

Greenwood to Host Pleasant Hill Family Reunion

Over 500 people from seven states will converge on The Greenwood Inn, Beaverton, July 11-13, for a family reunion.

According to Evelyn Richardson, publicity chairwoman, Pleasant Hill family reunions go back more than a generation. During the last ten years, she says the family has been holding national reunions every other year. "Usually, we hold them in Texas, near the Pleasant Hill area where the family started. This is the first year we've ever had the reunion out of state. We're expecting 500 to 1,000 people to show up."

The family states the purpose of the reunion is "to renew old acquaintances and make new ones, to rejoice in the family's flowering of children, and to fondly remember those relatives who are missing."

Reunion organizers have scheduled softball games, talent shows, tours and church services for the gathering.

Meanwhile, the Greenwood is busy gearing up for the reunion: a block of 100 rooms has been set aside, the Ballroom has been reserved for Friday and Saturday night, dinner for 300-500 is being planned for both evenings.

High Court Reaffirms Affirmative Action

by Jerry Garner

Last Wednesday the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 6-3 that court-ordered "concent decrees" used by cities to eradicate racial discrimination in employment was legal. The court decision was a major victory for minorities and civil rights organizations, and a major defeat for President Reagan and the U.S. Justice Department.

The case was brought before the high court by the Reagan Justice Department. The Department had asserted that such decrees were illegal and should only benefit actual victims of racial discrimination in employment.

Under the leadership of William

Bradford Reynolds, the Justice Department, in 1985, urged 50 local government agencies to stop using consent decrees.

The high court ruling was praised by Robert Phillips, Multnomah County Affirmative Action Officer. "Multnomah County is pleased with the Supreme Court's decision. The ruling by the court reaffirms Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act which states that federal district courts could use broad authority to eliminate the last 'vestiges' of racial discrimination."

Phillips said the court's decision will have no effect on the County's Affirmative Action program. "Mult-

nomah County is committed to the concept of Affirmative Action. Before the County implemented its Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Policies and Practices, the County received input from over 14 organizations of groups representing those covered by the plan."

Under consent decrees, government agencies can use goal and timetables in the hiring and promotion of minorities and women.

Vital Signs Class Scheduled

Red Cross is offering a Vital Signs II: Blood Pressure class to individuals with little or no health back-

ground to be able to correctly measure blood pressure, seek appropriate health counseling and treatment for high blood pressure and arrange for continued supervision of blood pressure measurement skill practice.

Vital Signs II: Blood Pressure is scheduled at the American Red Cross Headquarters, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave., on Wednesday, July 16, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

The cost for the class is \$10. Pre-registration is suggested by calling the American Red Cross at 284-7090.

High Blood Pressure Class Scheduled

The American Red Cross is offering a course "Low Down on High Blood Pressure" because, left untreated, the condition can cause heart attack, kidney failure and/or a stroke. The class is on Monday through Friday, July 14 through 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at American Red Cross Headquarters, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave.

Sixty million Americans have high blood pressure, but many people do not understand what high blood pressure is. They do not recognize the importance of having their blood pressure checked and maintaining prescribed medical treatment.

What do you need to know about high blood pressure? Call 284-7090 to register for the "Low Down on High Blood Pressure". The course fee is \$15 per individual.

Store winter bedding in the large plastic or paper bags from the dry cleaner.



Elizabeth Jackson, Michael Jackson, and Rosemary Daniels at Red Lion suite "This is Your Life" luncheon.

This is Your Life

On Sunday, June 29th, at the Red Lion Inn—Lloyd Center, a surprise "This is Your Life" luncheon was given for Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson by her son Michael Jackson of Portland and Rosemary Daniels, principal of Abernethy School.

The hotel was beautifully decorated with various shades of pink flowers and candleabras on round tables. In the center of the banquet room was a beautiful pink tier fountain birthday cake for Elizabeth. The room was adorned with other fountains which added elegance.

Pink personalized place mats and name cards and a huge pink banner were designed with "This is Your Life, Elizabeth Jackson" were designed by her son-in-law, Alfred Daniels, an engineer.

Mr. David Flanagan, a Portland Public School teacher, was the master of ceremony. His voice and flair for words were the high point of the afternoon as each guest entered the banquet room.

At the guest book table was another teacher from Irvington School, Beverly Johnson. She assisted each guest with special comments for their stage entrance. Each guest walked across the brightly lighted doorway across the stage platform while Elizabeth was busy guessing.

Willie Johnson was the photographer for this occasion.

When Debra Wells and Clifton Wells entered, they sang several songs plus Vernon Brozle (Singing Sam the Postman).

Elizabeth was presented with an engraved "This is Your Life" album with each picture of her surprise guests. She was escorted to her suite to wait for a conference telephone call from her two sisters in Las Vegas, Nevada and Mississippi.

Michael and Rosemary ended the afternoon by giving each guest an engraved thank-you card enclosed with a family picture which stated, "Your presence today has added many memories to our life because of YOU."

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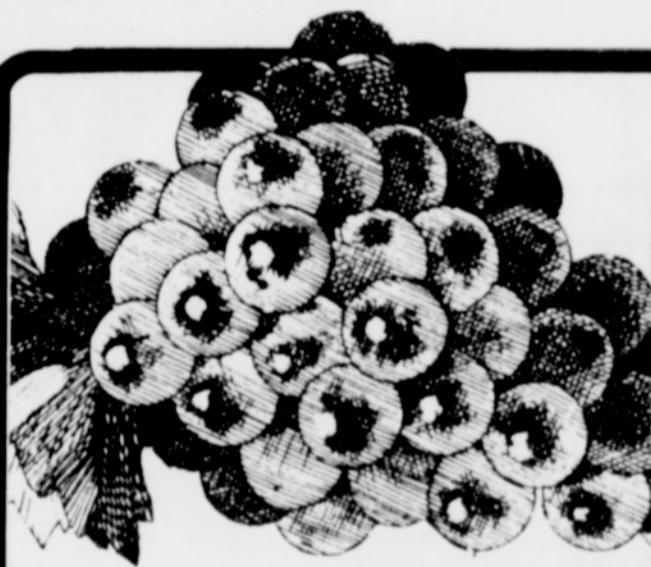
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