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Honored Teacher's Wife Cited, "Evens Score"

Minister Asks Federal Agency To Probe TV Show "Blackout"

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DAMAGE SUITS STUDIED

Rev. Walker Claims Contract Violation, Coercion in Protest

MAKING GOOD on his promise to fight cancellation of his local TV program, as revealed in an exclusive VOICE story last week, the Rev. Prentiss S. Walker has petitioned the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D. C., to investigate the case.

In a preliminary bill of complaint to the federal regulatory agency, the Rev. Walker charged that station KSHO-TV, channel 13, had violated its contract with him by abruptly "blacking out" his weekly panel-type show, "On the Spot," approximately two-thirds of the way through its scheduled half-hour duration on Sunday, April 11.

KSHO-TV later announced it was cancelling additional presentations of the program and it was not shown last Sunday, April 18.

The Rev. Walker claims his contract with the station requires four weeks advance notice in writing before either party to the contract can cancel the show.

The fiery West Las Vegas minister also said he had asked his attorney, Robert L. Reid, to determine if he had grounds for filing damage suits against KSHO-TV or anyone else responsible for forcing his show off the air. Reid told the VOICE this week that he was studying the case, which he said was "somewhat involved."

At the time the show was abruptly "blacked out" two Sundays ago, local attorney Robert Cohen, allegedly was in the midst of bitter attack on the lending policies of a Las Vegas savings and loan company.

IN HIS COMPLAINT to the FCC, the Rev. Walker charged that the station official who ordered the cameras shut off as he was questioning Cohen, told him that an executive of the savings and loan company had phoned KSHO-TV with a threat to cancel the financial institution's substantial advertising account with the station unless "On the Spot" was cut off immediately.

A note of subtle irony was injected into the controversy last week when a motion picture entitled "Picnic" was presented by KSHO-TV in the 2 p.m. slot occupied by "On the Spot" on seven previous Sundays.

"You can bet it was no picnic handling the Rev. Walker's show," a spokesman for the station wryly remarked in confirming that "On the Spot" had been permanently canceled. He (See WALKER, page 14)

Register Kid Ball Players

JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL candidates are invited to attend a registration session at Doolittle Center on Saturday (April 24) at 2 p.m. A baseball film featuring former Brooklyn Dodger great Jackie Robinson will be shown at the meeting. The "sign-up" program is sponsored by the Men's Progressive League.

National LIBRARY WEEK



APRIL 25 - MAY 1

'Operation Independence' Invites Library Inspection

AN INVITATION to visit the Operation Independence Community Library at Concord and Balzar Sts. during National Library Week, April 25-May 1, has been extended to the public by project supervisor Lubertha Johnson.

"Our library offers many interesting and valuable books on a wide range of subjects, along with works of fiction by well-known authors," Mrs. Johnson said. "Special items also will be on display during National Library Week and we cordially invite the public to come in and look us over."



REFERENCE MATERIAL--Walter Chappel, Clark County School District warehouseman, unpacks some 200 National Geographic Magazines donated by Mrs. Raymond Walmsley for reference use by local students. Magazines, some dating back to 1940, will be rebound and placed in libraries of new Valley and Clark high schools when they open next fall. Similar donations will be accepted by school district as part of National Library Week observance from April 26 to May 1. Information may be obtained from Donald Brigham, district librarian, by phoning 736-5410.

Special Recognition For Kelly Instructor In Official Magazine

NOT TO BE OUTDONE by her husband, Claude, Mrs. Stella Parson, a teacher at Matt Kelly Elementary School, is featured in the Clark County School District REPORTER this month as representative of "the best profession of them all--education."

In last week's edition of the VOICE, it was noted that Mr. Parson, an industrial arts teacher at Roy Martin Junior High and president of the Matt Kelly PTA, was conspicuously honored in the current issue of EDUCATOR'S NOTEBOOK, official organ of the Clark County Classroom Teachers Association. He was the only Negro and lone male among seven public school instructors cited as typical of district teachers who "not only can, but do."



No sooner was this story in print than out came the April issue of the REPORTER, official publication of the Clark County School District, with an almost identical citation for Mrs. Parson. Through a remarkable coincidence, she was the only Negro among seven additional local classroom teachers selected to illustrate an article on "The Changing Face of Teaching."

The article is designed to depict the teacher "as capable and eager to face the issues of the day, aware of his own sense of destiny," and helping "to shape the world of tomorrow," through "decision making, self-direction, instructional innovation, civic and social leadership."

Mrs. Parson and the other six teachers featured in the REPORTER article, it was noted, "represent many different grades and subject areas, but they are linked together by a deep-rooted interest in the community's most important natural resource--its children."

Mrs. Parson is quoted in the article as follows:

"Teaching is the greatest profession. There simply isn't a better preparation for young people than this career because it provides many essential tools for later living. I feel that teaching trends in elementary education have tended in recent years to concentrate on the more academically capable students. The prime requisite for both teachers and students, however, is enthusiasm, because no understanding of learning or the learning process can result if a person is not stimulated and motivated. The upgrading of qualifications, quest for advanced degree work and keeping up with and improving upon teaching innovations have been definite assets to the profession in Clark County."

The section devoted to Mrs. Parson notes that she has "many community interests and is a member of the Clark-Valley Zone Parent Advisory Committee."