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Skill Bank Being Organized by Local NAACP

A JOINT MEETING of two sub-committees of a special NAACP group formed to implement the employment compliance section of the Nevada Civil Rights Law of 1965 will be held Saturday, July 24, 6 p.m., at the home of general chairman Joseph Hill, 2300 Revere.

Participating will be a Skill Bank Committee headed by Cranford Crawford and a Fact-Finding Committee chaired by Joseph Neal.

The Skill Bank Committee's main duty will be to conduct a survey of the community and compile a roster of occupational skills available. The Fact-Finding Committee will canvass employment possibilities in the Las Vegas area, with inquiries directed to business and industrial concerns, hotels, unions and employment offices.

Data assembled by the two committees will be cross-filed for ready reference so that Skill Bank registrants can be quickly acquainted with job openings in their particular line of work. It is expected that many persons now "under-employed" in lower paid jobs will be able to use the program to improve their economic condition by moving up to better paying positions for which they are qualified as openings develop.

The program was initiated at an Executive Committee meeting of the local NAACP on July 14, at which time Hill was elected to organize the project. Preliminary plans were outlined at a subsequent meeting held at Hill's home on July 17. Attending were the Messers Henry Davis, Velvet Dickson Jr., Leandrew McDaniel,

James Anderson, Crawford and Neal, and Mrs. Claire Stinson.

"Needless to say, we are faced with a big job," Hill said, "but many hands make any task easier. The community at large can help by seeing that all available skills are registered with Mr. Crawford's committee, providing information on job openings to Mr. Neal's committee and offering any other assistance possible to both groups. Cooperation of the local clergy is particularly requested."

Crawford can be reached at 408 Rossmoyne Ave., telephone 642-7142, according to Hill. He said that all NAACP members able to volunteer their services toward making the program a success are invited to attend Saturday's meeting at his home.

Hoggard, Anderson in Running For Top State Civil Rights Job

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Equal Rights Board Eyes Local Negroes For Executive Berth

TWO PROMINENT LOCAL NEGROES are being seriously considered for the important position of Executive Director of the Nevada Commission on Equal Rights of Citizens.

J. David Hoggard Sr. and James Anderson, both active in the civil rights movement, reportedly are top candidates for the key post that will pay between \$8,500 and \$9,880 annually. Both have been interviewed by the commission, which is headed by William (Bob) Bailey, also of West Las Vegas and the only Negro on the five-member group that is empowered to enforce the state civil rights law enacted by the 1965 legislature.

Hoggard, long-time local businessman, school district officer and Las Vegas NAACP official, is at present associated with Bunker Brothers Mortuary. His wife, Mabel, first Negro school teacher employed in Nevada, has

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J. D. HOGGARD SR.



JAMES ANDERSON

just been appointed head of the child enrichment program for the Operation Independence day care center in Vegas Heights. The Hoggards have three sons.

Anderson is a public relations man who serves as chairman of the Labor and Industry Committee of the local NAACP. He has been active as a lobbyist for civil rights legislation in Carson City. His wife, Helen, has been named principal of Kit Carson School effective Aug. 16. They were married here last August.

The equal rights commission is expected to announce its choice for executive director in the near future, possibly following a meeting to be held in Las Vegas this Saturday morning, July 24. Other commissioners in addition to Bailey are John Mendoza and George Rudiak of Las Vegas, James Hulse of Reno and Mrs. Helen Whitacre of Yerington. An informal organization meeting was held here on July 15 with all members of the commission except Hulse in attendance.

A commission office will be located in the State Building here, 215 East Bonanza Rd., where the executive director will advise citizens on various facets of state and federal civil rights legislation, receive complaints, initiate investigations and keep commission files.

WAR-ON-POVERTY AGENCY EXPANDS

ALL CIVIC AND SERVICE organizations in the West Las Vegas area not represented on the Operation Independence executive board are urged to select a representative who will attend the board's next meeting on Aug. 4.

The recently incorporated anti-poverty agency's directors meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Operation Independence headquarters, 1165 Balzar St. Mrs. Johnson, chief executive of the federally-endowed Westside improvement group, said Operation Independence is anxious to expand its board to include all segments of the community. "Our board of directors, headed by Attorney Robert L. Reid and Highland School principal Earl Brunner, cannot be fully effective unless it reflects all shades of opinion as to how we can best utilize our resources and facilities," Mrs. Johnson said.

"Operation Independence has now entered a new phase of broadened activity," she continued. "We are moving ahead with plans to establish local programs to provide jobs and job-training for our unemployed and thereby eliminate dependence on public welfare agencies.

"These projects will be conducted simultaneously with our day child care center and community library programs, which also are being enlarged. Mrs. Myrtle Banks will continue to supervise child care services and Mrs. Mabel Hoggard is in charge of a new instructional program at the child care center similar to Project Head Start, which we call Operation Early Birds," Mrs. Johnson said.

REGARDED AS ONE of the most dedicated primary teachers in Clark County, Mrs. Hoggard was born in Pueblo, Colo., where she received her elementary and secondary education. She attended Tennessee A.&I. State University and earned her Bachelor Degree at West Virginia State College before doing graduate work at the University of Chicago, West Virginia State and Nevada Southern.

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One Way to Beat Slots

No Laughing Matter: A look of utter disgust rings the face of singer Jackie Wilson as he sits on ransacked safe in his New York apartment that once contained his coin collection. Unknown culprits also raided his slot machine and made off with six gold records given him in recognition of each of his recordings that sold a million.



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