

Chronicle Profile

Mrs. Beatty... Quiet Hand to the Elderly



Mrs. Eula Beatty

You're not going to believe this, but the lady in this picture is 76-years old.

She's Mrs. Eula Beatty, and she works for the Experiment in Self-Reliance on its Council for Older Adults. Usually she can be found at Patterson Avenue's Center for Older Adults, but just now she is on loan to another ESR agency, directing a "Service Referral Agency for Older Adults."

Any senior citizen with a problem can call Mrs. Beatty at 727-2000. She will then refer them to another agency equipped

to handle their particular problem. She might advise them to contact legal aid, the CARE-line, the Salvation Army, Alcoholics Anonymous, or any of a hundred organizations whose numbers she has at her fingertips, ready to dispense them to people in need of assistance.

Mrs. Beatty also arranges transportation for older adults who need to get to doctor's appointments or hospitals. She doesn't need that service herself, thank you. She has her own car, and cruises through Winston-Salem traffic without the

least bit of difficulty.

Eula Beatty is holding down a full-time job at the age of 76, and it is her second career at that. She retired from Hanes Hosiery in 1962, but she just wasn't ready to quit working.

Mrs. Beatty feels that mandatory retirement ages are not good. Why make a person quit working just because he is getting old? "I was doing work there that I was trying to do at home," she says. "It's better for his self-image if he is allowed to do so."

When she retired from Hanes, Mrs. Beatty found work with the ESR. "My

first job was knocking on doors," she recalls. She worked with Project 5, Clark Ave. "I've been playing the organ for 50 years," says Mrs. Beatty.

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Semi-Monthly Summary

HISTORY-MAKING BLACK HAPPENINGS:

(A National Black Current Events Quiz may accompany or follow in your newspaper. The Black Current Events Quiz is designed for use by high schools and by college age and other adults.)

International Events

Sierra Leone—The relatively tranquil life of this American and British oriented west African nation was interrupted by the protests against President Siaka Stevens by students at the University of Sierra Leone, the oldest among the modern universities in Africa. The clashes reportedly were not serious and showed no initial promise of continuing.

Zaire—Border clashes continued with Zambia, as President Mobutu Sese Seko accused the Soviet Union of bombing a mission hospital in Zambia, an attack for which Zaire was blamed.

South Africa—As though to all the African and Western world that South Africa does not intend to bow to any external world pressures, the government at Johannesburg stiffened its opposition to meeting the United Nations deadline and conditions for the independence of the territory known as South-West Africa.

Rhodesia—Rhodesian reaction was reportedly cool to a U.S.-British proposal guaranteeing an immediate transfer of power to the black majority. More attractive financial aid to the white minority for resettlement and other adjustments were included in the fresh initiative.

South Africa—As though to add to the world of make believe in South Africa, an ultra conservative pro-white political party, the Reformed National Party, began a challenge of Prime Minister John Vorster's leadership with the accusation that Vorster was too liberal with "the natives."

Ethiopia—A test was seen to be in the making for the covert operations of both Soviet and Western nations, as the national government began to show some lack of cohesion and the inability to rule.

Cuba—This largely black nation just 90 miles from our shores intensified its efforts at renewed relations with the United States, as indications of a worsening economic situation grew. Cuba is reportedly in desperate need of American technology.

South Africa—Soweto, the strife-torn black township outside of Johannesburg, erupted again as thousands clashed with riot police over announced plans to nearly double the rents for the primitive government sponsored homes, most of which have no electricity or running water.

National News

Washington, D.C.—Some of the most sober comment on the Carter Administration's energy policy came from Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (Democrat of Michigan) who noted: "We need to have a policy that deals with how energy is produced and who decides how it will be produced, not just how it is used." Concerning solar energy, Conyers observed: "The only problem involved in solar energy is the inability of companies to make money off of it more than once."

Washington, D.C.—Twenty-two African nations contributed works of art to the newly dedicated African Room at Washington's Kennedy Center. U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young presided at dedicatory ceremonies where President and Mrs. Carter and members of the African diplomatic corps were in attendance.

Washington, D.C.—Black handicapped demonstrators took leading roles in the protest activities which ended in victory for the rights of the handicapped. Blacks had complained bitterly that they were discriminated against for being black and further discriminated against for being handicapped.

Washington, D.C.—Southern Christian Leadership Conference leaders met with President Carter and Vice President Mondale and shared some basic black concerns. These included the increasing of the number of blacks on the President's White House inner circle, the holding of regular meetings with black organizations and reconstructing the President's food-stamp proposal. Earlier the Administration had announced that the number of blacks at the sub-cabinet level had been doubled over that of any previous administration.

Detroit, Michigan—Symbolic of the growing base of black support for embattled U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, black and white Detroiters, including Governor William Milliken and President Leonard Woodcock of the United Automobile Workers, voiced strong praise for Mr. Young at a public dinner in Detroit. The occasion was the annual NAACP Fight For Freedom dinner. "To me," said Governor Milliken of Mr. Young's performance as U.N. Ambassador, "his candor and openness are refreshing."

New York, New York—The National Black Foreign Policy Institute, Inc. announced plans for a nationwide "Support for Andrew Young and others in government" drive. A major press conference, representing a wide range of black leadership, is to take place in early June. All persons concerned with creating a black national "Coalition for Open Dialogue" between blacks and all government agency heads, including especially the Secretary of State, are asked to contact the Institute at Suite 805, 441 Lexington Ave., N.Y.C., N.Y. 10017; or call 212-687-0512.

Coordinator for the nationwide support drive is Greg Harris (Brigadier General, Retired) of Chicago and New York City.

Dawson, Georgia—A bizarre murder case began to shape up suggesting that justice in the New South may not be too greatly different from that of the Old South. In Dawson, Georgia—just a few miles south of Plains—five black youths have been charged with armed robbery and first-degree murder. Some discrepancies, illegalities and atrocious police behavior include the admitted wading in an icy pond and charges without a weapon, without fingerprints and with only circumstantial evidence (which suggests incidentally another probable suspect who is white).

Julian Bond of the Southern Poverty Law Center expects this case to be a landmark in contemporary southern justice; and he has called for nationwide support of the defense of the five black teenagers, together with putting an end to Old South "justice."

Cancer And The Laetrile Controversy

Cancer is a pretty ugly word. For some it evokes a picture of pain, prolonged and discomfiting treatment, and possible disfigurement. For others, it is synonymous with death itself.

Medical research has brought us a long way in the fight against cancer. People are learning that many cancer victims can lead normal and productive lives and significant progress is being made in saving and extending the lives of its victims through early detection and treatment.

However, the fact is, a cure for the most common forms of cancer has yet to be found. But this has not stopped a number of people from claiming they have found a so called cancer cure. One such substance that has been touted since 1920 as a cancer "cure" is Laetrile, a substance derived from apricot kernels.

Sometimes called vitamin B17, Laetrile is said by its supporters to contain an ingredient which is harmful to cancer cells but not to normal cells. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), on the basis of a number of controlled tests, has

concluded that Laetrile has no effect on the treatment of cancer.

The FDA is responsible for approving drugs and requires that before approval, a drug must be proven to be not only safe, but effective. Laetrile is not effective and there is some question about its safety.

While it is claimed to be harmless, Laetrile, or its chemical name amygdalin, contains cyanide, one of the most toxic substances known.

The most dangerous aspect of Laetrile, or any other alleged cancer "cure", is that people who have cancer in an early controllable state could be putting their lives on the line by taking instead of seeking proper medical treatment.

Time is of the essence in the treatment of cancer. Early detection and early treatment could be the difference between life and death.

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