LIFESTYLE

'Miss Glamour MD' crowned

Vivacious Mia Johnson, an 18-year-old model, proudly walked away with the crown as the new Miss Glamour Maryland Pageant winner recently.

Eight finalists competed when the Flair Modeling Agency of Mondawmin Mall produced its third Annual Miss Glamour Maryland Pageant at the Maryland Historical Society in downtown Baltimore.

The 5'11" beauty was breathtaking in a liquid royal blue sequinned gown as she accepted the crown and trophy from City Council Vice President, Jacqueline McLean, and the former, Karla Daniel.

First runner-up was gracious Yolanda Brown, also 18, who is a junior at Towson State University. Second runner-up was Vermell Peterson, a very poised cosmetics consultant for Fashion Fair Cosmetics. The contestants also judged Miss Brown "Miss Congeniality" because of her optimism, positive attitude and concern for others.

A solid favorite, Miss Johnson won in all individual categories; best in swimsuit, evening gown and question and answer, leaving only best

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MISS GLAMOUR MARYLAND AND COURT — Mia Johnson (c) recently crowned 'Miss Glamour Maryland' in Flair Studio's third Annual Miss Glamour Maryland Pageant held at the Maryland Historical Society is flanked by (from l): Vermel Peterson, Second runner-up and Yolanda Brown, First runner-up.

Photos by Paris Gray

RETIREMENT HONOREE CALVIN P. STYLES is pinned by his wife during the celebratory retirement dinner-cruise hosted for him Wednesday, August 31 as daughter Lisa looks on.

PARTYLINE
By Pattie Hodges

SIMMONS FAMILY REUNION

Traveling from New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Virginia, 125 members and friends of the Simmons family converged on Centennial Park in Ellicott City on August 20 for their second family reunion.

Undaunted by the rain that fell for much of the day, the participants maintained a celebratory mood as they dined on crab soup, barbecued chicken, barbecued ribs and an array of picnic foods catered by Taylor and DeShields.

In extending greetings to the group, Leonard Simmons, who served as chairman of the planning committee, reminded the family members of the remarkable progress that they had made in four generations since slavery.

Daniel Simmons, father of "Run" of the rap group Run DMC, after being introduced as the true King of Rap, read a poem that he had written in honor of the occasion.

Family members honored were Mrs. Mary Simmons, age 90, oldest family member present; Nicole Mathis, eight months, youngest; Mr. and Mrs. James Thornton, married longest, 60 years; Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Simmons, most recently married, eight months; Mrs. Myrtella Brown, the largest family, and Mrs. Archie Simmons, Brooklyn, NY, for having traveled the farthest to attend the reunion.

Joseph Simmons, "Run" of Run DMC, and his brother Russell, owner of Rush Enterprises, were praised for the national success that they had achieved in the entertainment field.

Proclamations from Mayor Schmoke, Delegate Elijah Cummings and Governor Schaefer congratulating the Simmons family were highlights of the reunion.

That night the festivities continued as Mrs. Shirley Simmons of Queens, NY have a birthday party for her husband, Daniel.

The reunion officially came to an end on Sunday with a champagne brunch held at Baltimore's Quality Inn.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Congratulations are in order for Calvin P. Styles, in whose honor a retirement dinner cruise was held on Wednesday, August 31. Styles is retiring from the Housing Authority of Baltimore City after completing 38 years of faithful and dedicated service.

His last assignment was as Chief-Central Maintenance Operations, where he was responsible for the supervision of 220 employees providing centralized maintenance services to the residents of 42 public housing developments.

The party was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Calvin P. Styles, their children and many relatives and approximately 210 guests. The guests included State Senator Clarence Blount, Mrs. Gordine Blount, Director of Family Support Services — HABC; Mrs. Juanita Harris, Director of Housing Management — HABC; William Matthews, Director of Security-HABC; James T. McClelland and many other employees and guests.

Styles was honored with proclamations from the Governor, the State Senate, the Mayor of Baltimore, and the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City, and received a letter of acknowledgement from Senator Paul Sarbanes.

A great time was had by all who attended.

88TH B'DAY CONGRATS

On September 12, Mrs. Ruth Rowe celebrated her 88th birthday. She loves the Lord and she loves people.

Mrs. Rowe's background includes working for the Dept. of Social Services for 27 years, holding membership in the Urban Services Agency, Poppleton Pack, AFRO-AMERICAN Community Block Campaign, AFRO-AMERICAN Mrs. Santa Project, Santa Claus Anonymous and the Greater Moral Center of Baltimore.

During Mrs. Rowe's career

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MEMBERS OF THE SIMMONS FAMILY are seen enjoying themselves during the Sunday brunch (at Baltimore's Quality Inn) which culminated their second family reunion held at Centennial Park in Ellicott City, MD.

THE LADY ELK
By Mattie J. Hawkins

Wednesday, Sept. 6, the Loyal Dgts. of the Magnolia Council held their regular meeting at the Elks Home with loyal Dgt. Ruler Jean I. Williams presiding, along with loyal Dgt. Evelyn Mills, financial secretary and loyal Dgt. Callie S. Coleman, recording secretary. The meeting was called to order with prayer by loyal Dgt. Barbara Husaw. All Daughters aspiring to the Magnolia Council are requested to get their endorsements to Dgt. Dorothy Butler, chair of the nominating committee.

On Thursday, Sept. 15 Brothers and Daughters of the Antlerd Guard Department — namely Simon Smith, Juliet Dixon, Joan Jackson, James Brisco, Grace T. Coombs, Willis F. Jackson, Margie Suiter, James Jetter and others — will depart D.C. for Louisville, Ky. to attend the Antlerd Guard Encampment through Sept. 18.

Saturday, Sept. 17, Mr. Tonney Mills will escort his sister, Tuesday Mills, down the aisle to the altar to be married. They are the children of P.G.D.R. Evelyn Mills.

All members of the North East P.G.D.R. Fellowship Circle are reminded to attend the regular meeting Sunday, Sept. 18, 3 p.m. at the home of P.G.D.R Earnest Ruth Bass, 5146 Eighth St. NE. If you are not able to come call President Ida Davis at 396-2446.

The Past State Presidents of the Tri-State Association of MD, DE, and D.C. held their meetings in Newark, DE on Saturday, with President Louise B. Doye presiding, assisted by Dgt. Flora P. Chambers, financial secretary. The meeting was called to order with prayer by Dgt. Jean I. Williams. Following the reports of regular order of business, prayer was offered for sick and shut-in Dgts. Anita Kitt Harris, Erma Andrews and Bernice Williams of DC, Deputy Elsie Dent of MD, Deputy Virginia Dyson of Gaithersburg, MD and others.

The Auditors, Dgt. Lillian B. Lee, Dgt. Beatrice Shockley and Dgt. Julia B. Miles, subsequently made their reports and the election of officers was held by Deputy Mildred Bivens of Wilmington, DE.

Officers elected were: President, Louise B. Doye; Vice President, Grace Dorsey; Recorder, Jean I. Williams; Assistant Recorder, Thelma Collins; Treasurer, Julia Carroll; Financial Secretary, Flora P. Chambers; Assistant, Callie S. Coleman; Chaplain, Pearl Evans Mitchell; Escort, Berniece Hale; Assistant, Lucille Smith; Door Keeper, Mary Hall Thorpe; Gate Keeper, Shirley Jones; and Trustees Leona C. Greene, Evelyn Mills, Callie Hawkins, Mary Seth and Anna Perry. These Dgts. will serve for the next two years. All Dgts. wanting the State Collars please let Dgt. Mattie J. Hawkins know by Dec. 1 so she can get them for you.

The Daughters and Brothers of Vienna, VA. will attend the Chittling Strutt in Smith Field, VA Saturday, Sept. 17 for an enjoyable meal.

The Tri-State Athletic Department invites all to join them and help their Youth Bowl Football Classic Breakfast Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Elks Home, 1844 Third Street, NW from 9 to 10:30 am. The football game will be held Saturday, Oct. 29 at the DC Department of Recreation. Dgt. Joan C. Jackson, Chairman of Trophies, Bro. Simon Smith, Chairman, Dgt. Mary T. Scott, Coordinator, Dgt. Bettie Weems, Directress, Bro. William Jills, Director, Bro. Elmer Moore and Dgt. Alfredia Fountain, Presidents, will be looking to see you at the game and breakfast.

—More Partyline

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in Social Services, she helped the elderly in various ways and promoted programs for youth.

Community activity has also been a large part of Mrs. Rowe's life. She set up several bus trips and established various social activities in the community.

Southern Friendship Baptist Church has had Mrs. Rowe as a member for several years. She has dedicated and contributed countless hours of devotion to her church.

Mrs. Rowe continues her diligent work as resident patient advocate at her current residence, the Dukeland Nursing and Convalescent Center. Her numerous suggestions have helped to make possible improved and pleasant surroundings for the residents. Mrs. Rowe's input has been of tremendous assistance in promoting various fundraising activities for the purchase of new equipment for the center.

She has certainly been a blessing and positive influence in the lives of everyone she has met and been associated with over her 88-year life span. Congratulations are also in order for her.

CCC STUDENT RECEIVES BPW SCHOLARSHIP

More congratulations to Mattie Boberg, a student of electronics at Catonsville Community College, who has been named the recipient of a $500 scholarship from the Business and Professional Women's Organization.

Mattie Boberg
scholarship recipient

The scholarship program was established to provide financial assistance to mature women seeking the education necessary for entry into, or advancement within, the workforce.

Ms. Boberg, who is specializing in computer services, plans to graduate from CCC in May, 1989, and then pursue a bachelor's degree.

The Ellicott City resident returned to school after raising a family of three children. Ms. Boberg's community activities have included serving as president of Friends of Patapsco Valley; acting as managing editor of The Oella Vine, a community newsletter, and working as a volunteer for the Catonsville Department of Recreation and Parks.

Established in 1956, the Business and Professional Women's Foundation focuses all its activities on improving the economic status of working women through their integration into all occupations and levels of the workforce.

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in personality wear to Yolanda Brown.

Other lovelies who competed included Sabrina Graham, financial advisor; Bonnie Parker, electrocardiograph technician at St. Agnes Hospital; Valerie Graves, service representative of Dorsey, MD; Sandra Stefanos, a health administrator with the Medicare program, and Constance Wiggins, a secretary with the Social Security Administration.

Contestants were judged on beauty, poise, personality, projection and style. Among the many prizes which each contestant received was a one year modeling contract with the Flair Modeling Agency for the winner.

Making the decisions were highly qualified judges: Barbara Gray, Ivy Ponton, Cee Cee Stokes, Erik Tharrington, Sherrie D. Webb (recently crowned Lady Cobra in the King Cobra Malt Liquor Pageant). Scoring judges were Alice Tucker and Tammy Peace.

Presiding over the pageant and acting as emcee was Willa Bland, president of the Flair Modeling Agency. Andrea Bland-Travis and Mary Gafford were coordinators and choreographers.

An added attraction was a stellar performance by dancers Teri Joyner (dance director at Flair) and Bill Bivens. Stan English provided music for the evening and the reception was catered by Florine James.

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