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interjected to ask if all students have an equal opportunity to participate in all extra-curricular activities.

A white boy said he thought "they all have the same opportunity. I have found no discrim-

ination (at a local high school) in any club or anything else provided a student has a 'C' average. Too many Negroes seem to feel beaten before they even start."

Mrs. Johnson then asked why there have been no Negro members of the Las Vegas High School girls' drill team--the Rhythmettes--for over 10 years.

A white girl member of the Rhythmettes replied, "To my knowledge only one has tried for four years and she did not measure up in grades and ability."

A Negro girl said, "I know a colored girl who has tried every year for three years and she was turned down each time."

The white girl countered with, "I tried for two years and didn't make it."

A white boy suggested that local secondary schools should have interracial committees composed of students "to look into any gripes by students."

Council chairman Robert E. Jones asked the panel if it thought integration in the local school system should start in elementary school. The eight teenagers were unanimously agreed that integration should "start early... kindergarten... the earlier the better."

The panel was comprised of Las Vegas High students. Colored participants were LaVerne Sloan, a sophomore who attended schools in Detroit, Reno and Hawthorne, Nev., before coming to West Las Vegas; Gwen Holmes, a sophomore member of the Choralettes who came here from Vidalia, La.; Lee Bolden, star senior quarterback on the Wildcat football team, and Jerry Rabb, a senior member of the school a cappella choir. White panelists were Candy Anderson, the Rhythmette, a junior; Joannie Anderson, a senior Varsity Cheerleader and Girls State participant who came to Las Vegas from Salt Lake City; Ray Pike, student body president, state champion debater and member of the Senior Honor Society who also received his primary school education in Salt Lake City, and Pete Woodruff, another honor student and all-around athlete.

DR. LELAND NEWCOMER, superintendent of schools, remarked that the discussion showed the Planning Council faces "some critical problems and decisions" in the area of integration. Suggesting that the council continue its "studies

and orientation" before framing any recommendations to the county board of school trustees and his administration, Dr. Newcomer said the major problems, as he sees them, are:

1. Determining an equitable and mutually satisfactory method to eliminate de facto segregation in the local school system. ("Various groups and persons concerned with integration appear to be working at cross-purposes. It is unlikely that any decision reached by school authorities will be entirely acceptable to all parties involved.")

2. Determining the school district's responsibility--financially, socially, politically and educationally--in effecting integration.

3. Determining whether there should be more interzone bussing or less.

4. Determining whether white students should be bussed to Westside elementary schools.

5. Determining whether more schools should be built on the Westside.

Pointing out that Clark County schools already are effectively integrated from grade 7 through 12, Dr. Newcomer said school authorities accept the fact that de facto segregation and the existence of a ghetto-like situation in West Las Vegas deprive some elementary school children of equal educational opportunities. He said there are compensating programs to remedy this inequity and that the school board is willing to work with other groups to effect a remedy, but is limited by the "demands" of a majority of the people living in the county.

Money is an ever-increasing problem, Newcomer said, and the cost of integration is the toughest problem facing the school board. He said the school district should not be burdened with the entire problem, nor blamed for all the difficulties that stand in the way of a satisfactory solution.

Las Vegas NAACP president Rev. M. D. Bennett requested that a joint meeting of interested agencies be called for Nov. 1 to discuss matters with an expert on education from national NAACP headquarters who will be in Las Vegas on that date.

Chairman Jones suggested that council members volunteer for future discussion assignments. He said he was particularly interested in the bussing problem and would like to have the matter thoroughly examined.

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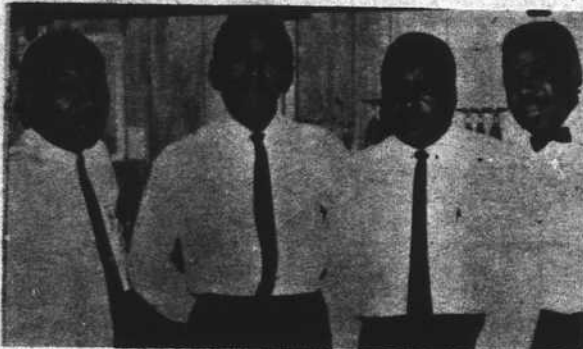
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