

WHO'S WHO and doing what

By EDDYE K. KIM

A GATHERING of the CLAN WRIGHT ...

One of the largest and most exciting family reunions held here in recent years took place during the past week when Mrs. Emma Wright, widow of the late Elder Frank Wright, distinguished citizen of Hot Springs, Ark., was honored by 75 of her sons and daughters, their wives or husbands, and assorted grandchildren and great grandchildren. Appropriately enough, the number of those participating corresponded exactly with Mrs. Wright's age, which she carries with the mature dignity one might expect from the matriarch of such an outstanding family. (See photos, page 11.)

A highlight of the festive occasion was an elaborate supper attended by various members of the Wright clan from such widely separated localities as Kansas City and Los Angeles, Detroit and Reno, Hot Springs and Las Vegas. They included eminent professional and business people, ministers, teachers and housewives, many of them long prominent in civic, religious and educational activities in their home communities.

Serving as master of ceremonies for the gala supper was Earl Wright of Detroit, an Elder in the Church of God in Christ and youngest of the venerable Mrs. Wright's nine children together with his twin sister, Mrs. George (Earline) Ward, a teacher at Matt Kelly School here.

Another well-known minister, Elder Frank Wright, brought his family from Missouri for the celebration. Detroit also was represented by Felton Wright and his family, while Ernest Wright and his family were in from Hot Springs.

Eddie Wright Sr. of Las Vegas, oldest of the honoree's sons and grandfather of VOICE chief photographer Clinton Wright, had the pleasure of presenting his mother with a plaque encribed with the names of all her children. Included were Mrs. Wright's other daughters in addition to Mrs. Ward--Mrs. Tillman (Dorothy) Johnson, Mrs. Z.C. (Verna) Ware and Mrs. Coruth (Loyce) Hall, all local residents. Mrs. Hall's husband is pastor of St. Paul Church of God in Christ.

Grandchildren present for the big event were Mrs. Bobby (Joyce) Hutchinson, Mrs. Buford (Arnette) Green, Mrs. Verlon (Elayne) Wright, Mrs. William (Shirley) Grice, Clinton Emma Jean, Alton, Carlton, Tony, Freddie Ray, Ernestine, Raymond, Sue, Cheryl, Teresa, Mary Louise, Patricia, Jerome, Michael, Marvelyn, Harriet, Anna Jean, Estraleda, two Roberts and Carita Wright; Leon, Angela, Ronnie and Denice Green; Godfrey, Dorothy Jr., Alfred and Alfreida Johnson; Marie and Delores Ware, Phyllis and Lynn Ward. Unable to make it were Tillman Johnson Jr. and Frank Wright Jr.

Great grandchildren on hand included Hermena, Jeffrey, Reuben, Carla and Kelvin Wright; Patricia and Sonia Hutchison, and Brian Grice. Among second cousins were Aranetta and Edna Smith.

Special guests included Bishop C. C. Cox of the Church of God in Christ, who paid a stirring tribute to Mrs. Wright; Mrs. Sweetie Porter,



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HARRIS-HENDERSON WEDDING -- Shown above following their recent marriage at St. Paul Church of God in Christ are the former Mary Louise Harris and Frank Henderson (center). Mrs. Kathryn Barrell, matron of honor, is on left and Johnnie Barrell, best man, is at right. Paul Barrell (front) was ringbearer. Elder Coruth Hall performed ceremony.

state women's supervisor of the CGC, and Mrs. Willie Lisby, a god-child of Mrs. Wright.

Many attractive and useful gifts were presented to Mrs. Wright and three of her grandchildren, Tony Wright and Dorothy Johnson Jr., Las Vegas High, and Marie Ware, Rancho High, received graduation presents.

A WEDDING and a BIRTHDAY ...

Relatives and close friends were well-wishers as Patricia Ann McCoy, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Excell McCoy, became the bride of Merle Harris in a court house ceremony last weekend. An elegant reception followed at the Continental Village home of the groom's cousin, Mrs. Roy C. Lee, with all sorts of goodies and gay music available as the new Mrs. Harris helped serve her guests in a green nylon and lace cocktail dress. Her mother wore a black and white print and the groom's mother was equally smart in a brocaded cocktail suit.

Among the guests were the groom's two sisters, Mrs. Garland Dowd and Mrs. Alex Greene (who flew in from Kansas City, Kan.), the host's sister, Mrs. Randolph Raybon and Mr. Raybon (celebrating their first anniversary), Phyllis Gay, Maxine Allen, Darean Smith, Jeff Coleman, Don Simmons and Air Force Sgt. William Miller from Nellis.

Mrs. Eula Alexander and our own Carita Harbert were honorees at a birthday party and dinner hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene (Avanelle) Lewis at their home. Up from Los Angeles for the occasion was prominent club woman Mrs. Louise Westbrook and Mr. and Mrs. Al Brandon, while Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harper, parents of noted vocalist Toni Harper, also were there as house guests of the Lewises. Others toasting Mrs. Alexander and Miss Harbert included Mr. and Mrs. Larry Barr, Mr. and Mrs. Mack McClendon, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bailey, Mrs. Dottie West, Culine Jones, Betty Hullum, William Bailey Sr. and jet pilot trainee Lt. Tariq Athtar from far-off Pakistan.

Mrs. Alexander is the mater of the attractive hostess, who presides over the PBX board at Las Vegas City Hall while her hubby--chef is serving up those delicious victuals at the popular Texas Bar-B-Q Pit out at Miller and Highland. Miss Harbert, a featured dancer not too many birthdays ago, is the highly-efficient office manager at the VOICE.

And so adieu--we'll be seeing you. In the meantime, if you have an interesting item we can use in the column, please give us a buzz at 642-6333 or drop it off at the VOICE office in the West Mall of the Golden West Shopping Center, 958 West Owens Ave. (Don't forget to include your name, address and telephone number. Thanks.)

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