

NLV CITY HALL SCENE FOR WILLIAMS' DAY

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Carmen and Aaron Williams ooze charm and confidence as he prepares for the four years ahead of him as Nevada's first Negro elected city official. Williams a little known candidate has become a hard working, serious official.

King Home Has 128 Beds

Washington, D.C. - The Martin Luther King Sr. Nursing Center, with 128 beds, will be erected in Atlanta, Ga., it was announced, this week, by the Small Business Administration.

The new, and urgently needed health facility is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$850,000. A local bank is supplying \$415,000 with SBA supplying the balance of the financing. The proposed center, and all of the principals involved, are Negro, aside from SBA.

North Las Vegas residents are expected to fill the Council chambers, Sunday, June 1st at the stroke of 3:30 PM when the Las Vegas Voice unwinds its Aaron Williams Day appreciation and acknowledgment ceremonies.

North Las Vegas Mayor Gene Echols, and Las Vegas Mayor Oran Gragson will lead the parade of "Twin Cities" officials who will take part. NLV councilman C. R. (Bud) Cleland will also be on hand.

Rev. Mike Friedman of 1st Baptist Church will offer the Invocation. Rev. Marion D. Bennett of Zion Methodist will render the Benediction. Both head churches in North Las Vegas.

The state's top elected officials have indicated strong wishes to be present but because of previous commitments have been forced to decline. Senator Alan Bible, Senator Howard Cannon, U.S. Representative-at-large Walter S. Baring, and Gov. Paul Laxalt are among these.

Still expected are Lt. Gov. Ed Fike, the rest of the councilmen, several assemblymen and the mayors of Henderson and Boulder City.

Both the Valley Times and the N. Las Vegas News have lent their full support and endorsement to the idea.

Mrs. Dorothy Ames is conducting a telephone marathon to citizens urging them to show up in numbers for the ceremonies. She will also assign six ladies to care for the ushering chores.

Mr. Williams is the first Nevadan Negro elected to a city office and many feel this signal honor should be publicly acknowledged.

Rolló S. Vest, new managing editor of the Voice will serve as master of ceremonies.

TOGETHER, THEY CAN



Warm smiles and sincere thoughts for the future of North Las Vegas fill the hearts of these men as they congratulate each other on their recent successful elections. On the left is Aaron Williams elected to the council and Gene Echols the new mayor. They realize the big job ahead but express their faith in their city's future as reflected in their faces.

Former VOICE Editor Appointed To CEP

Alice Key, former Las Vegas Voice Executive Editor, has been appointed Field Supervisor with the CEP Program. Her exact tenure and duties have not been spelled out yet.

After leaving the Voice, Miss Key became associated with the Nevada Committee for the Rights of

Women. This group was extremely active in attempting to get legislative enactment toward establishing liberal abortion laws.

At one time she was active in show business and numbers some of the nation's truly established stars among her acquaintances.

Aretha's Dad Busted For Pot

DETROIT, Mich.-- Soul singer and top recording star Aretha Franklin's father Rev. C. L. Franklin was ordered to appear in court on a charge of possessing marijuana.

The Rev. Mr. Franklin was arrested at his La Salle Blvd. home, along with his chauffeur, Ralph Wil-

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