

OBSERVATIONS

Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. P. S.

FEDERAL SWIMMING POOL

Senator Oddie sends the Age a clipping from the New York Sun in which some young fellow makes a serious effort to be funny at the expense of Senator Oddie's amendment providing for a swimming pool at Boulder City.

The chap does very well for a fellow who has never been out of sight of the garbage strewn shores of Coney Island. Especially when he suggests that the reflecting pool at the Lincoln memorial be turned into a swimming pool and that free transportation to Washington be provided for those Boulder City inhabitants who want to swim.

The lad evidently had in mind too many things the government has provided for the people at Washington, including parks and zoos and museums and art galleries and tennis courts and golf courses and base ball grounds and polo fields, yes, and swimming pools and beaches and boat houses and astronomical observatories and a thousand and one fine things, all for the welfare or pleasure of the people.

But it was real funny to the Sun reporter when he thought of any body at Boulder City being provided with a place to swim. West of the Hudson is too far away to merit consideration, likewise.

Had the lad ever spent a summer in the desert country similar to that about Hoover dam site and Boulder City he might realize what a perfectly wonderful thing a pool of water is to the hot and tired and dirty workers on Uncle Sam's greatest project.

And in view of the fact that Uncle Sam would simply be loaning the money for a short time, the contract for repayment having already been signed, he might not think it so important to be funny at Boulder City's expense.

Whether Senator Oddie can convince congress of the real conditions here and get the authorization for the expenditure of that money passed, may be doubtful. Yet it is worth trying and should be successful will prove a paying investment in health and contentment for the workers.

THE COTTONWOOD

The cottonwood is just about the noblest of all nature's provision for desert comfort.

Already the trees are leaved out and all Las Vegas is bowered in delicate green foliage which will be still green and beautiful next October.

The cottonwood is easy to plant and requires but little care to make a start. It provides a grateful shade long before most other varieties of trees get a start. And it becomes great and spreading and sheltering and a blessing to the part of the human race living in the desert country.

We admit that the cotton which for a month each spring, fills the air is not very desirable. Yet there are only a very few of the cotton-bearing trees in Las Vegas and they are generally so surrounded by others that they could be taken out without loss of shade.

We are told also that it is possible to give the cotton-bearing trees a "shot in the arm" which will entirely prevent the production of the cotton.

A year or two ago a survey was made and all cotton bearing trees marked. It would be a good plan if we would continue the good work and do away with the cotton pest this year, since it is so easily done.

THE GAS HOUSE

People in the vicinity of Fourth and Fremont are enjoying a gas boom. They are planning to start a company to utilize gas which is seeping through the ground, into cellars and dwellings.

Locators seeking the source of the supply have not been successful as yet although Plumbing Inspector Bob Elser is reaching the opinion that somebody's gas pipe is leaking. Whose and where, is the question he is diligently seeking to answer. In the meantime we fear to go to bed lest we may not wake up for breakfast and we can't cook breakfast because to light a match is dangerous.

FIRST OIL BOOM

We recall more than 26 years ago the first oil well excitement in Las Vegas. It came following the storage of a carload of distillate in a leaky, underground tank.

In a few days mysterious rumors of oil here and there reached the ears of the manager of the light company which owned the tank. Investigation showed that a few hundred gallons of the distillate had leaked out of the tank and permeated the whole surface water system over a considerable area of the city.

Which reminds us again of our Las Vegas oil boom of a year or two ago on the highway just south of town, and how they would advertise that oil would be struck in the well "next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock."

UTAH GAMBLERS HELD

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Mar. 8. (U.P.)—Police morals squad arrested 40 alleged gamblers, including six accused bookmakers in a raid today.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

March 8—Maximum, 79; minimum, 42.

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, March 8. (U.P.)—Bar silver, 30 1/4 cents an ounce. Zinc, 2.80 cents a pound. Copper, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4 cents a pound. Lead, 3.25 cents a pound.

LAS VEGAS AGE

PROSPERITY - SAFETY

SOUTHERN NEVADA'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

Vol. XXVIII. LAS VEGAS, CLARK COUNTY, NEV. WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 9, 1932 No. 59

BOULDER DAM PROJECT
The Progress of this Vast Engineering Work is Fully and Accurately Covered. Associated Press and United Press Wire Service Bring News of the World to This Paper—A Leader For More Than a Quarter of a Century.

MYSTERY WELLS KIDNAP DICKER

U. S. COED QUEEN



Virginia Carlyle, University of California senior, who was elected queen of the Big "C" Sirkus and parade by her campus admirers. She led the procession and served as hostess during the Sirkus, and a big time was had by all.

V.F.W. AUXILIARY INITIATES 9 MEMBERS

Initiating nine new members occupied most of last night's meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars ladies auxiliary.

The initiatory ceremonies were presided over by Mrs. Edith Bettelheim, president of the group. She was assisted by senior vice president Mrs. C. J. Mackey, junior vice president Mrs. M. C. Bennett, secretary Mrs. Edith Harshberger, and conductress, Mrs. Olive Roberts.

The newly organized auxiliary also completed plans for a card party to be held Monday evening, March 14, plans for which will be announced later.

URGES VEGANS TO ATTEND MEETING

James Cashman at yesterday's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, called attention to the Kingman highway meeting at which they expect probably 250 of the residents along the Santa Fe Trail highway between Kingman and Albuquerque to be present.

He urged that a delegation of Las Vegas people go over to Kingman on March 21 and return on the next day with the party on its visit to Hoover dam site and Las Vegas.

Cashman stated also that a delegation of Phoenix men is planning to come to Las Vegas later in the interest of a direct highway from Hoover dam to Kingman. The southern highway through Arizona desires to reach connection with the dam site, Cashman stated.

LABOR REPORT IS GIVEN TO C. OF C.

The committee appointed by President Down of the Chamber of Commerce to investigate alleged discrimination by Labor Commissioner Blood against residents of Las Vegas made a report through Secretary Nye Wilson, to the effect that the committee, consisting of Nye Wilson, C. D. Baker and C. C. Ronnow, had called upon Blood and discussed the whole matter.

They were unable to find any evidence that any citizen of Las Vegas within the required age and qualified for the work for which he applied was refused employment, Baker stated. Ronnow agreed with the report of his colleagues, but thought the investigation was doing some good by bringing the chamber, the Red Cross and various individuals into closer touch with the labor commissioner.

GOES TO COAST

Desk Sergeant Frank Jones of the Las Vegas police department, is in Los Angeles for a few days on business.

ODDIE TO MAKE FIGHT FOR RESUMPTION HERE OF NIGHT AIR SERVICE

Hoover Makes Personal Request For Supplemental Appropriation Of Half Million Dollars For Renewing Night Mail Lines

Special to The Age

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8.—Leading a fight for increased appropriations in the postoffice department for the restoration of the night airmail runs between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles, via Las Vegas, Senator Oddie announced today that he would push the matter when it came before the Senate committees of which he is chairman.

Speaking of the estimates made by various officials of the amounts needed for the restoration of the night airmail runs through Las Vegas, Senator Oddie said: "President Hoover made a personal request for

a supplemental appropriation of \$500,000, \$125,000,000 of which was to be made immediately available for the purpose of restoring this air mail service.

"This estimate will now come before the appropriations committee having charge of the treasury and postoffice appropriations of which I am chairman, and I will make a special effort to have this item placed in and retained in the bill. I will also be in position, as chairman of the senate conference committee in this matter, to make a special fight to retain it in the bill when we meet with the house conferees."

LEGION WILL TRY TO STANDARDIZE 6-HOUR DAY IN CITY

With every local service organization solidly behind the plans for unemployment relief through local application of the American Legion National unemployment commission's plans for a six hour working day, Las Vegas legionnaires last night began their plans for a committee of business men and employers to canvass the town for jobs for Las Vegas out of work.

Speakers pointed to several building projects employing men on both six hour and eight hour schedules, and suggested that the committee to be appointed attempt a standard application of the six hour day.

Commander Thompson, of the local Legion post, said last night that he would proceed at once with the appointment of committee members, notifying each one of his share of the work to be done.

EASTERN STORMS TIE UP TRAFFIC

NEW YORK, March 8. (U.P.)—A 50-mile gale lashed the Atlantic coast today, imperiling shipping, crippling a large freighter with 34 men aboard, and, on shore, marring hundreds of motorists in billows of snow it left in its wake.

While coast guard cutters were attempting to reach the helpless collier F. E. Bardelexen of New Orleans, which had lost a sardine aviator, were dropping food to the passengers of two auto-buses, stalled in drifts near Batavia.

The travelers, who had been held on the road all night, finally reached Batavia at 1 p. m. The food, including hot coffee, which was dropped near them by a low flying plane piloted by Russell Holderman, "saved their lives," they reported gratefully.

After the great buses had broken through a procession of at least 50 automobiles, privately owned, followed in their tracks. The passengers in these had spent the night, for the most part, in farm houses along the route.

Pilots of the United Airlines left Newark airport this afternoon and succeeded in dropping a sack of provisions to Mark Williams, keeper of the Marker beacon on Ring mountain, near Sunbury, Pa. Williams had been without food for 24 hours, shut off from the world by huge drifts on the only road leading to his home.

Several passengers and freight trains were stalled in Pennsylvania. A Lehigh Valley train, with many women and children aboard, could make no headway against the storm north of Sayre, Pa. Farmers broke through the roads to carry them food.

HOUSE PASSES ON ANTI-INJUNCTION

WASHINGTON, March 8. (U.P.)—The house tonight by a vote of 363 to 13 passed the LaGuardia anti-injunction bill limiting the powers of federal courts against labor and the press.

POLICE DECLARE COMMUNISTS INCITED RIOT

DETROIT, March 8. (U.P.)—Dearborn police today asked aid of the U. S. department of justice in apprehending five alleged communists they charged were responsible for yesterday's bloody rioting at the Ford plant, while County Prosecutor Harry S. Toy, announced that he would present all evidence to the grand jury now in session.

Communist headquarters were busy, making elaborate plans for mass meetings and single funeral services for the four victims killed by Dearborn police when the mob stormed the plant.

Chief Carl Brooks of the Dearborn police, accused the following with inciting the demonstration: William Z. Foster, nationally known communist; William Reynolds, communist charged with causing trouble recently in Pontiac, Mich.; John Schmelz, communist candidate for mayor of Detroit last fall; Albert Goetz, organizer for the unemployed council, and John Peco, member of the unemployed council.

U. S. District Attorney Gregory H. Frederick told Brooks that he would study a full report of the investigation when it was complete and forward his recommendation to Washington.

Brooks indicated that he would recommend prosecution under Michigan law, last used during the World war.

Most of the 19 persons who suffered severe bullet wounds in injuries were reported in no danger today, including Harry Bennett, head of the Ford service department.

GEORGE ULLOM IS CONTEST WINNER

Finals in the Las Vegas high school oratorical contest, part of the annual nationwide contests, were held last night in the high school auditorium. George Ulom, 18 year old senior, winning with an oration entitled "What the Constitution Should Mean to Us."

Second place was won by Miss Aquilyn Grosso, also a senior, with her oration, "The Constitution." Ulom, by virtue of his victory last night, will represent Las Vegas in the district contest, participated in by students from all the high schools in Clark, Nye, and White Pine counties. Winners in the district counties will then meet for the state prize.

When winners are determined for each state in the nation, they again compete for divisional titles, finally resulting in the choice of a national champion, who is rewarded with a trip to Washington, and other honors.

Candidates For Nebraska Office Are Both Pledged To Abolish That Office

LINCOLN, Neb., March 8. (U.P.)—Pledges to abolish the office which they seek feature the campaign platforms of two men seeking party nominations as candidates for land commissioner in the Nebraska primary this year.

George Klies, Lincoln, a candi-

HENRY PU-YI TO ASSUME RULE OF PUPPET STATE

Peace Hopes Dim; Chinese To Resume Policing in Shanghai Districts

CHANGCHUN, Manchuria, Mar. 8. (U.P.)—Mr. Henry Pu-yi, the sober, delicate youth who once ruled from the dragon throne of China as "The Son of Heaven," arrived tonight in preparation for a ceremony which will restore to the once mighty Manchus a shadow of the power they held for centuries.

JAPS AUTOMATED Tomorrow, in the new capital of Changchun, the former boy emperor will become head of a new Manchurian state, torn from China by force of Japanese arms and set up by Chinese war lords acting under suggestions from Japanese militarists at Mukden.

Henry Pu-yi arrived by train from Tangkangze and the war lords assembled to greet him, the notorious Gen. Ma Chan-shan coming from Tsitsihar by airplane. General Ma, who won the praise of all China when he boasted he would defend Tsitsihar against the Japanese "to the death" and later was alleged to have "sold out," probably will become minister of war in the new government, which will be inaugurated Thursday.

SHANGHAI, Wednesday, March 9. (U.P.)—Hopes for immediate peace in the Yangtze valley were dimmed today as the Chinese government and military leaders united in a policy of continued resistance to the Japanese military forces moving northward from Shanghai.

Japanese army headquarters said they merely were consolidating their lines in the Guisan area, some 23 miles west of Shanghai and that "occasional skirmishes" were to be expected, but the Chinese charged that the Japanese were pushing on in the direction of Nanking.

SHANGHAI, Wednesday, March 9. (U.P.)—Possibility of renewed conflict between Japanese and Chinese in Shanghai was created today when Wu Teh-chen, mayor of Shanghai, announced the intention of Chinese authorities to resume police duties in territory from which Chinese armed forces had withdrawn.

In a note to Japanese authorities, Wu Teh-chen said Chinese civil authorities proposed to resume policing Chapei, Kiangwan, and Woosung.

ROOSEVELT LEADS IN N. H. PRIMARY

CONCORD, N. H., March 9. (Wednesday) (U.P.)—Incomplete returns in the New Hampshire presidential preference primary early today indicated a probable sweeping victory for democratic candidates pledged to Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York.

Robert Jackson, secretary of the Democratic national committee, who has been guiding the Roosevelt campaign in this state, said: "There is nothing to it. Roosevelt has won a complete New Hampshire delegation."

Returns from 234 towns and city wards out of 294, including eight cities, gave Roosevelt 10,838 votes against 6,505 for candidates pledged to Alfred E. Smith.

MARRY IN ST. GEORGE

Planning to keep their marriage a secret, Kathryn Deverell and Wayne Stewart, prominent young Las Vegas couple, were married in St. George, Utah, Sunday.

Both are graduates of the Las Vegas high school, and will continue to make their homes here.

Return Of Baby Is Believed Near As Lindbergh, Police Both Report Some Progress

LINDY JR. CLOSE-UPS



Now what can this be that interests young Charles Lindbergh jr. just beyond reach of his baby fingers, as he stretches them out through the very window his kidnapers entered on the night of March 1?



Here he is again, his hands against the pane—wondering perhaps what lies beyond—all the eager curiosity of his 20 months



It was from this crib that the Lindbergh baby was stolen during the family's dinner hour. The nurse, returning to his room, found it empty and a ladder against the open window.



Again the son of America's "flying colonel" turns an inquiring glance at the camera that caught him at play in the yard of the Lindbergh home, focal point of a nationwide search after his disappearance.

FAILS TO ANSWER TICKET; IS FINED

Dodging officers for several days after being issued a traffic ticket for obstructing fire apparatus resulted in Frank Belding paying a \$50 fine yesterday in municipal court.

Belding was issued a traffic tick-

Vegas Bound Man Reports Riding With Couple And Baby

TRENTON, N. J., Mar. 8. (U.P.)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, father of the kidnaped child, was "making good progress on the case" in his private investigation, it was learned here tonight from a source close to the flier. It was believed, although not confirmed by any official source, that negotiations for the return of the baby would be completed within a few hours.

HOPEWELL, N. J., March 8. (U.P.)—At 10 p. m. tonight, exactly one week to the hour since Nurse Betty Gow made the horrifying discovery that the world's most famous baby was missing from his crib, there was an atmosphere of hopeful expectancy in the Lindbergh household.

Police continued their hunt refusal to discuss recent developments in the hunt for the baby's kidnapers, but it was known that Col. Henry Breckenridge, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's closest adviser, was "somewhere on a secret mission."

An unusual burst of activity preceded Col. Breckenridge's appearance at the Lindbergh home. Two cars, one heavily curtained, swept out of the back entrance to the estate, with two state troopers in each, and dashed at high speed towards Skillman.

When Breckenridge left the Lindbergh home, he instructed the police and state troopers to see that he was not followed, by themselves or any one else.

FLOOD OF RUMORS His departure released a flood of rumors that contact had been made with the baby-snatchers, and all Hopewell looked for definite results within the next day.

Further optimism was seen in an official statement on the case, issued late tonight at Trenton in response to newspaper men's questions.

In reply to a latest question as to "what are the latest developments in the case," the police shot back the terse response: "Progress."

Col. Lindbergh's telephone, the private line over which he maintains a rigorous guard, and over which he is said to have quarreled vigorously today with Captain John J. Lamb, was busy throughout the afternoon and evening.

The cutting down of the police guard at the Lindbergh farm from 25 troopers to 10 was regarded as another move toward opening the way for the return of 20-month-old Charles Augustus, Jr.

GANGSTERS VANISH The whereabouts of Salvatore Spitalo and Irving Bitz, racketeers appointed by Col. Lindbergh as his emissaries to the underworld, was cloaked in mystery. Spitalo was not at his usual Manhattan haunts during the afternoon.

The latest clue unearthed by police in the week-end hunt for the abductors involved the ladder which, it is supposed, was used to gain access to the Lindbergh nursery.

A high official announced definitely that the wood in the ladder was southern pine, and that it was waste lumber from the construction of the state hospital for epileptics at Skillman, about six miles from Hopewell.

The odds and ends of this lumber were carted away by the workmen engaged on building a dormitory at the hospital, and police were planning to round up and investigate all of the workers.

HOPES RUMOR RIGHT The newspaper man called the Lindbergh house at 11:15 p. m., seeking to confirm rumors that the baby had been found and was being taken to Englewood.

A man who answered the telephone said: "I hope you're right, but I can give out no information on any kidnap. Good night." He then hung up.

(Continued on Page Six)