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### GETTING TOGETHER

THE WORD that the Arizona Colorado River Commission is going to California today to meet the California commission for an informal discussion of differences, is pleasant.

It has long been apparent that there are no great fundamental differences of such importance that they should keep two neighboring states out of friendly relations.

To all except, perhaps, a few of those whose vision has been distorted by being too close to the subject, the benefits which will come to both Arizona and California through the Boulder Dam project are so great that the consideration of comparatively petty details should not keep either state from doing its utmost to encourage the development. A spirit of jealousy, the fear that one state might profit a little more than the other, forms an unworthy reason for opposition.

Both Arizona and California are great states, integral and inseparable parts of the great Southwest. It is to be hoped that they may at last compose their differences and pull together in this great matter in which both are so vitally interested. There has been too much of petty jealousy. It is high time for a display of some qualities of statesmanship.

### NEVERTHELESS

IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE for more reasons than one that Arizona should at last come into the sisterhood of states and say "We are seven," instead of pointing outside the door while her six sisters are inside the compact in peace and harmony. Arizona has lost much of the respect due her as a state, by unreasoning opposition to the Boulder Dam and by her insistence on the fallacious doctrine that she "owns the river." To continue the past policies will still further alienate her and the ties of friendly and business interests will continue to weaken to the mutual disadvantage of the whole family of Colorado River states, although Arizona will suffer the greater loss.

Nevertheless, let it be distinctly understood, so far as the Boulder Dam is concerned, she is no longer needed. The victory was won without her assistance and in spite of her resistance.

With all the powers of the United States government firmly committed to the project; with six states linked in friendly compact to forward it; with an overwhelming public approval behind it, there is no stopping the Boulder Dam.

June 21, next, the Boulder Dam bill will become fully and finally effective and construction would not in the least be hastened by the ratification of the compact by Arizona.

It would be agreeable and pleasant to know that an end has come to the disruption that Arizona has caused during the years of misrepresentation and misinformation fed to her people. That is the dead past. The Age believes that the thinking, conservative people of Arizona realize now the advantages of coming into the compact.

Nevertheless, as we said before, it is up to her.

### HEAR THE HAMMERS

THE SOUND OF THE HAMMER is heard in the land; likewise of the saw.

Not since the hectic days following May 15, 1905, has Las Vegas experienced anything like such building activity as now. On every hand new hotels, business blocks, apartments and residences are going up and much more building is planned and about to begin.

With all it is probable that we cannot in the next few years keep pace with the demand. What Las Vegas has so far experienced about the premonitory symptoms of the fever of activity to come when work on the Boulder Dam is actually begun. That will be the signal for an exodus to Las Vegas from every town in the United States. Thousands have their eyes turned this way and only await

the signal to start.

Those who consider this the boom are considerably premature. What we are trying to do now is to, so far as possible, get ready for the boom.

### NEVADA DOES WELL

WITH THE CONTRACT let by the State Highway Department yesterday for the improvement with oil bound gravel of an additional 22.74 miles of the Arrowhead Highway from Apex to Crystal, we may congratulate ourselves that more than one-half of the Arrowhead Highway in Clark county will soon be hard surfaced.

Clark county has taken a foremost place among the counties of the state in the improvement of her highways and those who come here from the northern counties always speak in complimentary terms of the improvements.

Nevada as a state, the smallest in population and wealth of any of the Union, has made remarkable strides in highway building through her almost trackless mountains and deserts. The April number of Sunset magazine has a most interesting article on the Romance of Highway Building, in which Nevada's accomplishments are given high standing.

In a recent number of the Saturday Evening Post is an editorial in which Nevada's law regulating the erection of signboards along the highways is much complimented. Nevada may be small in wealth and population, but when it comes to the spirit of accomplishment she is right there with the goods.

As the bootlegger said, "It's the spirit that counts."

### LIBRARY ENDOWMENT

OUR OLD FRIEND, Ed Smith, who went to his final rest last week, was an inveterate reader. He chose his books well and always delighted to talk over the things he read. And for years he has given of his time to serve as one of the board of the Las Vegas City Library.

Those who knew him best can quite understand his thoughts and motives in devising a substantial sum of money to the Las Vegas Library. He had seen it come into life! had helped to nurture it through its wealidng years and had enjoyed its solace when it grew older. He wished to pass on to those of us who are left and to the generations yet to come the fine companionship of books.

We who are left can do no less than carry on. Already the American Legion has pledged \$100 to add to Ed Smith's kindly gift. It is probable that the service club, and fraternal organizations will all likewise contribute substantial sums and citizens generally will join in the movement to provide our library with the beginning of a permanent endowment.

The growth of the library has been so gradual and its demands on the public purse so modest that many hardly know we have a library. Yet we have a fine little library stocked with good books which, for the most part Ed Smith helped to choose. And it is a source of pleasure, comfort and education to many who every day take advantage of its offerings.

Let's get busy and match Ed Smith's gift with at least two dollars for one. In doing so we will show a proper appreciation of his action and at the same time will be building for the future.

(Since the above was written the boys of the 20-30 Club have thrown \$125 into the Library Fund. A fine display of community spirit.)

### EXPANDING BUSINESS

DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS the business section of Las Vegas has increased its area greatly. Main Street both north and south of Fremont, is building rapidly. The new postoffice is being built at Second and Carson and First and Carson also boasts a large building.

Fremont street is extending its business almost to Sixth, with many new buildings in contemplation. Who knows but that some future day Fremont, between Fourth and Sixth will be known as "Newspaper Row?"

### WESTSIDE NEARER

TAKING THE HAIRPIN TURN out of the highway, and the extension northward on Main street of business are linking West Side much closer to the main part of the city.

On the west side will grow many fine residential districts and great industries. The Age expects to see the time in the not far distant future when this west side east side stuff will be forgotten and we will all be Las Vegas just alike.

### BLOCK SIXTEEN PROBLEM

THE AGE recognizes the problem that "Block 16" presents to our future but does not attempt to say how it should be solved further than to remark that the sporting district should be relegated to some less conspicuous place.

But we have an idea that those who own the property in that district and, as well, those who are interested in the businesses will wisely solve the problem themselves.

The property in Block Sixteen, once relieved of the drawback of its former reputation, would be much more valuable as a part of the Las Vegas business district than it could ever be for sporting purposes. And the sporting element would be much better off in a more secluded location.

It seems quite possible that those most interested in the problem can, if they will, furnish the solution in a much more satisfactory way than anyone could do it for them.

## SOCIETY

The luncheon given by Mrs. Will Beckley at the Oasis Tuesday afternoon, when she entertained members of the Community Bridge Club and several guests was most charming, the Easter motif being used in the decorations and favors. After luncheon bridge was played at the Beckley home, Mrs. R. W. Martin and Mrs. W. E. Ferron receiving the high scores.

Guests included Mesdames R. W. Martin, W. E. Ferron, W. N. Schuyler, A. E. Cahlan, C. L. Dimock, C. E. Pembroke and C. C. Boyer.

June Bradford entertained nine of her little chums with a delightful party Wednesday. Those attending were: Marian McNamee, Barbara Ferron, Shirley Ferron, Bessie McKenzie, Betty French, Jean Classen, Pauline Lorenzi, and Virginia Stone.

Mrs. Virgil Ham entertained the Aerial Bridge Club this Wednesday afternoon at her home on South Sixth street. Guests present were Mesdames Harley A. Harmon, Frank Gusewelle, J. M. Heaton, W. B. Mundy, Hal L. Hewston, F. C. DeVinney, E. G. McGriff and James Cashman.

A delightful dinner party was that given Sunday evening by Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Schuyler, honoring Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Adams of Reno. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ferron, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cahlan, Misses Maude Frazier, Eva Adams and Mabel Mariani.

Honoring their house guest, Miss Frances Shaughnessy of Carson City, Mrs. A. S. Henderson and Miss Alice Henderson entertained with a bridge dinner Tuesday evening. High and low scores were won by Miss Shaughnessy and Mrs. James Powers. Guests were Mesdames James Powers, Delano F. Wengert, Darrell Dayton, Vincent Cobley, Verne Perry, George Zeller, Jr., J. L. McQuade, Florian Parker, James Wadsworth, and the Misses Lucille Wadsworth, Edna Kraner, Isabelle McChrystal, Louise Crowe, Lucille Finney, and the honor guest.

Mrs. Harley A. Harmon and Mrs. Virgil Ham have been entertaining with a series of bridge luncheons this week, honoring their aunt, Mrs. Mary Fogarty, who is the guest of Mrs. Ella Wengert.

On Monday the guests included Mesdames A. W. Ham, F. R. Milder, J. M. Heaton, C. L. Dimock, J. C. Albers, Jake Beckley, Will Beckley, F. M. Ferguson, A. C. Grant, C. C. Ronnow, F. R. Hudson, E. W. Cragin, John Park, C. J. Hammond, Delano F. Wengert, R. W. Martin, and Miss Jane Terry. Mrs. Will Beckley received the prize for high score. Mrs. Jake Beckley the second prize, while the consolation went to Mrs. W. E. Ferron.

Guests invited for Saturday afternoon are Mesdames James Cashman, A. E. Cahlan, Frank Gusewelle, C. S. Wengert, M. E. Sullivan, K. O. Knudson, J. M. Heaton, J. R. Hemphill, J. D. Smith, Delano F. Wengert, J. Taylor, J. W. Woodward, Helen Henderson, R. B. Griffith, A. L. Gifford, W. G. McGriff, Granville Hancock, A. P. Marble and C. L. Finney.

Mrs. Harley A. Harmon is entertaining five tables of bridge this afternoon in honor of Mrs. Mary Fogarty. Guests will be Mesdames William S. Park, C. C. Boyer, Carl Farrar, Thayer, F. R. Hudson, A. A. Hinman, J. L. McQuade, William E. Orr, Hal L. Hewston, John Hinge, Roscoe Pyeatt, F. A. Gibson, E. G. McGriff, F. C. DeVinney, E. P. Davison, J. Johnston, A. S. Henderson and Sina Norris.

The Wednesday Bridge Club were guests of Mrs. Leo A. McNamee yesterday afternoon when they were entertained with a charming bridge

luncheon. Mrs. E. F. Davison won high score. Those present were Mesdames E. F. Davison, J. F. Hesse, F. R. Mildren, Jake Beckley, W. E. Ferron, W. R. Bracken, Wm. S. Park, and J. H. McChrystal.

Mrs. J. F. Hesse and Mrs. F. R. Mildren will be hostesses tomorrow afternoon when they entertain with a luncheon at the Oasis. Guests will be Mesdames J. W. Woodward, A. W. Ham, James Cashman, A. E. Cahlan, E. W. Cragin, Frank Gusewelle, C. S. Wengert, Roy Martin, Will Beckley, J. M. Heaton, Jake Beckley, S. J. Lawson, Harry Anderson, C. E. Pembroke, W. R. Bracken, Leo A. McNamee, Roscoe W. Thomas, W. E. Ferron and Miss Jane Terry.

### MRS. SHAFFER OUT OF DANGER

Mrs. William Shaffer was reported out of danger, from her release following an appendicitis operation in Los Angeles, by Mr. Shaffer, who returned to this city this morning after having been called to Los Angeles by the report that her life was in danger.

She is staying at the home of Ruth Tate, a friend, at 1648 North Kingston drive, and is expected to be confined to bed for several weeks more.

Shaffer's Chevrolet coupe, which was stolen during a previous visit last week in Los Angeles, was found four blocks from where he had left it parked, gears locked, engine in bad condition, left front fender damaged, 19 gallons of gasoline used up, and parked on the wrong side of the street, evidently having been used by some "green" driver, according to mechanics at the J. B. Baldwin Motor Car company, where the car is being repaired by the insurance company.

Shaffer is employed as printer by this newspaper.

### ROY P. SWANSON GETS STATION CONCESSION

Purchase of an exclusive five-year franchise for a grocery restaurant-confectionery at the State Auto camp near Fuller's Texas station one mile out the Los Angeles highway by Roy P. Swanson was announced by Swanson this morning.

Swanson plans to live in the building, using the 2x30 room in front as a store. He plans to install outside table service, making the place attractive and comfortable with large umbrellas and other conveniences, he stated.

Mrs. Mae Osier and friends entertained Mrs. Gertrude Host today with a motor trip to the reservoir, gypsum plant, Arden and the rose gardens.



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