

# Many Assist To Open Underpass

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this Westside section secure for your community improvements one after another; improved streets; electric lights and telephone service; water mains of the Las Vegas Land & Water Company; city sewers; street lighting and finally this great structure, the crowning achievement which will stand forever as a monument to the enterprise of the people on both sides of the tracks. Henceforth we have one great and united Las Vegas."

Lieut.-Gov. Fred S. Alward spoke briefly for the state of Nevada:

"I am grateful for the opportunity to meet with the residents and celebrate this epic event in the history of the highways of the state. In Las Vegas we are proud of this monument dedicated to the service of the people. Speaking for the people of the state, we are equally proud. This project was brought about by the foresight of the president, with the cooperation of state, city, and Union Pacific officials and the taxpayers. I greet the officials gathered here and the oldtimers of Westside and Las Vegas."

Walter R. Bracken, who was in Las Vegas before the building of the railroad, spoke briefly, paying tribute to Fred Knickerbocker, "who helped fight the battle of the past few years to achieve the building of this structure, but who has recently been transferred to Seattle as representative of the president of the Union Pacific." Mr. Bracken then introduced Mr. Plumhoff, general manager of the Short Line and L. A. & S. L. divisions of the Union Pacific, who said:

"We recognize in the completion of this fine structure that it is destined to bring added safety to the population of Las Vegas. We congratulate the federal, state and city agencies on the completion of the structure. In the south central district 25 such structures separating rail and highway traffic have been built, designed for safety. None excels this one for its facility. Reno has more population than Las Vegas but as a representative of the Union Pacific railroad, with its line running through here, we pledge support to bring the increase in population to make this the metropolis of Nevada."

Henry C. Schmidt, state controller and a member of the State Highway Commission, spoke briefly:

"For 30 years I have watched the progress of this area, and I am gratified to see how it has grown. I predict even greater things for the city. When I first came here 30 years ago with seven Pullman cars to prove to the people of Tonopah the possibilities of the area, there were only two Fords in the town, but there were no streets or highways to drive them on. Today, there are wonderful roads, running north and south, and in almost every direction, so that motorists can travel in comfort. I have faith in Las Vegas to become the largest city in the state."

Robert A. Allen, state highway engineer, said: "There are some facts about the underpass which may interest the Las Vegas people. The plan to eliminate grade crossings was worked out by the federal

government some time ago, but it took a great emergency such as we have just passed through to provide the money for the work. The project just finished was designed by the Union Pacific company engineers, as the state engineer's office at Carson City was so crowded with work that it was thought advisable to handle the matter in this manner. The railroad company has been completely reimbursed by the state for this work.

"The city of Las Vegas cooperated 100 per cent with the state, by providing adequate right of way, and on August 23 of last year the bids were opened, and J. A. Casson was the successful bidder, who asked \$173,000 for the job.

"The actual cost of the structure to provide a safe means of crossing the railroad tracks was \$200,000. If one life is saved, then it is well worth the expenditure. No part of the \$200,000 was a direct tax on your shoulders. The money was provided entirely by the federal government. You will be taxed for the maintenance, and it is up to you to keep down the maintenance cost and thus keep down the tax.

"I suggest that the Lieutenant Governor dedicate the project to the safety of the people," Allen concluded.

Harley A. Harmon said:

"I am happy to join in the celebration of this occasion and I want you to realize that my heart is with you and I wish you success."

President O. A. Kimball of the Chamber of Commerce read a message of congratulation from Senator Patrick McCarran and paid tribute to the part played in the enterprise by the Chamber of Commerce, especially by C. D. Baker, chairman of the committee on streets and highways, who aided in starting the project.

Frank McNamee, Jr., president of Junior Chamber of Commerce, said: "I assure you the Junior Chamber of Commerce stands ready to cooperate in the development of all sections of the city."

D. G. Lorenzi thanked all who have had a hand in the project, saying:

"We are proud of this great project which now joins Westside with Eastside for a 'Greater Las Vegas.'"

Among others who were introduced and spoke briefly were H. D. Mills, assistant highway engineer; August Berning, division engineer; Dan Indermuhl, resident engineer; E. A. Leeton, representing J. A. Casson, the contractor; City Commissioners H. P. Marble, Joe Ronnow, Herb Krause and Harve Perry; County Commissioners Kenneth Earl, Earl Davison and George Hanson, and others.

James Farndale, representing the Clark County Labor Council, and W. A. Brown, representing the Building Trades Council, were introduced and made short addresses, calling attention to the important part played by labor in all such great enterprises.

Lieut.-Gov. Fred S. Alward completed the ceremonies when he dedicated the structure to the use of the people of the state and gave the signal for the police cars, followed by the fire equipment, to break the ribbon barrier and go careening through the underpass as the signal for all to follow.

Ed W. Clark made the principal address of the evening. Mr. Clark has been identified with the development of the community for more

than thirty years and has been in close touch with those who have helped create the present city of Las Vegas. A resume of his address is given in another column of this issue.

# Clark Prophetic About Las Vegas

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py and contented populace in a busy community.

"In the next decade this will become one of the greatest industrial centers in the southwest.

"When industry comes in here to consume the 120,000 horsepower of electricity allocated to Nevada from the Boulder canyon project, you will see a great industrial center, thousands of happy people, enjoying the best climate in the country, in southern Nevada," Clark concluded.

# Fisko Must Die In Gas Chamber

The supreme court has handed down a decision affirming the conviction of Ivar Fisko on the charge of first degree murder, and directed the district court of Washoe county to make an order directing the warden of the Nevada state prison to carry out the execution.

The unanimous opinion was written by Justice E. A. Ducker.

Fisko was convicted for killing

his wife. A paragraph of the supreme court opinion reads:

"We have carefully considered the case. There is no error in the record. The evidence, which the jury apparently believed, reveals a case typical of a large class. A woman leaves, or prepares to leave her husband; he drinks intoxicating liquor; makes threats; arms himself with a deadly weapon, seeks her out and slays her. The evidence supports the verdict and judgment."

# LEGION ENJOYS A BARBEQUE PICNIC

Several hundred persons attended the picnic of the American Legion last Sunday at Charleston Park. A large delegation from Boulder City was present.

A floor show by Corey's night club and good music with a barbeque lunch completed a delightful day.

# CCC BOYS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Several CCC boys of Company 573, Boulder City, Nevada, are returning east to attend school this fall. The advantage of an education has been stressed by Captain Charles L. Hall, and the boys are taking advantage of opportunity and returning to their studies.

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