

Thompson-Rogers Family Holds 27th Reunion

The descendants of Charles and Rowena Thompson and Jacob and Betty Rogers held their 27th reunion in Durham, August 6-8. Family members came from Virginia, Washington, D.C., Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and Michigan for the three-day celebration.

They were greeted Friday evening at a local motor inn with a hospitality hour hosted by Deborah and Herman McQuaig and other members of the Durham Planning Committee. Swimming and a skating party for all ages concluded the evening activities.

Spruce Pine Lodge was the site for Saturday's pig picking with all the trimmings, and a day of recreational activities that included volleyball, fishing, checkers and bingo. The group returned to the headquarters for an evening of disco that was highlighted with a dance contest and an award for the best disco outfit as judged by panels of senior family members. Charlotte Thompson Majette of Asbury Park, New Jersey walked away with the award for best outfit, while the couples Ruby Burroughs and Larry Thompson of Durham and Natalie Thompson of Linden, New Jersey and her partner discoed their hearts out to a two-way tie.

The weekend festivities culminated at Rogers Grove Baptist Church with the traditional Sunday service. Samuel Rogers, Jr., presided over the service and music was rendered by the family choir and the Gilchrist Singers.

Winners of the children's contest were announced during the services. LeSherl Stouemire, granddaughter of Arthur and Shirley Thompson of Durham was the in-state winner, while Kenneth Thompson, Jr., captured the out-of-state award. Both received savings bonds. Other contest participants were Rahmud Javar Bass, Rehawn Levar Bass, LaShawn Corbett, Carla Pauline Hardy, Phillip Keith Harrington, John Lee, II, and Christopher Pope.

Recognition was given to the immediate past two presidents of the reunion, Marshall Thompson and Maude Thompson Evans. The finale was the Family Dinner served in the fellowship hall of the church.

La Petite Club Gets Awards

La Petite Garden Club received the attendance trophy and two blue ribbons — one for scrapbook and one for yearbook — at the 47th annual convention of the Federation of Garden Clubs of North Carolina held last week at the Royal Villa in Raleigh. Mrs. McCrea received the promotion trophy for the Durham group for having organized three junior garden clubs in the city. They are La Petite, West Durham Blossom and Lyon Park Rose Junior Garden Clubs.

Mrs. McCrea was also appointed to the time and place committee.

Mrs. Josephine Robinson of La Petite Club served on the newsletter committee for the convention.

From La Petite Junior Club, two members were elected to state offices. They are Willie Bass, president, and Sherry Smith, treasurer.

The club sent six Junior Gardeners to the convention, chaperoned by parents, Mrs. Witherspoon and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones.

Deberry-Leach Family Reunion To Be Held Sunday

The Deberry-Leach Family reunion will be held in Roberts Community Center, 1300 East Martin Street, Raleigh, Sunday, August 15, 1-5 p.m. The food is being catered. For more information, call Ms. Barbara Hines, 682-1203.

Fayetteville Happenings

By Mrs. T.H. Kinney

The Fayetteville Observer-Times carried an interesting love story this week. The story featured Adoption Right For the Johnsons — Mrs. Willie Mae Johnson and Miss Odette Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson related her story of adopting Odette when she was five years old. Odette is now 16. She related her early doubts, but had frequent conferences with the social worker, and all of that finally passed. It was only her part of the adjustment period. Odette is a student at Reid Ross High School and an exemplary student. Odette is a model teen, looking forward to college and the future.

An adoption meeting was held at 7:30 p.m. Monday past at John Wesley United Methodist Church. The Cumberland County Department of Social Services and the Children's Home Society are launching a joint recruitment drive, now.

There are from 4,000-7,000 homeless children in the state, according to experts. Two-thirds of these children are black. If you are interested in adopting folks, call 323-1540 or 483-8913.

Thanks to Mrs. Johnson for she is a living example for us all.

The Cumberland County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a First Aid Course on Saturday, August 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Chapter building. Call 867-8151.

Cumberland County Agricultural Extension Service and Extension Homemaker Clubs are sponsoring seven craft classes on Tuesday, August 24, at the County Office Building on Hwy. 301 South from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Scheduled are rug hooking, basic basket with handle, yarn cat, soft-sculptured faces, Christmas card craft, advanced hand-tied fringe and advanced tatting. Call 484-7156.

Miss Wanda Lynn Hodges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hodges of Hope Mills, and Jeffrey Lynn Ezekiel, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ezekiel of Columbus, Ga., were married Saturday afternoon at St. Joseph Episcopal Church with the Rev. L. Everette Thomas officiating.

The bride was escorted by her father, and the maid of honor was Ms. Janice Williams of Hope Mills.

Bridesmaids were Ms. Gail Bethel of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; Ms. Cheryl Hodges of Teaneck, N.J.; Ms. Sheme Roberts of Columbus, Ohio; and Ms. Ann Ezekiel of Columbus, Ga. Child attendants were Kristina Bethel and Daniel Hodges.

Best man was Raymond Hall of Columbus, Ga. Ushers were Jesse Bethel of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; Golden Raines of Teaneck, N.J.; Maurice Edwards of Columbus, Ga.; and Thomas H. Hodges, Jr., Jimmy Hodges and Michael Hodges, all of Hope Mills.



CHARLES ERVIN THOMPSON, grandson of Charles and Rowena Thompson and Jacob and Betty Rogers, one of the founders of the reunion, is the family's oldest living descendant.

Thrifty Service Club

The Thrifty Service Club sponsored a trip to Atlantic City August 5 with Mrs. Mary Vanhook, chairman of the trip committee for the club. Participants report very enjoyable experiences.

Persons taking the trip were: Mesdames Bessie Pratt, Ozell Flowers, Laura Hedgepeth, Lucille Coon, Muser Jones, Letrie Rogers, Mildred Witherspoon, Laura Thorpe, Onnie Holder, Annie J. Rogers, Ruby Tyler, Martha Whitley, Pauline Ingram, Evelyn Royster, Geraldine Jones, Louise Dawson Smith, Catherine Lunsford, Everta Johnson, Cariller Long, Josephine Knuckles, J. Pulley, Elnora Ransom, Pansy Leathers, Margaret Mack, Mary Parker, Luna J. Holman, Beatrice Holman, Cheryl Roberts, Margie Evans, Odessa Samford, Shirley Moore, Harriet Richmond, Merlie Walker, Jake Pulley and Jeff Poole.

Mrs. Rozetta Cobb's home was the setting for the July meeting of the Thrifty Service Club, celebrating the birthdates of Mrs. Cobb and Mrs. Pearl Walker. The first vice president, Mrs. Beatrice Holman, presided. Devotion was led by Mrs. Genevieve Rogers. Reports from various committees were given.

The honorees received gifts and birthday money. A repast was served. Mrs. Mattie Jones thanked the hostesses.

Other members attending were: Mesdames Willie M. Jones, Bessie Pratt, Ethel Charles, Mae R. Core, Elnora Ransom, Stattie Russ, Alice Wilson, Mattie Jones, Mozell Flintall, Elizabeth Jones, Milie L. Williams, Irene Hall, Aline Davis, Marie McMillan, Louise Thompson and Vergie Mangum. Guests were: Misses Linda and Princess Gary.

The next meeting will be held August 14 at 5 p.m. on Duke Street with Mrs. Mildred Gattis and Mrs. Louise Thompson as co-hostesses.

Cruise Party Back Home

A week of fun, sun and gracious living was enjoyed by the party that accompanied Ms. Amelia Harper on a cruise to San Juan, Puerto Rico, Nassau, Bahamas, and St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, July 24-31.

Those in the party were Mrs. Mildred Smith, Mrs. Pearl George and daughter, Louise, Mrs. Winnie Herndon, Mrs. Roberta Spencer and Ms. Amelia L. Harper. They traveled on the fun ship, Festiva.

Hillside Class of '63 Planning Reunion

The Hillside High School class of 1963 is making plans for the 20 year reunion. Class members in Durham and the surrounding areas are urged to attend the next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 21, at 6 p.m., at the home of Ms. Carolyn Thomas Monk, 913 Windcrest Drive. A cook-out is planned immediately following the meeting. If you are unable to attend, please call James Dempson at 596-3727; or Marshall Thompson at 489-5439.

Wedding musicians were Lois Adams, Sharon McNair and Chennell Evans.

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents were hosts for a reception at Fort Bragg Officers' Club.

The bride is a graduate of Tuskegee Institute and will be employed by the Camden City School System in Camden, N.J.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Tuskegee Institute and will enter Howard University Dental School in the fall.

The couple will live in Camden, N.J.

"Happy Cousins", a gospel singing group, celebrated its seventh anniversary with two weekend concerts at Williams Chapel Free Will Baptist Church Sunday past.

You can beat the heat with trips or treats for the dog days of summer need not cramp your style.

Sister Martha Evans was at Praise Temple in Parkton.

Bishop Davis spoke at the Floral Club anniversary at Mount Olive Baptist Church.

Mrs. Veatrice Davis spoke at the annual Women's Day at Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Mrs. Beverly Bowden spoke at the 8:30 a.m. service. The pastor spoke at 11 a.m. service.

You can enjoy "Guys And Dolls" at Fort Bragg Playhouse. "Where's Charley?" at the Bordeaux Dinner Theater.

Gary Mitchell, 2014 Corinna St., served as a page recently in the office of Gov. Jim Hunt in Raleigh. Gary is a senior at E.E. Smith.

The Simon Temple Youth Choir celebrated its ninth anniversary with a musical program involving a number of groups.

Five persons from the Fayetteville school system attended the NEA national convention in Los Angeles, California recently. They are Mrs. Catherine Adams, Mrs. Irene Buffalo, Mrs. Edna Cummings, Mrs. Marilyn Ellerbe and Mrs. Helen Pierce.

Happy birthday anniversary to Mrs. Angela Wilson, Mark Miller, Mrs. Mary Shaw, Ms. Cynthia Hodges, Mrs. Viola Hayes, Mrs. Faye Hodges and Mrs. C. Harris.

The Fayetteville Zetas reported that they had a wonderful stay at the Boule in Richmond, Va. It was electrifying, informative and well planned.

Miss Susan Lynette Nix Weds Donald E. Webster

Miss Susan Lynette Nix, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe R. Nix of Silver Spring, Maryland, and Donald Eugene Webster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Webster of Atlanta, Georgia, were married June 12 at Plymouth Congregation Church, Washington, D.C., with Dean Lawrence Jones of Howard University officiating.

A reception was held at the Blaekburn Center on the university campus.

The bride is a student majoring in nutrition at Clark College in Atlanta. The bridegroom, a graduate of Morehouse College, is a student at Atlanta University and is employed at the Atlanta Fulton County Stadium.

The bridegroom is the grandson of Mrs. C. Jerry Gates of Durham.

Following a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple lives in Atlanta.

Mrs. Bertha F. Gregory Celebrates 95th Year

On Sunday, August 1, Mrs. Bertha F. Gregory of 1029-C Merrick Street was honored with a surprise 95th birthday dinner following church services in the basement at The Church of God and Prophecy on Grant Street. Minister Walters and Rev. W.A. Reeves hosted the dinner along with Mrs. Gregory's daughters, sons, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Church members and friends attended.

Mrs. Gregory is a member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and attends Community Life Center.

Hines-Nuchurch Reunion Held In Washington

The Hines-Nuchurch family reunion was held August 6-8 at the Thomas Circle Holiday Inn in Washington, D.C.

The family gathered at the home of Robert Sims, for the outdoor feast. The eldest and the youngest descendants present at the gathering were recognized.

The worship service was held at the New Macedonia Baptist Church.

Family members and friends were from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and Louisiana.

The next reunion will be held in New Orleans, La., August 10-12, 1984.

Dr. Anna Williams To Be Married

Dr. Anna Louise Williams will be married to Wayne Bertran McLurkin at 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 4, at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church on Hillandale Road in Durham.

Dr. Williams is currently a resident in radiology at the Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana. She is a graduate of Northern High School in Durham, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. McLurkin is a graduate of Kent School and Harvard University, and received his business and law degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is currently working for Shell Oil Company.

Ms. Williams is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Howard Washington Williams, Jr., of Durham. Mr. and Mrs. William F. McLurkin of Charlotte are the parents of the prospective bridegroom.

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