



Photo By Calvin Ferguson
 Kelly Alexander Jr., State President of the NAACP; William A. Clement, who resigned after serving seven years as Most Worshipful Grand Master of North Carolina and Dr. Benjamin Hooks. Hooks presented the Prince Hall Masons with a plaque depicting the National Headquarters of the NAACP located in Baltimore, Md. At the recent Fraternal Fellowship Banquet of the Prince Hall Masons of North Carolina, the organization donated \$10,000 to the NAACP. Accepting the donation was Benjamin Hooks, Executive Director of the NAACP and also guest speaker for the banquet. Pictured (l-r) are William C. Parker, newly elected Grand Master of North Carolina;

Jackson Asks To Serve

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 president for the release of an American serviceman, to the peace mission in Cuba where he persuaded Fidel Castro into releasing 49 captives. It also touched on his talks with Mikhail Gorbachev and his African Nation Tour.
 After a simple introduction from a young child, Jackson mounted the stage to thunderous applause. Jackson, wearing a navy suit, light blue shirt and red-striped tie, began his speech: "You are here to give witness to your desire for a new direction for America--an America of jobs, peace and justice. This is the 200th year of the United States Constitution. We've had to change the formula...and give new legal interpretations. Still unfinished business remains--to make this a more perfect union."
 The title of Jackson speech was "A Chance To Serve." In conclusion, he related, "I want to offer the highest and best service in our highest and most sensitive job. The job that has the most capacity to

bring justice in our land, mitigate misery in the world, and bring peace on earth--The office of President. Today I offer my service to our country."
 But even as Jackson's popularity grows among American people, it appears his supporters have armed themselves for what they anticipate will be a hostile reaction from some factions, particularly the white press. Preparing the supporters, Hatchett commented, "The winds of controversy will swirl around the head of our candidate and people will try to tell you who Jesse Jackson is. But we don't need anyone else to tell us who Jesse Jackson is. As my grandmother use to tell me, 'It is the tallest tree that catches the most wind.'"
 And Jackson underscored that point, admitting, "My candidacy is a call to service. I have spent the last 25 years, not as a perfect servant, but as a public servant."
 "Win, Jesse win!" shouted the crowd.

Civic League Hosts Forum

Political candidates for the Charlotte mayoral, city council, and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school board races will participate in a political forum on Tuesday, October 20.
 The Charlotte Civic League, as part of its community involvement program, will host this event. According to League officials, this opportunity for the community to learn more about the candidates and the issues before the November 3rd election.
 Al Wheeler of Black Media Association will be the moderator.
 The forum will be held Tuesday, October 20, 7 p.m. at the Belmont Regional Center, 700 Parkwood Ave. This program is free and all citizens are invited to attend.

Meet The Mayor

The Gantt Special Projects Committee is sponsoring an event inviting all to meet Mayor Gantt who is running for reelection this fall.
 Meet the Mayor at an Evening Of Jazz will be held Sunday, October 18, 7-9 p.m. at the King and Queen Lounge, Brevard and 4th St.
 Featured musicians will be the Counterpoints.

Davis's Runoff Bid Comes Up Short

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 advantage in some key precincts to take 59 percent of the votes cast.
 Davis, who has now lost twice in runoffs in the past four years said his organization did a good job of getting out the vote for the second primary, but some anticipated support didn't come through, especially from the Hidden Valley area.
 Just 439 voters there cast ballots, which Davis said is below the 1500 who usually turn out.
 "Hidden Valley was the key to my getting elected, just like Elizabeth was the key to his getting elected," Davis said. "They did a good job of turning out, but had Hidden Valley voted in their normal numbers, I would've been a clear winner."
 Davis, 59, chairman of the Black Political Caucus and principal at Spaugh Middle School, said the entire runoff system should be scrapped.
 A candidate must get 50 percent of the primary vote to avoid a runoff. If not, the second-place finisher can ask for a runoff.
 Davis's loss Tuesday was his second runoff defeat. He was in a runoff for an at-large seat on council in 1983, only to come up short.
 "We've got to get rid of that

darn thing," Davis said. "The second primary is inherently unfair and it should be done away with."
 As is the case in Charlotte politics, the voting went along racial lines. Clodfelter did best in predominately white precincts while Davis fared better in predominately black precincts. Voter turnout was better in the white precincts, with about 17 percent going to the polls, compared to about 10 percent in black precincts.
 Even in defeat, Davis kept his options open as to another run for office. When asked if he was through with politics, he replied: "Not at all. Just like McArthur said, 'I shall return.'"

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 ny. It was innovative because it outlined the need for corporate leaders to seek black's continual input in company policies.
 That, in effect, is what Southern Bell has agreed to do. Specifics on how these innovations will take place will be discussed with black Southern Bell employees October 15, during a second meeting at McDonald's Cafeteria.
 "It's a start," Evans says of the proposed plans. "I see some things that will take place immediately and others gradually."
 Other outcomes, predicts Evans, may be that other corporations will use some of the programs put in effect by Southern Bell to improve race relations.
 Finally, the controversy did point out the need for the formation of Concerned Black Employees of Southern Bell. Evans describes the group as "a business-oriented, network group with the purpose of helping us to speak as one voice."

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