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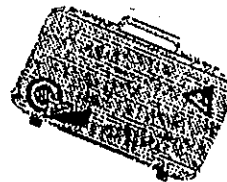
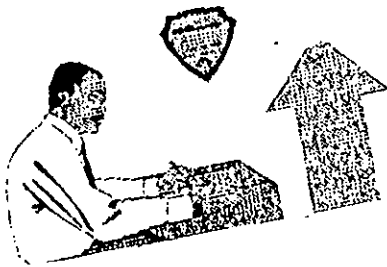
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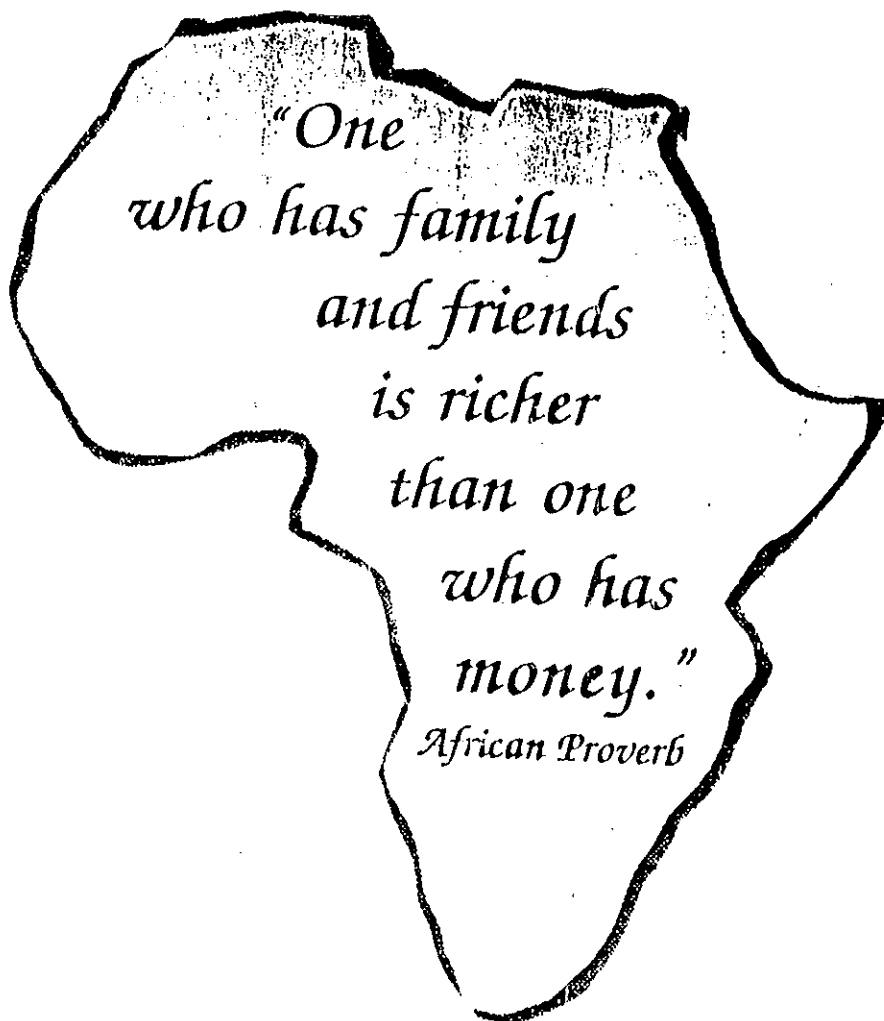
The Official "Word" of the Smith-Anderson Family

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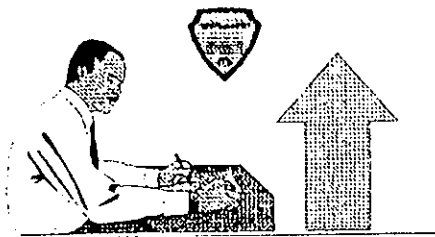




31ST ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the 31st Anniversary of the Smith-Anderson Family Reunion. On July 11, 1964, Perry III and his wife, Maude, invited the family to begin the reunion again. This date was chosen because it was "Papa's" birthday. A tradition of family gathering around the birthday celebration of Perry Smith, Sr., has continued over the past thirty years. Let us keep the tradition alive and growing as our family moves into the 21st century.

*"Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable."
Kenyan (Bondei) proverb*



Nelda retired from teaching last year to take a year off to do nothing. Now she begins a new venture at the University of Chicago.

Vivian Jean received a new job at Amoco. She is part of a team responsible for all of the accounting procedures for the company.

Alice Smith is Co-Founder and Director of the Kelly Miller Smith Center Against Abusive Behavior (Nashville, Tennessee). She also presented a paper at the Lloyd C. Elam Symposium, *"Logistics of Running a Center on Domestic Violence."* Her paper will be published.

Fulton Ezell Ford received a promotion and is now stationed in Heidelberg, Germany with his family. He is now assigned to NATO with a very hush-hush job. Let's hope he will not have to go to Bosnia.

On July 24, 1994, Rev. Norman Robinson was ordained at Progressive Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Dan Smith, Jr. moved to South Carolina to take a faculty position at South Carolina State University. He is now an Assistant Professor of Physics.

Malika Habeeba Wright (Adena and Mateen's arising Junior at Spelman), was selected to participate in the University of Hartford's intensive summer Insurance Internship Program.

Vera Ford serves as President of Baldwin Hills Football Association. There are five teams and 50 cheer girls. The PeeWee team won the Conference Championship. The Tiny Mite team was the Conference Runner-ups. The Mighty Mite team traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada, where they won a national Championship. The Junior Bantam team fielded the first girl football player where she was selected to participate in the conference all-star team. The cheer girls won first place in the conference cheer competition.

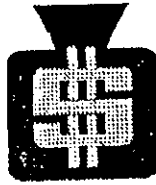
Sue Smith was promoted to a management position with American Airlines.



Following her graduation from Howard University, Nyota married Renard (aka "I-Ray") Shy. Rev. Perry Smith performed the wedding ceremony.



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Arzola Smith was awarded a trophy and certificate for walking six miles in a Youth Walkathon for the church. She really only walked four miles, but who's going to tell. She's only 83 years old.

It was announced at the 1995 Commencement Exercises at Tennessee State University that Alice Smith was named "Outstanding Teacher of the Year."

Chinua Emani (Adena and Mateen's son) placed second in a regional speaking contest sponsored by the Optimist Club.

Vivian was honored by the Greater Bethesda Baptist Church for her 50 years of service and work as a fund-raiser and as an active member in the Samaritan's Club.

Anna Rainey won second price in the school (Vanderpool Magnet) Science Fair. Her project demonstrated the sunset.

Nicole Ford was honored recently as "Student of the Month" for her school. She is an honor student at Linwood Howe Elementary School in Culver City, California.

Vera Ford recently won \$5,000 at the Golden Nugget Casino in Las Vegas. Ask her about other winnings and/or losses???

Dan Smith was recently in an opera in his new hometown in South Caroline. We are wondering about the "singing."

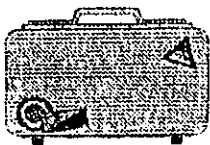
Sharanda had the privilege of serving the First Lady, Hillary Clinton, at an Atlanta, Georgia restaurant.

Vera Ford had her picture taken with "The Judge." She asked him if he was sure he was the real Judge Ito before she would have her picture taken with him. He assured her that he was the real judge. So she said, "O.K., I'll have my picture taken with you."

There is a rumor floating around that Kelly Smith the 3rd hit a home run in a baseball game.

Kelly Smith the 2nd got older during the past year. Everybody else got younger.

Emani Wright played varsity basketball during his freshman year of high school at Sherman Oaks Center for Enriched Studies.



Vera Anderson Ford plans to take a mini-cruise in November and will travel to Innsbruck, Austria in January. She will also attend a former student's coming out party in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Nelda plans to travel to Freeport and went to Nassau last May.

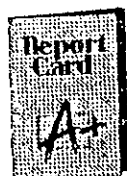
Adena Smith Wright traveled to Puerto Rico on business and spent several days enjoying the enchanted island.

Anthony and Vivian Rainey enjoyed seven days on the beautiful island of St. John, Antigua. She also traveled to Phoenix, Arizona to celebrate Myrale Joan's receiving her Master's Degree from Northern Arizona University.

Charles and Etta's daughter, Natasha, is traveling this summer to various Cheerleader camps. She is interning with the Universal Cheerleading Company. So far she has served as Athletic Trainer at camps in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts and is expected to work in Vermont, New York, Maryland and Virginia before the summer is over. Her parents are grateful that she is getting paid.



The Rev. and Mrs. Norman (Valerie Lin Smith) Robinson are the proud parents of 10 wonderful children. That's right, "10"!!! Keenan - 14 years, Dewayne - 11 years, Dejuane - 10 years; Michael - 9 years, Scott - 9 years, Tyly - 7 years, Cameron - 4 years, Tameka - 3 years, and Phillip - 6-1/2 months. Nine boys and 1 girl. The Robinsons will accept all prayers!!!!



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Valerie received an academic scholarship to continue her studies at Tennessee State in Nashville, Tennessee.

Vivian's grandson, Samuel Jackson, graduated from Eastern Illinois with a BA degree in graphic design. Her granddaughter, Kenyatta Jackson, graduated from the University of Illinois (Chicago) with a Master's degree in Elementary Education.

Anna Rainey, 6th grade student, attended Vanderpool Magnet School and was a proud honor student.

Shakura Wright (Adena and Mateen's daughter) graduated from Isrant High School recently and was the graduation speaker. She plans to attend Clark University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Alice Clark Smith has successfully passed the Comprehensive Exam for her doctorate and is now a candidate for the Ed.D. She is not working on her dissertation.

Nelda R. Hobbs received Ed.S. Degree from National Louis University in Evanston, Illinois.

This is just a game to relax awhile. Name these small towns located in the state of Mississippi. Have fun!

1. Two parts of a watch. _____
2. Something that is hard to burn. _____
3. Neither AM or PM. _____
4. A boy's name and a toilet article. _____
5. A member of a Catholic Brotherhood and a sharp instrument. _____
6. If Nona was bad, what would you say to her? _____
7. Suggestive of Christmas and a natural water supply. _____
8. A moving table implement. _____
9. Our State flower. _____
10. To whom does the U. S. owe her existence. _____
11. If you wanted Ada to laugh, what would you say? _____
12. The highest point. _____
13. Where the first farm trouble started. _____
14. Our forefathers fought for it. _____
15. The very best pickup on a cold morning. _____
16. Where a very famous sermon was preached. _____
17. Oil used in cooking. _____
18. Father of gravity. _____
19. A container and weight. _____
20. An animal and a popular car. _____
21. A body of water and a kind of wine. _____
22. A necessary tool for a car and a male child. _____
23. If a man was annoying to you, what would you say? _____
24. A wild fowl and a mound of dirt. _____
25. A flower and a valley. _____