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MRS. McLESTER IS NOMINATED FOR TERRY SANFORD AWARD



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Shepard Jr. High Guidance Counselor Picked by Educators

Mrs. Johnnie Blunt McLester, guidance counselor at Shepard Junior High School has been nominated by the Durham City Association of Educators for the Terry Sanford Award. This award recognizes educators who have demonstrated creatively or innovative techniques in their work. Miss Mary Albert Ward is president of the City Education Association.

Mrs. McLester was selected by the Instruction and Professional Development Committee of the Durham City Association of Educators over two other nominees.

Mrs. McLester's co-workers at Shepard nominated her for this award because they felt that as a counselor her innovative techniques are spread throughout the classes there. She works with all classes which produce results that require unique experiences. Students enjoy working with her and teachers cooperate willingly.

Mrs. Johnnie Blunt McLester was born in Mobile, Alabama, and she was the oldest of six children born to James and Alberta Blunt, both of whom are now deceased. She attended the Alice Cooper Institute from grades one through six and Emerson Institute, a private school supported by The American Missionary Association of New York from grades seven through twelve. While at Emerson Institute her instructors recognized her leadership qualities and the rapport that she had built with her peers. She led many projects of academic and social nature that gained notice. Her life pattern of work appeared to have been clearly defined, for she showed every evidence of becoming a successful teacher. She often said that she believed in helping everyone to do his best by giving a chance to learn at the speed of his own. She wanted to help people, therefore teaching at that time appeared to have been the only job.

She attended and graduated from Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama with the assistance of a substantial scholarship won through Emerson Institute. After successfully completing the A.B. Degree at Talladega, she entered Columbia University and completed her

M.A. Degree in English and Student Personnel Administration (Educational Counseling). Her love for people and her continued quest for knowledge and know-how have found her in many courses beyond the Master's level and in many Human Relations workshops. She reminds everyone that she is a Teacher, regardless of her interest in Dramatics and Counseling.

Mrs. McLester holds membership in numerous professional, civic and religious organizations on local, state and national levels. She also works as a volunteer on many local boards of directors of Civic organizations. In 1971, she was the recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award, as one who best exemplified the highest ideals of teaching and citizenship, by the Kiwanis Club of Durham. In 1971, she also won the Resource-Use Education Plaque for the most outstanding Counselor and Teacher.

To continue her experiences, she has traveled extensively in Mexico and in the major countries of Europe, having made five recent trips to Europe for study and/or vacation purposes. Mrs. McLester has a commitment to the students, a commitment to the public and patrons, a commitment to maintaining professional standards, and a commitment to carry out the duties of the profession in a manner consistent with the highest ideal that are set forth in the Code of Ethics of educational and professional services.

Professional activities of Mrs. McLester include services on various civic, religious and educational Boards. They include past membership on Board of Directors of the Durham County Chapter of the American Red Cross; present membership as Vice Chairman of the Scarborough Nursery School, Chairman of the Branch Committee of the Y.W.C.A.; member of the Resolutions Committee of N.C. Association of Classroom Teachers; member of the Board of Directors of Central Y.W.C.A.; Vice President of Baptist Women's Convention of N.C.; and the Dorcas Club.

For 25 years, Mrs. McLester served as director of Youth Activities at Morehead Avenue Baptist Church, where her late husband, Rev. E.B. McLester served as pastor.

Professional memberships include American Personnel and Guidance Association, NEA, N.C. Association of Educators, and N.C. Association of Classroom Teachers.



ADAIR

TO GO ON LEAVE - Augustus A. Adair, an associate professor of political science at Morgan State College, has been the new executive director of the Congressional Black Caucus. Adair, who will be on leave from his teaching duties at Morgan State, took over his new post as of February 1

Beaux Arts Gives \$200 To Schools

Beaux Arts has presented checks for \$200 to the Durham county and city school systems. School officials in both systems said the funds will be used to purchase materials for the schools' art departments.

Claxton Harris, president of Beaux Arts, said the gifts to the school systems have been an annual project of the organization for 10 years.

Black Political Progress Made In South in '72

ATLANTA, Ga. — The election of 598 southern black officials to public office in 1972 is evidence of a continued trend of minority political advancement, concludes the Voter Education Project, Inc. (VEP) in its annual research wrap-up of the last year's events.

In 1972, black candidates and incumbents in the 11 southern states made a significant showing by winning seats from local to national levels of government. At least 1,276 black candidates for public office were identified by the VEP—largest field of minority office seekers in the South in this century.

The VEP survey includes documentation of historic advances as the first black candidates in modern times were elected to such offices as the Brunswick, Georgia city council; the aldermanic council of Natchez, Mississippi; the Orange County, North Carolina board of supervisors; the Seguin, Texas city council; city commissions in Waynesboro and Bedford, Virginia; state legislative posts in Arkansas; and two

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GULF OIL AIDS A & T - Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, chancellor of A & T University receives \$3,000 check from G. Ray

Cone, sales supervisor of Gulf Oil Company U.S. in Greensboro, N.C. Funds will be used to purchase books for the uni-

versity's School of Business and Economics. At left is Dr. Quister Craig, dean of the school.

Genocide In Black Section Is Discussed

Ken Beckford, program director for Help House in Durham, spoke to the Black Youth Forum recently.

Brother Beckford's discussion centered on "Genocide in the Black Community: Narcotics." The discussion focused on the Historical Analysis of Drugs, Politics of Drugs and The Economics of Drugs.

The Historical Analysis of Drugs as Brother Beckford explained began with Opium Wars, around the 1840's. In talking to the Youth Group he gave dates, events and an analysis from the 1840's to the 1970's on Narcotics and its rise to popularity and concern. Brother Beckford stated that, Drugs or Narcotics and loud colors did not reach the South until the 1960's and 1970's. "Pop Rock" such as, I wanna take you higher, Cloud nine, Psychedelic shack and others enhanced the use of Drugs by our people."

The politics of Drugs was another area that was focused on in the Discussion. Brother Beckford explained that, Narcotics has been in the Black Community for a long time. Recent commercials, ads, and tough laws emerged from the present concern of other communities to demolish their Drug problems. Brother Beckford was asked to respond to the movie Superfly. He explained that Superfly was an enemy of the people. Brother Beckford went on to say that junkies not only ruin themselves but also the community.

The last point of discussion by Brother Beckford involved

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Teachers Col. Gets Grant From Carnegie Corp. for Afro Studies

A three-year grant of \$255,000 has been awarded to Teachers College, Columbia University, by the Carnegie Corporation of New York to renew the College's program of fellowships for African educators, it was announced by R. Freeman Butts, associate dean for international studies.

Under the fellowship program, African educators study for advanced degrees at Teachers College, returning to their home institution trained to take leadership positions in education. The new grant will fund such fellowships from next July 1 to June 30 1976.

Of the 52 fellowships which have been awarded since 1960, 96 percent of the recipients now hold leadership positions in African educational institutions.

The latest Carnegie grant will subsidize 10 new fellows to be nominated by representatives of the Association for Teacher Education in Africa (ATEA) and selected by a Teachers College committee.

Chairman of the Teachers College fellowship program is Professor James R. Sheffield, director of the Center for Education in Africa, a unit of the college's Institute of International Studies.

The fellowship program is carried out in cooperation with the ATEA which currently consists of 19 English-speaking universities in sub-Saharan Africa as well as Teachers College and the Institute of Education of the University of London.

ATEA is the successor organization to the Afro-Anglo-American Program in Teacher Education which, from 1960 to 1969, was headed by Teachers College professor Carl W. Bigelow. The A-A-A was operated under Carnegie grants.

The 19 African institutions in ATEA are located in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ghana, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Malawi, Zambia, Lesotho, Botswana and Swaziland. Professor Butts is the ATEA representative from Teachers College.

Congressman Stokes Opposes Cancellation Of Black Journal

NEW YORK—Congressman Louis Stokes (D-Ohio), chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, has publicly joined the supporters of Black Journal and spoken out against the threatened cancellation of the weekly Black affairs program by the Corporation of Public Broadcasting (CPB). He did so at the recent National Newspaper Publishers Association meeting in Washington, D. C., on January 26.

Addressing the gathering he stated: "We not only have to protect Black Journal, we have to work for other programs like it to be shown over commercial and public airwaves."

Stokes also decried the takeover of the Public Broadcasting Service by its parent organization, CPB, as a "direct threat to the interest of minorities." He continued: "For example, no sooner was the announcement (of the takeover) made, than rumors began to fly that Black Journal was going to be sack-

ed. The President of the CPB, Henry Loomis, gave credence to the rumor when he said that 'certain Negro leaders' objected to the program." The Congressman said he found it difficult to believe that any Black leader would oppose the only national TV program that presents a Black interpretation of current issues" and said he had challenged Loomis to name the Black leaders in a Boston Globe article, but Loomis has remained silent.

The Ohio Congressman.

armed with statistics yielded by the Black Caucus hearings on the media held last March, told the newsmen that many liberal political figures who are "going overboard to defend" the "so-called free press" would be wise to "look before we leap" in view of the media's poor minority employment record. He noted that minority employment in public television had dropped from 12 percent to 8 percent between 1970 and 1971, that the percentage of Black em-

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WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

BY JOHN EDWARDS

John Edwards of the N. C. Voter Education Project will be writing Weekly Legislative Reports which will cover the N. C. General Assembly sessions on significant House and State Bills.

The Weekly Legislative Report covers the first three weeks (January 10-January 25) in which the North Carolina General Assembly was in session.

The first column gives the number of the bill and indicates whether it was introduced in the House (H) or Senate (S). The second column gives a brief description of the bill.

If you want action on any of these bills, you should contact your State Representative (s) and State Senator (s). (When you request a copy of a bill, be sure to give the number and indicate whether it was introduced in the House (H) or Senate (S).)

If you are unable to get information such as a copy of the bill, name and members of the committee to which the bill was referred, you should contact our office. Our staff will be glad to assist you. Our address is: N. C. Voter Education Project, Post Office Box 701, Durham, N. C. 27702.

Some of the major bills introduced in the area of crime, prisons and drug are:

H-21—To remove the requirement that grand juries must inspect and report on jails. An identical bill, S-43 has been introduced in the Senate.

H-32—To pay prisoners a minimum wage for their work.

H-33—To automatically restore the rights of citizenship to persons when released from prison.

H-66—To require a minimum sentence for drug pushers (3 years, first 15 years for third).

Some of the major bills introduced in the area of education are:

S-11 — To establish state-wide public kindergarten programs in all county and city school units. Similar bill, H-127, has been introduced in the House.

M-38 To require the State to assume full financial responsibility for the support and operation of public schools. This bill would relieve the local county and city governments from any financial assistance for schools.

Some of the major bills introduced in the area of health and welfare:

H-32—To establish county detection and testing centers for sickle cell anemia.

H-36—To eliminate the welfare lien on a person's property for the aged and disabled.

S-82—To provide that women separated from jobs because of pregnancy may be considered able to work and thus eligible for unemployment benefits.

H-103—To provide for the state operation of local county and district health departments for some special projects.

H-107 — To require county health boards to make certain services available and to enlarge membership of health board to eleven members and the membership reasonably reflect the composition of the county's population. Several other bills (H-105 and H-106) have been introduced in regards county and district health services.

Pres. K. Cheek Vice Chairman Of Md. U. Fund

BALTIMORE, Md. — Dr. King V. Cheek, president of Morgan State College, has agreed to serve as a vice chairman of the United Fund Campaign of Central Maryland for 1973. J. Stevenson Peck, chairman of the board of the Union Trust Company of Maryland, and chairman of the 1973 effort announced recently.

President Cheek participated last year as chairman of the Hospitals, Education and

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DTI Announces Spring Quarter Credit and Non-Credit Schedule

Highlighted by ten course offerings in Business Administration and Secretarial Science curriculums, Durham Technical Institute this week announced its spring quarter credit and no-credit evening schedule.

Credit courses to be offered include both beginning and advanced typing courses with beginning typing set for Monday and Wednesday nights while advanced typing will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Courses in introductory shorthand and advanced shorthand will be given with the beginning shorthand courses to be offered on Tuesday and Thursday nights and the advanced class set for Monday and Wednesday nights.

Other business courses to be offered include office machines, business law, accounting, introduction to computer concepts, introduction to business, and business mathematics.

Two courses in library technology are set to be given. An introduction to media production course is to be

held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons while a maintenance of materials and equipment course is set for Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

Additional credit courses to be offered include blueprint reading and sketching, technical drafting, English grammar, and English composition.

Non-credit course offerings are scheduled to meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights with an advanced sewing class to be offered on Thursday nights.

The Fundamentals of Real Estate, a 60-hour course which qualifies one to sit for the N. C. Real Estate Brokers examination will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Monday and Wednesday night class offerings include courses in auto-tuneup and minor repair and a 10-hour course in Job Relations Training.

Registration times for these courses vary. Non-credit course registration will take place on February 13 from

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VISITS FSU ROTC UNIT



COMMANDANT VISITS FSU AIR FORCE ROTC UNIT. Dr. Charles "A" Lyons, Jr., Chancellor of Fayetteville State University welcomes Col. Ken-

neth O. Wofford, Area Commandant for Air Force ROTC college units to FSU recently. Col. Wofford, from Maxwell

Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama received a status report on the new Air Force ROTC program at FSU.

Tax Payers Urged to Get Qualified Help

GREENSBORO — Taxpayers who seek the assistance of a commercial income tax return should choose one of the many reputable preparers who will provide honest and forthright assistance, Robert LeBaube, IRS District Director for North Carolina advised taxpayers today.

Even if someone else prepares the return, the taxpayer is still responsible for the accuracy of the information entered on the return and the full

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