

## Bank of America Buys First State

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First State Bank was organized in March, 1905, by C. P. Squires, Chris N. Brown, J. Ross Clark, T. E. Gibbon, Frank A. Waters and R. J. Waters of Los Angeles. A little later, Capt. M. H. Walker and L. H. Farnsworth of Walker Brothers Bank, Salt Lake City, who also had plans to open a bank in Las Vegas, joined the First State Bank group.

At suggestion of Mr. T. E. Gibbon, John S. Park, former cashier of the Los Angeles City Bank, but then in the east, was asked to join the enterprise as cashier and one of the stockholders.

Mr. Park accepted the offer and came to Los Angeles, where, early in April, 1905, assisted by C. P. Squires, he purchased a safe, books and other necessary supplies, came to Las Vegas and opened a banking business in part of the tent occupied by the N. A. Kuhn Mercantile company.

Incorporation of the institution was completed and the bank opened as an incorporated body May 8, 1905, with M. H. Walker, president; Chris N. Brown, vice-president; other directors, T. E. Gibbon, L. H. Farnsworth and J. Ross Clark.

In 1908 Walker Brothers sold their interests in the bank to local people and at that time J. Ross Clark became president, and Ed W. Clark acquired his first interest in the bank.

A short time before the death of J. Ross Clark, Ed W. Clark assumed the presidency on October 4, 1927. Mr. Wengert, who came into the organization at an early date, assumed the position of cashier in 1924, when John S. Park took the position of chairman of the board of directors.

The bank was one of the few in the west which was not forced to issue scrip during the bank panic of 1907. During the panic of 1933 it was one of the few which did not close its doors and was at all times open for business, except for the days when all banks were closed by order of the President.

## Chamber Holds Lively Meeting

At the meeting of Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Tuesday noon, Tsun-yi Yang, was guest of Tim Harnedy, "Mayor of Indian Springs." Mr. Yang, a student at Yale University, is here studying geology as a protege of Dr. Chester Longwell, who spent several summers in the vicinity of Las Vegas several years ago.

Paul Madsen, recreational director, reported that 300 children were in Mermaid pool Tuesday forenoon, the date on which the pool was open to the public under management of the recreation board.

In the absence of Bob Russell, director of publicity, the matter of awarding a contract for printing Chamber of Commerce advertising envelopes was deferred until the next meeting.

Robert O. Gibson, chairman of the committee on agriculture, reported that Clark County Farm Bureau,

through Lester Mills, protests the administration plan to transfer the forestry service from the department of agriculture to the department of the interior. Considerable discussion, pro and con, ensued, and the matter was referred to a special committee consisting of Roger Foley, Marion Earl, Robert O. Gibson and James Cashman.

Robert Griffith, vice-president, who presided over the meeting in place of President Kimball, who was absent, read a letter from Mr. Jeffers of the Union Pacific, stating that there has been some delay in the work of architects working on the plans for the new Las Vegas depot and therefore the architectural features of the structure have not yet been decided upon.

A letter received from Clancy Dayhoff of Transcontinental & Western Air Express, thanked the Chamber for its offer of cooperation.

Vice-President Griffith called attention to the importance of the Four-States Highway conference to be held at Ely September 18 and urged that Las Vegas send a large delegation.

DeLuxe Auto Court was elected to membership on the recommendation of the membership committee.

Bob Kaltenborn suggested that a committee of the Chamber be appointed to inquire into the reported controversy between the Las Vegas city recreation board and the WPA as to use by the children of the camp in Lee's Canyon. After some discussion the matter was referred to a special committee headed by Dan Bingham for investigation and report.

James Cashman, who recently returned from the Elks convention at Denver, reported that the model of Boulder dam placed on exhibition there was viewed by approximately 40,000 people and aroused great interest in this section.

C. P. Squires called attention to the completion of the underpass to Westside and suggested that an occasion of interest such an important portion of the city as Westside should receive some official notice. He suggested that the people of Westside be consulted as to a proper means of celebrating the official opening of the structure, which would add greatly to values in that section.

The chairman appointed C. D. Baker, Roger Foley and C. P. Squires a committee to consider the matter.

## Former Employee Of The Age Here

George Ellis who, in the latter part of 1928 and part of 1929, was its editor of Las Vegas Age, passed through this city Thursday morning on his way to Salt Lake City, to take a position with one of the newspapers there.

### DARLING IS BETTER

Sam W. Darling, former county commissioner, who has been in the hospital for some days, is improving rapidly and will be entirely well in a week or two.

Mr. Darling is owner of a farm on the Virgin River a few miles below Bunkerville.

## Wife Of Sheriff Is Much Better

Mrs. M. E. Ward, wife of Sheriff Ward, who was taken by her husband to the Mayo clinic, Rochester, Minn., is much better, according to a letter received here yesterday.

Mrs. Ward completed the clinic examinations Wednesday and her future course will depend upon the diagnosis made by the physicians. Sheriff Ward will probably return to Las Vegas next week.

## Travel Is Good To Boulder Dam

Tourist travel to this section fell off slightly during the week July 19-25, according to the report made to Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce at its meeting Tuesday noon.

Nevertheless the average remained above two thousand visitors per day for the period, there being 4,641 cars carrying 14,459 persons checked into the Boulder Dam reservation for the seven day period.

### GILBERTS GO TO MEXICO

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. T. Gilbert plan to leave Wednesday next for an auto trip down the west coast of Mexico.

Exhibit palaces for the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition on San Francisco Bay are laid out on a "step saving" ground plan.

## Marriage Unites Youthful Couple

Charles Thomas, 19, for several years past a member of The Las Vegas Age force, and Miss Ruth Williams, 18, a resident of Goodsprings, were united in marriage Tuesday afternoon, July 27, 1937, at 2:30.

The ceremony was performed at the parsonage of the Baptist church in this city with Rev. Charles H. Sloan officiating. Mrs. F. Williams and Miss Helen Williams, mother and sister of the bride, stood with the couple and Charles McCann acted as best man.

Others present included Mrs. Troy Bell, her daughter Zaida, and son Zeron; William Ogle, Miss Minnie Schouten and Mrs. Charles H. Sloan.

The bride, a graduate of Las Vegas high school, class of 1937, is well and favorably known in Las Vegas, where she made many friends. The groom, who has grown to manhood as an employee of The Age, is highly respected by all who know him.

The newly-weds will be "at home" at 318 South Fourth street, this city. The Age joins with many friends of the couple in wishing them every happiness.

A sharp rise recently took place in future wheat prices. Reason: This year's crop will be materially smaller than was anticipated, due to stem rust damage. Important wheat areas where it was anticipated that crops would run 30 or more bushels per acre will actually yield 10 or less.

## Turn On the Light

