

# HONORS TO NEGROES

**NOTED GOSPEL SINGER MAHALIA JACKSON HERE SUNDAY**

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### TOP JAYCEE RECOGNITION FOR MULLEN

**ROBERT (MOON) MULLEN**, 33, Chief Probation Officer for Clark County in charge of juvenile affairs, last Saturday became the first Negro to receive the Distinguished Service Award of the Las Vegas Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The coveted award was presented to Mullen, a resident of Las Vegas since 1953, at an impressive ceremony in the Las Vegas Elks Club. Presentation was made by last year's winner, Donal (Mike) O'Callaghan, State Director of Health and Welfare, who was Mullen's immediate predecessor as head of the county probation office.

In accepting the 14th annual award, Mullen thanked the "many people who made it possible for me to stand here tonight—especially my wife, Orangia." He said he was especially

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**RENO BETROTHAL**—Marilyn Thomas and Henry Royal of Reno have announced they will wed April 18 followed by a reception in Quincy, Calif.

### BINGO BUSTS FOR CHARITY BY SHRINERS

Members of Shiner Medina Temple No. 1 and their daughters are holding public family bingo parties every Friday at 8 p. m. at 505-1/2 Jackson St.

Proceeds will go toward establishing a permanent Temple home here. Medina members also are raising a scholarship fund for worthy students seeking higher education.

Valuable Jackpot and Diamond surprise awards are being offered at the bingo parties.

### OUTSTANDING CITIZEN CITATION TO TEACHER

"YOU NEVER KNOW who's watching you, do you?"

That was the reaction of modest George Ward when he learned that he will be honored with the "Outstanding Citizen Award" of Nevada Savings and Loan Association this week.

Ward, a Las Vegas school teacher who has fostered an information exchange between his pupils and those in foreign countries for the past five years, will receive his award Saturday at 6:25 p. m. in a special ceremony on KLAS-TV according to NSLA president Charles Lee Horsey, Jr.

Ward is the second Negro to be honored for "outstanding citizenship" by NSLA in recent weeks. Boys Club organizer Robert Reid, an editorial consultant on The VOICE staff, received the coveted award on March 14.

A NATIVE OF Forrest, Miss., the 34-year-old Ward has lived here for 22 years and attended Fifth St. School and Las Vegas High. He is a graduate of the University of Arizona and expects to receive his master's degree in education from Los Angeles State College in the near future. A teacher in special education for the past ten years, he currently is on the staff of Highland School in Vegas Heights.

Ward's "Little People to People" campaign through letters and tape recordings between his pupils and their English-speaking contemporaries abroad, principally in Africa, has been carried on at his own expense with his own equipment.

Through the ambitious program, Ward's pupils have been able to learn at first hand of foreign lands from students of their own age levels, and in the voices of the foreign youngsters when tape recordings are exchanged.

"I LIKE TO BELIEVE I am contributing in some small way toward international friendship through this work,"

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Honored as Outstanding Citizen

### Queen of Hymn Singers In Concert at Vegas High

**MAHALIA JACKSON**, who came up from the New Orleans waterfront to become the world's foremost gospel singer, returns to Las Vegas this weekend for her first concert here in five years. The "Queen" will appear Sunday at 4 p. m. at Las Vegas High School auditorium.

Born in 1912, Miss Jackson went to work at the age of 9 and was taught her first hymn, "O Pal, O God", by a New Orleans fishmonger. Without formal vocal training she

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### NAACP BULLETIN

ASSEMBLYMAN Bernard Posin will be the speaker at the general membership meeting of the Las Vegas Chapter of the NAACP next Saturday, April 12, at 3 p. m. at Kit Carson School.