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WHEN LAS VEGAS ADVERTISES

When we advertise the beauties of the country surrounding Las Vegas and the dam, we should not overlook the great state of Arizona.

Within a radius of two hundred miles of Las Vegas will be found some of the real scenic wonders of America. In Arizona the traveling public will find wonders that are found nowhere else in the world — if you are not convinced — just take a week-end trip to Flagstaff, via Kingman.

SEARCHLIGHT HIGHWAY

It now appears that the link of the Four-States Highway between Las Vegas and Searchlight will soon be paved. For the past two years or more Las Vegas has been definitely interested in advancing this much needed highway improvement and we are now assured that the work will be completed in the near future.

Las Vegas as well as the important Searchlight mining district will profit by the new highway. Incidentally that road will be an important link in the great scenic Four States Highway running almost directly north and south through California, Nevada, Idaho and Montana into British Columbia, which will one day be generally known as one of the most splendid scenic routes in America.

THE KIRMAN DRAFT

The attempt by state office holders and leading Democrats of the northern part of the state to "draft" Governor Richard Kirman into being a candidate to succeed himself seems to be ill-advised.

It is recognized by all that Kirman has made a good governor. He has been safe and sane in his official acts and if he should now bend to the demand of his political stalites and accede to their "draft" his prestige and standing before the people of Nevada would be seriously marred.

OBSERVATIONS

By CHARLES P. SQUIRES

NEW TELEPHONE LINE

The forestry service has done much for the Charleston Mountain areas including the building of a telephone line from Las Vegas to Charleston Park. The line has been a valuable addition to the Charleston resort enabling those who go there to keep in touch with civilization if they wish.

Now the Forestry Service is building an extension of the Charleston Park telephone line to Deer Creek and thence to Lee Canyon. The extension will be not only a convenience to those who desire to spend vacations in the mountains, but it will be an important safeguard to the summer residents in case of forest fires and aid in saving much timber from destruction.

We well remember when, in the year 1923, fire raged through the lower portions of the Kyle Canyon area, above which is located Charleston Park, and for several days

until brought under control by the efforts of hundreds of fire fighters hastily taken to the mountains, threatened the destruction of the entire forest areas of Charleston Park, Deer Creek and Lee Canyon.

MOUNTAIN HIGHWAY

The new link of mountain highway from Kyle Canyon to Deer Creek is still under construction but, we are told, nearing such a state of completion that it may soon be opened to travel.

The new road leaves the Charleston Park highway about four miles this side of the resort and keeps an even grade high on the side of the mountain until it reaches the top of the ridge leading to Deer Creek. When the new section is open for travel the most difficult portion of the drive to Deer Creek will be eliminated. The road up through the canyon toward the Deer Creek ridge was steeper than it looks and always with a "tail wind" so that engines were encouraged to heat.

Ranger Anderson of the Forest Service tells me that the department plans to build an entirely new high-

way, following the completion of the Deer Creek section, to continue directly through to Lee Canyon. The present Deer Creek-Lee Canyon road, while it seems quite wonderful to us who knew the mountains long before there was even a dream of a modern highway into them, is not up to modern standards and must be abandoned in favor of an even grade, twenty-foot wide, modern highway.

The completion of these improvements will, it is obvious, give new attractiveness and new values to all the mountain areas of Charleston Park, Deer Creek and Lee Canyon. Nevada is generally looked upon as a barren, desolate desert waste. In reality there are no more wonderful and beautiful scenic spots than in the mountain timbered areas within an hours drive of Las Vegas. Some day the people of this city will rise up and call those blessed who first opened our delightful mountain pine forested areas to public knowledge. And in saying this I am thinking of our old friend, who long since passed over the great divide, Senator E. W. Griffith, who discovered and opened the Charleston Park area about the year 1914.

Motor vehicle accidents cost the people of the United States \$1,700,000,000 in 1937, reports the Automobile Club of Southern California. This estimate, based upon figures compiled by the National Safety Council, takes into consideration wage loss, medical expense and property damage. This huge sum would build 250 ocean liners like the Normandie.

Woodbury Files For The Senate

Dr. Clare W. Woodbury today filed his announcement of candidacy for the position of State Senator. He is opposed by Archie Grant, who filed last week.

Dr. Woodbury has made for himself a distinguished record as a surgeon in the Las Vegas Hospital and has been active in many civic activities, including Las Vegas Rotary Club, Elks Lodge and others.

He long has had the ambition to see a government hospital located near Las Vegas and enters upon his candidacy with that particular end in view.

Convention Holds Visitor Promise

According to information received by Secretary Oliver Goerman of the Chamber of Commerce, September gives promise of being an excellent month for tourist travel to Las Vegas and Boulder Dam.

Among the big groups expected will be one thousand delegates to the Legion Convention at Los Angeles who have made reservations for traveling on the Union Pacific, all of whom will enjoy a stopover here either coming or returning. Officials of the company expect their bookings will be largely increased before the date of the convention, September 19, 20 and 21.

Allen Sees FDR Okay Hilliard

(The following was written exclusively for The Nevada State Journal by Robert S. Allen, probably the highest paid political columnist in the nation. The Washington Merry-Go-Round authored by Allen and Drew Pearson is read by millions of Americans.)

By ROBERT S. ALLEN

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Washington Merry-Go-Round

Nevada was given a rare political treat Wednesday during the president's trip through the state.

At each of his half dozen stops he put up a performance of his technique of indirect campaigning in its fullest flower. Not once did he apparently openly take a hand in the senatorial contest yet at every stop there was a deft rap at Senator Pat McCarran.

For example: At Carlin the president thanked McCarran for presenting him with a mess of fish and then lauded Governor Kirman for the "splendid co-operation he has given us at Washington."

Again at Imlay the president in introducing the party with him on the back platform gestured curtly at McCarran and said "the senator" and then



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turned around and pointedly remarked "And Al Hilliard."

At another stop in Sparks the president again referred cordially to Hilliard with the expression, "Brother Hilliard."

It was an astute and significant show for those who were in the know—and it wasn't for the benefit of McCarran.

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