

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY
American Woodmen's
Preserving Our History Through
Collecting "Black Americana"

By Gwen Walker

Marcus Garvey often said, "A people without the knowledge and History of its culture is like a tree without roots."

Keeping this statement in mind reaffirms my commitment along with many other African Americans to preserve our history



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through collecting Black Americana; also called Black Memorabilia. Items to collect can range from books, magazines, dolls, prints, paintings and figurines to trading cards, clothing, newspapers etc. Items with pictures depicting Blacks in a derogatory way are very collectable and constantly increasing in value. Old family pictures or portraits, especially 1950's or earlier are being sought by collectors all around the country.

Products such as hair care oils, sheen, perms, etc will become very collectible. These items old and new can bring a very hefty return. Your local grocery store has a wide assortment of Aunt Jemima products as well as wheaties cereal with Michael Jordan on the box. These unopened items will definitely increase in value. Black videos, cassettes, albums, 45 records and especially 33 records are items to keep.

Articles have been published in Ebony, Jet, American Visions, and Time magazines regarding the importance of preserving our history through collecting. If more African Americans collect these items we can surely properly tell our story and not continue to let these items get into the hands of those individuals that want to continue to capitalize on African Americans and our history.

For more information write to me in care of The Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice.

Let's preserve our history.

Oral Roberts University's Commitment to Minority Students

Oral Roberts University, a predominantly charismatic, Christian university, has sought for twenty-five years to provide open access educational opportunities to students of all ethnic origins.

While some of their efforts have been successful, it wasn't until the advent of Give Me A Chance Ministry that the effort

paid extraordinary dividends.

Richard Roberts, Executive Vice President of ORU, was responsible for encouraging the active recruitment of black students from the inner city schools of the major metropolitan areas of the country, and asked the Reverend William Owens to take up his calling to such an effort. Now, two and one half years

later, 203 more black students are attending ORU from nearly every major city in the United States as a direct result of Give Me A Chance Ministry.

Due much to the effort of GMAC Ministry, under the direction of Founder/President William Owens, the student body is comprised of over twenty-two percent black students, compared to fourteen percent just two years ago.

Reverend Owens reports that the university has also put in place a special transition curriculum for students who need help making the academic adjustments necessary to succeed. He has also recruited two new black faculty members, and has allowed his ministry to implement a special orientation program for incoming students.

According to ORU officials, enrollment at the university is up over ten percent.

This vital and growing university is reaping the benefit of true Christian concern as God continues to bless all men and women.

MEMORIAL GARDEN TO HONOR RANCHO TEACHER



OVERTON CURIS

Long-time Rancho High School coach and teacher Overton Curtis, who was killed in a car accident December 15, 1991, will be remembered by students and faculty with a memorial garden planted in his honor.

Dedication of the garden is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, March 13, at the school, 1900 E. Owens in North Las Vegas. The garden will be located in front of the building near the school marquee.

More than a dozen student organizations pitched in to provide funds for the garden. Roses, one of Curtis' favorite flowers, will figure prominently in the floral tribute.

Curtis, 55, had been a teacher in the Clark County School District for more than 25 years, including about a decade at Rancho. Curtis was well known to Rancho students as a physical education teacher and head track coach. Curtis' wife Connie, is assistant principal at Dell Robison Junior High School.

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in the "Fast." During the "Month of Ramadan" we abstain from food, water, or drink, and sex with our spouses from dawn to sunset.

The spirit of the "Fast" is forgiveness, self-control, self-discipline, control of carnal desires, human urges, appetites, and above all, reflection on the Creator and HIS wondrous creations.

We extend an invitation to the Muslims locally as well as non-Muslims to join us in our "Fast Breaking" and Prayer Services throughout the 30 day observance. Our Masjid is located at 711 Morgan Avenue. For more information on The Month of Ramadan or how to participate, please contact Abdus-Salaam at 649-1064 or 647-2757.

AMERICAN MUSLIM WOMEN OF NEVADA

Cordially invites the public to attend a series of lectures in March pertaining to the "Month of Ramadan." The seminars will begin at 6:30p.m., at Masjid

As-Sabur (formerly known as Masjid Muhammad), 711 Morgan Avenue. Refreshments will be served. For more information please contact Samesha Ramadan at 648-5678 or Baheejah Abdus-Salaam at 649-1064.

SEMINAR SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF RAMADAN

THURSDAY - MARCH 19, 1992 - **Practicing Modesty During the Month of Ramadan:** How to Walk, Talk, Sit, Stand, Lie and Dress.

THURSDAY-MARCH 26, 1992 - **The Battle of Badr (A Victorious One):** Finding The Night Of Destiny (The Night of Power/Lailatul Qadr). The Quran, A Miracle Of Eternal Wisdom

THURSDAY-APRIL 2, 1992 - **Sadaqah; The Eid Prayers; Eidl Fitra; Eidl Adha:** The Chant, The Physical Salat, The Amount Of Wealth, Rewards In The Hereafter, After The Month Of Ramdan

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