

OPERATION INDEPENDENCE HOLDS GRADUATION EXERCISES

On Sunday, May 30, the largest class ever of 49 children was graduated from Pre-School and Kindergarten. The class theme, Words To Live By as spoken by great Americans, was demonstrated in speeches made by Cedric McGee, Isis Wynn, Bryan Robinson, Mandee Brooks, Ian Smith and Derek Duncan, who quoted famous words spoken by outstanding Americans including Marian Anderson, James Weldon Johnson and Martin Luther King. Certificates were presented by Mrs. Ida Gaines, Secretary of the Board of Operation Independence.

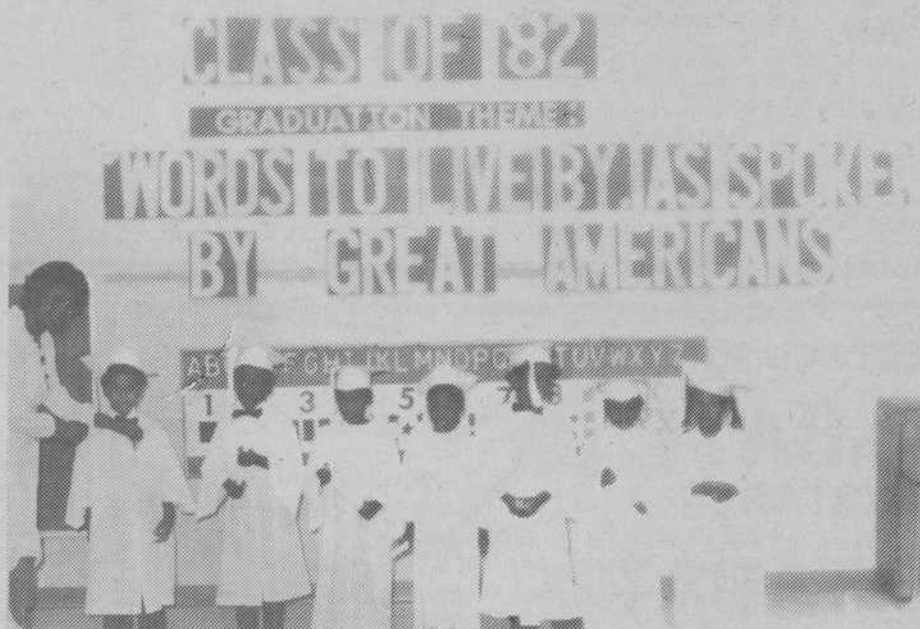
Special awards were presented by Lubertha M. Johnson to Derek Duncan,

graduate, for progress in reading and writing; to Veronica Fleming, who was named Teacher of the Year for outstanding work in the program; and to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for their devotion to the children at Operation Independence, through giving parties for them twice each year for the past 10 years.

Interesting and timely closing remarks were made by Pastor Reynold Howard, Chairman of the Operation Independence Board. He encouraged the children to aim high and called upon parents to set proper standards for their children.

1982 GIRL GRADUATES

LaWanda Barlin
T'Jeda Bolden
Mandee Brooks
Summer Devine
Erika Drumgoole
La'Toya Hawkins
Emily Hayes
Nivia Hooper
Lenita Johnson
Aquarius Lemor
Andrea Marshall
Tifina McClinton
La'Toya Mosley
Tianna Richardson
Afratidee Robinson
Andrea Robinson
Edna Thomas
Denise Wade
Leslee Wilburn
Aisha Williams
Vicky Willson
Isis Wynn



OPERATION INDEPENDENCE graduating class of '82, as part of the ceremonies, selected speakers from among the group. Among those participating as speakers were (left to right): Derek Allen Duncan, Travis Morrisette, Andrea Marshall, Denise Wade, Kenny Lee, Nivia Hooper and Lenita Johnson. Mrs. Lubertha M. Johnson is seen pinning an award on Derek.

1982 BOY GRADUATES

Maurice Byrd
Jason Clayton
Maric Davison
Derek Duncan
Delvin Edmond
Michael Flourney
Karoon Grant
Larry Hicks
Robert Hicks
Jan Hill, Jr.
Kevin Hunt
Carl Johnson
Kenny Lee
Anthony Lewis
William McClinton
Chedrick McGee
Travis Morrisette
Wade Perkins
Derek Poole
Bryan Robinson
Ian Smith
Robert Toldson
Brian Veasley
Abeeka Washington
Alexander Washington
Eddie Watkins
Jason Williams
Kenyatta Williams

SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAM TO BE PRESENTED AT OPERATION INDEPENDENCE

Would you like to have your child introduced to piano and vocal music? Or tutored for kindergarten or first grade?

Operation Independence Pre-School is offering these services to children aged 3-7 during an 8-week summer

program beginning Monday, June 28th at Sierra Nevada Child Care Center.

By the skillful use of flash cards and coloring exercises the children will be introduced to musical notation followed by an introduction to the piano as a

musical instrument. They will also be taught simple vocal music.

Piano music will be taught by Mrs. Emily Meads and Mr. Riley S.J. Caesar, Jr., will teach vocal music. Mrs. Meads is a well-known pianist. Mr. Caesar holds a diploma in

voice performance from the Royal School of Music in London, England.

Tutoring will be done by Miss Betty Puckett,

who has had outstanding success in teaching children entering kindergarten and first grade.

Registration will be-

gin immediately and will close on July 2nd.

The Center is located at 1966 Genoa, just off Lake Mead. Telephone number is 647-1790.

NEW DIRECTOR NAMED AT OPERATION INDEPENDENCE PRE-SCHOOL

Lubertha M. Johnson announced the hiring of Educator Riley S.J. Caesar to direct the Operation Independence Pre-School.

Mr. Riley holds a degree in Secondary Education, Bachelor of Arts from Caribbean Union College in Trinidad, West Indies and a diploma in voice from the Royal School of Music

In London, England. He recently earned a Masters Degree in Education from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, and has had extensive experience in teaching and coordinating community programs. He is therefore highly qualified to continue the outstanding progressive program conducted by Opera-

tion Independence under the direction of Lubertha Johnson for the past 17 years.

Mr. Riley is expected to bring many new innovative activities to the program.

Mrs. Johnson will remain with the corporation for an indefinite period as part time consultant.



OPERATION INDEPENDENCE staff shown above gathered recently following the graduation exercises of Pre-School and Kindergarten classes. Among them were (back row, left to right): Gwendolyn Conrad, Laura M. Wilson, Veronica Fleming, Melodie Cruise and Betty Puckett and (front row, left to right): Bonnie Lee, Emily Meads, Riley J. Caesar, Lubertha M. Johnson and Grace Ray.