

Witchers Enjoy Trip To Mexico

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Witcher returned Saturday from a ten-day journey through Mexico. They spent the time principally at Guaymas and Hermosillo and had a very interesting and enjoyable time.

At Guaymas, the travelers report, is one of the most beautiful landlocked harbors in the world. In the city is an unusually fine hotel, Del Cortez. Another enjoyable feature of that city is the famous Guaymas oysters.

Hermosillo, they report, is also a delightful city. However, on their way out from there they had the unpleasant experience of happening onto a military execution. There was a poor devil standing against a wall with a party of soldiers lined up with guns aimed to fire. Naturally they stepped on the gas to get as far away as possible before the fatal shots were fired.

They entered Mexico by the Nogales gateway. On returning they came by way of the south rim of Grand Canyon and, although they had seen the canyon from the north rim, were amazed at the grandeur and beauty of what they saw.

Another interesting thing which Mr. Witcher reports is several great signs calling attention to Boulder Dam and Lake Mead, one at Flagstaff, one at Ashfork and the third at Kingman. The dam and the lake are widely known and talked about, he stated, and expressed the opinion that Las Vegas is just entering upon the period of its greatest growth and prosperity. "We came home more than ever impressed with the fact that we have here the best location in the entire west," Mr. Witcher stated.

Past Presidents Honored Guests

The past state presidents of the Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs were honor guests at a dinner at the U. P. dining room Thursday evening. The places for the honor guests and state officers were marked by corsages of white carnations. The long tables were beautifully decorated with bowls of purple iris and golden marri-golds.

The past presidents present were Mrs. Sam Davis of Carson City, Mrs. Fannie B. Patrick of Reno, Mrs. Charles P. Squires of Las Vegas, and Mrs. D. E. Ericson of Reno. Letters were read from Mrs. O. H. Mack, the second president, and Mrs. George West of Oakland, the third, in order of service.

The honor guests were introduced by Mrs. Milton Rinehart of Elko, and each presented with a bouquet of roses and sweet peas. The guests then repaired to the Mesquite Club where the past presidents gave some of the highlights from their years of service.

Oren Lull, regional director of the National Youth Administration, gave an address on "Youth Trends."

Rev. Allen A. Hunter, pastor of Hollywood Congregational church, was also heard in an earnest plea for peace.

Miss Felice Cohn, a prominent attorney of Reno, and a past president of the State Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, was presented and gave a delightful talk.

Miss Miriam Burwell was heard in two piano numbers, and Ford Waldo, accompanied by Miss Leona Sloan, sang "Sylvia" and "I Love You Truly." These musical numbers were greatly enjoyed and added much to the program.

MANY PINON PINES ARE WINTER KILLED

Some idea of the intensity of the cold weather of the past winter may be gained by the fact that large areas of pinon pine growths between Milford and the Nevada line have been winter-killed, according to S. A. Hutchings, junior ecologist in charge of the Desert branch experiment station in Pine valley. Mr. Hutchings was in from the station Tuesday and told The News of this condition.

In some places the damage is confined to individual trees or parts of trees, he said, but in others there are whole areas which are turning brown, showing them to have been winter-killed.

The damage has been done, Mr. Hutchings said, not so much by any one drop of temperature but rather by the sustained sub-zero weather of the past winter, the worst on record and perhaps the worst the present growth of pinon pine out west has ever encountered in the untold years of their existence. —Milford News.

Mrs. Pearl Kendall Hesse, of Orange, California, was in attendance at the Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs the past week.

Miss Gladys DeLancey Smith, of Pasadena, California, attended the State Federation and was one of the speakers Thursday afternoon.

OBSERVATIONS

By CHARLES P. SQUIRES

TEDDY'S TERRORS

In the summer of the year 1900, William McKinley was nominated by the Republican party to succeed himself as President of the United States, and Theodore Roosevelt was named for vice-president.

Roosevelt then had but recently raised a company of "Rough Riders" for service in Cuba during the Spanish-American war and had added to his already great popularity by leading his company in the capture of San Juan Hill. It was natural, therefore, that the young men of the country should be fervid admirers and supporters of "Teddy."

In Los Angeles that summer the idea came to a few live young Republicans to form a Roosevelt club to assist in the election of McKinley and Roosevelt. Out of this idea was evolved a unique organization, imitating to some extent the Roosevelt Rough Riders, but purely political in its motives. I happened to be one of the group who assisted in developing the idea and organizing "Teddy's Terrors."

Membership was limited to one hundred young fellows, carefully selected from the most active Republicans in the city.

So when Teddy's Terrors had their annual reunion last Sunday, I was among the half dozen of the original 100 present. We figured that there are now 26 of the original group surviving. The membership has been kept up to the 100 mark, however, by bringing in new blood each year, and it is claimed that Teddy's Terrors is the oldest political organization of its kind in the country.

The organization was active in each campaign for quite a period of years, touring Southern California with a special train and a forty-piece band and holding parades and meetings in each city from San Diego to Santa Barbara.

The height of our glory came, however, when Theodore Roosevelt as President of the United States, spent two days in southern California as the guest of Teddy's Terrors, during which time we were his guard of honor and entertained him overnight at the Mission Inn, Riverside.

That night will never fade from the memory of those who were present. We detrained at Arlington station just about five o'clock in the afternoon and, escorting the President's carriage, marched up the avenue through a cheering mass of people and school children, flags waving, bands playing and the crashing slavs of our six shooters (blank cartridges of course) marking time. It was orange blossom time and the air was heavy with the fragrance.

Arriving at the speaker's stand, we managed to get the President to his place without much trouble. Then the thousands of spectators surged into the streets about the stand. Women and children were almost crushed and some were trampled in the excitement. We had a furious time trying to keep the crowd back and the President came to the front of the stand and assisted in restoring order as he held up his hands and shouted "BACK! BACK!! BACK!!!" with his powerful voice.

After that we went to Mission Inn, which we had reserved exclus-

Conoco Bureau Head Expected

According to a letter received by Oliver Goerman, secretary of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, Jos. H. Thompson, director of the Conoco Travel Bureau, Denver, Colo., has accepted an invitation extended to him many months ago and will be in Las Vegas April 26 and 27.

The local Chamber has been in close contact with the Conoco Bureau and requests for literature on this area are received daily, following the Bureau's extensive map service which is nation-wide, Goerman stated.

It is planned to have Thompson at the regular Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday noon, April 27, at which time he will deliver a talk on tourism. This talk deals with the present volume of tourist traffic which moves throughout the United States, breaking down by volume of tourists and expenditures in this state, and its importance to our locality as well as its future potentialities, pointing as it does to soon becoming the nations number one ranking industry. Mr. Thompson's talk on tourism was featured while making a tour of ten thousand miles with Carveth Wells last summer.

Mrs. Thompson is accompanying her husband and a committee of the local Chamber will be appointed to plan and conduct Mr. and Mrs. Thompson over a scenic tour of this area, including Boulder Dam and a trip up the lake.

LONG BEACH WOMEN VISIT IN LAS VEGAS

Mrs. Claudia Ronstadt and Dr. Nellie Schenck, both of Long Beach, Calif., arrived Wednesday for a stay of a few days.

Mrs. Ronstadt is the widow of the late Jack Ronstadt, who lived in Vegas for many years. She still owns property in Westside which Jack bought while residing here.

Mrs. Vera Sale, of Reno, State Superintendent of Recreation, WPA, has been in attendance at the Federation meetings.

ively for the Presidential party and the Terrors. Before we entered we grouped about the President as he planted there the original naval orange tree which is still alive. I enjoy when visiting Riverside and looking at the gnarled old orange tree with its brass plate commemorating the event and remembering that I stood beside the "Immortal Teddy" when he planted the tree.

Tired and dirty we sought our hotel rooms. But at nine o'clock exactly we stood in our places in the banquet hall, every man clean shaven and spick and span in evening clothes.

The President entered, looked about at the 100 young fellows so recently a disreputable looking lot of ruffians, grinned his never-to-be-forgotten grin, waved his hand at us and shouted "That's Bully."

And what a party we had with Teddy Not as President, but as a jolly good fellow who will be always remembered by all who ever knew him as "The greatest chap who ever lived—a regular fellow."

No wonder we wish to perpetuate Teddy's Terrors!

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PROGRAM

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday
April 18, 19 and 20

"ROMEO AND JULIET"

—With—
NORMA SHEARER
—and—
LESLIE HOWARD

Wednesday and Thursday
April 21 and 22

RETURN ENGAGEMENT OF
"STOWAWAY"

To celebrate Shirley's Birthday,
we're giving a FREE photo to
each person attending this show.

Friday and Saturday
April 23 and 24

"50 ROADS TO TOWN"

DON AMECHE
—and—
ANN SOUTHERN

Added Attractions
"SOMETIME SOON" and
PARAMOUNT NEWS