

Tonopah Wants Better Streets

Contending that the construction and improvement of the curbs and gutters along the principal Tonopah streets, and especially on Florence avenue, Erie and Main streets, will remove the danger of flood conditions such as those of last week and that the installation of the complete program will also beautify the main travel arteries, a petition signed by one hundred local taxpayers will be presented to the board of Nye county commissioners at their regular meeting on October 5th, sponsors of the drive announced this week.

The commissioners will be asked, it was stated, to apply for the project from the state highway department as a major construction program.

TALENTED ARTIST VISITS VEGAS

Miss Evelyn Johnson, who "grew up" in Las Vegas but who has been residing in Hollywood for several years, spent the week end with her parents in Las Vegas. For some time she has been doubling for Jean Muir. She left Wednesday to join Miss Muir in New York City.

EVERLASTING JOB

About all you can say for minding your neighbor's business is that you never run out of something to do.—Bangor Commercial.

"OLD TIMERS" GO TO OMAHA

Las Vegas will be well represented in Omaha at the banquet which is to honor Wm. Jeffers, the new president of the Union Pacific railroad.

Messrs. and Mesdames Earl W. Nungesser, J. W. Crosbie, M. M. Tenesch, G. F. Butler, S. W. Craner, B. J. Ayers and J. H. Davis left Thursday with the Los Angeles delegation in three special cars attached to the regular 5:30 train. In Salt Lake these cars will be hooked on to a special train which will carry them to Omaha. Mrs. Crosbie and Mr. Nungesser have been signally honored, as they are making the trip as guests of the company. Mrs. Crosbie is president of the Auxillary, and Mr. Nungesser of the Old Timers Club of Las Vegas, membership in which organization is limited to those who have been in the employ of the company for at least twenty years. Reservations for 2400 people have been made for the banquet. The Las Vegas delegation expects to return October 4.

STUDENT BODY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The high school student body held its annual election Wednesday. The officers chosen to serve the coming school year were Raymond Baez, president; Robert Gould, vice-president; James Ray, treasurer; Jean Dunbar, secretary; Tom Foley administration board member. The faculty advisors are Miss Ligon and Pat Diskin.

CONGRATULATIONS!



WILLIAM C. HANDY may well claim title to the term "Father of The Blues." As composer of "St. Louis Blues," "Memphis Blues," "Beale Street Blues" and other folksy American music, he created a pattern from which jazz and swing music derive.

Now, nearly a quarter of a century after "St. Louis Blues" was composed, a symphonic arrangement has been completed after five years work, and the plaintive negro melody may soon take its place on American concert programs—companion piece, perhaps, of Dvorak's "New World Symphony."

Handy continues to win honors for the work. Recently the St. Louis Music Association and the National Association of Negro Musicians presented him with a plaque for his composition. Handy is a high ranking member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, (ASCAP), the organization which protects the performing rights of America's creators of music.

The high honors heaped upon the "St. Louis Blues" were not predictable when it was composed in 1913. Handy, a native of Florence, Alabama, conceived the idea for his inigo tribute to St. Louis ten years before it was written. Strolling along the river front of the city looking for a job, he heard the melancholy chants of negro levee workers. He needed money to complete his education for the ministry. He got

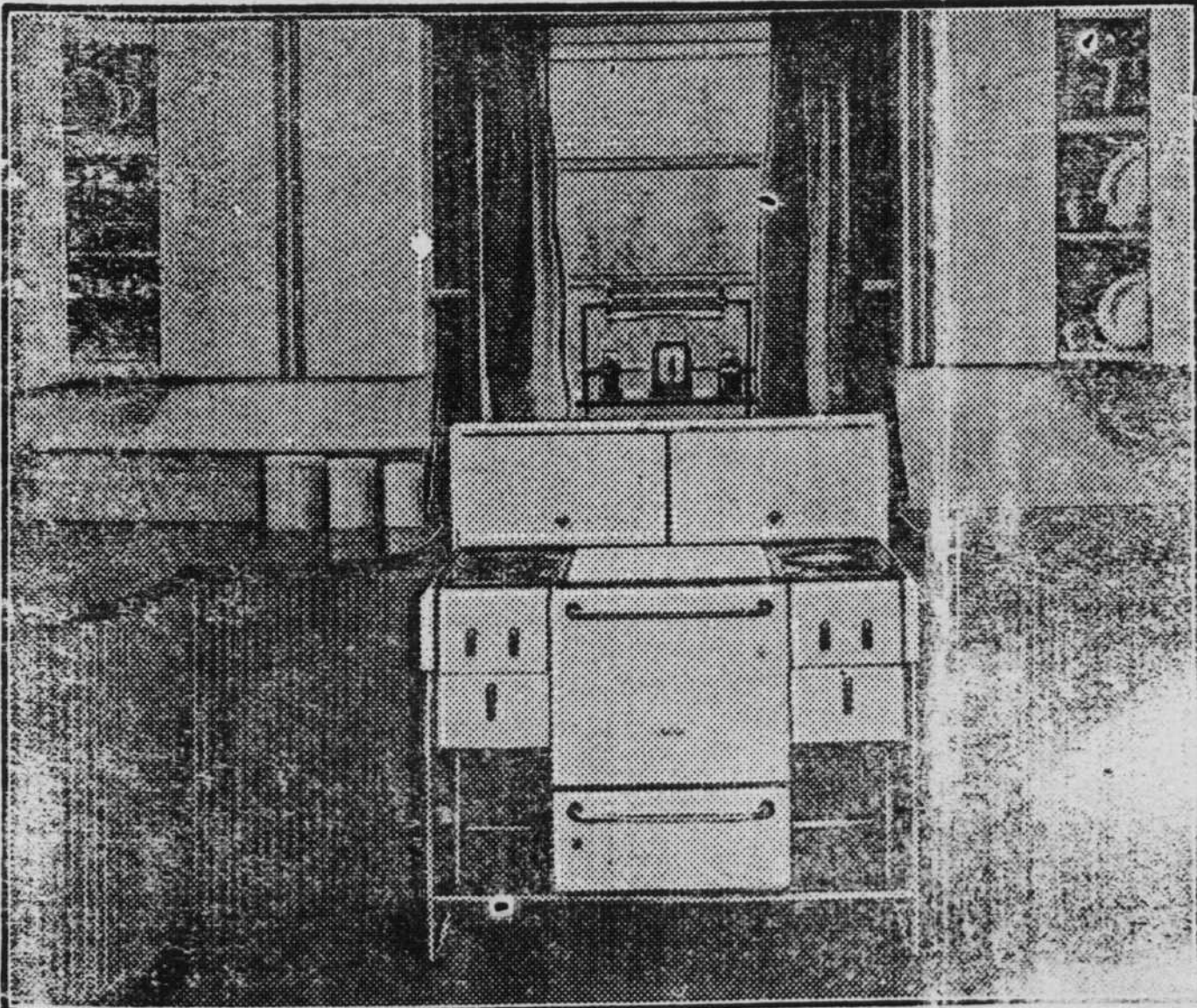
a job on the levee and quickly changed his mind about his future. He had become fascinated by the songs,—had decided to transpose their plaintive, simple beauty into orchestral music.

"St. Louis Blues" was first scribbled on a cigar box. Handy had planned to publish the work on his own account and wanted 10,000 copies, which would cost \$100. But he had only \$20 in cash. After some search he found a printer in Cincinnati to turn out the copies on the strength of a \$20 deposit. He sold the original shipment of 2,000 copies at five cents each within a few days after their arrival, which gave him enough cash to pay for the rest of the order.

Enlarging his publishing activities, he formed a partnership with one Pace, an official in a Memphis bank. Confident he had something out of the ordinary in music, Handy sought to interest the phonograph companies. But the recording rajahs of that period could see nothing in "St. Louis Blues." They told him blues was a fad that would soon die.

It was a long uphill battle for Handy. Eventually, several blues singers used it in their acts and little by little it began to gain recognition. It was not long before it was sweeping the country. Up to this year more than a million copies of the piece have been sold. It holds the record for recordings, its total sales in this field exceeding 2,000,000. It is now definitely an American classic—the only blues that is.

Small Apartments Now Boast Modern Kitchens



THE one or two-room apartment in the private home is becoming more and more popular in small towns all over the country, due largely to the demand of teachers and business women who like to have attractive, comfortable quarters in which to enjoy a bit of home life.

A modern kitchen goes far toward making an apartment attractive to renters and keeping it occupied. Apartments with up-to-date kitchens also command higher rentals.

The diminutive kitchen, equipped with a smart up-to-the-minute gas range and both floor and wall cabinets, or cupboards, as you will, takes up little space and is invitingly cheerful.

There are small gas ranges made today to ensemble with gas refrigerators one placed above the other. Add a sink and you have full kitchen equipment which may be installed along one wall, as shown in the above photograph.

ATTEND L. D. S. CONFERENCE

Bryan L. Bunker, with his father, and Berkeley Bunker and Lieut.-Gov. Fred S. Alward, left Thursday afternoon for Salt Lake City to attend the L. D. S. church conference.

WE DON'T NEED BACKERS

Word comes from Paris that France is ready to "back" the United States in any action it may take over the bombing of an American liner by Chinese planes.

Thanks a million. The United States doesn't need

backing by France or any other country in looking out for its interests in the Far East.

And it would be in a much more comfortable position today if countries in Europe, which are so ready to get behind it, would get out in front of it instead, and stop trying to push it into a war from which they would profit while Americans absorbed the grief.

Apart from a common interest in an early ending of hostilities in China, American interests in the Orient are not sufficiently identical with those of any other country to justify our ceasing to hoe our own row.—Detroit Free Press.