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not to become the tools of party.

And as much time is frequently lost, and wrong principles instilled, by the perusal of works of trivial importance, we shall consider it a part of our duty to recommend to our young readers, such authors as will not only enlarge their stock of useful knowledge, but such as will also serve to stimulate them to higher attainments in science.

We trust also, that through the columns of the FREEDOM'S JOURNAL, many practical pieces, having for their bases, the improvement of our brethren, will be presented to them, from the pens of many of our respected friends, who have kindly promised their assistance.

IT IS OUR earnest wish to make our Journal a medium of intercourse between our brethren in the different states of this great confederacy: That through its columns an expression of our sentiments, on many interesting subjects which concern us, may be offered to the publick: that plans which apparently are beneficial may be candidly discussed and properly weighed; if worth, receive our cordial approbation; if not, our marked disapprobation.

Useful knowledge of every kind, and everything that relates to Africa, shall find a ready admission into our columns; and as that vast continent becomes daily more known, we trust that many things will come to light, proving that the natives of it are neither so ignorant nor stupid as they have generally been supposed to be.

And while these important subjects shall occupy the columns of the FREEDOM'S JOUR-NAL, we would not be unmindful of our brethren who are still in the iron fetters of bondage. They are our kindred by all the ties of nature; and though but little can be affected by us, still let our sympathies be poured forth, and our prayers in their behalf, ascend to Him who is able to succour them.

FROM THE press and the pulpit we have suffered much by being incorrectly represented. Men whom we equally love and admire have not hesitated to represent us disadvantageously, without becoming personally acquainted with the true state of things, nor discerning between virtue and vice among us. The virtuous part of our people feel themselves sorely aggrieved under the existing state of things--they are not appreciated.

Our vices and our degradation are ever arrayed against us, but our virtues are passed by unnoticed. And what is still more lamentable, our friends, to whom we concede all the principles of humanity and religion, from these very causes seem to have fallen into the current of popular feeling and are imperceptibly floating on the stream--actually living in the practice of prejudice, while they abjure it in theory, and feel it not in their hearts. Is it not very desirable that such should know more of our actual condition; and of our efforts and feelings, that in forming or advocating plans for our amelioration, they may do it more understandingly? In the spirit of candor and humility we intend by a simple representation of facts to lay our case before the public, with a view to arrest the progress of prejudice, and to shield ourselves against the consequent evils. We wish to conciliate all and to irritate none, yet we must be firm and unwavering in our principles, and unwavering in our principles, and persevering in our efforts.

IF IGNORANCE, poverty and degradation have hitherto been our unhappy lot; has the Eternal decree gone forth, that our race alone are to remain in this state, while knowledge and civilization are shedding their enlivening rays over the rest of the human family? The recent travels of Denham and Clapperton in the interior of Africa, and the interesting narrative which they have published; the establishment of the republic of Hayti after years of sanguinary warfare; its subsequent progress in all the arts of civilization; and the advancement of liberal ideas in South America, where despotism has given place to free governments, and where many of our brethren now fill important civil and military stations, prove the contrary.

The interesting fact that there are FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND free persons of colour, one half of whom might peruse, and the whole be benefitted by the publication of the Journal; that no publication, as yet, has been devoted exclusively to their improvement--that many selections from approved standard authors, which are within the reach of few, may occasionally be made-and more important still,

ERC Broadens Operation (GANT, from page 1)

The Nevada Equal Rights Commission is with the rank of corporal. seeking a field representative to open its office Married, with two your property of the commission is with the rank of corporal. in Reno it was announced in Las Vegas by Chairman William Laub today. This will mark a milestone in that Equal Rights Commission services will be readily available to Northern Nevadans for the first time since creation of the Commission. Qualifications for the position include graduation from an accredited college and four years of human relations group experience or an appropriate combination of education and experience. Applications are being accepted in the Commission office in the State Office Building in Las Vegas until the end of August.

EARL WYNN, Executive Secretary of the Nevada Equal Rights Commission, has spent the past week in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, as Commission representative to the 19th annual Conference of Commissions for Human Rights. The CCHR is an international organization of governmental human rights agencies.

The Toronto meeting, a key conference for human relations officials, will provide opportunities for exchange of experiences regarding administration of human rights legislation and discussion of matters of concern in relation to human rights.

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Tax Exemption Deadline

James A. Bilbray, Clark County Assessor, today urged all persons entitled to tax exemptions for the coming year to register before the end of July to avoid the loss of their tax benefit.

All qualified veterans, widows, blind persons and orphans seeking their \$1000 exemption on real estate must be validated before the first Monday in August, or their claim cannot be honored.

BILBRAY ASKED that all persons who qualify for those exemptions handle the matter immediately, to avoid the last minute rush at the end of the month.

Inquiries regarding exemptions can be answered by calling the County Courthouse, 385-3131, extensions 379 or 383. The Assessor's Office is located on the second floor of the Courthouse; and there are sub stations in North Las Vegas and Henderson.

that this large body of our citizens have no public channel -- all serve to prove the real necessity, at present, for the appearance of the FREEDOM'S JOURNAL.

It shall ever be our desire so to conduct the editorial department of our paper as to give offence to none of our patrons; as nothing is farther from us than to make it the advocate of any partial views, either in politics or religion. What few days we can number, have been devoted to the improvement of our brethren; and it is our earnest wish that the remainder may be spent in the same delightful service.

IN CONCLUSION, whatever concerns us as a people, will ever find a ready admission into the FREEDOM'S JOURNAL, interwoven with all the principal news of the day.

And while every thing in our power shall be performed to support the character of our Journal, we would respectfully invite our numerous friends to assist by their communications, and our coloured brethren to strengthen our hands by their subscriptions, as our labour is one of common cause, and worthy of their consideration and support. And we most earnestly solicit the latter, that if at any time we should seem to be zealous, or too pointed in the inculcation of any important lesson, they will remember, that they are equally interested in the cause in which we are engaged, and attribute our zeal to the peculiarities of our situation; and our earnest

engagedness in their well-being.

Married, with two young daughters ages five and three, Gant has successfully managed to be employed in the field of his choice even as he continued his education. He attended Compton Junior College from January 1958 to January 1963. From August 1961 to December 1963 he was employed as Group Supervisor (Counselor) by the California Youth Authority in Norwalk, California.

HE EARNED his Bachelor of Arts degree January 1966 from California State College at Los Angeles which he attended from September 1964 majoring in Sociology with emphasis in Social Welfare and Psychology as his minor. From December 1963 to January 1966, he was employed as Probation Attendant for the Los Angeles County Probation Department where his duties entailed utilization of individual and group counseling techniques in handling disturbed youth.

At the time of his recruitment for the Manpower Director position here in Las Vegas, Gant was attending the University of California at Los Angeles Extension and had completed the first year of a two-year program leading to a Certificate in Social Welfare.

Mr. Gant asserts that his interest and decision to work with people, primarily with youth, stems from his own personal experience as a disadvantaged youth in the cities where he has lived. It was perhaps, his early background, coupled with his training, that led to his ap-pointment on the Governor's Commission (Governor Edmund G. Brown of California) in October, 1965 as Interviewer Trainer where he was engaged in recruiting and assisting in the training of community youth for the implementation of a survey of community attitudes following the Watts riot. This study was conducted under the direction of Dr. Ralph Blauner, University of

California at Berkeley.
SINCE APRIL of this year, Gant has been doing extra-curricular duties as Consultant with EPIC (Educational Participation in Communities), California State College at Los Angeles. In this capacity, he was engaged in directing group sensitivity training sessions designed to facilitate the motivation and efficiency of staff coordinators, and to enhance recruitment techniques.

He was also serving as Group advisor to VISTA volunteers, University of Southern California on a fee basis and as a volunteer, assisting Dr. Ronald Waller, California State College Instructor, in orienting counselor candidates in the techniques and operation of groups.

Gant is enthusiastic about his work and admits he readily becomes involved. In a recent interview, he stated "I feel that I have a strong sense of fairness when it comes to the rights of others, and I firmly believe in sounding off loud and clear for their rights. I am not a politician by nature, but I enjoy a close in-fight situation. I have a penchant for accepting challenges and doing difficult tasks".

It is felt that in Las Vegas, he will find both the challenge and an in-fight situation to warm

