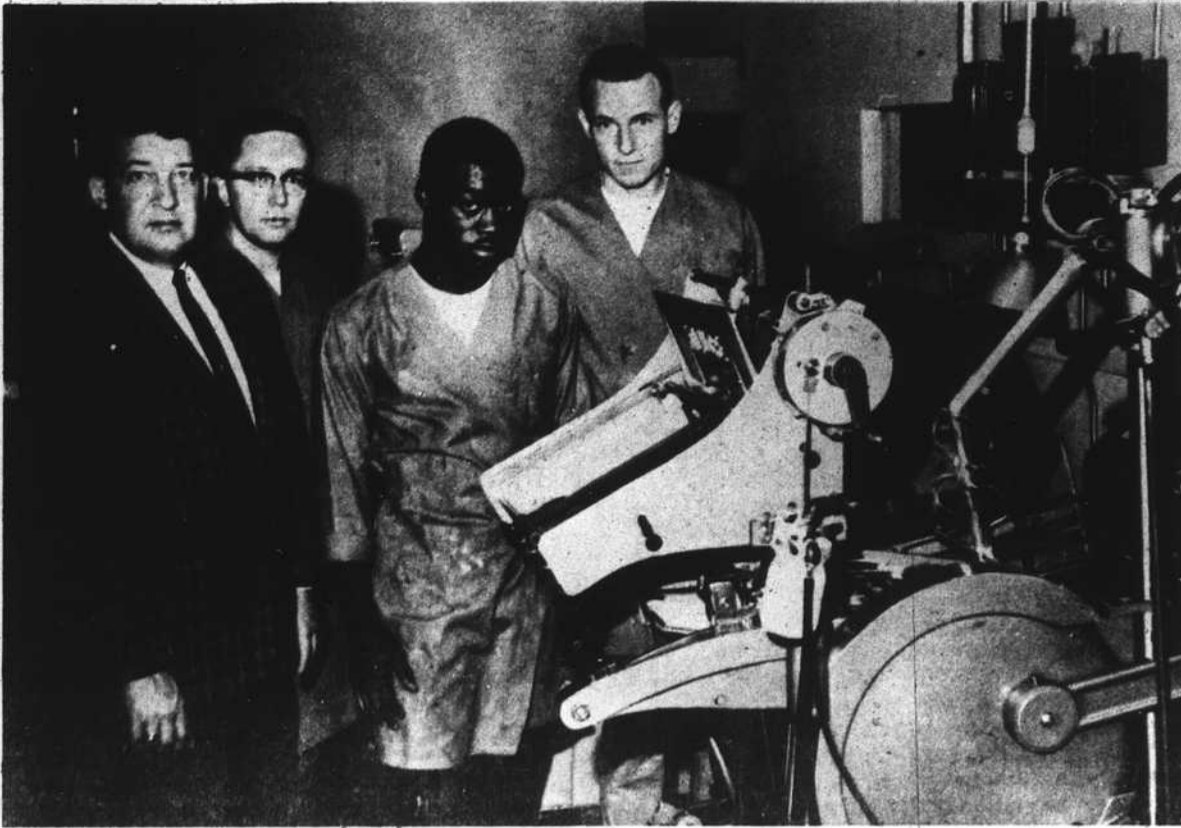


APPRENTICE PRESSMAN UNDER OJT PROGRAM



ONE OF THE FIRST young men to be advantaged by the recently activated Clark County On-Job Training Opportunity Council, a Federal program operating under the Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, is Curtis Crockett (third from left) who was photographed on his first day as an apprentice pressman at Marc Wilkinson's Printing Company.

Wilkinson had requested a Negro trainee and Crockett was placed on the job under the Machinists Union sponsorship--Shown with Crockett who is the sole support of his widowed mother and five other children, (from left) is Wilbur Hardy, Clark County OJT Opportunity Council Staff Director; Pete Peterson, a Wilkinson supervisor; Crockett and Richard G. Swain, Wilkinson Instructor.

The Feeling is Mutual, Congressman Baring

REPORTS OF A NEGRO delegate to the State Democratic Convention being given the "bum's rush" from a cocktail party of Rep. Walter S. Baring during the recent Demo confab at Winnemucca was taken in stride here in Las Vegas.

Delegate Joe Williams, Reno realtor and a member of the State Parole Board who had campaigned for Baring's election in 1952 was forcibly ejected from the Congressman's party at a Winnemucca motel.

Williams, who enjoys great popularity in Democratic circles, said he had been questioning Baring on his position on civil rights. Charles Bell, personal aide to the Congressman said Williams had become obnoxious and that "he was forced to put him out".

In a non-drinking episode, another "incident" occurred involving the Congressman's aide, Bell, and another Negro delegate, Bobby Johnson, a delegate from Las Vegas entered Baring's Headquarters and selected campaign material. He was followed out by Bell who demanded that Johnson return the literature. Johnson replied that he would "after the fight".

Here in the VOICE office it was recalled that last February when state and municipal governmental heads responded to the VOICE request for official acknowledgment of Negro History Week, the only lack of response came from Congressman Baring's office.

Like the song says, "And the days grow dark 'til we reach September or "You we will fix in '66.

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WAR ON POVERTY

By Alice Key

Eager as I am to relate the story of Operation Independence; its conception, initiation, and development, again the unfolding of that heart-warming saga must be deferred, in deference to the wishes of those readers who want to know, and have every right to know, how much "Poverty" money has been allotted to Clark County, and how it has been expended.

THAT INFORMATION can be easily obtained from the Clark County Economic Opportunity Board's office in its compiled report of the "First Nine Months" Operation Summary of Projects".

The following is a verbatim copy of that report.

PROJECTS COMPLETED

1. PROGRAM AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT Applied for by "Operation Opportunities--Clark County", the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County, in October, 1964, and resubmitted in December. Provides for Executive, a Program Coordinator, two Secretaries, and consultants' help for six months. Award announced March 5; funds available April 9, 1965. Office opened April 5. Expired August 31, 1965. Four persons employed. FEDERAL FUNDS: \$23,114
2. DAY CARE SERVICES CENTER Administered by "Operation Independence", it provides day care, child enrichment, and parent education programs. Project submitted for six months, to December 31, 1965. 16 persons employed. FEDERAL FUNDS: \$48,562
3. PROJECT HEAD START Submitted by Clark County School District April 15, 1965, it provided for a seven-week kindergarten program for 361 disadvantaged children expected to attend school for the first time September, 1965. Eight public school sites were used, staffed by a specially-trained teacher, a teacher's aide, a volunteer, a Neighborhood Youth Corp enrollee for each unit of 15 children, on a part-time basis for one 3-1/2 hour daily session. Health examination provided. Had director, parent

program director, assistant parent program director, three social workers, registered nurse, volunteer coordinator director, four part-time site directors. 36 persons employed from the neighborhoods, plus 33 NYC enrollees. FEDERAL FUNDS: \$53,571

4. NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS - IN SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM Submitted by Clark County School District for in-school youth, provides work stations for 120 enrollees between 16 and 21 years. Funded April, 1965. 650 enrollees employed. 5 staff positions. FEDERAL FUNDS: \$32,227

5. NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS OUT OF SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM Submitted through Economic Opportunity Board as prime contractor, with sub contractors to the cities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, the County of Clark, United Fund, Operation Independence. Provided jobs for 14 weeks for over 500 enrollees between the ages of 16 and 21. Includes counseling, guidance, for out-of-school youth, to encourage further education, vocational training or a better job and follow-up where possible. Provides 10-hour class "How to Get a Job and Keep It" for each enrollee. 739 youth employed, 6 staff persons. Initial evaluation has shown that there have been 300 enrollees programmed back into school, 116 job development contacts with 150 probable openings, and over 100 enrollee placements into regular jobs. FEDERAL FUNDS: \$205,367

PROJECTS PRESENTLY FUNDED AND ONGOING

1. VISTA VOLUNTEER Applied for by Nevada Tuberculosis and Health Association in October, 1964, for "Operation Independence", resubmitted in December. Provides for 10 VISTA Volunteers for serving in Operation Independence day care center, library, in youth and school dropout programs, in commun-

ity improvement programs. Currently serve in the above programs and assist with certain classes in public schools, in after-school programs. Have helped in maintenance and equipping of day care centers. Nine presently in service. Funded March, 1965. FEDERAL FUNDS: \$36,571

2. DAY CARE SERVICES CENTER

CONTINUATION Started January 1, 1966, with permission from OEO to use carry-over funds until new grant award is made. Three centers are in operation with over 100 children in daily attendance. New program provides for increased enrollment, health program, strengthened teaching program for children under Project Head Start criteria, more equipment, health program, and teaching tools. Support furnished by VISTA Volunteers and NYC enrollees. 16 persons employed (to be increased at time of grant award to 23 employees.) OEO criteria for costs are \$1000 - \$1400 per year per child. These costs are below \$1000 per child per year. FEDERAL FUNDS: \$96,516

3. PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH COMPONENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS

Submitted by the Economic Opportunity Board, provides general physical examination prior to job placement for NYC enrollees; psychological evaluations and consultations for an anticipated 20% of all enrollees which will be Youth Opportunity Center counselor referrals. Submitted May 7, 1965. Granted October 5, 1965. 43 physical examinations; psychological evaluation services to 26 youth to date. FEDERAL FUNDS: \$5,000

4. NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS IN-SCHOOL AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL WINTER AND SPRING PROGRAM Jointly sponsored by the Economic Opportunity Board and the Clark County School District, has 300 work stations in over

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