

## George Russell New Director

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 24.—Governor W. I. Myers of the Farm Credit Administration appointed George Russell, Jr., of Elko, Nev., as a new director on the Farm Credit Board in the Berkeley district, and reappointed Richard L. Adams of Berkeley, California, according to an announcement received here today.

Both men were appointed for regular three year terms beginning January 1, 1938. As members of the Farm Credit Board, they are also directors of the Berkeley Federal Land Bank, Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Bank for Cooperative and Production Credit Corporation—the four permanent units of the Farm Credit Administration of Berkeley which serve Nevada, Utah, Arizona and California.

Russell, who was appointed "director at large" on the Berkeley board, operates a large livestock ranch near Elko and since its inception has been a director of the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation of Salt Lake City.

## Sidney Plans To Celebrate

In 1788 Captain Phillip sailed into Sydney Cove with a small fleet of ships to take possession of the continent of Australia for England and to establish the first permanent white settlement there. He found only a wild strange wilderness, peopled by a race of black, stone-age men. Out of that wilderness, Phillip and the settlers who followed him commenced the building of a nation. That tiny settlement of 1788 is now, 150 years later, the city of Sydney, a proud and beautiful metropolis of a million and a quarter people—the second city in the British empire. On January 26 Sydney sets out to celebrate the anniversary with a three-months' "Birthday Party" to which all the world is invited.

### HOME FROM UNIVERSITY

Richard Lee Williams, who is attending the University of Nevada will spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Hazel Williams. Later he will go to San Dimas for a visit with his grandmother Lee.

### REMARKABLE RECOVERY OF MASONIC JEWEL

Mr. George A. Welch, Master of Corinthian Lodge No. 22 at Okotoks, Alberta, Canada, in 1918, lost his Past Master's jewel eighteen years ago. It was recently found in the bed of the Alouette River, near New Westminster, British Columbia, nearly 600 miles from Okotoks, by a Mason's son who was bathing in that river.

It is a mystery to Mr. Welch how the jewel ever got out of his possession, much less being found in the bed of a river in a community so many miles away from his home, where it seems he never visited.

The inscription on the back of the jewel identified it as the property of Mr. Welch.

## Rehm Appointed Office Deputy

George Rehm will fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Miss Mildred Bray, formerly office deputy, to the position of superintendent of public instruction. Miss Bray succeeds the late Chauncey W. Smith.

Mr. Rehm has been deputy superintendent of the third district located at Lovelock, and before that taught school at Eureka, Wells and other places. His successor will be appointed at a meeting of the state board of education which meets on January 17.

The name of George Lang, a member of the faculty of the Las Vegas schools, is being mentioned as Rehms successor.

As office deputy Rehm will supervise the schools of Douglas, Ormsby and Storey counties. The third district includes Eureka, Lander, Pershing and Humboldt counties.

Times are certainly changing. The Democrats are quoting Lincoln, the Republicans are quoting Jefferson and even Senator Glass intimates Alexander Hamilton may not have been such a bad guy after all.

Fordham university the other day recorded an earthquake thousands of miles away in the Southern Hemisphere. Maybe some of those former German colonies are getting nervous.

An Indiana farmer watching an airplane sail overhead swallowed his false teeth. Now the legislature ought to pass a law making it illegal for airplanes to fly over persons who wear false teeth.

Democrats object when the Republicans call it a depression and Republicans protest when the Democrats call it a recession. Why not call it a New Dealpression?

Reports from England are that crowds are hailing the King as he makes a tour of the farming regions. What's he doing, putting on a crop control program

When he reads about the billions spent for relief activities during the last few years, wonder if it doesn't make Santa Claus feel a little futile?

Giant sea elephants a few years ago almost extinct, are becoming numerous off the coast of southern California. This ought to encourage the G. O. P. for a comeback on land.

Remember the good old horse and buggy days when you could read the morning paper at breakfast without having to scan war headlines on the front page?

### TO VISIT BEVERLEY HILLS

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson and Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Myers will enjoy Christmas with Mrs. Wilson's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Douglas, in Beverley Hills.

Careful estimates indicate that 4,000,000 tourists will come to California in 1939 for the Golden Gate International Exposition.

## Death Valley's Rambler Writes

By DEATH VALLEY RAMBLER  
Justice Owen Montgomery of D. V. Junction was a busy man in Justice court recently when eleven young men from the Cow Creek C. C. were brought before him, charged with disorderly conduct the night before. Evidence to support the charge seemed overwhelming, so they were convicted and were given sentences of five days each in the jail at Independence. The boys were taken over to the calaboose in a government truck by W. H. Brown, deputy sheriff and aides the same evening. Conviction upon a charge of this character automatically eliminates the boys from the C. C. C. organization, hence they will soon be on their way to their respective homes with the stigma of dishonorable discharge hanging over them.

ourist travel through Death Valley, and registrations at the hotels and camps, while apparently a bit slow at the beginning of the season, has really been greater than last year.

Stovepipe Wells management report the heaviest business in their history. All available rooms were occupied last Friday night, and about twenty auto parties were turned away for lack of room.

Furnace Creek camp also was filled, as was hotel Amargosa at Death Valley Junction. Furnace Creek camp reports about 75 per cent more business this season than at the corresponding date last year.

The Rambler reads in an Indiana exchange an article stating that every day upon which a traffic death occurs in Indianapolis or vicinity, a black flag is flown on the staff at Monument Circle.

Well, according to this, Los Angeles would need to hoist a black flag and leave it here—every day; and then would need to hoist several some days. This because up to December 1 there had been but one day in 1937 in Los Angeles county upon which no persons were killed in traffic accidents.

The exceptional day was Sunday, November 21, when not a single individual was killed in auto accidents in the county; however, five were killed on the previous day, and five the following day. Also, on the previous Monday, November 15, thirteen were killed. The year's traffic toll for Los Angeles county now exceeds 900, in addition to the many maimed and injured.

B. M. Prescott, pioneer traffic man for the Union Pacific, was in Death Valley during the week on business for his company.

Major Bash, U. S. A., retired, and Mrs. Bash, toured the Valley last week and were registered at hotel Amargosa.

Clarence Gregg, of Glendale, Cal., representative of Artistic Home Builders, toured the Valley during the past week and stopped at the Amargosa.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green motored in to Riverside last week-end and visited with their daughter, Mrs. Roy Himes (nee Miss Doris

## Black Mammoth Is Cord Mine

By DEATH VALLEY RAMBLER  
Two dyed in the wool Nevada old timers, Johnnie O'Keefe, of Tonopah and Henry Foster of Silver Peak, mingled among Death Valleyites a few days last week. Johnnie has been drawing the jerk line over the 20-mule Bora team, hereabout, in the various parades, held recently.

During the boom days at Tonopah and Goldfield, 30 years ago, Johnnie operated a stage line between these points—a branch also extending out to Silver Peak. As a part of his transfer business he also had charge of transporting the express matter.

This necessitated carrying at times, large shipments of gold and silver bullion, and also large sums of gold and silver coin, from and to the different banks. He tells some interesting stories about hold ups, killings, robberies, etc., but states he never was held up in his whole career (that is by bandits, and never had to kill a man—nor was he ever himself killed!

Mr. Foster also related some interesting and thrilling adventures he experienced during the busy days in the Nevada mining camps. Mr. Foster reports Silver Peak as quite lively at present.

Black Mammoth (gold) property is steadily operating, their ore being trucked to their 10-ton mill at Silver Peak, a distance of eight miles.

A new 250 ton mill is now under construction at the mine which will eliminate the eight mile haul of a lot of low-grade ore. his mill, it is reported, will soon be operating.

This is the property E. L. Cord of front-wheel drive automobile fame is said to be financing. Messrs. O'Keefe and Foster are old-time friends of Mr. W. W. Cahill of Death Valley Junction.

Green) and Mr. Hines. They report Mr. Himes suffering greatly from a badly inflamed tooth, which has laid him up in bed for several days.

We don't think much of the super-internationalists who are willing to send their wife's relations into a foreign war in the interests of "democracy."

Mr. and Mrs. James O'Donnell, of Death Valley Junction, journeyed in to San Bernardino and Los Angeles last week and returned in a brand new automobile; also, they incidentally visited with relatives in Barstow, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clooney, Mrs. Clooney being a sister of Mrs. O'Connell.

Melvin Athay, automobile salesman working out of the James Cashman sales room, Las Vegas, Nevada, spent part of the past week in the Death Valley district, attending to business matters.

It is said that German statesmen have indicated they are willing to fight to get some colonies if necessary. hey should remember that fighting was what lost them the colonies they had.

President Roosevelt has added thirteen acres to his Hyde Park farm but this won't affect his corn and wheat quota.