



**FIRST CLASS**—Ligon High School's first graduating class is pictured here for the 35th Anniversary Reunion. Along with the class, two of their former English instructors were honored guests. Pictured are: (kneeling) George Cameron, treasurer; Roman Walton, Ann Freeman Mickens, Dorothy Williams Ward, and Jesse Pope; Row 1, Docenia Hammond, president; Lillian Goode Alston, secretary; Miss

Maye Ligon, Mrs. Gertrude Harris, in wheelchair; Laura Monroe Fuller, social co-chair; Joyce McNeil Shaw, Ann Hunt Smith, Beulah Holden Shaw and Rosa Jones Baldwin. Row 2, John T. Atkins, Shirley Alston Petteway, Ruby C. Little Glenn, social cochair; Hatie Mitchell Johnson, Muriel Lucas Dunn, Geraldine Camp Tinsley, Leonard Wilson and Harry E. Payne, vice president. Back Row: Earl Thorpe and Sheriff John H. Baker, Jr.

## Ligon's 35th Anniversary Reunion Honors Educators For Dedication

On Saturday, July 1, the Marriot Courtyard was the setting for the 35th anniversary reunion for the Ligon High School 1954 graduating class.

Two of the English instructors for the class were honored guests. They were Ms. Gertrude Harris and Ms. Maye Ligon, daughter of J.W. Ligon, a principal, for whom the high school

was named. Each gave words of thanks for being so honored.

Ms. Lillian Goode Alston, secretary of the class reunion, escorted the honorees to and from the Courtyard and also presented each of them to the members assembled. Thirty-five years have not dented their poise, graciousness, beauty and words of gratitude.

Class members came from far and near to renew old friendships, reminisce, and inform of accomplishments and families from Waterbury, Conn.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Washington, D.C.; New York and the Raleigh area.

The next class reunion is scheduled for July 1991. Many thanks to all who participated.

## Griswold Family Celebrates 11th Reunion With Love, Unity Theme

The festivities for the 11th family reunion of the Griswold family began on Friday, June 30, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jeffers, Dudley, with a spaghetti supper, games and music.

Members and friends of the family came from Alabama, Georgia, Florida, New York, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. to join relatives.

On Saturday, July 1, the younger set met at Berkeley Park, Goldsboro, at 10 a.m. to participate in softball, volleyball, horseshoes and kickball. These activities were directed by Emma Griswold, Jean Wallace and Sandra Thompson.

Althea Brunswick coordinated a mini-flea market of small items to be sold to assist the treasury for stamps and other expenses.

The "Family Affair" began at noon with Lorenzo Griswold, chairman of the 1989 reunion, presiding. The theme of the reunion was "Love and Unity."

The program consisted of prayer by Verna Griswold, responsive reading by Lucille Griswold Paige, greetings by Gloria Jeffers, a song,

"Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," the occasion by Cleopatra G. Collins, a memorial by Charlie and Verna Griswold, family history by Gloria G. Jeffers and family business by Lorenzo Griswold.

Rev. Frederick Brunswick gave the blessing and the feast followed. Austin Griswold, Althea Brunswick, Fannie Kirksey and others gave family reflections. A solo was rendered by Shirley Brunswick and Rev. Frederick Brunswick introduced the speaker, Rev. David Brunswick. Music was provided by the Swinsons, including "Stand By Me," and Cathy Griswold gave a reading.

Fun time included presentations and awards by the Jacksonville group, Elaine, Cathy, Austin, Lorenzo. Everyone was given a number when they arrived. Numbers were drawn at random and about 40 lucky persons received useful gifts. Thirty-two silver dollars were given to persons in the following categories: youngest child, youngest parents, oldest person, members 65 and older, college graduates, high-school graduates and honor roll students. A

special gift was presented to Robert and Gloria Jeffers for their hard work for the family reunion and a plaque was presented to Lucille G. Paige. The members were dismissed by Rev. Brunswick at 5 p.m.

On Sunday, July 2, family members worshipped together at St. Matthew Presbyterian Church in Dudley. Rev. David Brunswick was the speaker. He was introduced by his father, Rev. Frederick Brunswick. His message was on "Prayer, Patience and Power."

After the service, some of the members visited sick members, Thomas Smith and Bessie Griswold. About 18 family members had dinner at the home of Robert and Gloria Jeffers.

## Black Authors To Meet For Autograph Party

CHARLOTTE—The Afro-American Cultural Center will host an autographing reception Sunday, July 9, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at 401 N. Myers St.

The honorees will be newly published titles of two black writers in Charlotte.

Connie Williams, author of "Emily's Blues," is a high school teacher in the Union County School System. She is a poetry and prose writer and holds a degree from the University of California, Northridge. In 1989, she received her master's degree in education from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where she lives. "Emily's Blues" is a book of satire, a tender and tragic love story.

Ruben Lemuel Hines, author of "Reaching Out," according to Prof. Hastle Hailey, is doing just that and more. He is touching. Dr. Rosalyn Jacobs Jones says, "Ruben L. Hines is a gifted writer of extraordinary sensitivity and eloquence, in his 'down-home' style."

Curtis Moses Chisholm, author of "Roses and Raindrops," has published three books. Unlike the previous books, which sought to relate a thought, "Roses and Raindrops" seeks only to only share feelings. "At

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## N.C. Small Business Owners Say Place Lid On Campaign Spending

Nearly four out of every five small-business owners in the state think campaign spending in congressional races should be limited, according to survey results announced recently by the National Federation of Independent Business/North Carolina.

Of the 2,331 North Carolina small-business owners responding to the survey, 79 percent favored legislation that would place a lid on federal campaign spending. Only 16 percent opposed spending caps, while six percent were undecided.

The majority favoring spending limits was slightly below the national average. Of the 96,568 respondents throughout the nation, 83 percent wanted campaign spending reined in.

Susan Valauri, state director of NFIB/North Carolina, said the survey results show widespread con-

cern among small-business owners about the vast sums of money being spent on political races. Since 1976, spending on Senate races, for example, has risen from \$38 million per election cycle to \$179 million.

Though North Carolina had no Senate elections last year, it was the site of three of the 20 most expensive congressional contests in the nation.

The Fourth District race between U.S. Rep. David Price and Tom Petzer cost \$1.7 million. Spending in the Fifth District Neal-Gray battle topped \$1.4 million, while the Sixth District Coble-Gilmore race carried a \$1.3 million pricetag.

"Congressional candidates are starting to view million-dollar races as the norm, but most small-business people are appalled to see that kind of money thrown around in a district,"

Valauri said. "Eighty-two percent of our members don't even gross that much in a year."

"Small-business owners are concerned that the high cost of campaigns forces candidates into nonstop fundraising. Money, rather than issues, becomes the focus of the race."

"Most of our members feel a spending limit would place challengers and incumbents on a more equal footing and free candidates from fundraising. It would allow them to spend less time talking with PAC managers and more time talking with voters about the issues," Valauri said.

With more than 15,100 members, NFIB/North Carolina is the largest small-business advocacy group in the state. Nationally, NFIB has more than 570,000 members and offices in all 50 states.



**DELICADOS HOST CONCLAVE**—The Raleigh Chapter of Delicados Inc., recently hosted the national conclave at the North Raleigh Hilton. Participants include from left to right: Fidi Estes, Theodosia Vines, Margaret Lindsey, Sarah Atkins, Claudia Graham, Ruby Boyd, Frances Whitaker,

Barbara Earp, Clifornia Wimberley, (honorary member) Gwendolyn Banks, Louise Johnson, Lillar Barnes, Priscilla Cunningham, Elizabeth Chance, and Enid Patterson. Not pictured: Queen Walker, Dorothy Housen and Cardella Mathes.

## Delicados Host National Event At Meadowbrook

The Raleigh Chapter of Delicados, Inc. hosted the national conclave at the North Raleigh Hilton. The theme for the conclave was "Fantasia," which began on Friday evening with "Fantasy Time" and music by Pee Wee Moore and the Pied Pipers of Harmony.

Saturday's events began with a Continental breakfast for the Delicados and the Del-Gents boarded buses for their all-day stag, which was held at Meadowbrook Country Club.

The business meeting began at 9 a.m. with the national president, Barbara Bess, in charge. At the close of the business session, all Delicados enjoyed a Buffet Caprice, and the Whims, which were accessories, nails, scarves and jewelry.

Le Bal Masque was held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with dining and dancing to the music by the Monitors.

On Sunday morning, all Delicados and Del-Gents enjoyed the Farewell to Fantasy Brunch. During the brunch, national president Barbara Bess presented the following: the Delicados Scholarship Award to DeAngelis Harris; National Project Award to Del-Gent Ray Chance, which was a donation to the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation; and a donation was given to the United Negro College Fund.

The Del Teen Award was presented to LaMark Chance by the local president, Sarah Atkins.

Clifornia Wimberley, honorary member of the Raleigh Chapter, installed the national officers for 1989-90. The chapter's own Sarah Atkins is the newly elected national president. The conclave chairpersons were Queen Walker, Dorothy Housen, Ruby Boyd and Enid Patterson.

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# Social

BY ALLIEM FEEBLES **SCENE**

This week, Americans have celebrated the Fourth of July in various ways. There have been festivals, fireworks, fun and some frivolity in celebrating the 213th year of freedom from the Mother Country. The word "freedom" is elusive since it means different things to different people.

As African-Americans celebrated, surely the occasion had a specific and different focus. "Freedom is not Free" is the slogan of those of us who are NAACPers. "We Have Come a Long Way But Still Have a Long Way to Go." In fact, we have regressed, and unless there is some serious strategizing, we are in for more setbacks and disappointments. First, in order to map out a strategy for our well-being, we have to work together as a unit with mutual respect and confidence.

Approximately 20 or more members of the NAACP branches of the Raleigh-Wake County area will be traveling by plane, cars, or train to Detroit on Friday and Saturday, July 7-8, to attend the national convention of the NAACP. Many of the speakers' names have been released. Dr. Louis Sullivan, secretary of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C., is among them. Other notables in attendance will be Eleanor Holmes Norton, Mary H. Futrell, president of the NEA; and Oprah Winfrey of Chicago.

In fact, one of the visiting delegates from Raleigh informed me that she and her husband would be at the same hotel that Oprah would be staying in. Eta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity closed out the year with a picnic at Meadowbrook Country Club on Saturday, June 17, from 2-6 p.m. Sigmas and their guests played games and enjoyed a delightful talent show. There were approximately 40 persons present.

In their final meeting, held in May, plans were made for attendance at Phi Beta Sigma's 75th conclave which is scheduled for the Hilton Towers in Washington, D.C. Aug. 8-13. Dr. Dudley Flood, president, will be attending, and others known to be attending will be Dr. Charles Alston, Dr. James Clarke, Dr. Wiley Davis, Dr. Clinton Downing, Dr. Marion Phillips, W.L. Rose, and J.E. Wilson.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded in 1914 on the campus of Howard University.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Hines, Jr. on the birth of their baby girl, born in June. The parents reside on Suffolk Boulevard in Raleigh, and the happy grandparents reside on Hadley Road.

J.W. Ligon graduates of the class of 1964 and 1969 really held a celebration last weekend at the North Raleigh Hilton. For the class of 1964, I heard the George Gartrell put it all together. He had one hardworking committee, according to my informer.

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Perry, Jr., known to us as Buster and Elsie, spent a few days in Atlantic City. They were back in Raleigh for the Fourth, however.

I believe that Gertrude Pope has left the city again. This time, she is heading for Pittsburgh, but she will not be there long. Her next stop will be the "Motor City." Angela Grimes will also end up in Detroit. She took a break from the lab in NCSU's Vet School and made a trek to Chicago first. Well, I guess that I will look for them when the convention is shown next week on television.

Gertrude Pope and Lizzie Ritter have recently returned from a bus trip to

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## On The Hill

By Christine A. Higgins, N.C.

### PASSING THE TORCH

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The relatives of the three civil rights workers brutally slain 25 years ago in Philadelphia, Miss., came to Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the killing. They came to lobby Congress to pass a same-day voters (and lifetime) registration bill, and to "pass the torch" to a new generation of civil rights fighters in ceremonies on the Capitol steps. This after urging President Bush at the White House to seek corrective legislation to offset recent damaging Supreme Court rulings that in most cases severely narrow civil rights laws, shifting the burden of proof from the accused to the plaintiff.

They failed to elicit an immediate response from the president, who is said to be awaiting a Justice Department study of the situation to determine whether the administration will support remedial legislation. Rita Schwerner-Bender, a lawyer and mother of slain Mickey Schwerner, left the White House meeting expressing disappointment, declaring, "I believe the president doesn't want to commit himself in the way we need a commitment to work that needs to be done to ensure the dignity of all citizens of the United States, and yes, I am disappointed." She said President Bush, "I think... believes that a group of volunteers will solve the problem. I don't."

Ms. Schwerner-Bender, Ben Chaney, brother of slain James Earl Chaney; and Ms. Carolyn Goodman, mother of slain Andrew Goodman, participated in commemorative ceremonies in Philadelphia, Miss., scene of the horrible crimes, on the anniversary date of that dreadful day. Gov. Ray Mabus attended and so

old veteran civil rights leader Aaron Henry, president of the Mississippi State Conference of NAACP Branches and other civil rights activists who were involved in the fight with him for justice in Mississippi in the '60s. The ceremony was at first Union Baptist Church, the rallying point for blacks during the bitter civil rights struggle, according to Obie Clark, of Meridian, one of the organizers of the June 20 event. A "Freedom Caravan" of buses then began its pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. and later continued on to New York.

A delegation from the Philadelphia, Pa. Jewish Community Council traveled in the caravan. In Washington, the American-Israel Committee to Commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr., assisted with the Capitol Hill ceremony. Lawrence Guyot, a civil rights stalwart in the Mississippi '60s, his broad face closed like a huge clinched fist, declared, "We are passing the torch to the younger generation." Ben Chaney brought his sisters, Julia and Barbara Chaney. The young people wore white tee-shirts urging support of voters' rights legislation. Lewis Carter, Gregg Moore and Ron Daniels were among the organizers.

That younger generation included the Children of Selma, Julianne Marley, Katrina Norris, Robert Sampson and Pam Martinez, a rainbow coalition of black, brown, red and white. They said, "We are the 'We' generation, but we must let people know we are not selfish."

Jesse Jackson, Jr., pinch-hitting for his dad, who is also a stem-winding speechmaker, told the sweltering audience, "We stand on the shoulders of those who have given their very lives for the cause of social

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## Black Writers Face Publishing Problem

CHARLOTTE (AP)—Black writers, because they represent a distinct part of American culture, face distinct problems in getting their work published, said C. Eric Lincoln, a Duke University professor of religion, at the 19th International Black Writers Conference in Charlotte last Sunday.

"There's not a single black commercial publisher. What this means is that 35 million to 37 million black people in this country are severely limited in accessibility," Lincoln said.

Lincoln, the author of 18 nonfiction works, was honored at the conference for his first fiction book, "The Avenue—Clayton City."

"Who knows, but if there were more of an access, we might see a real flowering of black literature," he said.

Three thousand writers attended the three-day conference, which ended last Sunday. "Tribute to Literacy" was the theme of the conference, the Greensboro News and Record reported.

Frankie Johnson, the Charlotte chapter president, says the conference is held to help aspiring writers come to light and share their heritage so it can't be lost.

It also promotes self-publication for its members by helping them find typesetters and editors to speed up the publishing process.

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