

Carson City Lad Builds Airplane

Shirley Sparks, 14-year-old high school youth and son of the manager of a store in Carson City, recently constructed a model airplane that has given satisfactory performance on test flights.

The airplane, with a wing spread of five feet and fuselage length of 41 inches, is powered with a tiny gasoline motor capable of driving the craft at the rate of nearly 40 miles an hour.

The entire model, with gasoline motor installed, fuel tank filled and miniature batteries and pneumatic tired landing gear wheels in place, weighs only three pounds and two ounces.

With the rudder set so as to keep the plane circling on a radius of 50 or more yards, Shirley's airplane, with motor started on a booster battery and the ignition switched to the tiny batteries in the fuselage, has traveled through the air at a maximum altitude of about 500 feet for several minutes on each of several test flights.

The framework of the Carson youth's model airplane is of exceptionally light material—balsa and basswood. The covering of wings, fuselage and rudder is of light and tough bamboo paper. Extremely thin sheets of light metal cover the front part enclosing motor, batteries and propellor shaft.

Although Shirley is not a junior member of the National Aeronautical association, the plane he has constructed is of approved type for contests conducted by the association. or two or more months Shirley devoted odd moments to building the plane. Previously, he had constructed many glider models.

Shirley hopes that boys elsewhere in Nevada may become junior model airplane builders and hold state meets and endurance flights.

Vegas Woman Is Murder Suspect

Zimmie Turner Thornton negress, a former Vegas resident, is in trouble again in Detroit.

She is alleged to have shot her husband, Clifford Thornton, in a dispute over the purchase of wall paper. The officers, in looking up Zimmie's record, wrote to Sheriff Ward asking for details of the murder of her former husband, John Tuner, in 1936.

Turner was shot while working on his ranch in Paradise Valley and his wife, now Mrs. Thornton, was the only witness to the murder. She told a vivid story, claiming that a white man, "Red" Martinez, shot her husband after having hounded him for years for money, and threatening to expose unsavory and criminal acts in his past life.

The evidence of Thornton saved the woman from being held for the murder here. She finally left Vegas at the request of the police and later Thornton followed and married her in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred O'Donnell have returned from a trip to Portland, Oregon, where they visited at the home of their son, Bert and his family.

NEGLECTFUL MOTORISTS

One hundred thousand motorists in this country neglected to get 1938 drivers' licenses. The same 100,000, no doubt, who neglect to notice when the light turns red.—Cleveland News.

We read in a dispatch from Europe the other day that Hitler was preparing a program for peace. If he does that we are willing to believe even that our budget will be balanced.

BOND ELECTION IN MOAPA VALLEY

There was an election last Saturday in the Moapa and Virgin valleys for the purpose of voting on the issuance of power bonds for the purchase of the Overton and Logandale electric companies.

The vote was 301 to 19 in favor of the bond issue of \$30,000. A rural electrification program will be undertaken and Boulder dam power will be brought into the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hemphill left Wednesday evening for Kingman, Arizona.

Race Queen Is To Be Chosen

A queen is to be chosen to preside over the race events which will occur November 26-27 and 28 and which is sponsored by the Las Vegas Horsemen's Association.

The selection is to be the result of ticket sales and four candidates for the honor are in the field.

Miss Mazie Martin, sponsored by the Signal Oil Company; Miss Eleanor, sponsored by the Boulder Drug Co.; Miss Margie Hansen for the State Cafe, and Miss Frances Carroll representing Southern Nevada Telephone Co.

Kel Houssells has donated a beautiful diamond ring to be given the lucky winner in the contest. Any young woman who wishes to enter the contest may do so by conferring with Geo. Albright.

Mrs. Kenneth Budlong and little son of Los Angeles are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Mott.

Mrs. Mary Hewetson and Mrs. Perle Brown spent the week-end in Los Angeles.

SPORTS TRAIN OUR YOUTH TO THINK

Football and other keenly competitive sports I feel are worth while, and deserve an important place in an educational curriculum, not for muscle-building nearly so much as to train men to think when thought must be converted into decisive action.—Lynn O. Waldorf, football coach, Northwestern University in the Rotarian Magazine.

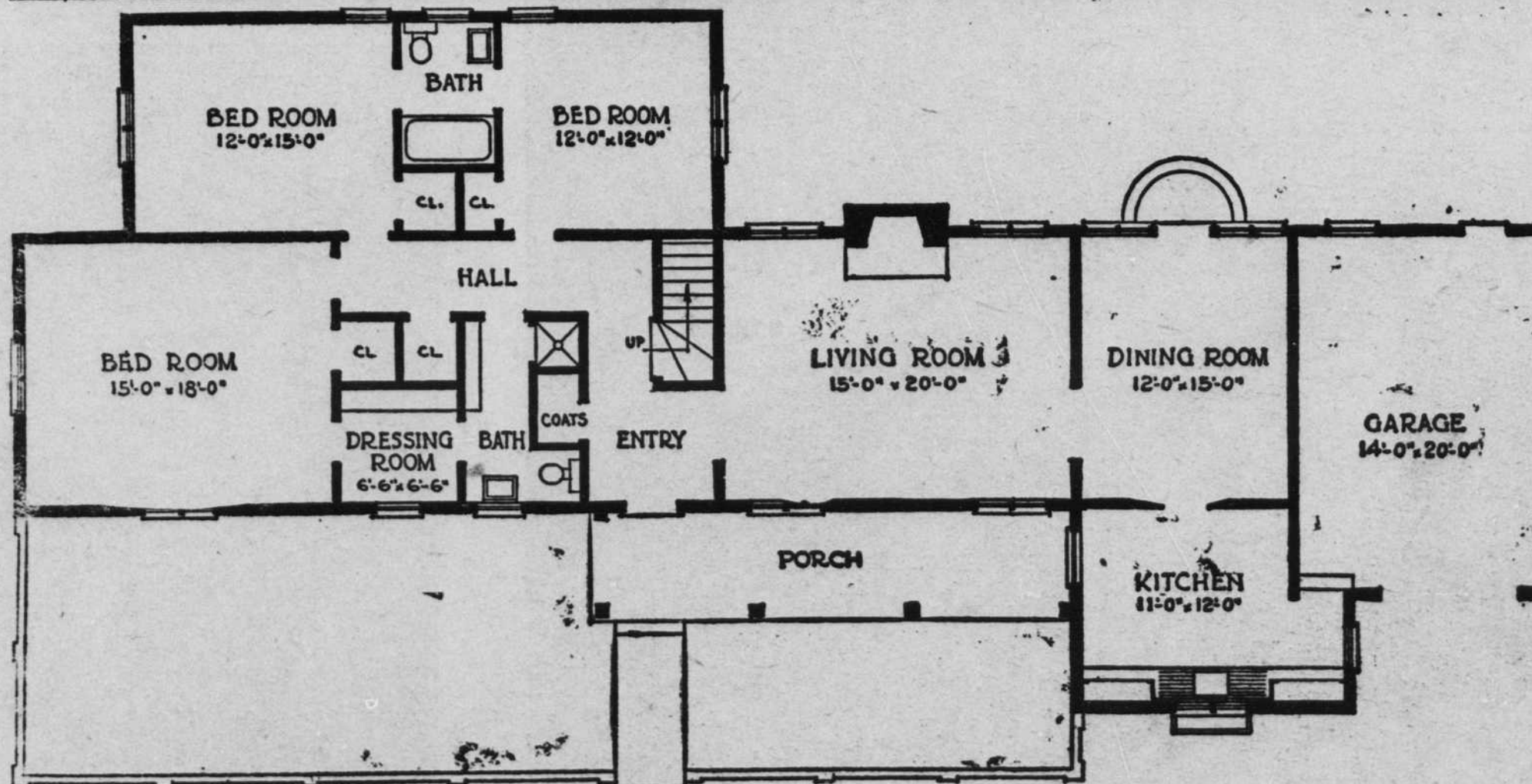
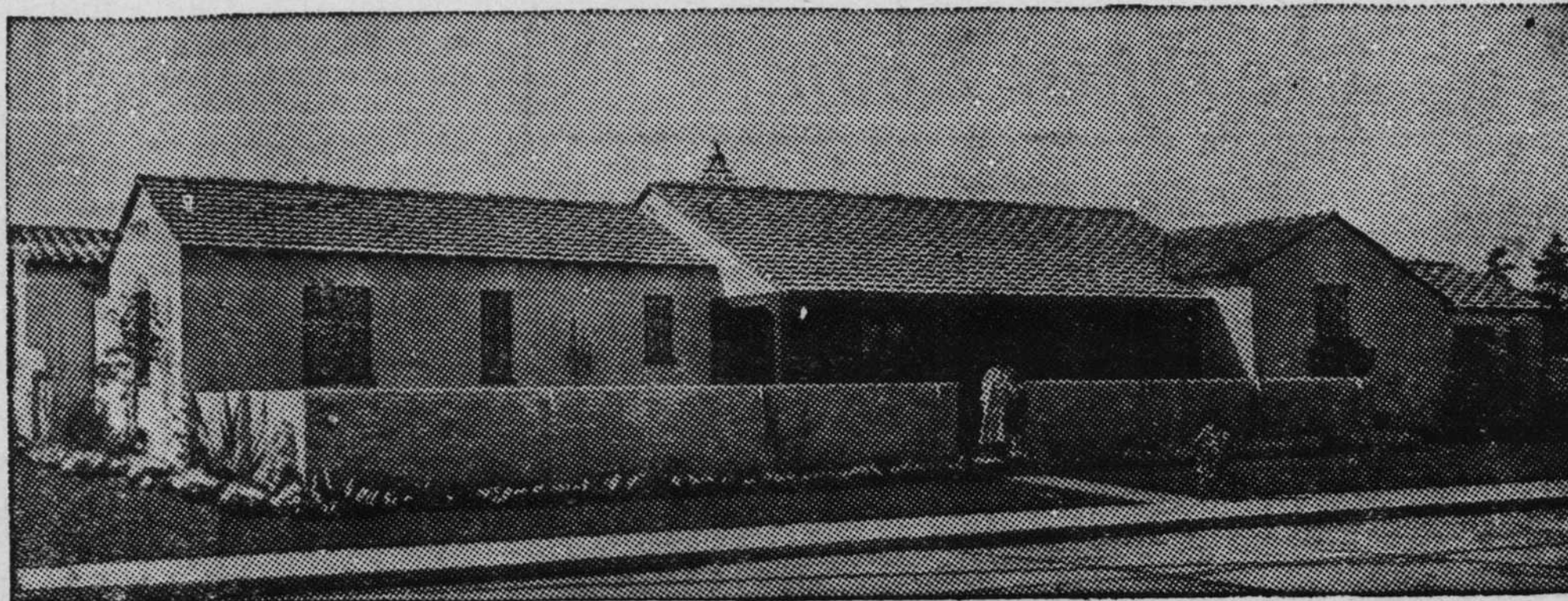
RE-ENERGIZING

The secret trick is to recapture the attitude of play from time to time. Perpetual dignity, everlasting seriousness, are signs of premature mental aging and must be given an occasional discard. — Donald Laird, psychologist and author, in the Rotarian Magazine.

MORE DIGNIFIED

The more dignified name of "Social Welfare" has been substituted in Kansas for the less impressive "relief" program. We have thought for several years the WPA workers should have a more dignified title, too. We suggest "Stationary Engineers."—Osborne County Farmer.

From Early California



FIRST FLOOR

This house has been developed from an adaptation of mission and early ranch architecture. It is ideal for a climate where living outdoors is both possible and pleasant for a long period of time. The low lines of the house are well proportioned and nicely related to each other. The garden is protected from the street by a wall. Sleeping quarters are well ventilated and with easy access to a bath. A built-in garage completes the plan. This house was built at San Mateo, Calif., and financed by a \$5,400 mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Administration. The architect was Edward Musson Sharpe.