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### GENTLE SPRING

GENTLE SPRING is about as gentle as a Hollywood flapper this year. She seems to have as much manners as a Dakota blizzard and to be about as pleasant. The present reminds us of 1905 in Vegas when some I can remember wore overcoats and fur caps with earlaps into early May. Even that was not enough to drive us away from Vegas.

But never mind. Las Vegas is not the only spot where the weather gets temperamental and blows dust in one's eyes. Even "Sunny California" has been in the dumps to such an extent that one warm, bright day induced editorials in the newspapers.

With the amount of boom talk heard here recently it is not surprising that the wind blows and real estate takes to the air.

But cheer up. Warm weather will soon be here and the boom will be booming and the town will be growing and the dam will be building just the same as if the wind had not blown yesterday and today.

### CLEANER STREETS

FREMONT STREET is the "living room" of Las Vegas and should be kept just as spick and span as the housewife keeps her best room.

Improving the streets adjacent to Fremont is about to start and that will prevent much of the accumulation of dirt and gravel and rubbish that comes into Fremont from the side streets. Although it will not entirely prevent the blowing about of old papers, it will be much easier to keep the city neat.

A fine clean lot of streets makes a city attractive while dirty streets disgust people and lessen the value of property. Besides, Fremont street is one of our most valued investments and should be worthily taken care of. Let us hope that as our number of paved streets increase civic pride will grow in the same proportion and demand that they be washed occasionally and swept frequently.

### CLEAR VISION

SENATOR PITTMAN, in his talks before the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club this week brought clear vision to those who may have had some lingering uncertainty as to the status of the Boulder Dam project. Senator Pittman and all those in close touch with the situation know that the project is settled; that it is now going forward and will continue with all the resources of the government behind it.

It is an astonishing thing that the only place in the United States where there is heard any expression of uncertainty is Las Vegas, due perhaps, to our long period of hope deferred in the past. While the pessimistic element here is very small in numbers, it is sufficiently vociferous to produce disquietude among the timid.

Senator Pittman wisely stresses the necessity of Las Vegas busying herself in preparations to care for the certain influx of population. It is obvious that the present flurry of activity is only the preliminary gust of the gale that is coming. The thing for us to do is go forward with the full knowledge that the Boulder Dam matter is settled and act accordingly. Let Arizona do the worrying.

### AIRPORT MUDDLE

LAS VEGAS, either through private enterprise or municipal financing should settle the matter of a permanent and adequate flying field.

The present field has been used longer than its condition justified. It has been damaging to planes and annoying in all respects.

Private capital, it is hoped, will be given all the encouragement and support of which the community is capable if it shall provide us with an adequate flying field.

## PRODUCTION OF MEAT BEHIND

CHICAGO, Ill., Mar. 23.—Meat production in the United States is not keeping pace with the growth of population. This fact was brought out by J. H. Mercer, prominent Topeka, Kans., livestock man and chairman of the National Live Stock and Meat Board, in a statement today to the board, analyzing government statistics for 1928 and reviewing conditions over a period of several years.

Mr. Mercer quoted comparative figures on human and livestock population covering the last forty years to show that in this period human population has doubled, increasing from 59 million in 1887 to 118 million in 1927, while the number of meat animals has shown a decrease amounting to 27.2 per cent in beef cattle, 13.7 per cent in sheep and 5 per cent in hogs. He stated, however, that this spread was partially offset by the introduction of improved methods within the industry; that greater efficiency in breeding, feeding, shipping, etc., has made it possible to supply more meat from fewer animals than in the past.

DUBLIN, Mar. 23. (AP)—Librarians have reported that Hugh Walpole an English author, is more popular among Free State readers than any Irish writer of fiction. Donn Byrne is the only Irishman whose books have a wide circulation. The librarians noticed that Eamon de Valera and other members of the republican group are reading works on constitutional law.

ROME, Mar. 23. —Italy is preparing to celebrate the 2,000th anniversary of the poet Virgil. Naples, where Virgil wrote the Aeneid is building a monument for the poet's tomb at a cost of \$160,000.

The proprietor of a Fayetteville, N. C., grocery found his cat dead. Employees told him a large rat had killed tabby.



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## Broadcasters Meet To Map Proposals For Legislation

CHICAGO, Mar. 23. (AP)—Recommendations to be made to congress regarding radio legislation will be considered at a meeting here March 25 of members of the National Association of Broadcasters.

William S. Hedges, president of the association and manager of Station WMAQ, says the principal object of the meeting is to determine whether the broadcasters' proposals shall be submitted to the special session of congress which opens April 15.

Although included in the records of the hearings, the recommendations made by the association to the last congress were not considered, both senate and house committees confining their deliberations to the question of continuing the federal radio commission. While it is considered certain that congress will not enact any radio measure at the special session, Senator Dill and other radio leaders are planning to start the drafting of legislation to be introduced at the regular session next December.

It is the paramount desire of broadcasters that the governmental agency regulating broadcasting be placed on a permanent basis as soon as possible, Mr. Hedges says. Orderly administration is impossible while the authority of the administering body is only temporary and of short duration, he contends.

While the association did not approve specific actions of the commission, it recommended that if congress was not prepared to designate a federal agency for permanent administration of the radio law, the commission be continued for another year. Members of the association, Mr. Hedges says, are strongly opposed to sweeping changes in the broadcast structure such as the reallocation of last November. Such upheavals jeopardize the investments of meritorious broadcasters and tend to encourage station owners who eventually will have to abandon their projects as incapable of success, he believes.

## REALTORS FLY TO CONVENTION

A fleet of airplanes for the transportation of realtors to their annual convention to be held June 25 to 28 in Boston is rapidly being formed, planes having been chartered already, according to a bulletin issued by the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

At the suggestion of Harry H. Culver, president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, who is this year visiting with the 822 member boards of the association on five airplane tours, the real estate board of Houston, San Antonio and Corpus Christi, Texas with whom Mr. Culver has recently had contact, have chartered airplanes for the transportation of their delegates to the convention. The planes chartered by the Houston and San Antonio boards are fourteen passenger ships. The three lone star state planes together with Mr. Culver's plane, which he uses as his office on his tours, will make four ships in the fleet to fly to Boston.

Mr. Culver is urging local boards in all cities sending large delegations to the annual convention of the national association to charter airplanes for the trip.

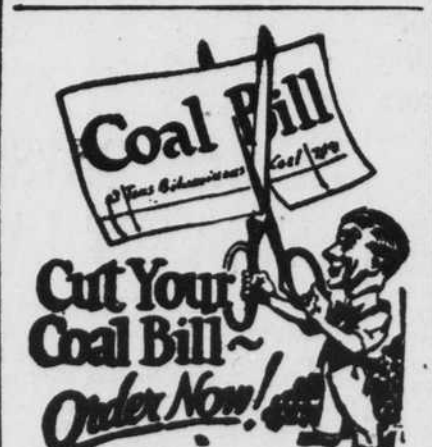
## WORLD LISTENS IN ON 20,000,000 SETS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23. (AP)—More than 20,000,000 radio sets are in use throughout the world today.

The globe-encircling march of radio is revealed in a survey of world markets for wireless apparatus made by Lawrence D. Batson of the electrical equipment division of the department of commerce. To serve this universal audience, broadcast stations are operating on all continents, near the Arctic circle, on the equator and far down into the southern hemisphere.

Nearly half of all the receivers are in the United States. Great Britain and Germany have approximately 2,500,000 each; France has 1,250,000; Japan, 550,000; Argentina, 530,000; Sweden, 371,000; Austria, 325,000; Czechoslovakia and Italy 250,000.

More than 95 per cent of the sets on the North American continent are in the United States and Japan has about the same proportion of the total for Asia. Argentina possesses more than half the sets in South America; while, in Europe, Great Britain, Germany and France account for 75 per cent of the total. The union of South Africa has about 90 per cent of all the sets on the "dark continent."



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