

Area Weddings

Allen-Smith

Jermonia Calvetti Allen and Patrick Clavon Smith were married 14 Sept. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

The bride, daughter of Laura Hayes Allen of Winston-Salem and Jerry C. Allen of Mocksville, N.C., is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University, with a bachelor's degree in management information services. She is an imaging agent for Pepsi Cola Customer Service Center in Winston-Salem.

The groom, son of Esther Robinson Wellman and Jesse T. Smith, attended Forsyth Technical Community College. He is a freight handler for Roadway Express Inc. of Kernersville, N.C.

The ceremony was conducted by Dr. Serenus T. Chum Sr. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The maid of honor was Jerri Allen, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Dianna Jones, the bride's cousin; Vida Pinkney; Carleena Allen, the bride's cousin; and Shannetta Mack. The flower girl was LaTricia Hayes, the bride's cousin.

The best man was Jesse Smith Jr., the groom's brother. Groomsmen were Marvin Crémédy; Leander Jones, the bride's cousin; Darryl Ray; and Kevin Smith. Ushers were Douglas Gilliam of Windsor, N.C., and Mike McDermott, the groom's cousin. The ring bearer was Maurice Smith, the groom's nephew.



Jermonia Smith

Following a honeymoon cruise of the Caribbean, the couple will make their home in Winston-Salem.

Jones-Koyate

Carmen M. Jones and Omar Koyate were married April 20 at Martin Luther King Jr. Community Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Morris Stimage-Norwood conducted the service.

The matron of honor was Candace M. Jones. The flower girl was Nia J. Richardson.

The best man was Tony Gilmore. The ring bearer was Airek D. Douglas.



Carmen Koyate

Arnold/Joyce reunion held in Stuart, Va.

On August 10 and 11, the Arnolds and Joyces came together for a reunion. The Joyce side started in Stuart, Va., on the homesite of Samuel Joyce I on Route 5 in 1984. The Arnold side joined with the Joyce's in 1988 when it was noticed that at each meeting, the same members were present from both families.

In 1990, 1992 and 1994, the reunion was held in Winston-Salem. Then in 1996, it moved back to Stuart, Va. They met on Saturday at Rotary Field, and Sunday at DeHart Park.

There were approximately 750 people in attendance from all over the United States. Descendants of Alice Joyce

Foster and Adeline Joyce Gray came from Reidsville, N.C., Baltimore, Md., Winston-Salem, and Washington, D.C. Descendants of Kate Joyce Hill, and Beatrice Joyce Moore came from Stuart, Va., Charleston, W.Va., Martinsville and Ridgeway, Va., New York City, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Stoneville, N.C.

Descendants of George Joyce, Annie and Betty Joyce came from Bassett, Va.; Baltimore, Md.; Phoenix, Ariz.; several cities in California; Winston-Salem, Madison, Stoneville, Pilot Mountain, and Greensboro, N.C.; Detroit, Mich., and Washington D.C. The Arnold side was represented by the Hineses, Hugheses,

Joyces, and Lovells from North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, Michigan, New York, Arizona and California.

There were recent births in both the Joyce and Arnold families. Melvin and Mae Hylton had a granddaughter, Iris and James Hines had a grand daughter, Ghemma Oberoi had a granddaughter. The oldest Joyce present was Thelma Hylton. The oldest Arnold was Elizabeth Hines and Samuel Joyce II. The oldest Joyces, Fletcher, 101 and Minnie, 96, passed away recently.

Faye showed videos of family members on Saturday. Rabihah showed slides of our ancestors in Africa on Sunday. A lovely time was had by all.



Left, Napoleon and Ruth Nelson in 1946, the year they were married



Right, The Nelsons in 1996

Nelsons celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Napoleon and Ruth began this union Sept. 15, 1946. Napoleon is a native of Winston-Salem and a retiree of the New York City Housing Preservation and Development Administration. Ruth is a native of Gastonia, N.C., and is a retiree of the New York City Department of Social Services.

For 38 years, they lived in New York City but have been back in Winston-Salem for the past 10 years.

The couple will celebrate their 50th anniversary at 3 p.m.

Sept. 22 at the Eastway Conference and Banquet Center, 1500 Mt. Zion Place.

Elizabeth Woods will be the hostess.

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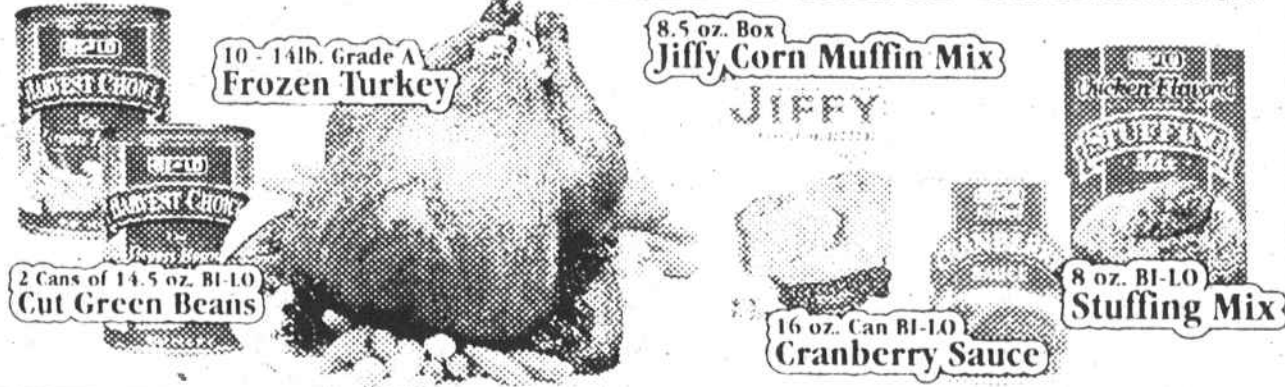
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