

# Ferguson Teacher Recipient Of Australian Fellowship

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Miss Gladys Fortune, science teacher for five years at Ferguson High School, attempts to make science interesting and relevant for her students.

"Science teaching methods are focused on lab work and student involvement instead of teacher demonstrations," said the graduate of Bennett College, Greensboro, N.C.

The first woman to receive a master's in geological sciences from the University of Wisconsin and the first black to enter the program, Miss Fortune has been named Virginia's recipient of one of 50 two-year teaching fellowships from Victoria, one of five states in Australia. The fellowships will commemorate the centennial of public education in Victoria.

She and a science or math teacher from each of the other 49 states will leave in January for their assigned schools. The native of Durham, N.C. will be a faculty member at a government supported boys school in Hamilton, Victoria, which is about 100 miles from Melbourne, the state capital. The government schools are segregated according to sexes.

A teacher shortage exists in Australia, said

Miss Fortune. "This year the Australian states are running ads in American newspapers offering teaching jobs."

Because she had heard reports of unfavorable Australian racial attitudes, Miss Fortune deliberated over whether or not to accept the fellowship. But, she said, she has been assured of a comfortable visit by the Australian officials.

A science teacher for 13 years, Miss Fortune noted secondary schools in Australia are more technical than in the U. S. "Our schools tend to teach a general science. In other countries the entire teaching program is based on a career-type approach. Many of the technical school students go directly into a job after school and must utilize skills they learned in school. We have few schools on that level, particularly in the South."

Extra-curricular activities aren't included in the strenuous educational programs in European and Australian schools. Although she believes American schools sometimes overemphasize extra-curricular activities, Miss Fortune stressed the activities play an important role in "developing the entire person."



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G's Swing School was everything the critics promised and, more. The nostalgia, manifested as the extra agenda deftly unfolded, was that additional something. Most of us know what school is like, but there is the realization that you never really had any profound school spirit. So, one pines through an evening with the school - set remembering where you might have fitted into the scheme of things if you hadn't preferred being the utilitarian.

Mr. G was awarded a 25 year Community Service Award. Gee whiz! Why are thoughtful people so long getting around to putting their thoughts into action? Mr. G should have had his Mr. Congeniality Award a dozen years ago. Have you heard the students sing Mr. G's praises -- they are genuine.

Our tallest monument is in Texas. A reminder of the Battle of San Jacinto, it stands 570 feet high.

## General May Take Government

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — Brig. Gen. In Tam, president of Cambodia's National Assembly, tentatively agreed Sunday to accept the premiership and try to put together a Cabinet.

In Tam told reporters that he was leaning "more than 50 per cent" in favor of accepting the request of Cheng Heng, chief of state, but had not yet made a final decision.

In Tam said if he does form a government his top priorities would be to fight the war against the enemy, press for a constitution for the six-month-old republic and rebuild the nation from the ravages of war.

If In Tam, a popular general, can form a government it will end this young republic's 13-day-old crisis, precipitated by Premier Lon Nol's resignation. Lon Nol suffered a crippling stroke in February.

## Ironworkers Honor Their Man Of The Year



A committee calls on Bernard Puchalski at the Iron Workers office in Chicago and announces that he will be honored as Man of the Year. The testimonial is in recognition of Puchalski's work with 30 trade unions in Chicago area ports. Puchalski has served for 10 years as president of Greater Chicago and Vicinity Port Council. Left to right are Frank (Scottie) Aubusson, Secretary Chicago Port Council and Secretary-Treasurer of Seafarers International Union, Puchalski, John S. Caputa, Ethnic Radio and TV Commentator and member of Iron Workers Local 465, and Robert J. Benson, General Organizer, Iron Workers International.

CHICAGO — Harmony and cooperation among fifty trade unions that work in the Chicago area ports will be celebrated with an awards dinner Saturday, May 22 in the Sherman Hotel.

The testimonial of Man of the Year will be presented to Bernard Puchalski, 10-year President of the Greater Chicago and Vicinity Port Council, MTD, AFL-CIO. Puchalski also is Vice-President of Cook County Building Trades, Vice-President of the Prevailing Wage Conference, Vice-President, State Building Trades, Director, John Howard Association, and Illinois State Department of Correction, Trade Advisory Board.

Puchalski has been a member of International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers for 25 years, served as Business

Agent of Local 1, for nine years. He is now President of the Iron Workers District Council which has jurisdiction over 26 Locals and has held this top position 7 years.

An award will be presented to Mr. Puchalski by Peter McGavin, Secretary-Treasurer, Maritime Trades Department, AFL-CIO.

"The Port Council performed the hard task of uniting all the Locals in the brotherhood of unionism," McGavin said. "It provided the liaison between unions in the council and supported and fought for resolution of the just grievances of all working men in all the Port cities."

Master of ceremonies at the dinner will be Frank (Scottie) Aubusson, Secretary-Treasurer, Maritime Trades Department, and International Rept. of Seafarers International Union of North America.

Members of the Dinner Committee are: Robert J. Benson, General Organizer, International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers; Bernard Sniegowski, President, Painters District Council and Executive Vice-President of the Port Council; John S. Caputa, Ethnic Radio and TV Commentator and member of Iron Workers Local 465.

Some of the distinguished guests will be John H. Lyons, General President of the Iron Workers, John Walsh, Sixth General Vice-President, Paul Hall, President Maritime Trades Department, AFL-CIO, Barney Grabiec, Director, Illinois State Department of Labor, Charles (Chuck) Browne, Director of the Organization of Statewide United Industrial Workers of North America, New York.

## Writers Forum

Writers Forum has chosen Mrs. Drucilla Lee Washington Mason as the Mother of the Year. Mrs. Mason is the typical mother-type of yesteryear and we wanted to pay tribute to this type of motherhood before it vanished completely from the American scene. You recall the lavender 'n lace 'n verberna sachet vintage who walked a few steps behind the "mister." The head of the household was always "mister." This was the type who prayed daily for the husband's health and great strength so that he might "lead and guide" his family in the right direction.

Mrs. Mason is a wonderful person to know. This quiet, unpretentious lady is well informed because she keeps abreast with what is happening in the world about her and, she is never a party pooper with quips like "you'll never get to heaven that-a-way."

She is a native of Lynchburg, Virginia, however, she migrated with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Golden Lee, to Durham when she was quite young. Drucilla Lee attended the city schools, and graduated from a local Sewing School. For many years she served as a first class seamstress, however, declining health forced her to abandon the trade she dearly loved.

Miss Drucilla Lee married Mr. Oscar Allen Washington and this happy union was blessed with four children: Adrean Louise (Mrs. King now), Rosa, Oscar Allen, Junior and John Washington. After the death of Mr. Wash-



MRS. MASON

ington, the widow married Mr. George Mason, the father of Earl Mason, the popular Sports newswriter for 'The Carolinian.

Mrs. Mason reared her children with all the love and devotion that a mother can bestow upon her brood. And as we very well know, the source of mother's love is a never ending stream.

This mother is a devoutly religious person. She joined Union Baptist Church in 1936 under the leadership of Dr. A. S. Croom and, she has served as a faithful member throughout the years. The "ties that bind" her to God and her church grow stronger each passing day.

After all said and done, Writers Forum is proud of its Mother-of-the-Year selection. Dear Writer: Now that Spring has sprung, you have, at your finger tips, hundreds of things to write about: dew, drops on the morning grass; daffodils forcing the cussed

wild onions where they should stay -- in the background; too, you can add the bees to your bird yarns. Then, of course, you can add landscape studies to the thrilling love scene in chapter 2 - part 3. Speaking of landscapes, have you noticed Hillside campus lately? Now that the drab look of a corn field after a hail storm has disappeared, a scenic Post Card rack is missing a sparkling, beautiful card. Who said, "fessor Lucas can't see for looking?" Friends, turn some of your raves toward dear ole Hillside High. The Sarah A. Duke Garden won't miss your "ohs 'n ahs."

Dear Reader: your inquiry about Union Baptist Church news the week of the 18th is above 'n beyond us. However, we are happy to add that Mr. Bernard Morrison did a beautiful job as messenger for U. B.'s Youth Day Service. The Durham High School student was terrific; his message was sound doctrine, sprinkled with perisflage which gave the listeners the impression that their sins weren't really terrible -- they only needed swift annihilation.

A belated write up: Mr.

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