

# OBSERVATIONS

By C. F. S.

## THE GREEN FIELD

When, here in Las Vegas, we cleared the brush from a few vacant lots about our early school building so that the youngsters could play ball and tennis and football, we were rather proud of our enterprise. And, notwithstanding the dirt and dust and weeds and rocks, the pupils made good use of that field and enjoyed it.

Down through the years of the past quarter century, we have improved our school buildings and the playgrounds about them until we could compare them favorably with those in other small towns. But only recently, when I viewed one of the football games at the high school, did I realize that we have one of the most attractive athletic fields to be found anywhere.

A field covered with green turf, restful to the eyes, and, what is perhaps more important, much more pleasant for the players to dig their faces into than the old rocky, dusty field upon which the games have heretofore been played.

It was only last spring that the grassing of the field, suggested by the chamber of commerce as a probable means of inducing some of the major football teams enroute to the coast to stop over for practice, was undertaken by the school board. The result is something to be proud of. And you who have not been in the habit of attending the football games, get out every Saturday afternoon and enjoy a delightful scene quite suggestive of the great games, with the colorful drills, the playing of the band, the yells of the contending schools, all set in a background of the green field. And the best high school football team in the state ought to arouse our civic pride.

While talking about green fields, have you noticed the fine spread of beautiful green lawn extending along Fourth street for a distance of 880 feet in front of the grammar school buildings? I am reminded to speak of these things because, to those who left Las Vegas twenty years or more ago, and return to visit, the green lawns and the shaded streets of Las Vegas are a veritable miracle. And, instead of being a dirty, dusty, unpleasant little town, Las Vegas has grown to be a really beautiful little city.

## THE BILTMORE

I always get a real pleasure out of a stay at the Los Angeles Biltmore. Not simply because it is one of the great hotels of the world with every luxury, comfort and con-

venience at the command of its guests, but because it cultivates the friendship of all. A few years ago it seemed to be the custom for employees of great hotels to put on an exclusive and superior air as if the guest were just a nuisance to be tolerated.

At the Los Angeles Biltmore, while there is no abatement in the dignity and politeness with which guests are received, there is a spirit of friendly cooperation. And a guest no longer is just a page in the ledger, but a person with a name and an identity. And, as with the Palace hotel and the Fairmont and perhaps two or three of the other great hotels of San Francisco, the Los Angeles Biltmore employees make it a part of their duties to know your name and to extend little courtesies which are perhaps, unimportant in themselves, but which add greatly to the pleasure of your visit.

It may be that the custom of Barton Long in having a desk in the hotel lobby where he spends part of his time and where he invites his guests to meet him personally, is an example in hospitality which is being followed by all the employees. However that may be, it is evident that the Los Angeles Biltmore is placing itself on a par with the Palace, San Francisco, which has long been famed as, perhaps, the most friendly of the great hotels of the world.

## HAY FEVER

I learned of a new feature of The Biltmore which no other hotel on the Pacific coast offers its guests. That is a room especially fitted for a person suffering with hay fever or asthma. The room contains a machine which filters and de-pollenizes the air, and gives it the exactly correct degree of humidity and the correct temperature. I am told that person with the most severe attacks of hay fever are relieved immediately upon entering this room and can enjoy a full night's sleep without discomfort. Which ought to recommend it to some persons I have known.

The Biltmore is quite a city in itself and I learn something new and pleasing about it every time I stop there.

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FRANK M. RYAN

For STATE SENATOR

## NEVADA RURAL CHILDREN KEEP GROWING IN 1933-34

Nevada's rural school children, although handicapped by the same economic depression and the drought, continued to grow healthier during 1933-34.

Records compiled by Mrs. Mary Stillwell Buol, assistant director of the University of Nevada Agricultural Extension service, as part of the "Keep Growing" nutrition work of that organization clearly show, she says, that the youngsters refused to let the depression beat them when it came to health.

The 3153 boys and girls in ten counties of Nevada who enrolled in the state "Keep Growing" campaign, she states, increased their numbers in good nutritional condition by more than 15 per cent.

The state goal of three-quarters of all children enrolled in the project in good nutritional condition, she says, was nearly reached this year, when the figure rose to 70.21 per cent, next to the highest in the twelve years of the work.

In addition, according to Mrs. Buol, 2,185 physical defects were corrected, leaving the children "free to gain" weight, height, muscle tone, color and correct posture. The correction work was done in cooperation with the physicians and den-

tists of the state, the Nevada Public Health Association and the State Board of Health.

Sanitation at the schools, a basic factor to "Keep Growing" work also improved during the school year, with the result that most of the 76 schools which took part met the requirements.

Progress, despite the obstacles of little or no income and a small food supply, is attributed by Mrs. Buol to the efforts of civic agencies to safeguard the Nevada's rural children's health.

Homemakers' clubs, project groups, parent-teacher association, women's clubs, school authorities, service clubs, fraternal organization, the Nevada Public Health Association, the Nevada State Board of Health, the Medical and Dental professions and other agencies co-operated with the Agricultural Extension services in the work.

Counties in which the "Keep Growing" activities were carried on include Washoe, Churchill, White Pine, Eureka, Lander, Lincoln, Humboldt, Ormsby and Douglas.

## HERE FROM CARSON

Dale Fruit of Carson City, right of way man for the Nevada highway department is in the city.

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