

**Chronicle Profile**

**Climbing The Ladder To Success**

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The odds definitely were not stacked in Lena Turner's favor.

When she was only five, her parents died, leaving her and her four sisters and brothers orphans.

"When my parents died, we were all split up and sent from place to place," says Lena, a native of Macon, Ga. "There were five of us and we lived in government housing. Various relatives raised us. Those were some difficult times."

But Lena was determined to make it in life despite the odds, so she got a part-time job to help support herself through high school. Once she graduated, she decided to further her education at nearby Morris Brown College in Atlanta.

"When I left Macon for Morris Brown, all I had was \$5 and a cardboard suitcase," recalls Lena. "I was determined I was going to make it. I realized that it was not going to be easy. I knew that in order to make it through college, I would have to work."

However, Lena's quest for a college degree was interrupted when she married during her senior year.

"My husband Larry was recruited by Westinghouse to go to Pittsburgh shortly after we were married," says Lena. "After that, we went to Bloomington, Ind., and Philadelphia. But all the while, I was still determined to get my degree."

Meanwhile, Lena says she was able to get some valuable business training, although her main area of interest was in music education.

Finally, when the opportunity presented itself, she returned to Morris Brown and got her degree in education.

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Lena worked as a professional music instructor briefly in the Pennsylvania school system until her husband was transferred to Winston-Salem in 1972.

After getting a job as a personnel clerk at Hanes Hosiery, Lena says she became convinced that business, not education, was going to be her career.

"Although I'd always wanted to be an educator, it seemed as though I was always getting jobs that were business-related," says Lena. "When I got the job with Hanes, it became clear to me that business was what I wanted to do."

After that, Lena swiftly moved up the ladder. In two years, she was transferred to Hanes Knitwear and promoted to employment coordinator. The

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Lena Turner overcame some early hardships in her life to move up the ladder of success (photo by James Parker).



Victoria Penn Eubanks



Christine Davis

**Eubanks To Speak  
At Ramada Inn**

Victoria Penn Eubanks, executive director and executive instructor of Beauty For All Seasons, will speak at the Ramada Inn at 128 N. Cherry Street on Saturday, May 7, from 1-4 p.m. as a special guest for a four-hour seminar sponsored by Levitha Mack.

Ms. Eubanks will talk on color analysis and wardrobe planning.

She is the originator of a color analyzing business in Washington, D.C. She started working for the company in 1982. The first few months, she hired 30 consultants. Now, that number has grown to more than 200.

Ms. Eubanks is a native of Forsyth County and the daughter of Mrs. Levitha C. Mack and the late Olie Penn.

The donation for attending the seminar is \$2.50. Those interested should call Mrs. Levitha Mack at 723-8195 or 727-2121.

**Post to hold district meeting**

The Ralph R. Morgan American Legion Post 220 Ladies Auxiliary held its 18th District Meeting at the post at 2332 N. Liberty St. on April 30, with State Department President Christine Davis as the guest speaker.

Ms. Davis spoke on "Where There Is Unity, There Is Strength."

The welcome address was given by Vivian Burke and a yearly report was given by each unit's district division president. American Legion news was given by Martha Gillis and an address from the post was made by Commander William L. Wright. President Martha F. Gillis greeted the guests and Junior Auxiliary members provided entertainment.

Ms. Joan Bell was kitchen chairman, Lula Jenkins, hospitality; Sandra Deberry, registration, and Ms. Clara Shelton, Lillie Holly and Almeana Little were pages.

Officers of the club are Martha Gillis, president; Mary G. Thomas, 1st vice president; Delores Douthit, 2nd vice president; Doris Noble, secretary; Alice James, chaplain; Lula Jenkins treasurer, and Clara Shelton, sgt.-at-arms. Other members present were Naomi Lone, who was elected 18th District president for 1983-84, and Lillie Holly.

**Black Student Achievement Recognized**

Some 110 black students, some from Forsyth County, who have achieved excellence at North Carolina State University were honored at a ceremony on the campus recently.

In ceremonies held in Stewart Theatre on April 15, those who has overall 3.0 (B) averages for all their work at NCSU or for the 1982-83 academic year received a Certificate of Achievement from Provost Nash N. Winstead.

Forsyth County honorees were Donald Foster Jr., a mechanical engineering student and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Foster, Tonya Renae Grady, an industrial engineering student and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Grady and Loretta LaVetn James, a computer science major and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. James.

Speaker for the ceremony was Edward Carson, an engineer with the IBM Corp. and a civic leader in Raleigh. Carson, who received a bachelor's degree

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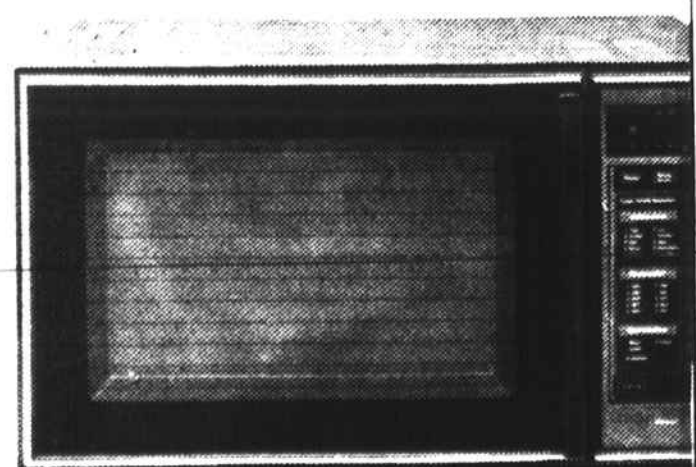


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