The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham, was present at the signing of the contract for the construction of the new freight dock in Marsh Harbour which took place on site. He is shown at the lectern. Ms. Anita Bernard, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Public Works and the Hon. Kenneth Russell, Minister of Public Works, are seated at the table preparatory to the signing. Mr. Lester Snyder signed for American Bridge. In the background is a large crane which will be doing the dredging of a turning basin and a new channel out of the harbour. Also visible is the Duke of Topwall at the present dock.

The contract for the construction of a new freight dock in Marsh Harbour was signed in Marsh Harbour on November 17. Witnessing the signing was the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, who was the speaker at the ceremony. American Bridge submitted the winning bid of $12.6 million. Other bids were as high as $22 million. After negotiating with the company and making changes in the design, the government finally agreed to $11.1 million. The dock is due to be completed by December 2002. This represents the largest infrastructural project ever undertaken in the Family Islands.

Signing on behalf of the government was the Hon. Kenneth Russell, Minister of Public Works and Ms. Anita Bernard, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Public Works. Vice-President of American Bridge Mr. Lester Snyder signed for American Bridge.

A total of 15 contractors showed interest in doing the construction including seven Bahamian companies. Only five companies were approved in the pre-qualifying exercise. American Bridge will be completing the work which will include fencing and other security measures. A new road will be built to allow freight to be transported to S.C.
Illoilo Highway bypassing the center of Marsh Harbour.

Government acquired 7.5 acres of land for the dock project costing nearly $2 million. The Pizza Hut property owners will be paid more than $600,000 which they can expect to receive before Christmas.

Environmental issues were taken into account and the project has met all reasonable standards. Two senior citizens, Mr. James Wallace and Ms. Sylvia St. Louis, are being displaced. The government is building two small houses for them on government land behind the Garnet Archer Building.

The administration building on the site will accommodate offices for Immigration, agricultural inspectors, Police, port administration and shipping companies in addition to Customs. The customs warehouse will be 13,500 square feet and will include two weigh scales. The entire project will include 45,000 square feet of dock space.

A ferry dock will be built on the far western part of the land for the Grand Cay and Scotland Cay ferries with adequate parking.

Abaco’s Economy Is Growing

During the ceremony for the signing of the new freight dock the Prime Minister spoke about the slow economy generally. The economy worldwide has slowed and the terrorist attacks in September brought tourism to a standstill. For The Bahamas the damage from Hurricane Michelle was another blow. However, Ministry of Tourism figures show a comeback by the beginning of November. He commented on the strength and resiliency of the Abaco economy. He expects that Abaco will do well. He was encouraged that, after many years of disappointment, the acquisition and redevelopment of the Treasure Cay Hotel property now appears probable. The Government plans to develop a harbour and dock at Conch Rock Creek in North Abaco. Mr. Ingraham expects that project will go to tender before the Marsh Harbour dock is completed.

Many Abaconians are returning to the island and many are venturing on their own into the tourism industry. Abaco now has the infrastructure to support many new ventures. Government has spent tens of millions of dollars on all the Family Islands upgrading airports, and docks, extending electricity, water and phone systems and the construction of hundreds of miles of roads.

Abaco has increased in populations by more than 30 percent during the last ten years, the greatest growth in The Bahamas. Abaco is a land of opportunity and with improved infrastructure, the economy will clearly continue to grow.

Several projects which Abaco can look forward to in the future were mentioned by the Prime Minister while he was on Abaco for the signing of the dock contract. Five miles of paving will be done in Dundas Town and Murphy Town which will cost $500,000. Side roads in Dundas Town and Murphy Town are being prepared already and should be completed by the end of January 2002. Five intersections in Marsh Harbour will be altered to accommodate more traffic and ease congestion. The seaward section of Steede Bonnet Road will be paved. The road work in Marsh Harbour will cost $500,000.

Improvements at the airports in Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay are ongoing and include installation of night landing devices costing $800,000. This upgrading will qualify both airports to FAA regulations and will allow night landings. It is expected that tenders will go out early in January 2002 for construction of a new terminal building and control tower facility at the Marsh Harbour airport.

Bahamas Marine has completed repairs to 12 docks throughout Abaco which were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Floyd. This project cost $1.4 million. The government still has to build docks in Fox Town and Conch Rock Creek and sea walls in Sandy Point and Cooper’s Town. There are still road projects to be completed on Green Turtle Cay, Elbow Cay, Man-O-War and Guana Cay. These repairs were necessary due to damage from Hurricane Floyd.

Lots in the new Tall Pines Estates will be on sale before Christmas.

Future Projects Are Detailed

The Department of Transport announced the following projects:

- The Government plans to develop a harbour and dock at Conch Rock Creek in North Abaco.
- Abaco’s economy is expected to grow with the development of new tourism ventures.
- Several projects, such as the construction of a new terminal building and control tower facility at the Marsh Harbour airport, are ongoing.
- Repairs to damaged docks throughout Abaco have been completed.
- Road projects, sea walls, and repairs to airports are still ongoing.
- Lots in Tall Pines Estates will be on sale before Christmas.

Docks In Abaco

- A new freight dock in Marsh Harbour will be built to accommodate increased shipping activity.
- The dock will cost nearly $2 million and include 45,000 square feet of dock space.
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The Big Hill Box Car Derby, which is traditionally held on Boxing Day, took place this year on November 24 on a beautiful day with promises of plenty of excitement. The event drew large crowds from far and wide. The derby, which has been a favourite community event for Elbow Cay and an attraction for visitors, was last held in 1998 and prior to that in 1996 and 1997.

In the days leading up to the derby organiser Patrick Stuart and an active group of volunteers from Hope Town worked hard at setting the track for the 700 foot run. Barriers were erected along the roadside and spots chosen for concession stands.

On the morning of the 24th five gallon candy striped water bottles were placed at intervals along the track and the carts began arriving. They positioned themselves at the top of the hill and many set about making last minute additions and repairs to their homemade custom-designed cars.

Ron Engle was one of the first to arrive with his Fish Finder made by himself and his two sons. “It took us one week to build. The paint is still wet,” he said. Ron was a veteran of sorts, having competed in all past events and gaining several firsts and seconds in previous years.

Another “veteran” was Scott Patterson with his psychedelic Magic Bus. “This is a slap and go. It took me five hours to make. The kids painted the sides and I painted the back,” he said.

When the entry from the Hope Town Harbour Lodge, Red Devil, arrived, the lighthearted mood of the day was assured. Tanya Duncombe and driver Tom “Sweetcheeks” dragged the Lodgemobile up the hill to squeals of delight from the children and applause from the onlookers.

There were some unusual and inventive cars this year. The New Creation made by Rick Sweeting and his dad was a tribute to craftsmanship and physics. Emblazoned on its front were the words “Therefore if anyone be in Christ, he is a new creation.” And creations there were from The Holy Roller which was a coffin mobile conceived over a bottle of rum at midnight by Hope Town boys Patrick Cash, Jamie Bethel and Roger Malone to the Taz Cart made in four days by Marsh Harbour entrant Charlie Cooke.

It was the children who took the hearts of all with their novel carts. First time entrant Justin Thompson had worked hard on Hard Times and No Brakes by the Lighthouse Boys from Lighthouse Marina, Aaron Knowles, Nathan Smith and J.R. Rolle, showed imagination and careful thought.

The event began just after 10 a.m. with the “trials” to establish who was to be matched time wise. These were done two at a time. When these were over, the races began. With Hope Town Fire and Rescue sounding the horn for each race, the action started and went on well into the afternoon.

At the bottom of the track Head Timer Carrie Cash clocked each race and Deanna Taylor was at the finishing line with checkered flag. As the races finished, the results were relayed via VHF to Tanya Duncombe, who played commentator for half the time, and Scott Patterson, who took over later in the day.

The fire department not only heralded the start of every race but stood by for medical emergencies of which there was only one related to the derby. Towards the end Billy Gates in Ghost Rider took a flip. “I got road rash,” said Billy, as he was being bandaged by Tito Baldwin of Hope Town Fire and Rescue. His face and hands had a few lacerations but his ego and sense of humour stayed intact.

Cameras clicked and the television cam...
Christmas Is Coming
By Isobel Sherman
Christmas is coming and the open houses have started. Simcoe Jewelers and Buds and Blooms in Memorial Plaza held a Christmas open house on November 16. Persons browsed to their heart’s content in both stores. Simcoe was sparkling with gorgeous jewelry and Buds and Blooms was decorated fantastically with Christmas trees and decorations as well as a wide selection of possible gifts from stuffed animals to figurines to artificial flower arrangements, live flower arrangements, candles and other interesting items. Sales were brisk and customers were pleased with their purchases.

Wish Day Proved Popular
On November 24 Jewels Gems and More held their annual Wish Day from 10 a.m. till 7 p.m. Their shop was busy with many enjoying the personal assistance given them by owner Todd Drake and his staff. Mr. Drake felt that the day had been very successful. He said not only had there been plenty of person looking but most were buying. Jewels Gems and More has a large selection of gold and silver jewelry in a very small store on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour. They have many one of a kind items.

Nursery Holds Open House
Gardener’s Eden held their Christmas Open House on November 24 with many exceptional gift items. The store was decorated for Christmas with four trees and many beautiful centerpieces. Many arrangements had a delightful mixture of candles and flowers. Decorated wreaths adorned the high wall and a singing Santa greeted persons as they entered the door. The crowd enjoyed the variety of gift items and the displays which were creatively arranged. The management was pleased with the response by the public.

Paving Roads
By Isobel Sherman
Many side roads in Dundas Town and Murphy Town have been graded and prepared for paving. Prior to this endeavor, the roads had just been tracks through the land when persons decided to build on the land. For residents living on these roads the rainy season was especially hard on them.

Youth Enjoy Concert
A concert featuring Blackchinery was held on November 24 at the basketball court in Murphy Town. The concert was presented by Sound Effects and Soundboy and was in part sponsored by the Bahamas Basketball Association.
Tennis
By Isobel Sherman
On October 26-29 tennis coach Bobby Russell took three of his students pictured above, Sharrell Carey, Dorsinayer Smith and Claudia Rolle, to compete in the Grand Bahama Junior Classic held in Freeport, Grand Bahama. The students all did exceptionally well as they turned heads and left persons attending the meet saying positive things about their performance. Nine-year-old Dorsinayer made it to the semi-finals and made an impressive showing as this was only her third tournament. Sharrell made it to the quarter-finals and Claudia played well in her first tournament.
Bobby, along with his students, would like to express thanks to all the persons who sponsored them. Special thanks to the Tankship Transport Company from Hope Town which paid for the airline tickets and hotel rooms for the kids.

Body Building
The Gold Cup Classic Bodybuilding Championship was held in West Palm Beach on November 10. Arthur Elden from Man-O-War and several women from Grand Bahama competed. Arthur placed 2nd in the masters over 50. Jennie, one of the woman from Grand Bahama, won women over 40. They then teamed up to compete in the mixed pairs, placing 2nd.

The contest was well attended and the Bahamian team’s routine was well received by the audience.
Arthur’s first contest was in 1960 making 41 years for Arthur in the sport. Arthur has not set a date for retiring but will take it one year at a time.

Tennis
By Stephanie Humblestone
November 9 marked a first for Abaco. A Baseball Jamboree was held on the grounds of S.C. Boothe High School in Cooper’s Town. “This helped launch the baseball season on Abaco,” said Mr. Leslie Rolle, the school’s principal and baseball coach.
Despite the fact that the high school did not have a baseball diamond they went ahead and adapted. Three Abaco schools participated, S.C. Boothe High School, Abaco Central High School and Forest Heights Academy along with the All Stars from Eight Mile Rock in Freeport who traveled here.

The Freeport team won two games in the category 18 years and under. Both Forest Heights and S.C. Boothe won one game each and in the final game they came together and beat the Freeport team 6-0. In the 14 years and under S.C. Boothe and Forest Heights scored 5-5. “It was a huge success,” said Mr. Rolle.

For Mr. Rolle, who played competitively as a teenager in Freeport, the day was part of a dream come true. The final part will be the construction of a baseball diamond. “We really do need a secure field,” he said and adapted. Three Abaco schools participated.

Well known names in the sporting arena were also present such as Frank Hepburn from Crossing Rocks who has done much to encourage all manner of sporting activities on Abaco. “We had four umpires on the field for every game,” said Mr. Rolle. Mr. Hepburn was one of them. Another was Elliott Russell, whose son Brenton, a pupil at Forest Heights Academy, has been receiving baseball training in the United States since he was 11 years old. His mother, Lorna Russell, was score keeper. “It was a fun day and everyone got along so well,” she said.

As for the future of baseball on the island. With three good coaches, Mr. Rolle, Mr. Jeffrey Victor of Forest Heights Academy and Mr. Charles Poitier from Abaco Central, it looks promising. “We intend to form a baseball association and we will introduce baseball outside of school. We are also planning on having a league,” said Mr. Rolle.

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Restrictions On Aircraft Are Lifted

By Stephanie Humblestone
On November 13 the FAA, the Federal Aviation Administration of the United States, restored The Bahamas to Category 1 status. The reclassification took effect immediately. The FAA had downgraded the country late last October because The Bahamas did not comply with international safety standards. Since that time The Bahamas has made many changes to comply with these standards.

The Bahamas along with Canada and Mexico are the only countries for which restrictions have been lifted. In practice this means that Bahamian aircraft can travel to the States without restrictions.

The reclassification will directly affect Bahamasair. Under Category 2 the national air carrier was prohibited from expanding its routes or adding additional planes. There were many restrictions on flights originating in The Bahamas, both for private planes and for charter companies. Abaco Air and Cherokee Air, the two charter companies based Abaco, resumed near normal service one month after the September 11 terrorist attack in the United States. However, there were restrictions. “We were restricted to instrument flight rules but we later converted to visual flight rule,” said Mr. Todd Lowe at Abaco Air. Up until November 8th they had to have two pilots on board and were subject to flight deviations. “Everything was slowed down a lot and it proved expensive so we had to increase our fares,” he went on to say. “This, in turn, resulted in less business.”

Similarly, Abaco Air, Cherokee Air adapted to the new rules and continued operating. They reported little change in their schedules. In the wake of the attack both companies have had to take a closer look at their security measures. Abaco Air reported that they have a metal detecting wand and are drawing up a full security manual. As with airlines everywhere both Abaco Air and Cherokee Air have heightened baggage inspection and photo identification is required even for inter-island travel.

The government is undertaking to upgrade five airports on the Family Islands. This will include improvements and changes at the Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay airports which will be upgraded first. It will include putting in place lighting facilities and communication systems to accommodate night flying. Security systems will include proper fencing. The other three airports scheduled to be upgraded are two on Eleuthera and one on Exuma.

Church News

Fall Gospel Classic
By Isobel Sherman
The second annual Fall Gospel Classic will be held November 19-24 and will be held at the Zion Baptist Church in Murphy Town. The theme is Legendary Power of Music and an gospel music workshop will beheld each evening. Choirs, soloists, praise dancers and musicians all will be there on the final night there will be a grand performance. Alfred Dean is coordinating the event with Ms. Denise Gaddy is assisting.

Prayer Center Is Being Considered
Mrs. Enamae Parker of Murphy Town is making plans to open a non-denominational prayer center. She has located a temporary building where people can spend a quiet time in prayer and meditation. She expects to construct a building on a lot in Tall Pines Subdivision when lots become available.

Mrs. Parker is asking the support of the public for this project.

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The Editor Says

The Prime Minister was in Marsh Harbour recently for the signing of the freight dock contract with American Bridge. During his presentation he brought out several interesting facts:

- The strength of the Abaco economy
- The number of Bahamians becoming owners and operators of tourism ventures
- Marsh Harbour’s rapid climb as the Bahamas third city

Government’s investment in Abaco includes:

- The $13 million dock renovation which is the largest Family Island project undertaken by Government
- Five miles of side roads being paved in Dundas town and Murphy Town at a cost of $900,000
- Five local intersections are scheduled for major road work along with the paving of several unimproved roads in Marsh Harbour for $500,000
- The white lining of the Great Abaco Highway - the length of the island for $200,000
- The $800,000 installation of night landing facilities at the Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay airports
- The impending tender for the Marsh Harbour airport terminal and control tower for approximately $25 million
- Land in the 500-lot Central Pines subdivision is expected to go on sale in December. Numbers have not been given but $6 to $8 million would be a reasonable estimate for this project.

He concluded with the statement, “Clearly Abaco is on the road to better things.”

These improvements are not new to Nassaus fear our growth as a substantial contributor to the national revenue base. It is refreshing to see government take note of Abaco although some would say this attention is long overdue. With a 32 percent population growth rate between 1990 and 2000, Abaco leads the country in growth. This is not due to an increase in babies. Other Bahamians are getting the Abaco message and coming here for opportunities. Even the Haitian immigrants know a good thing and find Abaco to be a desirable destination. We are not a Freeport and our growth is not dependent on the whims of a single developer.

Our local government needs a heavy dose of experience and professionalism but that will take time. Because of our slow and steady growth, our governing needs are somewhat different from other islands with less economic activity. Central Abaco alone has a $5 million budget and it behooves us to see that they get their money’s worth of services in return.

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Dear Editor

While I am sure that the economic experts are quite capable in their evaluations of the present state and future projections of the U.S. economy, they are often negligent to say how much we appreciate the work of many of our employees. The experts are not going unnoticed. Perhaps the people who are not in the know any politician who would put the needs of the regular folk should be the determining factor behind the decision. It’s easy to advocate for something as long as it doesn’t have any real consequence upon us personally.

I wonder how many of the advocates for the reduction in our duty exemption are doing all of their shopping at home? It’s really not bloody likely. The Prime Minister has made what can be termed a wise and right decision on this matter. They deserve it.

Finally, I never did think this idea of duty exemption reduction was going to fly anyway. Simply put, it would have been political suicide for the FNMs at this very crucial juncture in their preparation for the upcoming general election. They have enough problems right now as it is. So they can’t win without the support of the regular folk.

I am sure that many of the job cut-backs that are currently being experienced in many industries are the result of the September 11 terror attacks upon the U.S. But I am equally sure that there are those employers who are using the situation to their own personal gain and to the detriment of many jobs that could actually have been saved.

Vanice Albury

One of your passengers

Letters to the Editor

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The Abaco Cultural Society will present a holiday season dance performance on the evening of December 8. The Momentum Dance Company of Miami, Florida, will perform at the balmly outdoor Garden Theatre at the home of artist Alton Roland Lowe in Black Sound, Green Turtle Cay. This is a return engagement, brought again by the Cultural Society by the enthusiastic audience response to last year’s performances.

This year the Momentum Dance Company will perform a full concert of dance works that are completely different from those offered previously. The program includes new works, historic classics and favorites from the company’s repertoire.

A matinee performance at 2 p.m. December 8, is organized especially for children. Momentum will perform one of its most highly acclaimed children’s programs, It’s Off to Work We Go! which includes the talents of storyteller and balladeer Judy Gail along with the dancers. A special study unit has been developed for school use which includes vocabulary words, suggested classroom activities, and assignments. Contact the Cultural Society for special group rates for this performance.

Winter concerts have been an annual event sponsored by the Abaco Cultural Society for residents and visitors on Abaco for the past decade. Hundreds of Bahamians and tourists have attended the concerts which grow in scope and become more ambitious each year.

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Obituaries of Relatives and Friends

Mr. Henry Engles Bethel, 83, passed away at his home in Nassau on November 12. He was formerly from Hope Town. He is survived by his daughter Judy Ann Higgs; grandsons Bradley and Graham Higgs; Jeremiah Russell; brother-in-law Talmage Thurston, Pastor Mervin Burrows and William Bootle; great grandchildren; grandsons–in-law Burella Inga Gardiner; nephews; nieces; godchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for Curtis Adderley, 52, was held on November 17 at the Church of the Latter Rain in Dundas Town. Officializing was Pastor Alexander Archer assisted by Rev. Copeland Morley. Interment was at the Dundas Town Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his son Craig Adderley; daughters Miriam and Jelicia Adderley, grandchildren; brothers Wilson Russell, Rev. Jerry Cornish, Wayne Cornish, Stanford and Clifford Adderley, Pastor Lernis Cornish, Victor and Leo Cornish; nieces; nephews and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for Deacon Willard Charles Gardiner, 88, was held on November 25 at the ST. Andrews Baptist Church in Fire Road. Officializing was Rev. Eudin McIntosh assisted by Rev. Clayton McIntosh. Interment was in the Dundas Town Public Cemetery. He is survived by his son Shelton Gardiner; daughters Shamianne Baillou and Rublyee Gardiner; adopted son Victor Brown; adopted daughters Miriam Murray and Shannalee Sands; daughters-in-law Cara Gardiner; uncle Jeremiah Russell; brother-in-law Talmage McIntosh; grandchildren Jacqueline and Cinder McIntosh, Edris Curry, Ken, Willard, Shelton Jr., Valencia, Bermen, Coranell, Mackell and Shanika Hall, Cokceann Sawyer, Carolee Gardiner, Dashinique Curry, Cedric Gardiner, Patricia Bootie, Faye McIntosh and Ronald Bootie; great grandchildren; grandsons-in-law; Alfredo Cornelish, Police Const. 1952 Bremen, Evangelist Lyndon and Hiriam McIntosh and Onis Curry; grandaughters-in-law Burella Inga Gardiner; nieces; godchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

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Art Show Brings Artists and Visitors

Art Show From Page 1

ings and paintings by Abaco’s youth, students from Hope Town School and Marsh Harbour schools St. Francis de Sales and Long Bay School.

Moving into the main dining area visitors were treated to displays by artists who are fast becoming well known on Abaco, Hermann Schmidt from Germany who paints local Hope Town scenes, and the ever versatile Jeep Byers, whose local works has gained much popularity. Steve Best, also a Hope Town resident, captured in watercolour such scenes as the Harbour Lodge pool and the Abaco Range. Also in the building was the large display of Brigitte Carey from Tilloo Cay whose diverse collection of acrylics on canvas and fish painted on drift wood proved to be very popular.

Anne Ray never ceases to amaze the public with her prolific work which depicts island scenes and local characters. Watercolourist Pam Webb was another whose name is now a household word. Ms Webb is especially known for her painting Dolphin Encounter which reflects her love for dolphins.

New to the show this year was Sanches don Constant whose Haitain paintings drew much attention with their bright bold colours and detailed work. Mr. Constant exhibits throughout the Bahamas, in Argentina and in Belgium.

In the new Hope Town Lodge bar there was an impressive display of arts and crafts from familiar faces like talented Alice Bain with her pottery to new exhibitor Virginia Warner, the Bead Lady with her beach glass and shell jewelry. Ms. Warner’s works can be found in many Abaco stores. “I find this work very relaxing,” she said, explaining that it is truly a gift to work with the treasures of the sea.

Patrick Cash of Hope Town captured photographic scenes of Hope Town. Patrick is especially known for his photographs of the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd in 1999. Tuppy Weatherford of Man-O-War also used the medium of photography to illustrate the beauty of Abaco and its ever changing moods.

The carved Abaco dinghies of sailboat Bill were an example of expression in wood as was the large collection of woodworking in native Bahamian wood by Stephen Knowles from Tilloo Cay whose diverse collection of acrylics on canvas and fish painted on drift wood proved to be very popular.

Once more Mr. and Mrs. Ketay, the owners of the Hope Town Harbour Lodge, and their staff extended refreshments. Mr. Art Sands of Bristol Cellars provided a variety of wines for the occasion.

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School News

Teachers Are Recognized
By Isobel Sherman

World Teachers’ Day was observed around the world in October. In The Bahamas the day was commemorated by school assemblies. The Ministry of Education had an official observance, giving teachers a half day off. The Bahamas Union of Teachers led by president Kingsley Black had a ceremony commemorating the teaching profession as a noble profession.

Abaco Central High School
Annual Awards Assembly
By Isobel Sherman

Every school year during the first term Abaco Central High School holds an awards assembly to acknowledge those students who excelled in grades 7-11 the previous school year. (The 12th grade students were acknowledged at graduation.) This year the assembly was held on November 19 and was led by Devaughn Edgecombe, Head Boy, and Michelle Thurston, Head Girl.

This year’s guest speaker was Rev. Carla Culmer, minister of St. Andrews Methodist Church in Dundas Town, who told the students there were three secrets for success. The first is to believe you can be successful. She told them to delete all negative thoughts about themselves which they hold in their minds. The second secret is to determine what is important and be the best you can be. The third secret is to value yourself, have respect for yourself. When you have these three secrets, then believe “you can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” You will be successful in life.
More School News

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Two musical interludes were provided, one was students playing violins and handbells and the other was a selection by the Abaco Central High School choir.

The awards committee was headed by Mrs. Eva Adderly assisted by Mrs. Ruth Edgecombe and Mr. Mohammed Rahim. Patron for this assembly was Mrs. Sandra Albury.

Mr. Huel Moss, Vice Principal, presented honour roll certificates to students earning a GPA of 3.0 to 3.4. They were Valene Adderly, Ibrad Curry, Shamika White, D shreddique Charlton, Shemeta Albury, Alexis Brown, Mario Sawyer, Saniad Provot, Tenecka Cooper, Kristen Jones, Jude Wilner, Bekinda Jacobs, Larissa Dawkins, Joval Thompson, Samantha Fader, Hernet Nicholas, Antonia LaRose, Michelle Jones, Latora Burrows, Veronica Nairn, Evanya Roberts, Junita Francis, Alexander Roker, Mcquell Spencer, Roynell Ashnail and Mercile Greene.

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Laying an underwater cable between Casuarina Point and Cherokee proved to be a long tedious job for a Cable Bahamas crew and the Abacays freight boat crew. This cable will give the residents of Cherokee cable television as well as the potential for cable access to the Internet soon.
Displaced Bahamians

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By Stephanie Humblestone

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Business Updates

Architect Timothy Neil has moved into the newly built building at Royal Harbour near the Abaco Resort entrance. His office is upstairs adjacent to the law offices of Frederik Gottlieb and his phone is 367-5415.

Lonne Albury has constructed 20 storage units on Crockett Drive adjacent to the K & S Auto Service station. The two storage buildings have individual bays each 10 feet by 20 feet. Several of the adjoining bays are joined giving a 20 foot by 20 foot space. These are behind the building recently renovated into three commercial office spaces and will soon be occupied by Hope House. Mr. Albury can be contacted at 367-4764.

The Detour is the new disco and nightclub in the newly renovated building previously known as the Highway Club on Don MacKay Boulevard across from Abaco Wholesale.

The brightly painted yellow and black club will be open Monday through Thursday to the public. A DJ will provide music on Fridays and Saturdays and admission on those days will be for members only with single night admission to the public being $35. Mr. Juan Bobby is the manager of this nightclub and disco which serves light food, provides a bar and dance floor.

Creative Touch barber shop has recently opened in the Barclay’s Bank building in Marsh Harbour. They cut and style ladies’ and men’s hair. Mr. Jamaine King is the owner manager and can be reached at 367-910.

Buds and Bloom is under new ownership. Melinda Pinder is the proprietor. Melinda is very creative in her decorating ideas. She worked for Gardener’s Eden and now she is the owner of a lovely store where you can see her special flare.

Keep up with the News of Abaco with a Subscription to The Abaconian
By Hugh Cottis

The evening of November 14 will long be remembered for the Cancer Society’s Art Auction and party. Well wishers from many parts of Abaco gathered to support this major fund raiser held at Mangoes Restaurant. They were not disappointed.

All the jollifications were designed to raise funds with which the Society will provide or assist in getting a mammography facility in the mini-hospital planned for Marsh Harbour in the near future. Breast cancer is prevalent in our community but is survivable if detected early. Such early detection is our wish.

Artists and craftsmen, both local and foreign friends of this island, donated original works for the auction. These included paintings in various media, collages, stained glass, jewelry, turned ware, models, basketry, quilts, ceramics, furniture, carvings, etc. This assembly provided for a variety of tastes - and pockets!

The event could not have been the success it was without the support of the artists who donated works and those who purchased them. The following is a list of those artists: Joe Albury, Marc Andre, Alice Bain, Louise Illman, Colette Boote, Tim Burns, Stanley Burnside, Joan Byers, Bridgette Carey, Patrick Cash, John Cox, Clifford Fernandez, Tom Goodwin, Rome Heyer, Susan Johnson, Pete Johnston, Jul Kamen, Steve Knowles, Joan Mann, Marlee Mason, Christine McCully, Karen McIntosh, Vince McWeeney, Meka McWeeney, Christopher Morejohn, Sharon Quigley, Kimberley Roberts, Kim Rodly, Donald Russell, Marjolein Scott, Joanne Sturrup, Laine Summerville, Beth Sweeting, Blaine Sweeting, Harriet Thompson, Tutua, Rupert Watkins, Tuppy Weatherford and Pam Webb.

Many people supported this event. The Society and those who enjoyed the festive atmosphere owe a huge debt of gratitude to Mangoes Restaurant. This facility was given over to the Society for the entire day, staff included. The delicious and abundant hors d’oeuvres were approved by all – congratulations to the chef. Bristol Cellars provided the wines which, with the background music of the popular Estin Sawyer, added to the festive occasion. The Society sincerely thanks Mangoes, Bristol Cellars and Estin Sawyer for their contributions.

Donations towards the Cancer Society may be sent to Sylvia Cottis, Treasurer, P.O. Box AB 20449, Marsh Harbour. If you wish your donation to go specifically towards the mammography project, please make this known. Other donations will be assigned to such needs as the provision of air fares for patients, clinics, etc.

Art Auction Benefits Cancer Society

Mangoes Restaurant hosted an art auction sponsored by the Cancer Society of Abaco as a major fund raising event. Almost 40 artists donated art in many different media. The response from the public was enthusiastic and the fund raising was a great success. The funds will go toward purchasing a mammography facility to be included in the mini-hospital scheduled for Marsh Harbour.

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comes gratitude and with gratitude comes the proper perspective on life. He told students to be grateful and give thanks no matter the situation. He cited how the wrinkles in life help make us stronger. The wrinkles are times when life did not go the way we wanted but we still need to be thankful. He ended his talk by saying that we must “approach life with an attitude of gratitude and in all things give thanks.” Each home room class brought in canned goods for the needy. First prize with 200 pieces went to 12 BR and second place with 155 pieces went to 7 FR. The canned foods will be given to different outreach ministries as well the Rotary Club, shut-ins and BASRA.

Choir Travels to Freeport

The Abaco Central High School choir and the grade 12 music class traveled to Freeport on November 16. They visited St. Georges High School as well as the Jack Hayward High School and a recording studio. Accompanying the students was Principal Benjamin Stubbs, music coordinator Alfred Dean and a teacher, Ms. Fontilla Rolle.

Scholarship Forms Are Available

The Abaco Pathfinders Scholarship applications forms are now available. Forms have been sent to the various high schools on Abaco or copies can be obtained from Kathy Weldon at 366-0543.

Abaco Central High School celebrated Thanksgiving on November 21 with a special service and by collecting food for needy persons. Shown above, l. to r., are Vice Principal Huel Moss, special speaker for the service, Rev. William Higgs, and Senior Mistress Nadine Beneby standing by the donated foods.

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Committee Works with Police

By Stephanie Humeutontoe

Although still in its teething stages, Citi- zens Against Crime, Central Abaco’s con- sultative committee which liaises with Abaco’s Police Department, is progressing well. However, according to its Chairman Randy Key, it still has a number of chal- lenges ahead.

The committee was formed earlier this year when a group of concerned citizens app- roached the Acting Commissioner of Police, Mr. Paul Farquharson, about establishing a body of people who would act as an interme- diary between the public and the police. This would take the shape of a dialogue, recom- mendations and discussions. It would essentially bring issues of concern to the attention of the police force. The proposal was made to Mr. Farquharson in January of this year while he was visiting Abaco.

With Mr. Farquharson’s encouragement and promise of support from the police, Mr. Key formed a steering committee of seven, including himself, comprising Vice-Chairman Jimmy Williams and members Louise Kaighlin, Veronica Nairn, Percy Sawyer, Charlie Cooke, Keith Banden and Al Coo- per.

They immediately put into effect what Mr. Key described as “an organisation to assist putting an end to the increased crime problem in Abaco.” “Waiting no time, they pur- chased two vehicles and found two drivers, Mr. Clifton McDonald (an ex-police), and Mr. Martin Johnson, to patrol the streets of Marsh Harbour,” said the letter. “This was the first demon- stration of the Citizens Against Crime programme.”

“This has been working well. The vehicles work in shifts patrolling from Eastern Shores in the east to Murphy Town in the west and Spring City to the south. It takes them about two and a half hours to complete a circuit,” said Mr. Key. “We have a vision of how our island is and it is not this.”

Mr. Williams sees the function of the com- mittee as “an eye to the public.” ASP Russell, Officer in Charge of the Abaco Dis- trict, describes it as “helping the police and the community in one breath.” He sees it as assisting the police to better understand the feelings and views of the community. “In some areas the community can tell us how they want something done,” he said. “I am pleased to see a number of things so far which have been addressed,” said Mr. Williams, two of which are loitering around the liquor store in Marsh Harbour and gam- bling at the couch stand in Dundas Town.

“People are becoming aware and we are trying to encourage this vigilance,” said Mr. Williams, who acknowledged the sup- port of the police, particularly in the higher ranks.

The committee is concerned about the small number of police officers on Abaco. “There are only 24 including ASP Russell and his supervisory staff; this is just not enough,” said Mr. Williams.

Sandy Point only has one police officer and two reservists and there are no police officers on the cays. The facts that there are 24 reservists, only five or six of those are performing up to par which means they are working in a police capacity for 50 hours a month.

“Abaco is grossly understaffed. Of the 24 for the entire island 12 of them are in higher ranks,” said Mr. Key, who pointed out that when the foot patrol was instigated six to eight months ago, it had to be abandoned be- cause of staff shortages.

“Ten years ago Abaco had more police officers,” said Mr. Key. He went on to say that there was less crime then. Mr. Key said that at times there is only one police officer on duty at the Marsh Harbour Police Station.

“One problem is that Nassau counts the reservoirs and then dismisses Abaco as having enough police officers. This is far from be- ing the case,” said Mr. Williams.

Although the Committee is able to assist the police in terms of bringing such concerns to the attention of both the public and the powers that be in Nassau, it cannot replace vital manpower. “We also liaise with Nassau for things like getting mechanical parts on time,” said Mr. Key.

The Consultative Committee is optimis- tic about its future role in community polic- ing. However, in the same way as the police are unable to work in a vacuum, so, too, are they. “We must have the support of the com- munity and we urge them to communicate with us,” said Mr. Williams.

ASP Russell sees this as a vital channel of communications. “Sometimes people fear reprisals if they come first to us,” he said, pointing out that such communication would, however, remain confidential. Mr. Williams sees the intermediary aspect as relating more to non-criminal matters and Mr. Key cau- tioned that, because of the lack of manpower, this would not become a “hot line.”

Members of the Committee such as Mrs. Nairn, who has attended several meetings, feels that the public is using the service. “We meet in sections, groupings of 10-12 but the public is becoming more aware,” she said. Mr. Key pointed out that it takes time for the community to adjust to this new measure and the police need assistance. “I think we have reached the stage of realising that in some areas the police have their hands tied,” he added.

Like any such operation, it is costly. The annual cost of maintaining the patrol service alone is $59,000. Earlier this year Mr. Key made an appeal to the citizens of Abaco for support. This still stands and Mr. Key can be contacted at 367-2674 or cheques can be made payable to Citizens Against Crime and mailed to Mr. Key’s attention at P.O. Box AB 20905, Marsh Harbour.

Buildings Lack Fire Sprinklers

On November 19 at a regular meeting of the Town Planning Board of the Central Abaco District a letter was read from the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department con- cerning the lack of sprinkler systems in new buildings being constructed in Marsh Harbour.

Marsh Harbour has had several large building fires over the past few years which have resulted in heavy losses. The most re- cent fire was the Golden Harvest Supermar- ket in June of this year. The letter stated that it is likely that if any of these buildings had had fire protection systems installed, the losses would have been significantly less than total.

At this time there is not one large public building open to the public on Abaco equipped with automatic fire sprinkling systems as required by the Bahamas Building Code. Sev- eral buildings have recently been constructed or are under construction and others are pro- posed. Inspections by the firemen have found that no sprinkler systems are being installed.

The letter continued that the Town Plan- ning Board is approving the construction of large public assess buildings without insist- ing on fire protection as required by law, and the building inspection department is negligent in enforcing the code. The letter suggested that Town Planning should consider that it could be held criminally negligent if loss of life were to occur because they had approved construction without proper safety equipment as required.

The water supplies of Marsh Harbour and the surrounding townships are not adequate for suppressing large fires and the equipment that the fire department has is limited in its ability to cope with very large fires. The fire department is manned entirely by volunteers and is funded, except for fuel, by donations from the community. The department would like Town Planning to require the installa- tion of fire sprinkling systems as required by the Bahamas Building Code.
South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound
By Lee Pinder
Past And Present Come Together To Worship

Harvest Sunday service held on November 18 brought out a good crowd. The church was appropriately decorated with sugarcane and other fruits and vegetables lining the altar, all making a very pleasing display and a good sampling of some of the things we should be thankful for.

Capit. Leonard Thompson and Mr. Michael Lightbourne, both former Members of Parliament for Abaco, together with the present M.P., Mr. Robert Sweeting, accompanied by his wife Maggie, all came to this special service in Cherokee to worship at Epworth Chapel.

The message reminded us that all we have in life is provided by God and it is to Him we owe our thanks. The sermon was delivered by lawyer Harris Pinder, a second-home Cherokee resident and frequent return visitor to the church who presently resides in Nassau. Also present was Sen. Michael Bethel along with his wife and family all regular Epworth attenders.

School News

Mid-term is over and only a few weeks left before it will be time for the end of term exams. The schoolchildren are collecting tins of food to be distributed to the old folks in the community for Thanksgiving, something they do every year.

The headmistress said she wished to thank Epworth Chapel for beginning Kids Korner again as the children all enjoy it so much and really look forward to attending this after school activity.

Vanda Bethel is coming into school each week and helping the children with Christmas crafts items and the students are preparing for the Christmas program The Littlest Christmas Tree which will be presented this year.

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Boat Parade Is Planned

The annual Boat Parade in Marsh Harbour will be held this year on December 14. Preparations will begin at 7 p.m. and 10 to 20 boats are expected to enter. The brightly decorated and lit boats will make wide circles around the dark harbour. Boats will range from sailboats with lights in the rigging to power boats and outboard boats with elaborate decorations. The parade will conclude with an impressive fireworks display over the harbour which is anticipated each year.

The entry fee for boats is $20. The Boat Parade Committee is asking the community for donations for purchasing fireworks. The remainder of the funds will go to the Marsh Harbour Fire Department.
True or False?

1. Is it because we are down the road in Murphy Town?
2. Is it because many persons have a false concept of us and tell this concept to everyone they meet?
3. Is it because we are a government school?
4. Is it because of ignorance that our detractors can do no better?

This matter was discussed at our monthly staff meeting. We are going into a very heavy public relations mode. We are going to pay for time on radio Abaco for a weekly time slot where we can highlight our students’ and staff’s accomplishments. Look for other things we will be doing to take our great image to the residents of Central and South Abaco. We already took a PTA meeting to Sandy Point.

Yes, we need many things and we have to work harder for these things than some other schools but we believe we still are the best on Abaco. So, please listen to us when we speak and our students speak. And read what happens to us. We are more than just a school; we are a family.

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The Real Reason for Terrorism

By William (Billy) Roberts

I feel the need to opine on the terrorism subjects that have been on everybody’s mind. The actions of a few religiously perverted individuals has caused us all to now be suspect of everybody of Middle Eastern decent. This is unfortunate, understandable but unfortunate.

If you really want to get somebody’s attention, your best weapon is something we all would rather not think about and that would be violence. If we used that violence in such a way that it occurred suddenly, without warning with which devastation that it brought complete confusion to our enemy, then we will have conducted an act of terror. The term “terrorism” is self-explanatory. It completely terrorizes its victims.

What happened in New York on September 11 was a very masterful act of terrorism. It was very violent, it came without any warning and the devastation was so extreme that complete pandemonium ensued in the aftermath of the attack. The terrorists (cowards) achieved their objective. Now it is time for the United States Armed Forces and their allies to do us all (and they have so far) and bring their military might to bear upon the terrorists and their supporters, no matter who or where they might be. I don’t mean to seem insensitive to some people’s actions but in all sincerity I think we have passed the point of “giving peace a chance.” Peace, like its brother freedom, does not come about by chance. History has proven this over and over and a lot of brave souls have given the ultimate sacrifice in the quest of Israel by the Arabic nations. The most important nation on earth, namely, that little piece of land we call Israel. And that, my friend, is the real issue here - the conquest of Israel by the Arabic nations. The reason for this is because of a very old promise made to the father of the Jewish nation. We cannot possibly imagine the extreme resentment that the Arabic peoples have come to develop over the years towards the Jews as a result of this. We have seen the manifestation of some of this resentment - the 9/11 attacks - but we still cannot fathom the real depth of this hatred.

Whether the U.S. is an overly indulgent capitalistic nation or just another name among names in the world in not the real reason for the attacks of 9/11. The fact that they are the greatest and most powerful ally to Israel is the real reason that they are so hated by the Arab/Muslim nations of the world. Not to worry though, because the Osama bin Laden’s of the world have a very limited role to play in history. Their inevitable demise will be a very terrible and complete one, and He will bring it about in not neutral in anything. There’ll be no straddling the fence, if you what I mean. I realize that there are many people who have no idea what the cause of this trouble in the Middle East is all about. They also are very worried about what the outcome will be. I don’t mean to be trite, but you will never have a clear understanding of either unless you look in the right places. Just a suggestion - try the instruction manual more commonly referred to as the Holy Bible. There is just nowhere else that you will find a satisfactory explanation. You see, Truth cannot be destroyed. It can be hidden or distorted, but never destroyed. And Truth when it finally comes out where it can be seen clearly will destroy those who sought to destroy it and it will completely free those who sought to promote it. So, let us seek the Truth. This stuff is now.

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Police Report

As reported to Stephanie Humblestone on October 26 two police officers arrested and charged a resident of the Mud for possession of a dangerous drug.

A Crown Haven man reported on October 27 to Fox Town Police that sometime during October someone smashed a window at his house, entered and stole a satellite card valued at $200.

A woman in Hard Bargain, Moores Island, reported on October 27 that her ex-boyfriend entered her home through a kitchen door, attacked and raped her. She was examined at the Moore’s Island Government Clinic and a medical report was submitted.

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eras rolled. “We are on Abaco for a week so we thought we would film over here,” said Director Lee Stanley from the Los Angeles television series Dream Chaser.” Mr. Stanley and his assistant, David Johnston mingled with the crowds, interviewed people and expressed how much they were enjoying the day.

The event was divided into the Junior Box car Division, ages 9-13 years, and the adult division, ages 14 and over. Each had two sections - the standing start and the slalom. The results were as follows: Junior Slalom: 1st Chris Gape, 2nd Justin Thompson and 3rd Bradley Albury. In the Junior Standing Start: 1st Corrie Engle, 2nd Chis Gape and 3rd Justin Thompson. The overall winner after tallying the points in the Junior Division was Justin Thompson.

In the Senior Division Slalom: 1st the Light- house Marina boys, 2nd Ron Engle and 3rd Shane Cash. The Senior Standing Start: 1st Rick Sweeting, 2nd the Lighthouse Marina boys and 3rd Ron Engle. The overall winner in the Senior Division was the Lighthouse Ma- rina Boys.

The Big Hill prize for originality awarded by Mr. Chester Thompson went to The Holy Roller. A trophy presentation brought the day to a close along with a raffle drawing.

Many individuals helped to make the day a success. Outstanding organizer was Patrick Stuart assisted by Scott Patterson, Christine McCully and a special thanks to Ellen Hardy.

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Central Abaco Licensing Board 16 Nov 01

Extensive discussion followed the application by City Market, associated with Winn Dixie in Nassau, asking for approval in principle to open a supermarket adjacent to the Bristol Cellars building on the Union Jack Property in Marsh Harbour.

Board members were concerned that the application requested permission for the sale of groceries, meats, baked goods, deli-catesse items, hosiery, seasonal flowers, gardening items and other items. The Board members felt that some of these items were outside the realm of a grocery store.

After much discussion the application was passed in principle with a request to City Markets to clarify the merchandise according to the category groups listed on the shop license guidance sheet. The Board will then decide how extensive the license should be concerning the merchandise to be offered.

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Central Abaco Port Authority 15 Nov 01

Board members decided to request a joint meeting with Council, Town Planning and a representative from Harbour View Marina to review the entire marina situation.

A letter was sent earlier to Harbour View Marina in Marsh Harbour demanding that three unauthorized piling adjacent to a boat lift be removed. A previous request from the marina to build a covered area for the boat lift had not been recommended.

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TREASURE CAY NEWS

TREASURE CAY RESORT is completing the dredging of their marina channel. The work was begun last spring with Bahamian Marine doing the initial work. They expect the channel will accommodate a six-foot draft vessel at normal low tide. They are also installing new day beacons to ensure safe passage through the channel.

The Bahamas Billfish Championship will once again be holding one of their five competitions in Treasure Cay from May 12-17. The dredging now allows fishing boats to use their facilities. Because of the increased activity in the channel, the Texaco fuel tanker will be mooring near the seawall. The dock area has been expanded by approximately 100 feet to allow the fueling of up to three medium sized vessels at one time. The marina is well protected and has 150 fully functional slips. The Treasure Cay Hotel Resort and Marina is the largest hotel/resort facility in the Bahamas Out Islands with 95 guest rooms.

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