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KERMIT BOOKER MOURNED



Kermit R. Booker, Sr.

Scores of grieving Las Vegans gathered at Zion Methodist Church, Monday afternoon to pay final tribute to Kermit R. Booker, Sr., one of the city's most respected civic and community leaders.

Reverend Marlon D. Bennett, pastor of Zion Methodist Church, where Mr. Booker had been an active member serving as Sunday School superintendent, M.Y.F. advisor, and on the official Board until his health began to fail, officiated at the solemn final rites.

The Las Vegas Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity of which Mr. Booker was Polemarch served as active Pallbearers; Honorary Pallbearers were the Trailblazers of which he was also a member, and the Boulder Dam Council of the Boy Scouts of America with whom he had given faithful and unswerving dedication represented the Honor Guard at the funeral services.

Kermit Roosevelt Booker was born in Lexington, Missouri, January 25, 1906 and was married to Ethel Louise Carter, whom he met while both were attending Lincoln University, October 4, 1930. From this union, which lasted until his death, two sons were born: Kermit R. Booker, Jr., and Jerald Payne Booker.

Mr. Booker was a teacher by vocation; his avocation was the community in which he resided. He graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree from Lincoln University. He later attended Atlanta University, Iowa University, and Kansas University where he received his master's degree.

The Booker family moved to Las Vegas from Kansas in 1955 and Mr. Booker taught at Madison School until illness forced him to leave. He had been teaching at the Clark County Juvenile Home for the past four years.

Kermit Booker, Sr., passed on the morning of October 5. Following funeral services, Monday, at Zion Methodist Church, Graveside Service was conducted by Saint Mark Chapter No. 15, Prince Hall Affiliation, at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Keynotes

Historians of future generations (if the world we live in, permits existence of sufficient generations) will unquestionably chronicle the regime of Adolph Hitler and the Third Reich as history's inexplicable and confounding era that one nation systematically slaughtered six million human beings who were residents of that nation while other nations of the world 'minded their business'.

IT SHOULD BE remembered that in the "Nuremberg Trials" best seller (and later in the motion picture), an endless parade of trial-witnesses testified over and over again that "they didn't know what was happening".

Now, I'm just not about going to let you get away with that here. Those of us who rightfully and wrathfully expressed indignation at the showing of the John Birch Film "Anarchy, USA" to deputy sheriffs of Clark County, recently, received much criticism for our attitude--Even harsher than criticism--someone called the VOICE to ask why we showed pictures of 'those communists' when we ran photos of Anti-Defamation League members, subsequently.

NOT ONLY did Las Vegas criticize us for exercising good judgment in the best interests of the people of this city, this county, this state, and this nation, they poured into Convention Center some 1100 strong to view a public showing of it; one that was openly sponsored by the John Birch Society with out-of-town Birch organizers present to address the crowd.

So you've opened the door, and the vermin are working here, hidden, but en masse. The American Nazi Party is recruiting in Las Vegas with flyers being placed in parked automobiles which clarifies (their version) of the distinction between the American Nazi Party's "National Socialism" philosophy and Communism. This we do not offer a copy of this week... It is here in the office on display for any interested person (who has not yet picked one up in their car), and we will reproduce it next week.

This week we offer you the kind of literature attached to their flyer which, upon reading, made me run to the bathroom to vomit... It speaks for itself. On page 4 is the other "cute" piece that goes with it.

Remember Gillette's old commercial statement "You'd Better Check"? It is more than indicated that Nevadans check--and check thoroughly.

The timing is more than passing strange. a.k.

FIRE DEPT. INSPECTOR

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK '66 will be memorable in the state of Nevada's statistics (this time on a hopeful note).

Larry Powell's promotion to Fire Prevention Inspector marks the first time a Negro has attained such a position in the Las Vegas Fire Department and, of course, in the State. In fact, Fire Departments throughout the state have been singularly pure from integration. Monroe Williams, Station #1, C Platoon; Otis Harris, Station #5, A Platoon, Charles Whitaker, Station #4, A Platoon, and our new Fire Inspector Pl. with his wife and (all of LVFD) are reportedly the only Negro Firemen in the State. Las Vegas since 1959.



Powell, a native of Salt Lake City, is 27 years old; married, and resides at 2720 Joust with his wife and three youngsters. He has been a resident of Las Vegas since 1959.

Name Council Appointees

The Fair Practice and Training Council, Inc. announces the appointment of two West Side Las Vegas citizens to its staff this week, according to a statement from Thomas Fair Neblett, President of the Council.

Appointed as Director of Community Relations was Franklin Anderson, young financial counselor. His assistant will be Mrs. Lufu White, long time Las Vegas resident and presently employed as Insurance Verifier of Hospitalization, Culinary and Bartenders Local No. 226 and 165.

Nicholas N. Podar, former hotel-restaurant manager and owner, is the Director of the project which is designed to train the hard-core unemployed in service occupations for the hotel industry.

The program, which began March 11, 1966, is one of several throughout the West Coast administered by the Fair Practice and Training Council, a non-profit organization funded by the U.S. Department of Labor through the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. Morris Skinner, Regional Director of the Bureau, is represented

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This ticket entitles One Nigger to:

- 1 Free trip to Africa on a Luxury Liner with plenty of pumps. Boat is shaped like Cadillac with fins!
- 2 All the bananas and choice cuts of missionary desired. NAACP members may sit up front!
- 3 Barrel of axle-grease for hair. Delicately scented with nigger sweat. Free Jar of meat tenderizer.
- 4 Framed picture of Eleanor Roosevelt and Harry Golden. Twist to Martin Luther Coon's jazz band.
- 5 Chicken coop and watermelon patch on deck. Left unguarded at night. Plus fish 'n chips for breakfast.
- 6 Plenty of wine, Marijuana, heroin and other refreshments.

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