

Rambler Writes Of Death Valley

(By The Rambler)

DEATH VALLEY JUNCTION, Cal., May 16, 1938 — Mr. Andrew Roth, distinguished artist, who spent several weeks at Ryan last year, painting a scene of Death Valley from point several miles below, looking toward Ryan, returned to the district last week. He has been making hotel Amargosa his headquarters, while engaged in making several canvasses of Death Valley scenes. He has just finished a painting — a close up, view of the Natural Bridge and a couple of others. Several of the paintings are now hanging in the hotel dining room and lobby, and are pronounced good by competent critics. Immediately prior to his departure, on Saturday, Mr. Roth finished a view of the Valley for Mrs. Violet Bedwell, State Health Nurse from Bishop.

Mrs. Dorothy Clara Gragen, of Bishop, stopped off for a few hours at Death Valley Junction last Wednesday on her official rounds, as supervisor of Inyo County schools, working under supervision of Mrs. Ida Robinson, county superintendent. Incidentally, Mrs. Gragen made it known that she is a candidate for Inyo county school superintendent, to succeed Mrs. Robinson, in as much as the latter has announced her intention to retire from the office, and not run for re-election.

An exodus of employes from the stores, offices and other industries, hereabout, is now in progress. The Rambler noted the following: Edgar (Shiek) Wagon to Big Trees Lodge, Yosemite; Braunlee Clewett, to Lake Arrowhead; Tommie Trenchgrove, to Catalina Island; Mrs. Lusia Walls will leave early in the coming week, to visit her parents, at Exeter; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Mauer, chef and head-waitress, respectively, left this (Monday morning), for Southern California points, and will likely end up at their avocado ranch, near Oceanside — They went out through the Valley, by way of Stovepipe Wells and Lone Pine.

Jimmie Conlick, a former old-timer in the Death Valley district, was in town on business, last Wednesday. He met a few friends who were connected with Valley interests when he was here, more than 30 years ago. . . . One of these was Mr. W. W. Cahill, who was then connected with the transportation end of the Borax Co., though not then a resident of Death Valley, and who is now Vice-president and Superintendent of the T. & T. railroad. Mr. Conlick, was manager of the general store, at Greenwater, during the boom there. The store was owned and operated by the Charles Schwab interests, who were earnestly prospecting for copper. . . . Mr. Conlick is now traveling representative of the Giant Powder Co., with headquarters in San Francisco.

The RAMBLER just learned a few days ago, of the death recently, of Jack Somers, of Indian Springs.

Mr. Somers came from the east, to Goldfield, during the boom days. He later removed to Bishop, where his wife passed away. He had been a resident at Indian Springs for a period of about 10 years. Mr. Som-

Death Valley Grieves Over Plight of Aged Pioneers

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People all over the Amargosa desert and in the Death Valley district, most of whom knew and loved Dad and Mrs. Celesta Fairbanks, will be grieved to learn of their present sorrow . . . This outstanding pioneer couple, who have braved the ups and downs of desert life, all the way from Fairbanks Springs, (1905) to Beatty, Rhyolite, Greenwater, Shoshone and for the past 20 years at Baker, will be saddened to know that Mrs. Fairbanks now lies in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alex Modine, at Santa Paula, at the point of death . . . Mrs. Fairbanks has been totally blind for some time, the result of glaucoma, a disease which causes permanent hardening of the eyeballs, accompanied by incurable blindness . . . To add to the distress, this lovable gentlewoman of the desert also suffers from approaching gangrene of the feet and legs, which condition also results from the general sclerosis or hardening of the bloodvessels.

To magnify the grief of Dad and other members of the family, it has been suggested that Mrs. Fairbanks' feet be amputated, in order to stem the progress of the approaching gangrene, in an attempt to prolong her life . . . At last report it was stated that while Dad was overwhelmed with grief, and the great responsibility of deciding for or against amputation, he had decided against surgical intervention. May Divine Power guide and strengthen Dad in this decision. The heart of the desert goes out to this pioneer couple, in this, their last great grief on this earth.

ers suffered an attack of pneumonia, and had recovered sufficiently to return home; however, a relapse occurred and he was returned to the hospital at Las Vegas, where he passed away. The remains were layed away in the little

burying ground at Indian Springs.

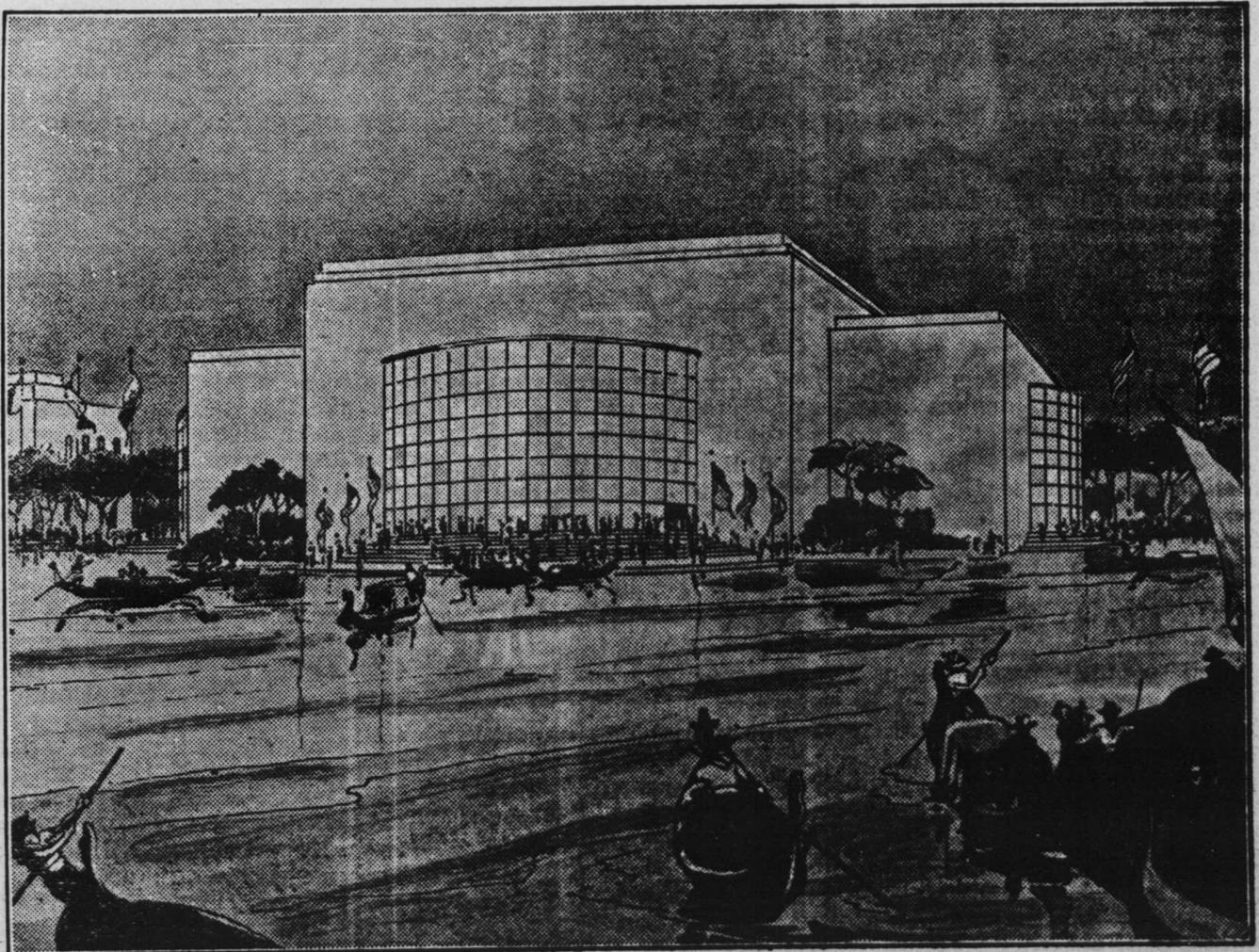
Joe Kapne, of Shoshone was in town last Monday doing some trading. Joe is doing development work on the old Dr. Godshall property—the Noon-Day mine, 8 or 9 miles

Death Valley Boys Play Ball

DEATH VALLEY JUNCTION, Cal. May 16 — The rejuvenated Beatty ball team, under the efficient management of George Greenwood, came down to Death Valley Junction, last Sunday and surprised the locals by holding them to a tie. The game was a see-saw, nip and tuck contest from the beginning, with light hitting, many brilliant plays and several errors. Anyhow, it was thrilling, and we patrons sure got our money's worth. It was fearfully, annoyingly windy and dusty, and at the end of the eighth inning, during an interval between gusts of dirt, when the score could be counted it was found that it stood 4 to 4. Hence, Mickey Devine, umpire called the game, with both sides vowing vengeance at the very next game, which will be played soon. Jack De Arman, southpaw and Larry Blythe—76 inches tall—did the pitching for Death Valley Junction, while Chas. (Heavy) Greene did the receiving.

east of Shoshone. This was formerly a heavy producer of lead-silver ore, but has been dormant for several years. . . . The rails from the old standard gauge railroad spur which formerly extended up to the mine, from the T. & T. road, at Shoshone, were taken up last winter, and shipped out, by a wrecking concern. Also, the old locomotive which had stood for years, on the spur at Shoshone was recently dismantled and junked.

'Pacific House' at '39 Fair on S. F. Bay



Here is the colorful "Pacific House" to be erected at the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition, on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. History, culture and customs of the nations of the Pacific will be dramatized here. The building will rise on the edge of one of the picturesque lagoons on Treasure Island.