

# RENO · SPARKS NEWS

## Traner Complex Groundbreaking

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Traner Complex featured Governor Mike O'Callaghan digging the first spadeful of earth for the recreation facility which will include a swimming pool, playing fields and an athletic track and offer the residents of North East Reno complete sports opportunities. Celebrating the accomplishment with mutual compliments in addition to the Governor were many members of the North East community, as well as officials of the City of Reno, Washoe County, and the State of Nevada. The program will be funded through a \$150,000 grant from the Max C. Fleischmann Foundation; a jointly approved grant of \$150,000 through the State of Nevada and federal land and water conservation department; \$60,000 from the Washoe County School District; and a \$30,000 donation from the County Fair and Recreation Board.

Members of the Veteran's Association, an organization of the black community, were elated at the realization of the Complex which represents a big accomplishment, according to Bob Houston, one of the founders of the Veteran's Association and long-standing recreation leader in the area. "The kids have looked forward to this for a long time," Houston stated, commending the work that had been done by so many people. Houston has directed youth activities in the North East and is aware of the needs and feels that the expanded facilities will encourage worthwhile activities and allow greater participation in sports as well as more community-centered programs.

The swimming pool will be the first section of the total sports center to be built, while bids for the track and playing fields will be let next spring. An olympic regulation pool with wading pool for smaller youngsters should be completed within sixty days. Contractor A. S. Johnson of Sparks was the successful bidder on the pool contract.

## Renoites Journey To Herlong For NAACP Banquet

Among the active and enthusiastic members of the Reno-Sparks Chapter of NAACP who traveled to Herlong for the Annual Banquet Friday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Woodard (Mrs. Woodard is Reno-Sparks Branch's current president), Mrs. Alfred O. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis R. Fells, Mr. Onie Cooper, and Mr. Ben Wilson. The Reno-Sparks Branch and Sierra-Herlong Branch are sister chapters and support each others projects and aims.

Regional officers Les Bailey from the San Francisco office an interesting raconteur and frequent visitor throughout Nevada, was guest speaker for the event.

## Highway Equal Opportunity Post Appointment Pending

The number and diversity of the applicants for the position of Equal Opportunity Coordinator of the Nevada State Highway Department reflects keen interest in the principles of true open opportunities for minority persons. Formerly administered by Luther Mack, Jr. who retired to accept a liaison officer's job with the Small Business Administration in the San Francisco regional office, the Equal Opportunity post is currently under the direction of Frank S. Perkins, pending completion of the selection procedure of the Nevada State personnel Division, through which the new Coordinator will be chosen.

The application period closed on September 3, after which the many hopefuls will be screened by the Personnel Division. Those who qualify will be notified as to the examination date, when a board of competent examiners will conduct the 100% oral examination. Those who survive both the preliminary screening and the examination will be listed on an eligibility roster from which Grant Bastian, State Highway Engineer, will make the final appointment,

## Ted Hunsberger Selected Washoe School Inter-Group Head

Ted Hunsberger, principal and vice principal of Traner Junior High for the past eleven years, has been chosen to direct the Intergroup Education Program in the Washoe County Public School system. Hunsberger holds a degree from the University of Montana, and a master's degree in school administration from the University of Nevada-Reno Campus.

The educator pioneered textbook selection to include a more complete understanding of the contribution of all races to our culture and economic progress and supports the new concept of inter-group education to the extent that he has accepted the new post at a salary of \$17,217, which is a decrease from his \$18,500 principal's remuneration. He explains the program as an effort "to avoid the polarization of minorities within the school system and to bring about more realistic opportunities for minorities through culturally relevant programs.

Committees of teachers, administrators as well as members of minority communities and students will serve on advisory boards to augment the newly created post which will serve all area schools. It will include special attention to remedial programs, job awareness programs, and in-service programs as well as stimulate ethnic pride by including verified information relating to many cultures. "We want to prepare minority students to make it in our society," Hunsberger stated, "as well as ferret out problems which seems to be growing, and replace rumors and misconceptions with information."

include two paid consultants and several aids, as well as the director and the advisory committees, and is funded under the approval of the recent legislature as a state funded need in Washoe County. Clark County already has a similar program in operation.

Hunsberger, 42, and his wife Marilyn and their five children reside in Sparks. The office address of the Inter-Group program has not been selected.

## Ben Wilson Assumes Temporary Directorship

Ben Wilson is serving as interim director of the Reno Race Relations Center, Inc. during the absence of vacationing director Eddie Scott. Wilson, a native of Kankakee, Illinois, has been a Renoite for nearly a year. He hopes to pay a visit to friends and family back home in the near future, but will return to Reno where he is very "impressed with the fine people and the beautiful climate." Wilson states, "I also enjoy the marvelous entertainment here, which I feel is second to none."

In addition to working as a laboratory technician, Wilson has always been active in the civil rights field and enjoys the challenges in the Center here. Race Relations has recently assumed the Community Rental program, formerly administered by Vista volunteers. There is a great unmet need in Reno for low-cost housing, both single and family units. Community Rental would appreciate listings of available rentals, which must be reasonable and completely non-discriminatory.

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there this fall.

Your children are entitled to the benefits they would receive by attending CVT Gilbert or Jo Mackey. Do not bus them away and make seats available for White children bussed in.

Anyone interested in helping with a door to door campaign to inform Black parents of the NAACP position on elementary school integration should come to the NAACP office on Wednesday night, September 1, 1971, at 7:00 pm. If you cannot attend this meeting, call and give your name, address and phone number and state that you will be willing to work on the day that school opens to pass out leaflets.

Remember, your elementary grade level children are entitled to attend their own neighborhood schools.

CVT Gilbert, Jo Mackey, Kit Carson, Matt Kelly, Kermit Booker and Madison.

## "Too Much Vitamin A Harmful", Says State Health Nutritionist

Mrs. Mildred W. Powell, R.D., Nutrition Consultant, Nevada Division of Health Issues a warning against overuse of Vitamin A, particularly by young people who are seeking a cure for common acne. There is no medical basis to the contention that large doses of Vitamin A taken internally will cure acne. As a matter of fact, massive doses of Vitamin A can lead to serious side effects.

Vitamin A is an essential nutrient found in many foods. It is added to such common everyday foods as cow's milk and prepared infant formula, and is found in many fruits and vegetables. Adults who consume milk and a variety of fruits and vegetables regularly, receive enough Vitamin A in their daily diets to provide what their bodies need. Problems arise, when people try to take Vitamin A in large amounts on a regular basis without the advice of a physician. They may do this in the mistaken belief that it will cure or benefit acne, or that it will lessen the chance of contracting infections, or even in the belief that it will improve eyesight. While it is true that a lack of vitamin A can cause a condition known as night blindness, massive doses of the vitamin will not significantly improve vision.

The most common physical problems that appear when too much Vitamin A is taken are headaches, vomiting, and loss of appetite, as well as cracking of the lips and loss of hair.

Mrs. Powell reminded area residents to check with their doctors before undertaking any program of vitamin supplementation and concluded by saying, "Vitamin A is a good thing; too much of a good thing can cause problems."

## MINORITY REPORT,

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brings to mind the several hundred years in which white men took advantage of black women and produced thousands of mulatto children in the United States and elsewhere. Anthropologists estimate that about ninety per cent of America's blacks are not black but are mixed with white or Indian blood.

### PROSTITUTE DAUGHTERS

For many years many slaveholders personally made black women pregnant and either kept the children as household servants or sold their own half-black daughters into prostitution. The practice of producing half-black children was common throughout the South.

In most cases, these half-black children were not recognized by their all-white relatives and were cast out of the family--rejected.

The new and growing trend toward adopting mixed or all-black children reflects a much different and much-higher sort of intelligence and morality.

It is perhaps a sign that a growing minority of people are beginning to consider human beings as human beings first, placing less and less emphasis upon superficialities such as race or ethnic origin.