

Full figure fashion show a success

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Mt. Zion Baptist Church recently benefited from a fashion show for full-figured women that was held in the File-Goodwin Enrichment Center of the church.

The show, entitled "What's Brewing," was held for two reasons, according to coordinator Jeannette Lewis.

"Number one, it was for the building fund of Mt. Zion Baptist Church; to raise money for the building fund. And it was also given in memory of my mother Mrs. Janie W. Thomas, who was a long time member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church," she explained.

Mrs. Thomas died in 1986 and this was the third fashion show held in her honor. "I started

But this is my personal contribution as her third daughter to Mrs. Janie W. Thomas," said Lewis.

She added that each year, the proceeds are donated to Mt. Zion's building fund to help pay for the church's new wing, which was completed about four years ago.

The first fashion show was in 1989, and according to Lewis, each show has been primarily for women who are full-figured.

"In the past, all the smaller women, all the skinny women, so to speak, have been getting all the attention in the world. And this is really not a true picture. The real world has all sizes, and I feel that the full-figured lady buys as much as the smaller-sized women, and that if you're going to give a true picture, it was about time, I thought, that somebody stepped out



The fashion show showcased fashions for full-figured women only.



Mt. Zion's Building Fund will benefit from a fashion show held in the File-Goodwin Enrichment Center. The show was held in honor of the late Mrs. Janie W. Thomas.

this shortly after my mother died, not right away.

"You know how some people put flowers in the church, which is fine. We do that on occasions and on Mother's Day, they recognize the deceased mothers. And there are several occasions that we (Lewis and her three sisters) do remember our mother in many, many ways.

locally to honor the full-figure fashions," she stated.

Lewis estimates that over 100 people were in attendance at the show, which raised at least \$300 for the building fund. "From the response of the audience and from the comments that were made after the show, it was our most successful one. I heard words like, 'It was profes-

sional," she said.

Fashions for the show were provided by Audrey Jones of Hanes Mall and showcased in five categories — church, sports/casual, winter coat wear, dressy/after five wear, and the finale.

Fashion tips were provided by JoAnne J. Falls and make-up tips were provided by Laura Allen.

Lewis said that she plans to make the fashion shows an annual event at Mt. Zion to be held every third Sunday in October.

'Bighouse' Gaines honored with special day

Winston-Salem State University Coach Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines was honored with a special day proclaimed in his name at last week's NBA game at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Last week, Mayor Martha Wood proclaimed Friday, Oct. 18 as "Bighouse Gaines Day" in Winston-Salem.

She read the proclamation before the National Basketball Association's 7:30 p.m. basketball game between the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Orlando Magic at the Coliseum.

Mayor Wood also presented

Gaines with a check for \$1,000 from Russ Potts, Productions, Inc., payable to the Winston-Salem State University Athletic Foundation.

Russ Potts, Productions, Inc. is licensed to do business as Sports Productions, Inc., which was the promoter of the NBA game.

Gaines has coached at Winston-Salem State University for the past 45 years, during which, his teams have won eight CIAA championships.

Gaines has also been named the CIAA Basketball Coach of the Year eight times, in addition to being inducted into the North Carolina

Basketball Hall of Fame.

Coach Gaines has also been distinguished as the second man in the history of college basketball to achieve 800 game victories.

Gaines received that honor on Jan. 4, 1990. He is now considered the country's "most winning active basketball coach" with 816 wins.

According to the proclamation read by Mayor Wood, "Coach Gaines serves as an inspiration for athletes and sports fans across the country by his dedication and commitment to athletic excellence and the full development of individual potential."



Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines

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three girls. And although it was tough trying to make ends meet somehow God just blessed them. They didn't have much but what they did have, they just saved.

and even though he and his wife didn't have a formal education they knew the real value of education and thus they were willing to make the sacrifices so that each of their daughters could one day go to college.

Evroy would walk miles so that he could come home and put a Buffalo nickel in a jar that would pay for his children's college education.

He and his wife knew the value of owning things so they scraped and saved enough to buy themselves a home — a brand new home over Boston. At one point things got pretty rough — the wife was laid off, two children in college, house payment due.

But through it all Young Evroy never forgot this one thing: that God could do more with a dollar than he could with 10. Therefore he and Henrietta would keep their hands in the Master's hand and pretty soon everything would be alright.

And you know, sure enough, it was. Because as soon as one daughter made it out of school, she would send money back home to help out. It wasn't that she had too but it was because they were all a little family

together. They were a family. When the other daughter finished school she wanted to send money too. They told her that she didn't have to but she wanted to.

In 1967, Evroy decided that he had enough of his old job at Reynolds when they asked him to train another white fellow who in two weeks was making more money than Evroy. This time he told them that he was gone. Gone to plant flower and gone to spend the

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rest of his life with his beloved Henrietta. That was then. He never looked back.

A few years ago, his best friend, that little woman in the red blouse and the blue skirt passed away. For him, she was the best there ever was. To him she was the best thing that could have ever happened to a man. Never once did the two of them ever argue about anything. They were simply in perfect harmony. She was his supporter and

he was hers. Together the two of them built a beautiful family that lasted more than a lifetime. It will last through all generations.

Next month, November 25, Deacon Evroy Cunningham of Mt. Zion Baptist Church will be 86 years old.

If you see him shed a few tears, don't worry. It's not all sadness. It is also the joy of knowing that one day he and his favorite will be together again.

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