

Beatrice Caffrey's 16th annual Merit Dinner to honor 2 educators

Mrs. Henry W. McGee, president of Beatrice Caffrey Youth Service, Inc., announces the agency's 16th Annual Merit Dinner scheduled for Friday, Nov. 1 at the Pick-Congress Hotel.

She expressed enormous delight over their two honorees this year in the persons of Mrs. Madeline R. Stratton and Vernon B. Williams, Jr.

Madeline R. Stratton, born in Chicago, Illinois and is the oldest of six children attended Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Teachers College; received a B.S. degree in Education from Northwestern University; M.A. degree in Education with the required hours in administration and supervision for the principalship and post graduate from University of Chicago.

Experimental background in education are as follows: She was assigned to Emerson Elementary School, taught at Drake School and later was invited to teach upper grade social studies at A.O. Sexton School.

Her special assignments included working in the curriculum department of the Board of Education

Received his education in Chicago public schools; B.S. degree from Illinois Institute of Technology and M.A. degree in education from University of Chicago.

Studied management Training and American economy - Illinois Bell Telephone and at Knox College.

He worked at several odd jobs and then became Adult Education Teacher for the Works Project Administration.

Eventually he was assigned to Illinois Bell Telephone Company and became temporary employee, dial conversion crew. His assignments at Illinois Bell include the following: Management Trainee; Supervisor; Public Office Manager; Commercial Manager; Commercial Engineer; Rate Analyst; Assistant Staff Supervisor of Community Relations; Public Relations Assistant of Public Relations Department; Community Relations Manager of Public Relations Department; Personnel Supervisor of Employment and Personnel Services and is currently assigned as Affirmative Action Counselor.

He is an ordained minister, real estate broker and a general insurance broker.

Among some of his many civic activities are: past president, Frontiers International, Chicago Club; president, Lions International; Chatham Lions Club; chairman, board of directors, Halfway House Committee, Inc.; member, board of directors, Chicago Area Project, Beatrice Caffrey Youth Service, Inc., Chicago Conference for Brotherhood, Chicago Committee of One Hundred, Chatham Young Men's Christian Association and president, International Visitors' Center.

He is also a member of the Leadership Development Council, Chicago Urban League, District No. 23 Board of Education Advisory Council, and National Conference for Christians and Jews.

Some other groups include Washington Park Fund Drive; American Red Cross; Southside Division, Mrach-of-Dimes; District Commissioner, Boy Scouts of America; Member, Board of Directors, Washington Park YMCA; Chairman, Board of Directors, South Central Branch of the



Mrs. Madeline R. Stratton

developing supplementary units in social studies; attended the first Human Relations Workshop at the University of Chicago under sponsorship of the Board of Education; taught social studies at the Bishop Sheil School of Social Studies and also taught at Arthur Dixon Elementary School.

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She has also taught Afro-American History at Triton College, River Grove, Illinois and at Mayfair College, Chicago, Illinois. The Chicago Board of Education Human Relations Department - Teaching In Service (Teachers) was also another assignment.

She is the author of "Negroes Who Helped Build America" and "Strides Forward"—Afro American Biographies and articles written by her have appeared in many magazines including: The Negro College Quarterly, The American Teacher, The Virginia Teacher Bulletin, and The Journal of Negro Education.

Vernon B. Williams, Jr., born in New Orleans, Louisiana and a resident of Chicago, Illinois since 1911.



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American Cancer Society and many others.

Some Masonic degrees attained and offices held are: Past Illustrious Potentate, Arabic Temple No. 44, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Past Regional and National Director of Public Relations of the same. He was appointed Deputy for Illinois, presiding over all Thirty-second and Thirty-third degree masons in Illinois in the Illinois Council of Deliberation and is the present Editor-In-Chief of the Bulletin, official organ of the Scottish-Rite, Northern AASR.

He has received many citations for civic services from various groups including the Governor's Citation from the State of Illinois. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.