

Mayor Gantt Proclaims "We Are Family Week"

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Just how important is the family? Here in Charlotte it is important enough for October 5-13 to be proclaimed "We Are Family Week," by Mayor Harvey Gantt.

This effort which is being sponsored by the family Outreach and Counseling Center seeks to affirm the importance and value of the family through the sponsorships of workshops and other family-related activities.

The week of activities kicks off with "We Are Family Week Poster Contest." Students in elementary, junior high and middle schools of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system are invited to participate in a poster contest as part of the center's second annual celebration. With the opportunity to win passes to the

movies, as well as a day's pass to Carowinds, the overall winner will receive a "We Are Family" t-shirt, a certificate and will be a guest along with his/her parent(s) at the Family Outreach's annual volunteer appreciation luncheon. The winning entries will be displayed at the YWCA Uptown center on October 12.

That's just the start of the fun things that will be going on during "We Are Family Week." On Saturday, October 5, a "We Are Family Fashion Extravaganza" will be held at the Outlet Square Mall. Models will range in ages of six months to senior citizens. The fashion show begins at 1 p.m.

Later that evening, beginning at 9 p.m. Family Outreach will sponsor their second annual Oasis Ball at Adams Mark. Admission is only \$7 and door prizes will be given to lucky

ticket holders. The Michael Porter Band will be performing.

For a gospel delight be at West Charlotte Senior High School auditorium on Sunday, October 6. Local and surrounding gospel groups and soloists such as the Dynamic Gospel Echoes and Bill Crawford and the Original Modernaires will be on hand to set your souls on fire. Bob Harris of WPEG's Gospel Unlimited will be the emcee. The concert starts at 3 p.m. and tickets are \$5.

At the Outreach center, Tuesday, October 9, at 3 p.m., play Community Trivia. What's community trivia? It's a lot like Trivia Pursuit, only in this game the questions revolve around the Charlotte community.

Start Lindy hopping and jitterbugging, because the Harlem Jazz Troupe featuring founder Mama La Parks, the Savoy Lindy hoppers and the Mama La Parks McDonald's Boogie Breakers are on their way. In conjunction with Family Week, they will be in concert Friday, October 11, at West Charlotte High School's auditorium. Jitterbug Jazz is an all-black production which salutes the swing era of the early '30s in both

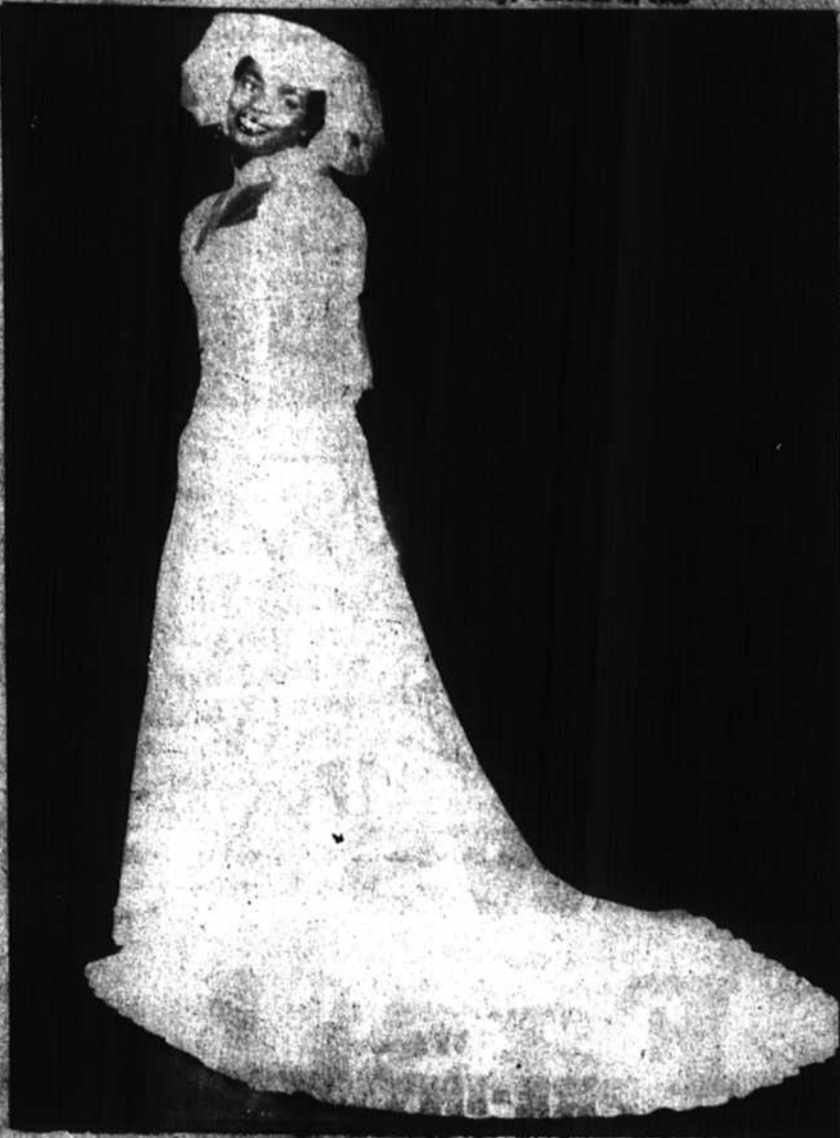
mimic and dance. Tickets for the event will cost \$10. And the show starts at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, October 12, at the YWCA Uptown Center Robert "Bob" Davis and Mayor Harvey Gantt will speak on "In Celebration of Families." Also, the Harlem Jitterbug Jazz Troupe will give a special dance workshop. There is no admission for either of these events.

Activities for Family Week will close with a "We Are Family Park Day." With the site being Freedom Park, the day will be filled with games, bands, church choirs and an auction. Items to be donated to the auction are still needed and would be appreciated.

"We Are Family Week" will be co-sponsored by local businesses, individuals and other family service agencies. During the "We Are Family Week" churches, agencies and community organizations will offer workshops and other activities in celebration of family.

Workshop brochures, booth rental information for We Are Family Park Day and ticket or auction items information are available through the Family Outreach office, 333-2033 or 333-7037.



Mrs. Richard H. Darby Jr.
...The former Darlene Sowell

Sowell-Darby Vows Spoken

Two lives became one when Tonia Darlene Sowell and Richard Henry Darby Jr. exchanged their wedding vows, recently.

The wedding, which took place at Johnson C. Smith University Chapel, was officiated by Rev. C. V. Owens, pastor of First Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and assisting minister, Rev. Robert C. Moore, of Augusta, Ga.

Given in marriage by her father, Thomas C. Sowell, the bride wore a light-weight white tissue taffeta gown. The bodice was covered in pearls and Alencon lace. A solid floral design, outlined with heavy threads on a fine net background, accented the bodice. The bodice also met the waistline of the gown in a "V" point. A wedding band collar was trimmed in pearls, and lace with an illusion yoke across the front and the back of the shoulders. Full Bishop sleeves that were covered in pearls and lace met in "V" points at the end of the cuffs. The skirt of the gown ended in a chapel-length train that was trimmed in Alencon lace. For her headpiece, the bride wore a derby-style hat, covered in French Alencon lace and shoulder length illusion.

As matron of honor, the bride selected Patsy Murrill, the bride's sister, and Marian Cooper of Raleigh, N.C. The bridesmaids were Erin Williams, Tracie McNair, Florence Darby, and Cheryl Littlejohn.

Adrienne Sowell and Stacie Murrill of Winston-Salem, N.C., were the flower girls. They are the bride's nieces.

The groom chose Norman Adams of Washington, D.C., as his best man.

Ushers for the ceremony were: Willie O. Sowell, the bride's brother of California, Benny Murrill of Winston-Salem, David Fuller, Elmer Pickett of Augusta, Ga., Wyatt Minton of Camden, S.C., Gregory Wright, also of Clinton, and Reginald Kirksey of Greenville, S.C.

Master Christopher Wright, the groom's god son, was the ring bearer. The Bible bearer was LeDuan Pratt.

Music was provided by organist Gerado Stroud and soloist Lynetta Sowell.

The bride's personal attendant and consultant was Rhonda Woodruff. The register attendants were Debra Jones and Latrelle McAllister. Hostesses for the wedding were Sandra Clark, Rhonda Farmer, and Geri Simmons.

A graduate of Winston-Salem State University with a B.S. degree and UNC-Charlotte with a master's

Owens

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life." Self-described as "understanding and caring," Melanie says her own goals are "to get my cosmetologist license, become a successful beautician and mother and to see my little girl grow up to be something."

If she could have whatever she wanted, presently, it would be her own home. "I'm independent," Melanie admits.

Melanie has two older sisters, Connie 24, and Julie 23, and she has one younger brother, Rodney, who's 12.

Shelter For Battered Women

The Shelter for Battered Women, a division of United Family Services, advises you that the week of October 6 is Domestic Violence Awareness Week.

This week of national recognition serves as a reminder that the crime of spouse and child abuse is not

limited to any one social class or neighborhood in our community.

To learn more about Shelter services, volunteer opportunities, or to request a speaker for your club or civic group, call director Julie Stafford on the Shelter's 24-hour telephone line, 332-2513.

Steele Bible Class Begins

The A.O. Steele Community Bible Class will begin its 37th year Tuesday, October 8, in McCrorey Hall on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University.

The class was organized by Dr. A. O. Steele, professor of religious education at Johnson C. Smith University for 35 years.

There is no charge for attending

the Bible class. It is held as a community service. Sunday School teachers and students of the Bible are urged to attend.

The Rev. Calvin A. Hood, university chaplain at Johnson C. Smith University, will teach the class.

For further information, call the Office of the Chaplain at 373-1037.

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