

MARTIN FAMILY
HOLDS REUNION

By Mrs. T. J. Nichols

The descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Martin are composed of 14 children, which include nine girls and five boys. Of this family of children, ranging in ages from 10 years of age to 71 years, there is only one missing link, the children, the late Charlie T. Martin, who passed away several years ago.

The family along with families of the brothers and sisters of the late W. T. Martin have held their annual family reunions for over 30 years during July of each year. For the past 10 to 12 years these reunions have been held at Clarks State Park, on the first Sunday in July. Following this day, most of the out-of-town and some of the local immediate families will convene there for the following week, whereby, having a continuous reunion the entire time.

This past July was followed in the same manner, but then came November and word came that one of the sisters and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ed T. Alms of Lehi, Wisconsin was planning to spend the winter here, after much discussion back and forth by telephone and letters, an apartment was rented and they arrived early in December, to make their home for the next 13 or 14 months in the duplex apartment of which another sister, Mrs. Ethel Norris shares the other side.

The sisters have a lot of getting together at night and playing Claws and Checkers. So during January and part of February several nights each week was spent in this manner. It is a real treat for anyone to happen in on one of these reunions.

During the month of February had been almost a continuous get-together. The weekend of February 19, a brother, James H. Martin of Bonnetville, Miss., came and brought enough fish to feed a group of 30 to 35 people, which the group enjoyed with all the trimmings. Another brother, John W. Martin of Sunflower, Miss., joined the family here that weekend also a sister, Mrs. W. J. Johnston from Magee, Miss., one of the highlights of the weekend was the group of eight sisters and two brothers attending church together at their old home church, Mount Zion Baptist Church. They were given special recognition by the pastor, the Rev. Ed Graves, who is a first cousin of theirs.

Times of the brothers and sisters and their families were unable to be here that weekend but came Feb. 26 and have along with the first sisters congregated at the apartments of Mr. and Mrs. Alms and Mrs. Norris for another weekend of glory. Those included Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Martin of Hiram, Miss.; Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Martin, Macomb, Miss.; Mr. and Mrs. Al Speed and family, Cove and Anna Jones of Union Springs, Miss.; and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Johnston, Magee, Miss. The local sisters and families were: Mrs. Zane Parcell, Mrs. Berna Moore, Mrs. Maggie Moore, Mrs. Leila Johnston, Mrs. Sally Martin, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Riley, Mrs. Norris and Mr. and Mrs. Alms. Others visiting during the weekend were: Mrs. Jack Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin and daughter, Carolyn, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Nichols and daughter, Lynda Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Odom and children, Vicki, Douglas and Billy, and Mrs. Ailene Prenter.

Mr. and Mrs. Alms will be leaving this weekend for their home in Wisconsin until July when they will return to Mississippi for another of the great and much looked forward to Martin Reunion at Clarks State Park.

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