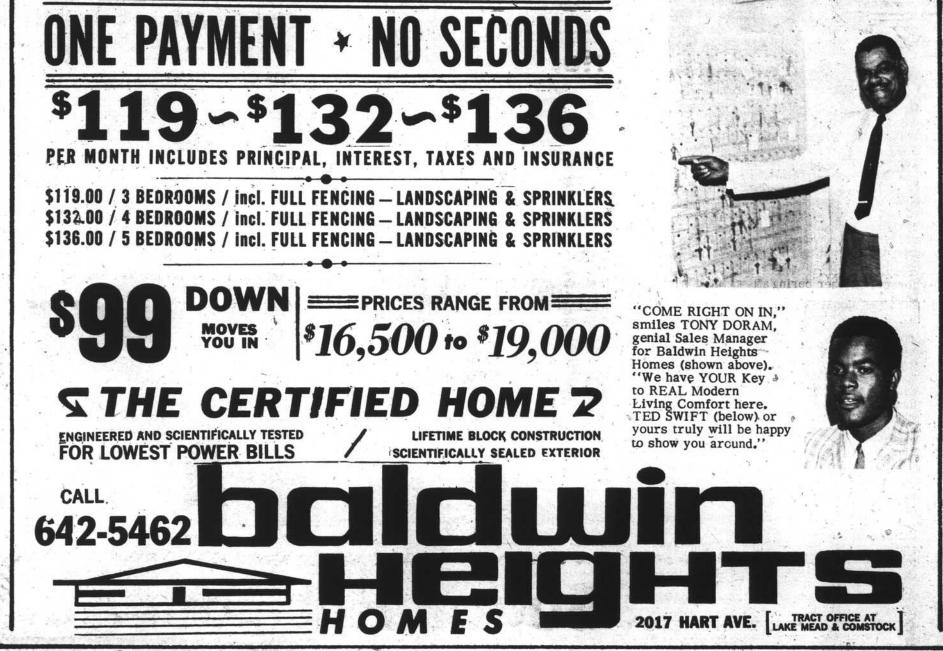
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and its causes, acquainting Negroes with their basic rights as human beings and under the law, and working for new and stronger laws in those areas where colored people are still deprived of equal opportunity.

of equal opportunity. "THIS IS ALL SPELLED OUT in our constitution, drawn up a year ago," he continued, handing the VOICE reporter a copy of the constitution. "You will note that none of these objectives is stressed more than another. We consider them all important. And you can see for yourself that our political action program is an educational program, based on unified and cooperative effort within the whole community. Nowhere is it suggested that we should attempt to take over control of the community political structure, whatever that means. And you won't find any reference to political parties in our constitution because we are a non-partisan organization--and we do not intend to endorse candidates for public office. I cannot understand why the Prometheus Circle should 'disturb' anyone," he concluded.

Harris hesitated to comment on other ridiculous statements made by the would-be political pundit in his column of last Sunday, but finally admitted a charge that, "The 'Old Guard' made up of Bob'Bailey, James Anderson, Dr. Charles West, Charles Kellar and J. David Hoggard has repeatedly beaten off attempts by the 'Young Lions' to offer a new voice for the Westside," looked like a deliberate effort to create political dissension in the colored community.

Harris agreed that Dr. West, for one, has fostered and encouraged increased political and civic activity among the young adults of West Las Vegas through his editorials in the VOICE and prominent placement of stories dealing with young citizens who have become involved in politics.

A FURTHER ATTEMPT to split the political solidarity of the Westside was detected in a statement by the "political expert" that, "During recent months, these 'Old Guardsmen' one by one have pledged loyalty to Gov. Grant Sawyer. To some degree, this has not pleased backers of Democratic Sen. Howard Cannon. The founder of Prometheus Circle, which now boasts 150 members, is a young man now attending law

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school under Cannon's patronage. Perhaps some surprises and conflicts are on the way."

This hogwash revived strong suspicions that its author is shilling for Lt. Gov. Paul Laxalt in the Republican candidate's bid for the governorship and using his column in the local daily to undermine Gov. Sawyer and the Democratic Party in this state whenever the opportunity presents itself. Competant political observors, however, predict that if Sawyer decides to go for another term, he will overwhelm Laxalt on the Westside by an even greater margin than the shellacking Cannon handed the Lt. Governor in last November's senatorial contest here.

An indication of how little credence can be placed in the polluted pap dished out in the column headed "Politically Speaking" may be gathered from two misstatements appearing in the material quoted two paragraphs above.

Asked if it was true that the Prometheus Circle "now boasts 150 members," Harris smiled and replied, "Knock that 1' off and you'll be a lot closer to it." He further revealed that Bob Archie, whom he identified as "the young man now attending law school under Cannon's patronage" (at Washington's Howard University) could in no way be considered "the founder" of the Prometheus Circle all by his lonesome. "BOB WAS JUST ONE of several persons,

"BOB WAS JUST ONE of several persons, including Larry Powell, a city fireman, and Willie Johnson, now studying architectural engineering at the University of Oregon, who helped us organize the Circle," Harris said. Harris and Vice President Monroe Williams

Harris and Vice President Monroe Williams also are city firemen, while Secretary Shirley Satterfield teaches at Jo Mackey School and Treasurer Brenda Williams, fittingly enough, is a teller at the 3rd and Fremont Sts. branch of the First National Bank of Nevada.

Now 25, Harris is a graduate of Las Vegas High School who majored in commercial art at the University of Nevada in Reno before being called into the service. He served two years in Aircraft Logs and Records with the famed Fighting Squadron of Naval Aviation.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Prometheus Circle will be announced in next week's VOICE.

