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Born August 12th, 1906, to Martin and Helen, Berkeley and his two sisters and seven brothers, lived and grew up in this rural community going through it's local grade school. He followed by completing three years in the nearby High school in Overton. Berkeley can look back and smile over the fruitful life he experienced during this period. He mentions with pride the eight horse freight team and the 500 head of cattle his family owned and tended. He tells of hauling copper from the mountains. With even more of a glow, he recalls how his brother, Marty proved to be a hero. When Berkeley was about eight, there was a small flood. It was during school hours, Berkeley saw some of his father's horses caught midstream. His brother dove into the water, cut one horse free, drove it to the banks, and returned amid the raging waters to release one after the other until six were saved. The last two drowned.

Berkeley recalls how at the age of six, his home was completely destroyed by fire. He remembers holding onto his mother's apron, and watching the neighbors form a bucket line, handing the water one man to another in vain. All that remained were the clothes on their backs, a piano and a \$5.00 bill his Mother had in her pocket. Undaunted, the family bunked with the neighbors until a temporary home was put together, and from there started completely anew.

Berkeley had no particular profession in mind, and upon completion of his education in 1926, from the old High school on fifth street, he started out by driving trucks for a laundry, a dairy and a baker. The church then sent him for two and a half years on a mission to Georgia and Florida. He returned to our city to commence work in the Texaco station on 5th and Fremont. After gaining the basic knowledge, he opened his own tire and oil business, on the site where the National \$1.00 store stands today. Always a deeply religious family, his ties being strongly bound up with his church, Berkeley was appointed Bishop of his ward.

At this time he was elected to the Legislature, which he served for three consecutive terms. During his second term of office he became speaker of the Assembly. When the late Senior Senator Key Pittman passed on, Berkeley was appointed to fill the unexpired term. He spent two years in Washington, D.C. during the formative stages of the outbreak of World War 2 and was a member of the Senate of Pearl Harbor when the "State of Emergency" was declared.

Beautiful Women and Grandchildren in Bunker Family



WIFE LUCILE (ANGEL)



DAUGHTER ANN



GRANDSON MARK PAUL

friendly quips to those who are enjoying happy and close conversations with him. For those who are unfortunate enough to be there on sad occasions, there is still a warmth and a closeness that makes one feel there is a reliable friend at hand.

The records show that Berkeley has made his mark with the Kiwanas, and the Chamber of Commerce, The Urban Renewal Committee has him as a member, and the Southern Nevada Historical Museum Association is also proud to add him to its list.

Today he is on assignment for his church to visit (approximately 30 weekends out of the year) State Conferences throughout the Western area. He says that he can think of no other place in which he would rather reside and his predictions for Nevada on the whole, are optimistic. He, along with so many others, note the effects of the "growing pains" on this state, but he feels that when things are stabilized, the future will be brilliant.



GRANDDAUGHTER REBECCA



GRANDDAUGHTER LORI ANNE

Upon the expiration of his term, he became an insurance executive for two years, until again he became elected to Congress from Nevada, for 1944 through 1946.

During this period he purchased the Garrison Mortuary, located on Fremont between 5th and 6th streets. Completing his term of office, he resolved to return home and become an active participant in his own business. His resolution wasn't

allowed to take root for very long, for he was appointed President of the Southern States Mission of his religious affiliation, and was shipped to headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, where he resided for 3-1/2 years, supervising all missionary activities in the states of Georgia, Florida, So. Carolina and Alabama.

Again, when he was released from his duties, he returned to take active ma-

agement of his business. In between times, he had moved to a new location on 5th and Stewart, changing the name to "Bunker Burt Mortuary," which later, upon his purchasing Lester Burt's interest, became what is known today as the "Bunker Mortuary". (Originally Bryan, another brother was included - but is now long retired from this branch and area).

Now was the time to branch off into another tangent of memories, and Berkeley was asked when and how did he meet his wife? It appears that although the parents had known each other since the children were toddlers, Berkeley and the charming Lucile Whitehead (spelt with one L) never really became acquainted until they shared

the 7th grade together. When our friend first saw her, her black hair and blue eyes, reminded him of another family he knew by the name of Angel, and he thought there was some connection. He still calls her his "Angel". Romance never really blossomed until they both graduated the same year from High school and it was not until 1933 that they were united in marriage. Through this partnership they have two daughters, Loretta and Ann, and even more to Berkeley's approval, there are three grandchildren.

Today this stockily built, medium height man, with his greying hair, hazel eyes, that have a peculiar depth, sits behind his desk, flashing a warm smile, and handing out

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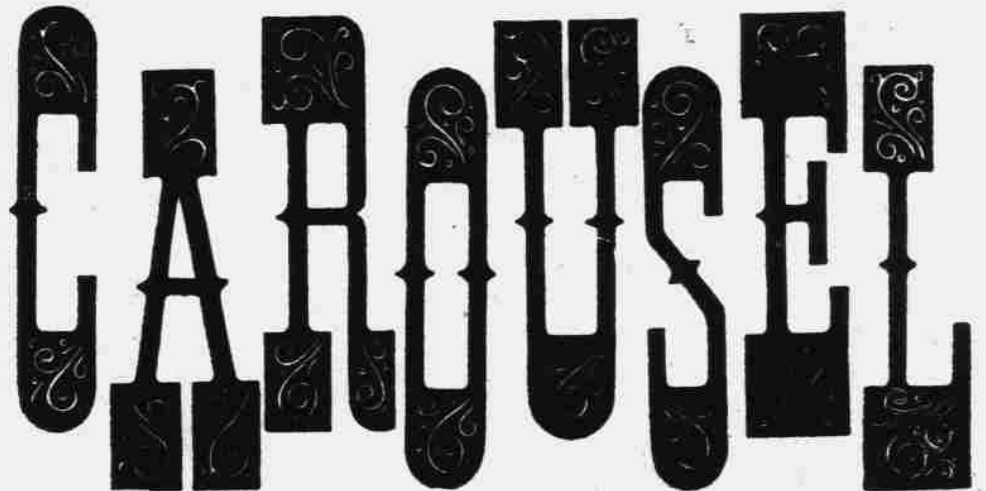
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