

THE SEEN AT THE SCENE

YOUTH HONORED FOR ACADEMIC AND WORK SKILLS ACHIEVEMENT



Thirty-one enrollees of the "Work Experience for Youth," (WEY) program were honored Friday at a Luncheon in the Frontier Steak House of the Frontier Hotel. Achievement certificates were awarded WEY enrollees for whom job placement has been obtained, and also to five Summer '71 high school graduates (four female and one male) who received high school diplomas from Valley High School's Las Vegas Urban High School where classes are conducted in the evening. (An additional two WEY enrollees are expected to receive high school diplomas at the end of the summer semester).

The Work Experience for Youth program is a component of the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County sponsored Concentrated Employment Program (CEP), and it provides both education and work experience for youths through ages 18 - 22 who are school drop outs. Young people enrolled in the Program which is funded the U. S. Department of Labor, are placed in various agencies throughout the City to obtain work experience for which they receive \$1.90 an hour for a 32 hour work week. They also receive six hours of remedial education a week, and two hours of counseling, weekly.

The Program is presently funded for 45 enrollees, 40% of whom attended classes at Valley High's Las Vegas Urban High School. Three of the five graduates honored Friday, have already been tabbed for employment - two with the State Highway Department and one with the Central Telephone Company. Former WEY enrollees also have been absorbed in the EOB-CEP personnel staff after completion of WEY academic-work skill training.

Rev. Leon Smith, WEY Coordinator, said that the Program has been of immeasurable value in providing work training and remedial education to disadvantaged youth, especially to those youngsters who became school drop outs, primarily, because of family financial woes.

"These are the youngsters," said Rev. Smith, "we find eager to attend classes, and who more easily achieve academic and work training skills for employability."

Rev. Smith also said that he is particularly pleased with the fact that there are graduates from the WEY program now enrolled as full time students at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

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LEON SMITH, Coordinator of the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County's Work Experience for Youth program is pictured with proud graduates from the Las Vegas Urban High School at Friday's Luncheon in the Frontier Hotel's Frontier Steak House - From left - Smith, Delores Straughter, Hilda Williams, Claude Hodges, and Delores Walker.

BOTTOM PHOTO

COMMON CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION - In an era of record unemployment, these WEY graduates had much reason to be happy at Friday's Luncheon at the Frontier Hotel's Steak House -- All have obtained gainful employment through the academic and work training program -- From left, Lillian Jackson, Hilda Williams, Delores Walker, Leon Smith, WEY Coordinator; Barbara Williams, and Ella Hall.

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A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL - Claimed these graduates from the EOB-CEP Work Experience for Youth (WEY) program who were honored at a gala Luncheon at the Frontier Hotel's Frontier Steak House, Friday, by WEY director, Rev. Leon Smith. From left, Ronald Lewis, Kenneth Feaster, Tim Shaw, Carolyn Smith, Donald Demartre, Barbara Franklin, Jimmy Eason, Anthony Robinson, Coordinator Leon Smith, and Claude Hodges.