

# LAS VEGAS AGE

POWER - PROSPERITY - SAFETY

SOUTHERN NEVADA'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

VOL. XXXIII

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1937

NUMBER 4

## Spend 18 Days Marooned In Car

When the caterpillar tractor which aided in the rescue of the Prettman party was returning from that trying trip, it was sighted by one of two Indians who succeeded in attracting attention.

The two men, Fred and Andy Thompson, had been marooned in their car powerless to proceed for 18 days. Their meagre supply of food was exhausted and, but for the providential presence of the tractor, both men would have perished from hunger and cold.

The men and their car were towed to the highway and started on the way to Tonopah. Their arrival there had not been reported yesterday.

### LAS VEGAS WEATHER

Las Vegas during the past week has experienced what is probably the worst cold spell on record, although there is a record of a minimum temperature here one degree lower than the 10 above registered Thursday night.

Following are the maximum and minimum temperatures as registered by the thermometers of the U. S. cooperative station in Las Vegas for the past week:

	Max.	Min.
January 16	44	32
January 17	48	26
January 18	47	20
January 19	44	27
January 20	33	27
January 21	32	13
January 22	34	10

There was a trace of snow here on the 19th. Storms have followed one after the other in quick succession.

However, the thermometer registered new lows for the year on the 21st when it sank to 13 degrees above zero, and the 22nd when it sank to ten above.

The past several days have been phenomenal in the low maximums registered, 33 on the 20th; 32 on the 21st, and 34 on the 22nd. A gale blowing out of the north several days accentuated the discomfort of the cold spell.

### KEMMERER GAZETTE EDITOR HERE ON WAY TO CALIFORNIA

C. Watt Brandon, editor and owner of the Kemmerer (Wyoming) Gazette, was in Vegas yesterday on his way to southern California. He took time while here to go to Boulder dam.

## Head Of Eagles To Visit Vegas



Dr. H. B. Mehrmann of Oakland, California, national president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, will honor Las Vegas Aerie 1213, F. O. E., with a visit next Saturday and Sunday, January 23 and 24.

Saturday evening the national president will be entertained at a banquet in the basement of the Methodist church, at 7:30.

Sunday afternoon at 1:00 the Aerie will initiate a large class of applicants at Elks' hall.

Sunday afternoon at 3:00 at Elks' hall there will be a meeting open to the general public at which Dr. Mehrmann will deliver an address on the topic of "Security for the Working Man and His Family." The meeting is expected to be one of the largest held here in recent months. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Las Vegas Aerie 1213 was the first fraternal organization formed in Las Vegas and is now more than 31 years old. It has always taken a leading part in local affairs as well as in the broader field of state and national policies.

"For thirty years our fraternity has endeavored to protect the family," said Worthy President J. J. Logan today. "Mothers' pensions, workmen's compensation, old age pension laws, which most states now have on their statute books, insure security of the home. We Eagles began more than a quarter of a century ago to fight for these meas-

(Continued on Page 12)

## A New Saga Of Desert Heroism

### THE PLAYERS

At the Maryland-Nevada mine, in the midst of an unpopulated and desolate region, about 135 miles northwest of Las Vegas:

Mrs. Lee D. Prettyman, wife of the owner of the mine.

Mr. and Mrs. James-Ross Poe. Doris Dunn, colored cook.

Fred Miller, who lost his life in a vain attempt to secure aid for his companions.

At the Kelly Mine: W. A. (Roadside) Smith who rescued the three women after they had been marooned 8½ days, and Mrs. Smith.

Rescue Parties from CCC camp and National Park Service at Boulder City: Capt. Hall, Earl W. Bannister, Mable and their crews, with supplies and equipment.

Rescue Parties from Las Vegas: Driver of bulldozer, Geo. Brooks, and ufus Buck, his assistant.

Bud Barrett, L. R. Combiss and Charles Watkins of the Clark county road department.

Sheriff M. E. Ward and Deputy Sheriff Ray Griffith, Dr. Roy W. Martin and Capt. R. J. Lewis.

From Tonopah: Sheriff Thomas and Coroner Bowler.

### ACT I

Lee Prettyman left the Maryland-Nevada mine for Las Vegas on December 19, leaving word that if he did not return by the 27th, Mrs. Prettyman and others at the mine should start for Las Vegas. It was the intention to bring the party to Las Vegas or remain through the balance of the winter.

December 27th—Prettyman had made strenuous attempts to return to the mine, but was thwarted by the blizzard which suddenly set in on Christmas day. He returned to Vegas for assistance.

Mrs. Prettyman, as agreed, left the mine December 27, with all members of her party, driving the car and intending to come out by way of the Wahmonie road. Car finally was stalled in the deep snow 20 miles short of the Kelly mine.

After four days misery spent by the party of five, huddled together in the car with but little to eat, Fred Miller, 47, decided to make an effort to walk to the Kelly mine and secure assistance. He never reached his destination. He struggled desperately against the deep snows and terrible cold and made 13 miles toward the Kelly mine. His body was later found about 3½

(Continued on Page 2)

## State Highway Funds Budgeted

The Board of State Highway directors, reporting through Robert A. Allen, state highway engineer, has budgeted the sum of \$5,018,118.99 among the several counties of the state for new construction work for the year 1937.

Clark county is allotted \$558,829.58 of this amount for the following projects:

Widen and construct plantmix surface on 11.61 miles, from 0.3 miles N. E. of Las Vegas to three miles S. W. of Apex, \$350,000.

New grade separation structure and approaches, Jean to one mile north, \$80,000.00.

Widen existing underpass structure and approaches at Apex, \$35,000.00.

General maintenance on 271.52 miles of highway, \$82,759.00.

Specific maintenance, \$11,070.58.

Following are the amounts budgeted to the various counties of the state:

Churchill	\$605,167.42
Clark	558,829.58
Douglas	96,615.48
Elko	846,890.90
Esmeralda	130,672.06
Eureka	119,860.30
Humboldt	397,838.05
Lander	39,884.03
Lincoln	575,582.76
Lyon	45,822.50
Mineral	37,637.27
Nye	392,868.09
Ormsby	14,090.75
Pershing	34,355.68
Storey	154,033.50
Washoe	483,754.68
White Pine	367,212.75

The greater portion of the funds has been provided by the federal government, and the program of work has been prepared jointly by the state highway department and the federal bureau of public roads and meets the requirements of both the federal and state highway acts.

This budget does not carry work to be financed with secondary or feeder road funds the apportionment to the state amounting to \$330,000. Before this fund can be programmed it will be necessary to first secure rules and regulations covering its expenditure, these rules and regulations being promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture. Upon receipt of these rules and regulations from Washington a supplemental budget or program will be furnished.