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ENCOURAGE USE OF POWER

The people of Goodsprings have applied to the Public Service Commission and the Colorado River Commission for permission to establish a power district whereby cheap Boulder Dam power may be made available for the development of the mining properties of the famous Yellow Pine Mining District.

A hearing held today received statements of the various interests there which indicate that the district probably could immediately absorb an amount of power sufficient to justify its creation.

With the obligation to protect the state against unsound enterprises, the commissions have the equally binding obligation of encouraging, by all reasonable and proper means, every move which looks toward the use of Boulder Dam power. Furthermore, it would be far better for the commissions to encourage such efforts even if they should possibly result in occasional failure, than to frown upon one which might, with reasonable encouragement, prove economically feasible.

It is at this time difficult to visualize the far reaching benefits which the extension of power to even one community may bring to the state. Present conditions are, in most cases, no certain indication of what may result. Districts which, under present conditions, find mining slow, costly and unprofitable, may develop vast tonnages of profitable ores if power is available. Ores which have a value of perhaps \$20 per ton, but are unprofitable at present, may lie in the ground without benefit to anybody, whereas, with cheap power made available, ores having an assay value of \$10 per ton or less may return millions to the people of the state.

Therefore we hope that the state authorities will not devote themselves too studiously to seeking reasons why Boulder Dam power should not be made available to communities seeking it, but will visualize in a reasonable way, the vast benefits which may be derived from it.

Observations

By C. P. SQUIRES

LEGION MEMORIAL

Have you noticed the new lawn at the American Legion Memorial building?

The other morning I happened to come to the corner of Fourth and Stewart streets rather early in the morning and witnessed a scene as beautiful as one could wish to see.

It was the new sprinkler system shooting revolving streams of water high in the air to cover the whole expanse of lawns along the Stewart street frontage of the Memorial Building grounds. And the lawn was a bright green glistening expanse which I had not noticed before.

It is amazing how these fine improvements sneak up on us. As I remembered the grounds about the Memorial building were simply an expanse of dusty earth cut by open ditches for the sprinkling system.

Now, from a little distance at least, the really fine and imposing structure stands in a parklike area, a beauty spot in the Las Vegas park system.

Which reminds me that several years ago I visualized some time in the dim future a "Civic Center" for Las Vegas—a group of attractive buildings in a city park. Already we have made an excellent start in that direction with the beautiful Federal building, the Legion Memorial building, the six attractive Boy Scout houses; the race track and grandstand and other things.

A new City Hall on the corner of Fourth and Stewart streets just east of the Federal building, will make the Civic Center nearly complete—a place which we will delight in showing tourists and which the people of Las Vegas will enjoy every day.

By the way, have you noticed how amazingly the trees about which we were so much worried four or five years ago are lifting toward the sky and spreading their grateful shade over the City Park?

A Prediction Of Technocracy

(By A. R. DEAVES)

Commenting on the article, "Business Rise Overdue," from the American Institute of Finance, which states, "The 1929-33 depression was due to a combination of factors not now present," makes one curious to discover if there are any other factors which have caused depressions other than technological displacements of man-hours and hence insufficient purchasing power to maintain industry.

Industry is geared to the rate at which people spend money for consumable goods.

Money is distributed or loaned in a sound economy for goods produced.

The peak of employment was reached in 1918, which employment, with its wages and salaries, bought back the goods produced.

The peak of production was reached in 1929, maintained by installment selling, when 30 per cent of all sales were credit.

Since 1932 governments have attempted to maintain purchasing power by public works, relief, direct and indirect, and armaments increasing the national debt 100 percent.

Now we find that instead of 30 percent, all the sales made in 1937 were 72 percent credit.

There is only one major factor responsible for depressions in a price system (which depressions must occur more frequently), until the complete collapse of the method of distribution by the means of a price.

That factor is technological displacement of man-hours, for labor-saving devices save labor. Technocracy made this statement almost twenty years ago and still maintains it.

Treasure Island Is Magnificent

TREASURE ISLAND, San Francisco Bay, August 16.—Gene Buck, president of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, visiting Treasure Island declared the site of the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition is "the most magnificent stage setting in the world."

Here to confer with Harris Connick, Chief Director of the Exposition, Buck, who has written and produced innumerable musical shows, stated the Exposition had the ideal set-up for producing a show of unparalleled beauty.

"I wonder if San Francisco fully appreciates what it has in Treasure Island," said Buck. "To me it is amazing. The architecture lends itself admirably to the Pageant of the Pacific theme, and the landscaping left me a little breathless."

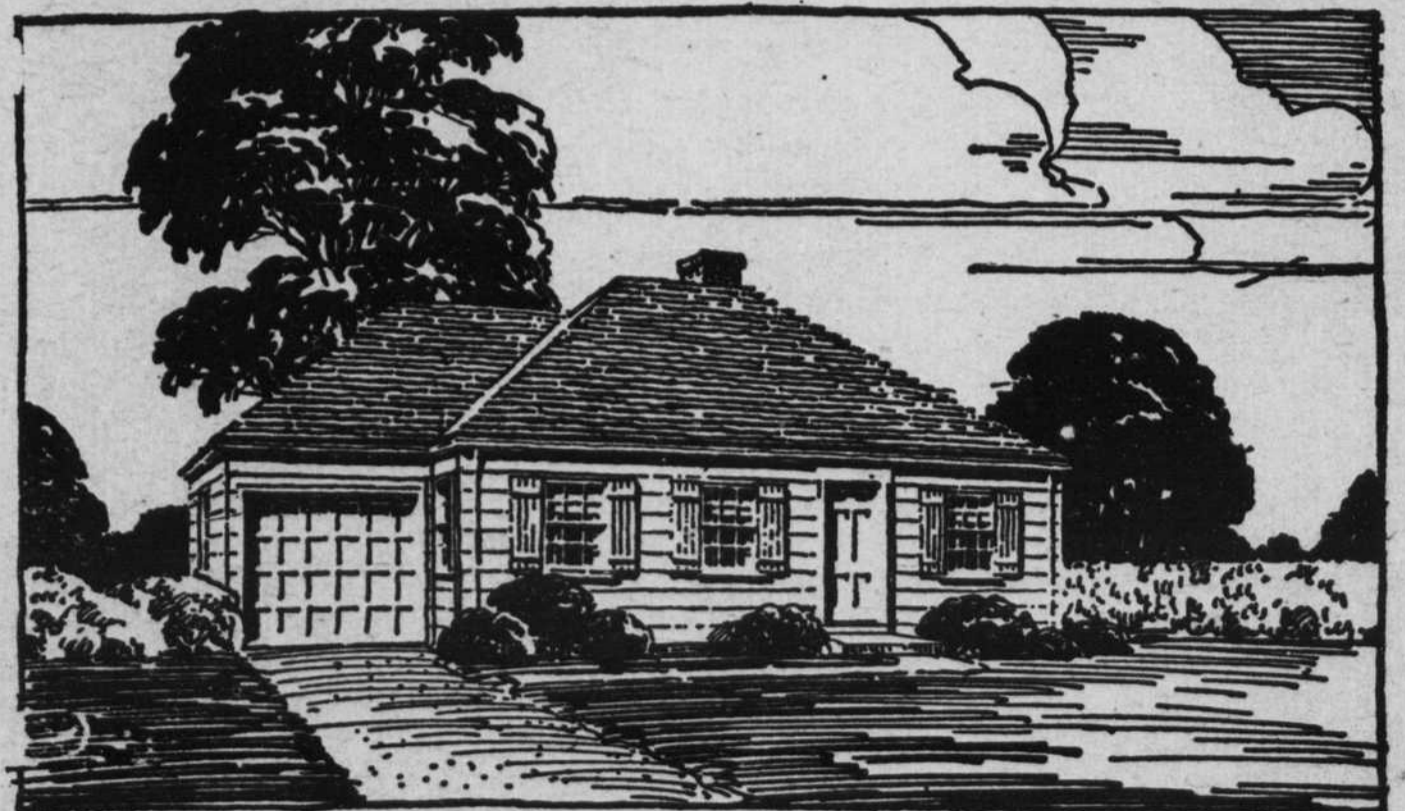
"I am especially interested in the Exposition's plans for music on Treasure Island. Knowing Mr. Connick as I do, I am confident the music will be in keeping with the most magnificent stage setting in the world."

IGNORANCE IS BLISS

A Tennessee mountaineer told a feature-story writer that he had never heard of a railroad train. We understand he is highly envied by a large number of railroad officials. —Washington Post.

According to Dr. George Gallup, Director of the American Institute of Public Opinion, a recent national survey showed that Americans sympathy for England and France is so pronounced that for every voter who would side with Italy and Germany, more than twenty say they would sympathize with England and France.

Complete—Compact



The small house shown in the above illustration is situated in Greenburgh, N. Y. It was appraised at \$5,700 and financed by means of a mortgage of \$4,500 insured by the Federal Housing Administration.

The house shows the result of careful planning in the efficient arrangement of rooms. The bath is accessible from each bedroom without the necessity of passing through any other room. The attached garage is a convenience that has not interfered with the symmetry of the design.

