

# Blabber Mouth

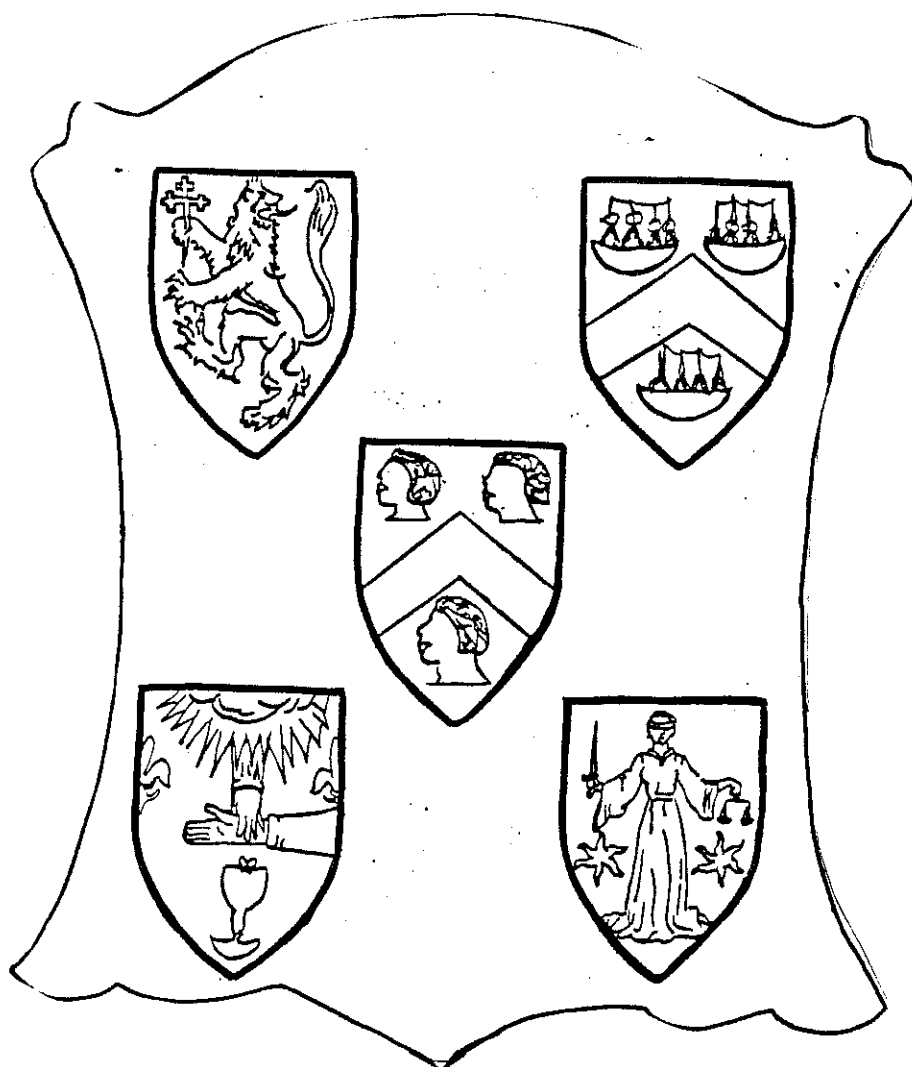


SMITH -  
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Family  
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# SMITH - ANDERSON FAMILY REUNION

TO SHOW INTEREST IN YOUR FAMILY REUNION;



**Is the interest you show in your family;**

There is nothing on earth more important than the family--whether its your immediate, extended, or your church family. Let me encourage you to hold on to each other, renew traditions and bridge the gaps that that may separate you.

**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

**1985**



According to Mrytice's count, using all of the fingers of both her hands and two of her toes on her right foot, the Chicago Connection of the Smith-Anderson Family welcomes you to the TWELFTH Annual Smith-Anderson Family Reunion in the "Windy City." July 19, 20, and 21, 1985--three days to be remembered.

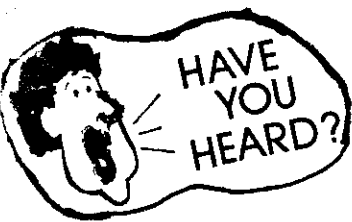
Days have passed quickly since our last gathering as a family. We have the opportunity to strengthen family ties as we join together again for a memorable festive occasion.

Although life moves swiftly and we become just another passing face or just another fading number, we have not lost sight of our identity. The Smith-Anderson family has not only grown in numbers, but has grown in our love for one another. Now, it is not unusual for us to reach out and touch each other from city to city, state to state or even country to country. Our hope is to continue to strengthen our family ties and to give thanks for another year of caring and loving each other.

Let us take time out to reflect on those family members who are no longer with us. In the words of Alex Haley, "The spirits of our ancestors are living with the spirits of our children waiting to be born." They are always with us.

We take great pride in everyone's efforts and accomplishments which help to make this affair a grand success. A hearty thanks is extended to all for participating. A very special thanks is extended to the Illinois Smith-Anderson families for hosting this event. God bless us one and all. May we continue under the protection of His care.

1985 Blabbermouth Committee



The mind is like a parachute--  
functions only when open.

NEWS FROM VIVIAN IN CHICAGO

The years pass so quickly. It seems there is not much change in news for the Blabbermouth from year to year.

After working for the State of Illinois for 26 years in many different buildings, now that it is time for me to retire we have moved permanently in the new 172 million dollar State of Illinois Center. It is beautiful and truly different. Think I'll have to stay a while longer.

The family and I are enjoying the use of Richard's Chauffeur driven limousine, equipped with T.V., telephone, bar, radio, etc.

Grandson, Charles, is home from Wharton College. He had planned to stay and work in New York, but his Dad became ill, so he came home to be with him.

Michael Smith, Richard and Carlana's youngest, is now attending Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and working as assistant minister at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Chicago.

Carla White, Lois and Herman's daughter has completed her studies at Chicago State University. However, she is continuing her studies at the Bryman School in Oak Park, Ill.

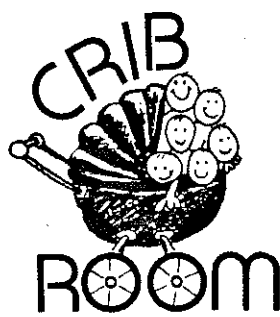
William (Chicago) loves to "Break." Last Fathers Day he broke his thumb. This year for Mothers Day he broke his index finger. What next!

Myrtice was the receiver of a lovely corsage on Mothers Day, presented to her by her church as one of the Mothers of the Year 1985!

Meanwhile, Albert has been promoted to Master Sergeant in the U. S. Air Force Reserves. He will exercise his new found authority during a 2 week tour of duty in the Phillipines this summer.

Jeremy, the Coleman's first-born, was once again our "superstar" in his second dance/gymnastic recital. The Sammy Dyer School of the Theatre presented "Ou of This World," a dance revue on June 15, 1985.

Miss Jahahn Coleman is in a play group. She goes three days a week, and she loves it. It makes her feel like a full grown seasoned actress.



GREAT BUNDLES OF JOY!

Another "little Coleman" will arrive on the scene as the stork makes an appearance on August 28, 1985 for Albert and Stephanie.

Kenny and Teresa Washington (Lawrence and Carol's) son and daughter-in-law are expecting their first child in early Fall, after several tries and miscarriages.

GOD BLESS ALL --

A mother of 13 children was asked,  
"How in the world do you have time to  
care for thirteen?"  
"Well," she replied, "when I had  
only one child, it took all my time;  
what more can 13 do?"

### A LETTER FROM A FRIEND

I am writing to say how much I care for you and to say how much I want you to know me better.

When you awake this morning I exploded a brilliant sunrise through your window hoping to get your attention, but you rushed off without even noticing.

Later, I noticed you were walking with some friends, so I bathed you in warm sunshine and perfumed the air with nature's sweet scent, and still you didn't notice me. As you passed by, I shouted to you in a thunderstorm and painted a beautiful rainbow in the sky, and you didn't even look.

In the evening, I spilled moonlight onto your face and sent a cool breeze to rest you. As you slept I watched over you and shared your thoughts but you were unaware that I was so near.

I have chosen you and hope you will talk to me soon. Until then I will remain near. I am your friend and love you very much.

Your friend Jesus



Walter L. Mays Sr. has retired from the U.S. Airforce. He is now in Robbins, Ill. awaiting employment with the Chicago airport system. Son Brian (Tony) married Shirley White, December 8, 1984. Brian was commissioned as a Lt. in the U.S. Army. He is presently assigned to Ft. Richardson at Anchorage, Alaska. Michael is currently an Airman in the Airforce. He is currently assigned to Aviano Air Base, Italy. Son Richard is being reassigned from England Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Gregg Mays is still on the Dean's list at FAMU. In January 1985, Gregg was inducted into the "White and Gold Honor Society." Walt and Vera Mays, who were married last year just before our Reunion, are continuing their honeymoon this summer on a cruise to the Carribean. Three cheers for the military and love!!

Lois is doing just great. She is running the family and the village of Robbins from her apartment on the 7th floor. Thanks to all the family for the telephone call, visits and prayers.

Paul and Nicholas Rayon are graduating from kindergarten. Both are planning many more graduations.

Lois' granddaughters, Shannon and Diana Coatney played in their first piano concert in May. Miss Anjela Rayon was head Jr. Cheerleader coach for the Robbins' Eagles Football League. Her team took a first place trophy in the local conference and third in an international competition. Young Miss Rayon will be completing high school within the next year, and making her debut to society. This should keep Anjela quite busy and her parents quite b-r-o-k-e.

Priscilla, who hates to work, got another job this year at Gwendolyn Brooks Jr. High School, teaching 7th and 8th grade Language Arts. She is also the newspaper sponsor and Teacher of the gifted 7th grade English class.

Speaking of gifted--Priscilla and Duke's daughters were both on the Honor Roll for all four quarters of the school year. Shannon was selected to participate in the gifted science program and the gifted language arts program.



OH -- KEN --

Kenneth Rayon Sr. completed a truck drivers course, and is seeking employment as a driver. P.S. He finished with honors. However, his first long haul trip through the icy mountains of Pennsylvania in January has him looking for a new occupation. I understand he could hear the LORD calling his name. Ask him about his heart attack (ha, ha).

Meanwhile, Ken, Jr. had his first communion on April 27. It was a beautiful ceremony.

The Wiley Wright's are forever traveling. In September they will cruise to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, San Juan in Puerto Rico, Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic and Capia Haitian in Haiti. Ernestine will be traveling to Monaco in November. They go to Memphis, Tenn., once a month to visit Wiley's mother who has been ill. As you can see the theft of their 1985 Eldorado Barritz Cadalliac hasn't put brakes on the Wrights. By the way, they now have another new 1985 Barritz Cadalliac! (The way the other half live!)

Freddie Rayon is a real big shot in Robbins, Ill. She is the new mayor's executive secretary. Watch out Robbins, Freddie is running our town!

Paul Rayon IV started kindergarten this past school year. After his first week there he gave his kindergarten teacher a very serious warning. He told her she was going to be in big trouble because she wasn't doing her job--he had been in her class a whole week, and he didn't know how to read yet! (She'd better learn how to teach speed reading QUICK.)



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## BOWLING ?

Leola, the bowler, went to a tournament in Peoria, Ill. Her team came in 12th place. Better luck next year, champs?

The Medcalfs had three graduates--Kenyatta Ousley, graduated from kindergarten at St. Sabina. She was also on the Honor Roll. She received a good conduct and an outstanding effort award. She will be going to first grade this Fall. Michael graduated from Chicago Vocational High School and will attend Kennedy-King College in Chicago. Good luck Mike. Myra is making our city beautiful. She just finished the School of Cosmetology, passed the State Board. She is now on her own--go for it!

~ The time has past when parents had any children. We now live in the time here children have many parents! ~

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Carol and Lawrence, Richard's daughter and son-in-law, now own a Mercedes Benz. Larry gave it to Carol for her birthday.

### SHORT COURSE IN HUMAN RELATIONS

The 6 most important words--"I admit I made a mistake"

The 5 most important words--"You did a good job"

The 4 most important words--"What is your opinion"

The 3 most important words--"If you please"

The 2 most important words--"Thank you"

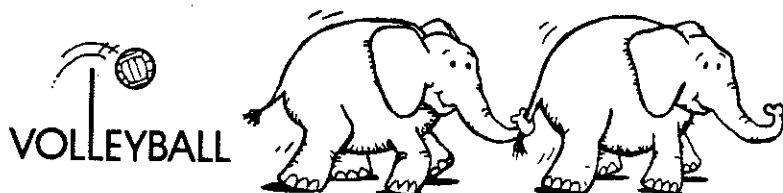
The least important word--"I"

Walter and Odessa Edwards started the year off right. In Jan. they flew United to Washington, D.C. for the 50th American Presidential Inauguration. It was an experience not to be forgotten.

In February they went to Detroit to Alcorn University's Mid-Winter Conference. March and April was spent in Mound Bayou for spring vacation. May found the Edwards in Mound Bayou and Alcorn for Odessa's Class Reunion.

One would think that all this traveling would hit the pocketbook pretty hard.--Not so with Walter and Odessa for Walter is still trying to see how many cars he can own. To be added to his list of many are a 1985 Lincoln Cartier and a 1985 Mercedes Benz.

Also, noteworthy is they were proud to be on hand at the graduation of Cleo from Lindblom High School and Vischaun graduated from Dixon Elementary School.



(Recent Photo of the "A" Team)

### REMINDER

The Annual Family Reunion Volleyball game will be played on Sunday July 21st at the picnic. The champion "B" team (which stands for Best) will take on the "A" team (Aces). We wish good luck to both sides!

Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow-- Don't walk behind me I may not lead-- Walk beside me and just be my friend.
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## A DAY OFF

---So you want the day off. Let's take a look at what you are asking for.

There are 365 days per year available for work. There are 52 weeks per year in which you already have two days off per week, leaving 261 days available for work. Since you spend 16 hours each day away from work, you have used up 170 days, leaving only 91 days available. You spend 30 minutes each day on coffee break that accounts for 23 days each year, leaving only 63 days available. With a one hour lunch period each day, you have used up another 46 days, leaving only 22 days available for work. You normally spend 2 days per year on sick leave. This leaves you only 20 days available for work. We are off for 6 holidays per year, so your available working time is down to 15 days. We generously give you 14 days vacation per year which leaves only 1 day available for work and NO you may not take that day off!!!

Young Paul Rayon was ill this past spring with suspected Salmonella. Naturally, everyone was asked to pray for Paul's recovery. Rev. Mike came to the hospital daily and prayed with the family. On one visit to the hospital, Paul's Aunt Priscilla inquired as to whether or not the pastor of their church had visited and prayed with little Paul. Paul replied "No, and he doesn't have to either, because Rev. Mike came and prayed and it has already worked!" Then he added, "You can tell Rev. Mike he can stop praying now, I'm going home tomorrow."

Speaking of that ghastly, Salmonella... Two of Richard's great grandchildren were afflicted with the infection. They were required to stay out of nursery school an extra week after the infection had been arrested. The babysitter did not want to be close to the children either. So, dear, great-grandpa Richard told his granddaughter he would keep the two boys. Then to add insult to injury, one other 4 year old, great-grandson decided to be with gramps that day. Off they went to the grocery store--great-granpa and four little male heirs. They had not been gone long before three successive events let gramps know that there definitely was a generation gap. First, while shopping, one little angel accidentally broke something on the store shelf--the second darling lost his shoe and went home without it, and the third pushed the elevator button to the 16th floor before grandpa could even get on the elevator.--(Loud cries could be heard all the way up the shaft.) When all were finally gathered together inside great-grandpa's apartment, great grandma, Carlana, said she was quite concerned about her husband because he took such a l-o-n-g nap, and the children's mother is still hoping to find a lost shoe.

Anthony Rainey joined the teaching staff of Luther South High School as the Health and Physical Education teacher--coaching football, basketball and girl's track. Go team go!

Anthony's wife, Vivian Jean, received her long awaited promotion as Senior Staff Assistant at Amoco Corporation in the Controller's Department--Hallelujah!

Elmer graduated Magna Cum Laude from Jackson State University this spring, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. Thanks be to God!

Can't keep a good woman down--Nelda Hobbs received a promotion from her teaching assignment with the Chicago Board of Education. She is now in charge of the Language Arts Program under the new Renaissance Program of the Chicago Public High Schools. P-l-u-s--she is buying a new townhouse on the far north (Ritzey side of Chicago. P-l-u-s--Nelda also attended the International Reading Association Conference in New Orleans.

If you should see Van and Eleese Smith counting their pennies, it's not to pay daughter Shaughn's tuition at Spelman, it's to buy food for all of Shaughn's visiting friends from school. They went through so much food during the Christmas holidays, Van started to auction off the family freezer, since its only use was to make ice.

Brandon White, Lois Ann and Herm son, is a well known D.J. on Chicago's Southside. - - -One problem though, his mother must weight down everything in in house during Brandon's practice time. The music is so loud everything in the house moves--TURN IT DOWN! NOW!!



Success comes in cans--not in can'ts.

## DON'T BLAME THE BLACK CHILDREN

Don't blame the black children whenever they're  
found drinking and gambling and running around.  
If by their conduct they're bringing us shame -  
Is it the children or the black parents to blame?  
Where are the children - your pride and your joy?  
Where is your girl, where is your boy?  
If - by their conduct they're bringing you shame -  
Is it the children or black parents to blame?  
We read in the papers and hear on the air  
Of killing and stealing and crime everywhere.  
We sign and we say, we notice the trend,  
"Our young generation - where will it end?"  
But can we be sure it's their fault alone.  
That maybe a part of it isn't our own?  
Too much money to spend, too much idle time.  
Too many movies of passion and crime!  
Too many books not fit to read!  
Too many evil in what they hear said!  
Too many children encouraged to roam!  
By too many black parents who won't stay at home!  
Now kids don't make the movies and they don't write  
the books -  
That paint gay pictures of gangsters and crooks.  
They don't make the liquor and they don't run the  
bars.  
They don't make the laws and they don't make the  
cars.  
Now, they don't make the drugs to idle the brain!  
It's all done by older folks, greedy for gain.  
Delinquent black teenagers: Oh how we condemn.  
The sin of the white controllers - and blame it on  
them!  
By the rule of the blameless - and  
Good Book makes known,  
Who is there among us to cast the first stone?  
And in how many cases we find that it's true -  
The lable "Black Delinquent" fits older folks too!!

## NEWS FROM EAST AND WEST

Oswald and Millie had an enjoyable 10 day trip to Italy, spending several days in Naples, Florence and Rome. Their side trips were to visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the ruins of Pompeii. It is interesting to note that all these historic sites are still standing after centuries of wear and tear. A visit to the Vatican with the Sistene Chapel--an educational experience to see all this art work which has not faded with little efforts of preservation.

As you know, Oswald retired the Anesthesiology Department of Queen's Hospital Center after 21 years, May 1, 1985. He and Millie celebrated 45 years of married bliss June 17, 1985.



Edward and Zeraline Verner are bursting with pride, just listen to this report!

1. Patrice received a Masters Degree in Psychology from Rutgers University in May 1985.
2. Beth received a Bachelors Degree in Biology from Hofstra University in May 1985. (These are Zeraline and Edward's two youngest.)

Edward and Zeraline are breathing a sigh of relief because Beth is the last of their seven children to graduate from college! A lot of prayer and guidance were responsible for this fete.

NOTE: I imagine one of the most unforgettable moments to Edward and Zeraline was when they saw the "O O O" from the Bursar's Office!!!

From Charles and Etta Waugh we heard that Natasha earned a green belt in Karate. She also made the honor roll at Green Valley Elementary School. Look-out would be offenders!

Perry and Elliece's son, Russell, finished his first year of college at Hampton Institute. (Don't they grow up fast?)

James and Vera Ford are happy to announce James Sr.'s retirement from his third job. Vera is still working!

Vera was elected to the National Board of National Council of Year-Round Education. Chairperson (Region B) Mentor Teacher Selection Committee, Los Angeles United School District. Vera wrote two proposals which were granted \$2,000.00 and \$5,800.00. She was also promoted to Math Resource Teacher, Miles Elementary School. Vera is doing all these great things in between her trips to Las Vegas winning at the big game tables. Meanwhile, James was Security Venue Manager for Boxing during the recent Olympics.

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•We will never "find" time for anything. •  
If we want time, we must make it.  
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### DON'T BE BASHFUL, WE WANT NEWS FROM NASHVILLE

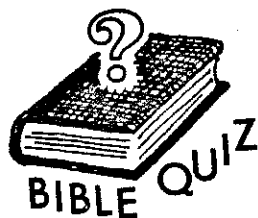
Kelly, Jr. is now pastor of Berean Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. He is also the Director of Continuing Education at American Baptist College. His wife, Sue, is reservationist of Piedmont Airline and Interviewer at Vanderbilt University.

Alice is buying a new home and moved in on February 22, 1985. Still has lots of unpacking to do.

Joy Smith appeared, during the month of February as the main character in "Wedding Band" in the Attic Theatre in Detroit, Michigan. Joy lives in New York City.



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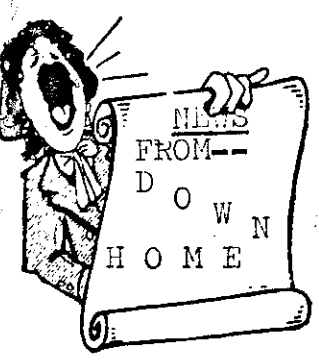


## CAN YOU DO IT??????????

In these remarks are hidden names of 23 books of the Bible. Yes, there are some that are easy to spot; others are harder to judge. So we admit it usually results in lamentations when we can't find them. It is a lulu, kept me looking so hard for the facts that I missed the revelations, I was in a jam, especially since not all the names are capitalized and space separate some of the letters.

The truth will come to numbers of you; to others, it will be a real job; to all it will be a most fantastic search. One book is circled to help you get the idea. We offer some hints. It helps if you are in a humming mood. One lady said she brews coffee while she puzzles over it; another tries to hose a part of her lawn (she may try to josh u a little too). My friend, Joe, looks for a hero-man's best friend, but he has a pet ermine, not a dog. (He also keeps alms under a doormat. The weird ideas some have). If you find all 23 in an hour, you're a real pro. Verbs are not as helpful as nouns. Begin by reviewing the books of the Bible; then happy hunting!!!

"BONUS FOR FINDING 24 NAMES"



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\* Right is always \*  
 \* right no matter \*  
 \* who opposes it; \*  
 \* wrong is always \*  
 \* wrong no matter \*  
 \* who endorses it; \*  
 \* God is always \*  
 \* God no matter \*  
 \* how important we \*  
 \* think we are! \*

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Lee Anderson Barron received a gold plate in appreciation for her 60 years of dedicated service to First Baptist Church Sancturary Choir.

Karlos will celebrate his 3rd birthday in June. Karlos went to Memphis Zoo in March with the Headstart group.

Kelvin Levitte is employed at Parchman as a security guard. He attended a special school in Jackson for one month for this assignment. Lloyd attended his graduation. Pamela, Kelvin's wife, will celebrate her birthday April 28, 1985. Her vacation will start from the East Bolivar Hospital on the same day when she was employed as a nurse's aide.

Tilenski and Keviree are wishing for school to close. They ride a school bus--leave home early! Kelvitte Evangeline has registered for Headstart for the 1985-86 school year. She will celebrate her 3rd birthday July 3, 1985.

Ernestine spent seven months in Laurel, Miss. with her sister, Baby Ruth and her brother-in-law, Charles. She was seeking medical care for her arthritis. During that time she was fortunate to get a new set of "China" (dentures)! She celebrated her 64th birthday March 16, 1985. The family and friends remembered her with beautiful cards, money and gifts.

Lloyd and Ernestine are retired. Lloyd is busy with crafts and religious activities. Ernestine is enjoying her seven grandchildren and expecting the eighth one in July. Karl Lydon and Thelma will be the proud parents.

Lloyd and Ernestine have three sons: Kenneth Lloyd--South Central Bell employee for 10 years, and has received many honors: Number 9 in the State of Miss. in 1984 of the top 10 Repair Technicians in the Greenwood District. He received a South Central Bell jacket for outstanding salesmanship. Shirley is busy, busy with children and schoolwork--lesson plans and reports. Kenneth Lloyd II graduated from St. Gabriels Catholic School in May. He is elated over the idea of going to public school with his cousins. Shannon Evangeline celebrated her second birthday January 28, 1985. She says she is 3 and going to school

Karl Lyndon and Thelma who asforementioned, are expecting their third child in July, celebrated with their daughter Kyshia on her seventh birthday, March 31, 1985. Kyshia is in first grade at H.M. Naidor Elementary School.

Wanda's daughter, Carlynn, was selected to attend Gpvernor's School for the State of Arkansas at Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas, primarily in Music, July 17-26, 1985. Carlynn was also selected to attend Arkansas Girls State to be held on June 9-15 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Marcia will be married to Reginald Barnes on June 22, 1985.

James and Claudette Black were bursting with pride when, Thaddeus as chosen as a member of "Who's Who Among High School Student chosen as STAR Student of his senior class (naming Aunt Ruth Janet Smith as his star teacher), and valedictorian of his class. Thad graduated from East Side High School May 29, 1985. He plans to enter Mississippi State Univ. in the Fall, majoring in electrical engineering.

SMITH-ANDERSON FAMILY SONG

(1)

I was born a Smith or an Anderson.  
At a very early age  
My training was begun.

Instilled within my soul,  
Nurtured from the start  
With upright character  
And Jesus in my heart.

Chorus

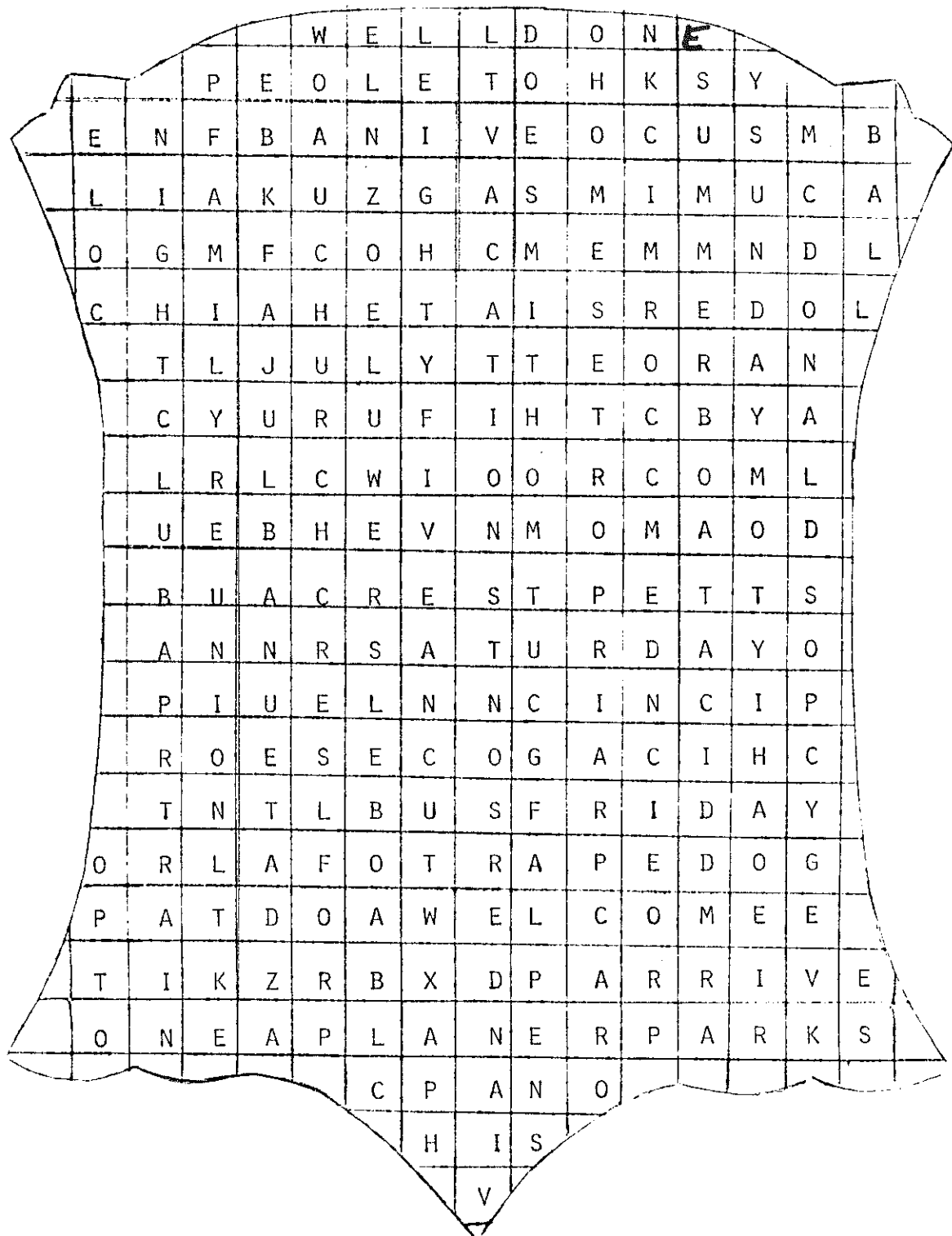
Smith, Smith, Anderson  
I am one of you --  
Smith, Smith Anderson  
I will always do--  
Each endeavor  
Despite what trials there be.  
For I'm a Smith, Smith, Anderson  
God will carry me.

(2)

It started with the creed  
That God, He will prevail.  
Love is His command.  
With this I cannot fail.

I try to live my life  
As He would want me to--  
With Faith, Hope, and Charity  
He will see me through.

# FIND AND CIRCLE THE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE



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McDonalds

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Plane  
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Summer  
Sunday  
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Vacation  
Welcome  
Zoo  
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**WELL DONE**