

Education

Education Is Power

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February is generally considered to be Black History Month. During the month, we will be featuring the contributions of Blacks who may or may not be as well known as some others. Most of the information will be taken, with permission, from a book entitled *Great Negroes: Past and Present* by Russell Adams, and edited by the late David P. Ross, Jr., who lived in Las Vegas until his death in 1983.

Blacks. Despite their pioneering efforts, systematic treatment of Black history was not begun until 1915 when Carter G. Woodson, an ex-coal miner and school teacher, organized the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Over the years the still-thriving Association has published many important volumes in this field. Today most educational institutions are conscious of the past of the

National Vocational Education Week To Be Observed

The Clark County School District will observe National Vocational Education Week, Feb. 10-16. The district's two vocational/technical facilities will have Open House Nights for the public which will include a tour of the schools, student displays, meetings with teachers and admission counselors and student-prepared refreshments. Open House dates are: Area Trade Technical Center, 444 W. Brooks Ave., NLV, Feb. 13, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Southern Nevada Vocational Technical Center, 5710 Mountain Vista, Feb. 11, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This year's National

Vocational Education Week theme, "Vocational Education: Real Learning," emphasizes that vocational education provides students with learning that lasts long after they have left school. Through the vocational experience, students learn by doing to gain knowledge, ability, depth and flexibility and develop skills necessary to survive in a changing workplace.

"Competency based vocational education is the promise for America's continued industrial growth," said CCSD Director of Vocational Education, Marshall Darnell.

Journal of Negro History, a scholarly repository of research which is used by students throughout the world. He initiated the observance of Negro History Week in 1926. Eleven years later, the Association began the publication of *The Negro History Bulletin*, a more popular vehicle for disseminating the findings of scholars and researchers. Today the celebration has extended to a whole month and is called Black History Month.

Carter G. Woodson was born in Canton, Virginia in 1875. Having little opportunity or money to attend school, he was 22 years old when he completed high school. During this period, Woodson supported himself by working as a coal miner. He continued his education at Berea College in Kentucky and at the Univer-

sity of Chicago. He terminated his formal studies with a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Harvard in 1912. Three years later, he organized the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Dr. Woodson firmly believed that "the achievements of the Blacks properly set forth will crown him as a factor in early human progress and a maker of modern civilization." His life and work are eloquent testimony to that belief.

Book Giveaway At CCSD

The Clark County School District will hold its annual obsolete library and textbook giveaway at the warehouse located at 4212 Eucalyptus Ave., from Feb. 11 thru Mar. 1, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nevada Reading Week Slated For Feb. 9-16

Clark County School District students will observe Nevada Reading Week, Feb. 9-16, with a variety of activities.

Vegas Verdes Elementary School will hold a Books on Wheels event in which students from each grade level will be chosen to go to a nursing home to read to the patients.

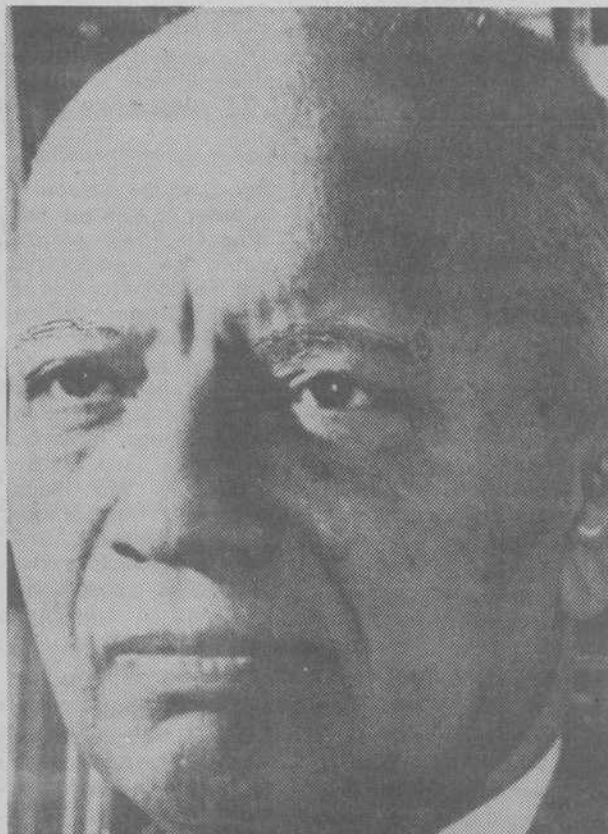
Robert E. Lake Elementary School will sponsor a schoolwide "Ghostbusters Read-A-Thon" throughout the month of February. Five hundred posters of ghosts will be posted

within the school building and students can "bust" a ghost by reading ten books.

Other scheduled activities include: Feb. 5, Vegas Verdes March of Dimes Reading Champions assembly, 2 p.m.; Feb. 11, Vegas Verdes "Drop Everything and Read."

Tobler Elementary "Love Your Library" spaghetti dinner at 6:30 p.m., Robison events include helium balloon liftoff, "Fight Prime Time, Read a Book,"

Feb. 15, Vegas Verdes Reading assembly all day.



CARTER GOODWIN WOODSON

This week we will feature Carter G. Woodson who lived from 1875-1950, and is generally considered to be the "Father of Black History."

William Cooper Nell, William Still, William Wells Brown, George Washington Williams, and W.E.B. DuBois wrote books on various aspects of the history of

Black American. Many of them have developed study programs to fill this neglected gap in the education of most Americans.

Woodson himself set the pace for research in this area by publishing several books on the history of the Black American.

In the year 1916, Dr. Woodson started the



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