

A LINE ON SPORTS

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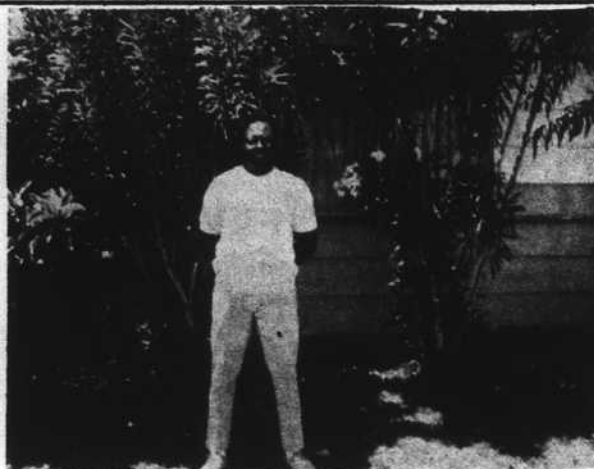
I first had the opportunity of meeting this extraordinary individual back in 1967, when I joined the Las Vegas Recreation department as a physical fitness instructor. It was then I learned that there was someone truly interested and dedicated in helping formulate and propel the youth of West Las Vegas through the knowledge of promoting the best Recreational activities I have seen yet. Being modest but down to earth, William L. Evans understands the difficulties the black youth faces today--so through his efforts--he continues to pound and instill new innovation that will help foster a better atmosphere in the youth of today. Bill Evans education and desire, however, doesn't date to 1967, in fact, that, what this article is about: the plight of Bill Evans.

Before moving to Las Vegas from Delaware--Bill played minor league baseball with the Cleveland Indians organization after completing two years in the league he was inducted into the army where he continued to participate in different sports (baseball) Shortly after basic training he was selected as a member of the armed services boxing team to tour Germany. It was in Germany-- Bill's intensive study and background in the participation and the officiating of sports came. Upon returning to the state, he returned to minor league. It was almost the concluding of the 1954 season when Bill decided to quit organized ball and finish his college education. In 1955 he enrolled at Delaware State College to pursue a degree in Elementary education. While there he was honored as being an outstanding athlete in baseball after graduating with an astounding B plus average from Delaware State College he joined William Henry Comprehensive High School in Dover, Delaware. During his four years there he coached all the major sports. Not being one sided, Bill worked with athletes, cheerleaders, drill team and who ever else he could lend a hand to.

After four years of the east coast, he packed his bags enroute to West coast where he hoped to find a home. Not being able to get a high school position as expected, he was assigned to Madison Elementary school where by he would seek an answer to the age old problem of providing after school activities for boys and girls. In an attempt to solve this problem he met with several persons that have played a vital role in-shaping the lives of our youngsters in Las Vegas. The people were of course, Mrs. Shirley McDaniels and Mr. Joseph Haynes the Director of the Doolittle Recreation center. Mrs. McDaniels at that time was Senior Recreation Leader at the Center. Bill worked diligently to develop a successful after school program for boys and girls. Bill credits his success with the help of his fellow colleagues working then at these schools. Mr. Holloway and Mr. Brass--Matt Kelly; Mr. Herschel Williams--Kit Carson--Jo Mackey; and Mr. Pughely--Highland School. Completing three joyous years at Madison he moved to Orr Junior High School where he coached basketball and track. During his two years there he compiled 25 and 2 record. His second year his team won the county championship in the eight grade division. From there he moved to Hyde Park Jr. High School as Dean of boys and basketball coach. This past school term Bill served as the administration assistance at C.V.T. Gilbert school which was the pilot school for the integration plan. Often Bill departed with local athletes to California to

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It's a Happy Day. Bill Evans taking his easy on a cozy Sunday after participating in a tough softball game the night before.

participate in flag football and basketball tournaments. During the past basketball season John Bass and Bill Evans were the first blacks to ever officiate in the 29 Palms Basketball Invitational tournament in their history and that's the largest tournament of its kind in the world. clear on, and that's his lovely wife Alice, his son William and his daughters Alicia and Kay who all are fine students in school. As I conclude this brief resume on Bill Evans one could only hope, that, this man has respect and consideration of the community that he has worked so hard for.

After all his rewards so far in his field, there is another great reward he speaks loud and

SUMMER PROGRAM

The North Las Vegas Recreation Department is sponsoring a summer playground program at the following schools for children ages 6-12.

Jo Mackey Elementary 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.
C.V.T. Gilbert 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 and 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Jim Bridger Junior High School and J.D. Smith Junior High School, 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 and 1:00--4:00 P.M.

The program is open daily Monday through Friday. Activities include arts and crafts, games, dance, singing, drama, and sports.

A teenage program is open to all North Las Vegas teenagers on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7:00--9:30 is a drop-in program which includes games and sports. A dance is sponsored on Thursday evenings, 7:30 to 10:30. Local bands provide the music. On June 18 the "Velvet Hammer" will be playing. Membership in the Teen Club is 50 cents and admission to the dances is 75 cents for members and \$1.00 for non-members.

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A Tremendous Turnout At Doolittle Center

For those critics who feel that Doolittle Recreation isn't being utilized to its full potential, should have been on hand to witness the spectacular amateur boxing event which excited and thrilled over 650 avid fight fans. The show was the first of regular monthly amateur fight cards scheduled for the center, under the supervision and direction of Doe Broodus. Broodus currently is directing a boxing program at the center and reports interest is high and daily workouts and drills are held for the youngsters taking part in the program.

In the main-event Friday, George Jones, 1970 Golden King, marked up another win by scoring a decision victory over hard punching James Robertson of Los Angeles. Dr. Donald Romeo, Nevada State Athletic commissioner Romeo, Nevada State Athletic commission physician and prominent sportsman and backer of all sports for youngsters in the city served as judge along with Lt. Hal Miller, Las Vegas Police Department National Director, and Ernie Browning. Something would have been missing, of course, if Freddie Little, world's junior middleweight boxing king, hadn't been there. Freddie was officiating along with Mate Morgan who I wrote about some time ago as being a good black officiate on his way up. Nate certainly possesses all the ingredients being one taily possessess all the ingredients of being one of the finest officiates in the State of Nevada. I do wish to congratulate all the athletes that participated--especially those who were able to become victorious. One very happy young man I know of, Thomas Willis, will treasure his reward for some time to come.

List of Names of Participants.

Elbert Shephard (D) dec. Mike Berry (Henderson, 75-pounds. Amos James (H) dec. Carl Clairence Hayes (D), 104-pounds. Tom Wilson (D) dec. Mike Jackson (LV), 121-pounds. Freddie Little Jr. (Las Vegas) Gilmore (H) TKO Henry Brown (Las Vegas), 3rd round, 147-pounds. Wilbert Roberts (D) dec. James Givens (LV), 139-pounds. Darnell Martin (H) dec. Alexander Archie (LV), 155-pounds. Charles Jackson (LA), Kayoed Willie Weatherwall, 2nd round, 169-pounds. Clavin Shelton TKO Fred Davis (LV), 2nd round, 155-pounds. Robert Sanders (D) dec. Randall Goff (LV), 172-pounds. George Jones (D) dec. James Robertson (LA) heavyweight.

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