

PROCLAMATION FOSTER FAMILY WEEK



FOSTER FAMILY WEEK. Governor Mike O'Callaghan proclaimed March 31 - April 6 Foster Family Week in Nevada. With him during the proclamation signing ceremony was Mrs. Bertha Boykins of Reno. At 74, she is the oldest foster parent in the State and has provided a home to over 40 children during the past 50 years. Looking on is Freddy Scott who is awaiting adoption, Mr. George Boykins, and Wanda who has been adopted by the family.

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

At least 100 more foster homes are needed in Nevada according to Roger Trounday, director of the state's Department of Human Resources.

Noting that Gov. Mike O'Callaghan has proclaimed March 31-April 6, Foster Family Week in the Silver State, Trounday complimented the generosity of the 300 foster families in Nevada, but called for additional adults willing to provide temporary care to children.

Under current conditions, Trounday explained, some foster homes are overcrowded and there have been cases where siblings are sent to different families.

About 450 youngsters are in foster care at the present time, he said and, owing to a lack of extra homes, Human Resources officials who place children often cannot match a child to the foster family which has the most potential of meeting that youngster's particular needs.

Ideally, he said, there should be a surplus of homes so that the characteristics of several volunteer families can be assessed before each placement.

Trounday said that, statistically, the average Nevada child in foster care is 10 years of age. He or she usually is in two foster homes for a total of 42 months before returning to the "natural" parents or being adopted.

The director explained that the State is willing to consider one-parent as well as two-parent homes, and that his department reimburses the foster parents for costs incurred in the rearing of the child.

The Department's Divisions of Welfare and Mental Hygiene-Mental Retardation both utilize foster homes, Trounday explained. He said that additional information regarding the program may be obtained from the Welfare Division.

BOOK REVIEW

Robert Ewell Green's book published by the Johnson Publishing Co. of Chicago has put together one of the most comprehensive books dealing with the Black Military involvement in the Armed Forces of the United States. Dated from 1175 to 1973, almost 200 years of history is recorded.

Black defenders of America has put together pictures and facts under one cover. No course of history can be complete without making this book a must. READ!

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LES FEMMES DOUZE

Les Femmes Douze sponsored its 11th annual mother and daughter tea for prospective debutantes at the Elks Hall on Sunday, March 31, 1974

Twenty eight prospective debutantes and their mothers were in attendance.

Lady Dorothy Taylor, president, welcomed the prospective debutantes. Lady Taylor stated the chief purpose of Les Femmes Douze is to assist in strengthening the character development of future generations who will shape the destiny of this century. To each prospective debutante she advised them to "Let this day be the first day of the rest of their lives. Make the most of it and go forward as an asset to your life, community, and nation.

Lady Bolden outlined the planned activities for the prospective Lambda debutantes. Lady M. Crawford presented "What it means to be a Debutante," Lady E. Simmions narrated a slide presentation of the activities of Kappa debutantes, and Lady J. Pughsley was the commentator for the modeling of debutante formal ball dress. The models were Kapp debs Deborah Smith, Bonita Wickliffe, and Yvonne Atkinson.

The debutante advisors for the 11th annual cotillion ball to be held at the Stardust Hotel on December 21, 1974, are Ladies L. Bolden, J. Crawford, M. Crawford and J. Suggs.

The "B-L-B" is a unifying slogan that lobbies against Black on Black Crime. The knowledge of the power of a slogan has been well documented. Time and again slogans have proven to be mighty inspirations for turning men to righteous thinking, good and noble deeds, and many slogans have been mightier than the sword.

To seek a profit on "B-L-B" is necessary, but the primary purpose of "B-L-B" is to campaign against Black on Black Crime in Black communities. The "B-L-B" slogan is a weapon to be used in the fight against Black on Black Crime... "B-L-B" will help us re-discover the love and respect we once had for our brothers and sisters, our parents and children, and as we carry "B-L-B" into practice, Black on Black Crime will deminish rapidly.

There is no greater antidote to Black on Black Crime than the true feeling of brotherly love for Your Black Brother and love and respect Your Black self... "B-L-B" is (A).. A question, (B).. A Request, (C).. A statement.

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