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Christmas Fund Short of Money

Tom Connolly, chairman of the finance committee for the Community Christmas fund, reports that contributions are not coming in satisfactorily, there being but \$375 in the fund, while the requirements amount to \$1300.

Mr. Connolly urges that all organizations send in their contributions at once and that the general public contribute liberally so that all the needy people, especially the children, may be provided with some measure of a "Merry Christmas."

There is more need for an ample Christmas fund this year than ever before, Mr. Connolly stated. Without generous help there will be many cases of bitter want and disappointment in Las Vegas on this Christmas day.

Boat Building Plant Planned

Mr. M. O. C. Hull, president of Hull-Kaymo company, a boat manufacturing concern, announced at Tuesday's meeting of Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce that his company would shortly engage in the building of boats in this city.

The plant to be installed will have a capacity to turn out about 100 boats a year, the principal types being the 15-foot silent electric fishing boats; the 21-foot power runabouts, and the 25-foot cabin cruisers. Other models up to 60 feet in length will also be built to order, Mr. Hull stated.

At the Chamber of Commerce meeting Mr. Hull stated that boats built in a climate with a high percentage of humidity will often shrink on being brought to this arid climate and that it would be a decided advantage to build boats of woods seasoned in this desert region.

In discussing the boat-building enterprise, Mr. Hull stated that one organization greatly needed in this section is a yacht club. He said, in part:

"Your lake is the greatest asset in this region. It will attract more people than any other thing in this region.

"A yacht club is a necessity. There already are 100 privately-owned boats on the lake. The club will have not alone resident members. There will be more non-resident members than residents and more non-boat owners than owners."

CHARLES M. OWEN CALLED BY DEATH

Death quietly summoned Charles Mostyn Owen, beloved "Father of the Roses," alone at his home last Friday morning, and the kindly old gentleman reached out, took the proffered hand, and cheerfully walked over the Great Divide into a land where roses for him will ever bloom.

Harry Miller, assistant chief of police, who enjoyed the privilege of being the most intimate friend of the rose rancher, accompanied by Policeman George Thompson, stopped at the Owen home Friday morning to see how Mr. Owen, who had been ill for some days, was getting along. Receiving on answer to their raps, the two men entered the house and found Mr. Owen dead.

Charles Mostyn Owen, son of a retired British army officer, was born in Oxford, England, and was educated at famous Oxford university. Being of an adventurous disposition, he left home when about twenty years of age and came to America to live.

As an engineer he became interested in railroad building in the West, and later went into newspaper work at Salt Lake City. There he engaged in bitter controversies over religious and other questions and became widely known as a writer.

Following the death of his wife Mr. Owen came to Las Vegas and

bought land on the Salt Lake highway, where he established his home and engaged in the growing of flowers, naming the place "Armagosa Rose Ranch." Many varieties of flowers were planted and cared for by his kindly hands, his roses and tulips being especially fine. He gave away his treasures by the armful and rarely accepted pay from his friends.

For the past several years Mr. Owen was physically unable to carry on the work of the Rose Ranch and was compelled to allow it to revert to unsightly disorder.

Mr. Owen was always of a sociable disposition and enjoyed nothing more than recounting his experiences to a friend. His stories were always full of interest and he was often the center of a group of interested tourists at the Las Vegas hotels he frequented.

Mr. Owen was formerly a member of the Salt Lake City Masonic lodge. A short time ago he visited his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mikkelsen, and left with them the address of his surviving sister, Mrs. W. D. Gamien, who still resides in Oxford, and also left other instructions to be followed in case of his death.

Funeral services were held at the Palm Funeral home at 2:30 Monday afternoon. In accordance with his expressed wishes, interment was

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Gore Chancellor Pythian Knights

William E. Gore, to whose efforts is largely due the re-establishment in Las Vegas of a lodge of Knights of Pythias, was elected to head the local branch of the order as chancellor commander, at the meeting Monday evening.

Other officers elected include: R. G. Lewis, vice-chancellor; Harold Parsons, prelate; Harry Austin, master of works; Claude Sleeper, master of arms; C. D. Baker, master of exchequer; William C. Dumke, master of finance; G. Orton, keeper of records and seal; H. M. Snell, inner guard; R. P. Mathews, outer guard; J. W. Douglas and F. M. Doolittle, trustees.

Initiation of officers will be on January 2.

Two candidates, Clement A. Malone and Henry A. Harris, both of Boulder City, were advanced to the degree of Knight by the lodge degree team.

Past Matrons Preside at O.E.S.

The Past Matrons, O.E.S., were very much in evidence at the meeting of Southgate chapter last Monday evening as they occupied the chairs at the opening and closing of the chapter. Worthy Matron Vilma Van Eaton presided during the business session.

Fitzgerald Now Is Royal Arch Head

At the election held by the Royal Arch Masons at their meeting last week William E. Fitzgerald was named high priest. The other officers chosen were K. O. Knudson, king; H. C. Garrison, scribe; G. S. Day, treasurer, and S. C. Scott, secretary.

The new officers were installed Thursday night, December 15, at the Masonic Temple.

Rotarians Hear Harris Speak

Herb Harris, who was president of the old Second District of Rotary for the year 1928-1929, gave an interesting talk at Las Vegas Rotary club Thursday noon.

The speaker declared that he still carries with him delightful memories of his visit to the club in 1928 when he was taken on a visit to the Colorado river where then nothing except some preliminary engineering work had been done, and that Wednesday he had again visited the dam and was amazed at the wonderful works of men's hands.

Since that time, the speaker said, he has talked to Rotarians in many states and many foreign countries. Calling to mind the Rotary ideals of service and its efforts to promote international peace, Mr. Harris said:

"The world today is facing a tremendous crisis—the greatest crisis perhaps in all history, not excepting

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W.A.E. Officials Talk Problems

Alvin Adams, president of Western Air Express, and Tom Wolfe, vice-president and manager of traffic and public relations for the company, were guests at the meeting of Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Tuesday.

Mr. Wolfe, speaking briefly, said that he heartily seconds Mr. Hull's suggestion that a yacht club be formed here. He congratulated President Bob Griffith of the Chamber and Mayor H. P. Marble on the fine cooperation they have given Western Air Express.

President Alvin Adams said:

"I do deeply appreciate the courtesy of Las Vegas in battling for Western Air Express."

Later in the afternoon the two officials met with a group of Las Vegas business men to discuss current problems, including that of establishing an adequate municipal airport for Las Vegas. The matter of retaining an air terminal near Las Vegas instead of having all air traffic concentrated at the Boulder City airport as is threatened also came in for serious consideration.

Among those who met with the W.A.E. officials were Bob Griffith, Bob Kaltenborn, Mayor H. P. Marble, A. E. Cahlan, James Cashman, County Commissioner George Hanson, County Commissioner - Elect Harold Stocker, and C. P. Squires.