

from the CAPITOL

By GOV. GRANT SAWYER



Nevadans have become increasingly aware of conservation problems in the past few years. For the first time in our 100-year history, the people of the state are recognizing that although we have seemingly unlimited space in Nevada, we must act speedily and decisively if we are to save the areas most desirable for parks and recreation areas.

THE BEST EXAMPLE at hand is seen at Lake Tahoe. Had we not moved when we did three years ago to formulate plans for a State Park on the northeast shore of the lake, we would have, without question, lost the opportunity to acquire the priceless lands there for public use. Backing the drive for a Lake Tahoe Park were dozens of alert and energetic citizens, mainly from the Reno-Carson City area, who banded together to actively work for the realization of the park. Our success has been due in large part to their efforts.

Recently in southern Nevada a similar group sprang into action to achieve a similar goal--to speed the establishment of a park and interpretive center in beautiful Red Rock Canyon which is located but a short distance from the city of Las Vegas.

FROM EVERY INDICATION, it is likely that the campaign launched by the southern Nevada group will prove effective. The group is large, consisting of nearly 100 prominent citizens of Clark County. Further, it is supported by several organizations whose roots go deep into the community--the League of Women Voters, the Sierra Club and others.

I recently received a letter from the chairman of the group, Edward J. Austin, with which was a copy of the set of recommendations they had prepared for the State Park Commission. I was impressed by this report. Extremely well-written and thorough in its approach to the problem, the report urges the creation of a State Park at Red Rock and the formulation of plans for an interpretive center which would be the park's main feature. This building would house exhibits depicting the geological and archeological aspects of the area, and from it visitors would be able to take walks along a series of nature trails, and to visit an arboretum or botanical garden which the southern Nevada group believes would be a popular addition to the park. Obviously much hard work and careful planning went into the proposal, including recommendations for land acquisition, financing, and a staff which would include a resident archeologist. It is, all in all, a very impressive job.

I notified the group a few days ago that on the state level here in Carson City we would do everything possible to speed the realization of the project. I have long approved the idea of a park at Red Rock, and a recommendation that the area be developed was made in the Master Plan issued by the Division of State Parks last fall. Many problems still need to be resolved before the park can become a reality, beginning with the fact that the land belongs to the Bureau of Land Management; but because of the well-organized drive launched by the southern Nevada group, our park officials here are giving priority to the preparation of a feasibility study which will tell us how the necessary steps are to be taken. It is important, in developing this park, that it be coordinated with the overall state park and recreation picture outlined in the Master Plan.

THE ACTION TAKEN by this alert group of southern Nevada citizens is an excellent example of democracy in action at the grass roots level. Thanks to the initiative they have shown, more people than ever before in Clark County have become aware of conservation matters and encouraged to lend their support not only to the Red Rock project, but also to county park planning and the expansion of the state's entire park program. This is a timely and commendable effort on their part, for only when we have the enthusiasm and backing of the average John Citizen can we expect to obtain the parks and recreation areas we must have for our rapidly growing population.

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opportunities?"

Before a spellbound and hushed crowd, Chief Warren paused and said "We believe that it does." The decision was unanimous: 9-0.

THE MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT

On the unseasonably hot day of December 1, 1955, Mrs. Rosa Parks, a Negro seamstress, refused to give up her seat to a white on a Montgomery, Alabama bus.

For this, she was arrested, and local Montgomery leaders called a one-day bus boycott in protest--The boycott grew into a movement, and marked the beginning of what has been termed "The Negro Revolt". From it, also emerged the leader of non-violent direct action, the Reverend Martin Luther King, and the beginning of the "sit-in" age.

THE LITTLE ROCK CRISIS

For the first time since the Reconstruction Era, Federal troops were used to support and defend the rights of Negroes when President Eisenhower ordered troops to the Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas where the Arkansas National Guard and a howling, derisive mob had prevented the enrollment of 9 Negro children.

At 9:45 a.m. on September 25, 1957, soldiers with drawn bayonets escorted six Negro girls and three Negro boys into Little Rock's Central High School.

THE CIVIL AND VOTING RIGHTS BILLS

On June 11, 1963, the late President John F. Kennedy, in a television address to the nation considered the most important document about the Negro ever delivered by a President said, "I am, therefore, asking the Congress to enact legislation giving all Americans the right to be served in facilities that are open to the public--hotels, restaurants, theaters, retail stores and similar establishments".

An assassin's bullet felled President Kennedy before his Civil Rights Bill was enacted.

His successor, President Lyndon B. Johnson, with the zeal, determination, and political know-how that is the mark of the man, fulfilled Kennedy's dream, and pushed through the Congress both the 1964 Civil Rights Bill and the 1965 Voting Rights Bill.

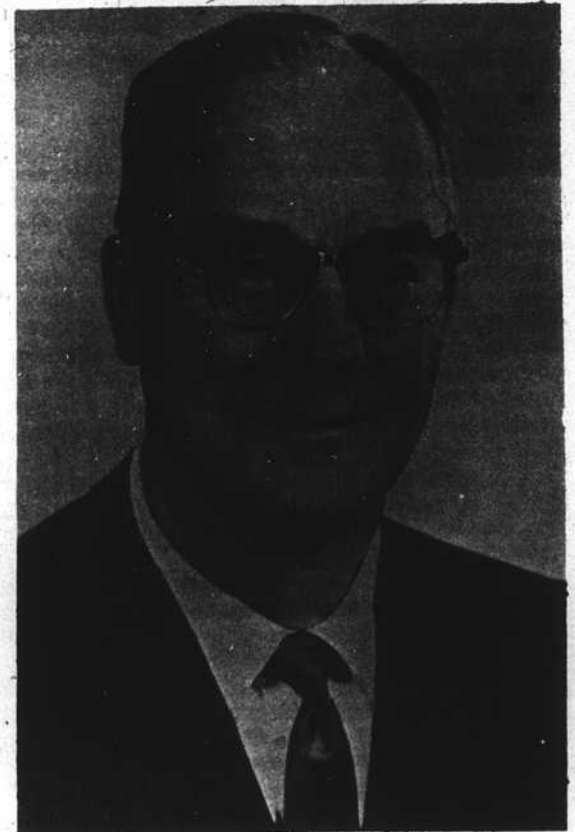
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Del Webb To Be Guest Speaker At NCCJ Dinner



DEL E. WEBB, President and Chairman of the Board of the nationally known building firm which bears his name, will be the guest speaker for the Annual Brotherhood Dinner of the National Conference Of Christians And Jews, Clark County Chapter. The event will be held in the Convention Hall of the Mint Hotel on Monday, February 21, 1966 at 7:30 p.m.

"Sportsmanship In Human Relations" is the subject chosen by Del Webb.

Dr. R. Guild Gray, Brotherhood Week Chairman will present awards to the recipients, District Judge John C. Mowbray, Dr. Charles I. West, and E. Parry Thomas. A state NCCJ award will be presented to Jerome D. Mack. Harold Wandesforde, Clark County Director, will lead the salute to the flag.

Those planning to attend are urged to forward their reservations right away to NCCJ, 2140 Paradise Road, or call 735-8585, according to Ray Culley, Clark County NCCJ General Chairman. Cost of the non-profit dinner is \$7.50 per person.

Rabbi Aaron Gold, Temple Beth-Sholom will deliver the invocation and The Rev. Father Caesar J. Caviglia, St. Anne's Catholic Church, will deliver the benediction.

Adult Education
 ADULTS 18 years old and older may register February 22 between 7 and 10 p.m. for the Spring Semester for classes in Basic Adult Education, according to H.P. Fitzgerald, coordinator for the classes sponsored by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, Title II-B. Classes and tuition are free to the students.
 More than 140 students will receive completion certificates at tonight's ceremonies at the school for classes taken between Nov. 1, 1965 and Feb. 17, 1966.
 Classes in Basic Modern Math are scheduled to begin Feb. 22 at Jo Mackey School under the same Opportunity Act Program. Registration is open to all adults over 18 and these classes are also free to the students.

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