

## Fears No Adversity

# REV. MARY CARROLL CHURCH BUILDER

BY ED BROWN

Rev. Mary I. Carroll, 59, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, is the epitome of one who practices "what she preaches." Rev. Carroll, sets goals then strikes out to accomplish the desired realizing that it will take much sweat and sacrifice to pull everything together.

Born in Orcola, Miss., she was one of seven children—3 brothers and 3 sisters. Her parents raised the family on a farm in that area for a number of years. Through those early years, she was able to experience, through the guidance of her parents, the need for hard work and sacrifice in everything one needs to accomplish. She also came from a very religious family.

Rev. Carroll's husband, Saul, came to Las Vegas during 1942 to work at the Basic Magnesium Defense plant in Henderson. They raised 4 daughters and 2 sons.

Rev. Carroll was called to the ministry in 1959 and started her first church, The Calvary Baptist Church, in 1960, then located at "F" and Owens. She later relocated to "F" and Van Buren and at that

location experienced a fire in 1972.

During 1975, the church moved to 313 Madison Avenue and lost a number of their valuable possessions during a fire there in 1979.

Rev. Carroll said "the Lord gave me a message to start working toward building our own church. This revelation came to me 3 years ago. Since that time my congregation worked along with me to pledge sufficient funds to build a new church.

The dream came true when during the first week in August, 1980, the new church was dedicated at the new location—317 Madison Avenue, immediately next door to their previous location.

The church presently has about 100 members and fully supported by her family. One of the sons, Rev. Samuel Carroll ably assists her with the church matters; another son, Albert, serves as Deacon of the church; one daughter a Missionary; another daughter as organist and pianist; one daughter as church Secretary and the other daughter as church soloist... all members of the family are really involved.

Rev. Carroll is very proud of the work offered by members of her family and her church membership. There's truly a 100 percent effort and support shown by everyone concerned.

When asked what messages she would have for the youth of today, Rev. Carroll extolled the virtues of Matthews, 19th Chapter, 14th verse: "Solomon said, Remember ye thou Creator in the days of thy youth, before the evil days grow nigh. But Jesus said, Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

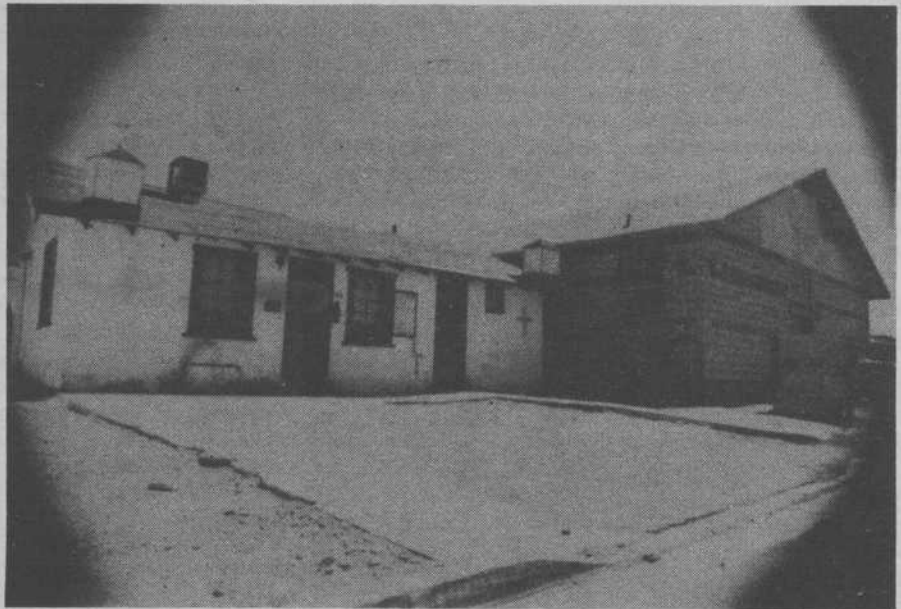
Rev. Carroll loves to sing. She says it is a blessing to be able "to make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

She is a good example of what it takes to achieve. All of this has been realized through good character, sacrifice, hard work, pain, despair, courage, dedication, determination, fortitude and faith.

Her greatest achievement was reached when she was able to open the doors of her new edifice, The Greater Calvary Baptist Church.



Rev. Mary I. Carroll



Old location (left) and new church when under construction

## Assemblyman Bennett's Election Draws Ire.

The November 4 re-election of Assemblyman Marion Bennett may be contested because it is alleged that he fixed the race for the District 6 seat in his favor. Two anonymous groups from the Black Community charge that Bennett sought to increase his chances for re-election and obtain more campaign contributions by placing Pricilla Myers, his Republican opponent, in the race.

Myers works for the Marion Bennett Youth Program, named for Bennett and of which he

is a board member. She had also claimed earlier that she lived at 70½ "H" Street, an address which is located in an apartment complex which Bennett owns.

Myers has been charged by the District Attorney's Office with two counts of falsifying her June 26 declaration of candidacy, because she claimed that she lived at the above address and that she had been a Nevada resident for at least one year — a requirement for assembly candidates. She is to appear in court on

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## Awaiting Word From National -

# NAACP Election Procedures Stalled

The Las Vegas NAACP election scheduled for Dec. 14 has been set aside indefinitely by the national office because of apparent improper nominating procedures, NAACP President James McMillan said Tuesday.

McMillan, up for re-election, said the bi-yearly election was challenged by Sgt. Lovell Gaines, a correction officer at the Southern Nevada Correction Center at Jean.

After Gaines challenged the procedure in a telephone call to the national office, the office informed McMillan by phone to set

the election aside until it had sent a directive on how candidates should be chosen.

McMillan admitted the procedure was probably improper because the five-member nominating committee had too many NAACP executive board members on it.

He said the agency's constitution allows only two members of that board to serve on the nominating committee, but the latest selecting body had four on it.

McMillan said the election cannot be rescheduled until the local agency receives the directive clarifying the election procedure.

He said the directive has been mailed from the national office in New York, but he has not received it yet.

McMillan also said before the election was challenged he had decided not to run for re-election "because I was planning to support someone else."

But now, he said, "I don't know about running for re-election."

Officers to be elected, besides the president, includes two vice presidents, a secretary and treasurer.

The nominating committee also apparently violated the agency's constitution by getting

its meeting dates mixed up, McMillan said.

"We're at fault probably because not enough people were attending meetings," McMillan said. That caused the agency to put too many executive board members on the nominating committee "because we were trying to hold the election on time."

Challenging the election was nothing new, McMillan said, "that happens all the time." Someone is always calling the national office to complain about something.

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