

Southern Nevada Highways Report

All of the state's highways in Divisions One and Five which embrace the entire southern part of the state, with Tonopah and Las Vegas as headquarters, were found to be in excellent condition by Huston D. Mills, assistant state highway engineer who returned last week from his first spring inspection trip in the two divisions.

While Tonopah had experienced considerable snow and severe cold weather during the past winter, these conditions affected the highways to a very minor degree. The same condition applies to the Las Vegas division, according to Engineer Mills.

As a result of the damage caused by a cloudburst, which washed out a part of the Glendale, Alamo road in the Muddy river valley, just north of Glendale last fall, it is believed a new alignment will be recommended for this section of this highway.

The Las Vegas underpass, now in progress of construction, will be completed by July 1st. Work on the project had been delayed because steel ordered for the structure by the contractor had been tied up in the coast maritime strike.

Mills also stated that the desert in the southern part of the state is unusually beautiful at this time. Desert wild flowers in great profusion are seen everywhere. Mormon Mesa between Glendale and Bunkerville is particularly attractive and displays many large patches of color. For a stretch of nearly twenty miles, near the highway in this region, flowers carpet the ground and present a variety of purple, yellow, white and red colors. The flat leaf, or bear cactus is also in bloom, and their vivid red blossoms present a very colorful picture.

Lake Mead can be plainly seen now from at least one point on the Mormon Mesa, according to Mills. This spot is on the eastern edge of the Mesa and the water can be seen as it has backed up into the Virgin river.

Four generators are now in operation on the Nevada side of the Boulder Dam power house, while the Pioche power transmission line is rapidly nearing its southern terminus.

The Colorado river has been rising at the rate of about a foot a day as measured on the upper face of Boulder Dam and the flood waters, coming down the river unusually early this season, have already reached a flow of 54,000 second feet an hour. When the flood waters reach their maximum late in May or early June this flow increases and may reach 200,000 second feet an hour.

Colorado river is backed up behind the dam for nearly 100 miles, Assistant Highway Engineer Mills stated, and while St. Thomas, on the Virgin river, is still out of water, the river is only a few miles distant from this abandoned southeastern Nevada community and is rapidly encroaching on the site.

At the Death Valley Junction maintenance station of the highway department, Engineer Mills was told of the prowess of a big tom cat which makes his home on the station's premises. Warm spring

weather in the district has brought out many rattle snakes from their winter quarters. This tom cat has a record of breaking the necks of eleven rattlers so far this spring.

As a result of the unusual crop of rattlers, a fine wire screen guard will be placed at the bottom of the fence enclosing the Death Valley Junction maintenance yard, so that rattlers can be kept off the premises.

National Red Cross Meeting

Headed by A. L. Schafer, Red Cross manager in the Pacific area, 44 delegates representing Red Cross units in Pacific coast territory, will attend and share honors at the annual Red Cross convention in Washington, D. C., May 10-13. Junior Red Cross delegates will meet at the same time.

Gurney B. Newlin, of Los Angeles, has been invited to serve as permanent chairman of the senior convention opening Monday, May 10, and will be present for that purpose.

At the general session Monday afternoon Emery Asbury, of Tacoma, Washington, and A. L. Schafer, of San Francisco, will speak. Mr. Asbury's topic is, "What the Red Cross Chapter Owes the National Organization." Mr. Schafer will discuss the National Red Cross work in aiding chapter units in their community service programs.

The state of Nevada, three times winner of the National Red Cross Honor Flag for having enrolled the highest percentage of population in the Red Cross, again is a strong contender. The honor will be determined Tuesday morning, May 11, when formal presentation of the trophy banner will be made by Admiral Cary T. Grayson, national chairman.

The Pacific coast delegation will have a "get-acquainted breakfast" at the Lafayette hotel Tuesday morning, May 11.

Will H. Hayes, of Los Angeles, president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, is a speaker at the convention luncheon Thursday noon, May 13. Frank Noyes, president of the Associated Press, and L. R. Lohr, president of the National Broadcasting company, are on the same program.

The National Red Cross convention this year will pay special tribute to Miss Mabel T. Boardman, national director of Volunteer Service, who has served the Red Cross for 37 years. The convention dinner at the Willard hotel Tuesday evening, May 11, is in honor of Miss Boardman.

A review of the 1937 flood disaster in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys in which more than one million persons were given assistance by the Red Cross, is another convention feature.

New Highway Map Of Nevada

CARSON CITY — The 1937 edition of the Nevada State highway department map will be placed in circulation within the next month. Bernard C Hartung, secretary to

State Highway Engineer Robert A. Allen, said this week.

More than 25,000 maps will be distributed, Hartung said, and the distribution will be handled on the same order as last year with newspapers cooperating with the highway department.

The map this year has numerous changes in it and as an added fea-

ture will have a relief map of the state on the back side.

The map is being printed in colors, and was compiled in its entirety by state highway engineers.

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