

# SOCIAL NEWS with A TOUCH OF "GRACE"

by Grace McGlothen



### Hatcher Family Reunion

On Sunday, June 10, a host of family and friends gathered at Doolittle Recreation Center in the gymnasium to celebrate the family reunion of the 15 children of their father and mother, the late Mr. Levi C. Hatcher and Mrs. Mary Cooper Hatcher and their offspring.

On this glorious occasion one was reminded of the gathering together of the Children of Israel. One was also reminded of the night of the Great Passover when the following morning the slaves would be freed from the yoke of bondage at the hands of the Egyptians. The Hatcher family feels that they are out of bondage today for they have been obedient to the words of God which say, "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God and its Righteousness and all These Things Shall Be Added Unto You."

This was an occasion when family and friends from far and near came to share their tribulations and their joys knowing that the only real joy is in Jesus Christ. This celebration was spiritual, love-filled and glorious; it was void of getting drunk, smoking, shooting dope, shooting one another or any other worldly affairs. The parents of the family, Mr. & Mrs. Levi C. Hatcher, taught their offspring to Honor and revere God and give Him all the praises. Being mindful and obedient servants of the Lord, the Hatchers used Psalm 136, Verse 1 as their theme for the evening: "Oh Give

Thanks Unto the Lord; for He is Good: for His Mercy Endureth Forever."

Family members who came from Springs (Houston), Texas, Forestville, Maryland, Los Angeles, California, Las Vegas, Nevada, Diamond Bar, California, Oakland, California, French Anchelles, Martinique, Frankfort, Germany, Nacoo, Mississippi, Jena, Louisiana, San Francisco, California, Monroe, Louisiana and Naperville, Illinois were: Mother Mary Hatcher, Nancy Hatcher Griffin, Robert James Cooper, Maxine Hatcher Hughes, Jase B. Hatcher, Louise Hatcher Jordan, Nancy Elizabeth Hatcher Cravin, Mary L. Hatcher Walker, Charles L. Hatcher, Josephine Hatcher Washington, Theresa Hatcher, Levi Mark Hatcher, Robert Lee Hatcher, Sherman Mitchell Hatcher, Carolyn Hatcher Oats, Millicent Gail Hatcher Demps, Bonita Yvonne Hatcher Armstrong and

Jenny L. Hatcher Mullins.

This elaborate family reunion was centered around a lengthy but rich program. A Sermon was delivered by Rev. Jase B. Hatcher, Sermonette by Rev. Bervin Oats, Address and poem by Theresa Hatcher, lots of solos, and gospel music from first, second, third and fourth generations; there were duets, trios, ensembles, poetry and a play entitled "In the Heat of the Day." Mistress of ceremonies was Vanessa L. Hughes Ragsdale, first born of the third generation.

Following the program dinner was served with an abundance of Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Vegetables, dinner rolls, an assortment of cakes and pies, and cold soda pops.

Program coordinators were Levi Mark Hatcher, Minister of music and pianist, Millicent Hatcher Demps, Directress/pianist, Carrita Rene Jefferson, Directress, Carolyn Hatcher Oats, Directress/pianist, Louise Hatcher Jordan, Program printing,

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Grace McGlothen, left, who served as Mistress of Ceremonies at the banquet honoring the Troutmans, is shown presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Maudra Jones, keynote speaker for the occasion.



Shown left to right are Councilman & Mrs. Therone Goynes as they presented a Proclamation from the City of North Las Vegas to Dr. Porter and Bobbie Troutman at the Banquet honoring the Troutmans for their great services rendered to the greater Las Vegas community. The Banquet, sponsored by the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Inc., was held at the Silver Nugget Casino.



Also honoring the Troutmans, shown at right, at the Banquet given in their honor was the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce, represented by its president, Dr. James McMillan, left, and one of its founders and past president Sarann Knight-Preddy, holding the plaque.

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