Story of a Black Woman Doctor

The life story of Lena Edwards is a tale of three cities: Washington, D.C., Jersey, City, New Jersey, and Hereford, Texas. Last of all, there is Lakewood, New Jersey - a "living place rather than a center of work".

The work, too, divides itself up into classes: medical care in hospitals and homes, working with children and youth groups, such as Head Start and church organizations; and membership on government committees, boards of trustees, and in organizations for community action.

Every undertaking, in whichever category, makes for "opening doors": doors to better health, greater knowledge, happier lives; and since a spiritual vision inspires Dr. Edwards at every step of her way, she also opens doors to a glorious eternity.

Her life typifies the serenity of acceptance as well as the courage to change things where change is possible... "God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can change."

Dr. Edwards prayed for the wisdom to know the difference, and the wisdom was given to her.

As a member of the Third Order of St. Francis (Lay Franciscans), she practices poverty in a realistic way. There is no extravagant spending, no luxuries, only simple meals and economic buying. The money saved provided scholarships and educational opportunities for needy students.

At first appearance Dr. Edwards may seem plain. She parts her hair in the middle and makes a little knot over each ear. She used to be beautiful, and she had longer hair of which she made two plaits, crossing them over the top of her head in a crown. When this seemed too troublesome, as she grew older, she cut her hair shorter and adopted the present style.

All trace of plainness vanishes when Dr. Edwards smiles, or when she becomes animated in conversation. In a limitless number of expressions, each feature takes on life to add emphasis or a special shade of meaning to her words. When she speaks of her children, she need not say much. Her face tells you, "I love them. I am proud of them. I delight in them." When she speaks of the church, in only a few words you are aware of her loyalty and deep devotion. Her smile is the sun on a river, rippling over her eyes and lips and sparkling like rays of light on moving water.

She speaks with authority-the doctor used to being listened to and obeyed-but with a gentleness too, like one who knows the frailty of mankind and its need of care. The warm voice has a shade of concern which acknowledges the rights of the hearer.

The public calls her "Dr. Edwards", her children call her "Mother dear", and her name as a lay Franciscan is "Sister Frances". Her sketch in Who's Who in America lists her degrees and professional distinctions, but makes no mention of the aspect of her life far more important to her, that of prayer, charity, and voluntary poverty. —

Of her remarkable career in medicine, motherhood, and mercy, Dr. Edwards always say, "If I could do it, anyone could do it." Setting out to become a doctor in 1920, she already had three counts against her: she was a woman, Negro, and a Roman Catholic. She converted these handicaps into assets as she progressed through life. In the 1920's such handicaps weighed heavily against a person.

Dr. Edwards has received four honorary doctorates, and President Lyndon B. Johnson handed her the Medal of Freedom, the highest honor that a civilian can receive.

The Howard University Alumni Association named her Outstanding Alumna in 1948 and cited her again in 1963 for distinguished service in medicine and community service; the New Jersey Chapter of the American Medical Women's Association named her Woman Doctor of the Year in 1954; the Lions Club of Hereford, Texas, named her Citizen of the Year in 1963.

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years.

Also in 1944, Mayor McKeldin named him to the advisory committee of the Charter Revision Commission.

In June 1957, Morgan awarded him an honorary Doctor of Laws. He held membership in Trinity AME Church and was associated with Douglas Memorial Church.

Other organizations included Prince Hall Masons, Grand Attorney Knights of Pythias, Sigma Pi Phi Boule, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Monumental Bar Association.

When he died in 1961 more than 1,000 citizens from all walks of life paid tribute.

He served as General Counsel for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company and was president of the Banneker Building a corporation which supplied office space for lawyers and businessmen.

CHAVIS SPEAKS — The Rev. Ben Chavis (L) speaks at his welcoming home ceremony. Looking on are (Photo by Milton Williams) D.C. Mayor Marion Barry (C) and Delegate Walter Fauntroy.

D.C.'s busiest judge

The congenial, capable and highly respected barrister everybody affectionately called "Carl" for three decades is now, in reality, Washington's busiest judge.

As national executive director of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for twenty years the nation knew Carl Moultrie also as a staunch member and officer of the Presbyterian Church, a moving force in the OIC of DC, an NAACP life member and exceptional activist in that body, and board member of such outstanding service organizations as American Lung Association and the American Heart Association.

Judge Moultrie's appointment to the District of Columbia Superior Court two years ago came as no surprise to Washingtonians who knew him; nor did his landmark decision and participation in key Washington legal affairs.

For instance, he handed down a key decision on alimony in the celebrated Alibrando vs. Alibrando case in 1977, and during this same year he held preliminary hearings in the case of the twelve Hanifas who captured the District building and 140 hostages.

The Washington Magazine and the Downtown (DC) Jaycees selected Judge Moultrie as distinguished Washingtonian of The Year in 1978.

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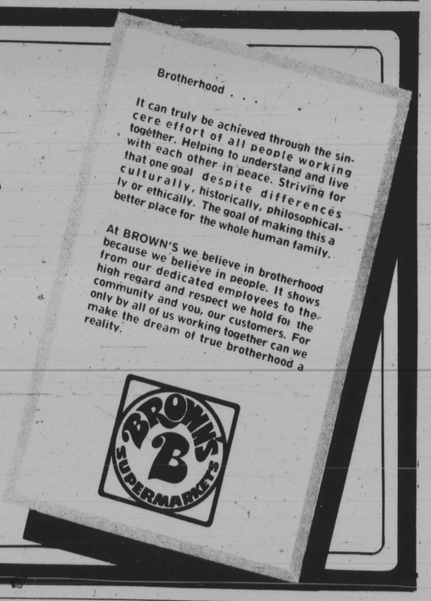

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Ted Chambers honored by soccer coaches

NSCAA gives highest honor to veteran Howard coach

Dr. James Theodore (Ted) Chambers, who has spent more than a half century of activity in sports as an athlete, official, coach and professor, recently was honored by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America with the organization's highest award.

The award was presented at the NSCAA's 40th annual meeting held in Philadelphia. Chambers who has been at Howard University for most of the half century he has been involved in sports and athletics said the occasion was "my happiest day."

C. Clifford McCrath, chairman of the Honor Awards Committee, made the presentation. He gave a glowing account of Ted's activities, especially in the field of soccer. Here it is:

Every association has heroes and its share of outstanding leaders; people who sow, plant, water, care for and occasionally harvest the seeds of great ideas which help form and shape its personality.

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America has developed a strong and viable personality because of an abundance of outstanding men who have given of their time and energy to help foster the growth of the "great game."

For the most part these men have shared a common vision and possessed a similar vigor and dedication though they have a differed in size, shape and style.

This year the Association's highest award — the Honor Award — is bestowed on a man who quite possibly represents the entire compendium of virtues and qualities reflected in the lives of all previous winners. The more one looks at our honoree the more one is convinced that he epitomizes not only the spirit of an Association but the spirit of what every man should or aspires to be!

His lifetime involvement in sports and "pioneer" efforts in establishing a framework through which young men could shape their own lives spans an incredible period of six decades.

During this time he not only became a champion athlete in numerous sports but also became a master teacher and coach. Where no sport existed he became the innovator and founder and fostered its growth to the highest level of respectability. His achievements are far too numerous to mention yet he remains a humble, quiet and refined gentleman whose grace and dignity provide a haven of friendship and warmth for all who meet him.

He was born Nov. 6, 1900 in Union — Monroe County — WestVirginia and later moved to Washington, D.C. where he attended Dunbar High School and lettered in five sports. He was a scatback on the football team, a track star, an outstanding swimmer and a member of the basketball and baseball teams.

Later at Howard University he excelled in every sport offered by his institution, graduated in 1923, and was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the Reserve Officer's Training Corps. From Howard he went to Manassas, Virginia where beginning in mid-term 1924 he taught science, biology and a host of other subjects at the Manassas Industrial School.

While there he also coached the track and football teams. As significant as his duties seemed to be nothing was more significant than the gleam in the eye of a beautiful young co-ed named Lucille Constance Gaskins. After she graduated her friendship with this handsome young coach and teacher was, in her words, "renewed" and they were married Aug. 30, 1927.

They were blessed with two beautiful daughters, Theodora and Eleanor. From Manassas he went to Wheeling, W. Virginia where for 16 years he built championship teams in track and football. In fact his teams at Manassas and Wheeling were the dominant powers in their respective areas during his entire tenure.

From 1934-44 he entered the service and directed army athletic teams at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona. When his service commitment ended, the term had already begun in Wheeling so he returned to his alma mater for more schooling. Soon he was caught up in teaching again and before long his yen for sports led him headlong into his most ambitious coaching assignment.

Over a period of the next 26 years from 1944-70 he served as head football coach, track coach, swim coach and in 1947 started the Bison soccer program. Needless to say his teams were awesome and reigned as champions of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association over a period of several years.

In 1961 the Bisons won the NAIA Soccer crown and during his years as coach won 104 games while losing only 28. In his spare time during 1968 he even started and coached the Bison cricket team. His boundless energy and seemingly unlimited vision led him to organize and administer clinics and development programs in and around the D.C. and Maryland areas.

wherever he went he gained respect and inspired greater interest in our sport. Through his quiet dedication he broke the color bar and in 1960 became the first black man inducted into the Maryland Soccer Hall of Fame.

His contributions of the NSCAA through numerous committee assignments and articles to the Journal are legion. As one might suspect his service to manking does not end with soccer but extends to all areas of his life.

As an ardent swimmer he was and is a key figure in the American Red Cross program; the Big Brothers of America, Boy Scouts of America, numerous service clubs and is still a member of the pretigious Pigskin Club in Washington, D.C.

His honors from these and other organizations include the coveted Alumni Achievement Award bestowed on him by the Howard University Charter Day Committee; the Clara Barton Award from the American Red Cross; certificates of achievement from a host of organizations and a Letter of Commendation from the President of the United States!

During the Charter Day Ceremonies, Howard University Director of Athletics Leo Miles paid him this tribute:

"Your quiet efficiency aided by vision, patience and earnest effort has been inspirational. These virtues represent the reason why you have enjoyed 31 fruitful years of service to the Bison athletic and physical educations program. You have given an indelible will and testament and will continue to serve as a shining example for those who will attempt to follow in your footsteps!"

President Gerald Ford said: "You have instilled within the lives of so many young men a philosophy of life which is more than just winning...it is striving! As one who can testify to the values of "a plugging away" I congratulate you on a lifetime of shaping, trying and achieving!" —

When asked to sum up her husband, his beautiful wife Lucille said: "His thesis has always been to serve young men while maintaining an unquestioned devotion to his family, his church and his school. And yet his vocation and avocation have always been the same...Sports. They're the ruling factor in his life! In fact one of the highlights of his life came on the heels of major surgery in 1976 when his physician - against better judgement - approved his trip to the Montreal Olympics!

He has traveled far and wide to gain acceptance for both his thesis of service to his fellow man and the great game of soccer. To his Lord and fellow believers he is a man of deed and abiding faith.

To a U.S. President he is a monument to the human spirit.

To thousands of former students he is a continuing inspiration and model for life.

To a loving wife he is a devoted husband known as "Teddy".

To gleeful daughters and grandchildren he is affectionately called "Butch".

To his countless friends and colleagues he has always been known simply as "Ted".

No wonder then that the National Soccer Coaches Associations of America feels it is their honor - yea their privilege - to bestow their highest award on DR. JAMES THEODORE "TED" CHAMBERS.

TED CHAMBERS

'Heritage for America' paintings at Pentagon

February marks "Black History Month" in America, a time when our nation formally recognizes the many contributions of its black citizens.

The military, too, joins in the observance, with special emphasis given during "Black History Week," Feb. 16-16. Programs honoring black service persons will take place at U.S. military bases throughout the world, each bound by a common theme, "Heritage for America."

This theme holds special meaning for one black Marine, Gunnery Sgt. Paul A. Lloyd, an illustrator assigned to the Recruit Advertising Branch at Headquarters Marine Corps in Washington.

In 1976, our nation's bicentennial year, Lloyd captured a piece of Marine Corps heritage that will long endure. In observance of the bicentennial, the Department of Defense assigned artists from each Service branch to paint battle scenes from every period in our nation's history.

The paintings, 26 in all, are on display in the Bicentennial Corridor of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. They will be displayed there for the next 96 years, until America's tricentennial.

Lloyd's creation depicting the siege of Khe Sanh in Vietnam is one of two Marine Corps contributions to the series, and it is unique among the rest in several ways. It is the only painting of America's most recent war involvement and, appropriately, it is the only one done in a modern, abstract form.

It took Lloyd 45 days to paint the stark, almost ghostly, acrylic montage, done entirely in shades of dark green and blue and white.

Lloyd's painting depicts symbols from every phase of the battle. On the dark, foreboding ground, there are shrouded images of Marines and their equipment. The images of war, Vietnam style, are everywhere.

There is an artillery piece, a CH-46 helicopter ferrying in cargo under heavy fire, and an F-4 "Phantom" jet bearing down from brilliant white skies into the hell below.

Further above is a tiny image of an Air Force B-52 dropping supplies by parachute. They were used, Lloyd explained, when enemy fire became so intense that it wasn't safe to fly supplies in using the low-flying helicopters. There are machinegun emplacements, barbed wire and bunkers, and atop each bunker is an antenna.

"I wanted it to be right," Lloyd said. "I wanted it to truly depict what the siege was like. I not only read several books, several times, but I talked to men who were there to get a feel for what they experienced.

"I talked to one lieutenant colonel who told me how the Marines outsmarted the NVA, who wanted to knock out the Marines' communications. They knew if they could do that, the Marines couldn't get resupplied or call in supporting fire. So, they concentrated their mortar fire on wherever they could see antennas set up. But the Marines installed antennas over every bunker, and the NVA wasn't able to pinpoint their communications equipment."

The centerpiece of Lloyd's painting is a battle-clad and weary Marine, who nevertheless stands tall and looms, with head high, above all the other smaller symbols. In keeping with his style, Lloyd's Marine has facial features that cannot be identified with any particular nationality or color.

"I've been in the Corps 19 years," said the 37-year-old Lloyd, who will practice commercial art when he retires next year. "And, I've seen too much misrepresentation from both sides of the fence. That's why the Marine in my painting is green."

And that is the heritage Gunnery Sergeant Paul A. Lloyd leaves the Marine Corps.

LLOYD AT WORK IN HIS STUDIO AT Headquarters Marine Corps. In 1976, the 37-year-old Marine artist captured a piece of Marine Corps heritage that will long endure. In commemoration of our nation's Bicentennial, Sgt. Lloyd painted an abstract mural depicting the Siege of Khe Sanh in Vietnam.

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