

# OBSERVATIONS

## Grist from the Daily Grind

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### DESERT LORE

Nothing American scenery and surroundings has more allure than the so-called desert. It has a mysterious charm and a certain strange menace which is a challenge to every lover of the out-of-doors.

Full of the traditions of the pioneer days and the thrill of the old California trail, the particular region about Las Vegas adds a weird desert beauty not exceeded by any portion of the great southwest.

Which means that, with the opening of Las Vegas' delightful Hotel Apache, seekers of the novel and striking will come in ever increasing numbers which will require several other great hotels to accommodate the wealthier classes and a score of more modest ones to care for the every day automobile tourists who will come by the hundreds of thousands every year.

### LAS VEGAS THE CENTER

Where on earth can one find so great a variety of outstanding scenic attractions as in the region tributary to Las Vegas? We are too apt to lose sight of our own natural resources.

Only one thing could possibly have defeated our hopes—that is our own lack of the ambition to make the best of our own. With the completion of Hotel Apache that fear is past. We now have the type of attractive accommodations which serve to draw people of wealth and enterprise to us.

The Apache will not be a competitor coming in to divide existing business, but a magnet to attract business which will spell prosperity for all.

### WONDERFUL VARIETY

Every variety of climate and scenery is clustered within a comparatively short distance of Las Vegas. A hundred miles means but little in these days of oiled highways.

A couple of hours to the west brings us into the heart of Death Valley, the most terrifying and forbidding region of America, 265 feet below the level of the sea. A wonderful drive, never to be forgotten. Through a region vibrant with historic interest, alive with the traditions of thirst stricken prospectors risking their lives in the search for gold; terrible with the memory of those pioneer wagon trains lost in the interminable reaches of arid country; mysterious with the unsolved riddles of vanished men.

Toward the east, a short hour away, Boulder and Black canyons with the gigantic engineering works at Hoover dam. An epochal accomplishment in a heroic way. And, when the dam is completed, the greatest artificial lake in the world, blue as the summer skies, stretching 110 miles up the curving valleys of the Colorado, framed in vivid hues of yellow and red and grey and black—a picture more beautiful and strange than any yet created either by man or by nature.

Then, to change the scene again, an hour's drive to the crest of a great mountain range where the cool of pine forests, the sweep of green meadows and the majesty of cliff and precipice take our breath.

A hundred ways to go, each with its own strangeness, each with its new thrill, center in Las Vegas.

There can be no failure for Las Vegas. We as individuals may lose hope and give up the struggle. But nature ordained that there should arise a great city, and nature provided the means to make it great.

So we say, as many times before, that Las Vegas is the "City of Destiny." We may hasten its progress if we will. But no human power can defeat its ultimate destiny.

## BULLDOG BAND TO ARRIVE TODAY

The Pasadena junior college Bulldog band of 100 pieces, will arrive in Las Vegas this evening to be the guests of the chamber of commerce tonight, tomorrow and tomorrow night. They will take a prominent part in the chamber of commerce annual meeting to be held this evening at 7:30 in the old high school auditorium on south Fourth street. The public is invited.

Accompanying the band, which will arrive in three huge buses and three automobiles, will be a group of music men and several prominent Pasadena city school and board of education officials.

## MOTHER OF MRS. MARTIN PASSES

Word was received in Las Vegas yesterday of the death of Mrs. Mary Adaline Cotton in Table Rock, Neb., aged 80 years.

Mrs. Cotton had spent a great deal of her time the past few years in Las Vegas at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Martin, and had made many warm friendships here. She possessed many fine outstanding traits of character, a remarkably keen mind, an unbounding interest in each every day happening and an innate friendship for everyone.

Her husband died in Los Angeles about 18 years ago. There are three children, Ralph, George and Nellie, left to mourn the passing of a loving mother. Mrs. Martin is in Paris and her Vegas friends extend their sincere sympathy in her sorrow.

### LAS VEGAS WEATHER

March 18—Maximum, 84; minimum, 42.

### METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, Mar. 18. (U.P.)—Bar silver, 29 1/2 cents a pound. Zinc, 2.80 cents a cent. Copper, 6 cents a pound. Lead, 3.15 cents a pound.

# LAS VEGAS AGE

POWER — PROSPERITY — SAFETY

SOUTHERN NEVADA'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

### 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.

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# FEDS CUT OFF B. C. LIQUOR

## HOTEL APACHE OPENS TODAY

## Gay Festivities Will Mark Latest Step In Building Of Greater, More Modern City

### Mayor Cragin Is To Open Hotel Doors Here Today

Mayor E. W. Cragin will throw open the doors of the new Hotel Apache at five o'clock this afternoon, heralding the gala presentation of the hotel for the service of the traveling public, and the start of one of the most elaborate premier showings ever held in Las Vegas.

**FIRST TO REGISTER**

P. O. Silvagni, builder of the hotel, will be the first man to register, followed by the first woman, Mrs. Robert Russell, wife of the secretary and treasurer of the Apache Hotel corporation.

An elaborate dinner, accompanied by the best musical talent available, at a board graced by dozens of prominent people, will start at six o'clock.

Princess Rose Marie, beautiful Apache girl, will act as hostess for the occasion, and will remain as a member of the hotel staff. Durling the gala dinner, specially engaged Hollywood singers and dancers will perform for the guests.

Reservations have been pouring in from all parts of the southwest, and are expected to continue pouring in until the very last minute. Prominent Vegas who have made reservations include Leo A. McNamee, who plans to entertain fourteen; Charles Lasky, with reservations for a party of four; Carl Ray, a large party, and many others.

### DEBUT BRINGS TOP SUCCESS AT 16



Engagement of Lenore Felden (upper right and lower photos) to dance at the Paris opera brought recognition to the 16-year-old premiere danseuse of Serge Ouk rainsky's troupe, shown (upper left) under his direction.

### VETERAN OPERATOR

The cuisine of the new Hotel Apache, opening tonight at 5 o'clock, fills a long felt need in this city, according to William A. Brown, veteran restaurateur and cafe manager, who is operating that department of Las Vegas' newest hotel.

Brown has operated cafes in Arizona and in various parts of California. His experience has been complete and widespread, and he looks on his portion of a new hotel as the realization of the dream, the fulfillment of months of planning.

### HE EXTENDS A CORDIAL INVITATION

to all Las Vegas, to feel that the dining room of the hotel is theirs, that he and his staff want to be accepted as Las Vegas, and that all are welcome at all times.

His coffee shop and cafe are as complete, as attractive, and as lavishly furnished as the rest of the beautiful new Apache hotel. The equipment is strictly modern, sanitary and efficient, from the sterilizing, electrical dishwasher, to the lift operating from the kitchen to the dining room on the floor below.

The doors will open to the cafe and coffee shop tonight at five, a special dinner being served. The shop will accommodate eighty and the dining room will seat 300 more.

### STEPPED IN COLOR

Sixty new rooms, colorful and comfortable, steeped in the glory of the old west, up to the minute in conveniences; that's what guests of the new hotel will find after the dusty ride over the desert.

Furnishings of the hostelry beggar description. The guest enters a spacious, lofty, ceiled lobby, from the main entrance on Second street, or from any of the five shops or coffee room. Great windows, softly draped, look out on the busy street. Deep carpets cover the floor, hand carved divans and arm chairs are placed at random, rich colored oil paintings give life to the walls, bizarre chandeliers touch a stirring note. A long, low desk encloses offices, switchboard, candy and cigar counter.

Three steps at the rear of the lobby lead on through a draped arch into the casino, to the stairway ascending upper floors, to a corridor connecting with the coffee shop and the various stores in the building.

Throughout, the Indian motif has been carried out in minute detail.

**SPECIAL RADIO**

On the mezzanine floor, overlooking the lobby, are upholstered chairs, a magazine table, telephone, radio, writing desk. This space, while not large, is cozy, designed

## CAR DRIVER TO BE GRILLED IN LINDY CASE

### German Servants Are Absolved Of Any Connection

**HOPEWELL, N. J., Mar. 18. (U.P.)**—The investigation of the Lindbergh kidnaping case centered again late tonight about Henry (Red) Johnson, sailor friend of Betty Gow, nursemaid of the kidnaped son of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh.

**TO BE QUIZZED**

Col. H. Norman Schwartzkopf of the New Jersey state police announced shortly before midnight that Johnson "is being brought to Hopewell for questioning and a check on his story." Two state troopers were escorting Johnson to the Lindbergh home.

Later Col. Schwartzkopf amplified his brief statement by referring to Johnson as follows:

"This man has never been completely absolved of connection with the Lindbergh case. Your attention is called to former bulletins (police answers to press questions)." It was understood that Col. Lindbergh wished to talk to Johnson.

Johnson was first detained two weeks ago tonight at Hartford, Conn., after his friendship with Miss Gow had been learned. He was questioned there and then moved to police headquarters at Newark, N. J., when Newark was asked to send Johnson to Hopewell tonight it was revealed that he had been taken to Jersey City during the afternoon. Police refused to give a reason for this transfer.

**NOT UNDER ARREST**

During his detention, it has been emphasized that Johnson has not been under arrest. Authorities announced several days after he was taken to Newark that he would be held pending investigation by immigration authorities to see if he entered the country legally.

Authorities have considered it possible that Johnson, through his friendship for Miss Gow, might have learned facts concerning the Lindbergh family and their home which accidentally were transmitted to those who kidnaped Charles Augustus, Jr.

Paul and Katherine Engstonsberg, German servants who left the home of C. L. Lightfoot, at Franklin Park, N. J., on the day after the Lindbergh kidnaping, earlier were cleared of all connection with the case in a statement issued by Col. Schwartzkopf.

## 4 Men Face Commissioner Flowers After Rum Cache And Still Are Discovered

### STORMY CAREER IS CROWNED



Eamon de Valera, New York-born, has reached the presidency of the Irish Free State after a stormy and spectacular career. The sketches show him in the bloody riots of Easter, 1916; his sentence to death, subsequently commuted, and his reluctant consent to swear allegiance to King George so that he might take a seat in the Saorstat parliament.

### 17 Year Old Youth Is Found In Alleged 'Speakeasy'

Activities of federal prohibition agents and reservation police in liquor raids Thursday cleaned out four establishments thought to be sources of liquor that has been finding its way into the Hoover dam reservation, and four men were arraigned before U. S. Commissioner W. J. Flowers early yesterday afternoon.

**LIQUOR SEIZED**

The roadside stand of Charles Anderson, known as "Scrap Iron Mike," was raided, and a small quantity of whiskey and beer was seized. Pleading guilty before Commissioner Flowers, he was released on \$500 bond.

Also in the vicinity of Dry Lake, on the Searchlight road, Dewey Minnick's stand was raided, getting officers a five gallon carboy, a one gallon jug, and ten pints of whiskey and 20 cases of beer. Minnick also pleaded guilty before Flowers, and was released when he made \$1,000 bond.

The series of raids also netted a still, located 21 miles northeast of Searchlight. The product had just been drawn off and the place cleaned up when the raiders arrived, but Harry Reid, 17, was still there, and was arrested.

At his hearing before Commissioner Flowers, several Searchlight citizens appeared in his behalf, but the youth refused to reveal who owned the still and was therefore held to account. He was released on a \$500 bond, furnished immediately by Searchlight citizens.

When the federal agents swept down upon Thomas Kinella's stand at the forks of the Searchlight and Nelson roads, he poured out what officers believe was a considerable quantity of whiskey, but the raiders seized five bottles of beer, and brought the man before the commissioner. He was released on \$1,000 bond, after being bound over to the federal court.

**ARREST THREE FOR 'CON' GAME**

Weeks of investigation and watchful waiting by local police were thought to have brought their reward Thursday night, when police arrested three men thought to be the confidence men who have been preying on bus passengers passing through Las Vegas.

Lawrence V. Johnson, Lee Davis and Walter Wilson are the men arrested Thursday night, after police and railroad officers identified them as men who had been meeting the night buses for weeks past, officers said last night.

According to reports reaching authorities, there have been several incidents lately where bus passengers have been mulcted of amounts varying from \$17 to \$85 by chance acquaintances, on the old "matching pennies" racket.

The three men arrested are thought by local authorities to be the men responsible for these losses by passengers, and are being held for investigation, pending the arrival of witnesses who can identify them.

The men have also been fingerprinted and a search is being made through the bureau of identification at Sacramento, Calif., and the Washington, D. C. bureau, for possible previous records.

## FACING DRUNK IS NABBED ON DRIVER COUNT CHECK CHARGE

Arrested Thursday night on the Boulder highway after an accident in which his wife was slightly injured, drunk driving charges were filed against Walter Taylor yesterday, by District Attorney Harley A. Harmon.

Taylor was arrested by Special Deputy Sheriff Larry Simons, after the car Taylor was said to be driving sideswiped another car and then turned over in the ditch.

Mrs. Taylor was brought to the Las Vegas hospital, where it was found that she was badly shaken and bruised, but not seriously injured.

Taylor was held overnight in the city jail, then removed to the county jail yesterday morning.

## VET OFFICIAL BOOSTS MEET

Members of Fred S. Pennington post, No. 1753, Veterans of Foreign Wars, received a surprise last night at their meeting when they found R. T. Hare, deputy chief of staff, here to "look over" the place with an eye toward holding the 1933 encampment here.

Comrade Hare addressed the post and said that he had come to Las Vegas to look over the city and secure information. Hare said he was favorably impressed and was returning to San Jacinto, his headquarters, and try to convince those who are not already enthusiastic, that Las Vegas will be able to handle the big meeting.

Hare said that the attitude of business here was different than any place he has been in recently. "People here are spending money, and it seems like it's still like the way the United States used to be," he declared.

After a visit to the dam site, Comrade Hare said he was convinced the veteran group should come here next year.

## THOUSAND AT VETS' AFFAIR

A steady stream of cars flocked to the Railroad Pass casino Thursday night, and even late in the afternoon, until there were more than 1,000 guests at the Veterans of Foreign Wars "Days of '49" party, given in celebration of St. Patrick's day.

Planning for a record attendance, the V. F. W. committee arranged for parking space for what they thought would be more cars than could come, only to have every inch of space occupied, and cars almost obstructing the road.

The enormous dance floor was jammed with dancers until early morning, and an appreciative throng applauded the efforts of the many entertainers and the girl orchestra imported especially for the occasion.

Hilarious guests made merry far into the night, and leaving, were unanimously agreed that the affair was a great success.

## FROM BARSTOW

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Marshall and their niece of Barstow, Calif., drove to Las Vegas last night and will remain over the weekend on a combined business and pleasure trip.

## RETURN HOME

Albert White and James Allen of Needles returned to their homes last night after spending the past four days in Las Vegas and the Moapa valley on business. They were accompanied by their wives.

## ARRESTED AFTER BEER IS LOCATED

With two appeals from former convictions of violations of the city liquor ordinances now pending, T. M. Murray was arrested again last night, and charged with illegal possession of more than thirteen cases of beer, found by raiding officers in one of his cabins near the corner of First and Stewart streets.

Murray was jailed after his arrest, and was trying to make bond last night. He will appear this morning in municipal court for trial.

## CHANGES PLATES; PAYS \$50 PENALTY

Joe Laetsch, found guilty of changing the license plates of one car to another, paid a fine of \$50 yesterday in justice court.

Laetsch was arrested after becoming involved in an accident with a parked truck on South Third street. He was escorted to the court house to secure a driver's license, so that the violation could be entered on his permit.

The minimum fine was assessed when he promised to pay for the damages to the truck with which he collided.

## GO TO LOS ANGELES

F. C. DeVinney, county assessor, and Mrs. DeVinney, have gone to Los Angeles where they will remain until next Monday on a combined business and pleasure trip.

## PETTY RACKET GANGS HIT VEGAS

According to Secretary Nye Wilson, Las Vegas merchants and housewives have been called on by more advertising salesmen and solicitors of doubtful nature within the last two weeks than during any like period since the Chamber of Commerce created a committee last summer to investigate all types of solicitations.

Most of the high pressure salesmen either represent unreliable houses or concerns which do not exist, according to Wilson, who adds that all citizens should take advantage of the chamber of commerce facilities before signing any sort of contract or giving money to strangers.

Attention is called to one salesman who has been in the city for ten days and who has attempted to sell three different advertising schemes. In each instance he has sold local merchants on his idea, then found out the names of the concerns who sell the particular merchant goods, to call on them and high pressure them into taking advertising in his racket. Such methods are not countenanced by the chamber of commerce committee. They contend that such procedure is placing an unfair tax on merchants who already have heavy enough burdens to carry.

Citizens are especially warned against subscribing to magazines through unknown and out of town solicitors, who usually work fast in crews and leave the city as soon as they have obtained what they call "the cream." Yesterday, Wilson stated, there was a crew of six girls in the city trying to prevail on merchants and business men to subscribe for magazines. It is said that it is nearly impossible to check such solicitations during their stay in the city and in many cases their credentials are not genuine.

## MESQUITE CLUB TO GIVE CARD PARTY

The Mesquite club met yesterday in the American Legion club room. Plans for the card party were discussed. The party will be held on Thursday evening, March 31, at the Legion hall and the public is cordially invited to attend. The proceeds go to help swell the building fund. All members who wish to aid in some Red Cross sewing will meet at the home of Mrs. Kimball Monday, April 4, at 10 o'clock for an all day meeting.

The program consisted of current events, given by Mrs. Dan Johnson and Mrs. Dimock, and a piano solo by Mrs. Witt Olive.