

State Installs 5 Electric Eyes

CARSON CITY. — Five more light beam instruments have been installed during the past week on Nevada highways by the planning section to tell the department of highways just how much traffic is passing these selected stations.

Because of the selective locations the "electric eyes" will likewise be able to give the department a clearly defined picture of the class of traffic as well as the volume.

These instruments work continually, both day and night, and are simple in construction. A light beam thrown across the road from a transmitting unit to a receiving unit actuates a mechanical recorder each time the beam is cut by a passing object.

The new installations were made under the supervision of William T. Holcomb, chief of the planning survey section, in various parts of the state. One has been located on the Las Vegas-Boulder City road a short distance outside of Las Vegas; two have been installed in the Tonopah section, one making a record of the count of traffic passing over the Tonopah-Ely route, while the second will show the volume of traffic passing over the Tonopah-Mina segment of Nevada State Route No. 3. Both of these latter installations were placed a short distance outside of Tonopah, where electric power was conveniently available.

On March 26 one of these automatic traffic counters was stationed just east of Fallon to show the volume of traffic passing over the

Lincoln highway. In addition to catching the count on this arterial the mechanical device has been so located it will make a record of the traffic rolling over the Stillwater road and also over the road leading south and southeast of Fallon.

Another automatic counter which is now in the course of installation has been located to make a record of the traffic using the Elko-Lamoille road, and is located about a mile southeast of Elko. This machine will give a definite picture in figures of the traffic over the road to Lamoille. Lee and Jiggs, ranching communities, and also of all the mining districts in that vicinity.

These new installations supplement the already functioning electric beam eyes which have been in service since late last year, one being placed east of Sparks on the Victory highway, another just north of Carson City on the heavily traveled Reno-Carson City road, and the third installed a short distance south of Las Vegas on U. S. 91, recording traffic bound for California.

VALUABLE GIFT PRESENTED TO CITY

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McWilliams, pioneer citizens, have presented a valuable gift to the city in the form of a deed to a tract of land in Lee's canyon, which they have owned for many years. It consists of a grassy meadow dotted with big pines and lies between towering cliffs. It is now reached by a good road and is a most beautiful site for a summer camp.

There are several springs on the tract and more water can be developed. It is a cool, peaceful, restful spot, easy of access. What more could be asked after a week of Las Vegas summer?

IN A NUTSHELL

It seems that our screen and radio stars marry for better or worse, but never for good.—Washington Post.

Spring is almost here. The big league baseball players have gone south to train. It won't be long until the boys are getting ready for the congressional elections next year. Tempus certainly does fugit, especially when you are old enough to remember when the first Roosevelt was President.

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The power of reason enables you to see the right and the wrong in everything that doesn't affect your pocketbook.—Buffalo Evening News.

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