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Employee Of The Year

Helping people find a home

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Finding housing for the homeless was a job that Patricia Mumford accepted 22 years ago because she cared about Winston-Salem and its less fortunate residents. In her eyes, she was only helping people receive the one thing they wanted desperately -- a place to call home.

Ms. Mumford, the housing coordinator for Experiment in Self-Reliance, Inc., never imagined that her concern for the community would result in her receiving the 1990 United Way "Employee of the Year Award".

"I was completely unaware that I was even nominated, not to mention being chosen to receive the award," Ms. Mumford said. The award consisted of a trophy and a U.S. savings bond for \$1000. The United Way Agency is a large contributor of ESR, Inc., which is funded by state block grants and private city funding.

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Ms. Mumford believes that the award is not only a reflection of her efforts but that of the entire agency, which she believes works together toward the common goal of improving the lives of others.

ESR, a private, non-profit community action and social service agency, assists disadvantaged and low-income persons through providing direct services

including nutrition programs, employment and housing services and casework counseling.

She thinks that she is able to do an effective job only because she has so much support from other individuals and institutions.

"I work daily in places such as the United Way, Department of Social Services, the Salvation Army, Crisis Control. Through them, I have developed a massive network that keeps the system going."

She also credits many of her immediate co-workers, including Mr. Robert Law, executive director at the agency, for pushing her to do her best on the job.

"Because I care about those who I work with and work for, I always find myself waking up each morning ready to go to work," she said.

Besides her job, she is involved in several other activities, including the United Way Holly House Board, the Human Relations Sub-committee for low-income families, the Housing Resource board and the National Youth Sports Program.

While Ms. Mumford finds her work rewarding, she admitted that she often gets frustrated when she learns that funds have been cut for certain programs, which she says happens often.

"One of the most effective programs we ever offered involved community outreach programs where people in housing developments would join together to plan programs and elect community officers so that they could motivate each other," she said. "However, because of a lack of funds, we had to drop the program."

She has always felt that going back into these communities is the only way of making sure that individuals not only have a place to stay, but have a decent and safe environment.

Ms. Mumford said she believes all communities need to get back to the basics by teaching simple



Photo by L.B. Speas Jr.

Patricia Mumford, center, proudly accepts the United Way's "Employee of the Year" award and a \$1,000 U.S. Savings bond from Robert Simon of Windsor Jewelers, left, and Harve Mogul, president of the United Way of Forsyth County.

morals. As a mother of two sons, Chris and Kevin, she said she drives certain morals home to them in the hope it will help them become better individuals.

Saving the communities is a challenge that everyone needs to be involved in, she said. She believes that if businesses don't start to give more people the opportunity to work, everyone will suffer.

"We have to also realize that we now are looking at a new generation called the "working poor" -- those who have jobs but still find it hard to get the basics, like affordable housing or clothing," Ms. Mumford said.

In order that we do not continue to see more generations of working poor people, Ms. Mumford has

stayed busy motivating the people she sees during her work day to get all of the education that they can. She said she plans to use her award money for her own son's college education.

"I tell them that though I finished at Atkins High school and went a few years at Winston-Salem State University, I still hope to go back to school to finish my degree," she said.

She said that the concept she tries to stress above everything else is that of self-sufficiency.

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SOCIAL NOTES

Delta Fine Arts, WFDD join forces to honor black composer

"A Call to Remembrance" -- the Undine Smith Moore Music Festival, devoted to the life and music of Undine Smith Moore, will be presented in a two-day event, June 23 and 24, by Winston-Salem Delta Fine Arts Inc. The festival is co-sponsored by WFDD-FM, the public radio station of Wake Forest University, and is supported by grants from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a state-based program of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the North Carolina Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, a federal agency, and a grant funded by the United Arts Fund Drive of the Arts Council of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County and the Grassroots Arts Program of the North Carolina Arts Council, a state agency.

The festival is being presented for the purpose of creating an awareness of the outstanding contributions Mrs. Moore made to the fields of music history and composition, education and black culture. Mrs. Moore composed more than 100 works for various vocal and instrumental media, yet she is not included in standard texts on American music, nor has her music received the prominence that it deserves.

The full program will consist of

three parts -- a symposium on Mrs. Moore and her work, an exhibit of photographs, manuscripts, programs and memorabilia of the composer, and a concert of her music, including choral works, compositions for solo voice, solo instruments and chamber ensemble. The chorus will consist of singers from the community and local choral groups. The chorus will be trained by D'Walla Simmons, choir director at Winston-Salem State University. Guest conductor for the concert on June 24 will be James Kinchen, formerly of WSSU, and currently director of choral activities at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

One hour of renewal credit will be offered through the Continuing Education Division of Winston-Salem State University to music educators and other educators needing recertification. Those seeking credit must attend all sessions of the symposium, the exhibit and the concert. A fee of \$25 is required for those seeking credit, which includes the university's administrative fee, a concert ticket and a packet of music to be used in the symposium reading session. A fee is charged only for those seeking credit and for concert tickets, which are \$5 each. Advance registration is required for all persons attending the festival. Registration deadlines are June 1



Undine Smith Moore

for those seeking credit and June 8 for other participants.

All festival events are open to the general public. The symposium will be held at the WSSU Anderson Center from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, and from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 24. The exhibit will open at the Delta Arts Center, 1511 E. Third St., with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 23. The concert will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 24, at the Stevens Center in downtown Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Moore (1904-1989), an Afro-American and native Virgini-

an, attained national prominence as a composer, arranger, educator and lecturer.

She was an honor graduate of Fisk and Columbia Universities. In 1927, after a year as supervisor of music in the Goldsboro public schools, she began a distinguished 45-year career as a member of the music faculty at Virginia State University, where she excelled as a teacher of music theory, piano and organ, and as a performer, accompanist and choral conductor. She also taught some of the outstanding musicians and music teachers in the country, including jazz pianist Billy Taylor and opera singer Camilla Williams.

Her 16-part choral work, "Scenes From the Life of a Martyr," written in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was completed in 1980 and nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 1981. This work was performed here in 1987 by the Winston-Salem Symphony, by professional soloists and by the WSSU choir and community chorus under the sponsorship of Winston-Salem Delta Fine Arts Inc. and WSSU.

For more information, call the Delta Arts Center at 722-2625. Concert tickets are now on sale at the Delta Arts Center from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and at the Stevens Center.

Teen Talk participants sponsor 'Senior Prom' for Sunrise Towers residents

"The Sunrise Towers senior adult residents were dressed in their best attire Friday, April 20, for an evening of fun and dance at their "Senior Prom."

The event was sponsored by

the Teen Talk program of the Forsyth County Health Department.

Twenty-eight Teen Talk participants ranging in age from 10 to 16 volunteered to be hostesses, marshals and guest registers. In addition, nine Teen Links, adult volun-

teers for the Teen Talk program, took part in the community service project.

Music for the occasion was provided by Mr. Bill's Productions. The disc jockey for the evening was "T Finesse."

One resident showed the teenagers a new way to do the popular "Electric Slide" dance.

The senior residents also participated in a "Soul Train Line" to showcase their best steps.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Morgan named to post with scientific association

GEORGE BOOIE
Special to the Chronicle

Dr. Carolyn Bradshaw Morgan, a native of Winston-Salem, has been named secretary-treasurer of American Statistical Association's Section on Physical-Engineering Sciences in Schenectady, N.Y.

She will serve for a period of two years.
Dr. Morgan attended the Win-

ston-Salem/Forsyth County public schools, graduating from Atkins High School.

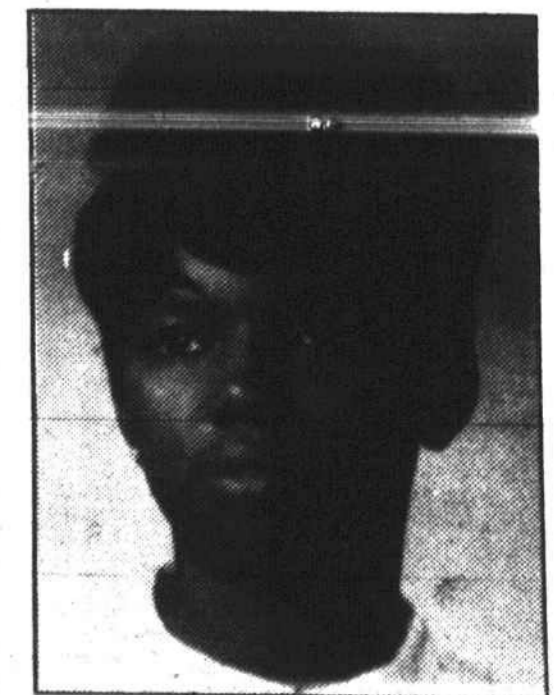
She received her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Vanderbilt University and her master's degree from Wright University, earning her doctorate from Union College in engineering systems and administration; specializing in statistics.

Dr. Morgan has been recog-

nized for various public services including working on behalf of minorities, youth, women and victims of drug abuse; creating a special interest in high-technology careers among minority youth.

She is married to Dr. Morris Morgan, a chemical engineer. They are the parents of two children, Eric and Kristie.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Willie L. Bradshaw of Winston-Salem.



Dr. Carolyn Bradshaw Morgan

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 26

The Exquisite Ladies will hold their ninth anniversary program at St. Mark Baptist Church, 1100 Manley St., at 7:30 p.m. The crowning of the queen for 1990 will take place during the program. The Rev. James Fulwood is host pastor.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

Candlelight memorial services, sponsored by the Christian Herald of American Legion Post No. 220, will be held at 4 p.m. at Post 220.

MONDAY, MAY 28

American Legion Post No. 220 will hold a memorial service at 10 a.m. in Evergreen Cemetery.

TUESDAY, MAY 29

Forsyth Technical Community College's summer quarter literacy classes will be held May 29 and May 30. Classes will be held at several locations in East Winston. All classes are free. For more information call 760-2373.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

Phi-Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. invites all inactive and active sorors in the Winston-Salem area to its annual "Old Fashion AKA Revival." The event will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 3160 Shafsbury Lane. There will be food and prizes. Interested persons should RSVP by June 5 by calling 725-6165.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

A learn-to-swim program for youth and adults will be offered June 4 to 14 at 13 pool locations across Forsyth County. Pre-registration is required by calling the Red Cross health services department by May 25.

An exhibit, "Black Women Artists - North Carolina Connections," will be presented at the Delta Arts Center through June 1, weekdays from 10 a.m. to noon, and Saturdays by appointment. Admission is free.

Piedmont Plus Senior Games registration packets are now available. The event is open to residents of Davidson, Forsyth, Guilford, Guilford, Yadkin counties, who are 55 or older. The registration deadline is April 16. For more information call 727-2505.

The YWCA is accepting registration for their summer camps. Summer Discoveries Camp is an enrichment camp for children from kindergarten to seventh grade. Summer Break Camp is an enrichment camp for mentally or physically challenged youth ages 8 to 21. For more information call 722-5138.

Senior artists who are interested in participating in the third annual sidewalk art sale June 21 should call now to reserve free space and start painting. For more information call 727-2505.

Adult fitness classes will be held every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. and

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