

BOULDER CITY

And News of The Hoover Dam Project

Motor Transportation System Compared In Magnitude With That Used In Moving Armies

133 Vehicles Now In Daily Use at Big Dam Project

By S. W. CALKINS

Solving major transportation problems involving materials and men that daily compare in magnitude to the problems confronting entire armies, Six Companies, Inc., are employing one of the largest individually owned fleets of heavy trucks in the country.

The largest number of motor trucks used on the world's largest construction job are owned by Carl K. Bryant, holder of the trucking sub-contract, and are used for hauling materials and excavation rock from the various tunnel operations.

Bryant operates 50 huge trucks, varying in capacity from seven cubic yards to the huge 14-yard International with their six wheels and their sheet iron canopies for the protection of the drivers from falling rock.

Another sub-contractor, Harry Bracken, operates eight of the big dump trucks, and will add to this number when the phases of the contract upon which he is working are more fully under way.

For carrying the hundreds of men who travel to the river workings from Boulder City daily, the Six Companies owns and operates nine large canvas covered transports, or busses, each having a capacity of 48 men, although at the present time, loads are being held down to 45 men per trip.

Miscellaneous small equipment in use daily includes eleven touring cars and sedans used for general work, 22 "pick-ups" used for hauling small materials, and by the Boulder City company, eighteen small trucks of the "station wagon" type, and eight large trucks utilized for general hauling not coming under other classifications, classified as special equipment. Six Companies also operates seven trucks incorporating permanently built-on "jumbo" drilling equipment, etc., nine executives' cars, and two ambulances.

This impressive array of motor transport equipment travels over a total of approximately 30 miles of construction highways, all of them involving heavy construction expense, and many of them blasted out of solid rock.

Over seven miles of the roads used were built by the government, running from Boulder City to the rim of the Black Canyon. Roads built by the Six Companies for construction purposes as part of the contract, and without other compensation, include nine miles from the government highway to the upper portal, of which seven miles are oil roads; a mile and a half of improved road to the lower portal, and over ten miles of miscellaneous dirt roads to the sites of various other phases of the great construction project. All these latter roads, in spite of their great cost, will have to be abandoned when their usefulness ends, and many of them will be covered with water as soon as the water begins to back up from the dam. None of the roads are open to the public without special passes except that portion of the highway system, built by the Six Companies, leading to the Kingman ferry, an already heavily traveled tourist highway.

Manning the different truck fleets, and maintaining the vehicles for their twenty-four hour duty, necessitates the employment of 180 full time men, ranging from skilled mechanics to light truck drivers.

For the maintenance work alone, forty-six mechanics, and general employes are employed at the river workings, and twenty-eight in the garage in Boulder City.

Working the three shifts on the dump trucks alone, 106 men find permanent employment hauling excavated rock and dirt, while the small and miscellaneous equipment affords work for 46 more drivers.

Enormous as these motor transportation facilities and operations are, they are but a small portion of the whole, other phases of the work involving still greater adventures into administration and engineering, go to add to the Hoover dam construction program.

NOTE

The American Legion Auxiliary will have a public bridge party at 2 o'clock, Thursday, Jan. 11, at American Legion hall, So. 3rd St. Auction and contract. Admission 50c.—adv. c36

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BOULDER BRIEFS

TO VISIT SISTER

Miss Alice Davin of Caliente was expected to arrive today for a ten days' visit with her sister, Mrs. Eric Vieberg, at Boulder City.

IN HOSPITAL

Cecil Lotspech was taken to the Boulder City hospital last Tuesday, suffering from complications following an attack of influenza.

BLEVENS ON JOB

Leonard Blevens, who has been suffering from an infected finger, is reported to have returned to his work.

BARRETT'S IMPROVING

Mr. and Mrs. Don Barrett, who were injured in an accident last week, are reported to be improving rapidly, and were out for a short auto drive last Monday.

ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burk entertained Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stickney, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Applegate and Leonard Blevins at bridge and dinner last Sunday night.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. C. A. Harris was the hostess Tuesday at a birthday party in honor of her daughter, Mary's sixth anniversary.

EXPECTS SISTER

George Talbott, who was injured in an accident at the dam Monday afternoon, is reported to be improving. He is expecting his sister to arrive at Boulder City today from San Francisco.

LEAVES HOSPITAL

George McGowan, has returned to his home from the hospital, fully recovered.

Eyewitness Describes Colorado River During High Water Stage

By T. C. WILSON

Swirling swiftly between solid towering walls of light brown rock, the great Colorado at flood yesterday presented a truly awesome picture from the safe view of the Crow's Nest.

Rushing at terrific speed, the center of the stream furrowed as by a gigantic plow, the usually muddy current is now a deep orange, colored by floods discharged by the Muddy and Virgin rivers, upstream.

The usual beehive of activity along the bottom of Black Canyon was absent, with hundreds of men temporarily laid off work by the flood, which, still rising, is lapping over work roads, washing into tunnels, and flooding into more than one work shed, along its banks. Only an occasional truck rumbles down the usually bustling road.

A powerful, blunt-nosed work boat

B. C. LEGION BACKS SCOUTS

Post No. 31, of the American Legion, in its regular meeting Monday night, discussed action toward the establishment of a veterans hospital in southern Nevada. Many special advantages for such a location were advanced.

Following action taken at the last meeting, the Boulder City post will sponsor the Boy Scout movement.

The local committee appointed by the post is to work with Ralph Lowry, Scout executive for Boulder City, and includes Lee Dana, chairman, Rufus C. Thaxton, Albert Moser, Henry Futcransky, Don Barrett and William Reese. These members are in full charge of this work, including the selecting of Scoutmasters, which in turn, will be responsible to the committee.

If Mrs. J. E. Gilliam will call at the Age office she will receive a free ticket, good for today only at El Portal theater.

HIGH WATERS GIVE CREWS SUDDEN REST

Flood waters swirling down the Colorado from the Virgin and Muddy rivers gave over five hundred Hoover Dam workmen an unexpected vacation yesterday, when the water level rose in the Black canyon just far enough to wash out a temporary bridge and allow sufficient water to run through the two tunnels already hosed through to necessitate the cessation of underground work.

Reaching a maximum rise of approximately 11 feet yesterday morning, the Colorado flood waters began their recession at noon, with an observed drop of over eight inches at noon. The rise began to be noticeable during Tuesday, with the rapid rise beginning at about five o'clock in the afternoon of that day. The normal flow of the river at this time of the year is approximately 5,000 cubic feet per second, and as an indication of the immense volume of water pouring through the canyon from the freshets in the tributaries, engineers yesterday estimated that the flow was in the neighborhood of 50,000 cubic feet per second.

Six Companies engineers yesterday received a report from the Bright Angel trail gauging station, in the Grand canyon, indicating that a 17,500 second-foot rise was in evidence at that point, which, it is estimated, will reach the Hoover Dam workings today. Whether this flood water will raise the Colorado over Tuesday's high point depends upon the rapidity with which the Virgin flood waters subside, according to officials.

Damage to Six Companies, Inc., equipment is nominal, the main damage being in loss of time. All the work in the diversion tunnels has been suspended until the water goes down. Material damage is confined to the loss of a temporary pile and trestle truck bridge at the upper portals of the diversion tunnels.

The river rose and entered the diversion tunnels Nos. 2 and 3, which have been holed through. Due to the drop in the tunnels between the entrances and exits, of fourteen feet, at noon today there was 17 feet of water in the lower portals and 3 feet in the upper portals. The approach to the steel suspension bridge was completed during the night, and placed in operation early this morning.

All crews on surface work are working.

Far down the canyon the water rushes swiftly and silently against the canyon walls, and is rebounded, great waves cutting across the current. Down below the water is already higher than just a few minutes ago. The river is rising rapidly, moment by moment.

According to engineers on the job, this is but one of a half dozen freshets expected to hit up work before the real high water in June.

QUICK ACTION SAVES WORKER

Saved by the quick wits of a fellow workman, George Carr last night lay in the Boulder City hospital recovering from an acute electrical shock received from a 2300-volt service line on the river workings.

Carr grasped the "high-line," thinking that the current was off, and was unable to release himself. Another workman on the job, lower tunnel No. 2, grasped a rope, quickly fashioned a noose, and lassoed Carr, pulling him from the cable. One finger was badly burned, and his entire system affected by the heavy current.

Carr is 28, and lives in one of the Six Companies dormitories. He has a wife living in Seattle.

FIGHT CARD IS POSTPONED

Scheduled for Monday night, the Boulder City fight card was called off yesterday on account of the temporary lay-off of a large number of men in the tunnel crews, caused by high water, it was learned yesterday.

The main event was to have been a ten round go between Warren Farrell and Johnny Roth, and the balance of the card had been tentatively arranged. The card will be kept intact, if possible, for the next matches when they can be arranged.

B. C. AUXILIARY NAMES GROUPS

The auxiliary of the Boulder City Legion, which held its first meeting Tuesday night, reported good progress. In addition to all the officers, there were 17 new members present. Mrs. Haas presided.

New business presented was the appointment of various committees. A sick and visiting committee, social and entertaining committee and a relief committee were named and will start immediate action.

Frank Zellar of the Legion attended the meeting and pledged support to the Auxiliary in the name of the Boulder City Legion post. After the meeting, Mrs. Haas entertained the members with refreshments at the Six Companies mess hall.

MOAPA VALLEY NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Fish and Mr. and Mrs. Zach Farr of Bunkerville visited here over the week end, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Snow and Mr. and Mrs. F. Edgar Mineer.

Mr. Vivian Milne of St. George was in Logandale on business early in the week.

Lloyd Mills of Logandale, student at the University of Nevada, suffered a slight injury recently in an auto accident, as he and a group of students were returning in the night from a basketball game at a nearby town.

Mrs. Patience Lee, Mrs. Alice Sprague, Mrs. Melinda Jorgensen, and Mrs. Mary L. Wells of the R. S. stake board went over to visit R. S. associations in Virgin valley on Tuesday. The Virgin river was in high flood and it was necessary to return as they were advised not to cross the bridge at the Riverside station. Nehi Lee was chauffeur for the party.

An extra shift was added to the

force at the silica plant yesterday. Among those employed were Alton and Delbert Huntsman and Laurence Cox.

Dr. W. W. Cook of Mesquite visited patients in the valley Monday.

Albert Prehner of St. Thomas is still confined in the Las Vegas hospital. He is reported to be very ill.

Mrs. McDonald and daughter Nellie of Las Vegas visited here Saturday, the guests of Mrs. Elson Cox.

Elwood Perkins returned to Los Angeles with his sister, Miss Lela, and Mrs. Wm. McDonald last week.

W. R. Bates of the Grolier society of New York, is here on business for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ullom of Las Vegas visited Mrs. Martha Swapp on Saturday, leaving a beautiful bouquet of flowers to cheer her sick room. She is very ill and

has been since a fall some time ago when she fractured her hip.

A warm winter rain has been falling here for two days and with deep snow in Lincoln county, farmers are fearing a flood.

The joint M. I. A. program Sunday evening was given by a group of Bee hive girls, with Mrs. Vera Whipple, class leader. They have completed one year's work and the following girls were awarded first rank emblems by Mrs. Erma F. Earl, stake bee keeper: La Verne Jones, Myrtle Cooper, Reva Anderson, Edith Prisky, Rula Robinson, Maude Prisky, Vivian Stephens, Loreen Lewis, Iola Prisky, Bernice Stephens, Aileen Lynn, Genevieve Hickman, and Ethlyn Perkins.

BACK FROM VISIT

Harry Smith, proprietor of the fruit department in the Silver State Market, has returned from San Bernardino, where he spent several days visiting his relatives and friends.

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Suppose for a moment that advertising didn't exist—that there were no trade-marked goods—that everything you bought had to be judged solely by its look or feel or taste.


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