

Las Vegas, "The Electrical City" — Boulder Dam Power Invites Industries



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Many Assist To Open Underpass

One of the most notable celebrations in the history of Las Vegas was that held last Friday night through cooperation of Westside people with those east of the tracks in dedicating the \$200,000 structure which carries Clark avenue beneath the Union Pacific tracks, thus removing the last barrier between the two principal sections of the city.

A long parade headed by Mayor Leonard L. Arnett took its course down Fremont to Main; thence to Clark avenue and the underpass, preliminary to the exercises, which were held on a stand erected at the west end of the structure. A throng estimated at approximately five thousand persons packed the surrounding area.

The meeting was opened by Mayor Arnett who made a short address of welcome to the visiting guests and said, in part:

"We are fortunate to have such a project in the community. A short time ago the ribbons of steel of the Union Pacific separated the Westside and the east side of town. Today that barrier has been removed, thanks to President Roosevelt for his program in making this underpass possible, to the state officials for their foresight, and to the workmen who constructed the project.

"It is with pleasure that we realize that Las Vegas is progressing day by day and will become the greatest city in the state. It is true that at times it has been uphill for the citizens of this area, realizing that the capital is in the extreme northern part of the state. But we are fortunate to have the great Boulder dam. The present Democratic administration has done much to make possible developments in this area," the mayor said.

The mayor introduced C. P. Squires as master of ceremonies. Mr. Squires spoke briefly in responding to the introduction, saying in part:

"When I first stood on this ground, almost one-third of a century ago, there was a row of tents and shacks housing saloons, gambling halls, restaurants and stores along the street facing the newly laid railway tracks. That was Las Vegas. We were obliged to wade through the brush and weeds in deep dust in roads winding about here and there cut into deep ruts by the great freight teams plying between here and Beatty, Rhyolite, Goldfield and Tonopah.

"I have seen you who pioneered

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Utah Soldiers Plan Parade

In accordance with the suggestion of Secretary Oliver Goerman, the Utah troops in attendance on the California maneuvers near San Luis Obispo the past week, will stage a military parade when in Las Vegas on their return trip next Monday, August 16.

The exact hour of the parade has not been fixed but it will probably be in the cool of the evening. There are 1600 men in the companies and they are traveling in 162 motor vehicles.

There has been no notable military parade in Las Vegas since during the World War when troop trains would stop here occasionally and the men would be paraded through Fremont street.

Will Dedicate New Air Depot

At the time of the proposed aviation meeting to be held in this city in September, it is the intention of officials of Western Air Express to hold exercises in appropriate dedication of their new passenger station.

The date with full particulars will be announced by Secretary Oliver Goerman, of the Chamber of Commerce.

TWA Planes To Begin Service

Transcontinental & Western Air Express will have a plane with a party making a preliminary survey of the route through here about September first, preliminary to establishing their regular service.

The regular mail service, Winslow — Las Vegas — San Francisco, will begin on September 5.

PAPS STARTS BUILDING 24 NEW HOTEL UNITS

A building permit was issued to Mike Paps last Wednesday morning for construction of 24 separate hotel units of two rooms each, for the accommodation of automobile tourists.

The units will be built at the site of the old Willows night club on South First street and will be modern in every respect, Mr. Paps states.

Japanese Consul Visiting Vegas

Under the guidance of Tom Tomiyasu, prominent member of the local Japanese colony, Consul General Shiosaki, representing the Japanese government in San Francisco, is visiting Las Vegas and Boulder dam today.

This evening the local Japanese will entertain the distinguished visitor at dinner.

Lieut.-Gov. Fred S. Alward is doing the honors for the state of Nevada.

SMITH ELECTED HEAD OF 40 & 8 ORGANIZATION

Dr. J. D. Smith was elected Chef de Gare of Las Vegas Voiture of 40 & 8 at its meeting Wednesday evening.

Other officers selected were: Bud S. Barrett, chef de train; George W. F. Johnson, correspondent; F. E. St John, comisar intendant; Fred H. Lomas, conducteur; Earl C. Rodermund, garde de la porte; Henry S. Deadrich, comis voyageur; William D. Roberts, lampiste; O. E. Rhodes, C. Kelly Sweet and John Hansen, cheminot locale, and H. N. Gambill, aumonier.

WARDS ARE HOME FROM ROCHESTER

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ward have returned from Rochester, Minn., where Mrs. Ward underwent diagnosis at the Mayo clinic. She went east following heart attack, but is now much improved in health it is reported.

VACATION IN SAN DIEGO

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Willis are leaving early Saturday morning for San Diego, where they will spend their vacation.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

Following are maximum and minimum temperatures as registered by the thermometers of the U. S. Cooperative Weather Station in Las Vegas:

| | Max. | Mn. |
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| August 6 | 108 | 75 |
| August 7 | 109 | 69 |
| August 8 | 110 | 68 |
| August 9 | 110 | 69 |
| August 10 | 112 | 67 |
| August 11 | 115 | 69 |
| August 12 | 115 | 71 |

Today (Friday) the mercury again soars to 115 with a minimum last night of 80. Clouds indicate that the heated spell may be broken by a torrential storm within the next day or two.

Clark Prophetic About Las Vegas

Ed W. Clark, who, before the advent of the railroad was engaged in the merchandise and forwarding business in Pioche, Caliente and Las Vegas, and who has been a part of the city of Las Vegas from the time it was begun, was the principal speaker at the celebration and dedication of the Clark avenue underpass last Friday evening. His close contacts with the growth of the community place him in such a position that his prophetic words are of unusual interest.

Mr. Clark said, in part:

"The real development of this community started more than a decade ago, and the man responsible has long since joined the passing parade. The credit goes to a man whom many of you never knew and of whom perhaps you have heard little. That man was the Honorable Senator W. A. Clark of Montana who first started building the road which now is the Union Pacific railroad.

"That was 30 years ago when the road was built through this vast desert and there were only a few people here. The community grew slowly for many years but in the last few years there has been rapid progress.

"In those early days C. P. Squires came here with a circus tent and set up a cafe business to feed the multitude descending on the new railroad center. From that time Las Vegas began to assume a part in the development of the state. Then Squires went into the newspaper business and through his editorial columns he began to dream of Las Vegas, the city of destiny."

"We were inclined to laugh at him then for his dreams, but it seems that they are coming true. The city has grown rapidly in the past few years, and we should not feel that we have reached the maximum development.

"Opportunity is just beginning here. In the next few years greater things will come than we have seen in the past. The governor of the state, who heads one of the important committees of the state, is working steadfastly to interest industries in consuming some of the power allocated to the state of Nevada.

"You will see the city of Las Vegas grow and develop. This will be a valley of homes. Industry will employ thousands of men. Water from the Boulder lake will be pumped into the valley and homes will stretch out and there will be a hap-

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