

OPERATION INDEPENDENCE

OPERATION INDEPENDENCE HAS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Cazine Rankins Little has assumed the position of Executive Director of Operation Independence, it was announced this week by Mrs. Lubertha Johnson.

Little comes highly recommended by the Los Angeles Unified School District where she was most recently employed as Administrative Dean. Her administrative duties included attendance records, statistical reporting, and student counseling. She was also responsible for interpretation of legal aspects of school laws and in-service workshops for teachers, and the evaluation of probationary and substitute teachers.

Cazine Little's professional experiences total over 25 years of active involvement in education and related fields of public relations and personnel supervision. Her principal forte, however, is business administration in which she has demonstrated unusual expertise.

Little earned her B.S. at Langston University in Oklahoma where she majored in Business Education, pursuing mathematic and English studies as her Minor. Her M.S. degree was obtained at Pepperdine University in California. There she majored in School Administration. At Pepperdine, she also matriculated in a Doctoral Program in Urban Affairs.

A 30-year member of the National Urban League, Mrs. Little is an active member of the greater Las Vegas Urban League Board. She is also a member of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Beta Phi Chapter.

Little expresses a deep concern for problems in the Las Vegas Community. She feels that she would like to make whatever contribution she can to bring about improvement, but says her first and immediate concern is to do the best job possible as Director of the Operation Independence pre-school...

FRENCHIE CHILDERS

Director of Education



Childers came to Operation Independence just three weeks before the

end of the 80, 81 semester but in that brief period she ably demonstrated that many years of training and experience with young children has prepared her to master the art of Child Development.

In those three weeks Mrs. Childers had her children performing difficult skits that usually required months of practice and singing the Negro Nation Anthem better than most adults. Mrs. Childers

also designed and made all the costumes.

Frenchie Childers graduated from Stowe Teachers College in St. Louis and attended Illinois University at De Kalb, Illinois. She also studied at Eastern New Mexico University where she majored in Science for Pre-school children. Her most recent studies have emphasized methods on enhancing the Human Potential of Pre-school

children.

Childers experiences include: Director of Operation Life Day Care, Head Start, First Grade teacher at Chicago, Heights and Kindergarten teach, in Chicago. Mrs. Childers is also the publisher of a color book entitled "Meditations for Children."

Her specialty is kindergarten and preparing the child to enter first grade.

Veronica Fleming

Supervisor — Teacher of 2 & 3 Year Old Classes



Veronica Fleming, a native Nevadan, is a product of our local school system. A graduate of Las Vegas High School, she attended Clark County Community College and the University of Nevada, Las

Vegas where she began studies in Early Childhood Education.

Fleming's success with the two and three year old children is acknowledged and highly praised by parents and other observers. Many have stated that it is hard to believe that anyone could accomplish what Mrs. Fleming does with children so young.

Fleming has written several papers on teaching the very young child, and has contributed to the curriculum guide presently used in the Operation Independence Pre-school.

BETTY PUCKETT

Teacher of 4 year olds



Betty Puckett has been a teacher at Operation Independence since 1977. She finished Junior College at the famous Piney Woods school in Mississippi and later attended Mississippi Valley State University

where she obtained a degree in Social Science.

It is quite evident that her training in Social Science and later in Childhood Education, along with a marvelous sense of humor, has made her a truly successful teacher.

Work accomplished by the Pre-school graduates of the 80-81 semester, under her tutelage, was so outstanding that parents, fellow staff members, and others who observed it, rated her worthy of a special merit award or title of "TEACHER OF THE YEAR."

EMILY MEADS

MUSIC INSTRUCTOR



Emily Meads is well known in the Las Vegas community for her outstanding accomplishments in the field of music. She attended Morgan State College where her Major was, of course, Music.

Employed by Operation Independence for the past eleven years, Emily Meads has served in several positions. She has filled the positions of Ass't Director, Director and

Parent Relations Supervisor. She was recently appointed Music Director for Operation Independence where she will teach music to all children attending the school.

Meads' musical experience includes: pianist for Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in charge of adult and children's choir for 18 years, Preside of Nevada — California Interstate Baptist Convention Music Department, and organizer of the popular "Gospel Meadets," a group that has made successful tours throughout the South and often renders musical numbers for local groups.

Throughout the upcoming school year, other outstanding musicians will join Emily Meads in the instruction of children on occasion.

JESSIE LEE HARRIS

Dietician



Jessie Lee Harris has been planning, and assisting with preparation of meals for Operation Independence almost since the beginning of the agency. She brought to the school unusual skills in the preparation of meals that meet the U.S.D.A. stan-

dards and are, at the same time, utterly delicious and attractive to the eye.

All meals are prepared in the modern, well-equipped kitchen of O.I. Fresh fruits and vegetables with milk, prejuices, savory stews, fresh fish, chicken, baked pastries, etc. are served daily in a comfortable, attractive dining room. Harris personally shops for the food to insure its freshness.

A pleasant, dedicated worker, always ready to assist wherever her help is needed, Jessie Harris often takes over as cook, receptionist and even classroom supervision.

MARY GARRETT

Chef

Mary Garrett was employed by Operation Independence in 1968. A loyal employee. She is an excellent cook as everyone who has eaten at Operation Independence will say without hesitation. You will find her running the kitchen like a veteran chef

who sees that everyone observes requirements that keep everything clean and orderly.

Garrett may be caught overfeeding children a bit but is never stingy in servings. (Mrs. Garrett was not available for a picture).

1966 Genoa

647-1790

Licensed

Las Vegas, Nevada

A United Way Agency