

# LAS VEGAS AGE

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SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 23, 1929

### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1909, Las Vegas High School was born.

The first high school consisted of some six or eight students and one teacher, Miss Jones, whose salary was paid half by the school board and half by the parents of the pupils. The school was held in a room of the old Methodist church.

The scene at the football field yesterday when hundreds of students and a great throng of citizens cheered the Vegas eleven to victory caused some of us old-timers to remark on the changes that have taken place in Vegas in a few short years.

Nothing does more to give strength, stability and character to a city than good schools. Las Vegas has been peculiarly fortunate in this respect because we were particularly insistent on having such. And from the little tent school house down by the creek in 1905 we have seen our schools continually increase in excellence until they are recognized on a par with the best in the west.

And today, probably, the contract will be let for a new high school building to cost more than \$250,000, an investment which will return handsome dividends in the growth of Las Vegas.

And if our schools continue to return to us dividends like the splendid boys and girls we saw on the football field, the investment will be worth while.

### SEEING THE DAM SITE.

THE ENTIRE Ely-McGill contingent of about 30 people here for yesterday's football game are today on a trip to the Colorado River and Boulder Dam site. Which means, perhaps, thirty converts to the Boulder Dam and Las Vegas who might never have been at all interested in us but for our school activities.

### RAISE WAGE AND REDUCE PRICES.

HENRY FORD, one of the captains of industry called into conference with President Hoover Thursday, says the way to make prosperity is to lower prices and raise wages.

According to Mr. Ford it is not over production, but an under supply of purchasing power which creates havoc with industry and business.

"The only thing that should be high priced in this country is the man who works," said Mr. Ford. "Wages must not come down; they must not even stay on their present levels; they must go up."

Which may sound paradoxical, perhaps. But what Henry says generally contains more truth than poetry.

### HOOVER, THE ENGINEER.

HOOVER, the engineer, more than Hoover, the president, is the guiding power of the nation just at present. His action in calling together the big men of the nation and showing the way to restoration of confidence and a continuance of prosperity is certainly the work of a great engineering mind.

### DAM CONSTRUCTION WILL HELP.

AND HOOVER, the engineer-president, has by no means overlooked the fact that construction of Boulder Dam will furnish profitable employment to many men and create new values in the southwest.

Arizona, cantankerous to the end, is playing the last hand of a losing game. The cards will soon be all face up on the table and the Boulder Dam project will proceed with construction just as if Arizona were happy about it.

And, of course, except for a few political cow-heads, the people of Arizona will be happy about it because Boulder Dam will bring to them great advantages and vast benefits. Arizona needs Boulder Dam just as much as do California and Nevada, but as yet some of them have not had the grace to admit it.

### LET THERE BE LIGHT.

LAS VEGAS this evening will take on new glories when the ornamental street lights are turned on for the first time.

The standards are beautiful and artistic and the work has been done with more than usual celerity.

A well lighted city sells itself to strangers. Las Vegas will be a hundred times compensated for the expenditure made for the new lights.

The Age remembers well when Las Vegas out at night walked in the dark in the middle of the streets, keeping well away from everything as they hurried fearfully along.

It was, at that, considerable of a job for the Age to convince people that we could and should have some street lights, but the thing was finally accomplished. And the little system installed some 15 years ago has, with some small additions, served us to date.

With the new street lighting we are taking another long step toward greatness.

The Age congratulates the Mayor and City Commissioners, the contractor and the designers of the system. If it works as well as it looks, Vegas will be well served.



By KIRK SIMPSON

WASHINGTON — No one watching Senator Sam Shortridge of California in action would think of dubbing him "Sunny Sam."

He is too solemn by far in appearance and manner for any such light nickname to seem applicable. He is, the Bystander believes, the most formal, the most invariably courteous, the most respectful and the most grave and reverend of senators in look and habit.

The low-talked, black entourage with which he usually adorns his long, lean figure for senate appearance seems as much a part of him as the long forefingers with which he punctuates the surrounding atmosphere in gesture at each phrase of a speech.

He has infinite variety in this respect. The Bystander never tired of watching from the press gallery during a Shortridge speech for a new manifestation of the usefulness of those forefingers in debate—and there is always a new wave or poke or jab to note.

His Sunny Homeland. Yet despite his almost smileless demeanor in the senate floor, "Sunny Sam" would correctly express Senator Shortridge whenever it touches upon that subject dearest to his heart, the climate and other attractions of the great state of California—FOR-R-N-ee-an, which I have the honor to represent.

As a fellow Californian, the Bystander knows exactly how the senator feels about it, and desires to cast no shurs at his native state. No, decidedly, no. Just the contrary.

But the senate colleagues of Mr. Shortridge lose few opportunities to ride him gently for his utter devotion to California and all its work and ways.

Here's an excerpt, for example, of the celebrated case of cassin debate during the tariff free-for-all. Gilllett of Massachusetts is speaking:

"It has developed that in California cassin is now produced which is as good as the Argentine cassin. It was suggested that it was because in California it could be sun-dried as in the Argentine."

"The junior senator from California (Mr. Shortridge) with his pride and delight in speaking about his glorious climate, in which I think he is quite justified, would naturally claim that California was particularly able to produce the choicest product in cassin."

Challenge To Florida. "I rather wondered why the Florida senators, in whose state is located St. Petersburg, where the sun shines every day, did not jealously rise."

Fletcher of Florida: "Florida has the sunshine and the orange juice but we have no dairy interests."

Or again, with Robinson of Arkansas speaking ironically of the contention that foreign cassin is better because sun-dried:

"We have no territory in the United States, apparently, certainly not in California, where we have the sunshine necessary to the making of good cassin."

Shortridge: "We have sunshine even in Arkansas. I want to go on record as saying: 'Mr. President, I want to withdraw that statement as to any lack of sunshine in California.'"

Howell, Nebraska: "If any one wants sunshine, let him come west of the Missouri. He may have his heart's desire. Sometimes we have too much."

That ended it for the moment; but for "Sunny Sam" Shortridge only until next time a California boss was possible.

### Homes Being Built

By E. A. Ferron

E. A. Ferron, manager of the Boulder Realty Company, is building two four-room modern bungalows on his property at the corner of Third and California streets in the Boulder addition.

The Las Vegas Construction company has the contract for erecting the houses. The frame of one is nearly up and the foundation of the other is laid.

The homes are being built next to other residences owned by Mr. Ferron and when these are done will complete one side of the block.

It is estimated by one of the foremen that the buildings will be ready for occupancy in about three weeks. They will be completely furnished.

It is planned to use California interior ornamental stucco in the living rooms, and it is understood they will be of Spanish design.

A crew of men of the Las Vegas Cement Products company are laying 240 feet of sidewalk around the property. The streets are laid off and nicely leveled. The same company will do the interior finishing.

On completion of the work, the grounds will be planted with lawn and ornamental shrubs.

### CRASHES INTO BOSS' CAR

BUT HE STILL HOLDS JOB

HOOSICK FALLS, N. Y., Nov. 23. (U.P.) John Alexander, a chef, crashed into the automobile of his employer near Pittstown, but he still holds his job.

Alexander and John Hartzak, a local storekeeper, were driving toward Troy to join the employer, Angelo Morris, a restaurant proprietor, when the accident occurred. Morris and his two children were uninjured but Mrs. Morris suffered a sprained ankle. Alexander was injured on the face and hands.

## Highway From Frozen Arctic to Mexico Planned

By PERCY C. RICHARDS

United Press Staff Correspondent VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 22. Between the blistering arid mesas of Mexico and the frozen rim of the Arctic is a wide expanse of rugged territory.

But it is neither wide nor rugged enough to dampen the ardor of ambition of those who, having dreamed of bridging the gulf with a well constructed highway, move forward to a realization of their vision.

Years ago, when motor transportation was in its infancy, two men, Samuel Hill of Seattle and A. E. Todd of Victoria, planned and worked together for the establishment of the Pacific highway.

These two pioneers of automobile highways were the first to drive from Seattle to Los Angeles by car. They accomplished the feat by overcoming many obstacles. Much of their journey was over mere trails, but they were undaunted and succeeded.

Of these two pioneers one remains to carry on the ideas of his other. A. E. Todd died last year after living to see part of his ambition realized—namely, a highway from Tijuana to Vancouver.

Now Premier S. F. Tolmie of British Columbia has picked up the mantle laid down by the Canadian representative on that great project and is using every force at his command to push the concrete trail northward—through the almost impassable Selkirk mountains, ever northward toward the Peace river district, the Yukon of Alaska.

### U. P. A. C. Preparing For Turkey Day Game

In preparation for their Thanksgiving grid game with San Bernardino, Santa Fe System champions, the local Union Pacific Athletic Club football squad is practicing almost nightly, having turned out full force last evening for workout.

J. P. Gorham is head of the U. P. A. C. football committee, and in charge, while Elmer Hampton is captain.

### SICK MAN LEAVES

Rosecoe Stephens, who had been sick with pneumonia in a hotel in this city, left early this week for his home in Kingman with Mrs. Stephens, his wife, by automobile. Dr. D'Amours attended Stephens while he was in Las Vegas.



By DENING SEYMOUR

NEW YORK — The theory of architects that skyscrapers can be better lighted and ventilated by electricity than through windows is already getting beyond the stage of conjecture.

New York may see the first step taken toward windowless skyscrapers in the new 103-story Metropolitan Life tower which is to be erected in Madison Square. Its planners are said to be thinking seriously of using glass walls for the first nine or ten stories, but of doing away with windows that can be raised or lowered.

Thus workers on lower floors would have natural light on pleasant days, but the ventilation would be artificial.

Carbon monoxide gas from motor cars is so heavy in the city streets that air near the street level is not fit for office workers to breathe. That complete artificial ventilation and the increasing height of buildings is already making artificial lighting necessary on lower floors where the sun is shut out.

### Honest Pickpocket

A pickpocket is the highest-salaried employee of one of New York's night clubs, and the guests think he's great.

He strolls around as he pleases among the club's patrons, jostling the mat the tables or on the dance floor. The only thing required of him is that he give back all his loot.

He fished a wallet containing \$600 from a guest's inside pocket the other evening.

The popular dip in Seattle, a German who lately came to the United States to make a magician's living here. He has done card tricks for the former kaiser and has lifted a watch out of the vest pocket of the Prince of Wales.

He learned his art by practicing for hours on a clothing dummy with 32 pockets. From every pocket an electric wire ran to an alarm which rang whenever he bungled. He practiced until he could go through all 32 pockets without setting off the alarm.

He massages his fingers constantly to keep them flexible and can remove a watch with his first and his little fingers.

Phone Girl's Holiday. The Irish telephone operator.



By DUANE HENNESSY

United Press Staff Correspondent HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 22. (U.P.) One of the shattered dream of a circus clown, a Broadway favorite has merged to play the featured feminine role in "Hit the Deck," now being put into pictures at RKO studios.

She is Polly Walker, a beautiful bitan-blonde well known on the New York stage.

Al Armer was her uncle—a circus clown. When Polly's father died, Armer shouldered the responsibility of the Walker family. Especially he trained his niece for the amusement world. Every cent he could spare paid for her dancing and singing lessons.

Al Armer wanted her to follow the path which had led many of her family to the sawdust ring; he envisioned the starring company of Armer and Walker.

"Polly always believe in yourself, child, and do things your own way!" It was this simple bit of philosophy that Polly followed; strangely enough for Al Armer it branched her path away from his. He died in a circus tent—alone because Polly had headed her own urge and the bill of Broadway.

Polly Walker had seen too much of the circus performer's bespangled career—a life among snake-charmers, sword swallows and

clowns. She couldn't forget the dressing tent in which she lived as a child or how her sister Valerie was pushed inside a lion's cage to afford the small town "natives" a thrill.

So she went on the stage, but she couldn't tell her uncle of the decision. However, he read of the act. His death followed not long after.

But Polly Walker feels that her success is a partial atonement for his disappointment.

She likes Hollywood and thinks that Jack Oake is funny. RKO borrowed him to make "Hit the Deck" and he and Miss Walker share the lead.

Miss Walker gets a "kick" out of everything around the studio, including the small trucks on which cameras are wheeled about the set so that they can be moved toward or away from the actors during a scene.

"I want to ride on that thing," she said while watching the camera men get set for a scene.

"But it's nothing like the thrill my brother and I used to get on his motorcycle," she said. "Say, we used to go from one side of the street to the other, weaving in between automobiles. That is, until the police took the motorcycle away from him for a year."

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## World War Vets Are Warned of Nearing Compensation Limit

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 22 (Special)—National headquarters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S. sends out a reminder that expiration of time for filing world war adjusted compensation applications available to all world war veterans has been set for January 1, 1930.

With the possibility that congress will refuse further extensions of time after this date, every V.F.W. post throughout the country has been asked to canvas its membership and world war veterans in general to this regard, advising them of the benefits that await application.

More than a 1,000,000 world war veterans have failed to apply for their adjusted compensation certificates, according to government records as of June 30, 1929. Applications totaling more than 3,000,000 have been received and approved by the government.

The expiration date for filing application has been extended twice in the past, as a result of efforts of the national legislative committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S. and other service organizations, but another extension beyond January 1, 1930, may prove unavailable.

The value of the average certificate outstanding is estimated at \$1,000, and provides the veteran with a twenty-year paid up endowment insurance policy. At the end of twenty years the veteran collects the face sum of his certificate or in event of his death, the full amount of this policy goes to his beneficiary.

Like the ordinary insurance policy, these government certificates have an increasing value as the date of maturity draws closer.

Veterans who have delayed application thus far are being urged to act quickly or run the risk of being deprived of this government benefit after January 1st.

## Six Miles of Road Graveling Completed

Six miles of graveling on the Goldfield-Sprindale stretch of the Vegas-Reno highway has been completed, according to persons who have recently come over the road.

The most of the Vegas-Reno road is in good condition, it is reported.

Charles Baumgardner of Brooklyn, whose name was chosen to do the talking for the first telephone that speaks automatically, has something in common with the taxi driver who spends his holiday motoring.

For sports or cooking or reading, she cares little or none, but when she has an evening of leisure she goes to the theater or to the talking pictures, where, as in her own business, ability to speak plainly and clearly is the first requisite of the actors.

Her greatest aversion is to being called a "hello girl" for "Hello," she points out, is one word that telephone operators don't use.

Who Feeds New York? Of the food on New York tables, almost three times as much comes from California as from any other state.

Fifty-thousand carloads of agricultural produce were shipped across the continent last year from California to New York City, the department of public market finds, while second in rank was Florida, which sent 22,000 cars of food for the town's tables.

New York state was a poor third, with 15,000 carloads.

## L. D. S. Young Folks Plan Harvest Ball Bath Taken While Hot Blamed For Pneumonia Death

Members of the L. D. S. church are all invited to frolic with the Mutual Improvement association Tuesday evening at the Harvest Ball, to be held at the L. D. S. church.

Besides dancing there will be refreshments offered for sale, and several stunts, it is promised.

The young men and the Gleaner girls are responsible. It has been announced. Dan Crane is leader for the former and Miss Emily Lee for the latter.

Miss Helen Wills is one of the few athletic stars ever presented in the English court.

The Rockefeller Foundation in the past fifteen years has disbursed \$144,189,400 on worthy enterprises.

Thirty-five years ago more than twice as many persons lived in rural communities as in the cities.

Apparently healthy and happy but several days ago John William Simon, 34, of Lehi, Utah, died of pneumonia in Las Vegas yesterday morning.

A bath taken while Simon was hot is believed to have been the cause of his having contracted the ailment. He was stopping at a tourist camp in Las Vegas with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Simon. He was stopping at a tourist camp day and was taken to Las Vegas hospital.

The party, driving a Chevrolet truck, arrived here Monday about noon.

Simon, junior, had been singing a great deal on the road, and was happy and manifestly feeling fine. He took the bath, however, while he was extremely hot from working.

The body is at the Las Vegas Funeral home, awaiting announcement of funeral arrangements.

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