R.S.V.P.

By Marie Phillips-Cooke
AFRO Women's Editor

"It was a beautiful family experience that we shared with friends, and praised God for His many blessings . . ."

Mrs. James Griffin (Cardrienne), was telling us about the significance of the gathering at their Winterbourne Rd. home on Sunday. She and Jim, (he's the former School Board member), were observing their 30th wedding anniversary.

Plus, Jim was retiring after 20 years service as supervisor with the State Department (Vocational Rehabilitation), to devote full time to his physical therapy practice.

And, there were special occasions for the children too. Cheryl, a June grad at Western High, has been accepted at her mother's Alma Mater, Va. State; Debra, a junior at Western, turned 16; Jewel finished the sixth grade at Edgewood Elementary; and Malcom completed primary grades at Edgewood, moves to grade 4 in September.

So, the family invited friends to join them for 8 a.m., service at Bethel, where the Rev. John Bryant offered special prayers, and Jim and Cardrienne and flowers on the altar for their mothers, Mrs. Louise Fountain Perrin and Mrs. Rosa R. Griffin.

Dr. Emerson R. Walden, the physician and family friend, sang a special number for the honorees.

Immediately following the service, there was lunch at the Griffins' for family, godparents and friends. Cardrienne's dad, Dr. H. Cardrew Perrin, retired Morgan U. chemistry prof, was there. So was her sister, Dr. Julia P. Davidson, of Greenbelt, Md., with her son, Kevin. Jim's sister, Katherine Blake, was present.

Other about: the Milton Cradles of Columbia; Cheryl and Eric Brown, the Jerome Dorseys, Alphonso Searboroughs, John Wilsons, Gordon Willises, Joy and Jill Carter, Michael McCoy, Peggy McCoy, and Dr. and Mrs. Roland Patterson and daughter, Doris.

It was while attending the reunion that Dr. Patterson, (one time Baltimore school superintendent, now a NYC school superintendent) received word of the death of his brother, George, the retired D.C. postal employee.

OFF TO GREECE

Also present at the Griffin reunion were Mary and Charles Robinson. Mary's friends surprised her at her Dennlyn Rd. home last Saturday — walking in laden with gifts — money tree — travel log — to wish her a happy trip.

On Wednesday, she jetted to Athens, Greece, where she will be presenting a paper at the International Symposium on the Child of Tomorrow, sponsored by the U.S., which has invited 500 experts from all over the world.

Mrs. Robinson qualifies because she is deputy chief of Clinical Infant Research Development at the National Institute of Mental Health, (HEW).

In addition, her program has been doing a cross-cultural study with Greece, which has shared the universal infant curriculum she developed.

THE CONFERENCE

The studies contend there is need to focus on preventive intervention when mothers are in the first two months of pregnancy, to identify those who are psychologically high risk, (alcoholics-drug addicts, manic depressives etc.), whose activities may affect the child's development from the first day of life.

Mrs. Robinson will tell the conference that it has been found that children who have serious problems after infancy could have been turned around if there had been detection earlier.

For example, she contends, experts around the world agree there is value in preventive work with mothers and babies. At 3, infants are pretty well settled in their behavior and pattern, and so these experts and Mrs. Robinson see the need for countries to pump more money into infant programs and not wait until children are ready for Head Start programs.

While in Greece, Mrs. Robinson will visit orphanages, child development centers, including the famed Meterie in Sweden, and consult with social service experts in outlying areas. "I expect to return with interesting viewpoints about the latest research in world-wide infant development," she said.

Bidding her goodbye were: Isolene Crowner, Gordine Blount, Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, Lorraine King, Mary Murray, Naomi Baker, Elizabeth Demby, Joy Carter, Credella White, Willa Bouldin, Joyce Taylor, Burnetta Fuller, Sara Giles, Irma DeBeal, Yvette May, Loretta Bryant, Dorothy Boone Johnson, Gloria Gary, Rosa Wallace, Belle Campbell, Berniece Haynes and Lillian Thaniel.

TRAVEL NOTES

More travel notes: Eighty-seven-year-old Mrs. Ambrosia L. Bryson of Dayton, Ohio, has been in Baltimore this past week visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. W.O. Bryson Jr. who are in their new home on Heather Hill Rd. It was the first plane trip the senior Mrs. Bryson made alone, and she reports she just loved it.

Tucson, Arizona residents in Baltimore this week visiting Elizabeth Stewart of Lafayette Avenue, are Mauvolene and Edward R. Thomas. They are en route to the Links convention in Chicago.

Mrs. Thomas, niece of Mrs. Stewart's late husband, (Wilbur), is parent involvement coordinator in the Tucson schools. Mr. Thomas is athletic equipment supervisor at the U. of Arizona.

Attention Deltas, Mrs. Thomas is one of you. Note to Prince Hall Masons, Mr. Thomas is of the 33 degree and a grand master.

CHI CONCLAVE

Baltimoreans were much in the limelight at the 65th national conclave of Chi Delta Mu Fraternity this past week at the Bedford Springs Hotel in Bedford, Pa.

This is the group of physicians, dentists and pharmacists, which combines its business and recreation sessions with a series of workshops, and invites family and family friends to participate in most of the activities. This year's conclave was hosted by Pittsburgh's Pi Chapter, headed by William B. Miller, the physician.

Baltimoreans belong to Iota chapter, which hosted last year's confab. National president is our town's Dr. Robert Phillips, who was reelected.

Another of our townsmen, Dr. Edward McDaniels, the dentists, was returned as general conclave chairman, and a member of the executive committee, as was his fellow Baltimore dentist, Dr. Eugene Byrd Sr. Dr. Lonnie Greene was reelected grand secretary.

WIVES SHINE

And the wives of the Chi men, who call themselves the National Club of Chi Wives, return Baltimore's Seretha Greene to the presidency; and Joan Phillips as parliamentarian.

The ladies also had serious sessions. At their luncheon meeting on human relations, our town's Kay Carter, (she's president of Human Concepts In Human Relations), led the workshop. And still another Baltimorean, Berniece McDaniels, was presented the group's distinguished service citation.

Dynamite speaker for the closing formal banquet on Saturday evening was 42-year-old Ronald Ross Davenport, law grad from Temple and Yale. He is now dean of the Duquesne Law School, and a corporate executive in radio and affiliated enterprises.

WHO WAS THERE

Other Baltimore medics and families at conclave the Ernest Brown, Luther Mathiases, Bobbie Draytons, Jerry Lucks, Walter Sherwingtons, Harold Ramseys, Bernard Christmases, Lionel Desbordeses, their sons, and her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Faithful; Mrs. Archie Robinson and children, the Josh Mitchells and children, Dr. Nelson Fain and Mrs. Eugene Byrd. Guests from Baltimore included the Otis Froes, Rudy Wheelers, Queener Willises, Roland Williamses, Paul Mosses, Ben Foremans, David Wrights, Charles Hillens and Eliza Lindsay and son, Kevin.

Not satisfied with walking away with top offices, Baltimoreans also copped prizes in the recreation contests: Liz Ramsey and Simon Carter, tennis; Ernest Brown and Tudy Luck, bridge; and Ben Foreman, golf.

NEWLY WEDS BACK

The newly Colden LeRoy Browns are back from Norfolk, Va., where they attended their high school 50th class reunion. We told of their marriage in this column last week.

She is the former Esther Reid Laforest, the retired Baltimore teacher. He's the retired N.Y. corrections officer. They're at home at Lynchester Rd.

NEWLYWEDS — Mr. and Mrs. Colden LeRoy Brown, who were married in Baltimore's Our Lady of Lourdes Church recently. She is the former Esther Reid LaForest, retired Baltimore teacher. He's the retired N.Y. corrections officer. Her children by a former marriage, Albert Laforest Jr., and Stephanie Brown; and his children by a first marriage, Agieb Bilal, St. Paul, Minn., and Antoinette Brown, stood with them.

HONOR BONORS — Larry C. Lumpkin, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lumpkin, an honor grad of Edmondson High, has won tuition scholarship to Howard U.

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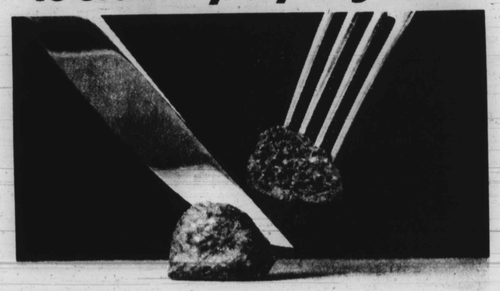

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Partyline

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Retirement affair

Mrs. Connie Brent, speech teacher who shared her classes with Harriet Tubman School No. 138 and Fannie Coppin School No. 132, is a living example that 31 years pass quickly and that you don't have to walk with a cane when you retire

She was honoree at several retirement activities, the most recent one a complete surprise. In their customary manner, the staff of School No. 138 asked her to join them in a luncheon the last day of the school year. They pooled cars and headed for the delightful atmosphere of Catonsville's Candlelight Inn.

Since there had been a retirement affair for her the previous Monday hosted by the first level teachers and their assistants, Connie was completely off guard when Councilman Michael Mitchell appeared and presented her with two citations. One, City Council President Walter Orlinski's President's Citation of Merit, and the Mayor's Certificate of Award and Merit for service to the schools and the city.

It was a serious and fun-filled afternoon, with an acrostic using her name, cards, gifts, songs, poems, jokes and a check from the Good Cheer Committee members. Mrs. Madora Henson was mistress of ceremonies, Mrs. Mary Newsome introduced Councilman Mitchell, Dr. Clyde Leadum, staff member, offered a blessing, and Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, senior teacher, gave closing remarks.

WO-BE-Co

WO - BE - CO sisters and their spouses closed out another successful year by celebrating at a poolside party on the beautiful patio of Jose and Gwen Howard on Saturday afternoon.

About were Regina and Joe Bernard; Eugenia and Bill Britt, Bettye and Franklin Fitzgerald, Marie and Earlie Francis, Ellen and Pablo Gonzales, Cardrienne and Jim Griffin, Mary and Charles Robinson, Marion and Alphonso Scarborough, Essie and Wendell Sutton and Shirley and Orville Swafford.

Also present were Mesdames Joan Case, Sylvia Grace, Carolyn Holmes, Vera Dorsey, Barbara Padgett, Clara Bailey and Sara Giles.

Presently those every - busy WO - BE - CO members are involved with voter registration, ringing door bells in the inner city and registering people to vote.

Plans are also underway for their annual card party and luncheon. This year's affair will be held on July 15 in the McKeldin Center on the campus of Morgan State University. Committee members are Eugenia Britt, Cardrienne Griffin, Bettye Fitzgerald and Barbara Padgett. For tickets call 944 - 8319.

Graduations

And graduations are still going on, and so are the celebrations. Charles W. Simmons graduated with a Ph.D. in Administration of High Education from the Union Graduate School. Simmons currently serves as co - director of the Homestead - Montibello Center of Antioch University, a position he has held since 1972. The Union Graduate School and Antioch University's main campus is in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Those persons gathering at the Auchentoroly Terrace home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. (Brenda) Simmons to help a double celebration — also his birthday — were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd (Vivian) Simmons, brother and sisters - in - law Eugene Simmons and Col. and Mrs. Jamal Mubdi - Bey; sisters and brothers - in - law Omawali Ali and Delroy Matthews, and a sister, Miss Bernadette Simmons, who was escorted by Frank Grog.

Mrs. Simmons' sisters from Charles Town, W. Va. Mrs. Faye Twyman, and Miss Wanda Hughes, also Mr. Jack Harris and Cornell Lindsay were about.

Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes, Dr. Howard L. Simmon, Associate Director, Commission on Higher Education, Middle States Association; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick I. Douglass, Al Rutledge, Benny Kearse, president, Left Bank Jazz Society, Vernon Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Elford Jackson, James Murray, William 'Bill' Dorsey, Warren Polston, Russell Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bevins, Mrs. Arlene Cole, Mrs. Elizabeth Berry, Mrs. Sharifah Hakim, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Bates, Mrs. Phyllis Richardson - Hawkins, Samuel G. Hurt, Linda and Jean Williams and Mrs. Louis Gross.

From the old neighborhood and longtime friends were members of the Nelson and Rawlings families: Mrs. Joyce Nelson Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Nelson, and the Harold Nelsons, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rawlings, the Gilbert Rawlings of Columbus, Ohio and Miss LaVerne Rawlings.

Representing Antioch University faculty and staff were Kendall Williams, Mrs. Almeda Sly, Miss Carolyn Echols, Miss Jacqueline Cherry, Mrs. Agnes Ott, Miss Patricia Silverthorne, Joseph Lima, Mr. and Mrs. Hakim Chaka Zula, Arnette Johnson and Miss Carlette Galloway.

Did we miss anybody?

And more graduates

Hey look! They are even graduating from the kindergarten with all the rituals and fanfare.

Five and a half year old Lori Patrice Ford was graduated from the Park Hill Nursery School kindergarten in the Greenspring Avenue at 10 a.m. graduation exercise. At 2 p.m., a graduation party was given in her honor at her parents' home — Mr. and Mrs. James "Skip" Ford (Delores) — in Randallstown.

Children in attendance were Anesia and Nikai Brown, Erica Castro, Muffie English, Rhonda and brother, Stacey Boozer, Jay Achford, Dawn Roberts, Nigle Castro and Monique Ford, Lou's cousin from Plainsville, N.J.

Adults present, watching the little ones play yard games and rehashing the graduation exercises, where Lori played the main character in the grand production of The Little Red Hen, were the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Martin, aunts; Mrs. Lucille Collins of Brooklyn, N.Y. and Frances Hennigan and an uncle, Anthony Martin.

Also about were Mrs. Marie Henderson, Mrs. Inez Cypress Parham, Mrs. Dale Brown, Ms. Lillian English, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Boozer (Sarah), Roman and Ernestine Castro and Richard Glascoe.

Lori will be attending the Primary School at the now coed McDonough School in September.

C. C. Williams Photo

MOM VISITS — Eighty-seven-year-old Mrs. Ambrosia L. Bryson, Dayton, Ohio, is visiting in Baltimore with her son, Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr., and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Bryson. Dr. Bryson is president of Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association. His wife is is a Morgan U. professor. It was her mother's first plane ride alone. For her reaction to the trip see RSVP by Marie.

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The class will include instruction and practical demonstration in canning, freezing, and drying techniques. Whether you have your own garden or plan to take advantage of seasonal low prices, this workshop can prove of value to you.

Fee for this workshop is $2. A maximum of 20 participants may enroll. Ms. Jackie Keller, Nutritionist from the University of Maryland Extension Service will be the instructor.

For further information and registration forms, please contact Mrs. Elizabeth L. Merryman, 396 - 5642 or 396 - 5649, or write to her at the Bureau of Recreation, 1129 N. Calvert Street, 21202. Pre-registration is required.

Woodlawn Highlights

By Marjorie Green

The recent mid-day luncheon honoring Wendell Sutton brought together at the Holiday Inn, Belmont, people from almost every Bureau of the Social Security Administration. The luncheon marked the end of Mr. Sutton's federal employment. In his praise of the work accomplished by Wendell as an alert supervisor of approximately 300 night shift student aides, Wayne Albrecht stated that it was "rare to find a person like Wendell in a large organization." He further stated that "because of his ability to perform at high levels without the benefit of a formal organization, his shoes will be hard to fill."

The assistant bureau director also paid a great compliment to Wendell when he spoke of his effective way of handling problems.

Several of "Suttons Silent and Swift Searchers" (student aides) were on hand to extend best wishes to their supervisor. It was a very tender moment when the honoree responded in his quite steady voice by giving a beautiful tribute to his wife of 28 years and thanking his friends and co-workers for helping him to achieve. He called it a "Labor of Love" and stated that he was always "happy to come to work and always happy to go back home."

In her remarks, Mrs. Sutton (Easie), a former SSA employee, thanked the guests for their presence and for the gift of two season tickets to the Morris Mechanic theatre.

The Suttons two sons, Ronald and Wendell also attended the retirement luncheon.

Helen G. Tucker, candidate for the first vice president of AFGE Local 1923, has done it again. On Saturday, June 10 when the Metropolitan Baltimore Council AFL-CIO and Teamsters Joint Council No. 62 held a fund-raising golf tournament in Baltimore County, Helen was the only woman competing with 135 men. Sources tell us that although she was the only woman to play in the 18 hole golf tournament, there were several men who did not score as well.

She was awarded a certificate and a digital watch for her participation in the event to raise funds for the Maryland Sheriff Boys Ranch and Johns Hopkins University Tutorial Project. Gilbert Jefferson, Harold Roof and John Gage also represented Local 1923.

Helen's husband John went along to assist as caddy.

AFGE Local 1923 will hold a re-run election on Wednesday, July 12, in the various SSA buildings. Best wishes are extended to Mrs. Helen Tucker in her bid for the first vice president position.

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