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WHAT CAN I DO TO IMPROVE MYSELF NOW

By Edna E. Patterson

Note: Ms. Edna E. Patterson is a native of Norfolk and a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gardner who resides at 3128 Schooley Avenue in Norfolk, Ms. Patterson is a first class photographer in the U. S. Navy currently attached to the Navy Recruiting Station at Military Circle, Norfolk.

Too often in life we overlook the numerous small opportunities that are available to us while we are striving for a certain goal. We as blacks must accept every challenge, every opportunity, and every advantage to be gained. We must use the system while the system uses us.

Improve Myself 2-2-2-2

As a black woman in the military have had the opportunity to reach many goals that started out as just dreams. I have been given responsibilities in my

various job assignments that in many cases would take years of struggling in order to reach the same height of responsibility in a civilian establishment. In the military, responsibility comes with rate advancement and if one is equal to the task, the accomplishments can be both satisfying and beneficial.

After graduating from high school, I spent a year working off and on at a local laundry. My parents could not afford to send me to college so after one year of getting absolutely nowhere I decided to enlist in the Navy. Having always wanted to travel and meet other people from around the states and the world, I decided that this was my chance to fulfill that desire and get paid for doing so.

At that time enlisting in the Navy was more chance than challenge because black female enlistees were at a minimal and the Navy did not guarantee you anything in the area of job assignment before you



GO NAVY - Edna answers a few questions from a possible recruit. "We're now competing with industry," she says. "Since the draft has ended the services can no longer take things for granted."

signed up.

Today you can be guaranteed the school of

your choice if you meet the qualifications. The idea then as it is now is that if you qualify you will be

given the same chance as others. Let's face facts. Just like any other job worth channeling your

energies into, the Navy is no bed of roses. It has its advantages and disadvantages.

We as blacks run into the same prejudices and racial discord as we would find in any area of American life. The Navy is doing something about this problem area. I'd like to think that by being a part of the Navy I have helped create and bring about some of those changes.

Looking back over my years in the service I find that the advantages gained far outweigh the disadvantages. I have fulfilled my goals of travel (foreign and domestic) and at the same time obtained valuable training in the field of my choice.

At present I am a reservist on temporary active duty for recruiting purposes. Being a member of the Naval Air Reserves afforded me the opportunity of working in my own hometown in a capacity that enables me to tell others of the programs available to them.

I talk to many young kids

who are finishing high school and have plans of doing absolutely nothing. It especially disturbs me when I see young black brothers and sisters dropping out of school and accepting second best when now more than ever they can be instrumental in changing conditions for future generations.

These young people are copping out with excuses, not valid reasons. They are failing to take advantage of the system.

They are failing to be a part of the change that we as blacks are in dire need of. The Navy needs their skills be they doctors, lawyers, photographers, or electronic technicians.

I'm not thinking in terms of twenty or thirty years. I'm thinking in terms of now. What can I do to improve myself and conditions around me now? The challenge is there. It's up to us to accept it.

Dr. Berry Appointed Head Of Music Department

FAYETTEVILLE-- Dr. Lemuel Berry, Jr., a native of New Jersey, had been appointed Chairman of the Fayetteville State University Department of Music and acting Head of the Division of Humanities.

The announcement was made by Dr. Charles "A" Lyons, Jr., Chancellor of Fayetteville State University, effective August 15.

Dr. Berry received his undergraduate training at Livingstone College, Salisbury, N.C. He is a 1971 recipient of both the master's and Ph.D. degrees in the area of Music Education from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

Dr. Berry replaces Mrs. Mary Eldridge, former FSU Music Department Chairman, who recently retired.

The Oneonta, New Jersey native is a member of numerous professional organizations including Music Educator's National Conference, National Education Association, the Iowa Education Association, College Band Directors National Association, and is



Dr. Lemuel Berry, Jr.

a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Dr. Berry has written numerous compositions and lectured at Westminster College, Princeton, N.J.

The 26-year-old Music and Humanities Department head at FSU is married and the father of one child.

Agencies To Sponsor Drug Abuse Conference

High Point Jaycees, the people problem (are Drug Action Council, and YWCA have joined to sponsor a Community Conference on Drug Abuse

in the Family to be held on October 1, 2, 8, and 9 at the YWCA, 112 Gatewood Avenue, 7:30 p.m. Planned in the manner of a symposium, this conference will allow participants to present question to a panel for consideration. The four-night conference will approach the problem of drug abuse in the family in the following way: cause and effect (why do so many people choose to "cop out", what is the health risk, does this problem have import to the community); legal dilemma (what are the current laws, are they fair, are there problems with enforcement, how strict are courts with first offense drug offenders); drugs and the body (what are the immediate effects a drug user is seeking, what happens to the body of a long term drug user); and

the people problem (are Drugs the problem or are they a symptom of a much greater need. Conference leaders will include legal and law enforcement personnel; representatives from the School of Pharmacy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; an assistant director who works with a drug education center in a metropolitan area of North Carolina; and a media presentation. The general public is encouraged to participate in this four-night conference. No registration is required. "We'd like to ask you not to look for signs and symptoms of drug abuse in your peers or your children, but rather, look for signs and symptoms of loneliness and boredom, and of sadness and a frightened need to belong. These are the symptoms we all feel at some point in our lives. We need people more than we need pills. Most of all we need people who have the time to care."

FAYETTEVILLE--Dr. Roosevelt L. Holmes has joined the faculty at Fayetteville State University.

Dr. Charles "A" Lyons, Jr., Chancellor of Fayetteville State University stated that Dr. Holmes will serve in the position as Associate Chairman of the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation at FSU.

The Melbourne, Florida native is a recipient of the Ph.D. degree from the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut. He received the undergraduate degree from Edward Waters College, and the Master of Education degree from Florida A&M University.

Dr. Holmes brings to FSU a rich background in educational experiences which include instructor of science, physical educational, coach of football, basketball and baseball;



Dr. Roosevelt L. Holmes

Stone High School, Melbourne, Florida, 1959-62; Athletic Director, head backfield coach, and Instructor of Physical Education, South Carolina State College, Orangeburg, South Carolina, 1962-71; Instructor, EPDA Program, Arsenal School, Hartford, Connecticut, Summer, 1971

Research Associate, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn., Summer 1972; Research Assistant with the Blind and Deaf, Mansfield Training School, Storrs Conn., 1972; and Intern, State Department of Education, Hartford, Conn., 1972.

His membership and affiliations with organizations include American Association on Mental

Deficiency, Council for Exceptional Children, American Red Cross, National Swimming Association, National Football Coaches Association, National Education Association.

Fraternally, he is a life-time member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and the Masons (third degree F&M).

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

SAN ANTONIO--Airman Thomas H. Lytle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lytle Jr., 3018 Bon Air Ave., Winston-Salem, N. C., has been assigned to Holloman AFB, N.M., after completing Air Force basic training.

During his six weeks at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB, Tex., he studied the Air



Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

The airman has been assigned to a unit of the Tactical Air Command for further training and duty in the supply field.

Airman Lytle is a 1973 graduate of R. J. Reynolds High School.

SAN ANTONIO--Airman Frank Walker Jr., grandson of Mrs. Ella B. Green of 608 N.E. 27th, St., Winston-Salem, N. C., has been assigned to Sheppard AFB, Tex., after completing Air Force basic training.

During his six weeks at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB, Tex., he studied the Air



Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

The airman has been assigned to the Technical Training Center at Sheppard for specialized training in aircraft maintenance.

Airman Walker is a 1973 graduate of Reynolds High School.

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