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## NOW FOR OUR HIGHWAYS

Now that the new year is under way we should bend every effort to see that the road to Searchlight is paved before another summer passes.

Goodsprings is now assured of a new paved highway, which the southern mining camp is justly entitled to. The people of Goodsprings, like the people of Searchlight, have bumped over an almost impassable road for over thirty years, and it is high time that they were given a little taste of smooth sailing.

Goodsprings and Searchlight are the two mining districts that Las Vegas has to rely upon to build up our business. Our tourist trade is a great asset, but we cannot overlook our mining districts which if given a chance—and a real gold strike—will make the tourist trade look like the "dirty duce in the clean deck."

When we speak of Searchlight, we also mean the Nelson district. Steps should be taken at once to promote the highway from the Searchlight road to the Nelson district. We would suggest another meeting with Searchlight and Nelson residents to promote this much needed piece of highway.

## SUCCESS ASSURED

The Phoenix race meet will soon get under way for 21 days of sport. We are reliably informed that there will be a Las Vegas day, and plans should be made now for a big delegation from here to attend the meet.

Our own J. K. Housell, who so successfully put over the Las Vegas meet this fall, has been called upon to make the Phoenix meet a success. And you can gamble that it will be a success.

## MORE ACTION—LESS WORDS

Now that two convicts have escaped from "unescapable Alcatraz" we learn that steps are to be taken to make the island "unescapable." More action and less words might keep the few convicts on the so-called "Devils Island of America."

## DEATH OF PIONEER

The death of Capt. Musick, pioneer skipper of the trans-Pacific air route, is a great shock, as well as loss to American aviation. Captain Music was the pioneer of the fleet of ships that weekly cross the great expanse of the Pacific ocean. Wednesday's disaster to the skipper and five of the crew and passengers marked the first disaster in the many Pacific crossings. Captain Musick's death is just another monument to American aviation.

## A GENEROUS OFFER

The tender of twenty acres of land in the Vegas wash—the only privately owned land on Mead Lake, and only 17 miles from Las Vegas should be received by the people of Nevada with a great deal of interest.

J. Warren Woodard, who has tendered the land to the state for a park, has done so without "any strings attached."

The Vegas Wash—to those who are not familiar with the country in and around Las Vegas—extends from just north of Las Vegas southeast past Sunrise mountain, then almost due east to where the waters of Lake Mead will rise. Directly down the Vegas Wash it is only about 14 miles to the waters of the lake. By a proposed highway it would be only 17 miles. Woodard's property offers one of the greatest boating harbors on the entire lake shore. On both sides of the wash there are great cliffs that protect the waters from the winds. With Mead Lake only seventeen miles from our front door, in addition to a great still water harbor—and a paved highway—Las Vegas will be one of the pleasure spots of the west.

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Even now, with the state and county elections still many months in the future, we hear much talk of who is who—and why—in politics. There has been little state gossip, except that Governor Kirman would run—and that he would not run. Harley Harmon, one of Kirman's real supporters, is said to be also a candidate for the Governorship—but of course not if Governor Kirman should decide to run again. Then there is Lieutenant Governor Fred Alward who by the way, is the one real threat to the smooth sailing of the state democratic ticket. Alward has a way of getting the little crosses on the official ballot and must be given a lot of thought—before the old applecart gets to rolling—or there might be an upset.

The republican party will also have a candidate in the field—and it will probably be none other than former Governor Morley Griswold. Morley says that he will not run again—but just wait and see.

As for the county outlook, we can say but little—except that there will be many new faces gathering in their pay checks on February first, 1939.

## A FOREIGN AIRPORT

Is Las Vegas to have an airport? This question has been asked many times a day for the past seven years. Today, we are no closer to a solution of the question than we were at that time.

We hear that we may have an airport between here and Boulder City. That would be fine—except that the people of Las Vegas are trying to get an air field NEARER Las Vegas—not FARTHER AWAY.

Las Vegas should be large enough to control the air routes in the southern part of the state.

Let's build an airport AT LAS VEGAS—then the air routes will COME to Las Vegas.

## A GOOD JOB

The marking on the curbs by the city street department, giving the numbers of the block — is a great help to the stranger within our midst.

## JUST ONE MORE

A new gas station at the corner of Main and Ogden. A new gas station on Fifth between Fremont and Carson.

If we could just get one more gas station in Las Vegas we could boast "one gas station for every fifty cars."

There sure must be money in this gas business. I hope, I hope, I hope.