

WHO'S WHO

and doing what

By EDDYE K. KIM

THIS IS THE WAY

"Progress Through Education - Business - Politics" was the theme of the Las Vegas NAACP Chapter's Annual Freedom Banquet which attracted a SRO crowd at the Mint Hotel Friday evening. An enthusiastic audience comprised of representatives from all races, creeds, and walks of life gave rapt attention to the highlights of the evening, i.e., Keynote speech of Jackie Robinson, selections from the multi-racial Dorsey High School Band and Choir of Los Angeles directed by Albert J. McNeil and Donald Simpson, and the Awards presentation.

Entering the lobby of the Mint Hotel, we immediately ran into the Willie F. Herberts chatting with charmer, Thelma Toms about the Herberts new Insurance Agency. Also said "Hi" to Gladys Short and Mae Jones who were with Teddy Horne, manager of the Broken Arrow Motel on Las Vegas Blvd., owned by his singing star daughter, Lena Horne.

Others noted present were Mr. Reynolds of the REECO Corporation, Assemblyman and Mrs. Frank Young, Commissioner and Mrs. Ed Fountain, NSU Chancellor Donald Moyer with Mrs. Moyer. The University was also represented by faculty members Dr. and Mrs. Charles Sheldon, Dean of the Faculty Jerry and Mrs. Crawford, Dr. Roger Miller, a former member of the Missouri Equal Rights Commission, Mr. Harold Bowman, and Dr. and Mrs. Bert Barbero who were accepting congratulations on their 17th wedding anniversary. Dr. Barbero was recently appointed to the Nevada Equal Rights Commission.



EDDY K. KIM

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jones, Sgt. and Mrs. Mike Turner from Nellis AFB, Mr. and Mrs. Nate Williams, Professor and Mrs. Herb Wells, Etta Hodges and staff from Bank of Las Vegas, Mr. and Mrs. Primus White--all seemed to be having the time of their lives.

Members of Alpha Rho Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority serving as hostesses seated such distinguished guests as Lt. Governor Edward Fike, NAACP Prexy, Attorney Charles Kellar, and Past President; Rev. Marion Bennett, General Chairman of the Banquet, James Gay and his lovely Hazel hosted an after party for the committee and guest of honor at the Sands Hotel.

Wouldn't it be a Giant Step--If, when our youngsters return to school next fall, Negro makers of history would have been written into Nevada's school books?

Third-graders studying the history of Nevada would meet such famous Negroes as Biddy Mason who, as a slave, herded sheep across the nation to Nevada and California. Mrs. Mason amassed a tremendous fortune in real property and became an outstanding humanitarian.

Fourth-graders would learn that William Alexander Leidesdorff, who left the Virgin Islands as a youth, launched the first steamboat to sail down the San Francisco Bay. He built San Francisco's first hotel on the corner of Clay and Kearney streets. He not only left his footprints in the sands of time, but left a large fortune and a street in San Francisco named for him.

ALSO THE adventures of James Beckwourth, Negro Mountain Man, who led wagon trains into Nevada would be recorded. Beckwourth discovered the lowest pass in the Sierra Nevada that now bears his name.

Led by Governor Paul Laxalt's and Las Vegas Mayor Oran Gragson's formal declaration of the 42nd observance of Negro History Week, we are happy to report that the occasion was signally noted by schools and various organizations throughout the area.

In one week, James Cashman Jr. High School

Deltas Observe Founder's Day



INTRODUCING an octette of local school marms who, as members of the local Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, are dedicated to the premise that "Education Is The Key"... Pictured seated, left to right, are Eva Simmons, Bobbie Smith, Shirley Williams, Lajuana Bailey --Standing, from left, are Celeta Hunter, Joann Pughsley, Gwen Booker, Dorothy Taylor. Members not shown are President Acquilla Guy, Barbara Curtis, Margaret York, and Helen Anderson. (See Eddy Kim's Who's Who for the Delta Sigma Theta story.)

held three Assemblies with individual presentations of Comedian Godfrey Cambridge, Attorney Charles Kellar, President of the Las Vegas NAACP, and the Checkmates who also played Cashman's undefeated basketball team with the Checkmates scoring a 21-6 victory. They also participated in a Sock Hop donating all funds for the purchase of uniforms for the school's drill team. Climaxing the week's celebration was the presentation of the Dorsey High School Choir from Los Angeles. This Junior High School was a recipient of an NAACP Award at Friday's Banquet for outstanding efforts toward eliminating De Facto Segregation.

OTHER SCHOOLS to present the talents of the Dorsey High School group during their busy week-end here were the Jim Bridger Junior High School and Basic High in Henderson.

Madison Elementary School's observance of Negro History Week was highlighted by an exceptional and meritorious program presented at Doolittle Recreation Center portraying the role of the Negro from Slavery to the present. This performance was repeated yesterday at the Bertha Ronzone School. Over at the C.V.T. Gilbert School, the Special Education Class participated in a special program where the youngsters listened to tapes on famous Negroes, watched slides shown by Dr. Charles I. West, joyously greeting their unexpected guest of honor, the famed Louis Armstrong who was besieged for autographs, and enjoyed a special Valentine's Day Breakfast with their parents.

Observance of Negro History Week in the State Capitol was highlighted by a magnificent pictorial display of currently prominent Negro Americans including our own Assemblyman Woodrow Wilson.

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY ENJOYS RICH HERITAGE

History of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was delineated at the local Alumni Chapter's Founders Day Celebrations. Founded in 1913 by Bertha Pitts Campbell, Mary Church Terrell, and Nanny Burrough with 22 undergraduates at Howard University, the progressive young women made history when they marched down Constitution Avenue in the nation's capital in support of the struggle for Women's Suffrage.

Delta women were in Haiti to rebuild roads, in Africa where they donated a Maternity Wing to the Chania Medical Center in Kenya. In India, where scholarships are granted to students at Delhi School of Social Work.

Kit Carson School Principal, Helen Anderson, a local Delta Spror received the NAACP's

SUNDAY'S CELEBRATION For SORORS And FRIENDS

Gamma Phi Delta's Alpha Rho Chapter will present a multi-faceted Program at Doolittle Recreation Center, Sunday, Feb. 26, at three o'clock in the afternoon. The occasion is the annual observance of the Sorority's Founder's Day solemnities and the (also annual) presentation of Alpha Rho's presentation of the Chapter's "Artists of Tomorrow". Added to this year's event will be festivities designed by members of the local Chapter to entertain and express the group's appreciation to their many friends and supporters in the community. It is the earnest hope of Basileus Virgie Fitzgerald and the membership of the Chapter that their invitation to join with the Sorority Sisters in this very special program will be accepted.

Other attractions of the afternoon's presentation include smart fashion modeling of famed "Ell-enn of Los Angeles" original hats, and a social hour with refreshments.

KING'S

EVERYTHING FOR M'LADY

DRESSES, SPORTSWEAR
LINGERIE, HANDBAGS
SHOES AND JEWELRY

12 Years at the Same Location

412 W. BONANZA RD. DREW OLSON
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA DUDLEY 4-3526

Trudi Fur
Distinction

COMPLETE FUR SERVICE
Cleaning & Glazing
Done Overnight

618 EAST STEWART 382-7613



coveted 'Outstanding Woman' Award, Friday night. Other recipients of the NAACP Awards were Public Defender Richard H. Bryan, the Culinary Union's Al Bramlett, Assemblyman Woodrow Wilson, Past President Rev. Marion Bennett, the Nevada Club and the Stardust Hotel.