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Our Juvenile Delinquents

THE PROGRAM presented to the Rotary Club Thursday, dealing with the subject of Juvenile Delinquents was particularly timely for several reasons.

One of these reasons is the recent commitment of three Las Vegas youths to the State Industrial School at Elko, and another the coming session of the State Legislature.

There is something wrong when conditions are such that it is necessary to send the number of boys to the reform school that the State of Nevada does, and, according to Senator A. S. Henderson the laws of the State in the matter of delinquent children are inadequate and insufficient.

Senator Henderson offered some first class suggestions regarding legislation. His idea is that in the handling of cases of juvenile delinquency our aim should be "prevention rather than correction."

At present the law provides only for corrective methods, and the handling of the cases through the sheriff's office places a stigma upon the boys for life. It is true that a good many fight back and come out on top in spite of the stigma, but it is hardly fair to youths who have that much good in them, to make such a fight necessary.

Boys have a world of pent up energy, along with much curiosity and a keen spirit of adventure. Without proper supervision and the right home atmosphere youngsters who are innocent of wrong intent are led astray by the "gang," and without realizing the seriousness of their acts, become law breakers.

An irate citizen, with perfectly good grounds for his wrath, swears out a complaint, and the delinquent youngsters are arrested by the sheriff's office. Taken into Court, which is called "Juvenile Court" by courtesy, but is in reality the same Court that tries the most hardened offenders, the boys usually plead guilty, and stand convicted of a first or second degree burglary charge, as the case may be. At the State Industrial School they are thrown with associates who are apt to be of a really criminal tendency, and the association can certainly do no good for the boy whose slip was unintentional.

Under Senator Henderson's proposal, the law would permit the payment of \$2,000 to a Probation officer for full time. This could be further augmented by \$300 from the Service Clubs, and \$300 from the Boy Scouts, and such allowance as could be made by the school authorities for a truant officer.

The right kind of man could be secured, who would give all his time to supervision of the boys during leisure hours, and who would keep constant watch over those who, because of improper home conditions, or the wrong kind of associates, seemed likely to get into trouble.

Present day psychology teaches that there are mighty few children who are born criminals. It is environment, or perhaps, the lack of proper environment, that usually stimulates the criminal tendency. Once a slip is made, all the corrective methods now in use, simply serve to emphasize the criminal complexion of the affair, and assist in making a poor citizen instead of a good one.

To quote Senator Henderson, our service clubs can do no greater work than to build a better citizenry, and to do this they must start with the raw material, the boy and girl.

It is safe to say, that with each county employing the proper kind of Probation officer, the cost of upkeep of our jails, state prison and industrial school would soon be materially reduced, and we would have made a big stride forward towards producing a generation of citizens which would average better than our own.

A Scramble For Roads

THIS NEXT TWO YEARS will be intensely interesting to the people of Nevada in relation to highways and the scramble for their position. This is known to the highway department, as there is an ever growing demand for construction and each section of the state figures the importance of some connection.

The creation of the Boulder Dam in Southern Nevada will undoubtedly have some bearing on highway construction. Should either Arizona or Utah ratify the seven state pact it will mean immediate work on the dam, and once such approval is secured there will be no halt in the boom on the southern border of this state. Already demands are being made for the extension of the north and south highway and at the same time other sections are putting in

His Lookouts — By Albert T. Reid



their claims for recognition.

The completion of the road north of Ely to Wendover is part of the highway program, in fact each section is pretty well cared for and there is but so much money available for this state irrespective of the demands of the different sections.

During the past year there has been a lot of highway construction on the north and south route, more in fact than any other section. A review of the work of the highway commission during the year will reveal the fact that this state has made some great strides considering the money available for highway purposes.

The scramble for highways is going to be one of the big problems and it can be predicted that all who want a chance at the federal funds will not get their desire. The funds are limited by our Uncle Samuel and the gas tax and license fee brings but so much money. It will sift down to just how much money can be raised and expended and the highway commission will have to act accordingly. —Carson City Appeal.

Compact Ratification

THE NEWS, first published in the Age of Thursday, that Governor Phillips who has just assumed the reigns of government in Arizona has appointed members of his Colorado River Commission, is received with satisfaction. We take it as an assurance that the ruling powers in Arizona will now seek diligently and fairly to compose the differences which for eight years have kept Arizona out of the Compact and thereby blocked the Boulder Dam project.

It is obvious that the Boulder Dam project has now reached an advanced position and cannot be defeated. Either under a seven-state or a six-state compact the development will be carried out.

There should be complete agreement between Arizona, California and Nevada and the resultant seven-state compact ratification. The Boulder Dam bill as finally passed by Congress and signed by the President is, of course, the result of mutual compromises. Perhaps it is not in all respects entirely satisfactory to any state. Yet it is so eminently fair to all and promises benefits and advantages of such great value to each that no state can afford to reject it.

The first act of the California legislature was the unconditional ratification of the Colorado River Compact. Thus has California shown her good faith toward the other states. California will now, it is hoped, approach the delicate task of making a compact with Arizona and Nevada in the same spirit. She will find that much of the old jealousy and distrust which once surrounded the Colorado River problem has been dissipated and that in its place is a sincere desire to settle the whole matter on its merits, fairly and without subterfuge.

But, whether by agreement of all or only of six of the states, the Boulder Dam will be built. The worst we can fear is a delay of six months in the time of beginning the work.

Dam Celebration

IT IS NOT TOO EARLY for Las Vegas to give thought to a great celebration when actual construction work on Boulder Dam begins. The occasion will be of such surpassing interest to the nation as a whole that we are justified in looking forward to it.

Governor Balzar would naturally be the host of the occasion. He, with the Governors and Commissioners of

the other Colorado River states would be guests of Las Vegas. Engineers, scientists and writers would be invited.

Herbert Hoover, to whose wisdom and far-sighted vision the great project owes its advancement, would, if possible visit us at that time, accompanied by many high officials of his administration.

The possibilities of the event are too great to foresee completely. Let's begin now to anticipate them.

Las Vegas Needy

WITH ALL HER IMMEDIATE PROSPERITY Las Vegas is needy. She is lacking just now in the housing facilities necessary to care for her transient visitors or permanent settlers.

Our hotel and apartment house capacity and our dwelling houses have not kept pace for the past several years with our steady growth. If we are to fulfill our destiny we must engage in a campaign of building along all lines. It matters not that people rush in if we have no means of accommodating them.

The Age is listening for the sound of hammer and saw which will provide us with housing facilities for those who are to participate with us in building here a great city.

NEVADA PIG CROP BIGGER LAST YEAR

Nevada's pig crop for the fall of 1928 was 25 per cent greater than that for the same period a year ago, while prospects for the pig crop this spring are for an increase of more than fifty per cent over that for the spring of 1928. It is announced by the United States department of agriculture bureau of economics office in Salt Lake. The cause of the fall increase lay in a slight gain in the number of sows farrowing, coupled with a considerably greater average number of pigs per litter. Gain in the spring

crop is expected from the expressed intentions of Nevada hog raisers to breed one-half as many more sows for farrowing, as compared with last spring.

Dr. and Mrs. F. R. Mildren entertained at dinner Thursday evening at their home on South Second street. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bracken, Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. McNamee, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hesse and Mr. W. H. Pike.

If we can lend enough money to Germany, it is just possible Germany can pay enough to England and France so that England and France can pay us their war debts. Fair enough.

Bad news from Maine. The state is under a blanket of snow, or is at this writing, and as Maine goes—well, you know the rest.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

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Some Events of 1928 That Will Be Long Remembered

JANUARY

11—Thomas Hardy, famous British author, dies.
21—Col. Geo. W. Goethals, builder of Panama Canal, dies.

FEBRUARY

8—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh completes his 7,866 mile good will flight over Mexico and Central America.

MARCH

6—First non-stop flight from New York to Havana accomplished by Charles Levine.
13—Captain Hinchcliffe and Elsie Mackay begin ill-fated attempt to span the Atlantic from England.

30—New endurance flight record of 53 hours 36 minutes set by George Haldeman and Eddie Stinson at Jacksonville, Fla.

APRIL

5—Chauncey Depew dies.

13—Koehl, Von Huenfeld and Fitzmaurice complete the first successful east-west flight across the Atlantic. Secretary of State Kellogg begins negotiations for a treaty to outlaw war.

18—George H. Wilkins and Lieutenant Eielson complete a 2,200-mile flight over the North Pole region from Alaska.

25—Floyd Bennet, Byrd's companion on the North Pole flight, dies of pneumonia while attempting to carry aid to the stranded Bremen flyers at Greenly island.

MAY

24—Dirigible Italia, with General Umberto Nobile as commander, flies over the North Pole.

JUNE

18—Miss Earhart completes trip in plane Friendship, being the first woman to fly across the Atlantic.

24—General Nobile rescued from ice apck by Lieutenant Einar Lundborg.

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13—250 die, 700,000 made homeless in Porto Rico hurricane.

OCTOBER

6—U. S. Polo Team wins international match with the Argentines.

9—New York Yankees win world series from St. Louis Cardinals.

15—Graf Zeppelin reaches Lakehurst, N. J. after perilous flight from Germany.

23—George Barr McCutcheon, novelist, dies.

28—Figures show 43,000,000 citizens registered to vote in Presidential election.

NOVEMBER

1—Graf Zeppelin concludes successful return flight.

6—Herbert Hoover elected president of the United States with record vote, breaking up the "solid South."

13—Disaster to steamer Vestris off Virginia Capes results in loss of 110 lives.

19—Herbert Hoover starts on good will tour from San Diego, Cal.

23—Thomas Fortune Ryan, financier, dies.

DECEMBER

3—King George V critically ill with pleurisy, oxygen is administered.

21—President signs Boulder Dam bill.

YOU WILL FIND A COMPLETE PRESENTATION OF THE PARKER DUE LUXE PENS AS ADVERTISED ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS WEEK'S POST AT THE JEWELRY SHOP OF M. W. DAVIS, OVERLAND HOTEL BUILDING.

SAN DIEGANS INTERESTED

B. B. Tankel and Jesse H. Shreve of San Diego are keenly interested in the coming development of this section. After spending several days here, they decided to become financially interested.

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