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Social Notes

Curry-Carter Reunion

By Paula Brooks
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After a decade, the Curry-Carter clan decided to have another reunion. The affair was held at the Palladium and attended by over 400 people, all relatives of a large family from Northumberland and Lancaster Counties of Virginia.

Carter clan descendants going back to James and Amanda Woods Carter are James, Jr., Thomas, Sr., Betty Carter Matt, Susan Carter Taylor, Adlina Carter Kelly, George, Addie Carter Johnson,Samuel, Mooella Carter Tanksley, and Delilah Carter Curry.

The roots and the first line descendants have all passed. The second line are Mannie Wonsom, who was honored and recognized for her 92 years of age, Viola Harris who is also 92, Allie Curry, Sherman Curry, Mae Fanny Arthur and Adlina Pearl.

The oldest third line grandchild is Kate Johnson. Marietta Andrews is the oldest third member of the Carter clan and was honored in her absence. Elijah Sutton is the oldest grandchild, and he was honored for his 80 years of age.

There were descendants from 7 generations, and families that included as many as 50 people. It was a beautiful sight to behold.

This family is full of talent and many have made great accomplishments. There are professional engineers, computer scientists, accountants, tax forecasters, teachers, preachers, nurses, professors, counselors, supervisors, medical doctors, realtors, and social specialists.

There is also a professional singer and actress, Natalie Carter, the actresses Chip Fields and daughter Kim Fields.

Relatives came from near and far from such places as Kilmarnock, Va.; Northumberland Co., Va.; Alexandria, Va.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Dayton, Ohio; Manhattan, New York; Virginia Beach, Va.; Oxon Hill, Md.; Cambridge, Md.; Southfield, Detroit; and Washington, D.C.

Harbor City Links

Left to Right: The newly elected officers of the Harbor City Chapter of the Links, Inc. Gina Patterson, Pres.; Frankie Martin, Vice Pres.; Rita Braxton Turner, Cores, Sec.; Mattie Mumby, Rec. Sec.; Yvonne Lansey, Fin. Sec.; Carolyn Syphax-Young, Tres.

Queen of Sheba Drill Team

The Queen of Sheba Courts Drill Team of the Oasis of Maryland became active participants in the East Coast Assembly's Competitive Drill Activity.

At the most recent session of the Eastern Coast Assembly, the Queen of Sheba Drill Team brought home the "bacon" as 1st place winners. This was considered a birthday gift to the East Coast Deputy Emeritus, daughter Mary C. Frazier drill team member, daughter Josephine Christian, and Drill Commandress, daughter Evelyn Rose, all whom recently celebrated birthdays.

Drill Team members are daughters Bertha Thomas, Muriel Lewis, Georgia Thugs, Florine Wells, Josephine Christian, Dorothy Ross and Annie are the 1st line team. Daughters Gwendolyn Budd, Deannie Wagstaff, Bessie Butler, Shirley Plater, Dorothy Coates, and Beulah Black are the alternate team members. Noble Clyde Cole Drill Commander.

Queen of Sheba Drill Team is all smiles after winning the competition.

Miss Talented Teens Pageant

Pinnie's Charm Studio presented Hal Jackson's 19th Annual Miss Talented Teen Maryland Pageant last Sunday at The Walter's Art Gallery.

The program opened with a selection from the Bill Cummings Trio and was followed by an official welcome by Rhonda Boozer, runner up in the 1985 contest. Next this year's contestants were introduced by Pinnie Ross.

Adrienne Watson, 1986 runner up sang a selection, and Sandra Grey Executive Dir. of the Private Sector, D.C. introduced the Master of Ceremonies, The Honorable Kweisi Mfume.

Judges,auditor, and professional talent were introduced, and the contest began. The first segment was based on appearance, the second segment personality and achievement, and the last segment was performing talent.

A selection was rendered by Michelle Fizer, runner up 1985, and a special dedication was made by Tracy Hamlin, Miss Talented Teen 1982, and Miss Baltimore's Best 1985.

Miss Talented Teen 1988, Jada Pinkett was introduced and the judges presented their decision. Miss Cheri Camille Grady was the winner of this year's contest.

The contest was choreographer by Pinnie's multi-talented daughter, Rae Ross Sandifer. Rae is a professional singer, dancer, and choreographer who has performed with such notable

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The winner of this year's Miss Talented Teen Contest, Cheri Camille Grady, 16; also other contestants Angelia Bell, 17; Tanesia Evette Mack, 16; Morenike Simon Keyes, 14; And Teresa Hebron, 15 enjoy a moment together before the contest.

Pinnie Ross, Maggie Watkins, Kweisi Mfume, Marti Franklin, Pinnie's granddaughter-Brittany Sandifer, and daughter — Rae Ross-Sandifer at the Miss Talented Teens Contest.

Jada Pinkett, Miss Talented Teen 1988

United Negro College Fund

The kick off reception for the United Negro College Fund's fundraising drive was recently held at the Belvedere Hotel. Dr. Levi Watkins, noted heart surgeon, and chairman of the Leadership Committee presided.

He stated that there are still too many young, promising minds being wasted, and expressed his disappointment with the Reagan Administration's lack of commitment to the higher education of minorities, especially blacks.

Dr. Watkins also announced that the Maryland UNCF will for the first time have the assistance of a professional staff person. Wendy Moore, a native of Chicago, and UNCF veteran exec., will coordinate all fund raising activities in Maryland.

The first major fundraiser will be a walk-a-thon beginning and ending in Rash Field in the Inner Harbor.

The Honorable Kurt Schmoke, Dr. Levi Watkins, Camilla Carr, Channel 11 Anchorperson; and Ruth S. Daniels, telethon Chairperson, confer together at Fundraiser.

Photos by Ricardo Gray

Marvin Cheatham, Jean Ross, V-103; Sheriff Anderson; Tammie Boone, Bell Atlantic; James Brown, Bell-Atlantic enjoying themselves at U.N.C.F. reception.

Columbia Capers

By Pinnie Ross

On May 21, the Howard County Foundation for Black Educational and Cultural Achievement, Inc., (the Foundation) exceeded $100,000 in scholarship awards to black high school graduating seniors who reside in Howard County.

The speaker for the occasion was Roger Lyons, Executive Director, Baltimore Urban League. Lyons' message conveyed the importance of personal commitment to helping others within one's own community. He used vignettes from his life as examples for the young adults.

The Foundation made special recognition to three students for outstanding academic achievement.

Plaques were presented to April Motely, Howard High School, cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.94; Wendell Hanes, Oakland Mills High School, GPA, 3.65 and Charlene Gamaldo, Howard High School, 3.53 GPA.

The Foundation implemented two new programs this year. The first is called "Adopt a Student." A student may be "adopted" by individuals or families in honor of, or memory of a loved one, e.g. parents, child, friend, etc.

The second program, "Community Cooperative Scholarship Program," is designed for churches, businesses, organizations.

These groups may award their scholarships through the Foundation. To participate in either of these programs, a person or organization must donate a minimum of $500 to the scholarship fund.

If the donated amount is less than our base scholarship amount of $1,000, the Foundation will match the difference. These awards may be a one-time or multi-year scholarship.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Hoffman, Jr. "adopted a student" for $500 in memory of his parents, Azalee and Robert Hoffman.

Under the Community Cooperative Scholarship Program the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Lambda Gamma Zeta Chapter, donated a $1,500 scholarship in memory of their soror, Theresa Catledge Suggs.

Traditionally, other special awards are given in the memory of persons who served arduously with young people in the community. These awards are: Gilda W. Lewis, $2,000; Dolores P. Harper, $1,500; Dr. James F. Cooper, $1,200.

The funds for these scholarships are donated by individuals, families, businesses and organizations in Howard County. The amount of money raised this year was $13,200. The Foundation has awarded $103,850, assisting 96 students, over a nine year period.

This is the first year that students have raised funds to support this organization. The students of the Black Cultural Awareness Club, Hammond High School, recently sponsored a fundraiser on behalf of the Foundation.

Similar clubs from other high schools in the County also participated in this fundraising project. Also, one former recipient, Clarence Hatcher, raised funds for the group by initiating a raffle to benefit the fund.

After having met the eligibility criteria, recipients are selected by lottery. This year, there were three lottery categories — 3.5 and above; 3.0 and above and 2.5 and above.

The Foundation received a special plaque from the Howard County Council in recognition of its service and commitment to the Howard County community.

The Council applauded the mission of the organization which is to recognize and financially assist graduating high school students who have excelled academically in high school and who have also served in the community.

Charlene Gamaldo of Howard High School received the Gilda W. Lewis Memorial $2,000 award; Wendell Hanes of Oakland Mills received the Deloris P. Harper Memorial $1,500 award;

Erika Clark of Oakland Mills, the Theresa Catledge Suggs $1,500 award and R. Frederick McCullogh, the Dr. James F. Cooper $1,200 award.

The following recipients were awarded $1,000 each: Micheal A. Alston, Nelson C. Dunston, Barry K. Simms;

Erica R. Lawrence, Tonya Jameson, Kisha Martin and Todd Campbell. Dionne Rogers and Kofi Carpenter were selected as alternates.

Gray/Granger Wed in Elegant Ceremony

Gina Gray, daughter of Raymond and Sara Gray, recently wed Albert Lester Granger, D.D.S. of New York, in one of the biggest weddings of the season.

The couple was married at the Metropolitan United Methodist Church, and the reception for 300 friends and relatives from all over the country followed at the Omni Inner Harbor Hotel.

Guests came from as far away as Puerto Rico, California, Minnesota, Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey.

Dennis Fisher and Jennifer Jones provided music for the afternoon. The bride's uncle, Guy M. Bragg, D.D.S., served as M.C. during the reception activities.

The bride wore her mother's wedding dress and was married in the same church as her parents. Her maids of honor were her younger sister, Julie Gray, and the groom's sister, Beverly Granger, D.D.S. of N.Y.

Bridesmaids were family and close friends Carla Chissell, Crystal Chissell, Rhonda Brice and Rebecca West of Yonkers, N.Y.

Junior attendants were nieces, nephews and cousins of the bride and groom — Robyn Bragg, Marc Bragg, "Gus" Granger, Bryan Granger of Minn. and Dorothy Granger, Catherine Granger of Sag Harbor, N.Y.

The groom's parents are Dorothy Reed Granger, D.D.S. and the late Richard A. Granger, D.D.S. of N.Y. The groom's attendants were Best Man, Tod Granger, D.D.S.; Head Usher, Gus Granger, II of Minn.; Wayne Duncan, Peter Giamburno, Steve Yaconetti, Butler Reed, III, D.D.S. and Daniel Sage, all of N.Y.

Pre- and post-nuptial activities included personal shower hosted by Carolyn Chissell and Anne Davis; bride's bachelor party in N.Y. hosted by Missy Thompson and Felicia Stratton;

Lingerie shower hosted by Ivy Grinage and Alice G. Pinderhughes; Bridal party luncheon hosted by bride's godmothers, Charlene Hodges Byrd and Alice Dungee Smith;

Post-nuptial wedding breakfast for 75 at Vivande of Harbor Place, hosted by Mary and Roland Brown of Palm Coast, Fla., formerly of New Jersey.

The Rehearsal Dinner at the Rusty Scupper was hosted by the groom's mother, Dr. Dorothy Reed Granger.

Over 100 hotel guests were transported via two chartered trolleys from the hotel to the church and back.

The happy couple honeymooned in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico and California, visiting L.A., Santa Barbara, Carmel and San Francisco. They will reside in New York City.

The radiant newlyweds Gina Gray Granger and husband Albert Lester Granger D.D.S.

Family Circle Theater

(Photo by Ricardo Gray)

Delegate Tony Fulton, Roger Lyons, Carolyn Brown, Staff B-CAPPPP; Vivian Washington, Consultant; Michael Easterling, program manager, WJZ-TV. chat at B-CAPPPP Evening.

The Baltimore Council on Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting and Pregnancy Prevention, Inc. presented "An Evening of Improvisational Drama," performed by The Family Circle Theatre.

The Baltimore Council networks with public and private groups, develops programs and participates in programs and activities that impact on the problems of adolescent pregnancy in the city. It also monitors legislation and public policy and disseminates information.

The Council also provides direct services to adolescents through management of Family Circle Theatre.

The Family Circle Theatre is Caine C. Banks, Stacy McFarlane, Donald Summerville, Vell Wheeler, Joy Ehrlich, Carson Johnson, Dale Madison, Pietro Piccinini, April Inloes, Nzinga Ama, Harriette Lane and Toni Richards.

Backstage with the Family Circle Theatre Group.

Engagements

DeShields/Minnis

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence DeShields have announced the engagement of their daughter Stave, to Mr. Marlin D. Minnis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Minnis of South River, New Jersey. The wedding is set for June 24th at St. William of York Church in Baltimore.

The bride-to-be is an assistant state's attorney in Montgomery County. The bridegroom is an assistant hospital administrator in New Jersey.

Woodlawn Highlights

By Marjorie Green

TLOD FOUNDERS DAY

Last Saturday afternoon over 300 friends joined the Baltimore Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction (TLOD), Inc. in observance of its Founders Day Brunch and Fashion Show at the Forum Caterers.

"Orbiting toward the 21st Century" was the theme from the galaxy of fashions presented by the MGM Models under the direction of Alvin White, son of TLOD president, Lady Marguerite White.

During the celebration, Lady White joined the ranks of other distinguished TLOD members when shortly after brunch she was named "Top Lady of the Year", a title that she will wear to the National SynLod in Tyler, Texas later this summer.

In Texas, she will compete for the National award against representatives from 85 different chapters.

The mother of two daughters and one son, Lady White was awarded the local title because of extraordinary service in all areas of TLOD concentration.

She has also been very active as a religious leader in St. John AME Church where she serves on the usherboard, stewardess board and acts as a soup kitchen volunteer.

The afternoon program also included presentations and citations to officers and members as well as four Top Teen graduates: Whitney Pierce and Stacy Smith, both of Western High School; and Monica Wharton, a Polytechnic Institute graduate.

Top Teen president, Susan Gray who is also a Western High School graduate was unable to attend.

Each of the four teens will be attending college in the Fall.

Following the close of the brunch and fashion show, Lady Clarice Brooks, Area Coordinator, installed the new TLOD officers who accepted office at last months regular TLOD meeting.

The Baltimore Chapter, now in its eleventh year was organized by Lady Fannie B. Poulson with the assistance of Lady Fredda Witherspoon of St. Louis, Missouri and 14 chapter members;

Ladies Emma Arnelle, Doris Austin, Evelyn B. Faulk, Helene Gwynn, Cynthia and Marie Harvin, Geraldine Hooper, Renthia Kelly, Ruby B. Lee, Carolyn Peters, Zora Peters, Jonell Ray, Ann Wood and the late Lady Mary B. Ames.

In keeping with the connotation "TOP", the organization has striven to provide top service through its four major thrusts: Top Teens of America, Senior Citizens, Status of Women and Beautification of the community.

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groups as the Adelphi University Theater, Ben Carson Dance Co., Joan Miller Dancers, Contemporary Chamber Dance Co., Ballet Hispanico and other companies in New York and throughout Europe.

This year's lovely and talented contestants were Teresa Hebron, singer Morenike Simon Keyes, dancer; Tanesia Evette Mack, singer; Cheri Camille Grady, tap dancer; Angelia Bell, singer.

It took the efforts of many people to help this fine production run smoothly. They are Exec. Producer Pinnie Ross, Assoc. Dir. Marti Franklin, Contestant Relations Dir. Maggie Watkins, Special assistants to the producer Rhonda Boozer, Kelly Jackson, Staci Loften, Da Shanda Gilliard.

Also ushers Rhonda Boozer, Adrienne Watson, Caga Lewis, Staci Loften. Stage manager Dion Ross and tickets William A.Ross, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Ross, Jr.

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