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**Gloria Samantha Council
.....Durham native**

Gloria Council Is An Award-Winning Cook

**By Russell Clark
Post Staff Writer**

Not many people can balance good looks with good cooking, but 21-year-old Gloria Samantha Council has tied the two together. "My mother started me out when I was in the seventh grade," she began. "She used to make me help out and after I was through helping, she would make me prepare a dish for the meal."

A native of Durham, she moved to Charlotte in 1981 with her adopted mother Grace L. Council and seven brothers. "I was adopted when I was seven years old and it is the best thing that could have happened to me," noted the baby of the family.

The 1983 graduate of Harding High School, is action oriented. "Besides winning awards in state, regional, and district cooking competitions, I was also Co-Head, Varsity Cheerleader, and a chorus member," reflected Council, a secretary at the Employment and Training Department for the City.

After graduation, her singing talent landed her a musical scholarship to attend Johnson C. Smith University. "I had to audition for the scholarship and I was thrilled to receive it after I had been disappointed in another audition."

This self motivated young lady

was a flag girl, banner girl and maintained a B average before leaving the university. "I left Smith to give birth to an eight pound, six ounce son named Rodriquez Armani Council, who is 11 months old now. I don't regret having a baby, because it gave me a sense of responsibility," she added.

Council, a member of Salem Missionary Baptist Church, says she owes a lot to her pastor, Rev. A. L. Jiwright. "He has inspired me to strive to be a courageous person through my faith in God. He always tells us to put the Lord first in anything we attempt to do," she pointed out.

Since coming to Charlotte, she has held down various clerical positions, but she doesn't feel she has reached her potential. "Once my son gets a little older, I'm going back to finish my education. I'm determined to make a good life for me and Rodriquez."

When not working, this idea person enjoys modeling, singing, tennis, and of course cooking. "I also enjoy watching 'The Cosby Show' because it's educational and very entertaining. My favorite entertainers are Freddie Jackson and Patti LaBelle," she revealed with a beaming smile.

NAACP To Sponsor Life Membership Dinner

If there was one incident to trigger the NAACP life membership program which helps pay costly battle waged in the courts, it would be the Sweet Case.

Six decades ago in Detroit, MI, an angry crowd of white whites gathered on the lawn of their newest, unwelcomed neighbor.

black doctor and his family.

The tragedy that followed left one man dead and Dr. Ossian Sweet on trial. With the NAACP on his side and a bright attorney named Clarence Darrow, the NAACP garnered an acquittal for the young doctor and a major victory for the organization.

Without life memberships, maybe this victory would have resulted into a defeat. No one knew that more than Kivie Kaplan NAACP national president from 1966 to 1977 who boosted membership from 221 to 22,000 fully paid members.

On Friday, September 12, the NAACP Mecklenburg County Branch presents its "First Annual Life Membership Dinner," beginning at 8:30 p.m. at McDonald's Cafeteria. The guest speaker is Emmitt Burns, life members director of National NAACP. The donation is \$60 which includes an initial life membership payment. Tickets can be purchased at the NAACP or obtained by calling 333-1167.



"I know that you believe you understand what you think I said, but I am not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant."

KKK Leaves Its Mark

**By Jalyne Strong and
Russell Clark**

About an hour before the march, the crowd in the back parking of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Education Center was already thickening. Some 50 or 60 men, women, and children had arrived with rolled-up flags and wearing Ku Klux Klan hoods and robes.

"Klans-atten-hut," yelled a Klan leader dressed in green as the unit formed two rows behind him. As the march proceeded from the Education Center on to 2nd Street, it attracted about 20 members waiting on the corner of Alexander and Trade. Before the Klan reached the square, people were already expressing their astonishment of the Saturday afternoon activity.

Anger replaced astonishment when bystanders saw Klan Imperial Wizard Vergil Griffin reach the downtown intersection with about 200 followers. Hecklers from the integrated crowd were screaming "get them" (the KKK) at the square after the Klan started yelling "KKK" in unison.

The police, out in large numbers, had problems controlling the angry crowd as some of them began throwing fountain sodas, eggs and other debris in protest to the march.

As the marchers were insulated by policemen many confrontations flared up between mostly white police and several black protestors.

Pushing, shouting, and complaining, were ways the witnesses expressed their disbelief. Their comments range from "Charlotte has been set back 50 years" to "It makes me sick at the stomach."

Many blacks expressed acute regret over the demonstration. They asked "Who allowed this to happen. Who was it that paid their parade fee?"

Ruben Thomas, who happened to be driving through downtown when the traffic was halted by the parade, got out of his car to watch. "Ain't this a shame?" he related. "I'm a veteran and I've seen the Klan in action in the military. I thought Charlotte was a progressive city. I know everyone has the right to march, but this is a disgrace."

"I walk Trade Street everyday with no problems but when the Klan comes, I get a police escort out of the area," grieved Lamar Reid. "People said to ignore this rally, but I feel a need to express my feelings about what the KKK has done to my ancestors."

"I'm sorry we had the disturbances we had," replied Mayor



Grand Imperial Wizard Vergil Griffin leads the Ku Klux Klan parade down Trade Street in Charlotte, North Carolina.



**Rueben Thomas
....."A disgrace"**

Harvey Gantt over the phone. "Our Constitution states that any group can march with police protection as long as they apply and pay the cost for a parade permit. My official posture was to ignore it. I hoped that most people would ignore the distasteful group."

One black Charlottean was thoroughly disgusted with the event. Terry Belk had just picked up his visiting nephew from New York at the airport after spending months of persuading him to make a new start here. "I told him how nice this city is—that we had a good black



**Charles Belk
....."race relations shaky"**

mayor—and what happens? The day he gets here the KKK rallies. I'm embarrassed."

"This KKK march shows me that things are not settled here as far as race relations are concerned." This would not have gone over in New York," commented Belk's nephew, Charles Belk.

Many comments from spectators were voiced by people from other cities. "They (the Klan) couldn't pull this off in Baltimore," said a young man. "If something like this was to develop in New York, no one would be left alive to tell about it."



**Lamar Reid
....."Why ignore rally?"**

rebuffed a freshman at Pfeiffer College who came down with friends for the experience.

At different points along march's route, confrontations between the crowd and the police occurred. The police were restricting movement of the angry crowd along the sidewalks.

Charlotte's NAACP leader, Kelly Alexander Jr., pointed out that none of the City officials supported the march. "Legally the City was responsible for protecting the Klan

Congressman Fauntroy To Speak At MGBA Banquet

Senior Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy will be the keynote speaker for the fourth annual Recognition Banquet of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association to be held Friday, October 10, 7 p.m., at the new Sheraton Hotel on the corner of I-85 and Billy Graham Parkway in Charlotte.

According to Dr. William Lee Jr., MGB secretary, "Congressman Fauntroy will bring a timely message regarding the fact that churches and blacks need to get deeply involved in election procedures this year. His message will highlight some of the more serious problems facing blacks today."

Congressman Fauntroy is president of the National Black Leadership Round Table, an organization which enlists the leaders of over 150 national black organizations. A member of the House of Representatives since 1971, he is chairman of the Fiscal Affairs and Health Subcommittee of the Committee of the District of Columbia.

Additionally, he is chairman of the board of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and vice president for Government Affairs of



**Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy
.....To address MGB banquet**

the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change. Fauntroy served as chairman of Issues and Political Strategy Committee for the 1984 Jesse L. Jackson presidential campaign.

Fauntroy's educational creden-

tials include being a 1955 Cum Laude graduate of Virginia Union University. In 1958, he earned a bachelor of divinity degree from Yale University. Both Virginia Union and Yale have awarded Fauntroy honorary doctor of divinity degrees and Georgetown University awarded him a Juris Doctorate.

Fauntroy is the pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church of Washington, D.C.

During the MGB banquet the association will honor officers who've served the organization for a number of years. And, all officers of the MGB who have served for the last four years will be replaced by new officers to be elected at the 65th Annual Session in October.

Those stepping down from office this year include: Dr. J. B. Humphrey, moderator (served 15 years); Drucilla Grier, president of the Woman's Auxiliary; Fencie Norman, supervisor of the Youth Department; Daryl Patterson, president of the Young Adult Department; Cedric Jones, president of the Sunday School Congress; Lawrence Brooks, presi-

dent of the Usher's Department; Charles Vinson, president of the Layman's League; Mary Humphrey, president of Ministers' Wives; and Dr. A. B. Sutton Sr. and Rev. J. W. Wallace, vice moderators of the association.

The general public is welcome to attend the MGB Recognition Banquet. Ticket reservations deadline is Tuesday, September 30. The price is \$17.50 each or reservations can be made for tables of 10. For more information, call executive secretary-treasurer Rev. William Lee Jr., telephone 596-3821.

Regional Meeting

The Coalition of Minority Citizens For Broyhill will conduct its Regional meeting for Region II on September 13 at 4701 Hedgemore Drive from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Special guest speaker will be Mrs. Thea Monroe from the Senator's campaign staff, and the Senator's elder son, Ed Broyhill.

For more information, contact Wanda Lewis, Broyhill Campaign, 4701 Hedgemore Dr., Charlotte, N.C. (Suite 101).

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