

THALIA DONDERO, MODEL MOTHER, CIVIC LEADER, A CREDIT TO OUR COMMUNITY



DONDERO "FAMILY OF THE YEAR" IN 1958, CHOSEN BY LAS VEGAS MARRIAGE COUN-

BY JACK TELL

Our one regret in singing the praises of Thalia Marie Dondero, is that she waited so long before offering her services of elected representative for her neighbors and friends as candidate for Assemblyman in the 9th District.

But it is understandable. Her loss to us as a politician, was our gain through the years of her devotion in rearing a model family (of which we all should be proud); her incessant volunteer dedication for any and all charitable, civic and religious projects; and her determination through painstaking effort and long hours to bring about much of the improvements we are enjoying right now.

Mrs. Dondero has been proven a credit to our community, and we are proud and honored to endorse her candidacy for Assemblyman.

Thalia is bred from a stock of true Americans. She was born in Greeley, Colorado, in a family of four children. Her late dad, Doyle Sperry was a taxidermist. Her mother, Mrs. Sylvia Sperry, semi-retired is working for Kern County Grange in Bakersfield. Both parents are native Americans, whose ancestors trekked from the East in covered wagons. Thalia's mother, youngest child in her family, was born during a stopover in Kansas.

Thalia's earliest schooling was the Lab. School of Colorado State Teachers College, where she was taught typing in the third grade and French in the fifth. She attended year around, no summer vacations. From there she went on to high school in Bakersfield and then to Bakersfield Junior College. She majored in art and took extensive courses in metal jewelry designing and painting, a hobby she still enjoys.

It was 1942 when Thalia arrived in Las Vegas as an office worker for the man who invented the Westinghouse Air Brakes. It was here at about that time she met and married Harvey Dondero, currently Associate Superintendent in Clark County Schools, a post he has held the past 20 years or more. His only interruption as the person longest associated with Nevada education, was a sojourn in the U.S. Army during World War 2.

The Donderos are blessed with five children, they are, Mrs. Mark (Judy) Habbeshaw, mother of two boys. Son-in-law Mark is a detective sergeant in the Clark County Sheriff's Dept.

Second eldest, Michael, 25, is married to Reno's Molly Malone, a school teacher and former "Miss Nevada." Mike is with U.S. Forest Service, stationed in Utah.

Then comes Nick, 24, an insurance company

SELING SERVICE, FROM LEFT, MICHAEL, MARILYN, THALIA HOLDING ROBIE, JUDY, HARVEY AND NICK.



MIKE, NICK, MARILYN, ROB

manager. He is married to Linda Brown, a supervisor for Continuing Education Program for Alumni of Stanford, where both were graduated.

Marilyn, 21, an education major, is a senior at UNLV. She will be married to Rick Loop tomorrow, Aug. 26, at Guardian Angel Shrine. Rick is a Las Vegas businessman.

Robert, 13, attends John C. Fremont Jr. High, and delivers newspapers for the Review-Journal. He was just named most valuable player on his team in the Municipal Baseball League.

Thalia, like Harvey, has been active in civic affairs since she arrived in town. In addition to all the credits she has earned, which are listed in her paid political ad in this newspaper, we have uncovered a few more, among the many that are worth mentioning.

She spent ten years in acquiring 80 acres at Red Rock from Bureau of Land Management, for a Girl Scout Camp Site. (She thereupon organized a conservation program that planted more than 1,000 trees. She is presently a member of L.V. Beautification Committee and serving as chairman of Visual Appearance subcommittee.)

She is advisory board member of new Title Six Project program for orally handicapped children at Ruby Thomas School.

Her platform as candidate for Assembly, District 9 includes:

- * Progress in education at all levels. (Thalia lobbied for 20 years for advancement in our schooling, from kindergarten to our universities.)

- * She is for direct laws and enforcement of prevention of drug traffic into Nevada. She will work hard for a refined rehabilitation pro-



THALIA WITH SEN. ALAN BIBLE



MARILYN, TO BE WED TOMORROW



HARVEY WITH RUTHE DESKIN PREPARING LAS VEGAS SUN YOUTH FORUM

gram. (Thalia is a member of So. Nev. Drug Abuse Council.)

- * She advocates state controlled prices for pharmaceutical and other necessities for Senior Citizens.

- * She will make every effort to further the Parks Program, to make them available for public use. (Thalia was instrumental as a lobbyist in passage of \$5,000,000 State Bond issue to secure park sites. Now she will work towards furthering their development, which is essential, she insists, in the encouragement of tourists to our resort state.)

- * She will keep a close watch on the relief program and make every available effort to bring it under control of one agency, either the state, or the county, enhances by state funds.

She asks for support of all registered Democrats in Assembly District Nine, in the upcoming Primary Election on Sept. 5.

The LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE ENDORSES THE CANDIDACY OF THALIA DONDERO.