MORE PARTYLINE

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Mrs. Norma C. Jones, a professor of psychiatry at University Hospital in Baltimore is Edith's first daughter and is also the mother of three fine sons — Darryl, Wayne and Brian.

Both Myrna and Norma are to be congratulated for presenting their mother, Edith, with a second retirement party which was done with an abundance of "Tender Loving Care" at the Belvedere Hotel.

The Catonsville Junior High School faculty also gave a retirement party for Mrs. Clement in May.

Doctors' Dinner

The Family of Doctors William and Charles Watts, twins, who have practiced medicine and dentistry, respectively, in Baltimore for about fifty-three years, gave a dinner for them in celebration of their eightieth birthday.

This gala affair was held on Saturday, Aug. 18 in the Schaefer Room of the Baltimore Hilton Hotel.

Both doctors were awarded citations by Mayor Schaefer, which were presented by Roscoe Herring, assistant to the mayor.

Family members present at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. James Parker and their daughter Cheryl, Dr. and Mrs. Ricardo Oasin and their daughters Juliana and Sandra, Major and Mrs. Oliver Houston and their daughter, Paula;

Also Mr. and Mrs. William Payton, Miss Doris Watts, Miss Margaret Wiley, Mrs. Geraldine Jones, Miss Lorraine Erskine, Dr. Fred Watts and Mrs. Marie Parker.

A toast was given in loving appreciation for the brothers and their wives, Mrs. Pauline and Mrs. Eula Mae Watts. The family followed up the toast with happy birthday wishes and words of praise.

Summer Bash

Ms. Shirley Cartwright hosted a summer bash at her lovely Traymore Road home recently for her co-workers, family and friends. Ms. Cartwright is a teacher with the Baltimore City public schools.

To her guests delight she had prepared delicious potato salad, southern-style string beans, macaroni salad, tossed salad and barbecued chicken wings. Also available were her own original, zesty open-house punch and iced tea, as well as other cocktails, beer and munchies.

Seen enjoying the delectable foods and drinks, discoing, playing cards and socializing much were: Norris Ramsey, Mrs. Vernice Howard, Michael Ramsey, Mrs. Alice Jones, Norris Turnipseed, Ms. Malika Ramsey and Ms. Chekasha Ramsey.

Also Mrs. Shirley Robinson, George Harris, Kenneth Bevins, Mrs. Carolyn Harris, Tyrone Screne, Robert Street Jr., Miss Karen Robinson and Ms. Sheree Jones.

The Murphy Momentum

The immediate decendants of Charity Murphy Peyton culminated their first bi-annual reunion with a dinner dance at La Paragon Room on Forest Park Avenue on Saturday, Aug. 18, 1979.

The color scheme was red and white. This color scheme was chosen by the family — white to denote the family's faith in their ancestors and to denote their remembrance of them, and red to remind them to be charitable to all family members and to exhibit bravery and courage.

The La Paragon was beautifully decorated with white Linen tablecloths and red napkins. Each table had as its centerpiece a red flowering geranium in a white pot.

The foyer, also decorated in red and white, held a table of memorabilia and artifacts kept in the family since 1842.

Among them were: a large bowl and pitcher set used in the 19th century; pictures of family members; a letter from the Dept. of Interior in Washington, D.C., dated 1871; a coffee grinder of ancient vintage; two large family Bibles copywritten in 1842; a home insurance policy dated 1809; an application for the Civil War Widow's pension; tax receipts dated 1871 and many other items.

Also on display was a hierarchy chart tracing ten generations of the Murphy family from the original slave, Ellen, from whom sprung the Murphy ancestors.

A delicious buffet was served by Mrs. Myrtle Thompson, owner of La Paragon Room. The menu was fried chicken, swedish meat balls, macaroni and cheese, buttered noodles, string beans, rolls and coffee.

Julian Bennett Sr. surprised the family with a beautiful sheet cake decorated to depict the family's coat-of-arms, which was also shown on the family's invitations. The cake was a great conversation piece.

After dinner, a program was held, at which Mrs. Jennifer Murphy Bennett, great - great - great granddaughter of the original matriarch, presided.

Memorabilia explanations were given by Charles Johnson, great-great-great-great - great grandson of the matriarch. Ms. Lorraine Fields, great-great-great-great granddaughter, explained the family colors, red and white.

Walter Fields, great-great - great - great grandson, explained the coat-of-arms. Special highlights were interpretive dances done by guests artists Debra Brooks, to "Always and Forever" and Melanie Bailey, to "The Greatest."

When the family was presented to the friends and guests, they formed a circle in the center of the banquet hall. All family members were dressed in red and white.

The oldest member present was Mrs. Addie Murphy Turner, 71. The youngest was Dora Mae Davis, 16 months. Both are from Hackensack, N.J.

The family's roots were traced from the matriarchal side because during the 19th century most black males were sold or moved from plantation to plantation, or from state to state.

The original slave in this family was a female from Africa and, like most slave women, was able to keep her daughters with her.

The family is familiar with and friendly with the family of their original plantation owner, Richard Harper of Snow Hill, N. C., who, at the close of the Civil War, divided his land between his white family and his ex-slaves.

Descendants of both families resided as neighbors for years, in North Carolina. Receipts of the land grants were among the display of memorabilia on Saturday night.

Following the program, D. J. Tommy Cash got everyone on the floor for dancing by playing many oldie-goodie records as well as the latest hits.

C. Reginal Bennett Jr. tended the well-stocked, open bar. The next reunion of the Murphy Momentum will be in 1981 in Snow Hill, N. C.

Of the 130 family members and guests attending this most impressively historic reunion, there were Murphy family descendants from Snow Hill, N. C., Passaic, Paterson, East Orange and Hackensack, N. J., Providence, Rhode Island and Baltimore, Md. Program planners and coordinators were Mr. and Mrs. Julian Bennett Sr., Mrs. Lena Hall, Mrs. Annie Pearson and Ms. Ruby Hall.

Winn-Baskerville reunion

The Winn-Baskerville family held its 3rd reunion recently at the Sheraton-Johns Hopkins Inn here in Baltimore. Over 125 members of the family gathered in a festive mood to participate in the banquet held in the Colonial Room at the Inn. Relatives came from nine states (including Maryland) to share in this 3rd reunion activity. Highlight of the banquet was the reading of the family histories which traced the Baskerville beginning in slave holders coming to this country from England. The Winn family beginning can be traced to the end of the Civil War when as freed slaves two family members were united in marriage. Both families were able to sustain themselves and prosper in spite of the adversities of the time. Participating in the banquet program were: Eddie P. Wynne Sr., Charlotte B. Brown, Frederick A. Griner, Pauline B. Knox and Shirley S. Mumford, Acting as M.C. was Robert W. Griner Jr.

On Sunday following the banquet, the family worshipped at Christ United Methodist Church located at Chase and Washington Street in Baltimore. The family made a cash contribution to the organ fund of the church. The next reunion is scheduled for 1981. Serving as planners for this reunion were: Robert W. Grinter Jr., Chairman; Thomas P. Knox, Assistant Chairman; Pauline Knox and Louise Mise.

Helping to assist the committee were Shirley Mumford and Parrish Griner.

Dr. Carter heads drives for Scouts in Inner-city

By Michael Patterson
AFRO Staff Writer

Dr. Simon Carter Jr.

Dr. Simon H. Carter Jr. says one of his first official duties as the newly elected chairman of the Trailblazer District of the Baltimore Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America will be to launch an extensive fundraising and Scout recruitment drive.

Carter, a Baltimore physician who has practiced in the area for over 30 years, says his "main focus in the volunteer post will be to increase the number of black kids in scouting" in the inner - city.

"The emphasis has to be on Cub Scouts," he added. "It is from the cubs that you feed into the Boy Scouts and Explorers."

Carter, 58, says he has been active in scouting for the past "six to eight years," because "scouting can be instrumental in instilling certain traditional values that can help black youngsters in terms of their own growth and development."

Carter said the recruitment and fund-raising drives will be run concurrently because, "If you are going to increase membership, you must increase funding. You have to go out and raise money." He says he hopes to raise at least $10,000 during the coming year.

Carter says he will also be looking for troop sponsors. "Many kids may not have the kind of money necessary to buy a uniform, so we would like to find some folks or businesses to sponsor a boy or a troop," he said.

The chairman says that, in addition to recruiting more youngsters, the local Boy Scout Council is also looking for young men between the ages of 25 and 35 who want to help the community by filling "certain executive positions in the district."

The district headed by Carter is the second largest scouting area in the Baltimore inner city area. It contains the largest black population — about 60 percent — of the area's four districts, Carter said.

The district is bounded on the north and west by the Baltimore city line. The Jones Falls Expressway forms the eastern boundary. The district's southern boundary extends from Franklintown Road to Ellicott Drive to Winchester and Wilson Streets.

Currently the Trailblazer District has a total of 565 scouts and 300 registered adult volunteers. There are 22,000 youths in the area who are eligible for scout membership, according to Boy Scout Council figures.

Carter is succeeding former Trailblazer District chairman Dr. Calvin Burnett who stepped down from the post June 19.

Dr. Carter resides at 2500 College Ave., and is a graduate of Morgan State College and the Howard University Medical School.

APPOINTED — Margaret A. Barnes was appointed recently commissioner of the Maryland State accident fund. A resident of Lanham, Md., Mrs. Barnes is the first black woman to serve on the 65-year-old commission which handles workmen's compensation claims. She is president of the MABarnes Consultant Associates.

Pacesetters

LONNIE SPRUILL
Planning Manager

BALTIMORE — Lonnie C. Spruill Jr., has been promoted to Planning Manager for the Grocery Products Division of McCormick & Co., Inc.

The promotion is effective immediately, according to David B. Michels, Vice President and General Manger of the Division.

Mr. Spruill joined McCormick in 1974 as a Management Trainee, and has been a Supervisor of Material Planning, Supervisor of the Spice Cans Department, Filling Manager, and most recently, Time Utilization Coordinator.

He is a native of Baltimore and lives in Towson, Md., with his wife, the former Wilhelmina Garner of Baltimore.

Mr. Spruill graduated from the Morgan State University in Baltimore in 1966 with a B.A. in geography. He has done graduate work at Morgan State and is studying for an MBA at the University of Baltimore.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Baltimore Urban League and is Chairman of the Faculty Enrichment Committee of the Morgan State University Industrial Cluster.

Mr. Spruill served tours of duty in Korea and Vietnam as an Army Captain and was a campaign speech writer for Kenneth Gibson in his successful campaign for mayor Newark, N.J.

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HOWARD MARSHALL
Personnel President

BALTIMORE — Howard E. Marshall, Manager of Employee and Community Relations for the Grocery Products Division of McCormick & Co., Inc., has been elected President of the Personnel Assn. of Greater Baltimore.

Mr. Marshall, a member of the Board of Education of Baltimore City Schools, will serve a one year term. The association has 160 member companies and more than 600 individual members.

A native of Roanoke, Va., Mr. Marshall joined McCormick in 1970. He is a former Army master sergeant and has attended Hughes Business College in Houston and the Data Institute in Baltimore.

He is a member of the Board of Directors, Junior Achievement of Baltimore; Past Chairman and member of the Executive Committee of the State Advisory Committee on Career Education; Secretary of the Executive Committee of the State Assn. of School Boards; and a member of the State Employee's Retirement Review Board and the Board of Directors of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Mr. Marshall is married to the former Dorothy Armstrong of La Marque, Texas. They are the parents of five children and live in

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