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OTIS HARRIS - HELEN ANDERSON FILE FOR ASSEMBLY

Otis Harris Candidacy Enlivens Assembly Race

Otis R. Harris, Jr., 28-year-old Mercury Test Site fireman, and candidate for a 4th District Assemblymatic post is a young man who welcomes a challenge. He and his friend, Monroe Williams, were the first Negro firemen to be employed by the Las Vegas Fire Department and he is the first (and presently, only) black in the Mercury Test Site Fire Department.

One of 8 children of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Harris, Sr., Otis was born in Marshall, Texas. He was a year and 10 months old when the Harris family moved to Las Vegas. Otis has five sisters older than he, and he is the eldest of the three Harris sons.

A product of the Clark County School system, Otis Harris received all his schooling in Nevada. He is a graduate of Las Vegas High School and attended the University of Reno and Nevada Southern University where he is again enrolled as a part-time student matriculating in Fire Science. A young man of quiet enthusiasms, his hobbies are photography, sketching, and painting.

A Vietnam veteran, Otis's military service was with the U.S. Navy's Fighter Squadron VF 191 from 1961 to 1963 where his duty assignment was Aircraft logs and records and accident investigation.

He became a member of the LVFD on December 2, 1963 upon returning home from military duty and remained with the City for four and a half years until his very recent employment at the Test Site.

Noted for his intense concern with civic (See HARRIS, page 3)

Helen Anderson States "Where She Stands"

1. I believe that educators must take an aggressive position on the needs of the children, that education must be given wide support in such areas as

- A. Cultural enrichment
- B. Community colleges which is an addition of 13th and 14th grades to the high school curriculum. These activities could very well be added to the high school curriculum and conducted within the present high school facilities or adjacent property.
- C. Adult education with financial support through the 12th grade and special training to make citizens more employable, and break the cycles of under employment existing for black minorities.

2. I firmly believe that the Black Mood or the Black Revolution must be interpreted to the White community; I will seek to present the existing attitudes of the Black community and to involve a wide area of the White community into action designed to correct existing wrongs and to alleviate pressing problems. Special emphasis will be placed upon police-community relations.

3. I will support the basic rights of working men to organize into collective bargaining units including the rights of government employees. I will oppose punitive labor legislation and taxation which places the burden of taxes unfairly upon the working men and women and those least able to pay.

4. I will seek to have a fair proportion of the tax money collected in the Clark County area returned to the municipalities and given

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MRS. CAROL BLAKE, Deputy Registrar of Voters administers oath to Otis R. Harris, Jr. who filed as a candidate in the 4th Assembly District race. Accompanying Otis to the Clark County Election Department, Monday, were a number of friends and his wife, Sylvia, and father, Otis R. Harris, Sr. pictured with the young candidate.



SHE'S A CANDIDATE -- The reality of Kit Carson School Principal Mrs. Helen Anderson's candidacy for Clark County's 4th Assembly District is one of obvious delight to this representative group of the dynamic educator's staunch supporters... Local ministry was represented by Zion Methodist Church Pastor Rev. Marion D. Bennett (extreme left) and Rev. J. L. Simmons, Pastor, St. James Baptist Church who was present for the filing ceremony, but not pictured... Entranced youngsters, of course, are Kit Carson School pupils... Ladies at right are Mrs. Charlotte Cook and Mrs. Grace McGlothen of the Kit Carson teaching staff... Clark County Deputy Registrar Mrs. Carol Blake administers oath to Mrs. Anderson.

Following filing of her candidacy on Tuesday, Mrs. Anderson disclosed her position on the issues she considers of vital concern to the welfare of the people and the future of the state of Nevada and of the areas to which she will devote her energies if elected to the State Legislature.