

Local Teacher Awarded Who's Who Certificate

A certificate of inclusion has been awarded to Miss Naomi C. McClean from the International Who's Who of Intellectual International Biographical Centre, Cambridge England in recognition of distinguished achievements which are recorded in the International Who's Who of Intellectuals, signed and sealed in Cambridge England

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Miss Naomi C. McClean

to community and State, received Award and Diploma; nominated for membership and Biographical Inscription in the 1976-77 Register of prominent Americans and International notables; listed in the International Register of Profiles, World Edition, 1976.

Miss McClean is founder, owner and Director of McClean's Stenographic and Tutoring Service located in the Bruce Building. In April, 1976 a Recognition Program was presented at Rising Ebenezer Baptist Church, honoring graduates from 1943 through the 1970's in observance of National Business Education Week at which time, many out-of-town graduates were present for the occasion.

All graduates participating in the program received certificates of honor for credible work performed in various offices since graduation.

What Are You Eating?

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system -- do not surround us with pitfalls into which even the most knowledgeable of us can fall.

In future columns I will point out some of the important responsibilities of public agencies which must not be shirked if the nation's food supply is to be both nutritious and safe to eat.

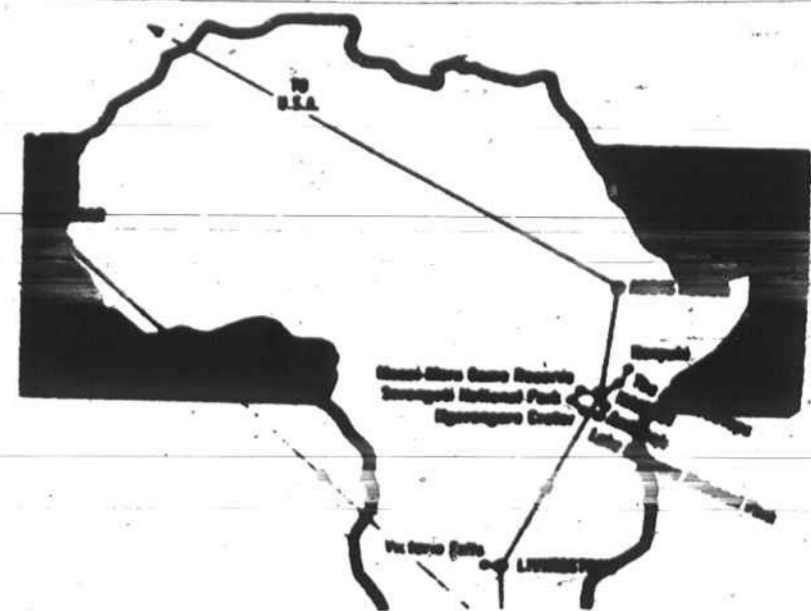
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Superior Court in Burgaw, seat of the historic 1972 trial. The petition would be based on Allen Hall's recantation.

In the meantime prison officials are making it as difficult as possible for the public to keep up with the whereabouts of the 10. Connie Tindall, one of the 10, has been moved from prison camps in Albemarle and Monroe to Statesville where he was last reported. All of this moving about has taken place during five days time, a highly unusual procedure by the N.C. Department of Correction.

African Spotlight



A Little Bit Of Sorrow

I have lived in West Africa (Lagos, Nigeria) now for almost two months. Sure, that is a very short time but first impressions and assertions are very important for they linger with you for a long time whether incorrect or not.

Before coming here, I read all I could about the continent and about its people, focusing my efforts primarily on the West. Out of all the information that I read what concerned me the most was not about the lack of technology or exotic diseases but the assessment of the role of women in the various societies. I was not interested in becoming a "beast of burden" even though when I talked with various African women who came to the U.S. I got the impression that American women were "beasts of burden" rather than the sisters they felt sorry for.

After all, you have heard the stories of missionaries who told stories of sorrow about certain people and you give and give and suddenly one day you wake up and find that these hard cases have bought up a large percentage of stock in a multi-national corporation. Or you, the "good Samaritan", help someone out constantly whom you feel sorry for and wake up to find out that they are doing a whole lot better than you.

Well, in a sense that's what happened to me after just staying a few days in Nigeria. Before we go on, let's make one thing "perfectly clear", I don't necessarily envy the African woman, I still think that she has a lot on her hands, on her head, and on her back too. Comfort wise, no lower-middle class American woman would probably want to change places with her. But I am talking about the average woman that I have seen, not the rich for in most societies the rich have access to just about anything they really want or at least can try to get it. Also, I have only traveled about 500 miles in various parts of Nigeria so my scope is limited. But that does not stop me.

It must also be pointed out that technically, Nigeria is the way the U.S. was about 40 years ago. In the city areas, there is electricity and piped water but in the rural areas conditions are not so good even though progress is on the march. So by and large, women still wash their clothes by hand and carrying water from miles away is not unusual. They dress in a wide range of styles from bluejeans to traditional dress, although a lot better or at least in a more ornate fashion.

In another area, such as politics, women here in the U.S. are not highly visible. But in the economic arena, they are in control just as in the U.S. It has been estimated that women control over 55 per cent of real money and property in the U.S.

One can see this exercise in power by Nigerian women by just visiting the marketplace. There are all types of goods for sale here from Afro-sheen and baby nappies to snells and dead crocodiles.

The basic barter system is used although I find that there are generally standard prices for most items and to stand there all day trying to get a price down with three small children pulling on you is a little big more than I can take. But in my case, a lot of money comes in and one can see how these women, if they wish, could control a lot that happens here. After all, it was the marketwomen in Eastern Nigeria who first rioted against the oppressive ways of the British and others followed their lead in pushing for majority rule in Nigeria.

Still, with all of this great potential for power, I feel that socially the Nigerian woman is no different from most women from many parts of the world that I have come in contact with. They may argue or fuss with their men a little bit more but I still feel that the man is in the driver's seat, and will probably stay there. Still everyone feels sorry for everybody else and their plight. Many African women that I have talked to believe that the American woman has it just as hard except for a few technical advantages.

Maybe one day all the people feeling sorry for each other should get together and try to figure out who feels sorry for them.

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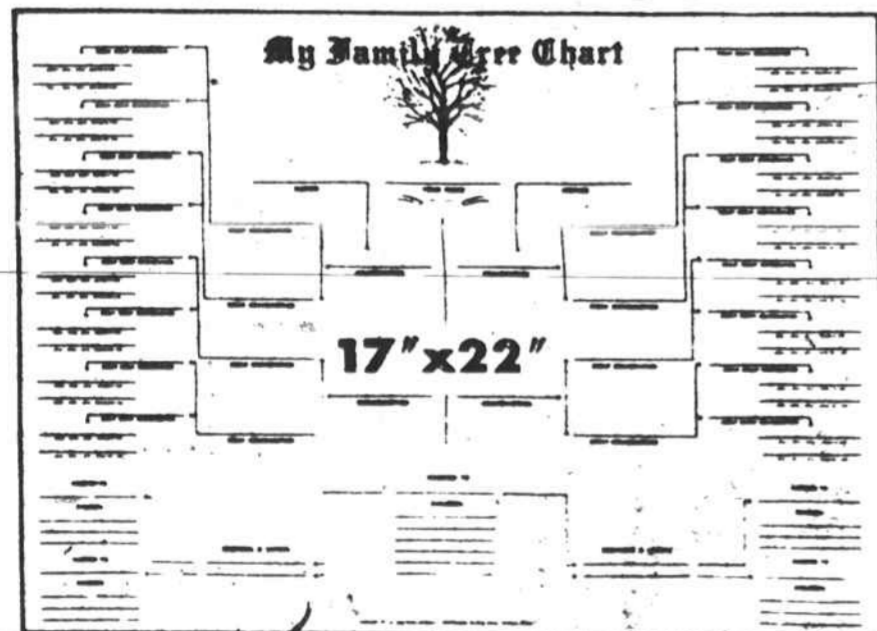
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