

# BOULDER CITY

And News of The Hoover Dam Project

## SIX COMPANIES RAILROAD NET HAILED AS MAJOR ENGINEERING PROBLEM BY PROFESSIONAL MEN

Per Mile Cost Is Said  
Greater Than Any  
Other Road

By S. W. CALKINS  
One of the smallest railroad systems in the country, and yet one that will ultimately carry the most concentrated traffic in the west, is that operated by the Six Companies in building the Hoover Dam.

Only one of the many industries that the contractors have entered into in carrying out the largest project man has ever known, the railroad in itself has involved some of the heaviest construction and excavation work that railroad builders anywhere have encountered.

At the present time, the Six Companies are operating thirty miles of track in what is a complete system, linked with the outside world only by the single track connecting with the Union Pacific railroad.

The Six Companies' road includes two miles of double track, and roadbeds and steel for both this and the single track portion of the line are of sufficient weight for the larger trains.

Used at present only for hauling construction materials, and for bringing supplies to Boulder City and to various key points in the reservation, the railroad, already called the "Big Six road" in construction camp slang, employs five steam locomotives for most of the heavy hauling, and four gas operated locomotives, utilized for switching and light hauling.

Rolling stock now in use includes 50 bottom dump gondolas, 50 side dump gondolas, six heavy flat cars, and a tank car. At present this equipment is being used for routine work, and for hauling gravel from the Arizona pits to the new gravel washing plant.

Additional rolling stock will have to be added to care for the increased traffic from time to time, until the railroad system reaches its point of maximum operation, at which time it will carry a tonnage per mile which will compare favorably with the largest railroads in the country.

For the operation and maintenance of the present road, and construction crews adding more miles, 120 full time men are now employed.

The largest number of men is employed in operating the existing equipment, fifty-five train and engine-men working full time, with a maintenance crew of fifteen men.

On new track construction, fifty men are working continuously to add new facilities to the road which must carry the materials for the dam proper down to the canyon as the work progresses.

Railroad construction was of necessity almost fully completed before the majority of the preliminary work was completed, but there is still considerable construction work to be done, before the full railroad facilities are available in the canyon.

When finished, the railroad system will carry the gravel from the washing plant to both the high and low-level mixing plants.

Like every other major construction feature of the work that has already been completed at the dam, the building of the railroad has involved much blasting in right-of-way building through solid rocks, and with the necessity of tunnel building abounding. The cost per mile for the entire system, has been unofficially estimated as higher than any other railroad system in the country, and has in the main been borne by the contractors as part of their contract with the government.

Engineering of the highest type was necessary to plan and supervise the building of the road, which will go down in construction history as a great engineering feat, although only a part of the greatest engineering feat of modern times.

## WEED TO GIVE TALK ON YARDS

Wilber Weed, landscape engineer for the government, will deliver a lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, Friday, Feb. 12, at 2:30 p. m. in the living room of the Six Companies, Inc. dormitory.

Weed will discuss the plans of the bureau of reclamation with reference to the beautifying of cities by planting.

His address will be of particular interest to Boulder residents competing for the \$25 prize now offered for the best kept yard and home. The meeting is open to everyone.

## TALBERT DIES AFTER INJURY

Jas. D. Talbert, 40, Six Companies, Inc. shovel mechanic at upper No. 2 diversion tunnel, who received a fractured rib and punctured lung in an accident Monday, died Thursday morning at 7 o'clock in the Boulder City hospital. His body was removed to the Palm funeral home in Las Vegas, pending instructions from relatives in the east. Talbert was not married.

## SCHOOL CHILDREN ELATED AS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT SET

Play grounds, equipped with swings, turning bars and several other devices, is the latest contribution made to Boulder City schools. The play grounds are situated across Avenue B, just below New Mexico street, in a vacant lot convenient for the children to use during recess.

Not a moment was lost by the youngsters in making use of their favorite devices. So eager were they to show one another their skill in gymnastic tricks, that they could hardly allow the workmen time to set up the equipment securely.

## Gang That "Knows How" Will Play Hosts to Crowds at Valentine Ball

Elaborate decorations, special lighting equipment, a reception committee that "knows how" and a large advance ticket sale all point to the assurance of one of the best times on Boulder City's social calendar at the American Legion Valentine dance to be held in the Six Companies' mess hall tonight.

Those attending are assured all the dances they want by Skinner, Lawton, Goley and Young, who head the reception committee. Music will be furnished by the well known Venetian dance orchestra, assisted by the Las Vegas Sirens, who have arranged a program of snappy vocal numbers.

Decorations and special lighting effects are the work of Henry Futoransky and E. G. McDonald. Moonlight waltzes will be featured throughout the evening.

Jack Way, with a number of assistants, will have charge of the check room. Speedy, efficient service can be expected.

Homer Looze, as chairman of the entertainment committee, reports that special effort will be put forth to assure everyone of having an unusually pleasant evening's entertainment.

Mr. N. Rantielli, motored to Las Vegas Thursday.

ON BUSINESS  
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Quinn motored to Las Vegas Wednesday on business.

TEACHER ILL  
Miss Maxine Provost, second grade teacher in the Boulder City school, is confined to her bed suffering from infection in her feet. Miss Provost thinks she will be able to resume her duties next Monday.

VISIT VEGAS  
Gordon Dutcher, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Crampton, motored into Las Vegas last Wednesday on business and pleasure.

TAKE TRIP  
Mr. and Mrs. Handley, accompanied by Sam Catrer, motored to Vegas Wednesday.

PICNIC PARTY  
Mr. and Mrs. George Martin, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Crampton, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Barker and Mr. and Mrs. Handley, formed a picnic party Thursday and spent the day along Vegas wash.

VISIT IN BOULDER  
Mrs. C. J. Mackey, accompanied by Mrs. Horace Taylor of Las Vegas, were visitors Wednesday afternoon in Boulder City.

TO CONSULT SPECIALIST  
Mrs. J. H. Neursing left Boulder City with her young son, Peter, Wednesday evening for Los Angeles where she will place the boy under the care of an ear specialist.

ON PLEASURE TRIP  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Spencer motored to Las Vegas Wednesday on a pleasure trip.

AMONG VISITORS  
Mrs. R. Roberts was among those who visited in Vegas Wednesday.

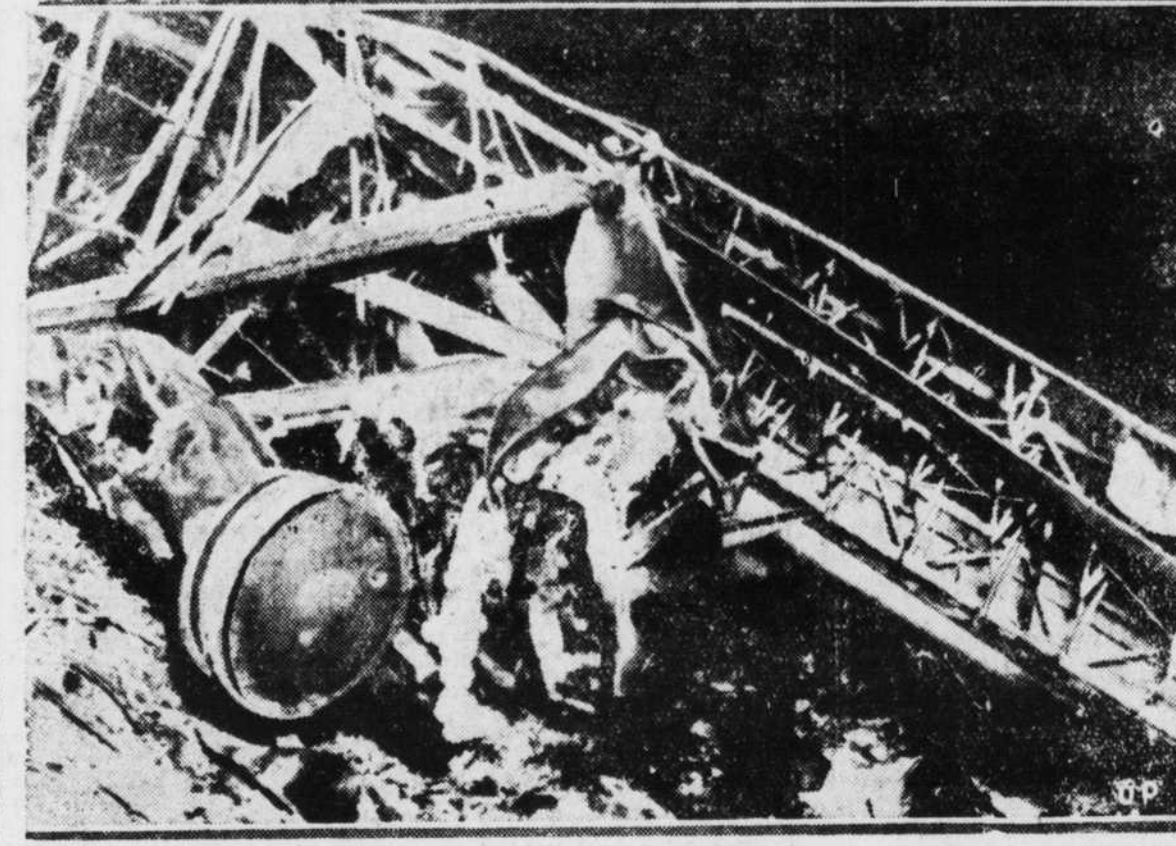
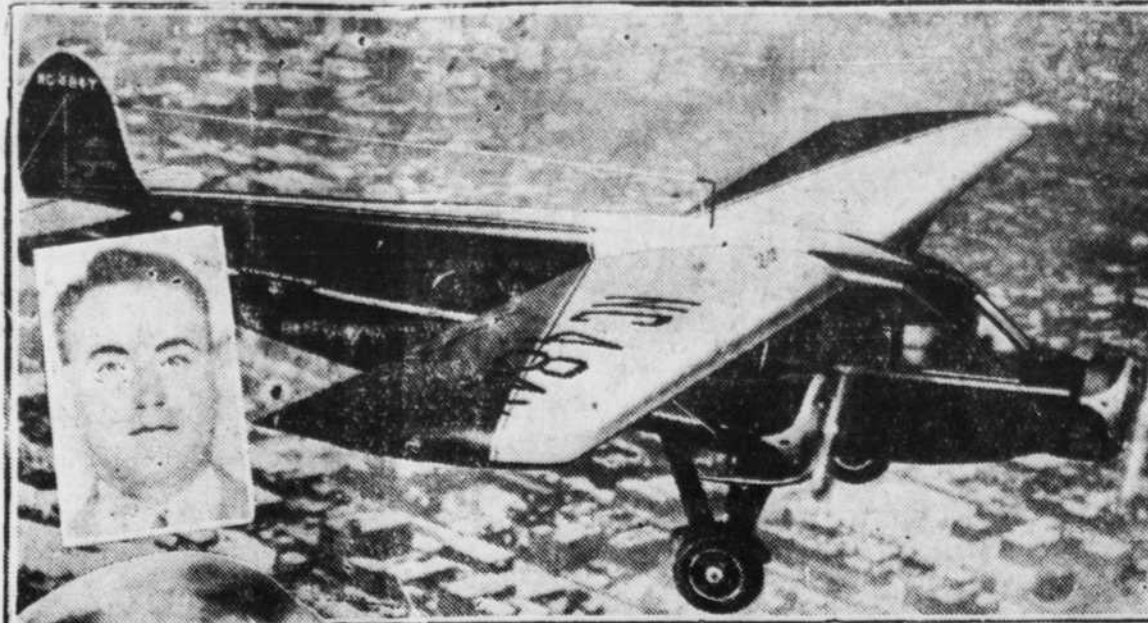
ATTENDED DANCE  
Mrs. Haas, accompanied by Mrs. Von, motored to Las Vegas Wednesday evening and attended the American Legion dance held at the Meadows.

While Visiting  
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WANTED—Woman cook, Boulder City; resident preferred. Browder's Cafe. 361f

## WRECKED PLANE FOUND WITH EIGHT DEAD



Below, right, is shown the wreckage of a Century Pacific passenger transport plane in which eight persons, including three women, met death. The wreckage was found in the rugged Tehachapi mountains near Mt. Fraser, after a six-day search in which many planes and hundreds of land searchers combed the entire area. The big airliner crashed during a blinding snowstorm. All of the passengers were badly burned. Above is a picture of the plane taken shortly after it was christened. Inset is picture of J. H. Poltemus, San Francisco business man, who was one of those killed. Below is Frank Dewar, chief criminal deputy sheriff of Los Angeles, who also was killed. Above, right is J. V. Sandblom, pilot of the plane, another victim.

## SHERIFF WILL PROBE KNIFE AFFRAY

Answering a hurry-up call from the reservation gate to the effect taken place near there, reservation officers last night ended a thrilling auto chase on the Searchlight road, apprehending four men, two of them slightly cut in what one of the men described as a robbery attempt.

The men were Joe Kolos, L. V. Keeler, C. E. Tracy, and a fourth, unidentified man, who slept all through the alleged melee. According to Kolos, the four men were returning to their Boulder City homes, when Keeler and Tracy attempted to rob him. When the four men were caught, one of them was hiding at the side of the road. A police search revealed that both Kolos and Keeler carried pocket knives, and that Kolos also had some razor blades in his pocket.

Keeler and Tracy emphatically denied there was any robbery attempt, and said they had been attacked. Keeler received a gash in his neck, and Kolos on his elbow, neither of a serious nature.

Learning that the entire affair had taken place outside the confines of the reservation, Chief of Police Bodell and Sergeant Stringfellow, who investigated it, communicated with county authorities, and Deputy Sheriff Tony Martelletti was dispatched to the reservation to take the men to Las Vegas.

## VEGAS STORE IN CREDITORS HANDS

The Underpriced store, south Main street mercantile establishment formerly operated by G. G. Lippert, is today in the hands of its creditors, it was learned yesterday.

Lippert has gone to Los Angeles, where he plans to enter other business, it was said.

Receiving word from agitated Boulder City residents that a man had suddenly become mentally deranged, officers of the dam city picked up one Jack Riley at the Evans camp.

The officers found Riley staging a one-man "big parade" in his underwear. Investigation disclosed that Riley was not working on the reservation, and was an ex-service man suffering from shellshock, who had been treated in the past by a Las Vegas physician.

Riley was brought to Las Vegas by the officers, who were unable to locate the man's physician, and left him in the hands of friends.

If Mrs. H. L. Long will call at The Age office she will receive a free ticket, good for today only at El Portal theater.

## STARTS PARADE IN UNDERWEAR

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## How One Woman Lost 20 Lbs. of Fat

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## HIGH WATERS MAY CONTINUE

Six Companies engineers estimate that the high water conditions that have held up the underground work for the past two days will prevail for at least two days longer, it was learned yesterday.

The Colorado, which reached a maximum high water level of 11 feet above normal, receded six feet in the past 24 hours, it is said, and is expected to drop still further before the high water reported from the Grand canyon reaches Black canyon.

Other than the loss of time from the tunnel workings, the contractors have suffered very little loss, officials announced.

NEW B. C. CITIZEN  
Second new citizen of Boulder City born this week was the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Mason, born yesterday at the Las Vegas hospital.

Mrs. Mason and the infant are both doing well, according to attending physicians.

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## BOULDER BRIEFS

BECHTEL LEAVES  
W. A. Bechtel, president of the Six Companies, Inc., after spending a week at Boulder City, returned to San Francisco yesterday, motoring as far as Mojave.

ATTORNEY ARRIVES  
Samuel W. Stevens and Paul Martin, attorneys for Six Companies, arrived in Boulder City yesterday to spend a few days in connection with legal business for the company.

MOTOR TO VEGAS  
Mrs. L. St. John, accompanied by Mrs. C. Stucky, Mrs. E. Louie and

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