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### THE GROWTH OF OUR SCHOOLS

**D**URING THE MONTH OF JANUARY and the first week of February the enrollment in the Las Vegas city schools increased at the rate of thirty-five pupils a week, according to figures of the superintendent's office.

It is no wonder that, since our school buildings were already full at the first of the year, the board of education is rushing arrangements for additional buildings.

The growth of Las Vegas has scarcely begun and now that six states have ratified the Boulder Dam bill there will be a far greater rush to Las Vegas than we saw during January and February. The enrollment of children in the school system will not be at the rate of thirty-five a week but will in all probability double that figure for several months.

The school board is contemplating a \$250,000 special bond election in the near future. It is their hope that the new building which will be erected on the school property on Seventh street can be made ready for occupancy by the second semester of the coming year.

### THAT ZONING ORDINANCE

**I**T WILL BE REGRETTABLE indeed if the City Commission fails to pass a building ordinance and to make provisions for proper zoning. Some modest beginning should be made to take care of construction which is already starting, and by working with the city commission a successful plan for our municipal growth could be evolved.

Time for action is at hand and we will most surely regret it if the proper provision for intelligent growth is not made now.

### RENO

**P**UBLICITY HAS ITS PRICE, and the best of humans are never entirely free from criticism. In fact it sometimes seems that the more public spirited and helpful a citizen is the greater the criticism he receives from many who can show little in the way of real accomplishment.

This rule seems to apply to cities as well as to individuals. A few years ago a prominent woman writer spent a few days in a Reno hotel and then wrote an article which purported to give the real story of the delightful little city by the Truckee. Most of the article was quite uncomplimentary, and did not give a true picture of the city in any way.

For the past year Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., has spent considerable time in Nevada, and has been tendered every hospitality and assistance in all parts of the state, but especially has Reno played the host. Coming here directly following the failure of his tabloid newspapers, it is doubtful whether there is any spot on the globe where he would have been given more kindly encouragement. Your westerners may be a bit lacking on sophistication but for sincere hospitality and kindness they are hard to equal.

As a return for the many courtesies shown him, Mr.

Vanderbilt has just published "Reno," which her citizens claims is a distorted caricature.

Not having read Mr. Vanderbilt's latest contribution to literature we are unable to comment intelligently on the work itself. We can however tender our sympathy to our sister city, which we can honestly say is one of the prettiest, liveliest and most delightful municipalities in the country.


Anyway Reno, you are getting a lot of publicity, and even though a great deal of it is undesirable, it is quite possible that a lot of people will be attracted to your city to see whether it is really as terrible as it is painted, and once having arrived they are quite likely to succumb to your charm and become real friends.

### ITALY DEALS FIRMLY WITH BOOTLEG LIQUOR

**ROME, Mar. 9, (AP)—**A nationwide campaign to clean up illicit liquor stills has been inaugurated by the Fascist government, in order to improve the health of Italians generally, and to make sure that foreign visitors during the forthcoming touring season may be certain of obtaining unadulterated products when they order the spirits of their respective countries at Italian bars.

Already a big haul has been made at Pistola, where a clandestine distillery of "grappa," that fiery water of the Apennines, was put out of commission. Another and no less fruitful raid was operated at Civitavecchia, where for a long time methylated alcohol and a bit of coloring mixture has been put into empty whiskey bottles and then dumped on the Roman liquor market.

Officials of the Milwaukee county airport are making plans for dedication exercises and an air meet to be held at the airport next summer. An elaborate program of races is scheduled.



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