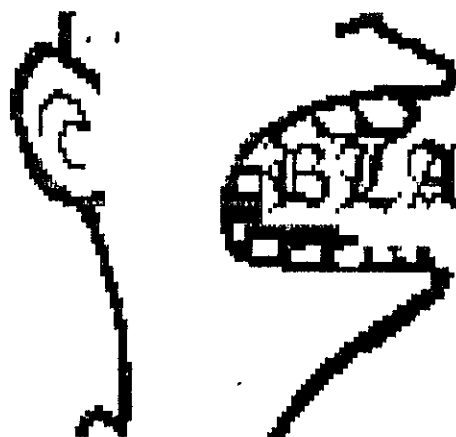


Smith-Anderson Family Reunion July 12, 13, 14 1991



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THE REUNION

WELCOME

Greetings family members and fellow reunioneers. It has been a rewarding and challenging

experience for us, the "down homers", to plan for your home coming. We hope to make your stay a relaxing and enjoyable one. You will find many changes since you were here last. Yes, we are far from the excitement of the big city, but feel that you will enjoy being down to Earth in the good ole Mississippi Delta with the fish ponds, rice fields, but very little cotton.

We are especially happy to welcome Debbie Smith Shed and Joe, who join us for the first time. Debbie is the daughter of the late Charles Smith whom we never met but appeared on our mailing list. Debbie comes to us from Kirkwood, MO and has provided us with names and addresses of several family members.

As we look about us during this reunion, some familiar faces are missing because of illness and other providential reasons. Dan Anderson, the brother of Earline and husband of Eloise Anderson, was recently funeralized.

Eloise was seriously hurt in an automobile accident. Let us remember them in our prayers. Most of those missing played a great part in planning our reunion. I am sure their greatest concern would be that we come together and have a good time of fun and fellowship.

So let us keep cool, fight mosquitoes, and have a good time. Incidentally Cleveland has declared a war on Mosquitoes and we have had very few so far. Please don't arouse them. Have fun !!



Arzola Smith, the wife of the late Daniel M. Smith, Sr., is still lending a helping hand in planning to make the family reunion the best ever. To assure you or her that she was really doing a good job, one family member made this statement: "Arzola, you know you donated a whole lot of ----" I do hope your stay at this reunion will be one you will remember many years to come.

Earline M. Anderson is still striving for excellence. In her accomplishments are continually recognized. Iota Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority awarded Earline a trophy for her dedicated service to the Sorority and named her "The Soror of the Decade - 1990."

Elmer Anita Thames Townsend, the daughter of the late Zee Alfin Anderson Bell Thames and the late John Elmer Thames received her Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of California, Santa Barba, CA, on June 18, 1991.

Elmer "Nita" has been employed as a professor at John Carroll College in the suburbs of Cleveland, Ohio. She will begin her employment in August, 1991.

Way to go, "Nita".

Zee Anderson Barron

On the 22nd day of February 1991, Coahoma Community College of Clarksdale, MS presented to Mrs. Zee A. Barron a Certificate of Sincere Appreciation for outstanding service and leadership in education.

On April 19, 1991, Coahoma Community College and Agricultural High School dedicated the Barron-Miller Center for Fine Arts in Honor of Zee Anderson Barron and James Earl Miller.

This attractive two-story building will be used as a facility for Art Classes, Performing Arts and Small Assemblies.

President Bettye J. Holmes, officers and members of the Junior Matron's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Young People's Department, dedicated the 1990 handbook and established the "Dr. Zee A. Barron Scholarship Committee." Mrs. Shirley Buckley is the Chairperson. This scholarship will be awarded each year to one Freshman and one Sophomore at Coahoma Community College, who meets the requirements of the committee. Beginning in 1991, three scholarships will be given.

Nelda Hobbs, who has taught in Chicago schools and been active in the community has been chosen to be the principal at Field Elementary. She is currently a federal Chapter I coordinator in the school system.

Vonne(Camile Norwood)has been promoted from assistant manager to manager of the cafeteria at Hayes Coper Center for Math, Science, and Technology which is a part of the Cleveland School District.

Darryl Smith, son of Ruth Janet, was promoted from Retail Sales Manager to manager of Goodyear in West Helena, Arkansas.



Susan Smith has just been promoted to Child Protective Investigator (CPI).

Jahahn Coleman made the school and principal's honor roll for the school year of 1990-1991.

Wm & Myrtice went to New Orleans in February for a long romantic week with their couples club. Van and Eleuse went with them.

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Jeremy Coleman son of Albert & Stephanye Coleman graduated from Newberry Academy in June 1991, he will attend the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences beginning in September 1991.

Perry A. Smith III led his congregation in a \$650,000 renovation project and paid off the loan in 3.5 years without fund-raisers, using tithes and offering instead.

He was also chosen as Citizen of the Year.

Eliece, Perry's wife, was elected vice chairman of the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Prince George General Hospital. She is the first black person to hold this position.

Perry and Eliece have made several sojourns since we last met. Perry has traveled to Mexico, Alaska, and Korea. Eliece went skiing in New Hampshire and Pennsylvania.

During the summer of 1990 Gwenie (one of Sister's twins) traveled to four different countries in West Africa. The trip began in Casablanca, Morocco. From there she went to Dakar, Senegal and then to Accra, Ghana. She made a short stop in Abidjan, Ivory Coast before finishing up in Morocco. It was a once in a lifetime experience. If you haven't been you should make it your next journey a journey... BACK TO THE MOTHERLAND.

Gwenie also held her second -One Woman Show- at Middlesex County College in Edison, New Jersey.

OG as usual has been going on those @#!\$ cruises again ! This year he went to Hawaii, New Zealand, Zeal Mexico.



Kemper H. Smith Jr. who resides in Hillside, New Jersey is a senior partner of a newly formed corporation named Altech Abrasive, Inc. The new plant is located in Wayne, New Jersey. They do precision abrasive metal cutting. The corporation is about one year old and will begin production on August 1, 1991.

The Kemper H. Smith Jr. family regrets they can not attend the 1991 Family Reunion because of the opening of the new plant. Kenya III is a Junior at Kean College of New Jersey majoring in Physical Therapy. Kareem is 11th grade and Sharita Marie is second grade. Sharita Ann is a Technical Specialist with a pharmaceutical company in Sumerville, New Jersey.

November 1991 marks the beginning of the third year of operation of the "Taborian Child Development Center" located in the administration building of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor.

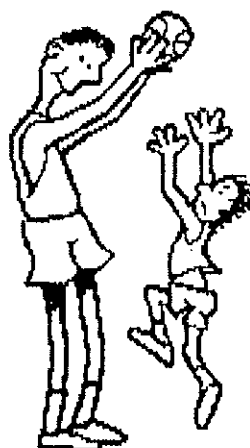
A staff of five workers offer tutorial services and training in computer applications and piano playing. The program is fortunate in having the cooperation of the faculty of I.T. Montgomery School.

Enrolled children receive other fringe benefits. Program coordinator is Verna J. Smith.

Kelly Smith, Jr assumed Pastorate of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church Knoxville, TN, March 1991. He is really looking forward to a great challenge with big opportunities replacing the late Dr. Crutcher after his 54 years at the church.

Sue decided to come out of the office and work at the airport again. If you ever connect through Nashville you may just see her at the gates.

Sharanda just finished up a year of modeling for Knott Dept. store.



Natasha is a member of the Switland Rams Basketball team. She scored 3 points this season. Maybe next year she'll help them win at least one game. Natasha attended basketball camp in June.

Charles and Etta will celebrate 20 years of marriage in August of this year.

Charles is working hard to be one of the top college level basketball officials. Watch for him at the big game!!!

Barbara and Anna Brown relocated to Atlanta, Georgia.

Anna who has been tested for the gifted program continues to make straight A's. Anna will be in the 5th grade next.

Barbara took Anna to Disney to visit Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck.

Someone told Barbara to lose weight, did they mean 165 lbs. or what . . . huh
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At long last-----Herman & Lois White have had the most stirring event to happen since their Union 34 years ago-- "NO MORE TUITION". Their youngest Brandon graduated from Central State University in Ohio on June 2nd, "Praise The Lord."

Richard & Carlene Smith had graduates galore. A grandchild from college, one from high school, Michaels' daughter Tiffany from college, & son Richard from Elementary School.

Carlene was visited by a half brother whom she had not seen in over 23 years. What a joyous reunion.

Still in Springfield, Carol Washington had 3 children on the honor roll at their perspective schools- Anita, Rickey & Tameka.

Uvian is still leading the clan activities; let one club go and picked up another (A.A.R.P.) and still working also. But most of all displaying her beautiful and loving spirit, and if you know like I know you better watch her with the cards!

" In Robbins"

Kenneth Rayon Sr. & his wife Marsha, their sons Kenneth & Nicholas have spent the last year enjoying their new home in lovely suburban Robbins, IL. Kenneth & Nicholas completed their third & fourth year on the Robbins Eagles Football team.

Marsha has taught English at Bloom High School in Chicago Heights for 18 years & was listed in the 1990-91 publication of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers"

"Coatney Family"

William (Duke Coatney) was the victorious Campaign Manager for Paul Rayon's successful campaign for Trustee of the village of Robbins Shannon. Coatney won 1st prize in the Midwest Region of Top Teens of America Essay Contest. Diana attended the Top Teens of America Convention. Mom Priscilla received a plaque from the Illinois Education Association. She is her building Representative.

"The Wrights In Chicago"

Cousins Ernestine & Wiley Wright are still traveling, they went to Hawaii in April returned home & within 2 weeks left for Atlantic City. She was home long enough to attend her A.K.A. Sorority party where she was honored for having been a member for more than fifty years. She was beautiful in her A.K.A. Colors (pink & green) even had her pink dyed pink. Wiley is kept busy with golf & bridge.

Paul E. Rayon IV; age 12 yrs. is a member of the UMOJA PEOPLE, a group influenced by JOWAZA KUNJUFU.

Paul's Pop Warner Junior Football team was undefeated again this season (Paul IV is a 2 year Undefeated quarterback). This season the team got to play on the Kansas City Chief Football field, for the National Championship, they lost 6 to 13.

Anjela N. Rayon, daughter of Paul and Freddie is on the Wilberforce University Dean's list and the National Dean's list (honors list) as well. Anjela will be graduating December 1991. We are asking for the prayers of the entire family.

Freddie Rayon, wife of Paul has a new job with the Chicago Public School. She is also the Treasurer and a Trustee of St. John Community Church.

Paul E. Rayon III has added two new jobs to his life style: (1) Part-time Youth Counselor, working with young black males. (2) Paul has started in Mom's and Dad's footsteps, as of April 2, 1991 he was elected a Village of Robbins Trustee, for a 4 year term. Lois was the first female trustee of the Village of Robbins. Her picture was honored on the Village Sticker for 1990.

Jahahn Coleman wrote a poem entitled "January" which was published in "Wee Wisdom" magazine, A Christian Childrens Publication.

Tales from the Mayside

Greg Mays had a busy 7 months in Operation Desert Storm. He returned in March unharmed. "Thank God."

Brian (Tony) was promoted to the rank of Army Captain. He has the highest military rank in the May's clan.

Gragg was blessed with a beautiful baby daughter last July, his wife and baby are doing great.

Richard, Air Force Staff Sergeant is scheduled to be reassigned from Los Angeles to the Phillipines Island.

Walter Mays, (papa of all the above) bought in Chicago.

Rosa Smith, Claude's wife, recently retired from her position as secretary of the Bolivar County Extension

Service, after 36 years 11



derful gifts which will surely enhance her years of leisure. Her gag gifts included a twinkie box, a mock driver's license, and a Kroger apron for those things she has trouble keeping track of, such as her glasses & her coupons.

Roy Smith, descendent of Moses Alexander, has found his true ♥ after 45 years of



searching.

A NEIGHBORLY LOVE RECIPE

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| 4 Cups of love | 5 Spoons of Hope |
| 2 Cups of Loyalty | 2 Spoons of
Tenderness |
| 3 Cups of Forgiveness | 4 Quarts of
Faith |
| 1 Cup of Friendship | 1 Barrel of
Laughter |

Take love and loyalty, mix it thoroughly with faith. Blend it with tenderness, kindness and understanding. Add friendship, forgiveness, and hope. Sprinkle abundantly with laughter. Bake it with sunshine. Serve daily with generous helpings.

YOU KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE A BAD DAY WHEN:

1. You wake up face down on the pavement.
2. You put your bra on backwards and it fits better.
3. You call Suicide Prevention and they put you on hold.
4. You see a "60 Minutes News Team" waiting in your office.
5. Your birthday cake collapse from the weight of the candles.
6. Your only son tells you he wishes Anita Bryant would mind her business.
7. You want to put on the clothes you wore home from the party and there aren't any.
8. You turn on the news and they're displaying emergency routes out of your city.
9. The woman you've been seeing on the side begins to look like your wife.
10. Your twin sister forgets your birthday.
11. You wake up to discover that your water bed broke and then you realize that you don't have a water bed.
12. Your horn goes off accidentally and remains stuck as you follow a group of Hell's Angels on the freeway.
13. Your wife wakes up feeling amorous and you have a headache.
14. You rush for a pay-toilet booth and that your only dime is warped.

NO CHURCH ON SUNDAY NIGHT

On Sunday morning everywhere religion is at its height but these same loud and holy places are dark on Sunday night. At eleven Sunday morning what a glorious and pretty sight to see the saints in action but bye bye bye on Sunday night.

The deacons come strolling down the aisles boasting the show but after 1:30 you won't see them anymore.

The ushers dressed in pretty blouses, very pleasing to the sight, it matters not how good they're looking they won't be back on Sunday night.

As the choir sings, lovely as they go marching to the stage, it makes you want to fly to heaven right into the Bullard land -- how they sing making bright holy sights but you can tell the world out yonder they won't be back on Sunday.

The trustees come once a Sunday collecting all the cash they snoop around and peep and whisper and then they make a dash to home and other places to waste their precious time away they'll kiss the church goodbye that morning and won't come back that night. They say satan has people in everything they do but if the preacher has his wishes, satan has them to.

Now when you ask a careless christian about this church abuse, they will present to you some silly, sad excuse-- some say I'm just too tired. I've got to rest these bones but call their house on Sunday night, they're all out and gone to the movies or to the taverns any place not right, just to keep from serving Jesus Christ or going to church on Sunday night.

THE JOYS OF AGING

I have become quite a frivolous old gal. I'm seeing five gentlemen every day. As soon as I awake, WILL POWER helps me out of bed. When he leaves I go see JOHN. Then CHARLY HORSE comes along and when he's here, he takes a lot of my attention. When he leaves, ARTHUR RITIS shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day, I'm really tired and ready to go to bed with BEN GAY. What a day!

