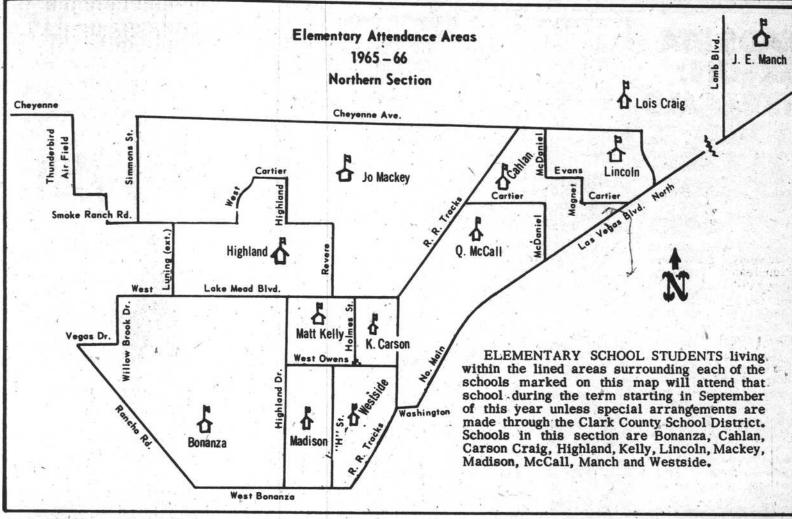
LIQUORS

LIQUORS

2027 N. Revere

W. Bonanza



## **Kellar Finally Gains** State OK to Practice

A LONG LEGAL BATTLE ended last week when Charles L. Kellar became the third Negro in Nevada history to be admitted to the State

Kellar, 54, passed the State bar examination in 1961 but was denied a license to practice law in Nevada on the recommendation of the board of examiners of the State Bar Association. In November of 1962 he petitioned the Nevada Supreme Court to reject that recommendation and the State's highest bench finally granted the request last week by a 2-1 vote. His admission to the Bar followed in a brief oath-administering ceremony performed by District Judge John

According to the Las Vegas REVIEW-JOUR-NAL, the State Bar Association's objections to Kellar were based on his "personal character." The REVIEW-JOURNAL reported that before moving to Las Vegas from New York City in 1960, "Kellar was charged with second-degree perjury and assessing excessive rents in Brook-'The Las Vegas newspaper said, "His corporation pleaded guilty to reduced charges

and paid \$4500 in rent refunds and a fine."

IN A DISSENT to the majority opinion of the State Supreme Court's decision in favor of Kellar, Justice Milton Badt said he could not treat the New York charges against Kellar lightly because they involved "moral turpitude." (The dictionary defines "turpitude" as "shameful depravity, a depraved or shameful act.")

In supporting Kellar's petition to overthrow the Bar Association's refusal to admit him to membership, Justice Gordon Thompson and District Judge Taylor Wines (the latter sitting in for incapacitated Justice Frank McNamee), said the record was cleared when Kellar was given an opportunity to confront the charges in Supreme Court hearing, according to the REVIEW-JOURNAL. It was further alleged that the bar examiners conducted their investigation without giving Kellar a chance to cross-examine his accusers.

In his majority opinion, Judge Wines noted that, "Lawyers and judges with whom he (Kellar) dealt" during his 23 years as a practicing attorney in New York City, "have written letters communicating his professional competence, sense of ethics and civility. His many civil activities while living in New York mark him as a responsible member of his community.

HOWEVER, JUDGE WINES also took occasion to rebuke Kellar for his allegation that the Bar Association's refusal to admit him had been based on racial prejudice.

"We could readily understand and forgive

his impatience with our admission procedures," Judge Wines wrote, "but we have no patience with his precept of the sinister in the conduct MAKE JOBS FOR and conclusions of the board and committee." THE HANDICAPPED Kellar later admitted his charges of racial prejudice were "in poor taste."

YOUR CAST-OFFS GOODWILL WEEK

Owens Ave. at H St. One of Las Vegas' Finest Supper Clubs **Presents Nightly** John Lemon Trio **JOHN LEMON on Sax & Flute** DODGE BELTON on ORGAN ED JONES on DRUMS LIMITED ENGAGEMENT!

NAME IT! ask for \* SCHLITZ \* BURGIE \* FISHER \* LUCKY



J. DAVID HOGGARD

Your Bunker Bros. Representative in West Las Vegas



BUNKER BROTHERS GUARANTEED PRICES INCLUDE 6 COMPLETE SERVICES FOR LESS THAN \$595

UNDER \$200-\$296-\$349-\$379-\$486-\$594

ONE CALL · ONE VISIT · ONE CREDIT ARRANGEMENT ONE CHECK OR PAYMENT PLAN

## BLINKFR



925 LAS VEGAS BOULEVARD NORTH LAS VEGAS TELEPHONE 385-1441

NATIONAL