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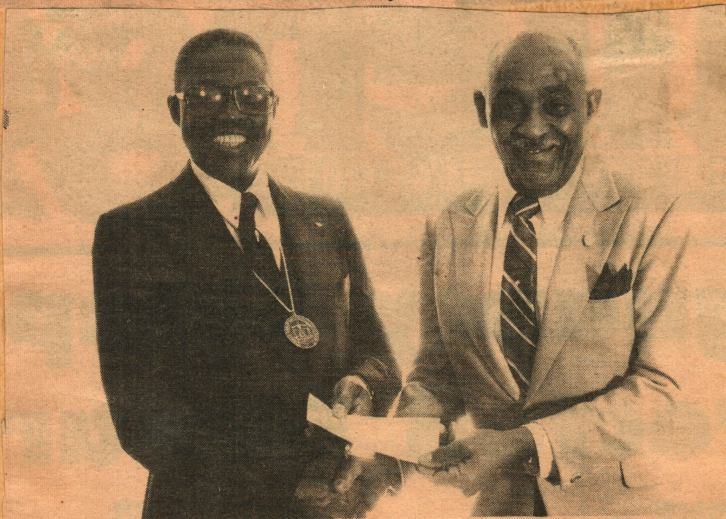
## **Bethel Places 1st In NAACP Membership Drive**

Bethel A.M.E. Church, who will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary, with a Banquet at the Statler Hotel, on Sat., June 6th, has won the NAACP Membership Drive among participating Churches.

The church, pastored by the Rev. Eugene Earl Cornelius McAshan, won first place in two categories: bringing in the most members out of its membership, and for the greatest amount of money out of \$5.00 - \$500.00 membership range.

Accepting the awards for Bethel were Co-chairpersons, Garnet Hicks Wallace and Raymond Walton, who will receive his life membership at the Annual Dinner on June 14th, at the Statler.

Pictured from right, at the closing of the Membership Rally, at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, April 22nd are: Rev. and Mrs. Eugene McAshan; J. Carl Bland, Co-chairman of Life Memberships, of the Buffalo Branch; Mrs. Garnet Hicks Wallace and Raymond Walton.



Pictured above is J. Carl Bland, left, co-chairman of the NAACP Life Membership as he receives a check from the Rev. Thomas A. Moore, assistant pastor of Bethel AME Church. A plaque will be presented to Rev. Moore at the NAACP Annual Dinner the second Sunday in June, as the local NAACP celebrates its 70th Anniversary.