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WINNER SPORTS ON THE DESERT

The rapidly increasing interest in skiing has turned the thoughts of Las Vegas people to their own winter playground in the Charleston Mountain areas.

It used to be we had no use for the coolness of our mountain forests except during the summer months. Now we find that the rolling hills and steep slopes of the pine forested areas provide wonderful winter sports when clothed with their mantle of spotless white.

It is only 30 minutes from the balmy sunshine of the brush covered desert about Las Vegas to the majesty of pine forested areas covered with snow. And, we are just learning, those who have ever had any experience in skiing go practically batty over the delights of Charleston mountain snow sports.

Las Vegas has a wide variety of attractions equalled by but few spots on the face of the earth and, I am convinced, this skiing craze which is building a great winter resort at Sun Valley, Idaho, will, in time, do the same here.

Snow and ice and skiing on one side; boating, swimming and fishing on the other with some of the most striking scenery on earth scattered about promiscuously, will attract plenty of pleasure loving people to this section.

This skiing, which a very short time ago was considered as merely a passing fad of little importance, promises to become one of our substantial assets.

"BONANZA INN"

I have been reading a book published in 1939, the name of which is "Bonanza Inn." It is written by Oscar Lewis and Carroll D. Hall, and is a rather detailed history of the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, which they call "America's First Luxury Hotel."

The book has given me much pleasure since I have been familiar with the Palace since soon after I first came to California in 1887, nearly 20 years before it was destroyed by earthquake and fire in 1906, having stopped there on numerous occasions.

The old Palace had an air of distinction which modern hotels do not generally succeed in achieving. Its Grand Court into which my "cab" took me (there were no taxis in those days), when I first went there after coming by the old steamer, was not only grand but architecturally beautiful. The lobby drove through the grand entrance on Montgomery street into the court and around the circle, stopping his horse in front of the desk. It was a strutting and unusual way to enter your hotel.

The book gives sketches of many of the great of previous generations who stopped at the Palace and a vivid account of the destruction of the old hotel. What to me was the most interesting and dramatic chapter of the book was that giving a detailed account of the life and adventures of Sarah Althea Hill, whose contract marriage to Senator Sharon, owner of the Palace, brought on what was probably the most bitter litigation and the most intense hatreds ever known in California. Her second marriage to Judge David S. Terry, who had been her attorney in her suits against Sharon, was ended when he was shot and killed in an eating house at Lathrop, Calif., by a body guard of Justice Stephen J. Field of the United States court, who had rendered a decision unfavorable to Sarah Althea.

Most of the things related in the book were events occurring after I came to California and were topics of almost world-wide interest. Those of you who have memories of some of those events will get a thrill by reading "Bonanza Inn."

MESQUITE CLUB

The Mesquite club members enjoyed a very pleasant session Friday. After the dessert luncheon, the proceeds of which went to the Student Loan Fund, the treasurer read her report which was most encouraging, as the mortgage has been paid in full and the property clear. The Girls' Glee club of the high school rendered three numbers under the direction of Professor Johnson which were loudly applauded. The Misses Betty Porter, Dorothy Belcher and Jeanne Smith gave readings which showed great dramatic ability on the part of each of the participants.

LUNCHEON HOSTESSES AT 9 CLUB

Mrs. R. J. Stevens, Mrs. Arden Lusch, Mrs. Lou Woltshiek and Mrs. Hale B. Slavin will be joint hostesses at a bridge luncheon at the 91 Club this afternoon to a number of their friends.

Program for Four-States Highway Meet Which Opened Last Night

The following program has been arranged for the Four-States Highway convention, delegates to which are expected to arrive in Las Vegas Friday, January 12:

Friday afternoon—Registration of delegates at Elks' Home.

Friday evening—Tour of the "Bright Lights" of Las Vegas. Saturday, at 10 a.m.—Board of directors meeting at Elks' Home.

Saturday, 1 p.m.—Luncheon, Elks' Home. Saturday, 2:30 p.m.—Business session and special entertainment for visiting ladies, including trip to Charleston Park and Refreshments. The ladies' entertainment is in charge of Miss Maude Frazier, chairman of the committee.

Saturday, 7 p.m.—Dinner (informal) at the 91 Club. Sunday, 9:30 a.m.—Caravan forms at Elks' Home for trip to Boulder City, Boulder Dam and Lake Mead.

Senator McCarran Principal Speaker At New Orleans

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 6, 1940. — (Special) — Senator Pat McCarran has been selected to deliver the principal address at the National Aeronautic Association convention in New Orleans on Friday, January 12, according to an announcement made today. The organization, which numbers among its 17,000 members the leaders in aeronautics throughout the country, will be host to aviation's elite for three days in the Southern city. Senator McCarran, who has been a member of the Association for four years, serving as Governor of the organization for Nevada, was elected several months ago as an honorary patriotic member and national governor of the group. The honor was conferred upon McCarran, according to Capt. Eddie Rickensacker, Chairman of the N.A.A.'s membership committee, "in recognition of his great service to aviation in the drafting and enactment of the McCarran Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938."

The McCarran Bill provided for the creation of an independent aviation commission which includes a five-man aviation authority, an administrator of civil aviation, and a safety board of three. It functions for the air lines as the Interstate Commerce Commission acts for the railroads, having the power to set and equalize air mail routes, to determine all matters of aviation policy, to guide the development of the air lines, and to provide whatever subsidies is necessary to keep those operating which are found to be of public interest.

Recognized as Dean of Aviation in Congress, Senator McCarran continued during the 76th Congress as sponsor of key measures for civil aviation programs. His bill authorizing the training of civil aircraft pilots, which is now in force, has been called by those prominent in aeronautics the most important piece of aviation legislation since the Civil Aeronautics Act. At the present time some 10,000 civilian pilots are being trained in colleges and universities throughout the country under the provisions of the McCarran bill. According to Washington press commentators, the measure will have two important results as it will not only encourage and stabilize American aviation, but it will provide a means by which the United States could better defend itself in time of war by having in readiness a pool of trained pilots.

Groups other than the N.A.A. by which the Senator has been honored, include the historic society of CONQUISTADORES DEL CIELO, The Airline Pilots Association, and National Aviation Forum. Then Senator's air transport legislation was the subject of a volume recently published by Charles S. Rhyne, expert in aviation law.

Walter Bracken Is Doing Nicely

Walter R. Bracken, who underwent an operation at Good Samaritan Hospital, Los Angeles, Wednesday, is doing well, according to word sent to friends in this city. He is still suffering from the effects of the operation and unable to see visitors, but the physicians report him as doing as well as could be expected.

REX BELLS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Bell have returned from Rochester, Minnesota, where Mrs. Bell received treatment at the Mayo Clinic. They left for their ranch near Searchlight, where Mrs. Bell will take a long rest to regain her health.

ARTIE HAM BACK TO U. OF N.

Artie Ham, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ham, left for Reno Sunday to resume his studies at the University of Nevada.

Installation of Eastern Star Officers Held

Southgate Chapter, O.E.S. held their annual installation Monday evening at the Masonic temple. Mrs. Alice Day, retiring worthy matron, installed the officers chosen to serve the chapter for the coming year, with Velma Van Eaton assisting as marshal and Maydel Pistole at the piano.

The following officers will guide the chapter through 1940: Tilla Cronick, worthy matron; Barney Zigtema, worthy patron; Violet Tracht, associate matron; Fred Neilson, associate patron; Viola Fitzgerald, conductress; Gladys McAllister, associate conductress; Eva Gibson, secretary; Sarah Bremner, treasurer; Virginia Vance, chaplain; Alice Day, marshal; Carol Melton, organist; Helen Fitzgerald, Adah; Ora Pritchard, Ruth; Dorothy Thompson, Esther; Betty Oglesby; Martha; Gertrude Garrison, Electa; Rena Zigtema, warder, and Esther Stackhouse, sentinel.

Mrs. Day, the retiring matron, with a few well chosen words, toasted the incoming matron, Mrs. Eva Gibson, past grand matron, present matron. Mrs. Day with her past matron's jewel, Mrs. Cronick, the newly installed matron, was presented with a beautiful gavel by her little daughter. The gavel was made by her brother and her husband, Charles Cronick, who passed away a month ago, had the O.E.S. insignia and a suitable inscription placed upon it. During the installation of the star points Mrs. Ruby White sang "Beautiful Eastern Star" very effectively. Geo. O. Day was elected as trustee.

After the close of the meeting a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served in the banquet hall. A large number of members from Desert Chapter No. 22, Boulder City, were present.

Rotarians Hear Musical Program

Las Vegas Rotarians heard a program of excellent music Thursday, when E. E. Stidham of San Bernardino, trust officer and auditor of Pioneer Title Insurance & Trust Company, sang a group of selections, accompanied by Mrs. Witt Olive. Mr. Stidham was in excellent voice and was received with the favor which always is given him when he appears in Las Vegas. The program included:

"The Builder," by Charles Wakefield Cadman. (As a preliminary to the song Mr. Stidham gave a little insight on the composer who has devoted practically all his large income in assisting young musicians.)

"Hills of Home," by Oscar Fox.

"Lord Chancellor's Dream," from Gilbert and Sullivan's light opera, "Iolanthe." (Mr. Stidham declared this number to be a realistic enactment of a nightmare.)

"On the Road to Mandalay," "Captain Stratton's Fancy" and "South of the Border" completed the program.

Death of Mrs. Ely Saddens Cities

Mrs. Sims Ely of Boulder City died shortly after midnight last Sunday morning, after a comparatively short illness. Her passing brought a pang of sorrow to the people of both Las Vegas and Boulder City, where her lovable disposition and cheery companionship had made for her many close friends.

Funeral services were held at Grace Community Church in Boulder City at 9:30 Tuesday morning. Rev. H. H. Eymann reading the Scripture service. The remains were then conveyed by train to Phoenix, where the final services were held and interment made in Greenwood Park Memorial.

Mrs. Ely is survived by her husband, Sims Ely, manager for the Bureau of Reclamation of Boulder City; two sons, Northcutt Ely, of Washington, D. C., and Sims Ely, Jr., of Phoenix, and one daughter, Mrs. H. C. Richardson of Cleveland, Ohio, all of whom arrived in time for the services.

The entire business section of Boulder City was closed Tuesday morning to honor the memory of Mrs. Ely and the church was packed to the limit with sorrowing friends from both Boulder City and Las Vegas. The floral tributes were most profuse and beautiful, a fitting testimonial of the love in which she was held.

Mr. and Mrs. Ely came to Boulder City when he was appointed city manager in the year 1931. Mrs. Ely, except for a time when she was in ill health, was active in the social life of Boulder City. She was a sweet, gentle and kindly woman, whose memory will long remain with those who were so fortunate as to know her.

SAM DARLING IN TOWN

Sam Darling, pioneer resident of Clark county and formerly a member of the Clark county board of County Commissioners, is spending several days in Las Vegas.

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Rotarians Coming In Special Train

Southern California Rotarians are planning to charter a special train to bring several hundred to Las Vegas for the Rotarian District Convention April 14, 15 and 16, according to President Archie Grant, who attended the conference of Rotary presidents and secretaries in Los Angeles.

President Otto Nelson of the 107th District of Rotary in which Las Vegas and Boulder City are situated, will be in Las Vegas next Tuesday, January 16, to confer with local Rotary officials on convention program and arrangements. A dinner at which President Otto will meet with the officers and committee chairmen will be held at the Marine Room of the Apache Hotel at 6:30 Tuesday evening next.

At noon, Wednesday next, a joint meeting of Boulder City and Las Vegas Rotarians will be held at Boulder City with Governor Otto as guest. President Archie Grant reports that he found a great deal of interest in and about Los Angeles in the coming convention in Las Vegas. "All the clubs in the metropolitan district are looking forward to getting out of the city for this year's ting out of the city for this year's convention," said Mr. Grant.

County Reports \$18,000 Savings

The county commissioners of Clark county, in their annual report, show substantial savings during 1939 as compared with the year before. Four departments of the county government are credited with the savings; the road department with a saving of \$8,000; the relief and indigent fund, \$9,000; and the county hospital, \$1,000.

Chairman George Hanson of the board states that the hospital saving will be more than \$1,000 reported. The cost of the hospital increased \$4,000 during the year, but to offset this more than \$5,000 was collected from patients and there is approximately \$4,000 still due from patients, part of which at least is collectable. Along with the savings in hospital operation the commissioners state that they provided better food and greater variety because of having adopted the policy of buying supplies at wholesale.

FILM ACTRESS WEDS HERE

Thursday, January 11th, Lya Lys, Viennese motion picture actress of Hollywood, became the bride of John Gunnerson of Chicago. The ceremony was performed by District Judge Roger Foley in the Clark county court house. Deputy Clerk Sonya Worthy and Sherwin Garside of the Review-Journal acted as witnesses.

SECOND-HAND STORE ENRIEFD

Prowlers entered the Little Second-Hand Store on Second street Saturday night. The store was entered by severing the lock with wire snippers, but nothing was taken but the cash in the safe.

Ski Carnival Is Set for February 24-25

A tentative date for the annual Winter Sports Carnival was set for February 24 and 25 last night in the first meeting of the Desert Alps Ski Club. This event is also sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Officers named to serve for the coming year were Richard Ronzone, president; Charles Doherty, vice president; and Harold Kramer, secretary-treasurer.

A committee consisting of Ronzone, Doherty and John Cahlan were designated to study the annual event and contact outside skiers to participate in the meet. Present plans call for a two-day meet consisting of the cross country race on Saturday, with the downhill and slalom racing and exhibition jumping on Sunday.

Novel events, including the woman's snow shoe race have also been tentatively scheduled.

Plans were also made for a membership drive to get money to finance the annual event. Season membership tickets will be on sale, and an attempt will be made to interest high school students in the club with special student rates.

The next meeting will be held at Charleston Park Sunday, February 28, at which time moving pictures of skiing will be shown, a fashion parade of latest ski toggery and equipment will be given; and the fundamental turns in skiing will be demonstrated, along with a short talk on ski courtesy on the practice hills. The general public is invited.

Asking Railroad To Delay Trains

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is asking other civic organizations of this city to cooperate with it in the movement to have the Union Pacific trains west bound in the evening, remain in Las Vegas at least one and one-half hours before proceeding on toward Los Angeles, according to Bob Woodruff, who appeared before the Rotary Club Thursday noon.

The Los Angeles Limited and the Challenger are both compelled to kill time on the way to keep from arriving in Los Angeles at too early an hour, it is declared. To allow the trains to remain in Las Vegas instead of loafing along the way, would give passengers time to take a little walk, see a little of the night life of Las Vegas and add much to the attractiveness of a trip on these trains.

\$35,000 Building Project Advances

What will, when completed, represent the expenditure of approximately \$35,000, is the building program undertaken by Mrs. Mayme V. Stocker, at the corner of Twelfth and Fremont streets.

The building permit for \$25,000 was taken out the latter part of 1939 and represents the largest during the year 1939 except for the new Union Pacific depot.

The name of the new enterprise is "The Chief Autel." It will consist of 21 units for the accommodation of guests, built in U shape, with the necessary office and administration building. The whole construction is the result of careful planning and will provide for the most modern of equipment with all conveniences found in a first-class hotel, including electrical heating and cooling systems.

Fittings and furnishings will be new and modern in all respects and designed for beauty as well as for comfort and utility. The new enterprise shows in a striking way the faith which our substantial citizens have in the future of Las Vegas. Mrs. Stocker has been a resident of Las Vegas for 30 years and her ample investments here by herself and family are typical of the constant growth the city has made.

DINNER DANCE AT 91 CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Boggs entertained with a dinner dance at the 91 Club Thursday evening. The following guests enjoying the evening were Messrs. and Mesdames Jake Beckley, Will Beckley, T. W. French, J. A. Fleming, Sam J. Lawson, W. E. Ferron, C. S. Wengert, H. P. Marble, R. R. Russell and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Boggs.

Garrison Heads The Shrine Club

At the annual meeting of the Boulder-Vegas Shrine Club held at the Green Shack Thursday evening, Howell Garrison was elected president of the club. Dr. J. R. McDaniel was made vice president and Claud Haff secretary-treasurer.

Heads of committees will be announced by President Garrison at an early date.

The Shriners enjoyed an excellent dinner and floor show before leaving for home.

Annual Election Chamber Officers On Next Tuesday

The annual election of officers of the Chamber of Commerce will be held next Tuesday, January 16, at the Chamber of Commerce office. The ballot box will be open until 2:30 and the board of directors will act as an election board in opening and counting the ballots. Ballots may be cast in person or mailed to the secretary. Ballots sent by mail should have the name of the voter written across one end of the envelope in such a manner that the name may be torn off without injuring the ballot.

Since no nominations other than those made by the nominating committee have been received up to January 6, there are no contests and the following will be the officers elected to serve the coming year:

R. J. Kaltenborn, president; Otto Underhill, first vice president; K. O. Knudson, second vice president; A. H. Harrington, treasurer, with the following directors:

Laws and legislation, A. S. Henderson; Commerce, James Down; business and living conditions, Harvey Luce; manufacturing and industrial relations, Lloyd Tritle; real estate, James A. Fleming; aviation, R. B. Griffith.

Entertainment and housing, Cliff Jones; publicity, Murray Wollman; hotels, R. R. Russell; transportation, James Cashman; Mines and mining, C. D. Baker; federal, state and municipal affairs, Marion B. Earl; agriculture and horticulture, John Wittwer.

Audit and Finance, Dave Farnsworth; streets and highways, K. O. Cahlan; membership, E. W. Allen; banking, C. S. Wengert; reclamation and power, A. C. Grant.

National parks and monuments, A. L. Riddle; education, Miss Maude Frazier; public morals, R. O. Gibson; fish and game, Rev. Chas. H. Sloan; archaeology and history, Hayward Milligan.

Four Accidents Over Week-End

Four automobile accidents last week sent several people to the Las Vegas Hospital.

Mrs. Leonard Hughes of Mesquite was a passenger in the car of W. O. Abbott and wife of Mesquite when the Abbott car skidded on the wet pavement on highway 91 near Crystal when Abbott tried to avoid hitting some cows which were crossing the highway. Mrs. Hughes received a fractured spine and Mrs. Abbott was severely bruised. Both are patients at the Las Vegas Hospital. Mr. Abbott, his father, Wm. E. Abbott, 79 years old, Floyd, his son, and his brother, Deloy Abbott, all of Mesquite, did not require hospitalization.

Mrs. C. Stewart of Nampa, Idaho, skidded on the wet pavement near Jean, Nevada, on highway 91 about 9:30 Sunday morning and turned over three times, sustaining a fracture of her back. She is receiving treatment at the Las Vegas Hospital. Mrs. E. W. Rising, also of Nampa, who was riding in the coupe with Mrs. Stewart, received contusions and a sprain of her neck.

Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Herzog of San Rafael, California, at the scene of the Stewart accident, side-swiped a parked truck, ripped off the right side of the machine but escaped uninjured.

Another accident occurred between Midway and Whitney when C. B. McClelland of Kingman, Arizona, skidded into a ditch and landed upright. He received treatment for cuts about the face at the Las Vegas Hospital.

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EARLY MORNING FIRE DOES LITTLE DAMAGE

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker, 410 1/2 South Fifth street, narrowly escaped being destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. The occupants, Mrs. Walker, her baby and Lorraine Gagnebin, were awakened by smoke and hastily fled. The fire department was at the scene in short order and found the fire had started from a leaky oil line which had deposited a pool of oil on a floor near the hot stove. Most of the damage to the home was from smoke.

RADIO EXPERTS SUBMIT REPORTS ON ELIMINATION OF RADIO INTERFERENCE

Allen Foote, radio engineer licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, has made a rather detailed study of radio interference in Las Vegas and has made public a report on the subject at his own expense and through the courtesy of the local press in which he has classified the sources of radio static interferences, as follows:

Status

"Averages taken at 60 homes in two widely separated sections of Las Vegas show that an average home has four appliances that it uses. Of these four, an average of only one is radio interfering. This one average is made up of seven main types of appliances as follows:

"Electric razors—90 per cent of these are very bad noise makers; used 15 minutes per day. Interference covers three blocks.

"Vacuum cleaners—85 per cent of these are bad noise makers; used 30 minutes per day; covers one block.

"Sewing machines—85 per cent of these are moderate noise makers; used two hours per week; covers 1/2 block.

"Food mixers—50 per cent of these are bad noise makers; used 1 hour per week; covers one block.

"Washing machines—15 per cent of these are moderate noise makers; used two hours per week; covers one block.

"Heating pads (automatic) — 50 per cent of these are TERRIBLE noise makers; used six hours per week at odd times; covers 10 blocks.

"Fans—4 per cent of these are bad noise makers; six hours per day, in summer; covers 2 blocks.

"Flatirons—4 per cent of these are bad noise makers; used 4 hours per week; covers one block.

"Power line troubles causing radio interference are on 24 hours per day when they start and an average of one or more a week break out in odd sections of town, causing bad reception from 5 to 20 square blocks, depending on how bad it is. These very seldom are on for over a week before detection and elimination at present."

Mr. Foote suggests several steps toward elimination of radio interference, among them, in brief, the following:

Ban the sale or use of all defective electrical appliances.

Hire one man acquainted with locating power line troubles and with appliances and electric filters, with automobile equipped with radio, 44 hours each week. Thirty hours to be spent in house to house complete coverage of Las Vegas and Westside. The balance of 14 hours per week to be spent in systematic inspection of electrical distributing systems twice or three times daily.

To locate and report to the power company or the city and cooperate in stopping the radio noise with the least possible delay.

To check on all changes of occupancy and inspect all new appliances used.

To inspect all radio appliances for radio interference and install the necessary filters, and as to safety; if unsafe, inform owner to have it repaired for the protection of all members of the family. If wiring is found to be at fault to refer same to city electrician.

Inspect meters and place condensers and necessary ground wires, etc.

Mr. Foote estimated that it will take from 45 minutes to one hour to inspect and install filters where necessary on each of the 3,000 homes and business places and that it will take from 75 weeks to 100 weeks to complete the work.

The cost to owner or occupant will average about one dollar. The cost to an owner having a maximum of five noisy appliances, including meter condenser and ground, \$2.00.

Average cost of automobile upkeep, \$10 per week.

The power company will spend from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per year on the basis of one or two calls per week to repair possible trouble on their lines, based on past experience.

A competent man can be had locally. It is especially necessary to secure a local man for the job so that after the main campaign is over he can take care of the situation on a part time basis.

A profit of 20 per cent on cost of filters sold to the public will provide approximately \$200 per year to take care of cases where people are unable to pay for the necessary service.

Mr. oFoote estimates that the cost of a 75-week campaign would be: \$2,700 for man's wages; \$750 for auto upkeep; \$2,500 cost to the owners of appliances or houses; \$180 for miscellaneous expenses and \$3,000 cost to the power company, a total for the 75 weeks of \$9,130. Of this amount the cost to the city

George R. Walters, who has had much experience in locating radio interference in southern California, and who, since November 15 last, has been making a survey of radio reception and radio interference in Las Vegas at request of Mayor John L. Russell