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Speeding Train Takes Two Lives

Los Angeles Limited Train No. 8, east bound, struck the automobile in which were J. H. Umbaugh and his ten year old daughter, Willa, at 7:37 Thursday morning, killing Mr. Umbaugh instantly and injuring Willa so terribly that she died while being taken to the hospital.

Mr. Umbaugh, as was his usual custom, was bringing Willa from his ranch to Las Vegas grade school. Driving from the ranch toward Las Vegas by way of Charleston Boulevard, neither occupant of the car apparently saw the approaching train although the view of the railroad each way is unobstructed. The train was about two hours late and usually there is no train nearing the crossing at that time.

However, the uncertain and erratic finger of fate retarded the speeding train just enough so that it would reach that particular crossing at a particular second and, at the same time brought the car onto the railroad track just in time to be caught up and crushed by the pilot of the engine.

The whistle of the engine and the bell were both sounding. The fireman, B. V. Smith, from his side of the cab, saw the approaching automobile coming toward the track at a speed of 15 or 20 miles an hour and supposed it was about to stop close to the rails. Seeing that the car made no attempt to stop, Smith called to Mr. Salt, engineer, who immediately set the emergency brakes, but it was impossible for him to avoid the accident.

The car was carried 1147 feet before it struck a switch standard and was knocked loose. The train came to a stop a short distance farther on.

Both the victims were still in the car. It was necessary to break the doors to get them out. Mr. Umbaugh was already dead. The girl lived but a few moments, dying as the ambulance was taking her crushed body to the hospital.

Mr. Umbaugh, jeweler, 225 Fremont street, Las Vegas, was a prominent businessman of the city. He was about 50 years of age, lovable and congenial and had hundreds of close friends who sincerely mourn his untimely death. He was a leader in the Masonic order, a member of the local Shrine Club.

Willa Umbaugh, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Umbaugh, was a member of the 6B class of Las Vegas grammar schools. Her classmates were greatly shocked by the news of her death.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Sunday, at the First Methodist church, with Rev. Ford Gilbert officiating.

Rotarians Hear Noted Speaker

Las Vegas Rotarians had the privilege of hearing John W. Rushton, one of the Twelve Apostles of the Mormon Church and widely traveled and well informed student of international affairs, deliver an interesting and striking address on European conditions at its meeting Thursday noon.

The speaker declared that recent events in Czechoslovakia and the policies of Herr Hitler and Premier Chamberlain lead up to three conclusions:

First—The League of Nations as a power for international peace has waned to the vanishing point.

Second—Great Britain might have held the balance of power in Europe, but through the action of Chamberlain that opportunity has disappeared.

Third—Peace may be maintained by the increase of armaments, especially by Great Britain.

"A dictator must keep on dictating or lose his power," the speaker said. The totalitarian government makes the state supreme. There can be under it no free speech, no free press, no freedom of action by the people. True Democracies must be built on the free exchange of ideas.

"Thousands of miles of ocean separating us from foreign countries do not make us immune to danger. Our safety is not secured by these accidents of location. We cannot be isolationists."

Andy Rafael and Archie Grant were in charge of the program. Next Howell Garrison will present a musical program.

Highway Bids Opened Soon

According to the State Highway department, bids will be opened soon for the construction of the last seventeen miles of the Las Vegas-Searchlight-California state line project. This construction will give a completely paved route from Vegas via Searchlight to Needles and is a link in the north-south highway system.

Bids will also be opened in the near future for the widening of the Salt Lake highway from near Crystal to twelve miles north.

It is estimated that the two projects will cost \$200,000.00 and will give work to over 150 men.

SURE SIGN

A nation has quit growing if it can't provide a living for one group without taking it away from another.—Buffalo News.

County Elections Show Changes

With very few changes expected in the final county and state vote count, Senator Pat McCarran and Congressman James G. Scrugham will represent Nevada in Washington.

Judge E. P. Carville was elected by a large majority over his republican opponent, John A. Fulton. Frank McNamee, republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor made a good race for that office, being defeated by a narrow margin by Maurice J. Sullivan of Reno.

Dick Arnold, Searchlight business man, defeated Archie Grant of Las Vegas for the State Senate by a margin of only 48 votes.

H. E. (Hap) Hazard, Reverend Sloan, Tom Carroll and Berkeley Bunker will represent Clark County in the state legislature for the next term.

In the local county elections only a few incumbent candidates were returned to office.

In the district attorney's race, Roland Wiley sniped under present district attorney Roger Foley.

Marion Earl, Justice of the Peace was given a two-to-one defeat at the hands of George Marshall, local attorney.

Gene Ward, sheriff, gave the democratic nominee one of the most severe defeats in Clark County history. Hardy 2162, Ward 3738.

Harold Stocker candidate for the board of county commissioners was sent into office by a two-to-one lead over Albert Jones. Earl Davison was returned to his seat on the board of commissioners by a similar majority over Dan Jondahl, local painter.

Following are those elected in the state to serve in the senate:

- Clark—L. R. Arnold (D).
- Churchill—Ralph Lattin (R).
- Douglas—William Dressler (R).
- Elko—John E. Robbins (D).
- Esmeralda—Harry M. Devotie R.
- Eureka—H. A. Modarelli (R).
- Humboldt—Forrest F. Bell (D).
- Lander—Noble H. Getchell (R).
- Lincoln—James A. Wadsworth D.
- Lyon—George Parker (D).
- Mineral—John H. Miller (R).
- Nye—Charles F. Wittenberg (D).
- Ormsby—Ira L. Winters (D).
- Pershing—John C. Foster (I).
- Storey—Will Cobb (I).
- Washoe—H. C. Heidtman (R).
- White Pine—R. N. Gibson (I).

Below are those who will comprise the state assembly at the next session:

- Clark—Berkeley L. Bunker, (D), Thomas M. Carroll (D), H. E. Hazard (D), C. H. Sloan (D).
- Churchill—Mrs. A. D. Drumm (D), Claude Smith (D).

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Armistice Day Duly Celebrated

Las Vegas celebrated the 20th anniversary of that first memorable Armistice day with an imposing parade of some two thousand school children, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Bands and other civic organizations.

The streets were gay with flags and in spite of the chilly breeze which unexpectedly came roaring out of the northwest, Fremont street was lined with enthusiastic spectators.

The school children for the most part bore banners advocating peace. Most of them were uniformed and carried flags giving us the impression that perhaps the patriotic spirit is not yet dead. A band of 30 or 40 grade school children dressed as Indians with painted faces, with blankets and head-feathers and carrying tommyhawks and bows and arrows in a menacing manner, were preceded by a banner, "BRAVES WANT PEACE."

The Moapa Valley school band in their striking green uniforms were a feature of the parade.

Following the parade patriotic exercises were held at the War Memorial Auditorium.

Vegas Trounces Provo Eleven

The Provo High School football squad came to Las Vegas Friday to give the local team a good going over. The Utah school, after playing before a good sized crowd, went home on the short end of a 60 to 0 score.

The Provo squad, speaking mildly, were simply just outclassed. The greater part of the time they had no idea where the ball was. For Vegas it was a case of receiving the ball and then a sixty or eighty yard romp for a touchdown.

The game was anything but an interesting one.

OLD TIME RESIDENT

VISITS LAS VEGAS

Mrs. C. E. Redmond and her mother, Mrs. Fields, of Sacramento Calif. spent Thursday in Las Vegas. Mrs. Redmond will be pleasantly remembered by our old-time residents. Her husband was general manager of the old Las Vegas and Tonopah railroad. The family left Las Vegas more than 20 years ago, and Mrs. Redmond sees great changes in our city.

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