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HIGHLAND SCHOOL TEACHER HONORED; CIVIL RIGHTS SEMINAR SATURDAY

WHITE, REID HAILED!

Vegas Leaders First Negroes Ever Admitted to Nevada Bar

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TWO OUTSTANDING CITIZENS of the local Negro community have established an important, new milestone in the progress of their race.

We salute Earle William White Jr. and Robert Leonard Reid, who last week became the first colored persons ever to be admitted to the Nevada Bar. In certifying their right to practice law in this state, the Nevada Supreme Court officially noted that White, 31, and Reid, 36, had graduated from recognized law schools, had passed the State Bar examination with grades of 75 or better and were of high moral character.

Expressions of pride by Nevada Negro leaders in the unprecedented achievements of White and Reid were summed up by Eddie Scott, president of the Reno-Sparks branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who said, "This is a significant step forward for the cause of equality in this state."

White, Assistant Counsel for the Southwest Gas Corp. here, is a candidate for the presidency of the Las Vegas branch of the NAACP at Sunday's (Dec. 13) election meeting scheduled for 3 p.m. at the Kit Carson School.

Reid, local Boys Club organizer and law clerk to the Hon. Roger D. Foley Jr., Chief Judge of the United States District Court for Nevada, is a candidate for the executive committee in Sunday's biennial NAACP election.

A native of New York City, White achieved the second highest overall academic rating in the 94-year history of Howard University Law School, Washington, D.C., graduating magna cum laude (with great praise) in 1963. He had previously received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences from Harpur College, Endicott, N.Y. (1956) before enrolling at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, for a year of additional study.

AS A MEMBER of the U.S. Armed Forces from Aug. 9, 1957 to May 27, 1959, White served as Military Occupational Specialist and Personnel Administrative Specialist, with his principal duty station at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal before his honorable separation from the service.

White was the Deputy Chief Marshal of the memorable 1963 March on Washington, greatest civil rights demonstration in American history. He also served on the Publicity Committee for the March to Protest the Birmingham (Ala.) Bombing in Washington last year.

Prominent in NAACP activities for many years, White was a student delegate to the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Conference of Northern Lawyers, at Columbia Uni- (See B.A., page 15)



NEVADA'S FIRST NEGRO ATTORNEYS--Hon. Roger D. Foley Jr. (center), Chief Judge of United States District Court for Nevada, congratulates Robert L. Reid (left) and Earle W. White Jr. upon their admission to Nevada Bar. Reid and White are first Negroes certified to practice law in Nevada in history of state. (See story this page.)



TRIBUTE--Mrs. E.C. Green (center), retiring president of Matt Kelly PTA, receives mementos in recognition of "tireless and fruitful service" from Mrs. Nancy Snowden, unit treasurer, while Principal John Walker (right) tenders personal thanks. (See story.)

WELCOME Eunice Kennedy Shriver

Four Panel Discussions On New Law

A ONE DAY CIVIL RIGHTS SEMINAR will be conducted at the Hotel Tropicana on Saturday, Dec. 12, with morning and afternoon sessions based upon the central theme of "Equal Opportunity."

Mayor Oran Gragson of Las Vegas is sponsoring the event, which will be hosted by the Southern Nevada Human Relations Commission under the chairmanship of M. William Deutsch. Assisting Mayor Gragson and Deutsch in planning the program is the Rev. Clyde Mathews of Reno, chairman of the United States Civil Rights Commission for Nevada.

The seminar is designed to acquaint the public with problems and opportunities arising from passage of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Key personnel of the U.S. Commission from Washington, D.C., will take part in four panel discussions exploring the subjects of employment, housing, education and interpretation of the Civil Rights Law and its administration.

A 12:15 p.m. luncheon in the Tropicana's Gourmet Room will feature an address by John Field, executive director, Community Relations Commission of the United States Conference of Mayors. Mr. Field also is from Washington, D.C.

An open discussion based on the question, "What Next?", will conclude the seminar.

Acclaim Gilbert Teacher of Month

MARY GILBERT, classroom instructor at Highland Elementary School, received the "Teacher of the Month" award for December from the Las Vegas Rotary Club. Presentation of the award was made at the organization's regular weekly meeting according to Dr. Richard Brown of the Clark County School District, awards chairman.

Mrs. Gilbert has taught 12 years in the District, including primary grades at the Westside School, art at Hyde Park Junior High and second grade at Red Rock School. She has been described by Highland Principal Earl Brunner as a "highly motivated and successful teacher." She is currently associated with the Highland language development program for culturally and educationally disadvantaged children.

Mrs. Gilbert holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Minnesota and has taken additional work at USC, Arizona State, University of Arizona, Nevada Southern and the University of Utah.

She has helped organize field trips for Highland students to Mt. Charleston, the LDS Welfare Farm and to Anderson Dairy. Trips have been followed up with discussion, pictures, and experience charts designed to reinforce the learning situations. More trips are in the planning stages. In addition, each of Mrs. Gilbert's pupils will receive a letter from Santa Claus and already has made ornamental ceramic dishes as Christmas gifts for parents.