

Queer Quirks in Paint History

by Jean Scott



Knowledge of asphalt was lost for centuries.



The famous 'Boston Stone' was once a paint mill.

Professor Piccard learned about color in the stratosphere.



Tom Sawyer's whitewash has gone modern.

The knowledge of the value of asphalt was lost for centuries. The Egyptians knew about it—preserved their kinfolk in asphalt dipped from the Dead Sea. A generation ago asphalt was re-discovered. Now it's obtained mainly from Trinidad. One of its important uses is for roofing.

Around 1700 Thomas Child, Boston painter, imported from England the first paint grinding mill used in this country. After his death the words "Boston Stone—1737" were carved on the mill and it became a famous landmark from which distances were measured.

When Professor Piccard made his first flight into the stratosphere, the

gondola of his balloon was painted black. While the temperature outside was 75° below zero, he suffered from the heat inside, which registered 100° above zero. On his next flight, the gondola was enameled white and the temperature inside the gondola—with conditions in the stratosphere constant—was 72° lower.

Mark Twain's well-loved scene of Tom Sawyer whitewashing Aunt Polly's fence is changeless with the decades, but the type of water paint he used has been transformed. True, old-fashioned whitewash is still used, but there are now myriads of pastel tints and vivid tones of casein and other water paints which are gaining increasing popularity.

McCarran Talks On New Air Law

RENO, Nev. — Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada, sponsor of the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, made the following statement regarding the new air law which was signed by the President last week:

"The new Civil Aeronautics Law will stand among the most important achievements of the Seventy-fifth Congress, inaugurating a new period of air development for increased service to the public and for the maintenance of an adequate air transport reserve essential to the national defense. By creating an independent Federal agency for the regulation of all commercial and private aviation, foreign and domestic, Congress at last has recognized aviation as a full-grown industry and has set up the machinery for its future expansion under a national plan.

"Equally important is the fact that the new law repeals the obsolete and restrictive statutes which have proven a heavy handicap to aviation over the past four years. Artificial restraint against the opening of new routes have left cities without adequate air service and have discouraged investments so that the airlines are making their own way, no longer aided by postal subsidies inasmuch as the air mail service is repaying its cost to the government.

"The authority will have jurisdiction over the construction of airports and air traffic aids, needed

Highway Oiling Contract Is Let

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Paul Carney, Oil Inspector for the Department of Highways will be in charge of 52.03 miles of oiling on the State Highway System in Lincoln and White Pine Counties under a contract awarded to George French, Jr., of Stockton, for \$88,195.70 by the Highway Board of Directors.

Oiling from the end of the present cotton fabric section ten miles north of Reno to Pyramid Lake, in Washoe County, Route 33, a length of 22.50 miles will be done by Isbell Construction Company, Reno, for \$20,551.50.

Oil companies will supply 5,755 tons of oil for the three jobs let. 128,658 gallons of seal coat will be needed for construction purposes and 1,292,304 gallons of roadmix will be used.

both for civilian and military flying. Fair trade and labor practices, as well as rates, will be under public regulation. Of basic significance is the creation of an independent air safety board within the Authority, to insure a maximum of protection to the traveling public and to the air pilots.

"By releasing the aviation industry from restriction and by sending it forward under a national plan, the Civil Aeronautics Act will give a stimulus to aviation which will be a positive force toward economic recovery and will place this country in a position of world leadership in air commerce."

Kiwanians Meet In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO. — An agricultural program for Nevada Kiwanis clubs was planned at the 22nd annual convention of Kiwanis International being held here.

Rural youths in 1938-39 will be assisted financially to carry out farm projects and vocational agriculture will be promoted in high schools. Rural and urban groups will conduct cooperative study of farm problems. Other activities include diversified farming experiments, sponsoring county fairs, promoting pure-bred stock raising and supervising 4-H boys' and girls' activities.

The following are members of the agricultural committee in the California-Nevada district: John L. Ames, Live Oak; R. J. Senior, Sanger; Joel M. Oliver, Los Angeles; Paul Dobson, Exeter; Frank Abernathy, San Jose; Donald M. Smith, Red Bluff, and Inman Bck, Orland.

Citizenship is being endangered because millions of young people are unemployed and live unsocial lives, Kiwanians were warned by Charles I. Henry, of Madisonville, Ky., directing youth work for Kiwanis International. The convention planned increased adult education, instruction in handicrafts, music, drama, literature, painting, etc. Business and professional men, the Y.M.C.A., Boy Scouts and the courts are to be used to create these opportunities for youth.

A boys and girls work committee for the California-Nevada district to promote work is: Leonard Dahlquist, San Jose; Ray Baugh, Monterey; Vivtor K. Meedom, Crescent City; Chester D. Bartlett, Yuba City; Ralph L. Hupp, Willows; Dr. R. W. McCluckey, Sacramento; Walter A. Hornbeck, Red Bluff, and Dr. Jay I. Hopkins, Mountain View.

The Western delegation is in charge of Dr. Fred Ewing, of Oakland, governor of the California-Nevada district. Otto A. Kimball of Las Vegas is Lieutenant-Governor for Nevada.

Shoshone Plans Big Celebration

(By Death Valley Rambler)

Placards are now being displayed in shops and show windows at the Junction, announcing a monster celebration at Shoshone on July 3rd and 4th — that is next Sunday and Monday. An annual desert community celebration and picnic has been an institution, in that district for years past, and it has now become a custom for desert people, far and wide, to cease their labors, and give up a couple of days to meeting and mingling with old friends and neighbors, at that place on Independence Day.

In recent years these annual events have been sponsored by the Death Valley Post No. 542, American Legion, and they are behind the proposition again this year. Leading members of the local post, including Past Commander, James O'Connell, present Commander, W. H. Brown (Brownie), Bill Walsh, and

El Portal

MATINEE 2:30-NIGHTS 7 & 9 P.M.

Program Week of JULY 3rd to 9th

SUNDAY — MONDAY (July 4) TUESDAY
Get the Spirit for El Portal's Big Holiday Show

BOB BURNS
MARTHA RAYE
DOROTHY LAMOUR
RAY MILLAND

— in —
"Tropic Holiday"

Arkansas Bob — Warbling Martha — Lovely Dorothy with her Jungle Sweetheart Ray Milland in a Riot of Fun Below the Rio Grande

— ADDED ATTRACTIONS —
POPEYE CARTOON —Headliner
Popular Science in Technicolor — Latest News of the Day

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

3 Great Stars In The True Confessions of a Second Wife
HERBERT MARSHALL
VIRGINIA BRUCE
MARY ASTOR

— in —
"Woman Against Woman"

— SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS —
2 Reel Musical Comedy
"SNOW GETS IN YOUR EYES"
ROBERT BENCHLEY

— in —
"How To Figure Your Income Tax"
Traveltalk — Latest News

FRIDAY — SATURDAY
2 Days Only

FREDDIE BARTHOLOMEW
MICKEY ROONEY

in a story with the adventure of "Mutiny on the Bounty" and the Heart-Throb of "Capains Courageous"

"LORD JEFF"
Selected Short Subjects

Song Hit —
"Miss Lonely Heart"
Road To Romance
Travelogue
Cartoon — Paramount News

others of Death Valley Junction, spent the evening last Saturday, at Shoshone, making preparations for the event, which, it is said, will be bigger and grander than ever this year.

The placards announce many different kinds of sports contests and amusements, etc. Plenty of refreshments of all kinds, with fire-work displays at night. The celebration, as usual, will be held in what is the nearest thing to a park, or densely wooded area that this part of the desert affords — that is, Mesquite Park, which surrounds on all sides, the Service station and store at Shoshone.