTTE  
Members of the General



SULLIVAN

Baptist State Convention of North Carolina resolved to become more politically active and to fight the sweep of conservatism and racism in the state during a meeting in Charlotte last week. "We represent diverse theological views," said GBSC president John R. Manley, "but we are all children of oppression." The Convention represents more than 1700 churches and 360,000 Baptists

across the state. Holding its One Day Session at the First Baptist Church on Oaklawn Avenue, the Rev. J.B. Humphrey, pastor, the Convention recommitted itself to the task of saving souls. It also "re-echoed" the call of the civil rights leader, Martin Luther King, Jr., by calling for black ministers to become involved in political and social issues. One resolution passed

by the Convention condemns the Moral Majority, a Virginia-based conservative religious group, as being "insensitive to the brotherhood of man." It challenged the black community to be alert to the resurrecting dragon called "racism" that is again terrifying American society. The thirteen resolutions adopted by the Convention were drafted by a GBSC Committee and

were read by the Rev. Clifford A. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Clinton. Another resolution denounces all forms of the theatrical and television images of the black clergyman as being a charlatan, pimp, con artist or as being ignorant of God. The Convention also criticized statements made in October by Southern Baptist Convention presi-

dent, Bailey Smith, that God does not hear the prayers of Jews. "We do believe, as persons who believe in Jesus Christ, that the universal God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob made provisions for the spiritual salvation of his creation called "man," and we believe further that God is a prayer-hearing God and that man can communicate with the Father in, by and through prayer.

Also among its thirteen resolutions was a statement supporting black colleges because "they are more sensitive to the needs of black Americans." Governor Visits "As an organization you have set an example for all North Carolinians by rendering tireless and unselfish service," said Gov. James B. Hunt, who stopped at the church for a lunchtime news con-

## Dewitt Sullivan Heads Minority CPA Association

Dewitt Sullivan, senior vice president of the Durham-based firm of Garrett, Sullivan & Company, is the newly-elected president of the National Association of Minority Certified Public Accounting Firms. By a unanimous vote, Sullivan was elected head of the 150 firm-member organization, along with other officers and the Board of Directors, at the association's recent ninth annual convention in

Dallas. Sullivan, one of the founders of Garrett, Sullivan & Co., is a former senior staff accountant with Richard H. Austin & Company of Detroit. In his present executive capacity, Sullivan has the responsibility of supervising the management of client accounts in the firm's Durham office as well as others in Greensboro, Tampa, Florida, Detroit and Washington, D.C.

Commenting after the election, Ms. Lydia A. Hill, executive director of NAMCPAF, said: "Sullivan will add strength and support to the association because of his diverse experience and knowledge of the accounting community." A native of Hattiesburg, Miss., Sullivan attended Alcorn State University and graduated from Wayne State University in Detroit in 1956. He has extensive experience in

the management and controllership functions of non-profit organizations. During that period, he held the positions of Executive Vice-President of the North Carolina Manpower Development Corporation, Controller of the North Carolina Fund, and Controller of Boulevard General Hospital in Detroit. He also worked as a consultant in financial management systems assessment and design for the U.S.

Department of Labor and the Ford Foundation. Looking forward to assuming his new responsibilities as president of the organization, Sullivan outlined some of the initiatives he plans to undertake in the coming year. "Some of the major objectives I hope to accomplish will be to increase the public awareness of our organization, develop links between the member

firms and local junior high schools, high schools, and colleges, to encourage minority youth to pursue careers in accounting, as well as provide them a means of gaining experience in the field through internships and participation in co-op programs. And, of course, we will continue to act as an advocate for our membership regarding federal procurement practices and other matters that affect our membership."