

*Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Clayton, Jr.*

*request the pleasure of your company*

*honouring*

*Mr. and Mrs. Vernon C. Smith, Jr.*

*on Saturday, the third of June*

*at six o'clock in the evening*

*843 Cleveland Avenue*

*Montgomery, Alabama*

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson Dunn  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Kathy Diane

to

Mr. Samuel Leon Jackson  
on Saturday, the third of August  
Nineteen hundred and sixty-eight  
at seven o'clock in the evening  
Old Ship AME Zion Church  
Montgomery, Alabama  
Reception following the ceremony  
Alabama Room, Alabama State College Union



# Noel

THE JACKSONS of P.O. BOX 8522, DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA (12/15/81)

## GREETINGS:

This Yuletide Season arrived too swiftly for one of us, too slowly for the other of us. It followed our "seventeenth summer" together, a summer when the older of us learned to appreciate Kahlil Gibran's wisdom that children "...come through you but not from you, / And though they are with you yet they belong not to you."

JJJ

Several interesting books crossed my desk this year. Peter Ferrara's Social Security: The Inherent Contradiction makes a strong case for transforming Social Security into a social insurance program only, eliminating its current welfare aspects. Ferrara will be the major presenter at a seminar on "Social Security and Aging Blacks," 10-11 March 1982, sponsored by the Department of Human Development, School of Human Ecology, Howard University. I certainly want to learn more about his proposal because I believe blacks could benefit enormously if it were enacted by the U.S. Congress. Linda McMurry's George Washington Carver: Scientist and Symbol evaluated Carver's scientific and symbolic contributions, leading a reviewer, David Donald of Harvard University, to conclude that Carver "...is no longer part of our usable past." That statement may well lead many of us to begin to think about which black leaders today are a part of our usable present, a very important task as we begin 1982, 116 years away from slavery.

VEJ

I am excited by my scheduled departure on 8 January for a ten-week international term abroad in the Dominican Republic, where I will live with a family. I hope to become competent in Household Spanish and improve my cross-cultural skills. In June, with a little bit of luck and a lot of hard work, I will graduate from Northfield Mount Hermon School and set my sights toward college. Wow!

The best to you in 1982, because "hasta la muerte todo es vida" (Cervantes).

Jackie and Nels

Hi - have a  
good Xmas &  
come to visit us  
one day  
soon!