

Ruby Says

by **Ruby Duncan**

Summer is upon us, and the schools are letting many children out until September. Operation Life is planning to make this summer an enjoyable and healthful one for the residents of West Las Vegas.

Parents will be glad to learn that Operation Life's Summer Lunch and Swimming Pool Program will continue this summer. Last year we served free lunches to a large number of children from low-income families, and they also took advantage of our swimming facilities.

The program this year will be pretty much the same as last summer. All children under the age of 21 who are from low-income families may come into Operation Life at 400 W. Jackson to receive their free lunches Monday through Friday, beginning June 9th. Then they are encouraged to swim or to go across the street to our community library, which is well-stocked with interesting reading material and which will also be offering various activities of educational and recreational benefit.

The only request we make of the children is that they remain in the building until they have finished eating. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which provides the funds for this food program, requires that the lunches be eaten where they are served, and should not be taken home.

Operation Life intends to do all we can to ensure that children receive the good nutrition they need. The Summer Lunch Program is an important part of our efforts to serve the needs of the community.

We invite all of you parents with low family incomes, to send your children over to 400 W. Jackson for lunch this summer, beginning June 9th. The staff of Operation Life wishes everyone a happy summer.

Focus on Seniors

EOB Senior Center seniors had a full and busy week May 26 through May 30. On Monday and Tuesday, May 26 and 27, seniors and staff of the Center participated in a seminar at UNLV on "Law and the Minority Aged in Nevada." The seminar was led by Louis Labat of the university, and featured a number of experts in the field. The day-long sessions had occasional breaks for entertainment.

Wednesday, May 28, seniors from the Center joined senior citizens from throughout the area for a bus trip to Zion National Park, Utah. The beautiful scenery always makes for a lovely day, and this Zion trip is an annual favorite with the seniors.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, seniors took part in the Senior Citizen Days at the Boulevard Mall, shopping for special bargains for seniors and taking part in the various activities.

Climax of May, Senior Citizen Month, was the big Senior Citizen Appreciation Luncheon held May 29 at the Hotel Sahara Space Center. More than 900 seniors from throughout Clark County attended the festive affair. The generosity of this community was evident in the large contingent of Westside seniors attending.

The Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County was one of the main supporters of the program through purchases of tickets to enable seniors to attend the luncheon. Foster Grandparents attended along with EOB Senior Centers participants. Hazel Geran, Senior Center supervisor, served on the planning committee for the luncheon and the programs which were printed in EOB's shop.

By mid-morning of the luncheon day, the Senior Center was crowded with beautifully dressed ladies and nicely groomed men waiting for transportation to Hotel Sahara. Again, the generosity of the community came through when a number of individuals used their private cars to help meet the big transportation problem. It was a beautiful day for many seniors.

EOB Senior Center is sponsoring a two day trip to the Grand Canyon, Arizona, June 27 and 28. Make reservations early, as there are only 30 spaces available. The price of \$28.50 includes accommodations at Bright Angel Lodge. Call the Senior Center, 648-3280, ext. 89, for information and to make reservations; a \$10 deposit will be due before June 20 in order to confirm reservations.

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**THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY
June 1975**

- THURS. **5** Federal court holds Montgomery bus segregation unconstitutional. 1956
- FRI. **6** Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, a Black from Haiti, establishes Chicago's first permanent settlement in about 1772.
- SAT. **7** Massachusetts Bill of Rights adopted, interpreted by courts to mean end of slavery in the state. 1780
- SUN. **8** Supreme Court bans discrimination in restaurants of Washington, D.C. 1953
- MON. **9** William Stanley Braithwaite, poet, critic, and editor, dies. 1962
- TUES. **10** Marcus Garvey, Black nationalist, dies in England. 1940
- WED. **11** Delegates from eight states form the American Convention of Abolition Societies in Philadelphia. 1794

Information and Referral Center names appointees

The Voluntary Action Center has launched a new program to provide information and referral services to the residents of Clark County. Yvonne Cooper has been hired as the coordinator for that program. Her function will be to set up and maintain a Network of I&R offices and provide I&R services to persons under 60.

Mrs. Cooper was formerly a teacher and active community worker in Leesville, Louisiana. She has experience in design of educational media, telephone counseling, department store management, and social work.

Mrs. Cooper received her bachelors degree in psychology from Louisiana Tech University. She has also studied at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, Ohio Northern University, University of California at San Francisco, and Grambling State University.

The Voluntary Action Center has appointed Bruce Butters to be Coordinator of the Aging Information and Referral Program, a new service offered to senior citizens of Clark County.

Butters comes to the position with many years of experience in social service. He served as an advisor in the Upward Bound Program in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and as a social worker with the Cook County Department of Public Aid in Chicago. More recently he was with The Involvement Corps in Las Vegas.

Butters received his bachelors degree from Coe College, and his masters from Southern Illinois University. In addition, he has received training from the UCLA Extension Service and the Ethel Percy Andrus Gerontology Center of USC.

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