

Black Man With 11 College Degrees Says Young Must Be Encouraged to Learn

New York, March 15--The 100-year-old son of a former slave, who has earned 11 college degrees, including five in law, believes that blacks are finally making progress and said the young

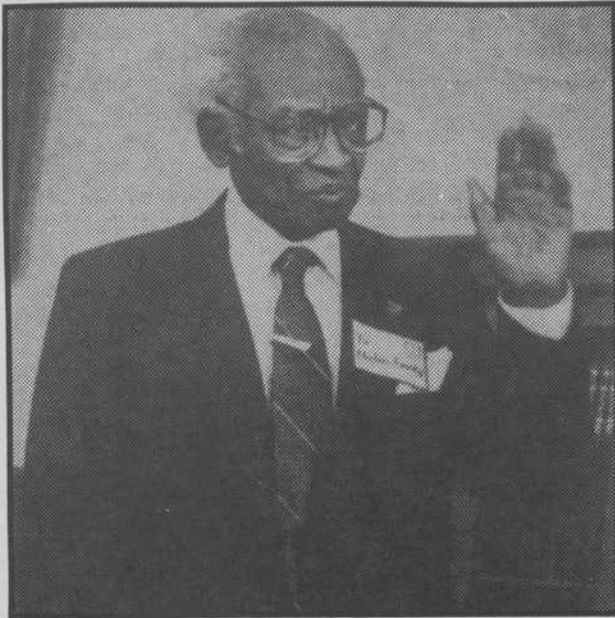
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man was elected mayor of Chicago. And you don't know how much the appointment of Colin Powell, a black man, to be chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff means to me, an old soldier. It turned the world upside down."

Asked how he could fight for a country that discriminated against him, Morton-Finney, who served in World War I, said, "It was still my country. There was no country in Africa that I belonged to. This is where I lived. I believed I should fight for this, my country. And I would do the same today."

Born in Uniontown, Kentucky, after his father had been freed by President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, Morton-Finney developed a penchant for learning early on that has never stopped.

"A cultivated man would never say, 'I finished my education' because he graduated from college," he declared. Fluent in six foreign languages, Morton-Finney holds bachelor's degrees in mathematics, French and history and



John Morton-Finney

must be encouraged to take advantage of it.

"There is less prejudice today," John Morton-Finney told PARADE Contributing Editor Wallace Terry, who in-

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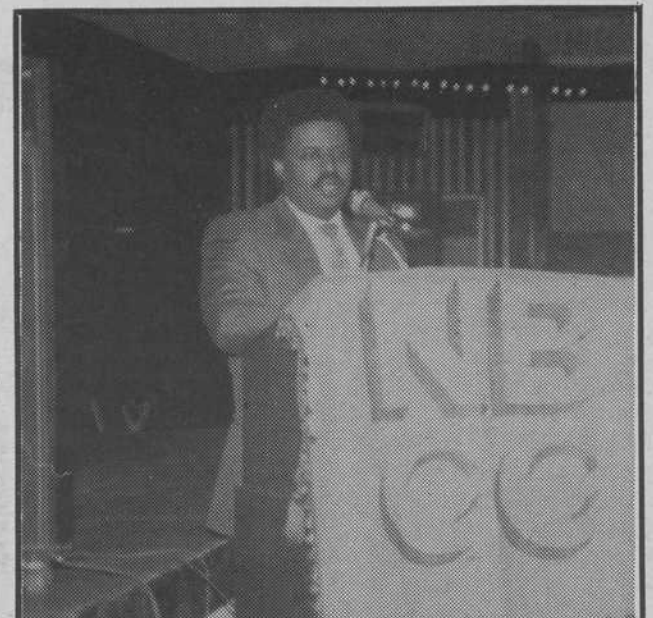
Doolittle Community Center Offers Tutorial Program

The City of Las Vegas Department of Parks and Leisure Activities offers a wide variety of diversified and unique programs to the citizens of our community. Along with their many recreational programs, an abundance of learning and educational opportunities are also offered. One such opportunity is the tutorial program at the Doolittle Community Center, 1901 North "J" Street.

At present, the program runs Monday through Thursday, 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm and serves approximately 40 students per day, grades K-3. The program is free and instructed by certified school teachers.

The tutorial program is governed by an advisory board which overlooks the daily operation, policy and procedure, and the ad-

ministrating of funds. The program is funded by state grants as appropriated by Assembly Bill 704 and the City of Las Vegas acts as custodian of those funds. The board is comprised of community leaders, legislators, and other concerned citizens. The tutorial board is currently seeking interested individuals to serve as members for the 1990 term. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Doolittle Community Center. For more information, call Amy Carver at 386-6297.



Pictured above is DON GIVENS, Hotel Manager for the newly built and soon-to-be-opened EXCALIBUR Hotel Resort, as he spoke at the recent Nevad Black Chamber Luncheon. Givens, who is a graduate of the UNLV Department of Hotel Management, was formerly the Hotel Manager of the Colorado Belle Hotel/Casino in Laughlin, Nevada.

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A Letter to Rev. Jesse Scott from Sheriff John Moran



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Reverend Jesse Scott
President
Las Vegas Chapter-NAACP
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Dear Reverend Scott:

I am pleased to recognize the formation of the NAACP, Las Vegas Chapter, Community Relations Committee. It will be my pleasure to meet with your committee on a monthly basis to discuss matters of mutual interest.

I pledge my cooperation and the cooperation of my staff in working toward our mutual goals of free and open exchange of information between the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and your committee and working to improve the relationship between the citizens and the police of our community.

I have always felt that there is no limit to what can be accomplished when citizens of good will sit down in an atmosphere of reasonableness. I look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with the NAACP Community Relations Committee.

Sincerely,

John Moran
JOHN MORAN, SHERIFF

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