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Bank of America Buys First State

Papers were signed last Wednesday evening whereby the Bank of America agrees to purchase a controlling interest in the stock of First State Bank of Las Vegas.

The deal comes as the result of negotiations which were instituted some months ago. The Bank of America, through its subsidiary, First National Bank of Reno, long ago decided to enter the Las Vegas field in order to participate in the great growth and development which Boulder Dam power insures for this section, and announced its intention of establishing here a branch of its Reno subsidiary. However, recognizing the advantages of controlling the more than three million dollars in deposits of the First State Bank, and desiring to enjoy the high regard in which President Ed Clark, Cashier C. S. Wengert, and other officers and employees of the local bank are held, the Bank of America naturally preferred to purchase the local bank if possible.

In pursuance of this policy, G. M. McClerkin of San Francisco, came to Las Vegas and succeeded in making the deal for purchase of the bank.

Part of the agreement provides that the present personnel of First State Bank shall continue to carry on the business. Ed Clark will remain at the head of the organization but will be relieved of the tremendous load of responsibility which has been laid upon him. Mr. Wengert will remain as cashier, and the other personnel of the bank will remain unchanged, with the possible exception that a representative of the Bank of America interests will be placed in a key position to promote the policies of the parent institution.

The completion of the deal and transfer of the controlling interest to the new concern will require about 30 days, it is believed.

While many Las Vegas residents feel some regret at the passing of the great institution which the First State Bank has grown to be, it is generally recognized that it is better for the community to continue to have one strong institution to serve it instead of dividing its business between two.

It is believed also that the advent of the Bank of America interests into Las Vegas will give the people of Southern Nevada access to a vast reservoir of capital which will be needed within the next few years for the development of this region through use of Boulder Dam power.

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Joint Meeting Hears Debates

President Bob Kaltenborn, of the Kiwanis Club, and Leo A. McNamee, for the Rotary Club, presided jointly at the meeting of the two clubs Thursday noon.

C. V. T. Gilbert of Westside, called attention to the celebration of the completion of the underpass to Westside on Clark avenue, which he described as the largest structure of the kind in the state and one of the ultra-modern developments of Las Vegas. He asked the cooperation of Rotary and Kiwanis clubs in celebrating the completion of the structure.

Gordon Jeffers and Dick Richards, students of the University of Southern California, carried on a spirited debate on the subject, "Capital and the CIO." Both sides were received with applause.

State Engineer Suffers Arrest

A flare-up of the ancient conflict over water rights of the Humboldt river resulted in the arrest last Tuesday of State Engineer Alfred Merritt Smith, and half a dozen ranchers of the Lovelock district.

Smith was arrested on the charge of trespass after he had made an attempt to divert water in accordance with a recent order of the supreme court. Six members of the Humboldt-Lovelock Irrigation, Light & Power Co. were also arrested on charges of interfering with an officer in the performance of his duty.

All were released on their own recognizances awaiting a hearing.

Foreign Vets Enjoy Picnic

The picnic of Las Vegas Post of V. of F. W. held last Sunday at Charleston Park, was one of the most successful in all respects ever held there.

Several hundred members, with their families and other guests, had a most enjoyable afternoon.

Lieut.-Governor Fred S. Alward presided over the festivities. Among the speakers were Ralph Lowry, Dr. J. D. Smith, Roger Foley, Herb Krause, Major White, Dr. McLaughlin, Taylor Combs, E. A. Blum and others.

Westside Plans For Celebration

Westside will on Friday evening, August 6, celebrate the completion of the great underpass structure which conveys Clark avenue under the Union Pacific tracks and removes the barrier which, for more than thirty years, has separated Westside from Las Vegas proper.

The completion of the structure removes the danger to school children, obliged to cross the railroad tracks to the high school, and to the hundreds of automobiles which daily pass between Las Vegas and Westside.

The structure, erected through cooperation between the Nevada State Highway department and the Federal Bureau of Public Roads, is fine architecturally and an ornament to any city. Its cost approximates \$175,000, and it is the most expensive structure of its kind in the state of Nevada, perhaps in the west.

C. D. Baker, chairman, Roger Foley and C. P. Squires, who constitute the Chamber of Commerce committee promoting the celebration, are working in cooperation with C. V. T. Gilbert, Jerry Wolfe, August Berning and a group of Westside residents in arranging a notable celebration between the hours of seven and eight o'clock next Friday evening. Invitations have been extended to Governor Kirman, Robert A. Allen, head of the state highway department, and other members of the board, and Lieut.-Gov. Fred S. Alward.

Mayor Arnett and the board of city commissioners; the county commissioners; Brown, engineer of the Federal Bureau of Good Roads; officials of the Union Pacific railroad, and other prominent citizens have been invited to participate.

Refreshments suitable to the occasion will be provided by a committee of Westside citizens and Jerry Wolfe has volunteered to provide the tables, etc.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

Following are the maximum and minimum temperatures as registered by the thermometers of the United States Cooperative weather station in Las Vegas:

	Max.	Min.
July 23	108	75
July 24	108	74
July 25	108	74
July 26	104	85
July 27	108	76
July 28	103	80
July 29	97	76

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Two Regiments Will Stop Here

Captain Charles L. Hall, commanding officer of Company 573, Boulder City, has received word from the 65th Field Artillery Brigade, Salt Lake City, Utah, that two regiments will camp at Las Vegas on August 5th, on their way to maneuvers in California, and again on August 10, on their way home.

It was first planned that half the detachment should stop in Boulder City and half in Las Vegas, but it has been found necessary to change those plans and have them all accommodated in Las Vegas.

The visitors will comprise two regiments of 800 men each, and will be conveyed by 162 motor vehicles. They will visit Boulder Dam on the way to California.

Police Chief Is Expected Home

Chief of Police Dave Mackey, who has been attending the Federal training school for police officers the past two months in Washington, D. C., is expected home next week.

He is now spending a few days at Terre Haute, Ind., visiting with relatives of Mrs. Mackey.

Big Store Now Almost Ready

The big new store of Sprouse & Reitz Co., on Fremont street near Third, is being filled with goods and will be open for business within a day or two.

For the past three days the force has been busy moving goods into place in the new store which, when opened for business, will probably be the best store of its kind in the state.

Inspecting New WPA Projects

Gilbert C. Ross, WPA administrator for the state; James M. Glynn, director of the division of operations; and Jackson Stephens of the operations division, were arrivals in Las Vegas last evening. They are making an inspection of the new recreation camp recently built in Lee's Canyon, and of other projects in Southern Nevada.