



TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE FRIDAY and all through my bearded house not a creature was stirring; not Megan, not Shay, not Tina, not Louie, the cat, not even me!

Suddenly, I stirred. I sat bolt upright and said to myself, "Myself, don't you know that Hank Henry and the beautiful Lili St Cyr are opening tonight at the Castaways?"

Twas almost 2 and the last show was going at 2:30. With newly gathered strength, I redonned my duds and headed south on the Strip. I entered the packed showroom just in time and sat with Forrest Duke, Joe E. Lewis, Neal Barry and femme, Arturo, Marty (very funny) Allen and several other serious drinkers.

Lili finished her public bath. The last comedy sketch was over and the bows taken. The house was packed and the people there had received their full measure of pleasure.

Twas time for the seminar, a ritual dating back to the old Slipper when Hank, Forrest, Eddie Hanley (who was there, too, and who will open at the T'bird with Monte Proser's edition of the Ziegfeld Follies, Sept. 4) and other assorted sordid characters in addition to your bearded buddy would meet and communicate.

Sir Hank of Henry, pleased with the progress of the evening, and I proceeded to drink, philosophize, drink, talk, drink, communicate, drink, reminisce, drink...

It was 8 in the AM when finally I headed for the JPD abode. My newly arisen children greeted me with, "Gee, you got up early this morning, Daddy." I remained in the car, kissed them each good morning, put it in reverse and headed for the office, (Not in reverse altho I probably could have driven just as well in either direction.)

It seems to me that somewhere in the night I encountered that eminent real estate and otherwise operator, Bob Bailey. I guess a good time was had by all.

I am now at the office and we have had a small flood. Something in the photography studio adjacent has flooded the entire office. I guess I am not hungover. For one thing, I am numb, and for another, you have a hangover upon awakening and I haven't been to bed. I shall somehow get through this day and through this column.

Meanwhile, you have voted; I hope correctly, for your sake and I shall commune with you anon, under better circumstances. I say "better" because they couldn't be much worse this AM.

### First Negro Named to Oakland, Calif., City Council

OAKLAND, Calif.—A career YMCA official has been named the first Negro member of the Oakland City Council.

Joshua Rose, 58, took over the Second District seat vacated by Robert McKeen, a real estate man who recently resigned because he is leaving the city. McKeen recommended that a Negro be named to replace him.

The seven remaining councilmen and Mayor John C. Houlihan selected Rose from a list of more than 15 persons, all Negro, who were being considered for the post.

Rose was nominated by Councilman Fred Maggiora and unanimously approved by the others.

THE NEW COUNCILMAN, who is assistant general secretary of the Oakland YMCA and a senior member of the City Recreation Commission, said he was "overjoyed" by the appointment.

"I am fully aware of the responsibilities that lie ahead," he added.

Mayor Houlihan said it was "a great step forward for the Negro community and for Oakland."

When Rose was named to the Recreation Commission seven years ago, he became the first Negro ever to serve on an Oakland city board.

A native of Lexington, Va., Rose began his work with the YMCA in Montclair, N.J., in 1930. He was transferred to Oakland in 1939 and has lived there ever since.

He is a business administration graduate of the University of Pittsburgh.

EARLIER THIS YEAR he was appointed to a three-year term on the board of trustees of the National Recreation Association.

Rose lives at 856 32nd street with his wife, Virginia. They are the parents of three children.

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