



Clem Honored With Festival

Ato DeGraft-Johnson, left, and Ruth Clem Taylor place a wreath on the grave of George Clem, Mrs. Taylor's brother. Clem was honored with a festival Saturday at the George Clem School. The

festival was held to raise money to help students pursue higher education. (Sun photo by Amy Truxton)

Festival Honors Clem's Memory

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Festivities and memorial ceremonies marked the first George Clem Festival, held Saturday to honor the late educator at the school named for him.

The purpose of the festival, which will be held annually, was to spearhead the effort to raise money to assist community children in pur-

suing higher education, said Jo Bradley, one of the festival's organizers.

"This is the beginning, we hope, of something that will be in the everlasting memory of George Clem," Ms. Bradley said.

Several organizations, such as the local chapter of the NAACP and the Negro Women's Civic Club, were represented by booths where food and crafts were featured.

The Negro Women's Civic Club offered crafts for sale, and 40 percent of its profits were to go to the George Clem Memorial Scholarship Fund, according to the club's president-elect, Pearl Manuel.

The afternoon was highlighted by

a brief devotional at the gravesite of Clem, where Clem's sister, Ruth Clem Taylor, placed a wreath on her brother's grave.

The Rev. Rollins Hamilton and the Rev. J.B. Kelly led the devotional.

Moved to tears by the ceremony, Mrs. Taylor said, "I appreciate what you're trying to do. It really strikes me very deeply."

Ms. Bradley said interested people may join the George Clem Memorial Foundation with a membership fee of \$1 to go to the scholarship fund.

The day's activities were capped by performances of gospel choirs.

The event was sponsored by the George Clem Alumni Association.