

# WHO'S WHO and doing what

By EDDYE K. KIM

## CALIFORNIA'S FIRST NEGRO MAYOR!

We were proud as punch last week to note another important milestone in the progress of Negro Americans when George Carroll, 41-year-old Brooklyn-born attorney, was named Mayor of Richmond, Calif. You can get an idea of Mayor Carroll's achievement from the fact that only about 20 per cent of Richmond's population of 79,800 is colored.

Mayor Carroll probably is the first chief executive of a major American city since Reconstruction days. Of course, some all-Negro towns in the deep South have Negro mayors, but none of them are anywhere near the size of Richmond.

The new mayor was elected to the Richmond City Council in 1961 and became mayor last week through unanimous choice of his eight white colleagues on the council. The councilmen noted that Carroll had been elected on the basis of qualification and merit and all paid tribute to the splendid character and pleasing personality of their new mayor. He will serve for one year with the possibility of reappointment.

Mayor Carroll's selection to head the city government of Richmond is consonant with the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and symbolic of the Negro's move into the mainstream of American socio-political life.

(Interesting sidelight: Mayor Carroll's father came from Richmond, Virginia!)

## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

It was a smorgasbord sort of weekend, with something for everyone to do, eat or drink. Most of the guests were in swim suits and the pool received a big play. Others took to twisting, others just drank. Our spouse, John was kept busy assisting hostess Dottie fry the fish that Dr. West brought back from the lake (?)

The Wests' house guests were Dr. Henry Robinson and Mr. Norman O. Jarvis, members of the Washington, D.C., delegation to the Republican National Convention, Dr. Robinson being vice chairman of the delegation and Mr. Jarvis, a life-long friend of Dr. West, who said he could not go along with Senator Goldwater



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and the Republican platform and led the Negro walkout at San Francisco.

Other out-of-towners present included Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Henderson of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Headley of Washington, D.C. (he is in government work and she is a demonstration teacher), the house guests of Attorney and Mrs. Charles Kellar, and with them, Gretchen Cooper, a teacher from Richmond, Va.

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It was a narrow escape for Mrs. Bob (Ann) Bailey the other day when she pulled her purse off a shelf at their Sugar Hill lounge and dislodged a loaded revolver that went off as it struck the floor and sent a bullet skinning across Ann's thigh. Nothing serious, thank goodness. We wish her and her mother, Mrs. Beatrice Porter, who is ill, speedy recoveries.

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Greetings to Mrs. Missouri Wilson of Lexington, Mo., (where else?) who is visiting her brother, Kermit R. Booker here. Mrs. Wilson is President, no less, of the Laymen's Organization of Zion AME Church in Lexington. She also has held high office in the Women's Missionary Society and the Crusaders.


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All Democratic organizations in Clark County are invited to attend the first birthday celebration of the Las Vegas Democratic Club West in

the Gold Room of the Convention Center on Aug. 14 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a bar, refreshments and music, all for a \$2.50 donation. Call Gwen Weekes at 642-5798 or Mrs. Primas White at 642-4017 for reservations, or you can write in care of P.O. Box 102, Las Vegas, giving name, address and phone number for confirmation. All candidates for public office in attendance will be introduced.



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