

RESQUES PETS IN FIRE
DYERSBURG, Tenn., Dec. 27 (U.P.)—Little Douglas Brewer's home is burned to the ground and he's nursing severe burns on his hands, neck and arms, but his dog is safe. He crawled underneath a flaming porch to rescue the pet.

JUMPS THE GUN
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 27 (U.P.)—Will Moore, arrested for vagrancy, passed Captain Joe Cole in the hall. "Getting out, Will?" asked Cole. "Yes, I'm getting out," replied Will. A few minutes later Cole was ordered to retreat. Will who had escaped from the court room.

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Bessie Love Wed To Stock Broker

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Dec. 27 (U.P.)—Bessie Love, motion picture actress, and William Hawks, Beverly Hills, Calif., stock broker, took marriage vows tonight before an impressive altar of St. James Episcopal church.

The wedding was one of the social triumphs of Hollywood's winter season. Great and near-great of cinema-land crowded St. James' august pews to hear marriage lines read by Rev. Ray C. Miller, while lesser persons thronged outside.

Radio Receiving Licenses Granted

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27 (U.P.)—Experimental radio receiving licenses for residents of Palestine may now be obtained on payment of approximately 10 shillings.

There are no broadcasting stations in Palestine, but many European stations can be picked up easily. This licensing arrangement is only a temporary measure, pending an official investigation into the possibilities of broadcasting in Palestine. Radio fans are officially advised, in their own interests, not to purchase large stocks of apparatus until a decision has been reached regarding the terms under which any broadcasting concession may be granted.

KIP RHINELANDER GRANTED DIVORCE DECREE BY DEFAULT

(Continued from Page 1) a divorce from his octaroon wife, the son of the old wealthy New York family succeeded in district court here yesterday in gaining the long-sought freedom, the decree being granted by default.

At about 2 p. m. in a courtroom with less than a dozen persons present, Judge Wm. E. Orr heard Rhinelander reiterate verbally the charges submitted several months ago in his complaint, filed by Harley A. Harmon of the firm of Harmon and Salter, attorneys for Rhinelander.

Two Witnesses
Mrs. John F. Miller, of the Nevada hotel, at which Rhinelander and his male companion made their home while in Las Vegas, and Mrs. Winifred Simmons, one of the proprietors, during the summer, of Charleston Resort, where they lived a great deal of the time, were the two witnesses who appeared to testify he had resided in Clark county for three months.

Others present were E. W. Cragin, who acted as court reporter, Thos. J. Salter, County Clerk Wm. L. Scott, Rhinelander's companion and Ernest J. Engler.

Information as to property settlement was entirely lacking up to press time. The complaint, it is pointed out, alleges that: "There is no community property of plaintiff and defendant."

Married in 1924
The pair were married in New Rochelle, New York, about October 14, 1924, according to the document. The complaint, as filed by Harmon and Salter, stated "that during all the times herein mentioned defendant by taking advantage of the youth and inexperience of the plaintiff and by means of artifices and wiles so dominated him that she induced him to forsake his family and friends so that they became estranged from him."

"That because of such acts and conduct on the part of the defendant, plaintiff suffered great humiliation, distress of mind and mental suffering until his nervous condition became so acute that in order to prevent complete prostration he separated from the defendant and has never since lived with her, although he has ever since said separation liberally provided for her support."
This ends one of the most widely published divorce battles of many a year, in which the wrath of a father at the marriage of his son to a negro cab driver's daughter played a prominent part.

Judge Closes Nuptial Bureau During Boom

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27 (U.P.)—Superior Judge Thomas G. Graham has retired from the matrimonial agency business.

Recently the jurist became blear-eyed when he received a letter from a widow who sought his aid in meeting eligible men.

Then came another applicant. Several days ago Judge Graham turned over 50 applications from 25 counties to applicant No. 1, asking her to help herself and give the rest to applicant No. 2.

Game Wardens Puzzled as Bird Flies to Doom

PROVO, Utah, Dec. 27 (U.P.)—Going out and stalking the elusive pheasant is one way of obtaining a meal; sitting in your kitchen and waiting for a bird to fly in your window is another. Mrs. H. S. Pyne believes the watchful waiting act is more comfortable and just as sure as the stalking.

She had hunted pheasants a few times, but without any luck. She sat in her kitchen and a beautiful big male bird crashed through the window and landed at her feet. She picked up the bird, plucked it and cooked it.

Game wardens were at a loss how to deal with the case, as the bird was obtained out of season. None of the state laws, however, governed the treatment of birds who crash through one's window.

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Proprietors of Vegas Shops Have Praise For Progress in Commercial Affairs

Surveying the year of 1929 as a whole, rather than looking at it from the viewpoint of the last few months, Las Vegas business folk have decidedly bright outlooks as regards business in this community. Some statements from business men picked at random, were published in Tuesday's issue of the Age. A few more are reproduced here, and still more will be published in future issues.

Jim Cashman, Buick Garage.
"We have delivered during December, 1929, ten new cars in Las Vegas, four Buicks, five Marquettes and a White truck—also eleven used cars. So much for the last lap of the year 1929. The outlook for 1930 is decidedly bright for our business."

Dusty Rhoads, Nevada Garage.
"We have done more business during 1929 than any year previous, continuing to grow during the entire year. We plan to make certain expansions in machinery and equipment soon after the first of the year. We have a bigger stock now than we had a year ago by several thousand dollars."

Mrs. T. M. Carroll, Carroll's Gift and Toggery.
"Business has been better during the year now closing than any other year since the shop was opened, and we hope 1930 will bring us even greater prosperity."

P. A. Simon, Texas Oil Co., Simon's Service.
"The Texas company started doing business here July 1, 1928. There has been an increase of 68 per cent in the company's business here during the last six months of 1929 over the last six months of 1928. Our service station has seen a 65 per cent increase in business in the same time."

Social Items

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Squires had as their guests at dinner Christmas evening Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bracken, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ferron, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Forbes, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Boyer, the Misses Maude Frazier, Francis and Mazie Martin, Alice Doherty, and Messrs. James, Herbert and Russell Squires and John and Charles Doherty.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Boggs entertained with a family dinner Christmas. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Fayle and children, of Los Angeles, Jean Nevada Fayle, Leonard Ray Fayle of Delano, California, and Bill Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Adcock entertained at dinner Christmas. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. James Sills and Miss Carmen, of Pioche.

Miss Alice Henderson was hostess at bridge Tuesday evening. Her guests were Mr. and Mrs. Vern Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Cobley Mr. and Mrs. Ross Farrow, Miss Isabelle McChrystal and Mr. McMann.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ronnow had as their dinner guests Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Snider, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ronnow of Los Angeles, Leland Ronnow and Ed. W. Clark.

Mrs. Charles Ball entertained with a family dinner Christmas. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Adams and Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Al Moser and daughters, Eleanor, Ila and Marian, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilcrest, Miss Elynn Ball, Bob Ball and son, Louis and Geo. Ward Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Yates were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Lightfoot and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pembroke Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Beckley and Bruce and Virginia were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Beckley Christmas day.

Miss Orpha Miller and Miss Amy Hanson entertained last evening at dinner and bridge in their home on South Seventh. Their guests were Miss Lucile Withers, Miss Scott, Miss Maude Frazier, Miss Beulah Drom, Miss Doris Hancock and Mrs. Hancock, Miss Laura Wilson and Miss Oettinger.

18 EGGS AT ONE SITTING

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 27 (U.P.)—There may be no significance in this whatever, but a Memphis policeman who bears the suggestive name of Larry Fox ate 18 scrambled eggs at one sitting recently. He is a sergeant.

OPERATED ON SEVEN TIMES

PARIS, Dec. 27 (U.P.)—Doctor Paul Turchini, former director of the X-ray services of a large Paris hospital, has been operated upon seven times in seven years for X-ray burns received while performing his duties.

ELECTED 33 TIMES

MARYVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 27 (U.P.)—For the 33rd consecutive time William Wine, Sr., was elected treasurer of a Masonic lodge here.

Francisco Rozzini, French artist in profile portraits to suit each individual, according to his or her physiognomy.

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ROTARY CLUB HEARS TALK

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flood water of the river through the tunnels.

With the completion of the coffee dams, the bed of the river was left almost dry between the upper and lower coffee dams, where the main structure stands. An assembly of pumping equipment, dredges, power shovels and devices for handling material was brought into play on a scale never before attempted and for two years, night and day, the work of excavating to bed rock for the dam foundations was pushed. During the winter of 1928, the excavation was completed, forming a great chasm below the normal surface of the river large enough to engulf two Las Vegas city blocks placed end to end and completely built up with 12 story business blocks.

The running of concrete in the foundation of the dam proper, preparations for which in the way of assembling machinery and materials had been under way for two years, was begun in the winter of 1928. At the same time work of installing machinery in the power houses below the dam was begun and in 1927 the first 100,000 h. p. unit of the power plant began operation. The output from the plant being divided between Las Vegas and several large industrial and electro-chemical plants established here, and the dam work.

Although the city of Las Vegas had experienced great prosperity from the date the dam work was actually begun, and had reached 10,000 January 1, 1931, 13,000 January 1, 1932, 16,000 January 1, 1934, and 20,000 January 1, 1936; the great growth and prosperity of the city dates from the year 1936 when power was first available, the growth from January 1, 1936, to January 1, 1940, having been about 12,000, bringing the present estimated population to 32,000 as stated above.

Although the dam was still under construction in 1936, 1937 and 1938, power in increasing quantities was available and great enterprises began the building of plants which assure the permanent growth and prosperity of Las Vegas. An indirect effect which has added immeasurably to the business of Las Vegas was the opening of the mineral resources of Southern Nevada, both metallic and non-metallic, on a scale never, in the early days of Las Vegas imagined by her most enthusiastic boosters.

Where, in 1929, our mineral resources lay dormant except for some very small developments, the year 1939, just closing, finds Clark county, outside of Las Vegas, supporting a population of some 15,000 souls. Goodsprings has developed from a community of two or three hundred in 1929, to a city about 2,500; Eldorado Canyon has seen an astonishing change, its mines employing some 800 hands and supporting a town of more than 3,000; Searchlight has been recreated and has a population about equal to that of Eldorado canyon.

The prosperity of Searchlight really dates from 1934, when the work of the forces building the aqueduct for the Southern California metropolitan water district, in driving tunnels deep under the surface, cut vast bodies of copper ore.

Both the Union Pacific and the Santa Fe extended their lines into Searchlight in 1935, the latter line building on into Las Vegas the following year, and both roads are doing a prosperous business hauling an average of 10,000 tons of ore a day to the big smelters at Dyke, ten miles northeast of Las Vegas. Dyke, which in 1930 had only a section house and a population of six souls, is now a busy industrial city of 4,000.

The portion of the Moapa Valley not condemned and bought by

the government as part of the reservoir site, has been highly improved and is now considered one of the most intensively cultivated districts in the world. Its products find a ready market within Clark county. Land in the valley which in 1929 could not find a buyer at \$100 per acre, now sells at from \$1,500 to \$2,000 per acre, because of its peculiar fertility and adaptability to the raising of winter vegetables.

Las Vegas has shown kaleidoscopic changes during the past ten years. The 32-acre park area, quite vacant and unimproved in 1929, is now the civic center and famed for its artistic arrangement and the fine architectural character of its buildings. The first improvement of note in this area started in 1930 when the first unit of the present imposing federal building was begun. In 1934 the magnificent new county court house was begun and in the following year the new city hall, all grouped about the central colonnade in which the municipal open air theater is located, are wholly forming a splendid group.

The new stadium, seating 30,000, in which the heavyweight world championship boxing title was fought last year, stands across Fifth street from the park.

In 1929 the principal business of Las Vegas centered at about Second and Fremont. In 1933 Fifth and Fremont where the first of the 12-story business blocks were constructed, became the business center of the city. Business expanded rapidly on Fifth street, north and south from Fremont, and on Fremont between Fifth and Twelfth streets. Main street showed remarkable growth in a business and industrial way, the new 12-story Clark Warehouse and Storage Building on South Main being the latest addition to that street.

The extension of the residential district has been something that we totally unable to visualize. The Stewart ranch property, subdivided and sold in 1934, became during the following three years a highly improved residential district. The section of the city centering about the old Kyle ranch, later known as the Park ranch and later still as the Taylor ranch, is featured by magnificent country villas.

The Las Vegas Biltmore, the fourth great extension of which is now under construction, in 1931 established the area south of Fremont as the city's high class, restricted residential section. Fronting the 60-acre site of the hotel with its beautiful park system are some of the most magnificent winter homes ever built in America.

Looking forward on this New Year's day of 1940 we find the future has its serious problems which we must properly solve. The splendid local motor bus transportation system established in 1932, is already proving inadequate because of insufficient street areas. Even Fremont east of Fifth street, which was widened to 100 feet with a 70-foot roadway, during the year 1930, is proving inadequate and engineers are studying plans for traffic relief.

The development of air traffic has also wrought changes. In 1936, the U. P. combined its air terminal with its railroad and motor bus terminal by building a concrete air terminal over its railroad yards. Passengers entering the depot at Fremont and First may now purchase tickets good over any of the three lines, rail, bus or air and interchangeable at will.

The 250 members of the Las Vegas Rotary club, most of them perhaps not aware that members of the club during the decade 1920-1930, when it was small, played an important part in the formative stages of the Boulder dam project and in shaping and directing the little city of 1929 toward its present proud destiny.

HOLLYWOOD'S FILM SHOP

HOLLYWOOD (U.P.)—The Baroness Fern Andra really will be seen in an American motion picture.

She has been signed to star in the independent production, "The Lotus Lady." The picture probably will determine whether she will remain in Hollywood or return to Europe to continue her screen career.

The beautiful red-headed actress first came to the screen colony here almost a year ago. Although she had been starred in German and French productions she had difficulty in breaking in locally.

The talkie disturbances and the influx of stage players that followed kept her on the sidelines.

She thinks "The Lotus Lady" will be sufficient to persuade producers that she has a definite place here.

The Baroness has had an extremely interesting life.

She was born in Illinois. Traveling in Europe she met the Baron Andra and they were married. He was killed while fighting in the German army during the World War.

She entered pictures in Berlin and became a noted star in Germany. Subsequently she appeared in British pictures.

The stories of lucrative salaries search of his pockets failed to reveal the necessary currency, Lilyan Tashman contributed for both of them.

The stars were not advised beforehand that "Hello Everybody" and "I'm so glad to be here" carried a dollar duty.

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