

Holy Family Motherhouse

6901 Chef Menteur Hwy.

New Orleans, La. 70126

June 23, 1974

My dearest Family,

Words could never convey the happiness that you brought to me on the occasion of my twenty-fifth anniversary as a nun. This will indeed be a memorable day in my life. All of you were so beautiful. Many of the nuns are still speaking of the beautiful presentation of my family.

The reception spoke for itself. You do deeply love and care for me. All of those who came to the reception have expressed their enjoyment, appreciation, and gratitude for being there. Compliments were given to you, my family, for the spirit of sharing.

You will always be in my daily prayers. May you continue to enjoy the choicest blessings of our Lord and His Blessed Mother.

Lovingly,

Sister M. Pierre Olivier

RITE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH

GREETING

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord, etc...

All: And also with you.

(The priest sprinkles the body with Holy Water)

Celebrant: I bless the body of Michael, etc...

(A white pall is placed over the coffin)

Celebrant: On the day of his baptism, etc...

Hymn

"Praise to the Lord"

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!
O my soul, praise him for he is our health and salvation.
~~All you who hear, now to the altar draw near;~~
Join in profound adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, let us offer our gifts at the altar.
Let not our sins and offenses now cause us to falter.
Christ, the High-Priest, bids us all join in his feast,
Victims with him on the altar.

A CELEBRATION OF DEATH

Leader: Let us give praise to the Father who has called our brother and one of his children to a more perfect sharing of his life;

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us this day give praise to the Son, the great priest, whose life and priesthood our brother has lived all his days;

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us this day give praise to the Spirit who has breathed the very life of God into the living of our brother and who now calls him to the wonders of a life where all things are new;

All: Amen.

Psalm 63

R God, my God, I am seeking you, my soul thirsts for you.
L My flesh is longing for you, a land parched, weary, waterless.
R I long to gaze on you in the Sanctuary,
and to see your power and glory.
L Your love is better than life itself,
my lips will recite your praise.
R All my life I will bless you, in your name lift up my hands.
L My soul will feast most richly,
on my lips a song of joy and, in my mouth, praise.
R On my bed I think of you, I meditate on you all night long.
L For you have always helped me;
I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings.
R My soul clings close to you, your right hand supports me.

Psalm 51

R Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness,
in your great tenderness wipe away my faults.
L Wash me clean of my guilt, purify me from my sin.
R I am well aware of my faults, I have my sin constantly in mind.
L Having sinned against none other than you,
having done what you regard as wrong.
R God, create in me a new heart, put into me a new and constant spirit.
L Do not banish me from your presence,
do not deprive me of your holy spirit.

Psalm 150

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R Praise God in his temple on earth,
praise him in his temple in heaven.

L Praise him for his mighty achievements,
praise him for his transcendent greatness.

R Praise him with blasts of the trumpet,
Praise him with lyre and harp.

L Praise him with drums and dancing,
praise him with strings and reeds.

R Praise him with clashing cymbals,
praise him with clanging cymbals.

All: Let everything that breathes praise Yahweh. Alleluia.

READINGS: Ezekiel 37

I Thess. 5: 1-15

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All: I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me,
even if he die, shall live, and he who lives and believes in me,
shall never die.

Leader: (Zechariah's Canticle is recited)

All: I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me,
even if he die, shall live, and he who lives and believes in me,
shall never die.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray: Grant, we beseech you, O Lord, that Michael, your
servant, your priest, and our brother, whom you endowed with sacred
gifts while he lived in our presence, may evermore rejoice in the
glorious abode of heaven, Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord.

All: And let perpetual life shine upon him.

Leader: May he rest in peace.

All: Amen.

FUNERAL MASS
(The Missalettes will be used for the prayers of the Mass)

Entrance Hymn

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

1. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.
2. Under the shadow of your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, And our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting you are God, To endless years the same.

Presentation Hymn

LORD, ACCEPT THE GIFTS WE OFFER

1. Lord, accept the gifts we offer At this Eucharistic Feast,
~~Bread and wine to be transformed now Through the action of your priest.~~
Take us, too, O Lord, transform us; Be your grace in us increased.
2. Take our gifts, almighty Father, Living God, eternal, true,
Which we give through Christ, our Savior,
Pleading here for us anew.
Grant salvation to all present
And our faith and love renew.

Communion Hymn

JESUS, MY LORD, MY GOD, MY ALL!

1. Jesus, my Lord, my God, my All! How can I love Thee as I ought?
And how revere this wondrous gift, So far surpassing hope or thought?

Refrain Sweet Sacrament! we Thee adore!
Oh! make us love Thee more and more.

2. Had I but Mary's sinless heart To love Thee with, my dearest King!
Oh, with what bursts of fervent praise Thy goodness, Jesus! would
I sing!

Refrain

3. Thy Body, Soul, and God-head, all! O mystery of love divine!
I cannot compass all I have, For all Thou hast and art are mine.

Refrain

4. Sound, sound His praises higher still, And come, ye angels,
to our aid;
'Tis God! 'tis God! the very God, Whose pow'r both man and
angels made!

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

(The priest stands near the coffin and prays)

Celebrant: With faith in Jesus Christ, etc...

(All pray in silence for a little while)

Celebrant: Saints of God, come to his aid!
Come to meet him, angels of the Lord!

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Celebrant: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to Abraham's side.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Celebrant: Give him eternal rest, O Lord, and
may your light shine on him for ever.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Celebrant: Father, into your hands we commend our brother, etc.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: May the angels lead you into paradise;
may the martyrs come to welcome you
and take you to the holy city,
the new and eternal Jerusalem.

Recessional Hymn

IMMACULATE MARY

1. Immaculate Mary! Our hearts are on fire;
That title so wondrous, Fills all our desire!

Refrain Ave, Ave, Ave Maria,
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

2. We pray for God's glory, May His Kingdom come;
We pray for His Vicar, Our Father and Rome.

Refrain

3. We pray for our Mother, The Church upon earth,
And bless, sweetest Lady, The land of our birth.

Refrain

CEMETERY SERVICE

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ by the three days, etc.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Since Almighty God has called our brother Michael from this life, etc.

SCRIPTURAL READING: John 12:23-26

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 93

All: Ant. Of earth you formed me, with flesh you covered me; Lord, my Redeemer, raise me up again at the last day.

Celebrant: The Lord is king, in splendor robed; etc.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

(All respond to the petitions "Lord, save your people.")

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

All: Our Father who art in heaven, etc.

PRAYER FOR THOSE PRESENT

Celebrant: Father, God of all consolation, etc.

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING HYMN

ALLELUIA! THE STRIFE IS O'ER

. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the victor's triumph won.
O let the song of praise be sung; alleluia!
3. O risen Lord, all praise to thee,
Who from our sin hast set us free,
That we may live eternally: alleluia!

March 1, 1999

To: Mrs. Idessa Redden

From: St. Jude Catholic Church Program Committee *Angela Sherrin*

Re: Black History Program

This is to extend our warmest appreciation for your participation on our Black History Program. We truly enjoyed our fellowship with you and we thank God for bringing his community of people together under one accord. We hope to continue in our efforts to engage in outreach worship activities that involve the community as a whole. Your acceptance of our invitation helps to make this goal a reality. May God continue to bestow his blessings upon you. Enclosed you will find a certificate of appreciation.

Romans 15:5,6

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- c. to print out that note without saving the file.
 (b) none of the above.
- d. to print out the file and other records.
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 than once, until they are completely.
 e. to print out background information when a
 suspect is interrogated.
 d. all of the above.
 e. none of the above.

3. Which of the following is not a function of the
 eye?
 - a. to receive light from the outside world
 - b. to convert the light energy into the form of
 electrical energy
 - c. to convert the light energy into the form of
 chemical energy
 - d. to convert the light energy into the form of
 mechanical energy
 - e. to convert the light energy into the form of
 thermal energy
4. Myopia is a defect of vision in which the image
 is formed in front of the retina. This defect
 can be corrected by using a concave lens. The
 image of the object will be formed on the
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A black and white photograph of a tall, narrow stack of books or papers, leaning slightly to the right. The spines of the books are visible, showing some text and binding details. The stack is resting on a surface, and there is a small, dark, irregular object at the base of the stack.

Chapter VI, "Field Notetaking and Crime Scene Research," focuses on the use and use of the notebook. It suggests when and what notes should be taken and will be found informative to all police officers.

Chapter I, "Personal Aids," contains sound practical advice in a portion of the officer's field notebook. It is evident that the information for this chapter was obtained from persons well versed in the subject.

This Training Key discusses methods of obtaining information, how an officer can draw a crime scene sketch, the importance of noting all information accurately.

Every line officer should be familiar with the questions against him when dealing with these points out the manner in which an officer can take his notebook as recorded evidence of his action.

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1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

The second method of withstanding an incident may be that the witness stands and comments on what is being said by the police. Then, after sitting down for a moment in consideration and realizing that he is not being "blamed," he may find nothing to say, or may say that some other person may have been so "frustrated." The failure of a witness to recall may or may not actually will also affect the effectiveness of his testimony. He may forget details or may voluntarily change his conception of what he witnessed or said, the police. The officer's notes can help the witness to recall what he said, or can be made to read and the details of a reluctant witness or the accused.

When to Describe—Write it Down

The number of notes required for any one investigation is often a source of concern. Although no specific rule may be established, it is generally accepted that notes must be extensive enough to include all pertinent details. Some officers have solved this problem by recording the information whenever a doubt arises as to whether or not a particular note should be made.

Notes Are Made As Information Is Obtained

When observational procedures are performed as a matter of course they soon become a habit. These functions become second nature to the officer and are performed simply because there is a need for them to be performed. Note taking is no exception. It may be developed into a reflex like reaction by recognizing the need for a written record and following the practice of recording all information as it is observed. The rewards alone are sufficient to stimulate an interest in note taking. Not only does this practice aid the recall of past events, but it has the immediate effect of improving the clearness, completeness and accuracy of reports submitted to superiors.

Notes must be made at the moment information is gathered. Develop the habit of recording the facts as they are learned and as the evidence is obtained. Any hesitancy, even for a few minutes, may result in a loss of important details. For example, when obtaining a description, enter the information in the notebook as it is given. Reading the notes will enable you to obtain a better mental picture of the person and may remind you to ask for further details which would facilitate identification. Do not record the information at the moment it is learned, nor a great deal of time, or the inability to remember, as in the witness or victim's case, or, in the case of the suspect, or even later. An arrest or the receipt of a report or evidence, or some other event, may be recorded as soon as the detective has time to do so.

Q. And that's completed and
it's a new pickup?

the different types of plants are listed, and species among them. The different plants were not necessarily all used as food by the same people, but the

[illegible]

If you consult your notes during a trial, the judge may examine the notes and find willful omissions or entries that will tend to weaken or discredit testimony. Any irrelevant or prejudicial matter can be excluded to the further extent, however, that it is not material, followed up in testimony or any other you need them to establish an important point.

The Notebook

A bound or loose-leaf type notepad, not more than 4 1/2 inches, that may be easily carried and is proper to be found to be the most efficient type of binder. If a loose-leaf type notepad is used, the binder will prove to be more suitable than a bound notepad having a hard cover is preferred.

Selecting the type of book to be scanned is a matter of choice. A book of no value is not in the sale of notes required for a particular case. Hence the notes may, however, be of the desired type, that portions of information desirable to the forger have been removed. Such situations can be forestalled by a numbering of the notes consecutively.

A board notched off the right corner knowing that it was not easily noticed. It reduces the challenge to the security of users as the pages are not necessary to learn the

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These results suggest that the use of a single, non-validated questionnaire may not be sufficient to accurately assess the prevalence of mental health problems in the community. The use of a validated questionnaire, such as the GHQ-12, may be more appropriate for this purpose.

College prepares to honor Redden

By Jannell McGrew
Montgomery Advertiser

A Montgomery woman described as one of the pioneers of the voting rights and civil rights movements in Alabama will be honored for her works today, eight days before her 90th birthday.

Idessa Williams Redden will be recognized by H. Council Trenholm State Technical College during a special birthday celebration at 11:30 a.m. at the college's Culinary Arts Centre on Mobile Highway.



Redden "is a pillar in our community," said Gwendolyn Patton, head archivist at Trenholm.

"She has, since her teenage days, vowed to fight for first-class citizenship for African-Americans and she has been consistent ever since."

Patton said Redden was known for her courage and straightforwardness as she defied pressure from segregationists and sought to convince blacks to register to vote.

Redden said she felt honored by the college's gesture.

"I really think it's a good idea, and I appreciate it very much," she said.

In characteristic fashion, she added with a chuckle, "I hate to say it, but I think I deserved it because of my hard work in the community."

Born Nov. 27, 1912, she became a registered voter in 1949, when most blacks weren't registered to vote. As a block captain, she worked with voting rights icon "Coach" Rufus Lewis in the crusade for full voting rights for blacks. Her job was to encourage blacks to sign up for voting rights clinics.

"She would visit people at night on dark roads while vigilantes and Klansmen were laying in wait," Patton said. "She's had several scary encounters as she went about organizing black people to fight for their voting rights."

Redden also worked with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and served as an organizer with Lewis on the Montgomery Improvement Association's Voter Registration Committee.

Redden has a collection of papers and various other materials.

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Woman's civil rights work honored

Community leaders salute Idessa Williams Redden on her 90th birthday

By Alvin Benn
Montgomery Advertiser

During the civil rights era, those who participated in demonstrations against racial injustice were divided into two categories — leaders and foot soldiers.

Occasionally, a small third category came along. Idessa Williams Redden was placed in it Tuesday afternoon.

"She was more of a drill sergeant," said Quinn Brisen, who flew to Montgomery from Chicago to help honor a woman who meant much to him during a tumultuous period in American history.

More than 100 other local and area residents turned out at the H. Council Trenholm State Technical College Culinary Arts Center to salute Redden for her upcoming 90th birthday.

While many who took part in the civil rights era were honored during or



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Idessa Williams Redden, left, was honored Tuesday for civil rights work during a celebration of her 90th birthday. In the background is her son, John Redden Jr.

after that time, most who marched and were jailed have received little recognition other than their own personal satisfaction.

In Redden's case, her praises were literally sung Tuesday with two versions of Bette Midler's popular "Wind Beneath My Wings."

Leroy Barrow, who repre-

sented the Rev. Manuel Williams of Resurrection Catholic Church, added "You are the wind beneath our wings," while Bobby Jackson, who operates the World Heritage Museum of Montgomery, closed the program with his another version.

Jackson also led everyone in a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" and made sure it ended with "and many more."

Quinton Ross, who has been elected to represent Senate District 26 in the Legislature, credited Redden and others like her with helping him and other black lawmakers attain a goal unavailable to them before passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965.

Ross said if he had been in office already, the celebration honoring Redden would have been in the State House "because it is because of you that we are able to walk those halls and make decisions on behalf of this community and this state."

Redden, born in Montgomery on Nov. 27, 1912, registered to vote in 1949 when few blacks in Ala-

bama were allowed to vote. She became a block captain after that and encouraged black Montgomery residents to register.

Elected officials and civic leaders took part in the celebration of Redden's life. Each described the importance of her actions.

"Many of the changes that I take for granted, the likes of Mrs. Idessa Redden were responsible for ushering them in," Alabama historian Richard Bailey said.

Bailey said Redden is a woman who "doesn't make a big to-do over what they've done in this world of ours. Those are the people who don't seek out the honor and the glory and all of the attention."

Redden had little to say as she basked in the honors being bestowed on her. She spoke briefly at the end of the ceremony and said, "Thank you, thank you, thank you."

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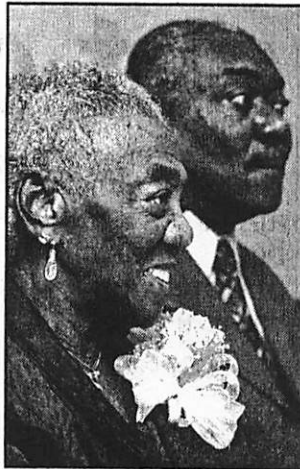
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May 8, 1990

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Dear Mrs. Redden,

We are looking forward to seeing you Tuesday, May 15 for our Seniors of Achievement dinner, "An Evening with Dear Abby". We would like for you and your escort to arrive at the Governor's House Hotel on Tuesday, May 15 between 6:00 and 6:15 PM. Come to the Convention Entrance on the side of the building--if you use a walker, enter at the front of the building. (The enclosed map shows both entrances.) Follow the route indicated with arrows on the map to the Capital Room where you are to meet "Dear Abby" in person. At that time, you will receive your personal award as a Senior of Achievement from Dick Amberg, Publisher of the Montgomery Advertiser/Alabama Journal, and Jim Conway, Chairman of the Board of Directors of MACOA. You will have a chance to shake Abby's hand and chat with her before we escort you to the Alabama Room for dinner and the recognition program.

In the Alabama Room, you will be seated at the head table along with the other 9 Seniors of Achievement. Your escorts, family and friends will be seated at round tables very close to the head table. There are no steps to climb here! During the program, we will recognize each Senior of Achievement as well as other dignitaries. Mrs. Abigail Van Buren will speak for 20-30 minutes. We hope to complete the program by 10:00 PM.

We are excited about this benefit dinner in your honor and look forward to seeing you on May 15th. Call me at 263-0532 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lucy Parsons
Community Resource Coordinator

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Seniors of Achievement Award

Mrs. Idessa Williams-Redden, a life long resident of Montgomery County, the daughter of poor hard-working parents, that believed in education. Mrs. Redden attended St. John Catholic School, Loveless Jr. High School and went on to further her education at Alabama State Laboratory School. Because of being born poor she had to quit school and go to work after completion of the ninth grade. This wonderful lady of almost 83 years never dreamed that she would be invited to one day attend President Lyndon B. Johnson's Inaugural Ball, that she would be one of the 200,000 marchers who descended upon the nation's capital in 1963 in support of pending civil rights legislation, that she would be honored many times for her hard work and support of the Head Start Program, that she would walk with the Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and become one of the first Montgomery Activist in the Civil Rights Movement.

Mrs. Redden initiated registration drives and voter education classes in her home in the early sixties. Mrs. Redden served as Chairperson of the Voter Registration for the Montgomery Improvement Association. This wonderful lady with no formal education was hired by the Community Action, after many hours of volunteer work to work as a teacher's aide and later transferred to the Social Service Department. **Mrs. Idessa Williams-Redden** to this day continues to work with the Head Start