

## Mining Nevada's Major Industry

CARSON CITY, Feb. 3—That the State of Nevada's mining industry ranked first among five major industries subject to the Nevada unemployment compensation law for the first one-half of 1937 was revealed this week following a compilation of statistical information gathered by the unemployment compensation division.

The five industries accounted for 90.12 percent of total state employment subject to the law for the period January 1 to June 30 during 1937.

According to division statistical figures, the following industries employed workers as listed: (1) mining, 6,995; (2) transportation, 6,835; (3) service industries (hotels, bars, etc.), 4,877; (4) merchandising, 4,788 and (5) contracting, 3,128. Total number of employers covered under the law during the period was 29,-

## Vegas Students On Honor Roll

The Honor Roll for the first semester at the state university contains the names of the 55 top rank students. Among these are the following: Miss Virginia Beckley, Miss Barbara Ferron, William Ogle, Byron Hardie and Charles Doherty.

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During the initial six-months period when the unemployment compensation law first became effective, 33 metallic mining employing units employed fifty or more workers during some one month of the period. Division records indicate that these companies, listed as to counties were as follows: Churchill, 1; Clark, 5; Elko, 4; Esmeralda, 2; Eureka, 1; Humboldt, 2; Lander, 1; Lincoln, 3; Lyon, 2; Nye, 5; Pershing, 1; Storey, 2; Washoe, 1; and White Pine, 3.

## Sketches of Mormon Trail

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(The diary from which the journey of our Mormon pioneers can be traced was kept by them and compiled by Andrew Jensen assistant church historian in Salt Lake. It was later published by Miss Weir in a report of the Nevada Historical Society 1925-26).

The winter of 1856 and 57 was colder than the preceding one and ice froze 1-2 inches thick. The Indians gave much trouble stealing provisions and killing and running off stock.

They continued working on the lead mine in the Potosi mountains but the Indians gathered at the spring where the water was obtained for the miners and threatened their lives if the work was not discontinued.

Many of the missionaries left either for California or to their former homes in Utah and the Vegas mission was practically broken up although a few decided to remain until formally released by President Brigham Young.

The mission, however, was not entirely abandoned until 1858 when the saints from Vegas and all the distant settlements were called back to Salt Lake on account of the Johnston Army troubles. It was at a special conference held in Santa Clara, Sept. 28, 1858 that it was decided to abandon the Las Vegas and Muddy missions.

In 1861 the Deseret News (Apr. 3) mentioned the "Las Vegas silver mines" which were attracting considerable attention. Said to be rich as those in western Utah. Also that a town had been laid out some 36 miles west of the Colorado river and about the same distance from Las Vegas, called Potosi, where the Colorado Mining Company were erecting a smelting furnace for the reduction of lead. About 200 miners were reported at Las Vegas. Flour cost \$8 per cwt. and bacon 40 cents a pound in California to which, when the expense of hauling was added, made these articles quite dear at the mines.

In Dec. 1865 Jacob Hamblin and Dr. James Whitmore visited Vegas and went on to Cottonwood island in the Colorado river and in Jan. 1866 Ira Hatch journeyed through Las Vegas and Cottonwood springs enroute to the Potosi. He mentioned the fact that three Indians were whipped at Las Vegas with a lasso.

In 1868 an offer for the sale of the Las Vegas ranch appeared in "Our Dixie Times" published in St. George, Utah, signed by O. D. Gass, the proprietor.

## Flash Driver If Headlights On

When a car approaches with headlights on in daytime you may do the driver a favor by flashing your lights on and off as a signal to him that his lights are burning needlessly, suggests the Automobile Club of Southern California. Most drivers will heed such a signal by looking at the light switch. It is only by observing the light switch or position of the ammeter needle that the average motorist can tell whether his lights are on in daylight. There is no longer an advantage in driving with lights on to keep the battery from overcharging. Automatic regulation takes care of this on the modern cars.

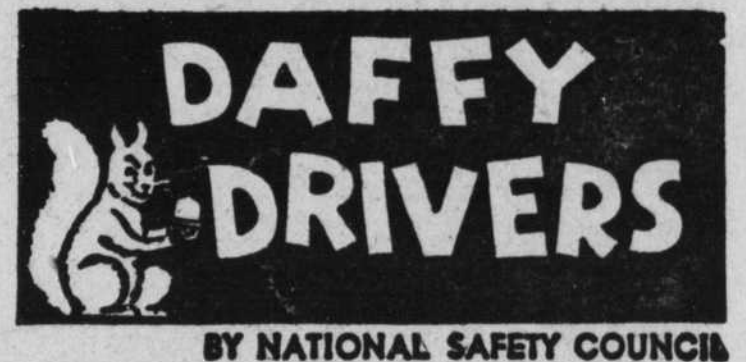
### CAN'T BE DONE

Another thing Congress needs to learn is that "bookkeeping savings" cannot save a country, any more than it can save an individual, from bankruptcy.—Detroit Free Press.

## Comedian's Progress



TEN years ago Walter O'Keefe was a sick-a-bed advertising man. Recovering, he found time to write funny song lyrics. Texas Guinan gave him his chance at Broadway where he reshaped the old ballad, "Man On The Flying Trapeze" and used it to make of himself (1) a star in the entertainment world. After night club and musical comedy there was radio where Walter established himself (2) as the "Broadway Hill-Billy". Came 1937 and O'Keefe created a new character—the polished, affable clown whose informal Dramateur acts (3) were the sensation of last summer's "Town Hall Tonight". Acceptance as a star comedian brought something (4) more tangible than mere success to Walter in Baby Anthony O'Keefe. Now on the Coast as comedy star of the Tuesday night "Hollywood Mardi Gras" over the NBC-Red network at 9:30 p.m., EST Walter, a good Irishman, makes a Blarney Stone (5) of his microphone—just to keep his luck intact.



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