

## NEWS FROM JAI JAI:

Having recently seen the Ipi Tombi Group from Africa perform at the Silverbird Hotel here, I went backstage to make myself known to the Group and to offer a Las Vegas hand of friendship to all of them.

Since that time I have become good friends with five of the women and two of the men performers and have entertained them in my home on several occasions. On Sunday, August 25th, as guests of Mrs. Sedella Dodd a member of the Second Baptist Church, we attended services there. An outstanding reception was given to the Group by the Rev. Willie Davis, Pastor, and the entire congregation of the Church. One of the Ipi Tombi Group was so touched that he could say nothing but "God Bless You" over and over again to Reverend Davis. Tears were in the eyes of all of us during the services.

The Ipi Tombi Group was originally booked into the Silverbird for a four week run but due to the popularity of the Show they have been held over indefinitely. If you have not already seen it - please do - it is a performance worth seeing and it will give you a hearty lift to Happiness.

On another subject - I have returned to my Sunday morning Radio Show "Meditations with Jai Jai" from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. on Station KVOV. Many members of the Second Baptist Church at services on Sunday, advised me how much they welcomed the return of my program. Your donations to help me keep the program on the air will be greatly appreciated.

## WHAT RELIGION IS ALL ABOUT:

A book has just been released by Wilson Books, entitled "A Little Book on Religion" (for people who are not religious) by Dr. Samuel Sandmel.

Meditate with me this week on these verses:


First Chronicle 7 and 14. Psalms 4 and 3, Psalms 116 and 2. Jeremiah 33 and 3.

A thought for the week:


Proverbs 19 and 17. He who has pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord and that which he has given He pays them again. Luke 6 and 38: "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measures"

I recommend the following records for the week:


- (1) Jackson Southernaires - Down Home
- (2) Andrae Crouch and the Disciples - This is Another Day.
- (3) Shirley Caesar - The Greatest Hits Volume 1.
- (4) The Institutional Radio Choir - He's Standing By.



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## INTRODUCING:

**VIRGINIA BROOKS BREWSTER**  
(Assistant GMWA Chapter Representative)

Virginia Brooks Brewster is married to Willie C. Brewster and is the mother of a daughter, Yolanda, a sophomore at Willamette University and a four-year-old son who attends Divine Providence Nursery School.

A graduate from Reuben McCall High School in Tallulah, Louisiana, Mrs. Brooks obtained a B.S. degree and her Masters in Public Administration at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

She has been employed as Personnel Administrator at EG&G and as a Research Analyst with the City of North Las Vegas. She is currently a Consumer Service Officer of the Nevada State Department of Commerce, Consumer Affairs Division, and is an elected Trustee of the Clark County School Board.

Virginia is a member of Victory Baptist Church where she serves as one of several youth counselors. Although she does not sing with the choir there, she brings a wealth of experience to share with the Las Vegas Mass Choir from years of singing with local choirs in the past.

## CHURCH NEWS

Friends are invited to a farewell reception honoring Father Louis Vitale, O.F.M. at the St. James Parish Hall, Washington and H Street from 2-5 P.M. on Sunday, September 23, 1979.

Father Vitale has lived and worked in Las Vegas for the past eleven years. He is a sociologist and was the founder and Director of the Franciscan Center. The popular and personable priest has been an active and outspoken advocate for the rights of poor people and minority groups. He was also active in the anti-nuclear movement.

He has been Pastor of St. James Catholic Church for the past several years. In August he was elected to be the Provincial Superior of the Franciscan Friars of the west coast province. His headquarters are in Oakland, California.

## NEWS FROM OUR LOCAL CHURCHES

by Royal Byron, Religious Editor

From Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. Nathaniel Whitney, Sister Retha J. Hawkins on behalf of the Church, submits the following message of thanks giving.

"We are still thanking all of our sisters and brothers who turned out with us for our Church Anniversary. We had a wonderful time in the Lord. The entire community has a standing invitation to come and join us in all of our worship services.

"We are thanking and praising God for his many blessings. He has blessed us with our plans for the New Evergreen which we are looking forward to start building in the very near future. We are asking all of God's children to please pray for our success. We realize that unless God builds the Church our work is

in vain. We are praying that the Holy Master will take control."

"We may sometimes feel as though everything in our lives needs new direction and improvement. We begin to long for God to give us wisdom, order, and His wonderful healing power to work in our hearts, souls, minds and bodies. We need His love and peace to fill our hearts and minds. All we have to do is let God take control in the name of His darling Son Jesus. As we turn to Jesus for guidance, wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, we will be filled with blessed assurance."

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Church reporter Jeanne Baily from Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of which Rev. J.L. Kemp is pastor, also express sincere thanks to God for the safe return of the pastor and members who accompanied him to the National Baptist Convention which was held in Cleveland, Ohio. Pastor Kemp reported the Convention was huge success and all were much wiser and blessed in the Lord for having attended the conclave.

Pleasant Grove enjoyed good gospel preaching Sunday morning in the worship service. The Pastor took his text from Mark, the 9th Chapter and the 5th verse -- the theme -- "Thinking Big". Among church visitors on Sunday, were the sisters of Sister Barbara Coles who participated in the services.

Everyone is reminded of "Brotherhood Union" which meets at 6:00 p.m. at the Church. It is gratifying to see so many sisters joining these classes and it is hoped that still more will participate as well as brothers in the church.

Sunday evening, in classes taught by the Pastor, "The World Picture of the Church" was studied. His background Scriptures were from 1st Peter, 2nd Chapter, Romans, the 11th Chapter, and Ephesians, the 2nd Chapter and the 19th verse. The Church is not a Kingdom, and not a Bride. The Church stands alone, it was stressed.

Circle #1 which is a part of the Missionary Group will be having their monthly program this Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is urged to come out and support the program and to hear Rev. Charles Coleman, a young minister, deliver a good gospel message.

A Summer Festival sponsored by the Las Vegas Gospel Meadetts will be presented at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, located at 1189 West Hassell Avenue on Saturday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. A really great program has been planned which includes a Solo Contest between Rev. S.P. Parks of Grace Immanuel Baptist Church, Rev. Willie Davis of Second Baptist Church, and Rev. J.L. Kemp and Rev. Charles Coleman of Pleasant Grove.

Participating guest choirs will be those from Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, St. James Baptist Church, Rev. Horn, Pastor; Community Baptist Church, Rev. Sam Roberson, Pastor; and the Pleasant Grove Junior Choir.

Delicious fish dinners will be served at \$2.25 a plate - fish sandwiches - \$1.25, Chicken dinners - \$3.00 and Chicken Sandwiches - \$1.25. The public is invited to come out and help Pleasant Grove and the Las Vegas Meadetts make this a great festival.

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The New Light Missionary Baptist Church at 1165 Lawry Street in Vegas Heights extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend their Pastor's installation and Communion Service on Sunday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. The Installation theme is "Go Ye Into All The World, and Preach The Gospel To Every Creature". St. Mark, 15 & 16.

Rev. A.B. Carr will be installed and Rev. S.P. Parks is Speaker for the evening.

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Francesca Monroe reports from Greater New Morning Star Baptist Church at 2344 Webster Street, North Las Vegas, pastored by Rev. Willie C. Wheaton that the Church enjoyed a very inspirational message from Pastor Wheaton from the text of St. Luke 16: 19-25.