

**NEW SPORT FOR  
VEGAS STUDENTS**

From "Campus Chatter" we learn how some of our Clark county university students are employing their leisure.

"Ice skating has dominated the interest of several hundred students during the past few days and during all times of the day and late evening Manzanita lake has been dotted with skating enthusi-

asts. "Several students have proposed a plan for covering the ice with water during the evening in order that a smooth surface will be ready in the morning. Constant skating over the ice has caused it to be rough and bad for skating.

"From the sunny southland such 'Desert Rats' as Jack Pothoff, Lucille Hewes, Bud Williams, Cyril Ham, Art Ham and Marjory Gusewelle are attempting the sport for the first time."

**The SNAPSHOT GUILD**  
DECORATIVE SILHOUETTES



Since the puppy is likely to move, a photographic flash bulb, which gives an instantaneous flash of light, was used in making this silhouette.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC** silhouettes are a source of decorative pictures—and camera fun—which every snapshotter should try. The arrangements are simple—a white sheet stretched over a doorway, or division between two rooms, with a strong light behind it and the camera set up in front.

By arranging his subjects in front of this brightly illuminated sheet, the clever photographer can construct any number of imaginative or story-telling pictures. Costume snaps are particularly interesting in silhouette, and there are possibilities for many humorous pictures of the "it-can't-be" variety.

For instance, a juggler can be pictured keeping a dozen or two balls or bottles in the air at one time, or a camper can be pictured with two skillets, flipping a dozen flapjacks at one shot. In both these pictures, the objects to appear in the air would be cut from black paper or cardboard and pinned to the sheet at proper points.

The sheet must be stretched evenly, as wrinkles will show in the pictures. Lighting behind the sheet should also be as even as possible. Five feet is a suitable distance from lamps to sheet.

Three sixty-watt inside-frosted electric bulbs will provide enough light to give good results with five-second time exposures, using a box camera with its lens at widest opening, or other cameras at lens stop f.11. To stop movement when pets or small children are appearing in silhouette, use a flash bulb behind the sheet. Or, with two or three large size flood bulbs snapshots can be taken.

When using the flash bulb, someone can flash it at the correct moment at an "okay" signal from the person operating the camera. There should be sufficient light, from unshaded regular household bulbs, behind the sheet for the "cameraman" to see the silhouetted images and to know when to give his "okay" signal.

When the silhouette is snapped, of course, all lights must be turned off in the room which contains the camera and subject. Unless this is done, detail in the subject will show, spoiling the silhouette effect. The photographer should also be watchful of stray light from windows, and mirrors which might catch light from the illuminated sheet and throw it toward the shadow side of the subject.

John van Gulde

**El Centro Gives  
Vegas C C Boost**

While in mid-winter, activities along the International Four States highway, U. S. 93, connecting Canada and Mexico, are concentrated in the states of Montana and Idaho, in winter time the scene shifts to Nevada and southern California, in the "Pathway of Winter Sunshine," and in the more southerly of the Four States things are "doin'" right now.

From Las Vegas, Nevada, through the office of Oliver Goerman, super-active secretary of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, and also assistant secretary of the International Four States Highway association, figures were released last week disclosing that three-quarters of a million persons came to Las Vegas during the calendar year 1937 and visited Boulder Dam and Mead Lake. This is the largest number ever to visit Boulder Dam in one year and this increase in the flow of motor traffic is credited largely to the effective work done in publicizing the International Four States highway, U. S. 93, by the Association formed some two years ago in Las Vegas to complete and popularize this great new traffic route.

Las Vegas, it appears, broke some other records during 1937. Marriages for 1937 at Las Vegas totaled 3,100 against 2,723 for 1936, 2,122 in 1935, with only 1,678 in 1934. Apparently the city is commencing to be regarded as a favorable place in which to commence matrimony.

Las Vegas, secretary Goerman states, keeps right on smashing records. It appears that the Clark county stork was a weary old bird when he closed his books for December 1937, for he dropped "bundles from heaven" into more homes during that month than at any previous time recorded in the pages of the Clark county birth record. The total number of births in Clark county for the year 1937 was 309, showing an increase of 18 per cent over 1936 which was the natal year of 251 babies, the records show.

Boulder Dam, weddings and babies are not the only things which the people of Las Vegas and Clark county think about. Mt. Charleston, just a few miles off highway U. S. 93, and lying northeast of Las Vegas "where the desert meets the snow," is expected to have one of the greatest winter sports treks in the history of southern Nevada and the Four States highway some time in February when the Salt Lake Junior Chamber of Commerce special pulls into Las Vegas for the start of a three-day convention on the slopes of Mt. Charleston. Mt. Charleston is one of the great beauty spots in the southwest and its development will be aided by the completion of the International Four States Highway route and the movement of thousands of cars each month over Highway U. S. 93.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce of Las Vegas was one of the first organizations to sense the value of the Mt. Charleston area and to organize winter sports and last year staged the first winter sports carnival ever held in southern Nevada. Assisting the Junior Chamber of Commerce in putting on the big party at Mt. Charleston will be the Las Vegas Senior Chamber and its

**CHURCHES**

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST-SCIENTIST**

316 South Fourth street, across from grammar school, is a branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts. Meets every Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. and Wednesday evening at 8:00

Christian Science reading room, 112 North Third street, open week days, except holidays, from 1:15 p. m. until 4:15 p. m. Earnings, except Wednesdays, from 7 until 9 o'clock.

"LIFE" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, January 16, 1938.

The Golden Text is from John 1:1, 4. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . In him was life; and the life was the light of man."

The Lesson-Sermon includes the Bible passage, "For with thee is the fountain of life; in thy light shall we see light." (Ps. 36:9).

Also the correlative from the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, "Life is the everlasting I AM, the Being who was and is and shall be, whom nothing can erase." (p. 290.)

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Second and Carson Streets  
The Rev. James T. Terry, vicar.  
Second Sunday after Epiphany.  
7:30 Holy communion.  
9:30 Church school.  
11 a. m. choral Eucharist and sermon, "John and Jesus"

**WALKER R. YOUNG IS  
HONOR GUEST**

Walker R. Young, construction engineer of the United States Bureau of Reclamation, who is in charge of the Central Valley project is to be honored with a reception given by the Tulare Chamber of Commerce Thursday evening, January 13. The affair also marks the 54th annual meeting of the chamber. It will be held in Memorial hall in Tulare and more than 500 civic and water leaders of the state will be in attendance. Mr. Young has been with the U. S. Bureau for more than 25 years and was the engineer in charge of construction of Boulder Dam.

president O. A. Kimball, and Secretary Goerman. Assistance will also be rendered by the entire International Four States Highway organization and by the El Centro Junior Chamber of Commerce, nearest neighbor of the Las Vegas Chamber since the International Four States Highway has shortened the distance between the two places by over 100 miles. Mt. Charleston is one of the most beautiful peaks in America, and one of its chief charms lies in the fact that it rears its snowy peak straight skyward from the floor of a winter sunshine flooded desert. The combination is unique and the winter sports party put on in February is expected to further publicize the International Four States Highway route and the charm of the places it reaches in southern Nevada and southern California during the winter months.