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TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 9, 1929.

THAT LITTLE QUAKE

THE GOVERNMENT weather forecaster in Los Angeles suggests that the quake yesterday was "put on" for the benefit of the visiting Elks.

It is obvious that the weather man is mistaken. Those of us who are Elks quite understand that the Elks put on the quake themselves just to let Los Angeles know that they had arrived.

ELKS' CONVENTION

FIRST among the benefits of the celebration and convention is the spirit of closer friendship and cooperation fostered between Las Vegas and the rest of the state. Not so long ago, it will be remembered, the north was rather inclined to ignore our existence, politically, financially and all ways. We were small potatoes in their eyes, and, if they knew of Las Vegas at all, many of them imagined it a place in California or Arizona or some remote and unthinkable place unworthy of consideration.

The picture is changing, thanks to such enterprises as that the Elks have just carried out. The state generally has awakened to the fact that Las Vegas and Boulder Dam are important factors in the state. They are interested in our present and our future. And those who visit us for the first time are invariably astonished and favorably impressed with the advance we have made.

A COMMUNITY SERVICE

THE SUCCESS of such an enterprise as the Elks' State Convention is not to be measured by the number of people attending nor the financial returns.

There is a far reaching effect which cannot be computed in dollars and cents, yet which brings large returns indirectly to the entire community.

The gala appearance of the street decorations impress favorably thousands of travelers who passed through Las Vegas by railroad and automobile during the days of the celebration.

The men of national importance who stopped here for a few hours or a day or two will have much to do in creating a favorable public opinion toward Las Vegas.

This is, perhaps, an intangible success, but it is a success of the utmost value to Las Vegas and will repay us for our time and trouble a hundred fold.

As the Age has said before, the Elks of Las Vegas have performed a splendid community service. We do not know whether or not they have made both ends meet financially but if not it is the duty of the community to stand behind them in making up the deficit.

A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

DIFFERENT PEOPLE often see the same thing with quite different opinions resulting. For example, some of the people who recently traveled over the Las Vegas-Beatty highway told the Age they were surprised to find the road so good. They made the 121 miles between Beatty and Las Vegas in less than three hours and thought it fine.

On the other hand, our esteemed contemporary the Las Vegas Evening Review, thinks it very, very bad, and says editorially, "There may be worse roads somewhere, but if so we haven't seen them, and we've traveled our share of bad roads."

Mr. Einstein is a believer in relativity. If he could have traveled to the Las Vegas-Beatty highway a few years ago and again today he would doubtless be able to observe a wonderful improvement, relatively and feel his theory fully justified. Time was, not so long ago that it took eight hours or more of hard travel to get from Vegas to Beatty.

Now it is sometimes done in two hours and forty-five minutes, and quite regularly in three hours.

And it does seem that a road on which an average of forty miles an hour is customary must be a pretty good road after all.

But another matter of relativity comes to mind. That is whether the highway department, in parceling out the somewhat meager amount of money available for maintenance, should spend as much on a highway carrying an average of about 15 cars per day as on one carrying 500 cars per day. It seems quite obvious that a road so comparatively little traveled as the Las Vegas-Beatty highway should not be kept in perfect condition at the expense of the more important routes of travel. The maintenance money must necessarily be spent mostly where the heaviest traffic is.

Perhaps the long dry spell has made the Las Vegas-Beatty road a little rough in places, but so long as it remains about a 40-mile-an-hour road it answers its purpose pretty well.



Rockefeller at 90 Leads Active Life

By MORRIS DeHAVEN TRACY United Press Staff Correspondent TARRYTOWN, N. Y., July 8, (U.P.)—In 1926 Dr. H. F. Bigler, personal physician and long time friend of John D. Rockefeller, predicted that Rockefeller would live to be 100 years old.

Today Rockefeller celebrated his 90th birthday—bringing him within 10 years of the five score Dr. Bigler prophesied for him. No one can say whether or not Dr. Bigler's prediction will prove correct, but something may be judged from the day's activities. Rockefeller had planned for himself at 90.

Arise without being called at 7 a.m. Breakfast of fruit and cereal at 8 a.m.

A few rounds of "numeria," a simple game played with numbered disks, while his breakfast settles.

An hour of work with his secretary, reading personal mail; a review of the day's news from the papers.

Eight or nine holes of golf, beginning at 10 a.m. Lunch at 1 p.m.

An automobile ride with personal friends or members of the family which will be 40 or 50 miles in length.

Another brief rest. A family dinner at 7:30 p.m. An evening with the family circle ending about 10:30 p.m.

The program for his birthday is not a special one. His daily routine is varied from it only by the absence of the members of the family at dinner.

Las Vegas Stock Exchange Closing Bids and Asked Quotations LOS ANGELES CURB AND EXCHANGE STOCKS Monday, July 8, 1929

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Stock Name. Includes Calif Bk, Mer Nat'l Bk, etc.

L. A. Exchange Is Still Quiet

LOS ANGELES, July 8, (U.P.)—The depressed tone continued on both the Los Angeles exchange and curb today. Call money went up to 9 per cent and few transactions were made. Prices tended to fluctuate.

Byron Jackson was the only active industrial, rising 1/2 to 38 on a 1100 turnover.

Banks were decidedly inactive, with Security-First National selling 150 to gain 1/2 to 128.

Oils were quiet. Bolsa Chica moved 1.300 at 245, and Richfield dropped 1/2 to 41 1/2 on a 300 transaction.

Pacific Finance went to a new high at 120 1/2 in the miscellaneous class selling 350. Pickwick Corporation dropped to a new low at 11 1/2 by transferring 1000.

Colorado Elks' Band Enjoys Stopover Here

"Judge Orr: Congratulations to Las Vegas—one live town! Boys still raving over splendid reception given them—Colorado Junior Elks' Band, Al Stone, Director."

This is a wire received yesterday from Los Angeles by Judge Wm. E. Orr, exalted ruler of the Las Vegas Elks.

A 100-piece junior Elks' band from Colorado, en route by special train to the National Elks' convention, stopped over two hours Sunday afternoon in Las Vegas, gave a concert in the U. P. depot park and was whisked away in snappy style to Lorenzi's Lake resort for a refreshing swim as guests of the Las Vegas Elks.

The band, in which youths from 15 towns in western Colorado are represented, was recently organized by George W. Bruce, judge of the seventh judicial district of Colorado and Charles Daily, Sr., deputy district grand exalted ruler of the Colorado West Elks.

The band, which is boosting for the National Elks' park in the San Juan range in Colorado, near Ouray, which will be a 600,000 acre preserve, has had but two weeks' practice, under Audrey Stong, of Grand Junction, and Prof. J. R. Andrews of Glenwood Springs and Charles Nicholls, of Fruita, assistant directors.

Immediately after the concert in the park the Colorado guests were driven out to the lake in automobiles furnished by the Elks here.

NEW LICENSE GIVEN

George L. Black, formerly of San Bernardino, was a recent applicant for license to run an electrical shop in Las Vegas. The Pioneer building, on Fremont street, was given as the address for the business. The license was taken late in June.

We Advise the Purchase of—

Standard Oil of Calif.—Union Oil of Calif.—Packard Motors—Aviation Corporation of Delaware—Aitchison-Santa Fe Ry.—Security First Nat'l Bk. of L. A.—Gold Ace Mining Company—Associated Metals Inc.—Golden Ace Mines Company.

Present market quotations of these securities make them a very attractive purchase, either for a long term investment or a short time speculation.

Undoubtedly they will be the first to show any upward turn in their respective lines.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Here in Washington is a remarkable community, a city by itself virtually under a single roof, where families of cabinet members, senators, diplomats, high-priced lobbyists and social celebrities live and play among themselves the year around. There is nothing like it anywhere else in America, or, presumably in the world.

One refers to the Wardman Park Hotel, which, with its new addition and annex and grounds covers 14 acres and houses about 3000 souls. With its great lobbies and porches, broad and long, and its recreational facilities, this plan becomes just about the most attractive spot in Washington in summertime. It would be a favorite spot for tourists who like to see how the so-called great live and enjoy themselves if it were not rather off the beaten path, a couple of miles out Connecticut avenue just beyond the million-dollar bridge across Rock Creek.

A Mixed Clientele This is the scene of some of the capital's most fashionable public parties, dripping parties and tea dances, swimming parties, riding parties, the Washington baseball parties.

Out at Wardman Park live Mudd-catcher, and Edith King, leading lady of the local stock company, and the same roof with Secretary of State Stimson and parrot, Postmaster General Brown and Secretary of Commerce Robert P. LaMont and their families, Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Charles Francis Adams were there until a few days ago.

And numerous members of the "little cabinet," including Assistant Attorney Generals John Marshall and George R. Farnum, First Assistant Postmaster General John

M. Bartlett and Second Assistant W. Irving Glover, Assistant Treasury Solicitor Harry K. Daugherty, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Carl T. Schuneman, Director of the Mint Robert J. Grant, Immigration Commissioner Harry Hull, Commissioner of Internal Revenue David H. Blaid and others.

Two or three of the smaller Latin American nations maintained legations at the Wardman Park until recently. The Swiss and Uruguayan ministers, Mark Peter and J. Varela, live there with their families. Other diplomats and attaches include First Secretary Conrado Traverso of the Argentine Embassy, General Augusta Villa, the Italian military attaché, Secretary Emil Baer of the German embassy and Counselor Jorge Boyd of the Bolivian legation, whose wife is a niece of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

Several senators and a bunch of representatives have their apartments in the same place—Senators Shortridge of California, Copeland of New York, Waterman of Colorado, Vandenberg of Michigan and Herbert of Rhode Island and Congressmen Michaelson of Illinois, whose trunk leaked; Kiess, Wyant and Waites of Pennsylvania, Clancy of Michigan, Ackerman of New Jersey, Cole of Iowa, Goodwin of Minnesota, W. E. Hull of Illinois, and Davenport of New York.

And quite an assortment of more or less prominent persons such as William C. McAdoo, Mrs. Oscar Hess of Ohio, Evans of California Underwood, Ray T. Baker, Mrs. Leonard Wood, Marjorie Stinson, the aviatrix, Blair Coan, ex-Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma, Rudolph Forster, executive clerk at the White House, French Strother, one of President Hoover's secretaries, and a number of congressional secretaries, including Senator Borah's, Miss Cora Rubin.

HOLLYWOOD'S FILM SHOP

By GEORGE H. BEALE United Press Staff Correspondent HOLLYWOOD, July 8, (U.P.)—William S. "Bill" Hart seems to have been right when he retired from the screen four years ago.

"I don't think I'll ever make another picture," he said at the time. "The fans don't seem to be so interested in westerns since the drug-store cowboy came in."

The former two-gun ace turned seriously to the business of managing his Newhall ranch and continued at that work until several weeks ago.

Then a lucrative offer from Hal Roach to make a western talkie drew Hart's consent to come back into the game.

He shined up his saddles and cleaned his guns and made a general preparation to attempt, through sound pictures, to return to his one-time place in the film world.

Six days after the contract was signed, Hal roach was informed by Metro - Goldwyn - Mayer, through whom he releases, that there was no market for a western talkie.

M-G-M further announced it did not intend to handle the release of the proposed film and asked with whom Roach had arranged that detail.

Learning of the trend the negotiations had taken, Hart permitted the cancellation of his contract, although it was valid enough so far

NEW YORKER AT LARGE

By DEMING SEYMOUR

NEW YORK, July 8.—Of New York's public servants, from hotel doormen to subway guards—oh, well, let it go!—the drivers of the town's taxicabs by all odds are the most colorful lot.

Amid a metropolitan scene where in elevator starters are so many uniformed robots and movie ushers are as alike as the lamp posts on Fifth avenue, New Yorkers find relief from standardization in the individuality of the taxi men, and has become something of a community sport to discover characters among them.

Every one of the 55,000 men who pilot the city's taxis is required to have his name and photograph posted inside his cab. That acquaints the rider at once with his driver and invites further interest in him. It also gives the cabman a sense of partnership with his hack, and they were "we" long before Lindbergh made that phrase famous in relation to his alliance with another and less earth-bound vehicle.

Roses and Radios A taxi man's cab is his castle. Not only does he chamois its windows and polish its cowl. He lets down the top as soon as summer comes and vies with his fellows to find the gayest strip of awning with which to shade the back seat.

But for the imaginative hackman this is only a start toward giving his craft a personality of its own. One driver puts fresh cut flowers into his car every morning. Another has a radio set installed for the entertainment of his customers.

Another keeps a few cigars, including scented ones for feminine fares in a tray beside the rear seat. A fourth, not quite so generous, but no less eager to be of service, keeps several cartons of cigars in the front seat beside him and sells smokes to patrons.

Six of 55,000 The most locally renowned of the taxi drivers, perhaps, is David Betts. Readers of letters to the editor know him as "the taxi philosopher" who looks at life through his windshield and regales newspaper readers with sage comment on contemporary manners and morals.

And there is Wilbur Rothschild, "sheik of Avenue C" and alleged by his mates to be Valentino's double. Edna Ferber got into his cab one day and had his life history before she alighted. It made a good short story—perhaps you've read it.

And the Dutch driver who teaches violin, plays in the Lenox Hill and Cherry Lane amateur dramatic troupes and helps operate a marionette show in his off hours, and who aspires to get the city's symphony into a musical composition which he has already named "Sonata Polonesa."

And Eddie Davis, the taxi driver who is understudy to Eddie Cantor in "Whoopee." And Earl Glockener, Swiss cabman who had an exhibit of his pastels at a New York gallery last winter.

And the cab driver, a widower who had to put his own son in an orphan asylum when his wife died, every year, on June 4, and takes them in his cab to Coney Island to be his guests all day.

ULLOM-BROCKMAN CASE IS UP FOR DECISION

The quiet title suit of Ullo m vs. Brockman is now in the hands of Judge Wm. E. Orr, argument having been concluded Saturday and the case submitted for decision.

HOTEL INQUIRY COMES

Inquiry concerning city license for a new 100-room hotel was received recently by Viola Burns, city clerk, from one W. A. Johnson, in Wewoka, Oklahoma.

The letter of inquiry indicated that Mr. Johnson intended to make a trip to Las Vegas in the future.

McLallen-Bell Suit Is Continued

The hearing for the case of Walter McLallen et al vs. the Bell Telephone Company of Nevada has been continued to August 12.

The construction of a telephone line across land said to be owned by the complainants was the cause of the suit, in which plaintiff demanded removal of the poles and wires and all appurtenances there-to.

"We are quite sure a satisfactory settlement will be made out of court," said Attorney A. W. Ham, attorney for the telephone company, yesterday.

A. A. Hinman represents the complainants.

Boy Scouts Ready For Encampment

A. C. Delkin's Cash and Carry Store contributed \$5 and Boulder Realty Corporation \$10 to the Boy Scout log cabin fund this week, according to K. O. Knudson, scout executive.

A group of the boys were taken to Mt. Charleston yesterday to arrange preliminaries for the scout camp to be established there today. Twenty boys have enrolled for the camp and they will spend days and nights there during the next two weeks. Camp will be going full force this evening, he stated, and the building of the lodge will be started soon.

FRATERNAL NOTICES

Vegas Lodge No. 32, F. & A. M. Stated Communications first Monday of each month at Masonic Hall at 7:30 p. m.

Special Communications, work requiring, as announced by the Trestle Board, issued each month. Visiting brothers are welcome.

EARL F. DAVISON, W. M. W. N. Schuyler, Secretary.

ATTENTION EAGLES! Las Vegas Aerie No. 1213 Fraternal Order of Eagles meets in regular session the Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 o'clock p. m. at Levy's Hall. All Stray Eagles cordially invited.

B. P. O. E. Las Vegas Lodge No. 1468 Meets every Thursday evening at 7:30. Club rooms open from 11:00 a. m. to 12:00 p. m. Visiting brothers cordially welcome.

C. V. T. GILBERT, E. R. Wm. L. SCOTT, Secretary

CHARLESTON LODGE NO. 86 K. OF P. Regular meetings first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p. m., at Beckley's Hall. Local members and visiting brothers are cordially invited.

JOHN GORDON, C. C. JULIUS AHLSTROM, K. R. C.

Artesia Lodge No. 43 I. O. O. F. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 P. M. Levy's Hall, Fremont St., between First and Second. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed.

R. H. SNYDER, Noble Grand DONALD BREMERMAN, Sec.