

Vol. 2, No. 23 INTEGRATED COMMUNITY VALUES RISE

TRENTON, N.J.-one-family effort to salvage a declining neighborhood in this capital city of New Jersey is beginning to pay off for Mayor Arthur Holland.

The project also has tended to prove false one of the pet contentions of racial bigots--that property values always decline in integrated communities.

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Since the Mayor's arrival according to the New York Times, property values have gone up in the area, four houses that were for sale have been taken off the market, and other property owners have begun sprucing up. A few new White residents have moved in,

Mayor Holland's decision to live in the neighborhood attracted wide attention as an integration gesture, but he said that this had not been in his mind.

"If our moving in helped integration, that's fine," he de-clared, "but it really wasn't a factor. We don't seek Negroes or run away from them, either--people are people, black or white. "We came here

simply because it was a house we thought we first-floor front parthat ad lities."

He added, however: "I think this sort of thing is the only way that cities like Trenton can be kept from becoming almost entirely Negro or Puerto Rican."

\$7,000 for the fourstory, nine-room also been the compli-brick house and are cation of his having had spending \$13,000 more to spend three weeks restoring it. The in the hospital re-

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Thursday, June 4, 1964

WRIGHT ELECTION MAKES HISTORY

MARION (TONY) WRIGHT, 16-year-old honor student, has been elected President of the 65-piece, prize-winning Las Vegas High School "Wildcat Band" for next year. School authorities said young Wright was the first Negro to be so honored by his fellow band members.

A talented planist, organist and saxophone player who can belt out a hot lick on the drums, Tony also is accompanist for the well-known Upperettes, a girls choral group at the Upper Room Church of God in Christ, and a member of the newly organized Holy Boys, a folk and

of the newly organized Holy Boys, a folk and spiritual music quartet. Tony carried a B-plus average during the past school year. Following his graduation from Las Vegas High next May, he intends to major in languages in college while preparing to become a teacher. He would like to attend the University of Denver because "I was impressed by the school when the Upperettes performed in Colo-rado last year."

A planist since his kindergarten days, Tony is to continue his musical career in college if his studies permit. He also likes track, but finds little time for athletics due to his other extra-curricular activities. His favorite entertainment personalities are planist Lee Liberace

and Los Angeles organist Billy Preston. Young Wright is looking forward to working with the new Director of the Las Vegas High Band, Donald Graviet, formerly of K.O. Knudson Junior High, Graviet takes over from A. B. Larson, who resigned this month after many years of service.

Tony is the seventh-born of nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Eddle Wright and lives at home with his parents, four brothers and one sister. He has two other brothers and another sister.

Psychology, Courtesy Stressed in Policing

ADVANTAGES THAT MAY be derived from the use of psychology and common courtesy in police work were stressed during a recent Human Relations Training session conducted at North Las Vegas Civil Defense headquarters.

Dr. Heinz Rettig, Nevada Executive Director for the National Conference of Christians and Jews, conducted the session, which was organiz-ed by North Las Vegas Chief of Police Nicholas Janise. About 50 members of the police, fire and ments nar gram.

After discussing various peculiarities and traits of the many ethnic backgrounds with which public employees must deal, Dr. Rettig utilized several policemen to demonstrate how law enforcement officers may better handle problems where civil rights are involved.

"Police weapons and methods involve more than guns and clubs," Dr. Rettig pointed out. 'They should include basic psychology and common courtesy.'

Cautioning against "generalizing about mi-norities", Dr. Rettig cited the contributions of different racial and nationalistic groups to mo-(see "Dr. RETTIG" page 3)

NEW BAND PRESIDENT -- Marion (Tony) Wright, who has been elected President of Las Vegas High School Wildcat Band for next year, is congratulated by Principal Walter Long (left) and retiring band director A. B. Larson (right).

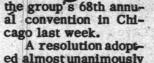
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WEST LAS VEGAS civic and educational leaders have expressed satisfaction and gratitude for the strong stand on civil rights taken by the National Congress of Pa-rents and Teachers at house, built before 1862, and the neigh-horhood suggested the

Georgetown section of Washington to Mrs. Holland. In their remodel-

ing, the Hollands have installed a modern kitchen as well as a dining room on the ground floor, uncovered a brick fireplace in the could afford and one lor, moved a wall to bathroom and installed new heating, wiring and plumbing.

The work is still far from complete, and Mr. Holland comments ruefully that "money is the big problem." The Hollands paid His salary as Mayor 000 for the four- is \$15,000. There has



ed almost unanimously by delegates from all sections of the country called for an end to racial discrimination covering from an

operation.

Relations between the Hollands and their neighbors--Negroes live on one side and whites on the other---have been "the normal ones that exist in a city," the Mayor says. "We don't drop in

on each other for cof-fee," he explains, "but we speak when we meet and everyone en very friendly."

The prospects for the area have brightened with its inclusion in an urban renewal plan, Structurally acceptable buildings will not be demolished. A local businessman recently bought the house four doors from the Hollands and promised to remodel it as a "demonstration."

AS VEGAS the group's 68th annu- in education and job **Racial Stand** opportunity in the strongest terms ever approved by the na-tional PTA. It said:

> some children because of their race or color or creed, suffer injustices and inequality of education oppor-tunities and inequality of work opportunities, and we are compelled by conscience and conviction to right these wrongs through just and peaceful so-

The resolution furour constitutional rantees of human dignity, freedom and op portunity will prevail for all children,"

Another resolution approved by convention delegates said that 'responsibility in spiritual matters properly belongs with the home and church" and urged PTA members "to accept their re-sponsibilities in these matters.

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ther pledged the na-tional PTA to "put forth ever greater effort to assure that