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## VEGAS, AIR TRAFFIC CENTER

With the advent of the TWA service, Las Vegas will become of more than ordinary importance in development of air traffic.

The crossing of two of the greatest air lines in the country here will bring knowledge of Las Vegas and the spectacularly beautiful country surrounding it to many thousands of well-to-do travelers each year. Many of them will be moved to return for more intimate views than can be had from the air, and will spend days or weeks enjoying the delights of our mountain forests; navigating Lake Mead with its thousand amazing spectacles hidden away in canyons never before accessible to human beings; viewing and studying the dam and the greatest power plants ever constructed; bathing at the lake beach resorts; fishing for the gamey black bass in the clear waters of the lake, or for trout in the rushing waters of the river below the dam; playing golf, tennis and polo at one of the many resorts which will be built; and finally investing their money in the development of some of the many new enterprises which the vast amount of cheap power from the dam has made economically feasible.

Other subsidiary lines centering in this area as does Grand Canyon Airways at Boulder City, will be established to provide regular service to Death Valley, to Reno, to Phoenix; not in competition with the transcontinental lines, but as subsidiaries to bring them more traffic. Las Vegas is destined, therefore, to be one of the most important air centers in the intermountain region.

Las Vegas does well to welcome TWA with hearty congratulations on its advent to this city after overcoming powerful opposition and the many obstacles placed in its way.

## THAT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Just now the question of a Municipal Airport is again uppermost in the public mind.

At one time arrangements for financing the building of the necessary improvements on the 440 acres acquired by the city for an airport had been practically completed, but at the last moment were defeated. Since then the matter has lain apparently dormant.

Now that TWA has entered this field, it is reasonable to assume that some, at least, of the opposition to construction of a Municipal Airport, has disappeared. It would seem, therefore, that the present is the logical time for the city to again press the matter of securing funds for creation of a Municipal Airport within reasonable distance of the city.

## INCREASED VALUATIONS

A significant fact and one to which state officials and the people of the entire state should give serious consideration

is the fact that the assessment rolls of Lincoln county show an increase of more than one million dollars this year.

It is obvious that this tremendous increase of approximately 14 per cent in valuations is due to one thing alone—the knowledge that cheap Boulder Dam power will soon be available to various sections of the county.

A vast amount of money has been already invested in Lincoln county mines and other properties in anticipation of completion of the power line. It should be remarked, however, that this increase does not include the valuation of the line.

Within a few days power from Boulder Dam will actually be flowing over the line, to add to the comfort and pleasure of the population generally and to cheapen the costs of mining and ore treatment. This reality will bring about the investment in Lincoln county of vast sums of money, the creation of great payrolls and another large increase in assessed valuation. This, of course, means increased revenues for the state and a proportionately less burden of taxation on other localities.

The Lincoln county situation is evidence that the claim that Nevada's allocation of Boulder Dam power when put to use will double the population and wealth of the state is no exaggeration. It is a fact that we have seen duplicated many times in other localities.

In view of the Lincoln county example, it to be hoped that state officials will sufficiently modify their positions as to look with sympathetic minds upon proposals to use Boulder Dam power and that the people of the north may come to realize that development of any portion of the state is an advantage to all.

It is to be hoped, also, that the north will begin to realize that they too may secure the direct advantages of Boulder Dam power if they will show sufficient enterprise.

## OBSERVATIONS

By CHARLES P. SQUIRES

It seems to be all the style for the fancy writers to begin their columns with a poem. Therefore, attempting to be fancy, I present the following which is being widely quoted, said to be from the Fordham University magazine, "The Ram," 1933:

"Yesterday, upon the stair,  
I saw a man who wasn't there;

He wasn't there again today—  
I wish to God he'd go away."

Then again, I know my old cow-puncher friend, Ed Clark, will be pleased to read the public acknowledgement of his "mother and calf" theory, which headed the Durling column, Los Angeles Times, the other day:

"A calf can find its mother cow  
Among a thousand kine;  
So good or evil done, returns  
And whispers, 'I am thine.'"

## A LOVELY HOME

Some of our Vegas people, even the old-timers, do not realize that Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McWilliams have one of the most lovely homes in the city on Westside.

I had the pleasure of seeing the place once more the other day and, although I have seen it many times, took real pleasure in it. Mr. McWilliams insists that the beauty of the yard and garden is the sole work of Mrs. McWilliams, and although she refuses to accept the entire credit, it is quite apparent that her's is the guiding hand.

Set in the smooth, green lawn are various colorful rock gardens and clumps of choice shrubbery, bamboo and such. In the "Sunset Ranch" are many varieties of fruit

trees, including pomegranates, peaches, apricots, plums and figs, all in full bearing. Among the chief delights of the garden are the grape arbors, loaded with large and beautiful clusters of fifteen choice varieties of grapes.

One of the interesting things is the "Penguin Orchard," a strange and fanciful creation of desert shapes collected through many years of travel and arranged fantastically by Mrs. McWilliams.

Inside the cottage home are all sorts of objects, both curious and beautiful, gathered by Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams as mementos of their many journeys over the country.

On the whole the McWilliams home is one of the most interesting and delightful places in Las Vegas, not only because of its beauty, but for the most pleasant hospitality with which every visitor is received.

## WILL TRAVEL AGAIN

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McWilliams, who returned from a leisurely automobile tour of the Pacific Coast cities and the National Parks, are planning to start on another trip as soon as they dispose of the accumulated business in the McWilliams office.

## Hot? Ask This Texas Farmer

CLEBURNE, Texas, Aug. 18. — Enos Jones, Joshua farmer, today brought in proof that Texas summers are hot — an ear of popcorn taken from his corn patch with several kernels already popped open.