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A GOOD DECISION

THE AGE is convinced that the decision of the citizens at two different meetings with the government officials, to locate the new federal building in the park grounds on Stewart street opposite the end of Third street was a wise one.

The mayor and city commissioners appear to concur in this view.

For six months or more, the question of a suitable site for a federal building has been before the people, and but little interest has been shown. While the government officials were here a number of proposals were made, none of which were considered suitable except those which were priced far above the \$20,000 available.

It became obvious that nobody had a suitable site to offer at the price that the only solution of the problem was for the city to renew its former offer to donate land in the park area. Had this not been done, Las Vegas would have been dropped for a time, probably two years, from the building program of the government.

SOME ADVANTAGES.

LIKE ANY other site which might have been chosen, the Stewart street site does not suit everybody. Yet, it appears, there is more general public approval of the site selected than could be hoped for in the case of any other possible site.

There are certain definite advantages which are worth while considering.

One of these is the stabilizing effect on the business district of Las Vegas by placing this improvement in a section north of Fremont street.

The new building with its grounds beautified as is always done by the government, will form the nucleus of our park system and be an incentive and an example to the city in improving the balance of the 30 acre park site.

The location on Stewart street will assure the removal of the redlight district to some less public location outside Clark's Las Vegas townsite. The property of Block 16 will thereby assume a stable value and be in demand for legitimate business purposes.

Most important of all, perhaps, is the fact that the offer of this location assures Las Vegas of a splendid federal building to cost approximately \$250,000, at a very early date.

FEDERAL COURT NEEDED.

THE NEW federal building should, and we assume it will, provide for accommodations for holding sessions of the United States District Court.

Las Vegas has suffered much expense and inconvenience because located almost 500 miles from the federal court at Carson City. That fact has brought ruin to some and unwarranted trouble and expense to others.

A citizen of Clark county compelled to defend a suit in the U. S. district court at Carson City, unless unusually well fixed in this world's goods, finds the cost of transportation and sustenance of himself, his witnesses and attorneys, a ruinous expense.

Those who would seek the good offices of this court in any suit are generally deterred by the expense the distance entails, preferring, perhaps, to endure injustice rather than to seek justice at so great a cost.

The holding of two or three terms of the U. S. Court in Vegas each year would not necessarily require the formation of a new district nor the appointment of an additional judge. And it would be much cheaper and more convenient for the judge to come to Las Vegas occasionally than for litigants, witnesses and attorneys to go to Carson City.

It would also do away with the practice followed often by corporations in getting cases transferred to the United States court for the sole purpose of throwing an undue burden on those seeking justice.

TIME TO GET BUSY.

NOW THAT the summer is practically over; a new federal building promised; Boulder Dam activities approaching; school about to open; people returning from vacations and prospective residents coming in, it is time for Las Vegas to snap out of her summer lethargy and get busy.

Once more the Age would stress the need of more hotels, apartment houses and residences to accommodate the people who will be seeking living quarters during the next few months.

Buildings begun now cannot be finished much before the first of the year. Good business judgment suggests that the time to begin our fall campaign of improvements is now. Delay means not only loss of income but probably increased costs of building.

All Those in Favor of a 13-Month Calendar Say —!



Tour Thru Moapa, Virgin Valleys Is Full of Interest



New Oakland landau sedan scout car on the Virgin River bridge, which was flooded over by the first rail by the body of water turned loose by the breaking of the Littlefield Dam several weeks ago. The extra sized front radiator area of this powerful sedan may be observed in this picture. This extra size provides additional cooling capacity to take care of the greater power output. Larger piston displacement is largely responsible for the increased power of this model.

HERE'S LOG OF AUTOMOBILE TRIP TO THE VALLEYS AND RETURN

- 00.0 Corner Man and Fremont. sunflowers, corn fields, grape vineyards, silos, pomegranate groves.
01.8 Taylor ranch, nestling amid rows of green trees several hundred yards to left.
02.0 Oasis camp and rose ranch.
03.6 Road crosses Las Vegas wash (damage from storm all repaired).
05.2 Top of elevation—straight stretch swoops for miles ahead to hills.
08.2 New Las Vegas Nevada airport seen off road to right, tank and wind sock in sight, graded landing field showing.
09.6 Dyke railroad station seen off to left.
10.4 Road to West End Chemical mine, leading to right.
13.9 End of straight stretch.
15.3 Road passes under railroad viaduct.
16.3 Apex service station to left.
16.5 Apex airplane beacon light power house 100 yards to right, beacon seen at top of hill.
17.7 Summit. Rolling hills and valleys unfold ahead.
24.3 Stretch of old road to right with which new road can be compared to good advantage.
26.1 Dry Lake station, to right.
29.0 Road goes under railroad viaduct.
33.0 American Borax company mine to left.
33.0 Oil road ends.
47.5 First view green Moapa Valley, several miles to left.
48.7 Old gypsum camp, down steep wash to right.
49.6 Bridge over Muddy river.
49.8 Glendale service station, road down Moapa valley to right. Take road straight ahead for Mesquite.
56.5 Emergency air field to right.
65.5 Excellent view down valley Muddy river to Virgin river while crossing mesa from valley. Two valleys converge away down mesa to right.
70.3 Start descent to Virgin river valley.
72.0 Cross Virgin river bridge. Riverside station.
80.4 Descend again to green valley.
83.8 Re-cross Virgin. (Recent flood when Littlefield dam went out swept through here at such a depth as to cover bridge over first rail.
84.6 Town of Mesquite begins. Stone, adobe and cement houses, cottonwood lanes, sunflowers, corn fields, grape vineyards, silos, pomegranate groves.
86.2 Middle of town.
86.4 Fruit stand, with watermelon and other fruits.
87.5 Nevada-Arizona state line—the "strip" begins.
87.7 Old adobe flour mill, to immediate left. Winding and wind about more, and continue rough.
90.7 New cement culvert, to left for highway being constructed across "the strip."
91.0 Steep descent.
91.1 Cement foundation for bridge across canyon.
91.9 New cut through hill in process of being made for new highway route.
92.5 Big new cement culvert for new highway.
93.5 Skousen brothers' road contractor's camp.
94.0 Steep grade around cliff, with sharp corner in middle of cliff, where long busses must pause and jockey back and forth to turn corner.
96.6 Forms for new cement culvert under construction.
98.5 Village of Littlefield, which is seven miles below the dam which was destroyed by high water two weeks ago. Several Littlefield homes, near the river, were inundated for a short time during the flood to a depth of two and three feet above their floors, small livestock being washed away.
146.9 Glendale, on return trip. Turn off to left for trip to Overton, St. Thomas, and lower valley towns.
153 Pueblo.
154.5 Logandale.
157.5 Tokio (Dr. Harrington made pre-historic culture discoveries here)
163.5 Overton.
163.5 Kaolin (lake is off to right, out of sight behind embankment or slight hill.)
165.1 Silica mill, to left.
167.5 St. Thomas (to be inundated after the construction of Boulder dam, the water line of the lake to pass between St. Thomas and Overton. The buried city is two miles east from St. Thomas, and the salt mine about four miles to the south.)

WASHINGTON LETTER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER

NEA Service Writer WASHINGTON—On these hot nights in Washington officials and diplomats who must stay in town through the summer are often to be seen in white flannels, dancing and dining outdoors at what appears to be the only bright spot in the capital's night life.

In the absence of any formal social functions, swimming and dancing parties have become popular. There are several pools and dance floors scattered about Washington, but the place the folks out of the social register and the congressional directory favor is the so-called Plage Deauville, alongside the Wardman Park swimming pool.

The plage, which someone says means beach, is of cement and is dotted with large beach umbrellas which are handy enough in the daytime. A raised dancing floor overlooks the layout and between dances the diners watch the bathers swim and dive.

On an evening recently your correspondent observed an ambassador and two ministers tangoing gracefully there, with smaller diplomatic try on every hand. So many of the Latin-American diplomats go in for this sort of thing that the Deauville orchestra plays many tangos. The dancers who can't tango seem to get along just the same. Senor Don Eduardo Diez de Medina, the Bolivian minister, is one of the most enthusiastic tangoists. One can also recommend other seniors, including First Secretary Oscar Blanco Viel of the Chilean Embassy; First Secretary George de la Barra of the Bolivian legation, and Jose Ortega of the Pan-American Union.

Among other addicts are Colombian Minister Enrique Olaya and Persian Minister Mirza Khan Mefrah. Among the diplomatic women one likes to watch are Mme. De la Barra, Mme. Samy Pasha—who comes with her husband, the Egyptian minister—and Mme. Popovic, the Rumanian legation secretary.

The home folks also make a good showing, however. George W. Wickersham, head of the Hoover law enforcement commission, frequently entertains on the banks of the pool on evenings when he is here, although he doesn't dance. Senator Sam Shortridge of California also prefers to look on. But Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York does a mean fox-trot and other nationally known figures are to be seen from time to time.

Turning from expensive amusement to cheap amusement, one considers the Japanese at the other side of the world. Consul Leo D. Sturgeon at Tokio reports to the department of Commerce on the operation of new Japanese department stores.

Instead of organizing theater parties, groups of Japanese often organize department store parties. The atmosphere of modernity and luxury of the big new stores fascinates the public, and hordes of people come in for sightseeing tours with no intention of buying anything. Tourist parties from the country, family groups and bodies of school students are to be seen in the more attractive stores at almost any time. The store owner, like that, in summer they all throw open large roof gardens to their visitors. Visitors to one Tokio store have numbered as high as 200,000 a day, with 60,000 as a minimum for any one day.

WORTH TWO DAYS This is the first of a series of travelogues which will appear from time to time in the Age, taking in various tours around Southern Nevada within week-end range from Las Vegas. The first of the series of tours was made possible thru courtesy of Joe Smith, who donated the use of one of his new Oakland landau sedans for the trip.

points along the route which might hold the attention of the motorist. In addition to the distinctive Mormon settlements in the Moapa valley, one of which is destined to be inundated after the creation of the 100-mile lake to be caused by Boulder Dam, there are archaeological excavations, a borax mine, an old gypsum camp, a historic old adobe flour mill, a salt mine and a salt cave in which have been found remains of an ancient civilization.

WORTH TWO DAYS To visit both Littlefield, in the Virgin valley, and St. Thomas, at the lower end of the Moapa valley is a 240 mile trip, and is too much properly to be taken in a single day if complete appreciation of everything to be seen on the trip is desired.

Starting in the early morning in one of the Southern Nevada Motor company's easy-riding new Oakland landau sedans, the party headed for the valleys, prepared to take observations on everything of interest on the entire trip.

Speeding along in comfort, with surprising absence of motor and other noises, the party passed mining camps and emergency landing fields, left the oiled surface just beyond Dry Lake and ambled merrily along the graveled road and on to Glendale, the station at which the roads to the two valleys branch, the Moapa to the right and the Arrowhead highway through the Virgin valley straight ahead.

The road on to Mesquite is good graveled highway, and at Mesquite the famous "strip" begins. This stretch across Arizona is now being reconstructed. Bud S. Barrett is rebuilding the mile of bumpy road from Mesquite to the state line. The Arizona part is being rebuilt by Skousen Brothers, contractors, who are putting in new cement culverts and bridges, re-grading and filling, building a completely new highway, in fact.

Brakes Important With a snap the Oakland dashes

Las Vegas Stock Exchange

Table with columns for Bid and Ask prices for various stocks like Nat'l Bank Com., Calif' Bank, Mer. Nat'l Bank, etc.

Trip to 'See the West' Is Marred When Car Burns

New York Family Has Close Call When Blowout Turns Auto Over Near Las Vegas; Baggage Total Loss.

A sight-seeing auto trip "to see the West" was marred yesterday morning with near tragedy when a Nash touring car burned up on the Arrowhead highway four miles south of Las Vegas with nearly a thousand dollars worth of baggage.

The five occupants of the car were unhurt when a front tire blew out and the car turned on its left side, fire breaking out immediately under the hood.

A.A.A. insurance on the car had lapsed only a few days before the disaster, according to J. R. Lutzker, Bingham Canyon, Utah, owner and driver of the car, and had not been renewed, so that it may be a total loss, he feared. He was supposed to sign the renewal but had not done so, he said.

Mr. George Axelrad, New York real estate man and builder, with Mrs. Axelrad and two young daughters were the other occupants of the car. Lutzker, who is Axelrad's brother-in-law, was showing the family the west, having driven from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles, and being on their return when the accident occurred.

AXELRAD came west to be present at the celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of his parents in Salt Lake City.

Although five suitcases, some jewelry and \$40 or \$50 in cash were burned, with two new \$75 suits belonging to Lutzker, and much other valuable clothing, several valuable diamonds belonging to Mrs. Axelrad were saved.

Dance To Be Staged By 20-30 at Lorenzi's

The 20-30 Club will stage another of its week-end dances at Lorenzi's resort tonight.

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