

# WHO'S WHO and doing what

By EDDYE K. KIM

LOOK TO YOUR LAURELS, YOU PROS . . . Professional entertainers on the celebrated Las Vegas Strip face stiff competition from a talented group of "semi-pros" tonight through Saturday, Sept. 12, and again on Sept. 17, 18 and 19 when the local chapter of Young Audiences, Inc., and the Musical Arts Workshop present their production of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein's "Carousel." All the above-mentioned performances are scheduled for the Las Vegas High School Auditorium at 8 p.m., but there will be a Students Matinee available to the younger set on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 3:15 p.m. on the same stage.



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Singing one of the major roles will be the always enjoyable Anthony Thomas, who doubles in brass as choral director and also works with Dr. Paul Harris of the Southern Nevada University faculty and conductor Keith Noon in staging the production.

Mr. Thomas will be remembered as one of the featured artists in last year's production of another big Rodgers and Hammerstein Broadway hit, "Oklahoma", by the same groups. Anthony studied under Walter Decloux at the University of Southern California and is now a music instructor at Robert O. Gibson Junior High School here.

Two faculty members of the Matt Kelly School (also homemakers) are in the chorus. They are Mrs. Willie McGlothen, the mother of two young sons, and Mrs. Ida Perkins, Matt Kelly librarian and a graduate of Louisiana's Grambling College, famous for its track teams. Mrs. Perkins has a 12-year-old son.

Proceeds from the production will benefit both the Musical Arts Workshop and Young Audiences, Inc. The latter group provides free concerts for school children throughout Clark County.

Tickets for the "Carousel" presentations are priced at a very attractive \$2 for the evening showing and \$1 for the Student Matinee. They are on sale at Ronzone's Department Store and the Las Vegas High Auditorium box office from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily.

WEDDING BELLS WILL RING AGAIN . . . Mrs. Patricia Myles (Pat Abington) is tell-

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were made by four Southern governors to give the South more time.

"Give us a little more running room," pleaded Connally. "We have a lot of missionary work to do."

"The three Southern moderates who supported him were Terry Sanford, N.C.; Donald Russell, S.C. and Carl Sanders of Georgia.

"Meanwhile, Florida's delegates were threatening to walk out and were stopped only by an impassioned plea from Sen. George Smathers. Louisiana and Arkansas were unhappy. If the compromise was not accepted, it was predicted that the entire South would leave Atlantic City.

"Three Northern governors also carried weight in the secret meeting: Karl Rolvaag of Minnesota, Harold Hughes of Iowa and Endicott Peabody of Massachusetts, whose mother went to jail as a civil rights demonstrator in St. Augustine, Fla. They too urged that the South be given more time.

"Thus the compromise was finally accepted.

"Mississippi Freedom demonstrators, who had sat in the hot sun all day keeping silent vigil in front of the Convention Hall, stood up when they heard the news. They were bitterly disappointed.

"What they did not know, because they were too young to remember, was that only 30 years ago Ben Davis, the Negro leader of Georgia, had delivered the entire Republican delegation of that State to Hoover for only \$2200, while Perry Howard, the Negro national committeeman for Mississippi, had done the same for a little less. Howard held this office while practicing law in the District of Columbia."

## Dropout Problem Studied

RENO--Definite and purposeful direction of all high school students toward college entrance examinations or an occupation for which the student has aptitude and interest has been recommended as a deterrent to secondary school dropouts in Washoe County.

Retired Reno school administrator Roger Corbett also suggested that specialized instruction to help retarded readers and encouragement of extra-curricular activities would help solve the dropout problem. His recommendations came after a three-month study under a special federal grant.

Corbett said lack of interest and success in studies and social activities accounted for five per cent of all Washoe County high school dropouts. He said the

ing friends she will wed Airman First Class Albert Robinson of Nellis Air Force Base sometime in October. Pat and her husband-to-be, a former resident of Queens, N.Y., have known each other for about a year. Another soon-to-be bride, former Las Vegas Mrs. Grace Moore, and her fiance, Allen L. Jones of Los Angeles, have been the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Fitzgerald. Mr. Fitzgerald is principal of Kit Carson School.

### TRAVELLING TO AND FRO . . .

Mrs. Calvin Shields and her two children, Colleen and Billy, of Los Angeles are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams. . . Mrs. A. J. Harris recently visited her ailing brother in Danville, Ill. . . Mrs. Piccola Dodd Bryant is back from a vacation with her sons at their homes in Stockton, Calif. . . Up for the Labor Day holiday from Los Angeles, is Johnnie Baber and his charming Luraline Perry.

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local dropout rate was somewhat lower than the national average, but followed the national trend of more male dropouts than female.

Prime reasons for high school dropouts were military service and full-time jobs for boys, and pregnancy and early marriage for girls.

Corbett found the critical ages for dropouts to be 16 and 17 when the students are in the second and third year of high school. He said irregular attendance was one of the chief characteristics of the potential dropout. He said owning a car also was a big factor, with the problem of paying for the car and maintaining it apparently of more concern to some students than graduation.

Reading difficulties, however, were cited as being the earliest symptom observed in the potential dropout.

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