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Rotary To Meet With Kiwanians

President Frank Gusewelle, at Thursday's meeting of Las Vegas Rotary Club, announced that next week the meeting will be held Wednesday noon with the Kiwanis Club in response to their invitation, this meeting to take the place of the regular Thursday meeting.

President Frank stated the meeting would be devoted to a debate between students of the University of Southern California and that the subject would probably be, "Capital and the C.I.O."

Ralph Lowry, Boulder City, and Charles R. Meyer, Greeley, Colorado, were the only visiting Rotarians. Both spoke briefly when called upon. Rotarian Meyer is a friend of Delph Carpenter, a few years ago an ardent and powerful advocate of Colorado River development. Mr. Carpenter, at the time the Colorado River Compact was made in 1922, was considered an outstanding authority on the subject of Inter-state compacts.

Dr. Clare W. Woodbury reported that Rotarian Percy Nash, who is confined to Las Vegas Hospital by illness, is somewhat improved and able to receive callers.

Terry Attends Summer School

Rev. James H. Terry of Christ Episcopal church left Wednesday to attend the summer school of the Nevada missionary district at Lake Tahoe.

While in the north Rev. Terry expects to perfect plans for the 1938 Synod of the Pacific Province of the Episcopal church, which is to be held in Las Vegas next May.

There will be no church service at Christ church until after the return of the rector.

Ronnow Is Made Asst. Treasurer

C. L. Ronnow of First State Bank was elected assistant treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce at the meeting Tuesday.

As assistant treasurer of the Chamber, Mr. Ronnow will assist Treasurer Wengert by performing the duties of the office when the treasurer is absent from the city.

Lake Mead Now Is Half Full

With 15,250,000 acre-feet of water in storage, Lake Mead, the largest man-made body of water in the world, was half full, July 9, according to a memorandum issued by the Bureau of Reclamation.

Created by Boulder Dam in the canyons of the Colorado river along the border of Arizona and Nevada, Lake Mead began to fill February 1, 1935. A year later it held approximately 3,500,000 acre-feet of water. In February of this year it had caught and stored more than 9,000,000 acre-feet. Rising steadily since that time, the lake now has a depth of 458 feet, more than twice the maximum depth of Lake Erie, and covers 91,600 acres. The water held in Lake Mead at this time would cover the state of West Virginia almost a foot deep.

Lake Mead extends 108 miles up the Colorado river from Boulder Dam through Black, Boulder, Traverline, Iceberg, and into the lower and unvisited end of the Grand Canyon. It is within 7 miles of its maximum length, but lacks more than 100 feet of the maximum depth it will attain when filled to its capacity of 30,500,000 acre-feet.

A major attraction for tourists has been created by the construction of Boulder Dam and Lake Mead. Since January 1, this year, more than 1,000 persons per day have visited the dam and lake. In 1931, when construction of Boulder Dam began, there were no roads to the site, which had been visited by no more than a handful of people in history. In 1934, before the diversion tunnels were closed at Boulder Dam, a major drought occurred in the irrigated areas along the lower Colorado river when the stream all but ceased flowing in midsummer. Crop losses totaling more than \$10,000,000 resulted. The danger of this disaster ever recurring has been removed by storage of water in Lake Mead. Since the diversion gates were closed in 1935, three major floods, one each year, have been poured against Boulder Dam by the erratic river, but the flow below the dam has been regulated to the needs of water users on the lower river who forever have been released from the danger of inundation.

NEW EAGLES IN AERIE

John W. Leslie, Charles E. Laub and George L. Logan were initiated into membership in Las Vegas Aerie No. 1213 at the meeting Tuesday evening.

Union Pacific Officials Here

Officials and Directors' Special of the Union Pacific arrived in Las Vegas early the morning of the 13th, on the semi-annual inspection trip.

The greater part of the day was spent in a chartered boat for a trip up Lake Mead and into the mouth of the Grand Canyon. After returning to Las Vegas, the usual inspection was made of depot and railroad grounds.

The party included F. W. Charske, chairman finance committee; Carl R. Gray, president; W. M. Jeffers, executive vice-president; F. W. Robinson, vice-president traffic; J. L. Haugh, vice-president; H. C. Mann, vice-president operation; E. C. Schmidt, assistant to president; W. M. Rinehart, vice-president in charge of oil production; F. C. Paulsen, general superintendent; A. V. Kipp, assistant traffic manager.

This was Mr. Gray's last trip in the capacity of president, and on his 70th birthday he will be elected to the position of vice-chairman of the board of directors with offices in New York City. Mr. Jeffers will succeed him as president of the Union Pacific Railroad Co. in October of this year.

Morse Suffers A Broken Leg

Attorney Harold M. Morse, of the firm of Breeze & Morse, is in Las Vegas Hospital suffering from a fracture of the leg, the result of a fall. While the injury is not serious in its nature it is painful and will probably keep Mr. Morse in the hospital for several days.

Gordon Receives The Appointment

Following the action of Rev. C. H. Sloan in declining the appointment as "case worker" at \$125 per month in the old-age pension department of the state, the appointment was tendered to M. H. Gordon, who left Thursday for Reno for instructions on the duties of the position.

Mr. Gordon plans to return to Las Vegas as soon as possible to start the work.

Junior Chamber Plans A Picnic

Junior Chamber of Commerce will be hosts at a jolly "Dutch lunch picnic" at Charleston Park, beginning at 1:00 p. m. next Sunday.

The public is invited to participate in the affair, admission to which will be \$1.00 per person, the proceeds to be applied to the fund for entertaining the delegates coming to the J. C. district convention in this city next April.

The convention will be the largest in number ever entertained in Las Vegas, but the Junior Chamber of Commerce is planning to raise sufficient money between now and next April without appealing to business men of the community for donations.

Among the necessary expenses of the convention will be entertaining one thousand delegates at a luncheon and at a dinner dance. Both of these affairs will be carried out with the generous hospitable spirit for which Las Vegas is noted, and the public should give its enthusiastic support to the Junior Chamber in raising the necessary funds to do a good job.

Standard Oil Boosts Boulder

Jack Miller of Grand Canyon Airlines, Boulder City, reported to the Chamber of Commerce meeting in Las Vegas Tuesday last that more than two hundred thousand copies of the Standard Oil Company magazine for June had been distributed over the country.

The magazine is devoted almost entirely to Boulder Dam, Lake Mead and Grand Canyon, and is beautifully illustrated and the text is most interesting.

The issue will be productive of much travel into this most interesting region of America, according to Mr. Miller and the Standard Oil Company is deserving of thanks for the splendid publicity given.

VERDA BECKERMAN MARRIES

Verda Potter Beckerman of Las Vegas and Theodore Henselin of Missouli, Mont., were united in marriage last Wednesday, the ceremony being performed by President Leo J. Muir of the Los Angeles L. D. S. church.

The couple returned at once to Las Vegas for a short visit before leaving for their Montana home.