

NAACP President Assaulted by Preacher

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Meet Pretty Alice Banks

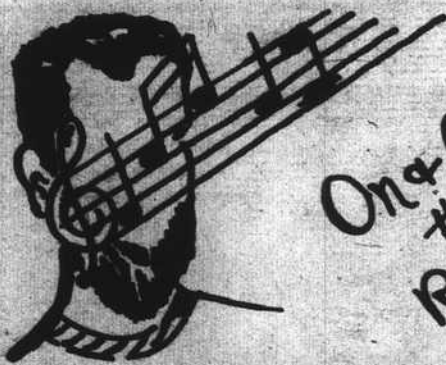
Twenty year old Alice Banks is the attractive gal that's a cashier at Franklin's Department store at 3rd and Fremont Streets.

Aside from working at the store, Alice has ambitions to return to college next fall at AM & N, which is located in Pine Bluff, Ark.

Along the hobby lines she loves to bowl, swim, paint, dance and read along with modeling the latest in fashion wear. In fact, Alice will be one of the local models who will be featured in a forthcoming fashion show.

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with Ray Charles Story



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FRONT PAGE news release

President LBJ, once again, displayed his unbiased position, when he named Ambassador Carl T. Rowan, former journalist, and author, to succeed Edwin R. Murrow as the Director of the US Information agency. Mr. Rowan's appointment represents an all time high for Negroes in government. The brilliant 38 year old Negro statesman, author was named Ambassador to Finland by the late JFK in February a year ago

Virginia, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Alabama are planning defiance of the 24th Amendment to the Constitution, which bans the poll tax as a requirement for voting. Texas, the only other state which has a poll tax requirement for voters, is not expected to defy the supreme law of the land. It is reported that the most famous citizen of the Lone Star State, President Lyndon B. Johnson, will exert his Texas energies to hold his home state in line

Ray Charles, "The Genius" has lost his paternity suit case, and has been ordered to pay \$400.00 per month for child support, \$7,500.00 in attorney fees to Miss Sandra Jean Butts, mother of the 3 month old infant girl, and a sum of \$500.00 per month for nursing service and lodgings. Judge A.A. Scott, Los Angeles Superior Court, in his decree, stated that Miss Butts, "is not going to get her hands on one dime of the money . . ."

Mississippi's new governor, Paul B. Johnson, has taken an about-face stand on racial prejudice, with a pledge to put an end to race hatred in his state, so as to bring Mississippi into harmony with the nation . . .

Five Negroes have been accepted in the Knights of Columbus by the Augusta, Georgia council. This marks the first time that this Catholic fraternal group has let down its bars in the Peach State. The August council's action heralds unified compliance with recent edicts of the Pope and the Catholics of America to practice Christianity everywhere . . .

Harlem's controversial political luminary, Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, appears likely to get a new hearing to reverse, or amend, the \$211,500.00 libel verdict which was awarded to 67 year old Harlem widow, Esther James. Preacher-Politician Powell has accused the Harlem widow of being a "bag woman".

Charlie Sifford, Los Angeles Negro golf professional, threw a shocking scare into the Palm Springs (California) golf society when he broke on top, and led the field for the first 63 holes.

Church Council Meets

The Nevada Council of Churches, at its Annual Meeting, Wednesday evening, January 29th, adopted proposals submitted to the body by its Legislative Seminar held January 28th and 29th at the Moulin Rouge Hotel. Among proposals adopted, was a recommendation for full church support of the Civil Rights proposals Assembly Bill 338, submitted to the Nevada State Legislature in 1963. The Council went on record as giving full support to criminal and civil penalties, after a stirring address by Rev. Roger Sawyer, Pastor of the Griffith Methodist Church of Las Vegas. Participating in the two-day Seminar and Annual Meeting were church leaders from various denominations throughout the State of Nevada. Other proposals adopted by the Council of Churches were affiliation with Nevada Civil Rights Association, and a request that affiliated churches raise money to pay for the services of a lobbyist in support of Civil Rights in 1965. The Council also voted support of improved Mental Health Services and a study in areas of concern for Youth Activity Programs, such as facilities for treatment of physical handicaps.

NAACP BULLETIN

Hank Greenspun, publisher of the Las Vegas Sun, will be the principal speaker at the regular meeting of the Las Vegas Chapter, NAACP, Sunday, February 9th at 3:00 p.m. at Kit Carson School. Mr. Greenspun widely known for his sharp expression on political views will discuss the political position of Nevada Negroes.

Young Demos Nat'l Convention

The Young Democratic National Convention held in Las Vegas, Nevada, came to a climax last Saturday. Newly elected National President was James Albert House, Jr., a 32-year old lawyer from Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, who won a majority of the conventions more than 700 votes.

Southern and Northern delegations clashed in the closing sessions of the four day convention. Civil Rights was crux of the disagreements. A southern move advocating stiffer rules of Senate filibuster was fought by

Miss. Murder Trial . . .

Bryan D. Beckwith, Mississippian, on trial for murder of Civil Rights Leader, Medgar Evers, has been linked to the rifle found in bushes near the body of Evers. Beckwith, being tried before an all white, male jury faces possible death in the gas chamber if found guilty. The evidence tying Beckwith with the rifle was furnished by a FBI Ballistic expert from Washington, D.C. The trial has been going on for more than six days and is expected to last at least another week.



Teacher of the Week

Meet Mrs. J.D. Hoggard who teaches a first grade class at the Matt Kelley Elementary School. Mrs. Hoggard is the wife of popular local businessman, David Hoggard, who's also an official with the local chapter of the NAACP. Mrs. Hoggard is busy these days planning several surprise and educational activities for her youngsters. Incidentally, she's a member of the Gamma Phi Delta Sorority which has many community projects mapped for the future.

NAACP Pres. Assaulted By Rev. Walker



REV. MARION D. BENNETT

Rev. Marion Bennett, pastor of Zion Methodist Church at Washington and G and branch president of the Las Vegas chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was struck in the face three times by the fist of fellow preacher, P.S. Walker, according to statements made by Rev. Bennett when he signed an assault complaint against his assailant last Thursday morning.

Witnesses to the alleged assault, which took place outside of the Westside Elks Club, included Bob Bailey, Charles Kellar, Earle White, and Dr. J.B. McMillan.

The Voice received the report from Rev. Bennett that Rev. Walker approached him offering a hand shake, and, that he (Rev. Walker) remarked to Walker that, it was regrettable that Walker, as a preacher, caused so much confusion during meetings. According to the NAACP President, Walker, then walked away, and he was engaging in conversation with Bob Bailey. Bennett stated that Walker, hidden from his view by the person of Earle White, suddenly returned and struck him in the right side of his face, without a word of warning. Rev. Walker struck Rev. Bennett two more blows before bystanders could restrain him, according to Bennett's statement when he signed a complaint against Walker.

A warrant for the arrest of Rev. P.S. Walker was issued, but at press time the Voice had no official report of Walker's apprehension.

Rev. Bennett was treated for lacerations of the cheek, and cuts inside the lip and mouth, which were the result of Walker's attack.