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## Three Drowned In Lake Mead

Charles Lilybridge, government electrician at Boulder Dam; Herb Bowman, employed in the store of Bill O'Hara, and Mike Slosson, employed by the Boulder Dam guide service, are believed by government and county officers to have lost their lives when the boat in which they were sailing on Lake Mead capsized Wednesday night.

The men started from the boat landing in the small sailboat belonging to Lilybridge, about 8:30 Wednesday evening. That was the last seen of them.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Witcher went to the shore of the lake Thursday forenoon for a short outing. At a point about two miles north of Regatta Bay, where the boat landing is, they discovered the boat floating in the water on its side. When the boat floated to the shore it was righted. A few articles of clothing were found tied to the boat.

Immediately the alarm was given, and the search for the men which had been started Wednesday night by the government tug St. Thomas and the Merle Emery boat, Palute, was resumed.

Federal rangers with Guy Edwards, superintendent of the National Park Service; E. W. Bannister, foreman of the service; Capt. Charles L. Hall, and seventy men of the CCC at Boulder City, joined in the search, covering every acre of the shore near where the boat was found.

Sheriff Eugene Ward and his deputies also gave what aid was possible in the search, but up to noon today (Friday) nothing definite concerning the fate of the three men was learned.

It is believed the boat overturned within an hour of the time it set sail Wednesday night. The wind was gusty and the lake rough, making the waters dangerous for so small a boat, especially at night.

## Reward Offered For Lost Plane

Western Air Express has offered a reward of \$1,000 to the person finding the wreckage of the air liner of the company which disappeared with seven persons last December 15, after passing Milford, Utah, north bound.

It is hoped that as the snow melts in the mountains the wreck of the plane and the bodies of the missing passengers and crew will be disclosed.

## Sanitary Board Engineer Here

Fred Ingram, state sanitary engineer, was guest at the Tuesday luncheon of Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce. He spoke briefly about the work in which he is engaged.

"The state sanitary board was established in 1936," said Mr. Ingram. "The money to carry on the work and pay the salaries of the engineer and one stenographer comes from the social security fund."

"There are several problems which have been called to my attention in and about Las Vegas, including the water system for Overton in the Moapa Valley. Other pressing problems are disposal of waste from the packing plant and disposal of the flushing water from the stockyards.

"The services of the engineer are available to all state, county and city governments," Mr. Ingram stated in conclusion.

## States Reasons For Endorsement

Senator Key Pittman, in forwarding his endorsement of Frank L. Middleton for U. S. marshal for the district of Nevada, said in part:

"I have endorsed Frank L. Middleton.

"Middleton has had the experience as an investigator and as a police officer, particularly when state agent in the alcohol beverage unit. He is a mature man of ability, courage; of high character, unquestionable integrity, and admired and respected by the host of citizens in Nevada who know him well.

"His business life has been honorable and successful. His home life has been ideal. As zone director and later as assistant state director of WPA he performed splendid services for his government. As agent in the alcohol beverage unit he was called upon to investigate and arrest some of the most dangerous criminals in the country. He accomplished this work skillfully and without having to resort to armed force.

"Mr. Middleton has not sought the appointment, nor has he sought endorsements. He simply informed me that he would accept the appointment if I could not obtain someone that I thought was better qualified for the position. I have no knowledge as to when the decision will be made, as the attorney general may desire to make some further inquiries as to the character and other qualifications of the two endorsees."

## Students Ask Community Aid

A fund of about \$800 is needed to defray the expenses of the art and music section of Las Vegas high school to the state competition to be held at Winnemucca next week.

Last year the local group met the best in the state in Reno and came home with first honors. This year they hope to give a like account of themselves at Winnemucca.

It is very necessary that the Las Vegas class, under Prof. L. E. Rowe, compete in the estate events this year, as the gathering of approximately two thousand pupils and teachers can be brought here next year if the proper effort is made.

The state meeting would be of real advantage to Las Vegas in the way of advertising and will also mean the direct expenditure of considerable money here.

A little aid from each business man will raise the money needed and assure next year's convention for Las Vegas. Several entertainments are also planned locally for the first of next week to assist in raising the necessary money. The public is urgently requested to give its support.

## Mrs. Gray Named American Mother

Mrs. Carl R. Gray, wife of the president of the Union Pacific, was chosen in New York Thursday as "the American mother of 1937" by a committee of the Golden Rule Foundation.

Mrs. Gray, 67 years of age, is the mother of three children, grandmother of five, and great-grandmother of one.

## Lake Is Rising Foot Each Day

Lake Mead is now rising about one foot per day as the flood waters of the Colorado increase to above 30,000 second feet, having now reached the 1038 foot contour.

The lake is now more than one-third full, the estimated storage at present being approximately 10,500,000 acre feet of water. It is probable that the next sixty days of the flood season will raise the lake level to the 1,100 foot elevation, at which level it will hold half its total capacity of water.

## Rotarians Hear Gangsters' Foe

Ray Hansen, formerly prosecuting attorney for Cook county, Illinois, and who was responsible for the conviction of many Chicago gangsters, was the guest speaker at Thursday's meeting of Las Vegas Rotary Club.

Mr. Hansen told a thrilling story of his experiences, beginning with the incident when he was "taken for a ride" but escaped with his life after having been terribly beaten, as the result of his effort to prevent ballot box frauds during a Chicago election.

Following his recovery from his injuries, Hansen determined to do all possible to bring the criminal gangs to justice. He secured evidence against 196 of the gangsters and was instrumental in convicting 157 of them, although he was the target for many death threats and was shot at several times.

"Conviction and imprisonment, unfortunately, does not solve the problem of crime," Hansen stated. "Prison is the college for commuters, the school in which the criminal completes his criminal education.

"The remedy is for every voter to go to the polls every election, no matter how small and unimportant the community in which he lives. Begin the work of crime prevention at the high chair instead of the electric chair," Hansen said in conclusion.

President K. O. Knudson announced that Mr. and Mrs. Hansen are to be taken by Rotarian Chet Gilbert for a boat trip up Lake Mead.

Bruce Kelly and Carl Gibson of Las Vegas high school, asked assistance in raising funds to send the high school music students to the number of sixty, to the festival at Winnemucca next week. They announced that a concert will be given Monday evening at the L. D. S. church to aid the cause, tickets for which are 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students.

The "C. M. & I. Quartette," talented colored singers from the Jackson, Miss., Theological Seminary, gave several fine selections which greatly pleased the audience.

Las Vegas Volunteer Fire Department members and a portion of the Las Vegas city police force were guests of the club at the luncheon.

Mrs. William Connell entertained members of her Desert Bridge Club Wednesday afternoon. The guests were Mesdames M. Earl, C. DeVanney, W. Blackman, J. W. Squires, F. F. Garside, R. Francis, Cordell and the hostess, Mrs. Connell.