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Power Company Line Building Is Progressing

A crew of construction men with necessary trucks and equipment are working full force to complete the main transmission line of the Southern Nevada Power Company from Boulder City to Las Vegas.

Incidental to the transmission line itself is the construction of the Las Vegas terminal and outdoor transformer station on the company's property at Main and Garces streets and the new structures for the lines in the alley, between Main and First, from Garces to Bridger street where they will connect with the present system of transformers and distribution.

The main transformer station will be an open air installment consisting mainly of two transformers to reduce the voltage of the current as it comes from the 33,000 volt 60 cycle main transmission line, to 2300 volts, which in turn will be reduced to standard domestic and commercial voltages for general distribution through the city.

The two 2500 KW transformers to be placed at the Garces and Main street substation each weigh 31,000 pounds, and each will require five tons of transformer oil for filling. These transformers will be eleven feet wide at the base and will rise eleven feet high above their foundations.

The entire new installation is being made in accordance with plans made by the General Electric Company.

The outlets or terminals from the main transformers are mounted on a 45-foot steel beam, to be placed on the Garces street frontage. From this beam the 2300 volt feed wires will cross Garces street to the main alley transmission lines. These latter will be mounted on two-pole structures spanning the alley, and the present lines and poles will be removed, thereby greatly improving the appearance of the alley.

The main transmission line from the Boulder City terminal to the Las Vegas substation will consist of three cables each composed of seven No. 2 copper wires. This comes on reels each carrying a mile of the cable. The splices are made by means of copper sleeves into which the ends of the cable to be spliced are forced, after which a special machine draws the copper sleeve out with great pressure forcing the metal into the crevices of the cables and making welded joints stronger than the cables themselves.

Through the mountains the three cables are carried on specially con-

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

This is the thirty-second Christmas on which The Age has wished the good people of Las Vegas "A Merry Christmas." And this is the twenty-ninth time the Christmas Greeting of The Age has been written by the present writer.

Las Vegas and her people have indeed been fortunate. We have seen the Holiday Seasons come in a steady procession, one after another like bright lights on a city street. Each Christmas has brought to the writer the pleasure and satisfaction of seeing the people of Las Vegas more happy and prosperous than the year before.

Even the great depressions of 1907, 1914, 1921 and the present debacle of 1929-1936, have seen Las Vegas continue to grow and prosper. Some of us, it is true, may have felt the pinch and distress of hard times. Yet the great majority of our people have done well and fulfilled the hopes of our Christmas greeting.

"Las Vegas, the City of Destiny," was for long our slogan. We know that destiny is now well on the road to realization and that Las Vegas is on its way to becoming one of the great cities of the inter-mountain west. It has laid the splendid foundation on which to build a great and prosperous city and nothing can stop it.

Therefore, the editor of The Age on this Holiday Season of 1936, renews the pleasure of the passing years in knowing that the people of Las Vegas, even down to the most humble, will surely have

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SECONDS THAT SEEMED LIKE HOURS

By CAPT. RAYMOND J. LEWIS

(Editor's Note: The incidents here related are true experiences in the army life of Capt. R. J. Lewis, who served with the British Intelligence Service in Egypt and Arabia during the World War and was associated with the famous Col. T. E. Lawrence of "Lawrence of Arabia" fame. Capt. Lewis was decorated by the French, British and Belgian governments.)

Nine minutes to five . . . The radium on your watch fades in the dull light of a murky dawn. In four minutes you're going over the top. You don't think beyond that. There isn't anything beyond that. Your eyes strain to see the creeping watch hand. Three minutes . . . An unnatural stillness hangs over the ground like a fog, broken only by the distant rumble of guns somewhere off to the left. Standing ready on the firing step, you wait, your mind racing and spinning ahead, yet numb and thinking nothing. The muscles in your leg quiver involuntarily. Two minutes now

. . . Time stops. Your nerves, tightened to the breaking point, fight for release. Then comes the last minute. Seconds move faster now. Your jaws set tighter. Every muscle is tense. Whistles blast shrilly and are drowned in the deafening thunder of the suddenly loosed artillery. You're over, charging with the rest into the sharp biting stutter of machine guns . . .

No man who was ever in the trenches will ever forget those seconds before the zero hour.

Two other men and myself were detailed for outpost duty one rainy night on the Somme. Crawling on hands and knees through the mud we started out. We'd move forward a little when we'd hear the sickening whine of a shell or a short burst from a machine gun and drop flat on our faces. But we kept going slowly.

Then a machine gun nearer than the others cut loose, I dove into a shell hole. It was about half full of water, but I stayed there waiting for the chatter to stop. When I crawled out I couldn't see the other two men. Thinking they had gone

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Clark County Exceeds Quota

The Clark county quota of \$1,100 has been exceeded in the Red Cross roll call, according to A. S. Henderson, Clark county chairman, and Robert O. Gibson, roll call chairman.

A pleasant incident of the campaign was the report from Blue Diamond that the 34 residents of the camp turned in a 100 per cent membership.

The camp at Sloan also turned in almost 100 per cent of its population in memberships.

New Member of Commerce Body

At the regular Tuesday luncheon meeting of Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Lundy Brothers were elected to membership on the favorable report of the committee on membership.

Applications for membership of L. C. Carroll and Raymond Lee Williams were received and referred to the committee.

Guest Speaker At L.D.S. Church

Dr. John A. Widtsoe, of Salt Lake City, was guest speaker at the Sunday evening session of the L. D. S. church in this city.

Dr. Widtsoe, who has the distinction of being one of the twelve apostles in the government of the church, was introduced by Bishop Harold Brinley. Musical numbers were given by the choir under direction of Eldon Larson and a musical trio composed of Mrs. Marion B. Earl, Mrs. Tom Adams and Mrs. LeRoy Whipple, assisted with several trios.

Dr. Widtsoe left Monday for Los Angeles.

Petitions Seek More Pavement

Paul Rall presented petitions to the board of city commissioners seeking to extend the paving district to include Ninth street from Fremont to Garces and Eighth street from Clark to Garces.

The matter was laid over by the board until the after the first of the year when additional projects for paving will be considered.