SOCIAL NEWS with A TOUCH OF "GRACE"

by Grace McGlothen

"Winter in America"

Dr. Charlie Knight, Superintendent of Lynwood United School District in California, delivered a dynamic address to the local high school honor graduates who received scholarships from various community organizations under the auspices of B-CON (Black Community Organizations Network).

Using the topic "Winter in America," Dr. Knight stated that it was winter when we came through the deadly paths of this country. We have survived several long hard winters only through the efforts of this great group which sponsored this occasion today. Only these people can give us hope and only then can the flow of winter melt the ice and give us spring. She continued that in the past we have been steered away from land ownership. She said, "Where I came from the saying was if you don't stand for something you will fall for anything."

After putting in a lot of leg work, brawn and muscles she received $32 million dollars to build a new school in Lynwood but until today no land can be secured to build this school due to the zoning process. This is regrettable.

Dr. Knight said, "If you are a Black person you have to be excellent to be average. Her job as Superintendent of Lynwood School District is a very challenging one, for she is very outspoken and may not be reappointed, but she is going to continue her fight for equality and a good education for our boys and girls.

She said, "We must teach our children to earn their grades. Don't just give them a grade, teachers, for competition is cold on the outside."

She said that crime in the Black community is complicated by the contributions of the police force. Young people are being harrassed and their only crime is being Black and poor. There are jiggery crimes and police induced crimes....

Dr. Knight concluded with, "My faith in human beings compels me to believe that Spring is bound to arrive if winter comes . . . for "Today is ours — Let's live it. A song is sung — Let's sing it . . . TODAY IS OURS— LET'S TAKE IT." She received a standing ovation.

100 Voice Choir Sings

The Friendship Baptist Church Choir of Fullerton, Calif. will be special guests all day at the True Love Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, May 27. They will participate in the 11 a.m. worship services and render a full concert at 3 p.m. Sunday.

The public is invited to attend.

Women's Day was a big success at True Love on last Sunday. It was certainly a glorious day. The women were all bedecked in white dresses and red corsages and heard inspiring messages from Sister Bousley and Sister Spurlock. Music was provided by The True Love Adult Choir directed by Sister Ruthy Whalen, Organist and your writer, Pianist. Everyone who attended was filled with the Holy Ghost.

Successful Banquet

On behalf of the NAACP Freedom Fund Planning Committee, Dr. Bernard Hamilton, President, and the Executive Board, we wish to thank all participants in this most successful program which was held last Sunday evening at the Riviera Hotel.

Mayor Loretta Glickman out-did herself with her delivery of a dynamic speech after which she placed the icing on the cake by giving Las Vegas a chance to hear her melodious voice as she sang the verses to "Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Hand" with the audience joining in the chorus. She was a hit—and a real show-stopper!

Speaking of melodious voices, we were thrilled with the singing of "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," rendered by Mrs. Mary Aderholt who sang the song with deep feeling and expression. The composer, James Welden Johnson, would have been proud of her if he were alive.

Highlight of the program was the presentation of Honorees: District Judge Addeliar Guy and Judge Earle White, Jr. They were introduced by Attorneys James Porter and David Phillips. The honorees received accolades from the branch president and also were the recipients of numerous plaques, proclamations and citations.

Dr. Bernard Hamilton presented certificates of achievement to the Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. Virginia Brewster, Mayor Glickman and to the following Freedom Fund planning committee members: Mary Aderholt, Swazine Fields, Virginia Fountaine, Ira McCullough, Grace McGlothen, Claude Parson, Verdia Turner, and Leo Winston.

The committee offers special thanks to Mrs. Virginia Brewster who set the tone of the function by the remarkable way in which she served as Mistress of Ceremonies. Believe me, she was beautiful and she always says, "I am beautiful," and that she was. The affair was lively. She set the momentum and there was never a dull moment for she kept the audience awake.

The NAACP offers a special thanks to the Riviera Hotel, the Barbary Coast Hotel, the Frontier Hotel and all other participating hotels, donors, patrons, KLAS-TV, the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice, The Las Vegas Sun, The Review Journal and most especially the two churches, Second Baptist and Victory Baptist, which purchased a $300 table. It is hoped that other churches will participate in like fashion next year.

Sixty percent of the proceeds will go to fight the many legal battles all over the U.S. and 40 percent remains with the branch for its operations.

Concert at Ham Hall

Congratulations to the Jo Mackey School Fine Arts Department and students who participated in the recent Spring Concert held at UNLV Artemus Ham Hall last Monday evening.

Hundreds of proud parents attended to listen and laud their youngsters who participated in the band, chorus, and drama.

Coaches were: Marie Kunz, strings; Margaret Herod, drama; Doug Wilson, choir; Clay Overlein, band; and Beth Lynch, band.

According to principal Joan Tansey and counselor Alice Wisdom, the performance was outstanding. Congratulations to all of you!

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