

WHO'S WHO and doing what

By EDDYE K. KIM

IT WAS WORTH IT ALL . . .
That must have been the thoughts of Miss Marjorie Elliott as she attended commencement exercises at Tennessee State College and watched her God-child, Lonnie Sisson, receive his Bachelor of Science degree.

Many of you will recall Lonnie as the boy who yearned to continue his education after graduation from Rancho High School, but was faced by a tough financial problem. That's when Fairy God Mother Marjorie stepped into the picture with a green wand (or should it be "wad"?) and made it possible for Lonnie to attend Tennessee State.



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Marjorie told Lonnie that she didn't expect anything in return except for him to put his knowledge to good use so he could do something for himself. It was Marjorie's way of living her religion as a Christian and we salute her for it. Her generosity should pay her rich dividends of the heart as she sees Lonnie go on to medical school in preparation for a career in dentistry.

MEMBERS of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority gathered at the beautiful home of Mrs. Henry Moore for the presentation of a Certificate of Honor and a scholarship award to John Wesley Johnson, Jr., a recent graduate of Western High School. John, who resides with his parents at 1121 Freeman Ave., plans to attend Arizona Western College at Yuma, where he will prepare for a career in civil engineering.



MORE HONORS--John Wesley Johnson, Jr., (center rear) adds Gamma Phi Delta Sorority scholarship to similar award by Progressive Mixed Bowling League (see page 12) at recent sorority meeting. Participating in award ceremony are (front from left) Mmes. Mabel Hoggard, Thelma Toms, Basileus, and Deborah Moore; (rear from left) Mmes. Marjorie Collins, Edythe Abington, Ruby Garland and Dottie West. (See Who's Who)

IT WAS business intermingled with pleasure for the Mmes. Till Toms, Charles Kellar and Woodrow Wilson as they travelled to Los Angeles for an executive board meeting of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority.

LOVELY Gloria Rome was a guest of honor at the recent installation of officers of the National Council of Jewish Women, an organization she had previously addressed.

THE REV. MARION BENNETT, president of the local chapter of the NAACP, intends to visit his former home in North Carolina following this week's National NAACP Convention in Washington, D.C., which has also attracted localites Stella Fears, Jim Anderson and Bob Mullen. . . It was a joyful surprise when my sister, Mrs. Mary Jordan, planed in from San Francisco to

spend the week end; revealing that our daughter, Jovonna Williams, was in Reno to spend the summer with her dad, Joe Williams. . . Following a honeymoon in Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Knighten are moving into a new home in Continental Village No. 1. The lovely bride hails from New York and was the former Lula Sasser. The groom is on the Culinary Union staff here. . . Another recent wedding saw Marie Daly become the attractive bride of Dr. James B. McMillan at a private ceremony attended by the groom's mother, stepfather and a few close friends.

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for the Negro, Russell said, and "a prime target" in the strengthening of the Negro community's economy is the small businessman, "who can and should play a key role."

Members of the Interracial Council will assist individual Negro businessmen in preparing loan applications. The 14 cooperating banks have assigned specific lending officers to handle these applications.

These banks are: Marine Midland of New York, American, Bankers, Chemical Bank New York, Irving, Manufacturers Hanover, Trade Bank and Trust Companies, Central State, First National City, Israel Discount, Franklin National, Sterling and Chase Manhattan Banks, and the Commercial Bank of North America.

The council will also help the Negro small businessman "find out just what his problems are, and then help him learn to solve them," Russell said.

"Only then can he qualify for a bank loan, and at that point he may find he doesn't really need it," Russell added.

The council also will supply guidance to senior workers who have acquired sufficient knowledge and skill to go into business for themselves.

IT WILL SEEK TO INTEREST young Negroes in undertaking business careers. It has already undertaken a counseling program at Benjamin Franklin High School and plans similar ones in other schools, according to Rockefeller.

"Many young, bright Negroes have been leery of going into business," he said. "We intend to help them recognize the opportunities available."

The council was formed in October, 1963, and has been operating on an experimental basis with help from the staffs of the American Jewish Congress, the Urban League and the New York State Commission for Human Rights.

A grant of \$25,000 from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and promised support from other philanthropic funds, corporations and the Federal Government have enabled the council to begin hiring an administrative staff.

The council has found that only 18 per cent of the retail businesses in Harlem are Negro-owned, and, in the entire city, only a dozen Negro-owned businesses employ more than 10 persons. There are almost no Negro-sponsored manufacturing firms and distributors.

With the assistance of 100 New York City white and Negro businessmen the council intends to compile a list of persons with capital who are interested in going into business with Negro businessmen. It will also seek opportunities for qualified Negroes throughout the city.

The council's temporary office is at 15 East 84th Street, where information can be obtained.

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