

WHO'S WHO and doing what

By EDDYE K. KIM

"BEAUTY PLUS BRAINS . . ."

That would have to be our thumbnail description of the Hon. Vaino Hassan Spencer, the distinguished California woman jurist and civic leader who was a guest of our town last weekend. The charming Los Angeles Municipal Court judge completely captivated all of us who met her at two well-attended functions.

Highlight of Judge Spencer's visit was her address before the Las Vegas Women's Democratic Club West at a Saturday luncheon held amid the suburban atmosphere of Lorenzo's Old Ranch on Thom Blvd. Mayor Oran Gragson took advantage of the occasion to present Judge Spencer with a plaque making her an Honorary Citizen of the City of Las Vegas.



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At a cocktail party in her honor at the Las Vegas Press Club in the Fremont Hotel on the previous evening, Judge Spencer was presented with a replica of the gold Press Club Owl and an honorary life membership in the club.

A CAPACITY CROWD of Democratic club-women and dignitaries from surrounding communities greeted Judge Spencer at Saturday's luncheon, where she spoke on woman's place in politics and civic activities. Club president Gwen Weekes, striking in a flowered print dress and matching hat, welcomed, among others, State Assemblymen Bernard Posin and Flora Dungan; Robert Mosely, president, Paradise Valley Democrats; Dell Harrison, veep, N. Las Vegas Demos; LV City Commissioner and Mrs. Phil Mirabelli; Mms. Marie Ripps and Norma Riddle, present and past presidents, Clark County Democratic Women's Club; Marcie Peterson, national committeewoman, Young Democrats; Bettye Lu Hill, secretary, Las Vegas Young Democrats; Marion Giancontieri, chairwoman, Clark County Democrats, and Thelma Toms, president, Gamma Phi Delta Sorority.

In Judge Spencer's party were her spouse, Lorenzo; her mother, Mrs. Nona Hassan; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Kenner, and Vennie Dooley, a Consumer Credit Clearance executive with Hughes Dynamics, all of Los Angeles. Also up from the big city were Mms. Al Brandon and Ronnie Thomas, house guests of Miss Weekes. Introducing the speaker, extremely chic in a pink Italian raw silk ensemble with matching shoes and bag, was Lubertha Johnson.

JUDGE SPENCER pointed out that in this dynamic atomic age, women are now engaged in profitable careers in many fields once considered closed to them, including science, law and medicine in addition to education. In politics, she cited the fact that women may now even aspire to the presidency of the United States.

with Sen. Margaret Chase Smith of Maine tossing her chapeau into the ring.

However, she said, there has been some constancy in this emerging of modern woman, for the home is still mother-centered, with women required to maintain responsibility for spiritual leadership.

"I am not a feminist to the extent that I think women will take over," Judge Spencer said, "but I certainly am in favor of more important government positions for women. I feel that the proper way to run a government, as well as a family, is through a partnership of men and women."

Although it would be impossible to mention all those present, we noticed Thelma Toms, in a green Helen Rose original, chatting with Virgie Fitzgerald, in Navy blue and white. Also Edythe Abington, in white knit; Sondra Reid, in green and beige; Avanelle Lewis, in beige shantung, introducing her mother from Los Angeles, Mrs. Eula Harris Alexander, and Mattie Johnson, in brown print, telling me of her recent trip to LA.

OTHERS THERE INCLUDED Stella Fears and spouse, Ira; Mr. and Mrs. James

Roberts and daughter, Deborah; Rose Marie Coates, Delores Whitaker, Mattie Snowden, Mabel Hoggard, Beatrice Porter, Earl DeWitt—and, oh, so many more!

Floral decorations were furnished by the Rev. Prentiss Walker and Dr. James McMillan Enterprises, while Bob Bailey supplied the public address system.

Pretty Linda Ward was luncheon chairman. Miss Weekes was assisted by her board of officers, including Gloria Rome, first vice president; Helen Crozier, second vice president; Autumn Keys, secretary; Sarah Ann Knight, treasurer; Myrtle Banks, parliamentarian; Irene Parker, chaplain, and Connie Strong, publicity chairman.

LES FEMME DOUZE (The Ladies Twelve), a newly organized ladies club, is

making plans for its first annual Debutante Ball in December. Twelve young ladies will make bows at that time, with Mrs. Larry Bolten heading the arrangements committee.

Also planned for June is a bingo party under the chairmanship of Mrs. Donald Kirkland.

In addition to the aforementioned, club members include Mrs. Marion Bennett, president; Mrs. Edison Wells, vice president; Mrs. Willis Langston, financial and recording secretary; Mrs. James Pughsley, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Samuel Taylor, treasurer; Mrs. Andrew Blackmon, historian; Mrs. Fred

Moten, parliamentarian; Miss Margaret Crawford, courtesy committee chairman; Mrs. William Hicks and Mrs. George Simmons.

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