

WHO'S WHO

and doing what

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They've Stitched Their Way Around The World

As bright and as world-renowned as they are, the glittering lights of Paris cannot outshine the lights of the best city of them all--our own Las Vegas. This is equally true when it comes to dress designing. We really shine when it comes to the latest in high fashion presentation. In this field, we hold our own whether it is a smartly tailored look, or evening wear done in sailettes, fragile lace delicately trimmed with jeweled sequins or satin, highlighted with bold jet beading.

Anyone who complains "There's nothing for me to wear" just hasn't been paying attention to some of our local designers. Never, but never, has the woman with taste and a flair for dress had so much choice.

For example, there is Madame Cal (Bea) Bryant who, from an early age, began sewing her doll's clothes under the watchful eye of her designer aunt, Mrs. Sally Seamon, the late beloved mother of Mrs. Dottie West, wife of the Las Vegas VOICE publisher.

Mrs. Bryant was encouraged to major in Custom Dress Designing in college. She has sewn for the better garment industries in Los Angeles. Here, she is on call for better sewing at the J.C. Penny Company. Our talented Bea is the wife of Cal Bryant, electronic engineer, and the mother of three lovely daughters. They are Mrs. Sandra Conway (Los Angeles), Mrs. Ingrid Cotten (San Mateo, Calif.), and Miss Charlene Carney, a Las Vegas sub-deb.



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From another part of the world, Devonshire, West, in Bermuda, skillful, imaginative designer Lillian Osborne brought her talents to Las Vegas. Mrs. Osborne has been sewing since she was five years old.

"Back home", Mrs. Osborne related, "We do not have Designing Schools. One just must have a talent for it. Our schools are graded one through seven, completion of which just about equals American high schools education level. Upon graduation, usually at thirteen to fourteen years old, one may start to work in the stores as an apprentice." Mrs. Osborne specialized in dressmaking, designing, beading, knitting, and crocheting. She is on call at Melba's Dress Shop, three days a week. Mrs. Osborne is the mother of Mrs. Kayann Johnson of Las Vegas.

EAST MEETS WEST--From far away Tokyo, Japan, comes petite Mrs. Oscar (Toko) Dixon with all the culture of the Orient. Mrs. Dixon is completely happy as she greets you with a deep bow when you call on the family. Perhaps you have seen the five pairs of shoes outside the door of the Dixon home. This, of course, is an Oriental custom.

Designing for many of the "Strip" performers often presents special problems. Designer Toko has said that dresses for night club performers give her a far harder "workout" than do the clothes for the average woman as the former often require special underconstruction.

Also, when she designs dresses for stage or television actresses, the lighting factor must be considered. Toko is one of our busiest designers for many of our best dressed Las Vegas women. She, too, is a mother, with four wonderful children--Linda, Jennie, Leona, and Oscar, Jr. Her husband is a dental technician at Nellis Air Force Base.

FROM NEW ORLEANS--We present Mrs. Woodrow Wilson (Nora) who is a real talent with a needle. Mrs. Wilson is greatly admired here for her ability to design anything from a suit to the very latest in evening or wedding wear.

PARIS, FRANCE--is represented by way of Haiti in the person of Mrs. Carmen Ancion. Her French is even better than her English

Beats The Competition



ANOTHER TRIUMPH can be logged into the personal diary of Mrs. Esther McGlothen (pictured above), musician and local school teacher whose diversified talents and skills continue to gain due recognition.

Mrs. McGlothen was profiled in a recent issue of the VOICE after her return from a nostalgic visit to her native Panama City, and we are happy to add our congratulations to those of her many friends, co-workers, and admirers on her recent appointment as choir director of the First Baptist Church of North Las Vegas.

The Kit Carson (she recently transferred from Matt Kelly) school teacher, is eminently qualified for the position. She was a student at the National Conservatory of Music in Panama City, Panama and since taking up residence in Las Vegas, she has taught piano and organized and conducted the adult choral group "The Meistersingers". Mrs. McGlothen is also an active member of the Musical Arts workshop of Las Vegas.

RARELY IS the combination of creative and administrative ability found in one individual. That Mrs. McGlothen is unquestionably possessed of both was indicated by the skill she exercised as acting project director of Operation Independence during Mrs. Lubertha Johnson's absence last year.

That the multi-talented musician-teacher enjoys a full, happy life is evidenced by her enthusiasm for the activities of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority of which she is a member.

General Secretary Of Alpha Fraternity Named

CHICAGO - (NPI)--Charles F. Williams, a graduate of the Tuskegee Institute Business School, has been appointed to the newly created post of general secretary for the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, it was announced by Dr. Lionel H. Newsom, president.

The post was approved at the Alphas' 61st annual convention in Los Angeles recently.

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since she attended school in Paris. Mrs. Ancion has worked for such noted French couturiers as Dior and Balman, who designs for the First Lady of the Ivory Coast, Mme. Houphouet Boigny (often called the Jackie Kennedy of Africa).

This is by no means a complete list of designers presently located in Las Vegas, but it should keep you rather busy with your "Window Shopping".

HONOR WOMAN EDITOR

BALTIMORE - (NPI)--More than 500 women from all stratas of the city's social life gathered in the grand ballroom of the Sheraton-Belvedere Hotel last week to pay tribute to Mrs. Lula Jones Mackay, women's editor, Afro-American Newspapers.

Mrs. Mackay--who has recorded the marriages, births, social events and other news of interest to women for 30 years--was the honoree at a testimonial dinner marking her three decades of service as a journalist.

A committee of club and church women, headed by Mrs. Naomi Camper, arranged the affair to fete Mrs. Mackay for her "integrity, her love of humanity and for her ever present willingness to lend a helping hand to an organization or to an individual."

MRS. MACKAY, the wife of AFRO editor-in-chief, Cliff W. Mackay, told her audience: "You owe me no honor. It is you who have made my work exciting and rewarding, and my life meaningful..."

Afro President John H. Murphy, III, recalled some of Mrs. Mackay's early experiences with the newspaper as a police reporter, a court reporter and a society columnist.

A director-at-large of the National Association of Media Women, Mrs. Mackay, a graduate of Tennessee State University, holds membership in the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Girls Friends, and two fashion designer groups of New York.

Girl Scout Exec Speaker At Kit Carson Council

Mrs. Thalia Dondero, Executive Director of Frontier Girl Scout Council will be guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Kit Carson Neighborhood Council tonight, Thursday, Oct. 19, Council Chairman Mrs. Leona Calhoun announced this week.

The meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. will be held at the usual meeting place, Kit Carson Elementary School. Council Service Worker Mrs. Addie Reid Blake said that the Council is interested in aiding organization of girl scout groups in the community and that Mrs. Dondero will bring a wealth of information to the Council, as well as stimulate enthusiasm for the program. The public is urged to attend.

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