

# Education Dream Becoming A Reality

By William R. Cash  
Boston (Mass.) Globe Staff

[Mrs.] Alice D. Luster of Dorchester always dreamed of going to college when she was young. She graduated from high school in Mississippi and then her dream faded. It had to be put aside, Alice recalls, "because there were no scholarships and no money to send me to college. I cried. I loved school."

Alice had to go to work instead of college. During high school she captained the basketball team, played softball, tennis, was a gymnast and was considered the top girl athlete, she said. Her athletic activities are now restricted to supervised workouts at a health club, because of a recent illness. But now, years later, Alice's dream is being fulfilled.

She is studying management of helping services in the College of Public and Community Service at the University of Massachusetts-Boston.

Last month, she received notification from University Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan, that she was the recipient of a \$1000 Colonial Penn Elders Scholarship. It is given "to highly motivated students, fifty years or older, who best

exemplify an ageless attitude toward education and learning."

Alice, on the suggestion of her instructor, Prof. Iris Concepcion, submitted an essay on education after fifty. Her theme was "Universities Are Not Just For The Young." It was a rewarding experience, she says.

In presenting the merit scholarships, Chancellor Corrigan told recipients, "We are particularly proud to have you as part of our UMass-Boston family."

Alice said graduation is 1983, "but I hope to get through much quicker. It's a beautiful program for adults who are working."

She came to Boston in 1962 from Durham, N.C., where she sold insurance and managed her brother Sam Dillard's store, the first black supermarket in Durham. She was also active in the civil rights movement there.

Alice's first job here was as new accounts teller for a Boston bank. Later she joined the staff of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD).

She has been with MCAD twelve years and is now unit supervisor of investigations.

In 1969, Alice revived



MRS. LUSTER

her dream of college and enrolled at Boston University. But she was forced to put aside that dream once again because of commuting difficulties from the field office of MCAD in Worcester to BU several nights each week.

On her return to the Boston office of MCAD, Alice enrolled at UMass-

Boston which she attends two nights a week and is kept busy by homework the remaining nights.

"When I can find time, I like to bowl or play cards," she says.

After graduation from UMass-Boston, she hopes to continue with MCAD.

In any event she believes her degree will help her to

better supplement her income after retirement.

"I have always been active and would be even in retirement. One of my main interests is volunteer and community work. There is always a need for volunteers in agencies," she said.

Alice is active in her church, the Twelfth Baptist, as a clerk and for twelve years served on the board of Marksdale Garden Housing and many other community committees and organizations.

"I had to give up some of the committee work to go to college," she said, "but I may volunteer again after college, if they will have me."

Alice's intense desire for knowledge and education has been passed on to her daughter, Alice, who is a teacher at the William Trotter School in Dorchester.

A son, James, is a personnel director for a Chicago firm. There are three grandchildren.

Alice will be indebted forever to Langston Hughes, black poet and author, for his words of encouragement: "Hold fast to your dreams, for if dreams die, life is then like a broken-wing bird that cannot fly."

## NEWS

## OF TRAVEL

### TOPIC: TROPICS

If you're looking for a vacation spot that's been called close to paradise—but a lot easier to reach—some curiosity about Curacao might put you on the right track.

Tucked neatly in the resplendent Caribbean, almost a stone's throw from South America, Curacao is a medley of natural beauty, elegant entertainments, beautiful buildings that might have been transported from Amsterdam, shopping, sports and sights.

The brilliance of Curacao evenings rivals that of its sun-drenched days. For dinner you may choose from fine French, Swiss, Chinese, Dutch or Argentine cuisine. Or try a Rijsttafel—the Indonesian banquet that offers anywhere from 15 to 40 separate and unusual dishes to taste. You may enjoy restaurants under the stars, sophisticated supper clubs with dancing between courses, atmospheric spots overlooking the sea.

Casinos are ablaze with lights, excitement and people until the beaches heat up again; they're open from two in the afternoon until four or five in the morning. You can take your pick of local or international entertainment, disco or Latin rhythms.

Willemstad, the island's capital, straddles the fifth largest harbor in the world. Connecting the two halves of the city is the Queen Emma Pontoon Bridge, a pedestrian walkway that swings open for passing ships. Nearby are the shopped streets that make Curacao a bargain hunter's mecca. There's also a floating market where sailboats line the waterfront to sell fresh fruits and vegetables brought from Venezuela—just 35 miles away. In Willemstad is the oldest synagogue in the West, established in the 17th century by South American Jews fleeing the Inquisition.

The first Europeans to come to Curacao were the Spaniards in 1499. Leading the landing party was navigator Amerigo Vespucci, who gave his name to the entire continent. The Dutch captured the island in 1634—and gave it independence 320 years later.

Outside the city there's a botanical garden and zoo. The nature preserve may be your cup of tea, or perhaps it will be a natural grove where the sea sprays dramatically above the rocks. Curacao embraces shimmering sapphire bays, rolling hills topped by centuries-old plantations which alternate with mountains that rise imperiously above the terrain and cliffs that lead to indigo waters.

You may enjoy luxuriating on sophisticated beaches at luxury hotels one day and prefer on another to discover Curacao's secluded coves.

An unexpected bonus for those who fall under the spell of Curacao's many charms is the island's conveniences: English is spoken almost everywhere; dollars are accepted, and change is given in American currency. Major credit cards are welcomed. Your American driving license is valid. Straight from the tap, the drinking water's fine. All you need to enter is proof of citizenship—a birth certificate or voter's registration will suffice.



For a tropical Dutch treat, it's hard to beat Curacao.

## Durham Notes Of Interest

By Mrs. Syminer Daye 477-3370

The Durham County Missionary Council meeting will be held Sunday, December 21, 2 p.m., at West Durham Baptist church, followed by the fourth vice president's meeting at 3 o'clock. All persons and churches are asked to attend the meetings.

day's col. Lipscomb Missionary Bible Class of Mount

The Durham County Missionary Council meeting will be held Sunday, December 21, 2 p.m., at West Durham Baptist church, followed by the fourth vice president's meeting at 3 o'clock. All persons and churches are asked to attend the meetings.

The R.G. Lipscomb Missionary Bible Class of Mount Level Baptist Church celebrated its annual Christmas party Saturday night, December 13. There was plenty of food, a huge crowd and the spirit of Christmas was really soaring high.

Happy birthday anniversary to Mrs. Clarice Green and to Mrs. Margaret J. Parker (Bahama).

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson on their wedding anniversary.

Congratulations and best wishes to newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Olufemi Keku.

Please pray for the sick and shut-in: Mesdames Pearley Herndon, Pearl Foskey, Grace Mack, Lina Glenn, Maggie Parker, Estelle Nixon, Ruth Satterwhite, Georgianna Moore, Maud Lucas, Hattie Parrish, Moriah Judd, Eula Johnson, Lillie Eubanks, Julia Robinson, Ollie Mae Daye Bass, Odelle Evans, Clara Snipes; Messrs. Nathaniel Parker, W.A. Harris, Lucius Glenn, Joe Turrentine, Victor Parker, Edward Glenn, Edward Moore, Hosea Moore, Alphonzo Claiborne, Sammie Parker, John Long and Calvin Evans.

Heartfelt and sincere sympathy is extended to the families of Thomas Carrington, Arthur Blake, Carl Easterling, Earlie Parker and Leo Fikes.

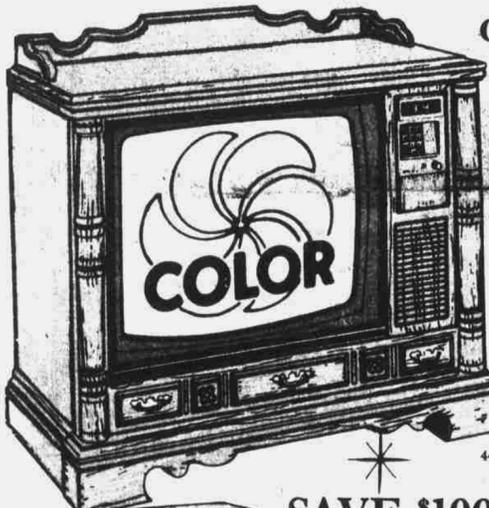
# Sears GIFTS OF VALUE

## SAVE \$20-\$100

on Fantastic Home Appliances!

### SAVE \$100!

Console Color TV with Quartz Tuning



Channel touch reliable electronic channel selection is quick, silent



Super Chromix black matrix picture tube for vivid color

**SEARS SUPER VALUE**  
Regular \$799.95  
A Great Gift For the entire Family!

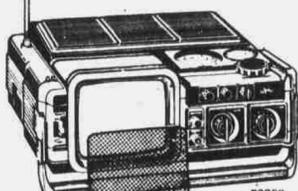
# 699<sup>95</sup>

Precision quartz circuitry helps assure best reception! Enjoy Channel Touch electronic channel selection. 25-inch diag. meas. picture, 1-Button Color, Hurry! Sale ends Dec. 24.



**SAVE \$100!**  
Color TV with Remote Control  
Regular \$599.95  
**499<sup>95</sup>**

19-in. diag. meas. picture. Super Chromix picture tube. Reliable Sensor-Touch Selection. Sale ends December 24.



**SAVE \$30!**  
Go-Anywhere Black and White TV  
Regular \$179.95  
**149<sup>95</sup>**

Portable! Black/white 5-in. diag. measure picture with light optic screen. AM/FM radio. Batteries extra. Sale ends Dec. 24.

## SAVE \$100!

Sears Best Electronic Touch Microwave Oven  
A wonderful gift for your Mother!

**SEARS SUPER VALUE**  
Regular \$599.95  
**499<sup>95</sup>**

Cooks up to 3 foods at one time in big oven with rack. 12-hr. delay start, memory recall, pause control, programmed recipes some with quantity multiplier. Sale ends Dec. 24.

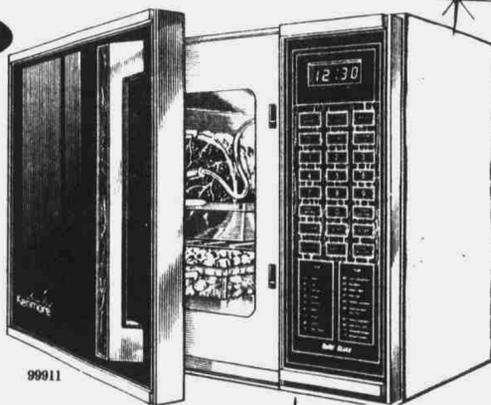
Kenmore. Solid as Sears



Electronic touch. Finger touch control, no buttons, no dials!

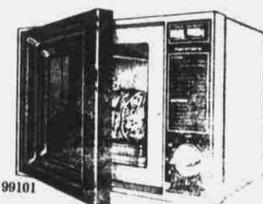


80 recipes. 25 preset. Program up to 55 of your own favorites.



**SAVE \$20!**  
Cook and Defrost Microwave Oven  
Regular \$249  
**\$229**

Speed foods from freezer to oven in just minutes. 10-minute timer, 0.5 cu. ft. capacity.



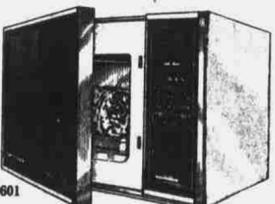
Ask about Sears Credit Plans

## SAVE \$50!

Microwave Oven with Probe

Regular \$449.95  
**399<sup>95</sup>**

Variable power from 90 to 625 watts. Or use the probe to cook foods by temperature. Sale ends Dec. 24.



"We Service What We Sell, Nationwide"

• Prompt, dependable, courteous • Professional, in-home service • Just a phone call away

Sears Maintenance Agreement let you buy tomorrow's Service

**Sears** Where America shops for Value  
SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.

**NORTHGATE MALL**  
Open Monday thru Saturday  
9:30 A.M. 'til 9 P.M.

(24 Hr. Catalog Service)  
Auto Center Hours  
9:30 A.M. 'til 9:00 P.M.

Satisfaction Guaranteed or Your Money Back

**Sears S-T-R-E-T-C-H SLACK SELLABRATION**  
**2 for \$15**  
At 7.50 each, it's our greatest value ever on stretch woven slacks

- 100% stretch woven polyester
- Stretch Ban-Rol waistband
- Large selection of solid colors
- Perma-Prest fabric

Special Purchase! You'll want to choose several pairs of these slacks because of our wide array of colors, vast assortment of sizes and tremendous value. It's another great buy only at Sears. Regular fit, sizes 30-38, full fit sizes, 36-44. Full fit sizes, 2 for \$16 or \$18 ea.



OFFER ENDS JANUARY 7th

**Sears** Where America shops for Value  
SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.

**NORTHGATE MALL**  
Open Monday thru Saturday  
9:30 A.M. 'til 9 P.M.

Satisfaction Guaranteed or Your Money Back

SHOP YOUR NEAREST SEARS RETAIL STORE  
N.C.: Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Durham, Fayetteville, Wilmington, Burlington, Goldsboro, High Point, Jacksonville, Rocky Mount, Danville