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# Ar'Lyn Worth School Reunion Celebrates The Good Times Past

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A bittersweet reunion will be held on Saturday at Ar'Lyn Worth School at 1463-67 Oxford Road, N. E. Atlanta.

The school, founded in 1949 by Dorothy Ar'Lyn Bagwell and her husband, John Worth Bagwell, is destined to close in May.

Mrs. Carolyn Massey, administrator, said "We will be celebrating a 40th birthday party and a reunion. We will be looking at old photographs and talking of past memories, and saying farewell to an era, as the school closes with the sale of the property."

THE school, located just steps away from Everybody's restaurant in the Emory-Druid Hills area, originally opened as Bagwell School of Dance.

"There is a stage downstairs," said Mrs. Massey, and the Bagwells used to set up a tent in the back yard and have dance performances."

The Bagwells lived for years in the stone house next to the school, and Mrs. Bagwell used the lower level as a dance studio.

When Ar'Lyn Worth School opened as a private facility for kindergarten and first grade students, its purpose was "to provide a better educational background for greater learning." Eventually, the school offered all levels from pre-kindergarten through seventh grade.

Mrs. Massey explains "This is not a 'special education' school, but it has become more tutorial over the years. Over the years, we believe it has served a need for those who benefit from smaller classes and more individual attention."

She said that it was the founders' intent to keep the tuition low, and although Mrs. Bagwell lives in Duluth now, she still comes in to the school once a week... "she still has such love for the children."

MRS. MASSEY said that some of the pupils have gone on to private high schools, Woodward, Paduaia, and Atlanta Christian School. "We try to build their competence and confidence so that wherever they go, they know they can do the work."

At one time there were 150 students at Ar'Lyn Worth School. The present enrollment is 31. Some of the original students have had children and grandchildren who attended the school. With the reunion coming up,

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## ADMINISTRATOR CAROLYNN MASSEY REFLECTS ON PAST And Gathers Together Yearbooks For Saturday's Reunion

Mrs. Massey said, "It will be interesting to see 'our children with their children.'"

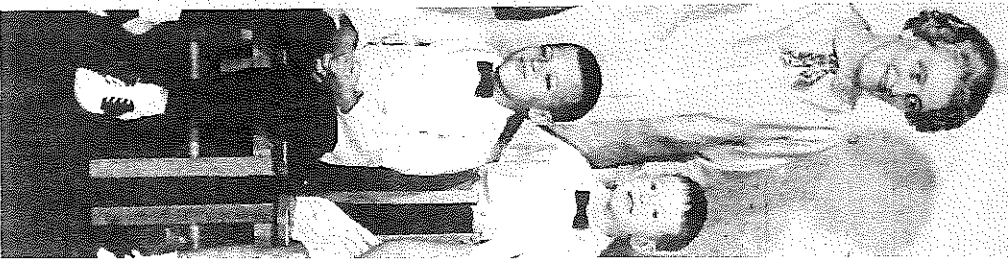
Mrs. Massey and the other staff members had hoped that the property would be sold as a school. "We have the capacity for 200 pupils," she said.

The students, "old and new" who gather on April 29 from 1 to 4 p. m. for the reunion-birthday party will swap tales, the younger ones of their field trips to places like Fernbank and Stone Mountain, and the older ones, of the jaunts to Washington, D. C. and

the white caps and gowns they wore at graduation.

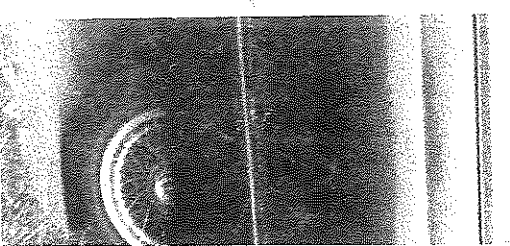
Mrs. Massey will miss Ar'Lyn Worth. She has been there 13 years, the first 12 as a teacher, and this past year as director. Her sons attended school there, too. Kevin, 18, and Ryan, 15, are students at DeKalb Christian Academy. Kevin will begin at Georgia Tech this summer.

Mrs. Massey is going to devote her time to a fulltime Christian service, distributing food and clothing to refugees and the homeless in Atlanta.

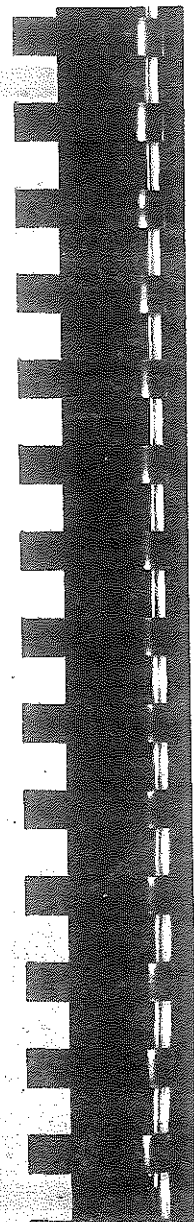


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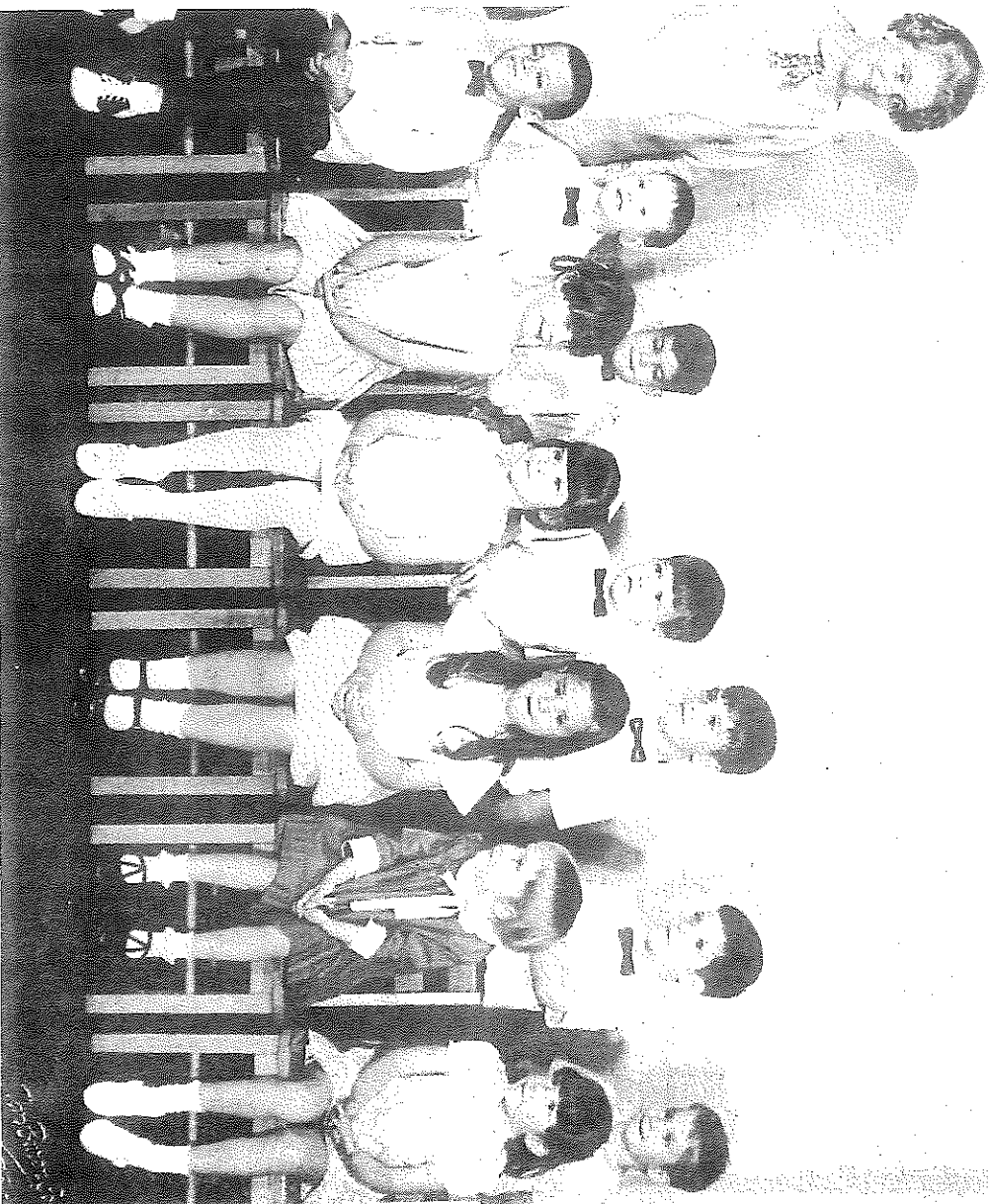


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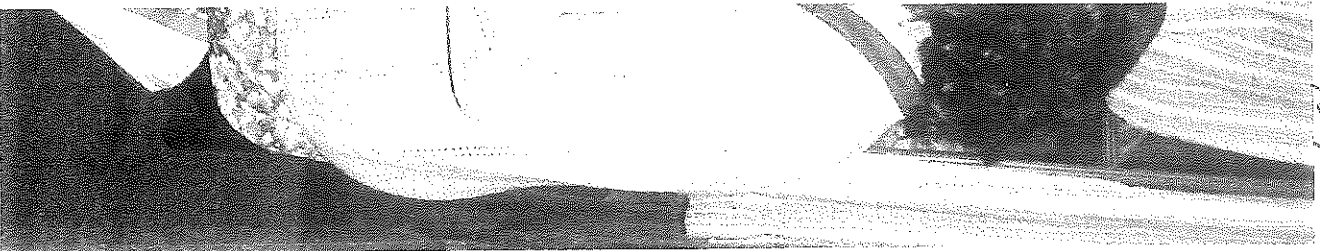
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Mrs. Connor's Junior Kindergarten (cc1967)

Pictured are members of Ar'Lyn Worth School in the '60s, who are grown up now. Some will be among the reunion celebrants on Saturday. They are, left to right, back row, Mrs. Connor, Crisler Gill, Phillip Kaufman, Russell Meyer, Gordon

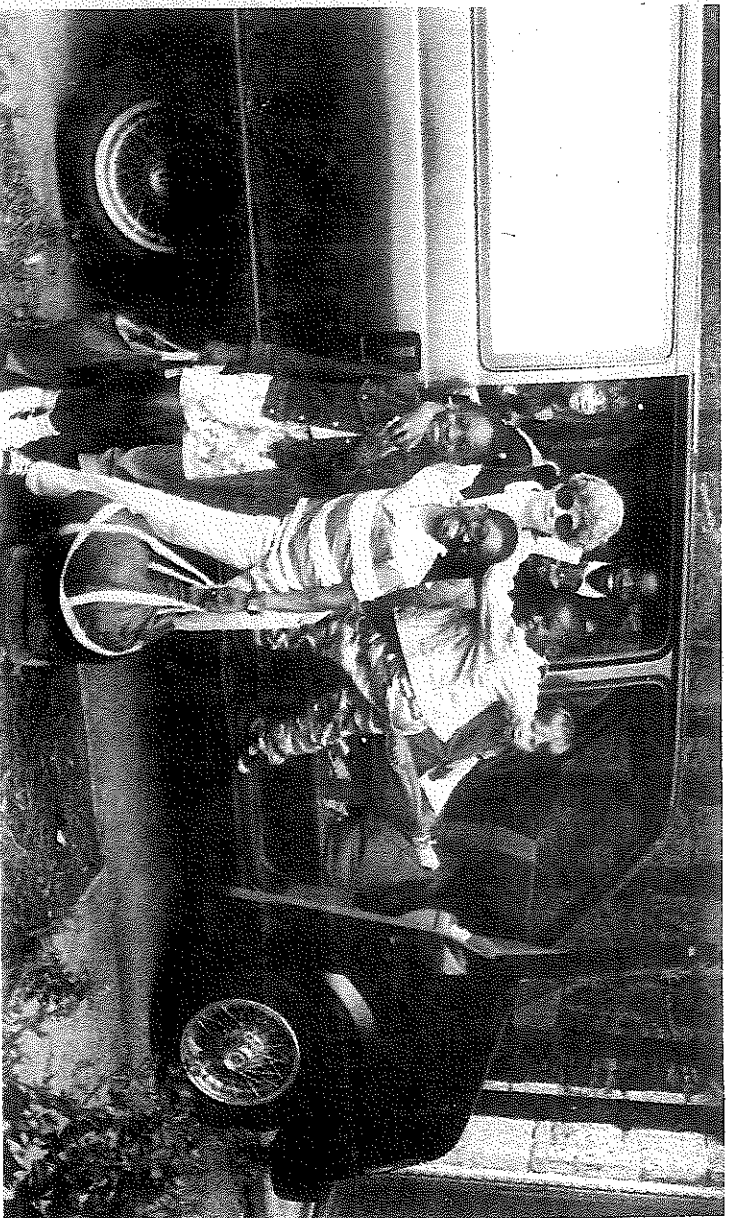
Washburn, Craig Maire, and Chris Kohler; front row, Jay Walker, Andrea Trammell, Lynley Spoto, Eleanor Roberts, Katherine Shortt, and Sandra Cohen.



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