

Marion Bennett Youth Program

If you ever pass the corner of Lake Mead and "J" you have seen the initial site of the Marion Bennett Youth Program. The facility is located at 1084 W. Lake Mead, directly across the street from the Doolittle Recreation Center.

The Marion Bennett Youth Program is a non-profit organization which provides the community youth with twelve different programs including Drug Counseling, Tutoring, Survival Skills Training, Career Counseling, Youth Conservation Community Improvement Program, Adult Training, Amateur Boxing, Activities, Sports, Miss Black Teenager of Nevada Pageant, Needlework Classes and Jazz Dance Class.

The newest program entitled "Youth Employment and Training Program" (YETP), funded through C.E.T.A., was designed to make significant long term impact on the structural unemployment problems of minority youth and to enhance the job prospects and career opportunities of young people.

The Youth Employment and Training Program plan for out-of-school youth will serve approximately 1,000 participants for one year (January-December, 1978). Clients are provided tutorial assistance to pass G.E.D. tests, Career Exploration/Vocational exposure training and job development services. The goals are as follows:

- To reduce unemployment among youth.
- To develop individual long-term employability plans.
- To improve quality/cooperation of existing services to youth.
- To experiment with new approaches to fuller youth employment.
- To inform Congress on future strategy.
- To develop feeder information into a central job services bank.

The Marion Bennett Youth Program takes pride in our accomplishments; moreover, in the accomplishments of the youth whom we are involved.

This organization gathers its strength from many sources, both public and private, in an effort to control negative forces such as illiteracy, poverty and unemployment.

Within the next few years, we hope to enhance existing programs. With careful consideration for an increasing youth population, the Marion Bennett Youth Program, Inc. will endeavor to create resourceful new plans which will meet the needs of youth - for today and for the future.



Job Developers get a real workout both in the field and in the office. Here, Paula McDonald and Cynthia Clay work as a team to develop jobs for the 50 plus program participants.

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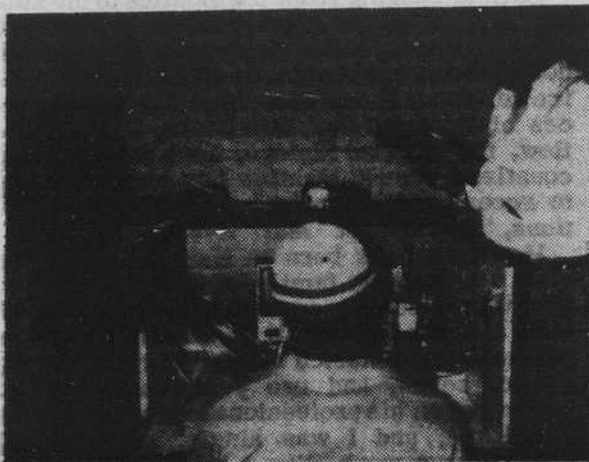
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Students in a class of the YETP Tutorial Program. Ms. Susan Mirjanian, a certified teacher, makes the task of training for G.E.D. certification seem easy to the participants assembled here.



Myra Albert Sprinkles her charm over the telephone at the Marion Bennett Youth Program office for the last time. Ms. Albert, who received training through an arrangement with the Employment Services office was hired as an Admitting Clerk at Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital.



Here, Spencer Brown, Vocational Counselor/Evaluator, Tommy Bell, YETP Vocational Evaluator, monitor the progress of participants who are being assessed for vocational aptitudes.

WORDS OF LIFE

Biblical Inspiration For The Week

"My judgement is just" — John 5:30

1. *We are not free agents.* We are being measured. We are being "weighed in life's balance" every day. Do you measure up? What weight do you bring to bear upon the issues of life which need "the stubborn ounces of our weight" which only we can spare?

2. *God is our judge.* God has made each of us for a high purpose. Hence, God counts on us to do His will in all the things.

When we fail in any expectation of us, God's will for His world is strained; for the weight is placed on others.

Are you placing the wrong

kind of weight on God? His "just" plan calls for you to measure up and to carry your just weight.

3. *God's world is a world of order.* God's ways and judgments are just and true because in the plan and economy of God "nothing is ever lost." The fragments of fractured lives will be brought together. Jesus, the Carpenter, will "make things right." The Great Designer's "plumbline" has been set so that, when the winds of life are settled, God's will and word ultimately prevail.

God's word and God's judgments are just!



Prayer Poem

The hymn, "There's A Wideness In God's Mercy," tells as eloquent a story as any of the calm and compassionate justice of God.

We must be grateful eternally to F.W. Faber for his immortal words written for our admonition and encouragement in 1862.

There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
And more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior;

There is healing in his blood.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given...
For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind...

Worship God in church this week. Keep God's will to keep holy the Sabbath Day. Put first things first; then your life may follow a pattern of justice and order.

