

To Form Nevada State Chamber

A proposal to organize a Nevada State Chamber of Commerce will be considered at the weekly session of the directors of the Reno Chamber of Commerce.

The recommendation for a state-wide group, which is made by the Elko chamber of Commerce, is contained in a letter received by the local civic body and will be referred to the directors, Manager E. H. Walker stated.

The letter from the Elko business men's organization refers to the project as follows:

"At a recent meeting of the Elko Chamber of Commerce, a movement was sponsored recommending the organization of a State Chamber of Commerce.

"We feel that there are many problems which are state-wide in character, and should be considered by business and professional leaders who naturally comprise the personnel of the various local chambers of commerce and service organizations in the state. A state group has been worked out very successfully in some of our neighboring states, and we feel that some body, which would be representative of all our people, could be worked out in Nevada."

The proposal has been taken up with all chambers of commerce, and organizations for similar purposes in various cities and towns of Nevada, seeking an expression of opinion relative to the projected state unit.

If general approval is had, it is planned to call a meeting of delegates at some central point, and a definite line of procedure mapped out.

\$1,737,000 Paid State Veterans

A total of \$1,737,000 has been paid through the Reno postoffice in cashing the soldiers' bonus bonds, for which 5,800 checks have been written, it was stated this week at the office of Postmaster Pete Peterson.

It is estimated that of the bonds issued to Nevadans, approximately \$1,000,000 was for Washoe county veterans.

Only a few bonds are now being cashed, and it is expected the San Francisco postoffice will take over issuance of checks, officials said.

PITTMAN GATES

RETURNS TO SCHOOL

Pittman Gates of this city, nephew of Senator Key Pittman, left Saturday for Glendale, Cal., to continue his studies and training at the Curtiss-Wright Aeronautical school. He passed the examination and was admitted to the school six months ago and this is his second semester.

Western Pacific To Expand Shops

J. W. Grace, representative of the Western Pacific company, is in Elko to complete arrangements with the city council, which will ultimately lead to the expansion of the railroad shops in this city.

The council has agreed to give part of main street to the railroad, which in turn will deed land it has purchased to the city, so that the street can be moved, this giving the railroad ample room to make the enlargements that are contemplated.

Part of the money secured by the Western Pacific for expansion, repairs, etc., will be spent in Elko, it is understood, and the betterment of shop facilities is one of the things on the program. Grace was in Elko last year and at that time opened negotiations which will lead to the valuable improvements to the shops here.—Elko Free Press.

Epidemic Hits Elko Schools

Following the issuance of an order by Dr. F. M. Poulson, Elko county health officer, the high and grammar schools of this city were closed last Tuesday in an effort to prevent a further spread of the "massive influenza epidemic which has this locality in its grip," says the Elko Free Press.

Thirty per cent of the children of the grammar school and 25 per cent of those attending high school are on the sick list; practically every business in the community is crippled because of the fact that a number of employes are unable to report for work. Hardly a business in the community has been spared from the onslaught of the disease, a survey showed.

Dr. Poulson's official order reads as follows: "It is requested that all public gatherings, Sunday schools, club meetings, parties, etc., be discontinued as long as the grammar and high schools are closed. The theatre will bar all students and persons of school age during this period. It is hoped that this co-operation will in some measure help to abate the massive influenza epidemic, which has this locality in its grip."

Both George Turcott and C. M. Luce, heads of the high school and grammar schools respectively, declared this afternoon that school would be dismissed at the end of the day in compliance with the request made by Dr. Poulson.

The Ladies' Auxillary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles met in regular session Tuesday evening. Two new members, Mesdames Clara McDonald and Vertie Jones, were initiated. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Norma Ullom, Ethel Matteucci and Marie Blad.

Narrow Escape Of Six Miners

EUREKA, Nev. — Six youthful miners told how they narrowly escaped freezing to death in a desert blizzard that trapped them for two days and nights when their automobile stalled 26 miles north of this town.

One of the youths, Glen Easton, 17, Austin, may lose both his feet as attendants of the Eureka hospital tried to restore blood circulation of his legs, which had been frozen to the knees.

Three others of the group, Carl Forsling, 20; Albert Chumicheck, 31, and John Winchell, 24, suffered badly from exposure but were not in danger of permanent injury. The other two, whose names were not learned, found an abandoned dugout in the snow, built a fire, and were unharmed when rescuers reached them.

The six youths, employed at a Buckhorn mine, 66 miles north of here, left for a New Year's celebration in Eureka Thursday.

"For miles we plowed through deep snow drifts," one of the youths related. "You can't imagine how hard it snowed and how cold it got out there on the desert.

"We got as far as 26 miles north of Eureka when our car ran out of gas. We started walking toward town. Two of the fellows found the dugout and built a fire. The rest of us continued.

"We had nothing to eat. That night it got really cold. It must have been way below zero out there."

Saturday Reinhold Sadler, a rancher and son of a former Nevada governor, found the youths near town, gamely struggling along. He picked up Easton and when he reached Eureka sent a truck back to pick up the others.

Dr. D. J. Hurley of the Eureka hospital said that Easton's legs had been frozen to the knees, but that he had succeeded in restoring circulation of blood as far down as the ankles. He feared the two feet might have to be amputated.

The boy may be taken to San Francisco for special treatment in an effort to save his feet from amputation.

Security Cards Sent Employers

More than 11,500 social security identification cards have been sent to Nevada employes, Postmaster Pete Peterson of Reno stated this week. He also stated that about one hundred applications for account numbers are now being received daily, part of which had been returned for correction.

According to present plans, the remaining work of social security enrollment probably will be taken over by the Reno social security offices this month.

SOUTHGATE CHAPTER

INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

The newly elected officers of Southgate Chapter, O. E. S., were installed with a beautiful ceremony Wednesday evening. The retiring Worthy Matron Dutton acted as installing officer. The spacious lodge room and the lovely gowns of the new officers added much to the beauty of the scene, with Mrs. Anna Peiffer as marshal. The following officers were inducted into office:

Worthy Matron, Marjorie Pyatt; Worthy Patron, George Day; Associate Matron, Velma Van Eaton; Associate Patron, William Coleman; Secretary, Mary Belle Park; Treasurer, Sarah Bremner; Associate Conductress, Alice Day; Chaplain, Anna L. Peiffer; Marshall, Mary Dutton; Organist, Betty Hac; Adah, Violet Tracht; Ruth, Virginia Vance; Esther, Frances Hodgins; Martha, Tillä Cronick; Electa, Josie Thompson; Warder, Viola Fitzgerald; Sentinel, Edna Coleman; Trustee, Harry L. Livergood.

Past Grand Matron Eva Gibson presented the retiring Worthy Matron Dutton with a Past Maron's pin. Mrs. Dana also presented her with a gift from Desert Chapter, Boulder City, and Amelia Schur a gift from herself and Viola Tracht.

The newly elected Matron, Marjorie Pyeatt, was presented with a beautiful basket of flowers from her family and her officers for the ensuing year. She also received a gift from Desert Chapter, presented by Worthy Matron Wyeatt.

Vocal selections were rendered by Sisters R. D. Ealcom and Ruby White, with Miss Maydel Pistole at the piano.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the members and their guests repaired to the dining room where cake and coffee were served by Mesdames C. P. Squires, R. D. Ealcom, Mary Elizabeth Hewetson, Lillie Pistole, Richard Roschl, Ruby White and Ella Hammond.

Governor Urged To Name Widow

Governor Kirman will appoint a successor to George Givens, Lander county commissioner, within the next two or three days, it was stated this week. Mrs. Givens, widow, is the only applicant for the position and the governor has received many letters recommending her for the position. Mr. Givens was killed last week in an automobile accident.

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