

WHO'S WHO and doing what

By EDDYE K. KIM

COCKTAILS AND SMALL TALK . . .
That was quite a party the Mark Twain Life Insurance people tossed at their Golden West Shopping Center headquarters to introduce the West Las Vegas representatives of this fast-growing Nevada concern and "Miss Mark Twain Life," pretty Mildred Guyse.

Special Representative Claire Stinson was a charming hostess for the well-attended affair, ably assisted by her likeable associates, Expansion Director Frank Anderson and Area Coordinator Onward Abington.

As usual, it was impossible to jot down the names of everyone who turned out to wish Claire, Frank and Onward the best of success, but we did manage to catch a glimpse of city commissioners Harry Levy and Ed Fountain (who could miss those two stalwart gentlemen?), Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Gaynes, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kellar, Mr. and Mrs. William Street (up from LA), Mr. and Mrs. George King, Mrs. Frank Anderson (expecting their second child, incidentally), Mrs. Onward Abington, the Williams twins, Gloria and Carol (how do you tell them apart?), Lucille Gee, Claudia Green, Carolyn Duling, Geneva Whitaker, Elizabeth Powell, Albert Rowe Jr., Cornelius Brown (another visitor from LA), Richard Williams, John West (who seemed properly impressed by Miss Mark Twain Life), Ron Dickerson, Michael Weiner, Terry Johnson, the Rev. Marion Bennett, Chuck Miller, Woodrow Wilson and many others.



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You could have caused a small stampede at two other cocktail parties we had the pleasure of "looking in on" the same evening by merely asking, "Is there a doctor in the house?" The first was at the Flamingo Hotel for the American Academy of Oral Pathology, followed by "nightcaps" at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles I. West for several members of the same group. Prominent out-of-town medicos entertained by the Wests included Dr. T. E. Bolden of Heharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., and his charming wife, Dr. Dorothy Farde Bolden, who has her own practice in Montclair, N.J.; Dr. Raymond Hayes, from Washington's Howard University; Dr. Ernest Foster of Los Angeles, and old friends from the San Francisco area, Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Collins (he's on the staff of the University of California at Berkeley).

TEACHER OF THE WEEK . . .

William Earl Wynn is a Special Education teacher at Las Vegas High, but having heard of an experimental program being conducted at the school that has stirred up a lot of favorable comment, we were particularly interested in our Teacher of the Week's involvement in the project.

This program concerns the Delcato Dorman Method for teaching reading and spelling to aphasiacs, persons who suffer impairment of the faculty to use or understand spoken or written language. The value of this method was indelibly impressed on us when Mr. Wynn introduced us to a 17-year-old boy, previously incapable of understanding anything written, who

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WILLIAM EARL WYNN
(See 'Who's Who')

attained a basic reading level after only six months of study under Mr. Wynn.

The method of instruction is rather intricate. It involves painting the student's fingernails different colors to coincide with sets of different colored keys on a special typewriter which the student operates under an overhead projector. Use of this equipment, under proper instruction, makes it not only possible for an aphasiac to learn reading and spelling, but heightens his ability to retain understanding of spoken language. (At least, that's how it sounded to us! For an explanation of this explanation, we'll have to refer you to Mr. Wynn.)

This well-informed and patiently-dedicated teacher was born in Suffolk, Va., the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Wynn. Following graduation from Suffolk's Booker T. Washington High, he majored in biology at North Carolina A. & T. College, Greensboro, where he earned his B.S. degree. He also received the Beta Kappa Chi honorary scientific society award as an undergraduate.

After serving as a biology teacher for one year in Northumberland County, Va., he became a biologist with the Rockefeller Foundation in New York City, meanwhile taking graduate work at the New York University and Hunter College and attending special classes at Yale University. He also taught in the New York City school system en route to his M.S. degree at Columbia University. It was during a three-year tenure at Wyandanch junior and senior highs in the Borough of Queens that he switched to teaching Special Education.

Mr. Wynn joined the Las Vegas High faculty last fall and was elected to the board of the newly organized professional teachers society, Pi Tau Sigma. He holds memberships in the National Association for the Mentally Retarded, the Council for Exceptional Children and is a pledgee to the local chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

While living in New York City, he was ac-



PARTY HOSTS--Everyone had a jolly good time at the cocktail party put on by Mark Twain Life Insurance Co. last weekend and no one enjoyed themselves more than the hosts, pictured above. From left: Claire Stinson, special representative; Onward Abington, area coordinator; Mildred Guyse, "Miss Mark Twain Life," and Frank Anderson, expansion director for the Nevada concern's West Las Vegas headquarters in the Golden West Shopping Center. (See 'Who's Who' column)

tive in the civil rights movement as a member of the local NAACP and CORE organizations.

And if you happen to see this young man carefully inspecting the shoreline at Lake Mead this summer, don't be surprised. He undoubtedly will be trying to add some interesting "inland" specimens to his already sizeable collection of seashells.

MORE SCIENTIFIC "DATA" . . .

This item probably belongs somewhere else in the paper rather than the society page, but we couldn't resist mentioning the excitement aroused among Kit Carson School fifth and sixth graders (and their teachers) when Henry Moore and his Alpha Sigma Chemistry and Physics Club at Western High put on a big "magic show" for the younger kids.

According to Henry's wife, Deborah, who teaches at Kit Carson, it was really quite a "bang" in more ways than one as the Westerners staged a number of demonstrations in basic science that included blowing a lid off a can, turning water into "wine" and frying an egg without fire. (Come to think of it, we can do that last trick right out on the sidewalk on certain sunny days in August hereabouts!)

Actually, Deborah talked her hubby into putting on the show for her youngsters because she tries to teach them to understand the scientific approach to many apparently "mystical" occurrences in everyday life. From what we can gather, Deborah takes every opportunity to encourage the children to use the scientific principle of "observe-question" in dealing with such natural phenomena as why tortoises act the way they do during a cold spell, why budgies fluff up their feathers and why hamsters grow more fur than they need. She finds that stirring little imaginations along these lines not only sharpens intellects but increases vocabularies through casual introductions to words like "dinosaur" and "penicillin."

Just thought you might be interested. We were.

LAST MINUTE REMINDER . . .

We don't want you lovers of good religious music to overlook a truly worthwhile offering next Wednesday, April 14, when Zion Methodist Church observes Ascension Week by presenting Roy Ringwald's "The Song of Easter." Anthony Thomas will direct, with Joan Sykes at the organ. That's all for now. See you next week.

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