

WATCH FOR "PUDDIN HEAD" - NEW VOICE FEATURE - YOU'LL DIG HIM!

"TeH'n It Like It Is--& Putt'n It Where It's At" by Puddin Head is the apt title of a new column soon to be introduced in the VOICE.

Puddin Head brings a refreshing approach to current events, issues of the day, and controversial subjects and individuals in the slangy

present day "hipped talk" vernacular utilized by so many who 'dig' it for 'down' expression.

An old crony of Joe Louis, former Heavy-weight Boxing Champion, Puddin Head was inspired to spout off in "this particular bag" in reminiscing how "Champ" used to put on bor-

ing, ponderous speakers by patiently hearing them through and then teasing them with "Now put it down where I can get it".

Puddin Head throws away the book and merrily, but sagaciously, "Puts it down" and "Tells it like it is". We hope you enjoy it.

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Elks' Swinging First Place Drill Team



FIRST PLACE WINNER of the Elks drill team competition at San Diego, California during the Pacific States Association's meeting, members of the Mattie Ashley Drillettes of Sacramento show their winning form... Organized a year ago, the ten swingers from Sacramento junior and senior high schools wearing gold satin uniforms and white boots with golden tassels combined some of the standard marching and drill routines and orders with some snappy and rhythmic dance steps... With rapid change of cadences and with near flawless precision, they responded to the softly-spoken orders by their leader, Serida Bivens, 17.

IBPOEW Western Region Meet Democracy In Action

MORE THAN 600 delegates converged on the city of San Diego, California to attend the Pacific States Association (Western Regional) meeting of the Independent Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks of the World where a 17-year-old white youth, Bill Phillips of Tempe, Arizona was awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship as first place winner of the Pacific States Association's annual oratorical contest, and a San Diego daily newspaper, The San Diego Union, ran an editorial of commendation on the four-day conclave of the predominantly Negro organization.

Las Vegas' Paran Lodge #1508 was represented by Exalted Ruler Willie Neal, Monroe Phillips, Clarence Guice, and Lloyd Scott who were successful in their bid to bring the '69 convention here to The Best City Of Them All.

The San Diego meeting which convened July 5-9 engendered all the excitement typical of the IBPOEW, the world's largest Negro membership organization. More than 3,000 persons marched in the parade held Sunday afternoon prior to the Drill Team Contest.

HIGHLIGHT OF the meeting was the oratorical contest when Bill Phillips talked himself into the \$1,000 scholarship. The only white participant, he was judged the best of seven teenage speakers who spoke on topics concerning Negroes and the Constitution.

In presenting the award to young Phillips, the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, Hobson Reynolds noted that although the IBPOEW is, predominantly, a Negro organization, it does not bar any members because of race, color or creed.

Reynolds said "We are very proud of our scholars." He added that Martin Luther King

was one of the Elks scholarship winners and that "since 1925 we have spent over \$2 million on college scholarships".

Young Phillips chose as his subject the role the Constitution has played in gaining more rights for Negroes.

"While the Constitution may not be the most perfect blueprint for democracy, it is certainly the best around and we need to stick to it. It has a long and hard road to go but progress is being made", he said.

A graduate of Tempe High School, the teenager plans to attend Arizona State University at Tempe in the fall where he will major in political science as preparation for a law career.

JEAN NEWMAN, 17-year-old graduate of San Bernardino (Calif.) High School was awarded second place by the judges. Miss Newman's topic was "The Negro and the Struggle for Freedom". Third place went to Ulysses Roberson, 17, Bakersfield (Calif.) High School graduate. Roberson's father had previously won the Elks \$1,000 scholarship.

Other contestants were Dan Smith of Los Angeles High School, Sharon Alston of Pasadena (See ELKS, page 3)

COULD BE YOUR NAME

You have a bonus coming to you if your name appears in the VOICE. Every week a resident's name and address will appear somewhere in the Las Vegas VOICE. If your name appears, you are entitled to receive for the mere sum of \$1 Adam Clayton Powell's album "Keep the Faith, Baby" which retails for \$5 with tax.

AT LONG LAST

A MANPOWER DIRECTOR

GEORGE W. GANT of Compton, California has accepted the position of Manpower Director for Operation Independence and is expected to arrive in Las Vegas today (Thursday) to meet with O.I. Director Mrs. Lubertha Johnson and become acquainted with the local program. Gant will take over his duties July 31.

The 30-year-old vocational and placement specialist has been employed, for the past year, as Vocational Counselor (Classification as Youth Opportunities Specialist) for STEP INC., Delegate Agency of EYOA Youth Training and Employment Project in Los Angeles, California, and since March has served as Assistant Supervisor, Vocational Training and Placement Unit. In this capacity, he was engaged in the screening, referral and placement of youth referred to vocational training.

George Gant has lived primarily in New York City and Los Angeles most of his life. He completed High School in 1954 and served with the U.S. Marine Corps from March 1954 to January 1959, receiving an honorable discharge

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MIKE'S A GIANT NOW!



MIKE NEWSON, who was scouted by at least four major league baseball clubs in the Spring has been signed by the San Francisco Giants and is presently training with a Giant farm club.

The Western High School graduate who led the Warriors to their second consecutive Nevada state diamond crown this year with his sensational pitching and hitting was given a \$1500 cash bonus by the San Francisco Club and contracted to receive a monthly salary during the summer months that will enable him to attend College during the school year.

It was exactly the opportunity the young athlete and his mother, Mrs. Esther Newson, had hoped for. The decision had been made that Mike would pass up a pro baseball career, at this time, to attend a College in Idaho on a scholarship he had earned.

Mike came to Las Vegas from Roswell, New Mexico two years ago, and was chosen as a Southern Zone All-Conference pitcher last year. The 155 pound 17 year old also played the position of half-back on Western High's team the past two years.