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THE RED CROSS

The Red Cross, often called the "Greatest Mother in the World," is again a thousand times justifying its existence by the work it is doing in relieving distress in the flood-stricken valleys of the Ohio and the Mississippi.

We have heard occasionally some misunderstanding individual sneer at the Red Cross—just why we could never understand—because the Red Cross is the best-fitted organization in the world to bring relief to those who suffer in great disasters.

We have heard it said that it would be just as well to send money direct to the afflicted communities. That, of course, is a foolish idea, because it is a great and intricate task to distribute food and shelter to thousands of sufferers and no local authorities could do the job.

Fortunately, the great organization was ready and able to bring hope and cheer and some comfort to approximately a million persons made homeless by the unprecedented floods.

We are glad to know that Las Vegas is responding generously to the call of The Great Mother.

PRESERVE OUR FORESTS

The Los Angeles Times is giving much space to a series of articles by Harold M. Finley on preserving pine forests from destructive bugs and pests of various kinds. Southern California considers her forests too valuable to be neglected.

Here in Clark county we have some areas not great when compared with the boundless forests of California, but which are gradually coming to be tremendous assets to our people. Yet we observe that in places many of the trees are dying and in some localities many acres of most beautiful pine timber are being destroyed by some mysterious malady or bug.

The forest service officials in charge of our southern Nevada mountain areas have given some attention to the eradication of tree pests. We sincerely hope that our few thousand acres of pine forests in the Charleston mountain area will be given careful attention by the officials and the destructive pests eradicated. If they do not our beautiful mountain forests will in a few years be only desolate wastes of dead trees.

HAD FAREWELL PARTY FOR FATHER O'GRADY

A farewell party was held in Ely Wednesday evening for the Very Reverend James J. O'Grady, who is being transferred from Ely to Yerington, a series of transfers of the pastors of the Catholic churches of Nevada being under way this month. Rev. Martin Duckham will come to Ely later in the month as pastor and will serve here with Father Van Schie, who is now conducting the local services.

Rev. Father O'Grady leaves Ely with regret. He was in Ely before leaving here in 1925 for Tonopah. He has served in all parts of the state since returning here several years ago, and at one time was in

the Salt Lake diocese, asking to be returned to Nevada, and has since continued as a member of this diocese. He has served in the state longer than any other priest.—Ely Times.

DEATH OF MRS. PALMER

Mrs. Ida Palmer died Tuesday evening after a long illness. She resided on South Second street and formerly lived in Goodsprings.

LAS VEGAS HORSE

WINS AT ARCADIA

The horse Bonicon, owned by Mrs. F. R. Mildren, came in first in a race at the Santa Anita track Monday afternoon. The horse paid \$9.40 on a \$2 ticket.

OBSERVATIONS

By CHARLES P. SQUIRES

RODEO ON SLEDS

Delegates to the Rodeo Association of America convention at Reno the other day did not ride their horses. Instead, they were met at the station by the Reno committee and taken to their hotels in horse-drawn sleighs.

THE HEIGHT OF SOMETHING

I read in the news that Robert Taylor, the champion lover, and Jean Harlow, lovely platinum blonde, started for Washington together to attend the Presidents ball. Jean wired enroute that Taylor was sick, that she was the only one on the train not ill.

Which is the height of something or other and leaves me much disappointment in Robert.

FLEETING FAME

Mrs. Myrtle Huddleston, who was the first woman to swim the Catalina Island channel and Lake Tahoe something like ten years ago, and who later failed in her attempt to swim the English channel, died in San Francisco the other day.

At the same time Gertrude Ederle, the first woman to swim the English channel, was in New York broken in fortune and crippled in body, suing for damages on account of injuries she received falling down stairs in an apartment house.

Fame is a fickle mistress, smothering us with her favors one minute and leaving us to starve the next. I wonder if the safety and security of small success is not better after all than the fame which lifts us to the pinnacle of fortune and then drops us into the abyss of despair?

RUSSIAN JUSTICE

After a quick and rather informal trial, thirteen politicians who opposed the policy of the Stalin government were taken out and shot this week.

Perhaps they deserved it, but we begin to wonder whether our own country will progress to that wonderful condition of "freedom" when the thirteen Republicans still alive (if there are that many) will be tied up in a bundle and shot some morning before breakfast?

DOUG AN ACTOR

Not very many realize that, in addition to being a trained athlete and coach, Doug Dashel is also an actor and possesses a degree in dramatic art.

Therefore we find Doug this week playing the leading male role in Reno, where the community players are staging a show.

We are told that Doug is making a name for himself as an actor. I can well imagine Doug as the hero would send a shudder of delight through the hearts of the ladies.

The little boy next door whose mother worked on him effectively with a hair brush yesterday morning says he doesn't think much of these sit-down strikes.

PERSONALS

Sam Lawson has been on the sick list the past week with a bad case of flu.

Among the great and near-great who visited the dam the past week were Patricia Ellis, motion picture star, and Lord Beaverbrook of London, England. The latter arrived by plane from Palm Springs.

Mrs. W. R. Bracken and Mrs. Frank Crowe have returned from a two weeks' visit in San Francisco.

Mrs. W. R. Russell returned on Monday from a sojourn in Los Angeles.

James Cashman has returned from a business trip to Ely.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Adams motored to Goodsprings last Sunday on I. D. S. church work.

L. V. GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATES THIRTY-ONE

O. K. Adcock presented diplomas to 31 students Monday evening. Mrs. Clair Tyler presented the American Legion awards to Sam Davis and Renza Myers for best school citizenship based on leadership, courage, scholarship, loyalty and initiative. The following students are now ready to enter high school.

Jack Anderson, Betty Barker, Georgia Colton, Florence Crawley, John Crenshaw, Sam Davis, Jack Denison, Jake Garehime, Elmer Hamm, Steve James, James Knoles, Elwin Leavitt, Christine Logsdon, Lloyd Luttig, June Macfarlane, Joe Mikulich, Albert Murphy, Renza Myers, Tomako Nasu, Helen Porter, Kenneth Price, Robert Ray, Joe Romo, Louise Schouten, Lloyd Sharpe, Clarence Smith, Ellen Smoke, Betty Syphus, Roland Tate, Clarence Ward, Jerry Woodbury.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR VEGAS P. T. A.

A membership drive is on for the recently re-organized Parent-Teacher Association. The drive will close February 17, when "Founders' Day" will be observed at a meeting to be held in the high school study hall at 7:30. Each room is strong for a 100 percent membership and even a 200 percent membership may be reached if both the father and mother of each child enroll.

The Las Vegas P. T. A. has the distinction of being the oldest P. T. A. organization in the state, having been organized in 1907 in the old school house which used to stand where the Union Pacific rooming house is now located.

RED CROSS FLOOD FUND CONTINUES TO GROW

A. S. Henderson, head of the local Red Cross Chapter, reports that the donations for flood relief to Thursday noon amounted to \$1,384.05, of which \$341.50 was subscribed by Boulder City and \$1,042.55 by Las Vegas and the rest of the county.