5 generations attend Mobley-Johnson-Stradford reunion

FAMILY REUNION — Members of the Mobley, Johnson and Stradford families held a reunion May 27 with the theme 'ause and Reminisce." Family members include (L to R): Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stratford (Ozie), Willie James Mobley Sr., Mrs. Ella Mobley, Mrs. Marcell Johnson and Charlie Johnson. See Partyline.

By Pattie Hodges

The Mobley - Johnson Stradford family, originally of South Carolina, held their fourth annual family reunion in the Baltimore Metropolitan area.

Reunion activities lasted from Saturday, May 26 through Monday, May 28.

The scene for all the activities was the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge on Dorsey Road in Glen Burnie, Md.

The roots for this family go back to Mrs. Maggie Mobley, paternal grandmother and Mrs. Rose Johnson Stradford, maternal grandmother. Both are now deceased. All of the family members present at the reunion are descendants of these two grandmothers.

The theme for the reunion was "Pause and Reminisce."

On Saturday the family had a buffet luncheon and reminiscence hour from early until late afternoon. During this time they dined, chatted, recalled old times, places and events. They also played games. For the outdoor sports buffs there was tennis. For others there were many fun - filled indoor games.

On Saturday night the family had a dinner - dance, which was attended by 200 family members and friends.

Family members and their friends came from Charlotte, N.C., Rock Hill and Chester, S.C., Cleveland, Ohio, Bronx, N.Y., Union and Vaux Hall, N.J. and Baltimore.

At the dance, family and guests enjoyed disco dancing and a delicious dinner. Charlie Mobley of Vaux Hall, N.J. was in charge of the music.

On Sunday, the family had a prayer fellowship service at 11 a.m. The Rev. Bruce Johnson, family cousin of Friendship Baptist Church, officiated.

The culminating activity of the reunion was a banquet held from 3 until 8 p.m.

A sumptuous dinner and punch was served.

Special highlight of the banquet was a program, at which various family members and friends brought out the roots of the family as far back as they could be traced, and commended family members on their accomplishments in life.

Introduction of Master and Mistress of Ceremonies was done by Gwendolyn Mobley, granddaughter of Maggie Mobley. Master and Mistress of Ceremonies, Roderick Hayes and Aleisha Wilks, are great - grandchildren of Maggie Mobley.

The welcome address was given by Geraldine Gunn, a family friend. The invocation was given by Marion Mobley Sr., son of Maggie Mobley.

The theme was given by Rosetta Kitchen, natural granddaughter of Maggie Mobley and granddaughter through family marriage of Rosie Johnson Stradford.

Presentation of guest of honor was done by Jane Mobley, wife of Marion Mobley Sr. The In Memoriam segment was handled by Ainie Billups, granddaughter of Rose Johnson Stradford.

Roots of the family and recognition of guests was done by Gary Mobley, grandson of Maggie Bobley. Introduction of the guest speaker was done by Lula Wilks, granddaughter of Maggie Mobly.

Guest speaker, who gave inspirational remarks, was Isaiah Fletcher of WBAL - TV.

Accomplishments and recognitions were done by Lillie M. Stewart, granddaughter of Rosie Johnson Stradford.

Special remarks were given by Charlie Johnson, son of Rosie Johnson Stradford, Marion Mobley Jr., Willam H. Stradford Jr., grandson of Rosie Stradford, Gary Mobley and James Mobley, grandson of Maggie Mobley and chairman of the Baltimore Committee for the reunion.

As an extra feature of delight there was a family talent show, coordinted by Charlie Mobley, grandson of Maggie Mobley, and Barbara Kirkland, granddaughter of Rosie Johnson Stradford.

Attending the weekend activities of this impressive family reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Johnson and Family; Mrs. Lucile Johnson Robinson, Rock Hill, S.C., Mrs. Janie Johnson Mobley of Chester, S.C., Mrs. Dorothea Stradford of Rock Hill, S.C., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stradford of Charlotte, N.C.; the Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson of Baltimore; Ms. Martez Johnson.

Also, J.C. Johnson, of Union, N.J.; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson, Quitre Johnson Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William T. Johnson, Ms. Olive Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Billups, Mrs. Gladys Walker, Mrs. Rosena Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kennedy.

And, Ms. Spring Stradford, Mrs. Barbara Kirkland, Mr. and Mrs. George Stradford, Mrs. and Mrs. Marlon Mobley Jr., Ms. Nattie Mobley, Mrs. and Mrs. Edward Canady, Mrs. Beverly Mobley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mobley, Charlie Mobley, Waldo Mobley, Mrs. and Mrs. Isaiah Mobley Jr., Mrs. Gary Mobley, and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Mobley of Vaux Hall, N.J.

Also Mrs. Beulah Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williams Jr., of Bronx N.Y.; Mrs. Mildred Ried and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ried of Cleveland, Ohio; also Mr. and Mrs9 William H. Stradford, Mrs. Lillie Mae Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Lee Stradford and Daniel Stradford of Charlotte, N.C.

Also, Mrs. Ozella Owens, Ms. Rosina Mobley, George Mobley, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Mobley Sr.; of Chester, S.C.

And, Mrs. Rosalie Smith of Rock Hill, S.C., Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Fields and Ms. Carrie Stradford of Washington, D.C., and Ms. Marcella Johnson, of Silver Spring, Md.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Willie James Mobley, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Mellon, Ms. Gwendolyn Mobley, Mr. and Mrs. Mellon Kitchen, Ms. Lula Wilks, Mr. and Mrs. John Hayes, Mrs. Madeline Hayes, Terrance Mobley and Mr. and Mrs. James Mobley of Baltimore.

All of these family members brought with them their children, grandchildren and friends.

The Mobley - Johnson Stradford family tree numbers 200 or more. For their reunion, they used 80 rooms in the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge.

The Baltimore Committee would like to thank all the family and friends of the family who by their presence helped to make their family reunion a success.

Columbia Capers

Mrs. Edith S. Clement, reading specialist, to be honored at dinner

By Pinnie L. Ross

An honorary dinner will be given Wednesday, June 6, at the Belvedere Hotel, at 6 p.m. honoring Mrs. Edith Swindell Clement, a reading specialist in the Baltimore school system. The retirement announcement came from Mrs. Clement after el years of service.

The honorary dinner is being sponsored by her two daughters, Norma C. Jones and Myrna Jackson.

Mrs. Clement is a native of Florida where she graduated in the top of her class, after which she began teaching elementary school in Putnam County, Florida.

Mrs. Edith Swindell Clement

After moving to Baltimore, Mrs. Clement taught special education at School 125 in Baltimore City. She continued her education at Morgan State University, where she was awarded the W. Ashbie Hawkins Memorial prize for excellence in the department of education.

In 1949 she came to work for Baltimore County public schools. For 10 years she taught English and social studies at the Banneker Junior - Senior High School.

In 1956, Mrs. Clement earned a master's degree from New York University, and in 1966 she completed her professional training for reading specialist at the State University of New York. Buffalo, N.Y.

In 1959 she joined the faculty of Catonsville Jr. High School, and became the school's reading specialist.

She is a member of the Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church. She served as adult superintendent of Sunday School and has been a pianist for 25 years. She also played for the Gc... Chorus Number two, which she helped to organize.

Presently she is a member of the Emma Clement Guild, the Public Relations Committee, the Alabama Association, and the Saturday Afternooners social club.

Those wishing to join in the celebration for Mrs. Clement — reservations must be in by June 1.

For ticket information call Mrs. Jones at 997 - 5782 of Mrs. Jackson, at 265 - 6484.

Thought for today

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Sexuality workshop

A workshop on Communication Skills for Sexuality Education will be presented for the adolescent services division of the East Baltimore Medical Plan on June 4 at the Family Planning Training Institute, a division of Planned Parenthood of Maryland.

Discussion leaders include Deborah Roffman, certified sex educator and sex education teacher at the Park School, and Walter W. Klausmeier, training associate at the Institute, who will speak on how to include men in family planning programs.

Welcome and evaluation will be given by training associate Harriett A. Toole, R.N., F.P.N.P.

Mary L. Craig is director of the Family Planning Training Institute, a Region III facility for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Partyline

By Pattie Hodges

If you wanted to see some inexpensive but jazzy fashion creations in the areas of play clothes and beach wear, casual wear, disco and after - five, you should have been at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall on Saturday, May 26 from 2 to 4 p.m.

There, at the Sew and Save Fashion Show and Tea, you would have seen some of the finest fashions in these areas, done by Joyce Tucker, Belinda Jordan and Cynthia Bailey.

Some fashions were also done by those who modelled them.

The show was coordinted by Joyce Tucker. Moderator was Tamara Hyman. Disco music for modelling was done by Thomas Jackson.

Guests sipped tea, coffee and punch, and feasted on scrumptious sheet cake and munchies, while getting an extra treat for the eyes.

Models aired eye - catching fashions, all of which had been made from Simplicity, McCall's and Butterick patterns.

They were beautiful and with the exception of one outfit, a coat, none had cost more than $5 to $7 to make.

Models were: Jeanne Brown, Gloria Gray, Tonia Tucker, Norma Kimbell, Patrice Tucker, Miles Weaver, Rodney Hall, G.G., Darrell Gray, Margaret Jackson and Cynthia Bailey.

Ms. Jackson and Ms. Bailey were also seamstresses for the affair, as were Joyce Tucker, Belinda Jordon and Wanda Gray.

—Model of year

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The overall sponsor for the Winkey Model of the Year contest for the past four years has been Bob Matthews of Archway Ford Co.

All of the models participating were sponsored by local businesses, organizations and nightclubs, or by the models' families, friends or the models themselves.

The winners of the Travis Winkey Model of the Year awards were: Broderick Hawkins, who was sponsored by Odel"s and Gloria Brown, who was sponsored by her family and her co - workers at the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company.

The award for the runners - up to the Model of the Year were: Eric Tharington, who was sponsored by Anders' Clothing Outlet, and Sabrina Kirby, who was sponsored by Hill's Transportation Service.

Judge for the occasion, who must have had to give much ponderance to pick the winners, were: Ms. Pat Wheeler, producer of Black Horizons, Channel 11; Mrs. Pinnie Ross, director of Pinnie Ross Charm Studio; Ms. Jerry Thomas, manager of Casual Corner in Mondawmin Mall; Van Eaton, owner of Gatsby's night club; Ervin Dett, owner of Dett Set Beauty Salon; Mrs. Betty Scott, housing consultant, and Mrs. Vicky Ross, judge of major contests throughout the country.

Designers whose fashions were aired were: Stephanie Taylor, Jessie Darnes, Sherlee Boynes, Gloria Jennings and Flair Men's Wear.

Two scholarship awards were given by the Travis Winkey Studio. These were won by models Duane Williamson and Patricia Britton.

A highlight of the show was the special fashion presentation done by Travis Winkey's professional modeling troupe.

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