

GRANDMA CARROLL'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

① On August 2, 1947, little Grandma Carroll (Mrs. J.M. Carroll) of Naples, Florida, celebrated her 72nd birthday, with a buffet supper at the home of her Granddaughter, Mrs. Jesse Smith, Buccaneer's Roost, Naples, Florida. The tables were decorated with bowls of giant zinnias and three birthday cakes. At the close of the dinner Mrs. Carroll cut and served her lavender and white musical cake.

The above was the news item in the Naples paper regarding this occasion, followed by the list of those present. Two of her children were present with their families: N.E. Carroll, her second son; and Mrs. Thomas J. Wilson, her elder daughter.

Besides the hostess, Mrs. Jesse Smith, the following grandchildren were present:

(Because those reading this will be interested I'm also giving a list of the gifts given little Grandma on this day).

Mrs. Royal Cooley, Hollywood, Florida	\$5.00
Miss Grace Carroll, Ojus, Florida	\$5.00
James Ernest Carroll (Jacoy), Naples, Florida	\$5.00
Marion Carroll, Naples, Florida	Dress Mat'1
Billy Wilson, Naples, Florida	
Juanita Wilson, Naples, Florida	
Theodore Kirkland, Naples, Florida	Handkerchiefs

and there were four great-grandchildren present:

James Smith	Box of candy
Harry Smith	Hose
George Smith	Soap
Nancy Jane Smith	Combs

Other guests were:

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Barnette, Ojus, Florida	\$5.00 & Purse
Royal Cooley, Hollywood, Florida	\$5.00
Meryle D. Allen, Ojus, Florida	\$5.00
Mrs. Theodore Kirkland (Bessie), Naples, Florida	Handkerchiefs
Mr. Jesse Smith, Naples, Florida	2 records
Mrs. N.E. Carroll (Stella), Naples, Florida	Musical Cake
Thomas J. Wilson, Naples, Florida	
Mrs. Tom Bennett, Naples, Florida	Hose & Hofs.

Her children: N.E. Carroll	Dress mat'1
Mrs. Thomas J. Wilson (Rosa)	
Henry J. Carroll, N.C.	Wire & \$10.00

② This was one wonderful day for little Grandma. She loved every minute of it. The dinner was held at Buccaneer's Roost on the ground floor with the center packing table (about 12' long) covered with foods of all kinds. Marie (Mrs. Jesse Smith) did most of it with Bessie Kirkland helping. Rosa brought food too and after everyone had eaten their fill, there was still enough left for supper.

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We all expected Grandma to be quite overcome, but she sat there just like a queen, accepting all the homage due her with never a tear. Her feet did get tired and we told her to take off her shoes and hose which she did, much to our surprise. And when they wanted to take snapshots of her out in the sunshine, Royal and Meryle just picked her up chair and all and moved her out and then back again.

She kept saying over and over "This is the first real birthday party I ever had". We had had family dinners for her on her birthday, but never a big "blow-out" like this. And it pleased her so to have the "in-laws" all come from out of town too.

This all was Marie's idea and Bessie, and Rosa, and I (Stella) merely helped her out.