A few tips on buying back-to-school clothes

A few tips September is just around the corner, so it's time to get the kids ready for school.

An inevitable part of this task is planning the children's back - to - school wardrobes. To most parents, this means two things: time and money.

The average American family spend 7 percent - 10 percent of its annual income on clothing, and, somehow, most of that expense seems to fall in September. But if you plan early and chop carefully, it's possible to cut costs and save time.

The first steps to make an inventory of the clothing your children already have. Divide their wardrobes into five groups:

1. Clothing they are wearing now and can continue to wear.

2. Separate (pants, skirts and jumpers) that need new tops.

3. items that need to be repaired. (Whatever can be fixed doesn't have to be replaced. If you start on the pile now, you can take your time instead of doing week before school starts. Pay special attention to hems, seams and buttons.)

4. Clothing that can be recycled. (A dress that's too short can be shortened even more and turned into a tunic to wear with pants. You can add material to lengthen a sleeve or a trouser leg.)

5. Apparel that is worn out or definitely outgrown. (If there are no younger kids to save it for, you can give any outgrown clothing in good condition to a charitable organization for tax credit or sell it to a resale shop.)

Once you know what you have, make a list of what you'll need to fill in each child's wardrobe. Carry your list with you whenever you shop. Also, figure out how much you have to spend and where and when you are going to buy the items. You can save yourself money all year long if you look for the following:

—Fabrics and styles that are sturdy and easy to care for.

— Clothing that "grows" with your child.

—Clothing with good construction.

Here are a few shopping tips:

—Scout the stores early to get an idea of what you want, but buy as little as you can at the full price. Purchase the rest at sales. You probably won't have to wait until the end of the season, either. For example, many stores have coat sales in August and on Columbus Day. It may be last year's stock, but kids aren't part of the haute couture set anyway.

—Always take your list with you. That way, you won't be tempted to buy something you don't need just because it's on sale.

— At the end of the season, don't buy clothing to put away for next year; your kids may outgrow them before they have a chance to wear them.

— Carry a record of each child's measurements and a tape measure with you. Sizes don't always run ture. If you measure before you buy, you will save money on on - returnable items (even with returnable things, you will save on carfare and energy).

— Remember, something isn't necessarily a bargain just because it says it is. Check out each garment, read the labels and don't be afraid to ask questions.

All ready for school

Become educated worker

Are you planning to get a part - time job before and - or after school this year?

There's something you should know before you start your search for one. To protect your health, welfare and educational opportunities, the Department of Labor has established regulations limiting the type of kob you can hold and the hours you can work. Some of the rules, outlined according to age, are listed below.

If you are 14 or 15:

— You can hold office jobs, bag and deliver groceries, pump gas or wash dishes.

— Your job may not interfere with school. It must start after 7 a.m. and end no later than 7 p.m. (Between June 1 and Labor Day, you may work qntil 9 p.m.)

— You may work only 3 hours per school day, up to 18 hours a week. (On weekends and during vacations, you may work up to 8 hours each day, up to 40 hours per week.)

If you are 16 or 17:

— You may not work on hazardous jobs such as demolition, mining or roofing.

— Your working hours are not restricted.

Knowing allthe details can help you make the most of your employment. For a free copy of "The Young Worker," write to the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 546F, Pueblo, CO 81009.

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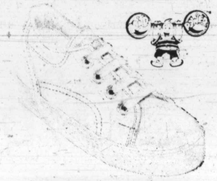

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Miss Sharon M. Scr,t (left), a recent graduate of Wilesley College, Wellesley, Mass., who plans to enter medirng the "Curley College SHORTIE" WHICH WAS CREATED BY AR Robinson.

Mrs. Gerckie (left), department head omathematics at Clifton Park School #90 sports the hair cuand style "The Glamou" (S.M.) was also created by IR Robinson.

Little Tammy Tavelle Artis (right), age 11, a student at The George G. Kelson School #57 is wearing the "Elementary Pony" which was created by Mrs. Emma J. (Hicks) Floyd, a stylist-operator at Blairs for 14 years.

Miss Anita M. Gaskins (right), 14, a Woodlawn Senior High School student, is wearing "The High School Swinger," another creation by Blair Robinson.

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PARTYLINE

By Michele L. McRae and Pattie Hodges

Summer celebrations continue to abound in Charm City. Recently, Dr. Reid Jackson, Director of the Olympic Career Development Center, hosted a surprise Saturday evening birthday luncheon for his wife, Lelia Logan Jackson.

The gala affair took place at the Heraldry Square Townhouse home of Mrs. Jackson's two nieces, Carla and Rita Clemons. Carla just received her BA degree in Nursing from Coppin State College and Rita is a 1978 graduate of Hood College where she majored in Special Education.

Mrs. Jackson, who was brought to the luncheon by her sister, Mrs. Ivy Harris, was truly surprised, to say the least. A delicious buffet and cocktails, along with a gorgeous birthday cake were thoroughly enjoyed by the birthday lady, her relatives and friends.

The honoree received many lovely gifts. Among those helping the honoree to celebrate were Annette Jackson, daughter whose own birthday had preceded her mother's by only two days. Annette is a graduate of Seton and Morgan University.

Also, Veronica Peaco, sister of the honoree, Bernadette, Ivy and Holly Anderson, nieces; Major William (Box) Harris, hubby of the honoree's sister, Ivy, Mr. Mrs. Bernard (Lillian) Smith of Catonsville and Mrs. Virginia Jones.

Another festive family gathering was the combination welcome-home and triple birthday party given at the Walbrook Avenue home of Mr. and Mrs. Leven (Izetta) Pratt on Saturday, August 5.

This affair was hosted by Robert and Izetta Bryan. The welcome home and birthday celebrants were Robert and Marlene Pratt (just back from Germany) and Andre Bryan. All three share the same birthday.

This sit-down dinner of holiday proportions ran the gamut from soup to nuts, with turkey and trimmings as the main course, and lots of sparkling wine to add to the jovial spirits of those present.

Those about were Samuel Bryan, Ella Long, Connie Pratt, Robert Pratt Sr., (father of the celebrant Robert), Charles Pratt, brother and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildern.

Political Discos

Political disco fund-raisers seem to be the trend this season with candidates young and older, on every political level being feted at these affairs.

A prime example of such will be hosted on Sunday, Aug. 13, 5-9 p.m. saluting Salima Marriott, candidate for the State Central Committee, 40th Legislative District. See you there!

In a few weeks we'll be at Mondawmin Mall for the disco fund-raiser benefiting the Metro ticket.

The affair from 4-8 p.m. will help sponsor the campaigns of Western W. Ivey, Senate; Del. Lloyal Randolph, Frank Conaway and Del. Troy Brailey, House of Delegates; and Mary B. Adams, Victorine Q. Adams and Robert Haynes for State Central Committee.

Later that week Girard's will be the political location of the fund-raiser for J. Randall Carroll, candidate for Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas.

The affair this time is a little more than just a disco, it's a fashion show too. Fashions will be shown by members of Rainbow Productions. For tickets call 362-2268.

Congratulations

Congratulations are in order! First, to Mrs. Marian D. Baker, (formerly a writer of this column), who leaves our fair city on Friday for bigger and better things.

Marian who received her B.S. degree in Elementary Education from Coppin in 1962, has worked as a teacher for the Baltimore City Public Schools, the Philadelphia Public Schools and later as a Language Arts Specialist. She has also worked for various private industries in Los Angeles.

Marian received a Masters degree in Reading from Atlanta University in the early 1970's and worked for some time as Reading instructor at that institution and as a Reading Specialist in other areas of Georgia.

During the past year she has served as Director of the Monterey Reading Program at Bay College and as an English teacher for a reading program for youngsters piloted by the Baltimore Urban League.

In addition to these activities, Marion has found the time to be active in politics. She was the campaign manager for Ruby Glover's successful campaign for membership on the City Council in Atlanta and was an ardent worker for Mayor Maynard Jackson in his first bid for the position of mayor for that City.

She also worked diligently for Jimmy Carter during his run for the presidency. Since being back in Baltimore, Marian's political energies have been dedicated to Norman Reeves' campaign for the City Council, Pete Rawlings' bid for the House of Delegates and Patricia Press' off and running campaign for City Council in Washington, D.C.

Sandwiched between all this, Marian is also a doctoral candidate for a degree in Urban Education at Temple University in Philadelphia.

So now she leaves us to become a Reading Consultant for the Department of Education in Morris Plaains, N.J., a position in which she will serve six counties containing 168 school districts. Sound like a big assignment? You can handle it, Marian. Good luck and we'll miss you.

Congratulations also to Rushel L. DuPree of Albany, N. Y. who has been made manager of the Atlanta Region of the Chrysler Credit Corporation. He will be working out of the home office in Detroit, Mich.

A native of Miami, Fla. having received his degree from Morgan State University, DuPree has served as branch operation supervisor, Eastern credit analyst, and just prior to his promotion served as branch manager in Albany. He is the first black and the second youngest to be promoted to this position. He joined Chrysler in 1968.

DuPree is the son of Lucious and Alma DuPree of Miami, Fla. He resides in Albany with his wife, Zenobia, and two daughters, Randa and Renee. In the near future, he and his family will be leaving Albany for their new home in Detroit.

Blair Lee spends Saturday with 200 Baltimore leaders

A cross-section of the town's leadership turned out Saturday afternoon for the reception hosted by the A. Paul Mosses for Acting Governor and Mrs. Blair Lee.

Elected officials, including U.S. Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, Delegate Larry Young, who is coordinating the Lee-Hoyer gubernatorial activities, were there.

In the receiving line with Bettye and Paul were Bea Wright, who introduced the 200-plus guests; Col. and Mrs. William A. (Box) Harris, who is exec. assistant to the governor; Dr. Flossie Dedmond and Vonzella Murray, who kept the guest book and the guests moving.

Seen in the crowd were all area college presidents, Morgan State U's Andrew Billingsley and wife, Amy; Coppin State's Calvin Burnett; Community College of Baltimore's Rafael Cortado, and his wife, Selonie;

Also, chairman of Morgan trustees, Dr. G. James Fleming and Mrs. Fleming, and Superintendent John Crew and Mrs. Crew; the police department's top officer, Commissioner Bishop Robinson and Mrs. Robinson; Elvina Kennedy from Cambridge;

And Charles and Marie Hicks were down from Frederick; Anita Motley came from Annapolis, the Stan McKenzies and Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Gray; Col and Mrs. Pat Whitfield, all of Columbia;

State Senators Clarence Mitchell, Clarence Blount, and Verda F. Welcome were there; so were Delegates Lena K. Lee, Pinkney Howell and Mrs. Howell.

City Councilwoman Victorine Adams and Councilman Michael Mitchell; and delegate candidates Frank Conaway and Mrs. Conaway, and Howard (Pete) Rawlings and Mrs. Rawlings; and David and Jo Sloan,

Judge and Mrs. Ben Foreman, Judge and Mrs. Milton Allen, Judge and Mrs. Solomon Baylor; the AFRO's public relations director, Ida Peters and Hubby D. John Peters; WMAR-TV's George Collins; Advance Federal's board member Theodore Brown were also seen.

MINISTERS GREET CANDIDATE — Acting Gov. Blair Lee III, (C), gubernatorial candidate, was greeted on Saturday afternoon by Dr. A.C.D. Vaughn, pastor of Grace Memorial Baptist Church, (L) and the Rev. Dr. Leroy Fitts, pastor of First Baptist Church.

All photos by A.R. Snowden

More faces in the crowd, former city school superintendent, Dr. Roland Patterson and wife, Marian; Community College deans Paul Beckham and Mrs. Beckham; and Dean Christine Moore and her husband, Marcellus, who is the corrections executive; assistant school superintendent, Dr. Joel Carrington and Mrs. Carrington; the ministerial leaders, the Rev. and Mrs. Kelly L. Jackson, Dr. A. C. Vaughn, the Rev. Dr. Leroy Fitts;

And Mrs. John Cobbs, wife of the steelworkers union exc and United Way board member; United Way's top exec, Arthur C. Redding Jr. Medical leaders, Dr. and Mrs. Shirley R. Clinton, Dr. I. Bradshaw Higgins.

More faces in the crowd: Mae Wright Peck, the longtime educator, and Morgan's Dr. Frederic A. Jackson, the Roland Hensons, Argin Hutchins the YWCA Madison Ave. exec., Marcia Cummings, Roberta and Iglehart Keets, Ivy and Sherlock Grinage, the Raymond Carpenters, the Joe Feltons, the George Bennetts, the Antoine Eliases, the Orville Swaffords, Jake and Christine Hall Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown, Anethia Williams, Charles and Louise Tildon, the Clarence Dysons, William Mumbys, the Justen Marsans, the Royal Weavers, Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Pennington, Judge and Mrs. U. Theodore Hayes, and daughter, Patricia; Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Russell, Helen Birt and Helen Whittaker, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones, Dr. N. Louise Young and her spouse, William Spencer and Social Security EEO officer, Mildred Nelson.

GOVERNOR'S HOST — Acting Gov. Blai Lee III, far (L), is shown at the Saturday afternoon reception in his honor with hosts and guests from (L): Mr. and Mrs. A. Paul Moss, Community College of Baltimore president, Dr. Rafael Cortado and Mrs. Cortado and Del. Lena K. Lee, in rear.

See more reception photos inside

Miss Blackwell, Mr. Gregory

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Blackwell Sr. of Baltimore announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Deborah Jean Blackwell to Ronald Maurice Gregory.

Miss Blackwell is a graduate of Morgan State University and the John Hopkins University. Mr. Gregory is also a graduate of Morgan State University, Western Maryland College and the John Hopkins University.

The wedding is set for October 8.

In addition to preparing for her wedding festivities, Miss Blackwell, a freelance designer in the Baltimore - Washington area has been awarded a stipend to attend the Paris American Academy in Paris, France where she will reside with a French family.

Miss Deborah Blackwell
Engagement told

The Paris American Academy is a private French fine arts, performing arts, language and fashion school, directed by an American, with the teaching staff - primarily French.

Miss Blackwell's fashion workshop - seminar will begin in August and she will be returning to the states on the first of October.

The social activities organized by the Paris American Academy include: concerts, ballets, theatres, banquets, jazz in Paris "caves," invitations to art show openings, and weekend excursions to Versailles, to London and other European cities to visit major fashion houses.

The Pacesetters

Mrs. Gwendolyn A. Lindsay

Mrs. Gwendolyn A. Lindsay was recently selected by the Outstanding Young Women Awards Committee as one of the Outstanding Young Women of America for 1978, an award that recognizes young women throughout the country for their roles of involvement and action.

The award also recognizes women whose time, talents, and dedication have enriched the quality of American life.

Mrs. Lindsay received a B.A. degree in Social Science from Coppin State College and was the first black to receive a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Baltimore's MPA program in 1977.

Currently, Mrs. Lindsay is a Social Insurance Research Specialist for DHEW, Health Care Financing Administration in Baltimore.

Mrs. Naomi V. B. Lawson

Mrs. Naomi V. B. Lawson has been chosen "Woman of the Year" by the Francis Scott Key Chapter of the American Business Women's Association.

Mrs. Lawson was awarded a trophy in recognition of her many outstanding contributions to ABWA, first as hospitality chairman of Hunt Country Chapter, and subsequently program chairman of Francis Scott Key chapter, since its formation.

As woman of the year, Mrs. Lawson will represent Francis Scott Key chapter throughout the year and at the ABWA national convention at Atlanta, Ga. in November. She is now a candidate for the association's top 10 women of the year, from whom will be chosen the "American Business Woman of the Year."

Mrs. Lawson is an executive level claims examiner with the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Workers Compensation Programs,