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McWilliams Park Joy To Children

McWilliams Park, the area in Lee Canyon given by Mr and Mrs J. T. McWilliams to the government for a children's playground, is the splendid result of determination and tenacity of purpose not often experienced in these days of dollar-grabbing. For, in spite of opposition and obstacles which, sometimes seemed almost insurmountable, they have struggled for more than 43 years to secure the rights and perfect their title to the most wonderful forest area in southern Nevada and have steadfastly refused offers for the timber so that the noble pines might be preserved and the forest perpetuated for the us of humanity.

In 1893 Mr. McWilliams came from South Dakota to Los Angeles as a delegate to the Second National Irrigation Congress. He liked the country so well that he decided to remain in the west and practice his profession of civil engineer and surveyor.

Business led him to Dagget, Needles, Manvel, Goodsprings, and other desert camps, and in 1894 he heard of the Lee Canyon forest through Noah Clark, who was then operating a sawmill in Clark Canyon on the Pahrump Valley side of the Spring Mountain Range.

McWilliams made the trip over the mountains on foot, saw the Lee Canyon forest area and was immediately seized with the ambition to own it. He immediately took steps toward securing the land by means of scrip and spent approximately \$5,000 in surveying and attempting to locate U. S. corners.

This proved a long and expensive process because others who had money and great influence were also smitten with the ambition to secure this timber for its value as lumber. It was not surprising, therefore, that in 1906, through the power of some Washington politicians, the McWilliams permits were ordered cancelled.

Roused to his fighting fury, McWilliams immediately on receipt of notice of cancellation, sat down in the Overland Hotel, took a sheet of paper and wrote a long letter to President Theodore Roosevelt. Then because time was precious, he took the letter to the Western Union office in the depot, handed it to Ed Hunting, then operator, and demanded that it be sent as a telegraph message. Those about were inclined to be jocular about McWilliams' desire to send a message of such length to so important a

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Rotarians Plan Mountain Meet

Frank Gusewelle, president of Las Vegas Rotary Club, announced at Thursday's meeting that Boulder City Rotary has invited Las Vegas Rotarians to join with them in a week-end jollification at Lee Canyon.

The invitation was accepted with pleasure. The date for the party is fixed at Saturday and Sunday, September 11 and 12. Members may invite their wives and guests and there will be ample provision for those who wish to go Saturday and remain over night. Paul Jones, chef, has volunteered to see that the provender is properly prepared.

James Cashman, Joe Ronnow and O. J. Smith, committee in charge of the affair for the Las Vegas Club, are preparing pleasant entertainment for the two-day event.

Peter Pauff Is 90 Years Young

Peter Pauff yesterday celebrated his ninetieth birthday anniversary, having been born August 19, 1847. What is of still more importance, Peter is still hale, hearty and spry as the proverbial cricket, although he married his first, last and only wife 65 years ago.

Thirty-two years ago, August 14, 1905, Mr. and Mrs. Pauff came to Las Vegas and have been active in the community all the 32 years since then.

The feature of the birthday celebration was the dinner given by Mrs. W. E. Hawkins, Mr. Pauff's daughter, Thursday evening. The only guest outside the family was Mrs. Wiley Woodard.

Hundreds of old friends take pleasure in extending hearty congratulations to both Mr. and Mrs. Pauff on his 90th birthday, and hope that they may both enjoy many omer of them.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

Following are the minimum and maximum temperatures as registered by the thermometers of the U. S. Cooperative Weather Station in this city

	Max.	Min.
August 13	115	80
August 14	108	70
August 15	107	71
August 16	102	68
August 17	109	73
August 18	109	73
August 19	112	72

Goerman Goes To S. F. Meeting

Oliver Goerman, secretary of Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, left yesterday afternoon on the TWA Skysleeper for San Francisco where he will be the guest at a luncheon given Friday noon by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce at the San Francisco Commercial Club.

The TWA plane was on its return trip yesterday from Albuquerque, completing its preliminary survey preparatory to beginning regular passenger and mail service September fifth.

BIDS FOR LAST SECTION KINGMAN-BOULDER HIGHWAY

A suit filed in the superior court here yesterday will clear all of the right of way for the Kingman-Boulder Dam highway, according to Jack D. Sheley, right of way agent for the Arizona highway department. No opposition is expected from the defendants in the suit as its filing was only made necessary because they could not be located in person.

If the right of way is cleared it is the plan of the highway department to call for bids for the completion of U. S. 93, the Boulder Dam highway, into Kingman about the 20th of this month. Funds for the completion of this road are set up in the present budget and local road enthusiasts are elated over the fact that the call for bids is planned at an early date. The job will connect with the Lee Moor contract, now under construction, on the west side of Coyote pass and will complete the road into Kingman, a distance of about five miles.—Mohave County Miner.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER FOR MISS ROCKWELL

The Misses Barbara and Shirley Ferron entertained Wednesday evening with a miscellaneous shower for Miss Marjorie Rockwell. There were fourteen young ladies present.

Miss Rockwell will be married to Mr. O. S. Riley, formerly of this city, at the Episcopal Cathedral in Spokane, Washington, on August 28.

JOHN FAGAN RETURNS FOR SHORT VISIT

John F. Fagan, one of the old-time residents of Las Vegas who moved away nearly ten years ago, is spending a few days in this city looking after his property and renewing old acquaintanceships.

McCarren Enters Naval Hospital

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 18. — Physicians here today said that Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada had entered the Naval hospital for a rest and that his condition is not serious.

The junior Nevada senator entered the hospital Tuesday and told friends that he was tired out by the strenuous session in which he battled against the president's court reorganization plan.

Corradetti In New York Now

Al. Corradetti wired his fellow Rotarians in this city that he reached New York Wednesday evening on his way home from attending the convention of Rotary International at Nice, France. He will be in Las Vegas within the next week and will be called upon to tell of his trip at the Rotary meeting next Thursday.

President Frank Gusewelle, who recently returned from the convention of presidents and secretaries of Rotary, reports that all who went from this part of the country had interesting reports of Al's good natured activities.

4-H MEMBERSHIP GROWS

One of the most hopeful signs for the future of agriculture, the Michigan Farmer points out, is that the enrollment in 4-H clubs passed the million mark for the first time in 1936. Membership continues to increase.

The young men and women who join the 4-H will be the producers of tomorrow. In their club work, they are instructed in new methods and techniques that make it possible for the farmer to raise larger crops and earn a greater return. They are given an opportunity to develop qualities of leadership that will prove invaluable to them in the future — for example, in the agricultural cooperative movement which is constantly growing in size and economic and social significance, they are wisely making careers of farming.

General William E. Gilmore, now an official of the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition, was one of nine men in the West Point class of 1900 who attained the rank of general in the United States army.