

# WHO'S WHO

## and doing what

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THE LOCAL chapter of Arkansas AM & N College Alumni Association did itself proud Sunday afternoon with the presentation of the College's famed Choir at Las Vegas High School Auditorium where the welcome address was made by Mayor Oran Gragson and Commissioner Ed Fountain extended congratulations on behalf of the City Fathers.

Lovely Mrs. Elsie Sellers gave a brief history of the College and James A. Gay, local Alumni prexy, served as Toastmaster.

This 40-voice Choral group, under the direction of Shelton McGee, has received national acclaim for its annual presentation of Handel's Messiah and has been invited to appear on the Ed Sullivan Christmas Television Show. At Sunday's performance, the Choir rendered selections from the works of such composers as Mozart, Vivaldi, Brahms, Beethoven, and our own contemporary, Jester Hariston of Los Angeles.



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Arrangements were made by local alumni for the singers to attend several of the shows on our famed strip during their whirlwind stay and a dancing party in their honor was hosted by the local Chapter at Doolittle Center following their performance.

Making the trip from Los Angeles for the specific purpose of attending the Concert, was AM & N alumnus L. A. Jordan who was appointed Inter-Group Relations Coordinator by California's former governor, Edmund G. Brown, and reappointed to the post by his successor.

### LESSON IN HOW TO MAKE THE YOUNG LADY SAY YES

Ever hear of a bride being surprised at the fact of her own wedding? Well, now you have... John Rutledge, of Los Angeles, apparently a most resourceful young man, persuaded the girl of his dreams, Miss Queenie Sigles, to drive up to Las Vegas with him to see the sights... Upon arrival, Rutledge, who had been unable to get his young lady to make up her mind to share the future with him, asked if she would accompany him to the Court House to pay a traffic ticket... Entering a room (not a traffic court, at all), a flabbergasted Miss Sigles found close friends Mr. and Mrs. William Morris of Los Angeles awaiting her and also waiting to serve as matron of Honor and best man for the unsuspecting bride-to-be's 'arranged wedding'.

WELL, WHAT can a girl do--the wedding took place, a champagne reception was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. R. N. (Barbara) McSwain of Las Vegas (Matron of honor Mrs. Morris is a sister of Barbara's) and all's well that ends well for newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. John Rutledge.

Locals who joined the celebration and drank a toast to the health and happiness of the bride and groom were our own Henry Miller, Lennie Hurt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rahner, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Crockett, Mrs. Minnie Wilkins, and Miss Shari Carr.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY greetings met Mrs. Clarence Curry (nee Janice Walker) of Los Angeles who came to town to celebrate her birthday with her distinguished family. Mrs. Joe (Sarah Ann) Knight is her mother.

### LOCAL DELTAS SHARE GRANT RECOGNITION

From its Las Vegas Chapter, comes news of national acknowledgment of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's most recent financial contribution to the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.

In special ceremonies held in Washington, D.C., recently, Dr. Geraldine P. Woods, of Los Angeles, Delta Sorority's National President, presented Delta's 1967 grant of \$500 and the

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support of its 307 chapters to Dr. Charles H. Wesley, executive director of the Association engaged in broadening community understanding of the achievements and contributions of American Negroes. (For complete information on the Association see the Las Vegas VOICE'S "Negro History Special" of March 30.

The Association's collection of books on Negro Life and History in the Omaha Public Library now totals \$4,300, Dr. Woods reported. Edward Platt, Jr., Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, told the organization that it would be permanently memorialized as a donor to the nation's new cultural center as a result of its now \$1,000 contribution.



SHIRLEY HAWKINS

### JUNE WEDDING PLANNED

Mrs. Mary Hawkins has announced the engagement of her daughter, Shirley to Winston Howard, son of Mrs. Mary Hampton and the late O'Neal Hampton.. A June wedding is planned for the young couple at Zion Methodist Church -- The comely bride is a post debutante of the 1965 season.



"Key" members of the famed AM & N College Choir are pictured in top photo with local Alumni Prexy following Sunday's Concert at Las Vegas High School Auditorium--First row (l-r): Marilyn Campbell, soprano soloist; Norma Key, soprano soloist; Margaret Hardy, contralto soloist; Patricia Newton, alto section leader; and Valerian Summerville, soprano section leader--Back row (l-r): Shelton J. McGee, Director of choral group; Gaylord Combs, tenor soloist; James "Smiley" Gay, President of the Las Vegas Alumni Chapter; O'Neal Crivens, Vice President of Choir; Thomas Willingham, baritone soloist; and Samuel Harris, choir treasurer.

Photographer Clint Wright, an AM & N alumnus, made the "in action" shot shown in center photo during one of the group's superb renditions at the Concert... In photo below, Jimmy Gay is the happy recipient of the 1966 College Annual presented to him by Choir Director Shelton J. McGee.