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Etoile Curry of Morrow's Nut House talking to Tamara Phillips, 10 years old. (Photo by Richard J. Brown)

## Students learn about the world of business

by Robert Lothian

Fifteen boys and girls from the Chapter One program at St. Andrew and Immaculate Heart schools took an afternoon off from school recently to learn about the world of work.

They visited Lloyd Center stores, learning how they operate and observing workers. They also asked detailed questions of store managers about job requirements.

"Besides gaining some valuable information about careers, I would like the students to see that what they are learning in their reading and math classes will also benefit them in their job world," said their teacher, Denise Skreslet, who organized the career afternoon.

Chapter One makes available federal funds for extra help in reading and math for the 5th through 8th grades, she said.

Ten-year-old Tamara Phillips, a 5th grader at St. Andrew, visited Morrow's Nut House and talked with owner Etoile Curry.

Phillips said her favorite subject is math, and Curry responded that math knowledge is essential for the most important tasks in her store — weighing out the nuts and candy, figuring prices, and giving change.

"You'd be surprised how many of them can't learn how to operate the scales," said Curry of former employees who didn't work out.

Phillips asked Curry about the training required for store employees. "We train all of our employees because our store is the only one of its kind," Curry replied.

Employees must be able to take instructions and accept criticism, "and you have to abide by the health rules," she added. "One thing I look for no matter if it's a boy or a girl, is their fingernails and their hair."

And a friendly attitude is essential, she said, "because then I know they're going to be that way to the customer. . . that is the most important thing. You smile and make them feel good so they'll come back."

Responding to more of Phillips' questions, Curry said store employees, many of whom are high-school age, receive the minimum wage, no fringe benefits and two ten minute breaks per day.

"How did you get your job?," asked Phillips.

"I started working as a high school student working downtown after school and learning the retail business," said Curry. She explained how she became a partner with her husband, a candymaker, in the store they started 26 years ago. "That's all I know, is the candy business," she said.

"What do you do?," asked Phillips.

"I'm a manager and an owner, and I do everything that is required in the store. I'm a chief flunky."

"Do you like your job?," queried Phillips.

"I love it," Curry replied. "It's interesting because I meet all kinds of interesting people." But Curry added that she dislikes the long hours that managing the store requires.

Curry said later that Phillips' sensible questions and awareness made her a good prospect for a future employee. "If she can do this at age ten, she'll be good," she said. "I like her very much." Although Phillips plans to become a doctor, she said she might like to work at the store after school when she turns sixteen.

Skreslet said the students will share what they learned with classmates, and appear before parent-teacher associations for the two schools.

## Church work challenges young

by Caroline A. Carroll

NEW YORK CITY — A person's concept of the church changes when he or she is working for it, claim four Black students of their summer experiences as ministry interns in United Church of Christ urban parishes.

Sponsored by the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the summer urban internship program helped "surface, challenge, and refine the interns' innate gifts while simultaneously aiding them in acquiring new skills essential for performance of urban parish ministry," explains Henry T. Simmons, the Homeland Board's church development secretary.

Two interns were placed in Chicago, Barbara Essex at Lincoln Memorial Congregational United Church of Christ and Sue Williams at Trinity United Church of Christ.

A native Chicagoan, Ms. Essex preached; visited sick, shut-in and hospitalized church members; developed programs for youth, particularly for teenage girls; attended church board meetings, and assisted with administrative duties. She praises the internship for giving her

"a chance to understand how a church really operates" which she had not had in her large home church.

Sue Williams of Detroit was encouraged to perform all the duties a parish minister would. She visited the sick and consoled the bereaved; worked on the church newspaper and taught adult Bible study and Black religion classes; preached; helped with counseling and crisis intervention work; led devotions for the 140-member choir, and wrote a course description manual for the church school.

People's Congregational United Church of Christ in Washington, D.C., had one of its own members, Larry Murchison, Jr., as an intern. Mr. Murchison was involved with neighborhood programs, youth work, vacation church school and administrative duties. The thrust of his work was with the church's 18-22-year-olds, for whom he organized film showings, led vacation Bible school and developed programs. "My internship," he reports, "has made me aware that the church is not a Sunday thing, but that it operates every day."

## Now teaching systematic techniques in Bible study

Five weeks of practical and intensive study of teaching strategies designed for Bible study groups and Sunday School will be held Oct. 13-Nov. 10, 9 a.m.-12 noon.

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One unit of college credit will be given. Charge for the five sessions will be \$60.00, \$36.00 for audit. Registration will be one-half hour before the class hour the first night of each class in the Records Office. Tuition must be paid in full at this time. For more information, phone 581-8600, Ext. 133.

## Choir director tells commitment

What makes a church choir great? Opinions vary — as do the voices which sing church songs.

The Rev. Dr. Floyd Massey Jr., Los Angeles, California, believes it takes total church backing to inspire a choir — especially when the minister makes plain his appreciative support.

"There are so many choirs just singing," Dr. Massey says. "But a choir must do more than sing. What it's singing must be felt and understood by singers who are mature, grown-up Christians."

Choir director Olivette Evans Hester believes it requires Christian affection to motivate a choir to greatness — affection among the choir members themselves. "That flow of love leads to undying commitment," Mrs. Hester says.

"Then you have choir members who never miss a rehearsal."

Noted choir robe maker Henri O'Bryant believes it takes extraordinary sounds to make a choir unusual. He's been manufacturing extraordinary robes for unusual choirs across the country for nearly 40 years.

"A cross section of voices makes a choir good," O'Bryant says. "The greater the number of native sounds and expressions, the more unusual the sound of the choir."

He points to Mrs. Hester's 100-voice Inspirational Choir in Watts, California, as one of the most unusual he's ever heard.

Dr. Massey is pastor of 2,000-member Macedonia Baptist Church, the sanctuary where Mrs. Hester's choir performs.

And perform it does. One observer describes the Inspirational Choir of Macedonia Baptist as a mass of voices "who march into the church like cadets, precise and uniform in movements and sways and turns, file into their choir stance before the congregation and sound like they sing with the Philharmonic."

The choir has travelled extensively throughout Southern California. Last year, along with Macedonia's two other choirs, it was asked to perform at the Los Angeles Convention Center when Dr. T. J. Jemison, president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., gave his principal address.

This year, the choir's accompanist, Byron Smith, became one of only two black musicians selected to play baby grand pianos in the 1984 Olympics.

A so-called "inter-mediate" choir between Macedonia's junior and senior ensembles, the Inspirational group performs every fourth or fifth Sunday during the main service. It began in 1971 with 25 voices.

Three years ago, Mrs. Hester was awarded a citation by the City of Los Angeles in recognition of her 30th anniversary as a musical director at Macedonia — and for dedicated service in contribution to the youth of the city. She is a former office manager with the city Board of Education. "I'm a Virgo and I'm a perfectionist," she says of her unending drive. "I don't play." Her father, the Rev. S.O.J. Evans, was pastor of Macedonia from 1951 to 1965.

Hester began playing church organs 42 years ago in her native Texas, where her father also pastored. Until the Inspirational Choir was started, she accompanied all the choirs at Macedonia. Five years ago, she became solely the conductor of that choir. Her desire now, she says, is to see the Inspirational develop into a 200-voice chorale which goes on concert across the nation.

What makes it so special?

"One special thing is that there is so much love between my choir and me," Mrs. Hester says, seated on a comfortable sofa in the plush recreation room of her ranch-style Compton, California, home.

(Nearby sits an efficient telephone-answering device her choir members bought her last year when she became a full-time student in public administration at California State University-Dominguez.)

"There's been a family-like atmosphere at Macedonia since my father took over the church in 1951 until now," Hester recalls. "That's really the basis of it. And since Dr. Massey came in 1965, that family atmosphere has continued."

"Then, too, most of my choir members are 'young' Christians. Many have just come to Christ in their later years. That gives them more dedication, more commitment — as nearly as possible, in fact, to total commitment. That's why so few of my people ever miss rehearsal."

She allows her choir members to suggest song titles and even performance styles. "I'm always open for suggestions," she grins. "But I let them know, you know, that I have a last word."

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