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Silica Sand Is Valuable Asset

Nevada Silica Sand Company, owned and operated by Mrs. Mayme Stocker of Las Vegas, with the assistance of her two sons, Harold and Clarence Stocker and Mrs. Harold Stocker, is developing into an enterprise of constantly growing importance.

The business was started in 1935 when the building of the washing plant in Moapa valley about three miles above Overton was begun. The mill was completed and begun operations December 26, 1935, and the first car of the pure, white silica sand shipped to a Los Angeles glass manufacturing concern January 2, 1936.

Shipments average about 40 carloads of 50 or 60 tons each per month. More than 350 carloads of the finished product have been shipped during 1937.

The product goes to manufacturers of flint glass in both the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas and is used chiefly for making bottles, jars and all clear glass containers. The requirement for this type of glass is higher than for plate glass. A lower grade of sand, red in color, is used for making brown glass such as is used for beer bottles.

Los Angeles is the Pacific coast center for the glass industry, having three major plants and a number of smaller ones. There are several plants in the San Francisco area, but the freight to that area is higher and but few shipments are made from this plant.

The silica sand industry suffered a serious handicap when the price of the sand was reduced \$1.00 per ton by the lowering of the tariff on imports of sand from Belgium, but this company, because of the high quality of its product and favorable conditions, has been able to operate at a small profit.

The importance of such enterprises as that of the Nevada Silica Sand Company to this region is shown by the fact that it has a steady payroll of about \$2,000 per month, employing from 14 to 20 men. Expenditures for supplies average \$1,500 to \$1,800 per month and the total cash outlay of the company runs between \$4,000 and \$4,500 per month, a sum which added to others of a similar nature, helps to bring prosperity to Southern Nevada.

The plant, located at what is known as Stocker's siding, named "Glassand" by the railroad company, is about 4½ miles from the sand deposit. At the quarry the material is handled by a drag line.

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Two Clubs Give Wildcats Dinner

Las Vegas Kiwanians and Rotarians combined in honoring the Las Vegas high school "Wildcats" football team with a dinner at the Methodist church Wednesday evening.

There were 32 Kiwanians and 23 Rotarians present in addition to the entire Wildcat squad. The only unfortunate feature was the absence of Coach Harvey Stanford, who was confined to his home by illness.

A program was finely carried out under the leadership of Dr. Clare Woodbury, toastmaster. The dinner served by the Ladies' Aid was enjoyed by the entire company which filled the basement of the church.

Witchers Enjoy Winter Scenery

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Witcher recently returned from a week spent in the snowy, scenic resorts of Southern Utah.

They spent several days in and about Zion National Park and report that the place has unusual and novel charm since the country was covered with snow. The lodge in the park operates through the winter and there is no reason why tourists should not continue their visits to this most attractive region throughout the winter.

On their trip Mr. and Mrs. Witcher particularly enjoyed the large hot springs near Hurricane, Utah.

Pythians Give Patrol Belts

CARSON CITY, Nev., Dec. 17.—Amity Lodge No. 8, Knights of Pythias Reno, has purchased fifty school patrol belts which will be made available to school children in various sections of the state in connection with their work of controlling traffic at street crossings in sections adjacent to public schools, according to information given out by the Safety Section of the Department of Highways today. Distribution of these belts, it is believed, will impart a sense of responsibility to the youthful leaders as traffic guides to school children, as well as create a definite and wholesome interest in the safety campaign being conducted all over the state by the Department of Highways.

Boulder Annex Nearly Ready

The annex to the Boulder Club is nearing completion and will probably be ready for occupancy next week.

The cocktail bar will be an elaborate and beautiful place with fittings and furnishings as fine as any in the country.

The upholstery will be of red and black leather fashioned in the most modern style.

The place will have an air of elegance and will be operated in connection of the Boulder Club. It is stated that only the best of bottled goods will be served.

The Boulder Cafe and Grill has been leased to a high class caterer for operation. It will be conducted on the same high plane as the other features of the place. It will be in operation sometime next week according to expectations.

Elks Charity Ball Tomorrow

The gala event of the season will be the Elks Charity Ball tomorrow night at the Elks Home, corner of Third and Carson streets.

This annual event has been presented each year for many years by Elks Lodge No. 1468 and has proven one of the happiest social events of each year. The dancing will begin at 9 and will last long, if the experience of past years is any indication.

This year the event will be made even more enjoyable than usual by "Turkey" by Paul Jones.

The Elks Home is an ideal place for a party and will be crowded to near capacity Saturday evening by a jolly crowd.

Exalted Ruler Fred O'Donnell expects all members of the lodge with their friends to be present.

Jondahl Winner In Damage Suit

Dan Jondahl was awarded \$300 attorney fees and \$35 court costs by Judge Orr in the district court Tuesday.

Jondahl had sued Dewey Williams whose dog was said to have killed valuable chickens belonging to Jondahl. In the justice court Jondahl was awarded \$250 and attorney fees and court costs. Williams appealed the case.

Rotary Club In Short Meeting

Las Vegas Rotary Club held a short meeting Thursday noon, so that those who were unable to attend the dinner the night before could make up their attendance.

Three rotarians whose birthdays came in December, were put on the carpet by President Frank Gusewille. They were Cy Wengert, whose birthday came on the 5th; James Cashman, the day of the meeting, and Stanley Arnot, on Christmas Day. After paying five cents for each year of their age into the charity fund, they were honored with a pink birthday cake with candles, which they generously shared with their fellows.

Dr. Park reported that his father, whom he had just visited in California, although now 86 years of age, is in perfect health, has good eyesight and is anticipating (Kentucky-like) the opening day at Santa Anita.

Several of the older Rotarians were called upon for short reminiscences of the early days of the club which was started in 1923. Among them were Cy Wengert, Bill Pike, Bill Ferron, Sam Lawson, Walter Bracken, Dr. W. S. Park, C. P. Squires and others.

The meeting on December 23, will be in the nature of a Christmas party.

PBW Club Holds Christmas Fete

The Business and Professional Women enjoyed their annual Christmas party Monday evening at the Mesquite Club house. The affair was planned by Mrs. Billie Nelson, Mrs. Edith Prethoff, Mrs. Dan Noland and Mrs. Doobrovo. Miss Jean Smith played two piano solos and Little Dottie Silk gave a tap-dance accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Wilma Titus. The guests enjoyed cards followed by refreshments. Each member brought a gift and these will be used on the tree which the club gives each Christmas eve to the patients at the County Hospital.

WOLFMAN MOVES OFFICE

Attorney Morris Wolfman has moved his office from the Clark building to room 12, Delkin building, 22 Fremont street. He wishes to notify all his clients that he is continuing the practice of law in the new location.