

DOOLITTLE OFFICIALS REQUEST COOPERATION

HEY, KIDS! Let's have a little cooperation, huh?

City Recreation Superintendent Keith Macdonald and center directors Joe Haynes and Shirley McDaniel have asked all youngsters using the new Doolittle Pool and Recreation Center to help protect the property.

City officials have warned that vandalism of any kind will not be tolerated. Anyone caught damaging or defacing the property is subject to being barred from the premises permanently.

Parents are urgently requested to caution their children to this effect as they may be held responsible for destruction of public property under certain conditions.

The city has spent, and is continuing to spend, thousands of dollars to make the center an attractive play area. Let's keep it that way, please.

(WHO'S, from page 10)

Vegas City Commissioners Ed Fountain and Ed Levy (with their wives), and County Planning Commission Chairman Ralph Mosa. Assembly aspirant Rev. Leo Johnson was there with his wife, as were the editors of our two local dailies, Robert Brown of the Review-Journal and Bryn Armstrong of the Sun.

Also on hand were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Deethin, Peter Anderson, Atty. Earle White (who told us his wife is visiting her old home in Hawaii with their son), Mr. and Mrs. David Hoggard, Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Knighten (who brought their charming aunt, Mrs. Evelyn Lightfoot, in from Chicago to see the Knightens new Continental Village home and seriously considering the purchase of one for herself), Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Till Toms (who revealed she is flying back to Philadelphia with Mrs. Wilson for the national convention of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority), Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Bullock, Mr. and Mrs. T.R. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Celest Nelson, Bill Saunders, Bob Bailey (who had to

Negro Grocer Reveals Coercion

JACKSON, Miss.--George Washington, unlike his illustrious predecessor of the same name, may not be first in the hearts of his countrymen. But this latter-day George figures he may have moved up from No. 3 to No.1 on the list of "agitators" kept by white leaders in his home town of Canton, Miss.

Washington, a 53-year-old grocer, was one of several Negroes who told a Federal agency of increased pressures from whites since the current rights drive opened in Mississippi.

The Mississippi Advisory Committee to the United States Civil Rights Commission heard the complaint in a small room of the Federal Building here.

Washington, a jolly, bespectacled man, is one of the few Negroes in Madison County who run businesses and own rental property. Canton is a town of 9,000 in an agricultural area 25 miles north of Jackson.

His trouble started, Washington said, when several civil rights workers came to Canton to start a voter-registration drive and he provided housing for them.

HE SAID CITY OFFICIALS had come to him with a written order to turn out the civil rights workers and give their names to authorities. He said they told him that if he refused "we can cut off all your supplies to where you can't get groceries to sell."

"I told them those people pay their rent just like everybody else and I couldn't turn them out," Washington said. "I can't go against my people."

He said his supplies were cut off and he now

hurry home early to his ailing lady, Anna), Mr. and Mrs. Jude Wanniski, the Misses Betty Smith and Patricia Roche, Mrs. Melvin Taylor (up from Los Angeles as our house guest for a few days), Atty. Earl Monsey, Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Todd, Mrs. Lucille Gee (who contributed a bit of opera), Dr. and Mrs. Charles West, Clarence Ray and Mmes. Katherine Andrews, Marion Bennett and George Cook, the latter rushing in at the last minute to greet the newlyweds and say goodnight to her God child, Michael Kellar, who was proud as punch over hitting a home run for his Little League team the night before.

We couldn't fail to mention the delicious refreshments concocted and served by Eunice Lowe and her assistant, Meloney Nash, along with the Kellars' own Florine Dixon, who always

sends to Jackson for his goods.

"First they cut off my gas pump," he said. "The gas man he came out with tears in his eyes. He said he hated to do it but they had put pressure on him."

"The real reason they put pressure on me was I was planning to build a supermarket," Washington said. He explained that Negroes in Canton had been conducting an effective boycott against white merchants. More Negro businesses would make the boycott even more effective.

Washington indicated that he would not go through with building the supermarket because of pressures in the community.

He said white leaders had a list of all the Negroes in town who participated in civil rights activities.

"I SAW THE LIST ONCE and my name was in third place," Washington said, with a laugh. "I guess I will become the No. 1 agitator now."

Washington said he had continued to prosper despite the pressures. He said that he owned more than 25 rental houses and that his grocery store was paid for.

The Advisory Committee has no investigative powers. Its function is hear complaints of racial discrimination, publicize them and advise the commission in Washington of its findings.

Other Madison County witnesses told of economic pressure and harassments by law-enforcement officers. Claude Moore, a farmer, said he was unable to buy parts for his tractors because of his participation in voter-registration drives.

answers the phone so pleasantly.

The day after the Saturday ceremony, Mrs. Odessa Bowman and daughter Marjorie honored the newlyweds and friends at a buffet dinner.

VEGAS VISITORES . . .

Andrew Smith was in from New Orleans to visit his sister, Mrs. Maranne Lowe, who also has been entertaining her granddaughter, pretty Lillian Russell, a senior at Southern College, Houston, Texas, where she is a member of Sigma Theta Sorority. Maranne and Lillian motored to Flagstaff, Ariz., to see home town friends. . . Another recent visitor was your scrivener's son, Ravenald Williams, just out of the Air Force and planning to enter the University of Nevada in Reno in September. Adios.

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