

Praise Excellence Of Handicapped Lass's Skill



Industry and government officials in Roanoke, Va., today praised a 25-year-old girl for her extraordinary efforts in successfully overcoming her physical handicaps.

The young lady who received the accolades is Miss Joyce L. Turner (313 Twelfth Street, N.W.).

Miss Turner, totally deaf and with only limited speech ability, is now employed full-time by a Roanoke dress manufacturer -- Halmode Apparel, Inc., 230 Center Avenue, N.W.

She started with Halmode Apparel last December as a sewing machine operator and already has progressed to a more complicated job involving key operation.

Tom Orville, personnel manager at Halmode, talks about her with considerable pride.

"Miss Turner has an excellent attendance record," Orville said, "and her constantly improving sewing skills will help us a great deal. She continues, month by month, to improve her production in quantity and quality. We wish we could find more like her."

"She's going to make a mighty fine employee for us."

Joyce was born in Roanoke on May 15, 1943, when her father was serving in the Army during World War II. She was seven years old when he died of a service-connected disability.

While in high school, she applied to the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Roanoke (211 West Campbell Avenue) for training under the VA's Orphans Education Assistance program.

Generally, the VA provides assistance to sons and daughters (18 to 26 years of age) of veterans who died or were totally and perma-

nently disabled as a result of service in the Armed Forces.

Under this program the VA provides educational and vocational counseling and helps develop a plan which sets out a selected goal. Under the Orphans Education Assistance program full-time enrollees receive \$130 a month.

The program also provides for special restorative training for enrollees suffering some physical or mental disability and payments may exceed \$130 a month in some instances.

Miss Turner began restorative training in her home in June 1966 and in 1967 she began specialized vocational training to learn how to alter clothes. She completed her 18-month course last December.

"Through her training, her own efforts and her determination, Miss Turner has become a very fine employee," according to Herbert Kurshan, president of Halmode Apparel. "We like to encourage people like that, and help them whenever we can."

"She is now earning her own living," he said, "instead of becoming a possible ward of the government. Through her own skill, initiative and hard work, she is now a tax-paying citizen like millions of other Americans."

Halmode Apparel now has on its payrolls four mute employees, two others with major orthopedic disabilities and numerous other disabled persons.

"We find these people to be exceptionally fine employees," Kurshan said, "and when we find their disabilities do not interfere with their jobs, we hire them, for we know they are conscientious people, who want to do a good job. And they do it."

Final Rites For Young Mother Held Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Pauline Tyler were held Monday afternoon in the Second Baptist Church with the Rev. V.C.L. Coleman officiating. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Tyler, 25, died Thursday in a local hospital after an illness of several months. She is survived by her husband, Will, two daughters, Vicki and Janice, a son, William D. Tyler, her mother, Mary Louise Burton, all of Las Vegas, and her father, Monrow Hicks of Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Tyler was born Feb. 2, 1943 in Morton, Mississippi, and had been a resident of Las Vegas for 14 years. She resided with her family at 1208 Doolittle, and was employed by Southwest Gas Corporation.

Papal Document Expected

VATICAN CITY - (NPI)--Publication of a papal document against racism may be hastened by the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

When the civil rights leader visited Pope Paul VI in 1964, the pontiff reportedly told him he would make a "personal and public declaration against racial segregation."

This has not yet been done, but the Pope has called Dr. King's assassination a "cowardly and atrocious act."

A.M.E. Church Presents Musical Program Sunday

The First A.M.E. Church will present another inspirational program in a series for the church building fund drive, Sunday, April 28 at 7 p.m. The entire evening will be devoted to the presentation of the musical talents of guest performers The Treadwell Singers accompanied by Mr. Morris Chapman, and Mrs. Ida Perkins Grier.

Church Pastor and the membership extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend Sunday evening's program. Refreshments will be served by the program sponsors, The Trustee Board of First A.M.E. Church.

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