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THE SYNOD

Las Vegas is highly honored in having as its guests the coming week the distinguished group of several hundred men and women composing the Synod of the Province of the Pacific of the Episcopal Church.

Never before have we been privileged to entertain a group so outstanding in spiritual and intellectual attainments as are the several hundred Bishops and other high officials of the Episcopal Church who will be here.

The Synod should be of great value to Las Vegas as an indication that we are something more than a community of frivolous pleasure seekers, as we have so often been pictured

Las Vegas has not sufficiently publicized the cultural side of its life. We should emphasize the fact that we have prosperous churches of various denominations; schools which are unexcelled in housing, equipment and teaching staff by any in the country; culture in music and art; fine city parks and playgrounds; strong fraternal organizations and service clubs with high ideals and a wholesome social life.

We welcome the Synod to Las Vegas in the belief that we are enjoying a high privilege in being permitted to entertain so distinguished a gathering.

MUNICIPAL POWER REPORT

The report of the Las Vegas Power Board to the City Commissioners which resulted in the abandonment of the movement instituted more than three years ago for the building and operation of a Municipal Power System, showed considerable careful thought on the part of the board.

The larger part of the report was devoted to discussing the necessity of obtaining expert and reliable knowledge before plunging blindly into what might easily become a most disappointing and expensive enterprise—disappointing to those who might hope to see power rates reduced and expensive for the taxpayers who must inevitably pay the costs.

However, what seems to be the controlling feature of the report is the following paragraph:

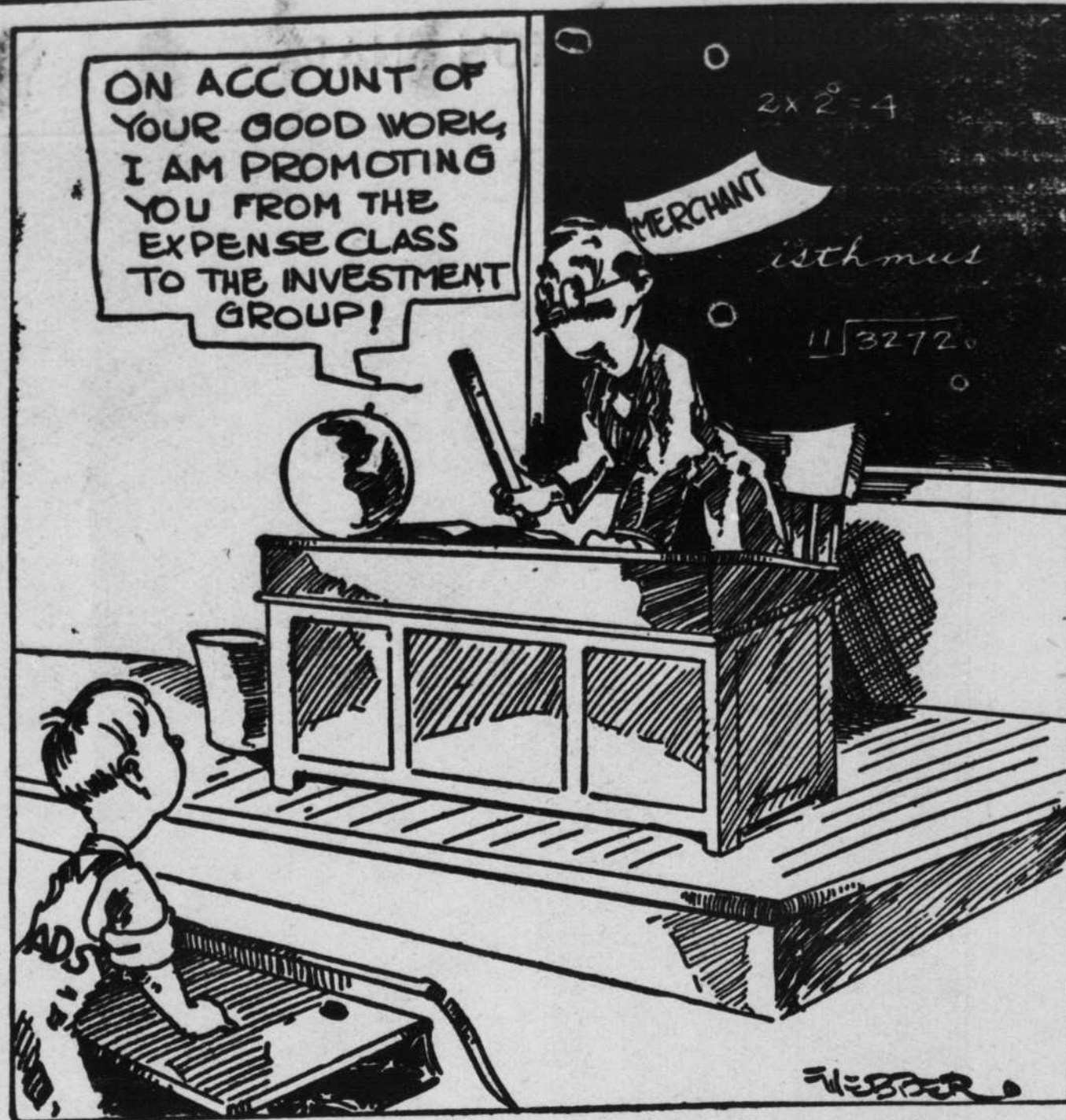
"A very serious phase of this whole matter is the political angle. Can it be kept out of politics? Has it been kept out of politics in like situations?"

"One thing we all agree on is that, if it is possible that a municipal power plant might be made a 'political football', we should drop the whole matter now."

It is obvious that the writers of that report have in mind some of the past history of Las Vegas municipal government, because we all remember times when the controlling political elements sought city offices for the sole purpose of furthering their own private interests.

Observing the scandals which have plagued other municipalities, large and small and remembering some of the sad experiences of our own city, it is readily understandable that a group of sensible business men should be reluctant

A Deserved Promotion



Reverent Honor Of Mother's Day

The meeting of Las Vegas Rotary Club Thursday noon was given over to the celebration of Mother's Day, with Al Cahlan program chairman of the day.

Guests of honor were the mothers and mothers-in-law of Rotarians and included the following:

Mrs. H. P. Marble, introduced by Archie Grant; Mrs. Marion Cahlan and Mrs. W. N. Schuyler, introduced by Al Cahlan; Mrs. Sam Lawson, introduced by Allye Lawson, and Mrs. Luce, introduced by Harvey Luce.

Appropriate music was rendered by the duet composed of Mrs. Marion Earl and Mrs. Roy Whipple, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Eldon Larson.

The address of the day was delivered by Rev. Ford Gilbert, of the First Methodist church, who gave an eloquent and touching tribute to Mothers and an appeal that we alleviate many conditions which make the lives of mothers difficult.

"Christ hung upon the Cross, The Mother of Christ stood at the foot of the Cross," said the speaker in introducing his subject.

"I do not believe in the policy established by Dictators of taking sons away from their mothers at an early age and training them to become soldiers — Dictators' fodder for cannon. I do not believe in conditions which attract mothers to keno parlors and such resorts, to the neglect of their children."

"Rotary and other service organizations have the duty of providing wholesome environment and proper social conditions for the protec-

tion of mothers and their children," said the speaker, concluding with a quotation from the poem;

MOTHER

By Rudyard Kipling

If I were hanged on the highest hill,
Mother o'mine, O mother o'mine!
I know whose love would follow me still
Mother o'mine, O mother o'mine!

If I were drowned in the deepest sea,
Mother o'mine, O mother o'mine!
I know whose tears would come down to me
Mother o'mine, O mother o'mine!

If I were damned of body and soul,
Mother o'mine, O mother o'mine!
I know whose prayers would make me whole
Mother o'mine, O mother o'mine!

To Stage Races On Silver Lake

Placards are displayed in stores, shop and hotel windows, announcing speed-boat races at Silver Lake, next Sunday, May 8th. The lake is located just west of Baker, 70 miles north of Barstow, and about 210 miles north east of Los Angeles.

The races are being held under the auspices of the Baker and Barstow Chambers of Commerce, and will be officially guided by the rules of the Southern California Outboard association.

DICKINSONS IN LOS ANGELES

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Dickerson are spending the week in Los Angeles.

to plunge into municipal ownership of a technical business like distribution of power.

It is hard to forget the fact that, inevitably, political management means political looting. Only once in a while, temporarily, is it otherwise.