

Negro Postal Clerks Meet Bias in Lovelock Giant Community Rally Planned

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LOVE LOCK

Scipio Porter, Jr., NAACP West Coast Regional Field Secretary, pointed out that hotel discrimination against Negro Railway Postal Clerks in Lovelock, Nevada, is evidence of the need for both the public accommodation section of the Civil Rights Bill, and the section preventing the expenditure of Federal money where racial discrimination is practiced.

Mr. Porter, stated that Joseph Thompson, Berkeley, California, and Milton Williams, Oakland, California, complained to the NAACP last November about discrimination at the Hotel Pershing in Lovelock, Nevada. The NAACP west coast regional office lodged a protest with John Bushnell, Oakland Postmaster. The matter was subsequently referred to F. Ray Hogan of the Postal Service's Regional Office.

Following a trip to Lovelock by Hogan, and conferences between the complainants, the NAACP and Post Office Officials, it was believed that the problem had been resolved informally with Dick Nicholson, owner of the Pershing Hotel. Milton Williams, one of the complainants stayed at the Pershing Hotel on the nights of January 12 and 17, without incident.

However, Joseph Thompson, the other Railway Clerk, attempted to register at the hotel on two later occasions in January and was told there was no room available. On January 29, an attempt was made to charge him more than twice the rate that was charged white postal clerks. Later, Williams was told he would only be admitted at the increased rate.

Porter stated that the NAACP has lodged a new protest with local and regional postal authorities to end this discriminatory practice.

Western Enterprises Select New Officers

In 1950, Western Enterprises, Inc., was incorporated with a number of West Las Vegans who had a dream of pooling their resources to do bigger things. When the opportunity came, they purchased a taxi cab franchise which is still operated as Western Cabs. Their charter has broad powers and they can engage in almost any legitimate business except banking and insurance. It is hoped that with the interest of more Las Vegans with capital that large enough sums can be pooled to engage in really substantial enterprises.

At a recent Board of directors meeting, Charles L. Kellar was elected President and General Manager of the company; Johnnie Crockett was elected Treasurer and Director; Henry C. Moore, Secretary and Director; Tommy Davis Director and Chief Dispatcher; George McLemore and Jewel Scott, Directors.

The corporation also operates the Conoco gas station at E and Jackson where credit cards can be obtained merely for the asking. Expert auto mechanics are on duty and automatic transmission repairs are a specialty. The station has been completely repainted and a new fleet of cabs, all specially built 1964 Plymouths, are on the streets. They are dispatched by radio and courteous, speedy, efficient service has been promised by Mr. Kellar. He also urges that if there are any complaints that telephone calls should be made direct to his personal wire, 384-7878. The public's cooperation is solicited.

Roy McCormick will be the manager of the gas station, and a 6-pack of Coke or Pepsi is his gift to all persons who buy 10 gallons or more of gas until March 1.

NAACP BULLETIN

The City of Las Vegas has an opening for a Kennel-man. Requirements are an 8th grade education and one year as a general laborer, preferably in the handling of animals. Applications are also being taken for Firemen and Policemen. These jobs have paid high rates. Applications should be made at the City Personnel Office, Las Vegas Blvd. and Stewart Street. Directly across from Bunker's Bros. Mortuary.



Above Photo Show, Miss Virginia Avery of Raleigh, North Carolina. Miss Avery is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Cleveland Avery. She is teaching her first year at Kit Carson. During this coming summer, she will attend New York University where she is working on her Masters Degree in Psychology. Single at 23, Miss Avery plans to complete her education and get her career firmly established before marriage. Her hobbies are: Chess, skiing and bowling. She is a member of the recently formed Las Vegas Professional and Civic Society and plans in spite of her busy schedules to take an active part in the organization Voters Registration Project. Miss Avery is also a member of Zion Methodist Church.



Meet Police Officer Wilbur Jackson — Wilbur Jackson, a five year veteran of the Las Vegas Police Department is the only Negro officer in the crack Canine Corp that has received national note for their outstanding feats in the line of duty.

Giant Rally PLANNED

The recently formed Citizens Advisory Committee has announced plans for a mammoth community rally, which is scheduled for the Elks Lodge on Thursday evening, March 5, at 8:00 p.m.

"A good citizen is an informed citizen. An informed community is a progressive community," reported Al Wilburn, manager of Larry's Music Bar, as he presented his plans for the mass meeting program. Wilburn stated that there would be vital information, important to every citizen of the community, that would be brought before the public at the mass rally.

Mr. Wilburn presented to the Citizens Committee his plans for the March 5 program at a committee meeting, held in the Elks West Bonanza hall, last Thursday night. He was given a resounding vote of confidence, and was commended for his excellent plans and programming.

In addition to vital information, which will be made available to the public, there will be entertainment. The Citizens Advisory Committee will meet Thurs-

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News Roundup

According to a report by "Congressional Quarterly," the Negro should have 47 seats in the House, instead of the 5 now held by Negro Congressmen. The report further stated that 64 Congressional District, with the largest Negro population, are represented by the staunch segregationists. Dangerous unrest has broken out in many areas across the entire continent of Africa. A mob stormed the American Embassy at Accra, Ghana. A military coup replaced the Sultan of Zanzibar. Border fighting has flared anew along the Somalia-Ethiopian front. The Army mutinied in Tanganyika. President M'Ba of Gabon was temporarily ousted from his office in a coup d'etat. The Bahutu people and Watusi tribes are fighting in Ruanda. There has been military mutiny in Uganda and in Kenya. Unrest in Angola and Mozambique will erupt any day. Carol Crawford, 19 year old Beauty Queen of Jamaica, West Indies, has become the first septa "Miss World". The Negro Beauty will be featured in the World Fair which will open April 22 in New York City. John B. Duncan, first Negro District Commissioner, may become the chairman of the District of Columbia Board of Commissioners. Duncan would then be one of the most powerful Negroes in the Country. Bob Hayes, the Florida Flyer, finally broke the 6 second barrier in the 60 yd. dash when he sped the distance in 5.9 seconds. He has been picked by the experts as the sprinter most likely to run the 100 yards in 9 flat and the 100 meters in 10 flat.



EXPELLED—Prof. Louis Schuster, 56, has time to rest and reflect in his hotel room in Rome, after he was deported from Ghana. Dr. Schuster is head of the business administration department of Tennessee State College, Nashville, and was on leave teaching in Ghana. He called his expulsion from the African country part of an organized campaign against the United States.