

LITTLE MOMENTS IN BIG LIVES

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W. O. RUTHERFORD, EX-PRESIDENT OF THE RUBBER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, STARTED ROLLING SEWER PIPES IN AKRON, OHIO.

Celebrates Her 102 Birthday

Mrs. Mary Harris Stecker celebrated her 102nd birthday a few days ago in Napa, Calif. Among the family who gathered to do her honor were five of her six children from 60 to 82 years in age, and 23 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

The Steckers have lived in that region 85 years; since the first ox-team drew a wagon down from the hills at the end of the long trip across the continent. That was in 1853 and she was 17 years old. The ox-team came to a halt almost within sight of San Francisco bay.

The animals were weary, and weary were the people with the wagon. For six months they had been traveling westward from Memphis, Scotland county, Missouri. Indian arrows had torn the wagon's canvas. Great herds of animals had crossed their path. Then the still, sun-burned hills and valleys of California—the long trail ended.

At 102 she is a little resentful

that the world has grown soft and easy since those breathless days when she and California knew youth together.

Her voice still has an astonishing vibrancy, her blue eyes light with a deep, silent laughter. There is something noble in her looks as she speaks of her fine yesterday.

"We were ranchers," she said. "Our six children were sturdy and happy. Those were good days. We moved slowly, but we moved. And we had time to be kind and sociable. Life then was something to be sipped easily and leisurely and not skimmed over as if it tasted bad.

"That's why I often feel that this generation has gone a little mad. You go too fast for your own good. You are born for a speed that gets faster and faster.

"But maybe I do you an injustice. I shouldn't judge. But I dislike the thought of women smoking and drinking raw whisky, because I think they 'have everything to lose and nothing to gain."

SPEECHES AND HEARING

Free speech without compulsory listening should go far toward making a happy people.—Toledo Blade.

Former President To Belgium

The Belgian government has invited Herbert Hoover, former president of the United States, to revisit scenes of the World war work as head of the Belgian relief commission and Hoover has accepted and will sail from New York for Belgium on February 8.

Hoover will be accompanied solely by Paul C. Smith, 29-year-old general manager of the San Francisco Chronicle.

The invitation stated the Belgian people wish "to have this opportunity to express to you their sentiments of deep gratitude for the eminent services you have rendered our country and to assure you of their unalterable attachment."

The invitation was also on behalf of the Universities of Brussels, Ghent, Liege and Louvain, Colonial university, and several Belgian engineering schools and civic organizations.

Nevada Metal Output Grows

Advance estimates of the U. S. bureau of mines place the total value of gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc produced by Nevada mines in 1937 at \$34,540,326, an increase of considerably more than \$5,000,000 over the output for the year 1936. The increase was accounted for largely by higher prices for the base metals. A complete summary of Nevada's 1937 production will appear in the forthcoming annual mining review edition of the Nevada State Journal.

SOCIETY

As usual, the American Legion dance at the War Memorial building was a great success. The music, which was quite an innovation in the way of dance music, was all that could be asked. It was provided by Nick St. Marie and his Royal Filipinos, who are making a tour of the United States.

The card party sponsored by the P.-T. A. last Saturday in the grammar school was a very pleasant occasion and netted a substantial sum which will be used in serving milk and hot lunches to our undernourished school children.

The Guild of St. Agnes of Christ Episcopal church is sponsoring a card party at the Vicarage on Carson street, Thursday evening, Jan. 27. The public is cordially invited to attend.

St. Agnes Guild met at Christ church vicarage Monday afternoon. Plans were discussed for the Western Conference of Episcopal Churches, to be held in Las Vegas in May. Refreshments were served by Mrs. M. E. Black.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Claude Bailey is a patient in the Good Samaritan hospital, where she is under the observation of specialists.

Judge W. E. Orr has returned from Pioche, where he heard several cases in the district court. Judge Hallon of Tonopah presided in Clark county court during Judge Orr's absence.

Mrs. R. R. Russell, Mrs. W. E. Ferron, Mrs. Will Beckley and Mrs. J. T. Walters left Thursday morning for Los Angeles to attend the Russian ballet and "The Women."

Levi Tracht, a former resident of Las Vegas but now residing in Lake Charles, La., is visiting his brother, DeWitt Tracht, and his sisters, Mrs. Dean Bingham and Mrs. Aurelia Sheer.

Mr. Tom Nance of Terre Haute, Ind., and his daughter, Mrs. Raymond Rightsell of Stevens Point, Md., have returned to their homes after a pleasant stay in Las Vegas.

O. H. Smith of Beatty, who was seriously injured when his car overturned on the Tonopah-Beatty highway last December, had gone to San Francisco for further treatment.

Dr. J. D. Smith of this city has been named, by Governor Kerman, a member of the state board of dental examiners, to serve until Jan. 12, 1942.

George E. Marshall spent part of last week in Reno on legal business.

Mrs. "Cub" Ryerse entertained with a delightful breakfast Thursday morning at her home on Carson street. Her guests were Mesdames Witt Olive, Ryland Taylor and C. P. Squires.



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