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Elks From All Over State, Nation Welcomed to Boulder Dam Gateway

Harmon Expresses Gratitude For Band Furnished by U. P.

Appreciation of the kindness of Fred Knickerbocker, general manager of the Union Pacific System, and his representative, R. R. Smith, in arranging for the services of the great forty-piece U. P. band during the state convention here is expressed for the Elks of Nevada by State President Harley A. Harmon.

This band, which will lead the parade at the national convention to be held in Los Angeles immediately after the Nevada convalescence, was permitted to stop off and help in the festivities here through arrangements completed through Mr. Smith with the authority of Mr. Knickerbocker, and will play for two days, giving concerts at Lorenzi's.

In addition to the band itself, seven of its personnel, with another, comprise the orchestra which will play for the Grand Ball Thursday night and for the two dances the other two nights.

New \$100,000 Elks' Lodge To Be Built Soon

A new \$100,000 Elks lodge building for Las Vegas is being planned by a committee of members headed by Harley A. Harmon, and it is expected to be begun by some time this fall. The building will be one of the best lodge structures in the state.

The lodge owns the vacant property at the intersection of Third and Carson, northward across Carson from the court house, and this will be an ideal site for the new home.

Details for the financing of the building are now being worked out by the committee of seven Elks, and when completed will be followed by formation or plans as to construction as soon as possible it is intended.

This will be one of the biggest steps toward expansion of the local lodge ever taken, and will make possible the increasing of every branch of its activities, it is pointed out.

The other six working with Harmon on this committee are Dr. Roy W. Martin, A. W. Ham, Ed Von Tobel, James Cashman, Earl Nungesser and John E. Watters.

The land upon which the lodge home will be built has belonged to the Las Vegas Elks for seven years according to Harmon.

Oiling of Road Aids Both Elks And Community

The oiling of the highway from Las Vegas to Lorenzi's resort is a project put over by the committee in charge of the state convention for two reasons: first, here is great hazard and inconvenience and displeasure in having dusty roads when there is much travel, and this would detract from the festivities; second, this is one of the best possible ways for the Elks to show their appreciation to the community for its cooperation in entertaining the lodge men, for such a permanent contribution to the community will be better appreciated by citizens than anything else, it was explained by Leonard Blood manager.

The two and a half mile stretch of road from the railroad crossing to the resort is not in good condition, and the hazard of many cars speeding over it with vision impaired by the dust is going to be great during the convention. Besides the possibility of accident from this cause, there is the misery of have to eat excessive dust, as pointed out.

Stickers Used The method chosen by the committee for raising money for the oiling of this road is regarded as especially good because it spreads the expense over a wide scope and makes the burden small for each individual; then, too, the stickers aid materially in making everyone conscious of the nature and significance of the festivities.

The construction company which is doing the paving for the city the General Construction corporation, through courtesy of Mr. Roche, is furnishing labor and equipment for the work at cost, according to Blood, which appreciably lessens the expense of the work.

Smith in Charge Otis J. Smith, city commissioner, is in charge of the highway work.

Should there be any funds left over after this work is completed, according to Blood, this money will go toward the Boy Scouts' camp fund.

The opening of the new 30-foot boulevard from Lorenzi's to the main Beatty-Goldfield highway is promised by Mr. Lorenzi by July 4, and will make the approach to the resort much more safe and pleasant than the former entrance, ever did in pre-war times.



Leonard Blood

The Manager of the Nevada Elks' convention, Leonard Blood, to whom is due a large share of the credit for the success of the program of entertainment for visitors and townspeople.

HISTORY OF LAS VEGAS ELKS LODGE RECOUNTED

By HARLEY A. HARMON

Prior to formation of an Elks' lodge in Las Vegas in June, 1922, when an Elks Lodge was instituted through the efforts of the local members here constituting about eighty-five strays who had organized themselves into what is known as the Stray Antlers Association, Las Vegas jurisdiction was under the Kingman lodge of Kingman, Arizona. In 1910 Tonopah lodge procured a dispensation from the Grand lodge, which permitted Tonopah lodge to initiate several members from Las Vegas and Lincoln county. In 1913, through the efforts of Goldfield lodge, a dispensation was procured from Kingman lodge, and Goldfield initiated a class of forty-one. The following year another class was initiated into the Goldfield lodge, and for several years thereafter the majority of the Elks residing in Las Vegas were members of Goldfield lodge. In 1919 Kingman lodge, realizing the possibilities of Las Vegas, which was in her jurisdiction, refused to grant any further dispensation and came over on two occasions and initiated quite a class in Las Vegas. In the meantime, the members who resided here had made several attempts to secure a charter for Las Vegas, but due to the constitution of the Grand Lodge, which required a population of five thousand, they were unable to make any impression upon the Grand Lodge. Finally, through the efforts of a local committee composed of M. M. Riley, Henry M. Lillis, Walter Bracken, and Harley Harmon, working in conjunction with Charles Sprague, District Deputy of the State of Nevada at the time, a dispensation was granted to Las Vegas in June, 1922. At the Grand lodge meeting in July a charter was issued to Las Vegas. Prior to granting of said charter, the local stray Elks raised sufficient funds to purchase a piece of property on the corner of Third and Carson for a future home. After the granting of said charter this property was turned over to the local Elks lodge.

Following members of this order have occupied the position of Exalted Ruler: Harley A. Harmon, first Exalted Ruler, first District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler from this lodge, and first State President from the local lodge; A. W. Ham, second Exalted Ruler; Roy W. Martin, third Exalted Ruler; A. S. Henderson, fourth Exalted Ruler; C. E. Pembroke, fifth Exalted Ruler; C. V. T. Gilbert, sixth Exalted Ruler, and Judge Wm. E. Orr, present Exalted Ruler of the Lodge, followed by E. F. Dupray, when Wm. L. Scott was elected two years ago and now occupies said position.

The first officers of the lodge were: Harley A. Harmon, Exalted Ruler; A. W. Ham, Esteemed Leading Knight; Roy W. Martin, Loyal Knight; C. E. Pembroke, Lecturing Knight; C. V. T. Gilbert, Esquire; John Fagan, Chaplin; Otis Goodwin, Inside Guard; W. R. Burns, Tiler; Ernest Cragin, Secretary; Arthur Anderson, Dr. R. F. O'Brien, Wm. E. Orr, Trustees; W. R. Bracken, Treasurer.

The lodge immediately rented the entire floor over the Adcock & Ronnow store in which was contained club rooms and a large ball room. They also are the owners of a valuable piece of property situated at Third and Carson, and have a committee now appointed to work out plans to start to build a home on said property. It is estimated that this home will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000 when complete.

Beginning with a membership of fifty-five members, the lodge now has three hundred thirty-four, being one of the largest fraternal organizations in the city.

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Elk Trains to Be Routed Thru Vegas

Invitations have been extended to the local Union Pacific agency Elks throughout the nation to route their trips to the national convention through Las Vegas. Notifications of such routings have been promised the local Elks committee, who will make sure entertainment facilities are going to be

adequate, on the basis of this information, for the guests who are to be expected from outside the state.

The local Union Pacific agency is cooperating with the committee, and keeping in touch with the central office of the U. P. System, that those in charge of the convention arrangements may be kept informed.

Twelve Have Big Share in Making Conclave Success

Although it is recognized that committees cannot put over such a program as that worked out for the State Convention of The Elks in Las Vegas, it is a recognized fact that so the men on whose shoulders rested the responsibility for organizing the affair belongs a large share of the credit for the success of the convention.

Manager Leonard Blood was assisted in organizing plans for this convention by James Cashman, Al Cerradetti and C. V. T. Gilbert, the central committee. Carl Rau, Mr. Potthoff and R. G. McCubrey have charge of the trap shoot, Ernest Cragin and Art Harris of the boxing and wrestling, and Coach Frank Butcher of the water sports and children's athletic contests.

Housing is in the care of Harley A. Harmon, James Cashman is in charge of the barbecue, J. T. Watters is in charge of the fireworks display and James Cashman has charge also of transportation.

Trips to Dam Site Planned

All guests who wish to make the trip to the Boulder Dam site will have opportunity to do so, it is provided by the transportation committee, in charge of James Cashman.

Special transportation service adequate to care for all will be provided, and regular trips will be scheduled if warranted by the demand.

Pickwick passenger buses may be chartered by the committee, if available for the dates of the convention. Sedans may be used to supplement this service, if the demand requires their use, it is stated.

The number of cars to be used and their departure times will be governed entirely by the demand.

The boat trip from the end of the road to the actual dam site will be made via Boulder-Grand Canyon Navigation company which runs two boats for this purpose.

Early morning trips may be made if there are any significant number of persons who want to make the trip during the cooler hours, it has been intimated.

Guests who are here for the convention will be taken to Lorenzi's and back without charge, it is planned by the committee.

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