SOCIAL NEWS with A TOUCH OF "GRACE"

OFF TO THE CARIBBEAN

Bishop Augustin Quinones, over-seer of churches in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, plans to spend two weeks in the Caribbean visiting Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. He is presiding Bishop over these churches. His lovely wife Beatrice Quinones is Supervisor of the Women's Department there.

Bishop Quinones is the local Pastor of Pilgrim Church of Christ Holiness on "D" and Harrison Streets. Through his instrumentality the church has been recently redecorated and has new colorful pews. He urges everyone to attend their services.

Here to spend the weekend was Pauline Ford of Los Angeles who was a guest of Bishop and Mrs. Quinones at the parsonage. Mrs. Ford grew up in Tallulah, La. and sang in the Mount Evans Baptist church choir with our local soloist, Ida Grier

URBAN LEAGUE SUCCESS STORY

What turned out to be a success was the Urban League Founder's Award banquet honoring ex-Mayor Oran Gragson, at Caesars Palace on last Friday evening. I'll always be grateful to a dear friend who gave me a \$100 ticket, otherwise I could not have been able to attend.

On this occasion scores of the dignitaries from in and out of state,

community friends, and the family of Oran Cragson were in attendance.

Lt. Robert Goodman, the Naval hostage released by the Syrians through the efforts of Jesse Jackson, and wife were among other dignitaries seated on the dais. He wore a beautiful smile, showing his pearly white teeth and appeared to be somewhat shy as he kept a hand before his face. He was the recipient of many accolades and a "Branding Iron" rom the City of Las Vegas.

Following the onehour cocktail hour, the program began with the eloquency of emcee Brock Peters, star of "The Young and Restless."

Peters was very articulate, suave, knowledgeable, and bright. He was in full control and he knew it.

The honoree received numerous plaques and a proclamation from the City of Las Vegas proclaiming Friday, Feb. 3 as "Mayor Oran Crag-son Day." A plaque also came from the Gaming Industry, which was pre-sented by his son Kenneth Cragson. A letter of high commendation came from President Ronald Reagan, and a telegram was read from Honorary Chairman, Wayne Newton who was attending the Olympics fund-raiser in Los Angeles. Governor Richard Bryan and Senator Chic Hecht were also there to laud Cragson with praise.

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