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Many Attended Croal Funeral

Funeral services of Tom Croal, Jr., held at the Church of Joan of Arc Monday morning at ten o'clock, was attended by a large number of state and highway officials and by all the Las Vegas people who could find room within the church.

Rev. Fr. Lambe led the beautiful and dignified service of high mass. Pallbearers were Jake Von Tobel, Walter Hunsaker, John Graglia, J. M. Murphy, Jack Parvin and Denton Hayes.

At Carson City, where the remains were taken following the accident which cost the young man his life. Mass and Rosary were said, and again at the Garrison Mortuary Sunday evening. Interment was made at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Of the immediate family present at the services here were the widow Medeline Corkhill Croal; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Croal, his parents, and Andrew Croal, of Barstow, Cal., his brother. Among others from away who came for the funeral services were:

Mrs. Mary A. Croal, sister-in-law of T. B. Croal, Sr., and Dr. and Mrs. V. C. Croal of Santa Ana, California; Mrs. L. A. LaCrosse and son, Nathan La Crosse, mother and brother of Mrs. T. B. Croal, Sr., and Mrs. C. E. Johnson, her sister, all of Del Rio, Texas; Mrs. Jack DeWitt, aunt of Mrs. T. B. Croal, Jr.; Mrs. J. Alden Dobyns, former classmate of Mrs. Croal, Jr., and her husband, J. Alden Dobyns, of Monrovia, California; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Gabriel and Mrs. Marie Lunsted of Pasadena, California, friends of the Croal family.

Representing the state highway department at the funeral were State Highway Engineer Robert A. Allen; Dale Pruett, right-of-way agent; August Berning, Jr., assistant state highway engineer; and W. S. Holesworth, superintendent of equipment, all of Carson City. Mr. and Mrs. Harley A. Harmon and Mr. and Mrs. Paby Newton came down from Carson City for the funeral.

Mrs. Madeline Croal plans to remain in Las Vegas for the present.

It is the belief of highway officials that deceased may have been rendered unconscious by the presence in the tightly closed car of deadly carbon monoxide gas escaping through a leaky manifold. In no other way can a reasonable explanation be had of the fact that the car left the road at a slight bend and continued its course straight ahead for some 300 feet over rough ground.

UP ALOFT



While the Grace Line's "Santa Lucia" approaches Havana, Cuba, an A.B. is silhouetted against the sky as he fixes the block on the mainmast.

Townsend Club Holds Meeting

The Townsend General Welfare club held its first 1938 meeting Tuesday evening at the Johnson Bakery.

The difference between the social security act and the proposed act on General Welfare was discussed by Bryn Armstrong.

An advisory board was elected consisting of Harry H. Austin, Berkeley Bunker, J. W. Douglas, Richard Fletcher, Mrs. Harriamn, Pete Poncin, Paul Ralli, Mrs. Helen Tyler, and Mr. and Mrs. Weil.

The next meeting, April 5, will be given over to a debate by Marie Davis and Norman Mott on the proposed General Welfare act.

The program was brought to a close by the play "Trapped" presented by high school students under the direction of Guild Gray.

Tourist Travel Remains Heavy

Tourist travel to the Las Vegas-Boulder Dam area during the month of February amounted to 25,284 persons traveling in 8,700 cars, according to Guy Edwards, supervisor of the recreational area about Lake Mead.

The average for February was 903 persons per day, a slight decline from January.

Vegas Escapes Storm Damage

Las Vegas received a drenching from the tail-end of the storm which has been devastating portions of central and southern California and some Nevada communities for the past several days. Locally no damage is reported except for the stalling of an occasional car which was driven off the paved streets.

The highway situation so far as Nevada is concerned, is good, although the Tonopah highway suffered damage when the bridge near Beatty went out, but travel is being safely detoured there.

The Glendale bridge on the Salt Lake highway is not in danger, but the bridge near Logandale on the Moapa Valley highway is threatened by the rush of water coming down Meadow Valley Wash.

In California the situation is more serious. All cars on the Las Vegas Los Angeles highway are marooned at Baker. All Southern California highways suffered damage which will require some days for repair. It is reported that perhaps 35,000 square miles of California country had been covered with water and an estimated hundred or more lives lost, based upon uncertain and incomplete reports from various sections.

TWA reports the loss of one of its airliners somewhere near Bakersfield the fate of nine persons aboard being unknown.

Caliente, Nevada, was severely damaged by the flood waters coming down Meadow Valley Wash from the north, a number of homes being flooded and basements and cellars filled with debris and silt. Several hundred persons had narrow escapes, but no loss of life is known. All schools were closed Thursday. On Wednesday night the town was in darkness because of the flooding of the power plant.

Several ranches in Meadow Valley Wash between Caliente and Moapa Valley were damaged and there was serious damage to some ranches in Moapa Valley.

Appeal Taken In Lewis Case

Charles Lewis, found guilty of involuntary manslaughter by a jury in the district court last week, was sentenced by Judge Wm. E. Orr Monday morning to serve 6 months in the county jail. The conviction was upon the charge of operating an automobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor last Christmas Eve, when the car he was driving struck and killed Parson Tom Stevenson as he started to cross the street at Boulder City.

Attorney A. W. Ham of the firm of Ham & Taylor, attorneys for defendant, made a motion for a new trial, which was denied, and a plea for leniency for Lewis. Following the sentence Mr. Ham announced that an appeal would be taken to the supreme court and Lewis was admitted to bail in the sum of \$2,500.

State Engineer Talks of Water

State Engineer Alfred Merritt Smith, at Tuesday's meeting of Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, discussed the problem of conserving for domestic use the pure artesian water of Las Vegas Valley, and the related problem of bringing water from Lake Mead to provide for prospective industries and for irrigation of a considerable acreage.

Declaring that the many artesian wells left flowing unrestrained are tending to deplete the artesian water supply, the engineer declared that the artesian flow may be protected under the Act of the legislature passed at the 1935 session, which requires that those planning to drill wells must make application and secure a permit from the state engineer's office.

Mr. Smith also declared that it is perfectly feasible to pump water from the lake into Las Vegas Valley and suggested that steps be taken to carry out this project as soon as possible.

BORN

DAVIS—At the Las Vegas Hospital in this city, Saturday, February 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis of Boulder City, a son.

HARMONS ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Harley A. Harmon came from their home in Carson City to attend the funeral of Tom Croal. While here they were guests of Mrs. Harmon's mother, Mrs. Ella Wengert.