

Congressmen on Inspection Trip

Congressmen James G. Scrugham of Nevada and Charles Plumley of Vermont, both members of the appropriations committee of the House of Representatives, arrived in Boulder City and Las Vegas last Friday evening.

They spent Saturday in Las Vegas and on Sunday were guests of Guy Edwards, superintendent of the Boulder Dam-Lake Mead Recreational area of the National Park Service and his boat crew on an all day trip on Lake Mead.

Other guests on the trip were Col. Thomas E. Miller, Ralph Merritt and C. P. Squires.

The start from the boat landing was made shortly after eight o'clock Sunday morning. The day was perfect and the trip provided several hours of enjoyment not often equalled.

Leaving the boat landing, we took a northerly course into the great inlet formed by what was once Vegas Wash. There we saw a great area of jumbled, but colorful "bad lands" cut into a thousand fantastic forms by the centuries of erosion.

Some three miles north of the boat landing Mr. Edwards pointed out to us the area which is being prepared for the permanent "Port of Lake Mead" and bathing beach which will take the place of those now in use at the foot of Hemenway Wash.

The reason for the change, Mr. Edwards explained, is because the rising waters of the lake are gradually restricting the present area and, by next spring, there will not be sufficient room to accommodate the permanent beach, the boat landings and sites for cabins and other necessary appurtenances.

The Lake will rise approximately seventy feet this season, the rise now being at the rate of about two feet per day.

After passing between the great cliffs of Boulder Canyon, the first proposed site of the Dam, some twenty miles above Black Canyon where the dam was finally built, we turned into the vast inland sea where the Virgin River Valley joined with the Colorado.

This is the largest of the several extensive sheets of water composing the lake proper and, when filled, will provide an expanse perhaps fifty miles long and twenty miles wide.

There are some historic places still to be seen on this arm of the lake. For example there is Bitter Springs canyon or wash which a few of us negotiated years ago in going from St. Thomas to Boulder Canyon. Bad Lands Bay is both spectacular and uncanny in its aspects.

One of the most interesting incidents of the trip was the finding of a nest made by blue herons which Mr. Edwards had spotted on a cliff some time ago. We were disappointed to find the nest almost destroyed by the rising waters which were lapping at it, nothing but a disorderly pile of sticks remaining.

A little further on, however, we saw on a rock several feet above the surface of the water, what appeared to be another heron's nest. Approaching the spot we saw some of the great birds circling above it in alarm. We reached the spot

and found a nest perhaps two or three feet in diameter, in perfect condition, with five large, blue eggs in the center.

I imagine there are not many who have ever had the experience of gazing into one of these nests which the blue heron builds on the pinnacles of high and inaccessible cliffs. But in this case the rising waters of the lake had played a cruel joke on the great birds who, ordinarily hide themselves and their nests far from the haunts of man.

Continuing on our voyage we passed the site of the great salt caves from which countless generations of prehistoric peoples mined their salt and in which Dr. Harrington, noted anthropologist, found artifacts and remains of much interest.

Veering toward the west we voyaged over what once were green meadows and pastures of St. Thomas and landed at the spot where the bathing beach is being cleared, at the lake shore end of the proposed extension of the Moapa Valley highway, work on which is already under way.

After stopping briefly at the CCC camp below Overton, and visiting the Overton Museum, those of us who were returning to Las Vegas were picked up and brought home by automobile.

Congressmen Scrugham and Plumley with Col. Miller and others of the party remained over night at Overton, where they were met by H. E. Riddick, chief of the Nevada-California division, soil conservation service; G. E. Quate, chief of the Utah Division; Stuart Moir, assistant conservator; George Hardman of Reno and John Wittwer and Louis Gardella, county agents.

Miscellaneous Shower For Martha Morrison

Miss Martha Morrison who will become the bride of Walter Hunsaker next Sunday was the recipient of a miscellaneous shower given by Miss Ethel Corey at the home of Mrs. Charles Dimock, Wednesday evening. The guests enjoyed themselves making a "bride's book." Refreshments were served at a beautifully appointed table. Many beautiful and useful things were bestowed on the lovely bride-to-be. The guest list included:

Mesdames Charles Dimock, Charles Cooper, Wendell Bunker, Fred Alred, of Santa Barbara, James Sill, Tom Croal, Jr., Bob Moore Tom Pickett, Clyde Wilcox, Clair Wadsworth, Don Weirick, Stanley Hardy, Ralph Walker, Elmer Hampton, Glen Jarrell, and Hubert Harshberger and the Misses Pauline Honrath, Martha Morrison and the hostess, Ethel Corey.

Attending Jubilee

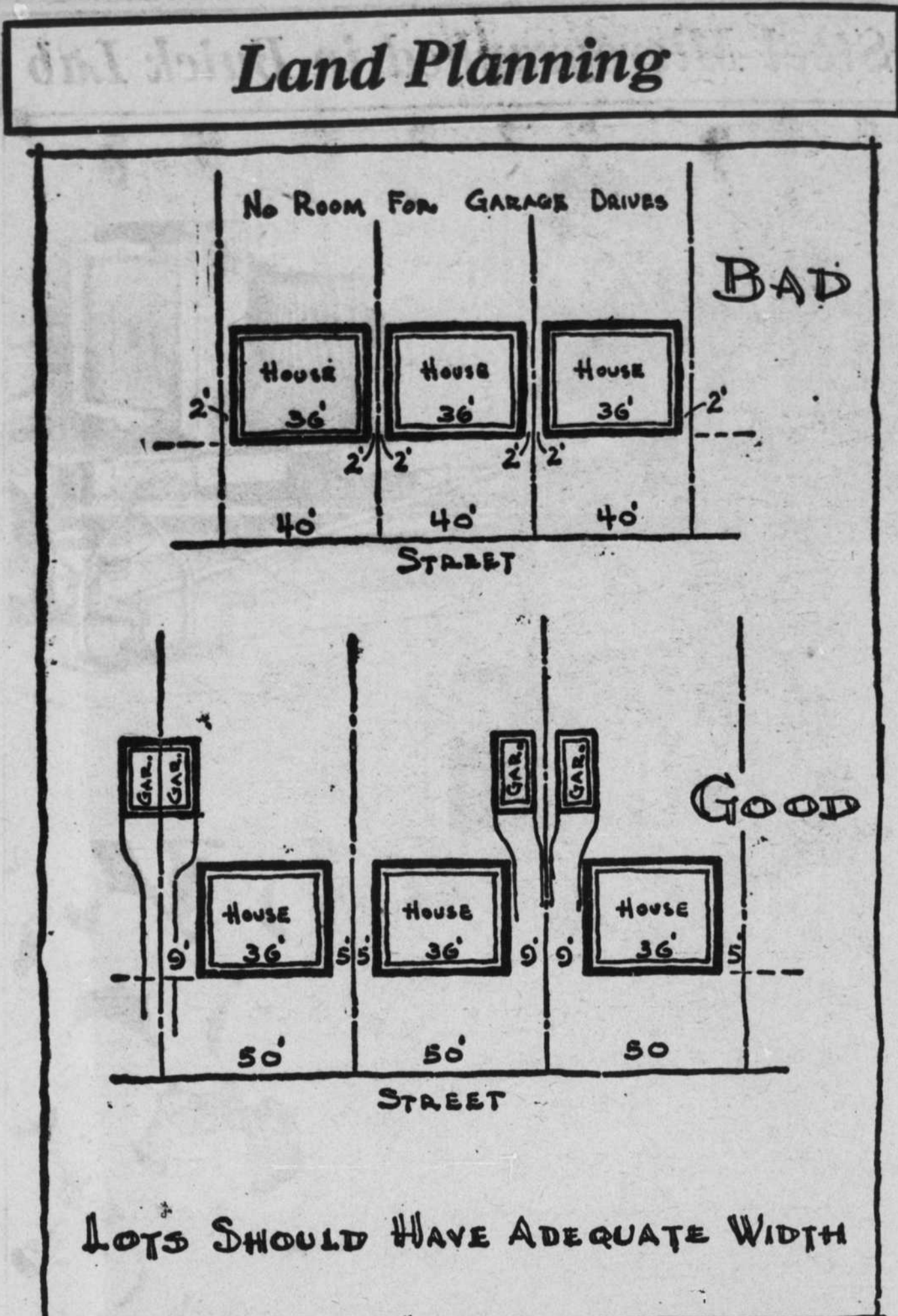
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brizee of Las Vegas left Tuesday for Detroit to attend the diamond jubilee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Entertains With Contract

Mrs. J. T. Watters had as her guests Tuesday, the members of the Community Contract Club.

Hufford Marries

Joe Hufford, assistant district attorney of Clark County and Miss Muriel Carson obtained a marriage license in Reno Monday.



A sufficiently wide lot is necessary to comfort as well as to conformity with sound planning. This is particularly true where the lot has a usable depth that permits the location of a garage at the rear. A minimum driveway of 9 feet should be provided with not less than 5 feet clearance between building line and lot line.

MRS. BECKLEY IN RENO

Mrs. Jake Beckley is leaving Saturday morning for Reno. Her daughter Eunice will return with her.

Squires and little daughter, Charlene, of El Centro, Calif. spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Squires.

RUSSELL SQUIRES HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell

MRS. WILLIAMS IN CAL.

Mrs. Hazel Williams spent a few days of the past week with her mother in San Dumas, Calif.



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