REYNALDO MARTINEZ,

Western High Teacher

And

HELEN ANDERSON,

Kit Carson Principal

Launch Best Human Relations Project Ever

The program developed from a project plan organized by the Southern Nevada Human Relations Commission to set up Junior Human Relations Commissions in all Clark County High Schools and Junior High Schools.

Western High School; under the direction of Mr. Martinez, must be commended for initiating a most ingenious project in cooperation with Mrs. Anderson

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If all Clark County High Schools would follow the pattern established by Western, the problem of race relations in our community would immediately be lessened and eventually solved.

The VOICE wishes to commend the Review-Journal for covering this event so magnificently. We are also grateful for permission to reprint the story as it appeared in the February 11, 1968 issue of the 'Nevadan'.

At 3 p.m. Friday a week ago the pupils at Kit Carson Elementary School were acting strange Strange for kids, because classes were ended for the day and except for the smallest bids the kids were hanging around.

By all standards of normal child behavior buey should have been bugging out, going home,

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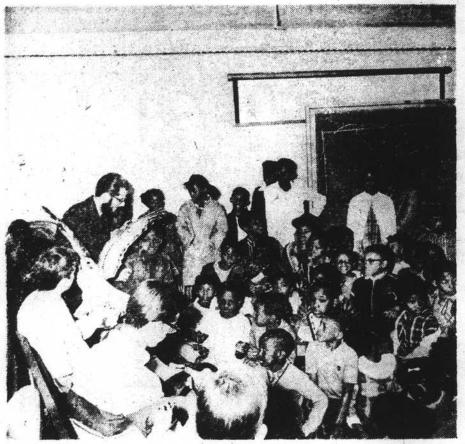
by kick a son around, shagging a stick for the dog or chairing up sides for a tough game of OH Sam in the vacant lot

But these they were hanging around and sneaking into the all purpose room. It was tike Santa Clars was going to come

What they were waiting for was a school program. Kids were staying after school to learn something. And the second and third graders were there flegally — truancy in reverse — because what was planned that afternion was simply for fourth, fifth and sixth graders.

Western High School seniors were coming in with music biology, athletics, cheer sections and most of all good fellowship and understanding to give the Kit Carson-pupils a shot of enthusiasin for learning, about things and people. The process seemed to work both ways. The seniors discovered they were something special in the eyes of the young. And if they did a thing, then is was OK:

Thismwas a special course in applied human.



"Man, look at that eagle."

relations. And in the more-than-an-hour session, the words were not spoken. They didn't have to be. Kids aren't dumb.

It was the second of a series of sessions to cross fertilize the minds and hearts of elementary and high school students. After the pilot project has broken ground at Kit Carson and Western, it is hoped that the program will be extended to other schools.

The idea originated with the Human Relations Commission of Southern Nevada. It was then taken to Western where Carrol Johnston appointed a Junior Human Relations Commission composed of Reynaldo Martinez, Pat Hearsh and Sharon Beatty. Martinez, a teacher of government, was appointed as advisor. The purpose is to tear down psychological barriers separating different races and cultures.

At the session we attended, the ambassadors of goodwill from Western started the learnin with biology. The Wildlife Study Center of Western provided a factual look at nature, nature in the live form of a red-tail hawk, a fivefoot snake and a midget falcon



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