

Aug. 5, 1984

# Noted George Clem Graduate To Speak

Rosemary Gaines Sanders, a Selma, Ala., attorney, will be the featured speaker Saturday at the George Clem School Reunion set for 3 p.m.

The reunion is part of the Homecoming '86 celebration being conducted by the Clem community this weekend. The celebration is an expansion upon the annual Aug. 8 community celebration. Aug. 8 is recognized as the day American slaves first learned they had been given freedom.

Mrs. Sanders graduated from the George Clem School in 1962. She graduated from Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N.C., Summa Cum Laude with a double major in political science and economics. She received her law degree in 1969 from Harvard University.

As the recipient of the Ford Foundation Fellowship in 1970, Mrs. Sanders conducted a study based at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, Africa.

Mrs. Sanders, a partner in the law firm of Chestnut, Sanders, Sanders and Turner, was the first black female judge in Alabama. She serv-

ed as municipal judge of Uniontown, Ala., in the early 1970s. For her achievements in law, she has been honored as one of the country's outstanding black women by the National Coalition of 100 Black Women.

She has worked as a cooperating attorney with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, served as vice president of the Board of the Alabama Legal Services Corporation, and as president of the Alabama Lawyers Association.

Among her many community activities, Mrs. Sanders has served as co-founder, president and acting executive director of Mothers of Many (MOM), an affiliate of the Coalition of 100 Black Women. MOM is an organization devoted to improving the quality of life for children.

Mrs. Sanders also co-founded the Black Belt Human Resource and Development Center, the Alabama Black Lawyers Association, the "Black Belt Journal," and MOM's After School Experience.

She is known for her writing and directing of dramatic and musical productions. Those include "Big Bad Wolf," performed at the New



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Orleans World's Fair, and "Babycakes," a play which sings the woes of having children.

The wife of Alabama State Senator Henry Sanders, Mrs. Sanders is the mother of three children and the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. D.A. Gaines of Birmingham. She is an active member of McCalla AME Zion Church, pastored by her father.

The program featuring Mrs. Sanders will be preceded by a wreath-laying services at the Wesley Cemetery gravesite of the late George Clem at 1:30.