

**Jack Benson**

**Hosts Party**

**For Classmates**

There were three days of festivities recently, to celebrate the 25th Class Reunion of the Second Ward High School Class of 1952. Jack "Chicken" Benson got the ball rolling Thursday night, June 30, by hosting a party for former classmates and friends at the plush Radisson Plaza Hotel. Jack, who lives in Pittsburgh, Pa. and is a salesman for Koret of California, also was Master of Ceremonies at the reunion program on Saturday evening.

Hospitality Night for local participants and out of town class members was held on Friday night, July 1, at Duke's Club on Lakewood Ave. Jean Stovall McDuffie, Clarence Rickett and William Barnette were the planners of this affair.

The finale, and the biggest event of the weekend, was the dinner and dance which took place on Saturday evening at Slug's Tower Suite in the Jefferson First Union Plaza. A planned program was presented for the enjoyment of the class members and their guests.

Each class member who attended and contributed to the reunion was presented a gold-plated, engraved cup as souvenir. Besides local participants there were members present from Michigan, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Washington, D.C. and Virginia.

Officers of the class are: President-Betty Golden Holloway, Vice-President - Jack Stovall, Secretary - Jean Stovall McDuffie, Treasurer-William A. Barnette, Co-treasurer - Jeanette Mobley Grier, Sergeant-at-Arms - John Roden and Social Committee - Esther Sturgis and Fannie Barber Harris.

**Storytellers Return**

**To Freedom Park**

The second annual Storytelling Festival will be held from 2 until 5 p.m., Saturday, July 16 in Freedom Park.

Eight public library storytellers will gather near the lake to spin tales, sing songs, and play games.

Last year's program was a success with parents and children alike participating in the free activities.

The festival is a celebration of the almost-lost art of storytelling. Participants include summer storytellers Geraldyn Buening, Diane Vaughn, Kathleen Ennis, and Ron Connellin as well as full-time members of children's services, Fran Clark, Jo Ann Rodgers, Linda McCraw, and Alvin Johnson.

In case of rain, the program will be held from 2-5 p.m., Sunday, July 17.

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**Sylvia McLean Crowned Queen**

**Of Delta Beauty Competition**

Sylvia McLean, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth McLean and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lex Thompson, was crowned queen of the Nu Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Incorporated in a beauty talent competition held recently at the Greenville Center.

Sylvia, a rising senior at Independence High School who plans to become a computer programmer, is also interested in professional modeling.

Sylvia is a member of New Emmanuel Congregational Church where she participates in the Thompson Singers group.

Her hobbies consists of bowling, skating and traveling. She has worked as a

secretary of the "Helping Hand Maid Service" and as a bookkeeper for the Joyland Day Care Center.

According to Sylvia, she inherited her queenship from her grandmother, Mrs. Queen Estell Thompson, who was crowned for her outstanding missionary work and leadership ability in Mecklenburg County and for her service as a fashion coordinator.

Sylvia has also been awarded the best modeler of the "Fashion and You" contest in 1974, and will serve as one of the leading models for the "Spirit of 77" fashion show to be held at the Greenville Center, Sunday, July 24, at 2 p.m.

According to Ms. Ruby Reeder Bradley, Basileus of the Nu Chapter of Gamma Phi

Delta Sorority, Inc., the purpose of the organization is to recognize a developed talent and ability in youth. She said the organization also sponsors a fund raising project for underprivileged youth and senior citizens of Charlotte.

Other participants in the beauty-talent pageant were Jackie Daniels, Miss Congeniality; Yolanda Graham first runner up; Patricia Donalds, talent winner; Wanda Guinyard, Annie Brown, Lee Hunt, 2nd runner up; Miss Lourie Burns, 3rd runner up; Miss Kim Belk, Miss Rozena Wallace, Miss Doretha Thompson, Miss Bradwell and Miss Haly.

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**Rev. C. M. Allen Receives Ceremonial Robe**

In a surprise move after a recent Sunday morning worship service, Usher Board No. 1 of Parkwood CME Institutional Church presented the pastor, Rev. C.M. Allen, with a beautiful Ceremonial Robe. The robe, which is white with a red and purple stole, will be worn on special occasions, such as weddings, communions, christenings and baptisms.

"Since its reorganization about ten years ago under the leadership of Brother Clifton Johnson, Usher Board No. 1 has grown to be one of the largest and strongest boards of the church," Rev. Allen said. He added, "They are extremely supportive of me at all times but I was thoroughly surprised and deeply touched by the beautiful gift."

Clifton Johnson is President Emeritus of Usher Board No. 1, Thomas Coleman is President, J.L. Young, Sr. is Vice-President and Ms. Pauline Cureton is Secretary.

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