

L.V.H.S. PASSING PRETTY

By JEANNE SMITH

IT'S NOT THAT—BUT WE HOPE YOU DON'T WIN

Again the high school students will vie with the towns-people, civic organizations and grammar school students for the bronze medal to be awarded the winner of this year's old-fashioned spelling bee. Both L.V.H.S. and other older participants were rather floored last year when little Bebe Anderson from the eighth grade outspelled all opponents. May we likewise surprise you oldsters by having one of our representatives win—are you expecting this anyway?

WHAT A NIGHT MARCH 15 WILL BE

Because of other arrangements having been previously made, the senior play, "Youth Takes Over" has been postponed from March 3 to March 15. Remember this date, for if you enjoy comedies, this one will satisfy your humorous mood—and that's a guarantee for it's going to be a riot!

IT DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD, THOUGH, IF YOU'RE BROKE

Since this is the legitimate time of the century—leap year—for the girls to make advancements, L. V. H. S. is giving its feminine personnel ample opportunity for getting her man. Being the third of this type since school has started in September, the Chemistry club is staking another such reverse affair tonight in the form of a "Sadie Hawkins' Lay" dance for which all attending must be dressed as Lil Abner and Daisy Mae of Dogpatch. This dance is the most unique, in the writer's opinion, which has ever been held at L.V.H.S., the program being corn cob pipes and the tickets also complying with the theme.

IT'S JUST AS HARD FOR HIM

Wayne Bunker, valuable player and guard on the Wildcat basketball team, will be unable to play in our hoop squad will probably meet intervals because of a heart condition. With Deen Stice, who was an expectant all-state player, also off the floor because of an injured leg, our hoop squad will probably be noticeably deficient, although some of these younger substitutes might be surprisingly tactful if given a chance.

TAKEN FROM THE DESERT BREEZE THE MURDER
by Paul Roberts

The roaring rain smashes against the house.

The wind howls through the leafless trees:

In the house an opening door creaks.

For murder is stalking while they sleep.

The shadow creeps softly by the bed.

A gleam, a swift movement, a horrible scream

And all are awakened and shaking in bed.

But death has struck and there he lies

His round glossy eyes shiny and black, stare up to the sky.

Death has struck and will strike again

So beware of the little man who wasn't there.

White Pine Ski Lift Said Successful Following Tests

The White Pine Ski club's mechanical lift went into operation yesterday afternoon, and proved itself to be all that members had hoped for during the nearly two years it has been under construction and repair.

Situated on the ski area approximately one mile east of Murrumbidgee, the lift yesterday hauled some 70 to 75 skiers up the three hundred foot vertical slope to give them a one thousand foot ride at almost any speed the skier chose.

Yesterday was the first time the lift operated without mechanical failures. Members have been working upon it for nearly two years, and late last winter it was put into operation, but failed to function after two or three rides. Officials however are confident that it will now be in operation for the rest of the winter. The lift is operated by the club and the Forest Service, and will be in operation on Saturday afternoons and Sundays. New snow yesterday improved the course and it is believed that the ski area will be used to great advantage during the next few weeks.

—Ely Daily Times.

ARRIVE FOR BANQUET

Arriving in Las Vegas last night to attend the Lincoln Lay Banquet Monday night were Morley Griswold, former Lieutenant-Governor, of Reno and Newton Crumley Jr., of Elko.

HOME TO RECUPERATE

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bracken returned home Monday evening from Los Angeles where Mr. Bracken underwent an operation several weeks ago. He is reported to be improving nicely.

Pressure Off Says Nevada Ski Team and Coach

"The pressure's off."

That's the relieved-by-word of the entire University of Nevada ski team, its backers, and its coach, Wayne Poulsen.

The Wolf Pack, after building up one of the most amazing records of wins ever established in intercollegiate skiing, lost its first meet here in over a year last week-end, finishing second in the competition of the Second Annual Winter Carnival, behind the University of California's well-balanced outfit.

"Now that we're out under, we can devote all our time and energy to making this the build-up year it ought to be," Coach Poulsen summed it up.

Anyway, a whole month intervenes before the Pack will compete again, and Poulsen fully expects to use every available minute of that time in brushing up the weak spots disclosed in the Carnival meet. The Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Ski Championships, to be held at Yosemite on March 2, 3, and 4, will be the next competition entered by the Nevada team, which last year walked away with the same meet to take the cup.

After the showing the squad made here last week-end, the possibility that the Wolves may repeat at Yosemite is not too remote. Figured to do no better than a weak fourth or fifth, the young Pack surprised the doers by coming through for a very strong second last Sunday and it is on this and the pleasantly surprising showing made by some hitherto "unknown" that the hopes of Pack backers rest.

Leading the list of surprises was Duane Ramsey, who was instrumental in bringing Nevada its place to second. Ramsey has been practicing only occasionally with the squad, and it was not until the interfraternity meet two weeks ago that he showed much form.

Little Oliver Hendrickson, counted on for a few points before meet time, turned in a sensational performance and placed among the leaders in every event he entered. Only a freshman, great things are expected of him in coming seasons.

The backbone of the squad—Bob Roecker, who won the jumps as easily as had been predicted; Bob Cameron, Fraser West, and Frank Titus—all came through with the performances they had been counted on for.

"Any way," as one member of the team put it, "the loss is behind us now, but the Yosemite meet isn't. We're still champions till the score shows were licked and maybe that isn't going to happen."

Women Investors Seek Investigation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. — Congress should call upon Comptroller General Fred H. Brown to clarify "and most certainly to verify" his annual report on the financial status of the nation, says a bulletin issued its members by Women Investors in America, Inc.

The women's group, a non-profit-making, educational organization with offices at 535 Fifth Avenue, New York City and in Washington, says in the bulletin—signed by Miss Catherine Curtis, national director—that "it appears there is considerable doubt in Mr. Brown's mind as to the real value of more than Ten Billion Dollars in listed assets and as to the exact amount of the national deficit."

The bulletin continues: "As to the national deficit, the Comptroller General reports: 'This item . . . is subject to adjustment on account of several items such as the realizable value of the assets, particularly foreign government obligations receivable . . . accounts receivable of many types not included in this statement because of lack of reliable information . . . tax levies due and uncollected . . . whatever net worth may be applied to the Tennessee Valley Authority, etc.'"

Women Investors in America, Inc., was formed for the express purpose of protecting and defending women's property rights and their stake in the capitalistic system. Its primary purpose is financial education of women and financial fact-finding of interest to women.

ENTERTAINS "PAN" CLUB

Mrs. Ryland Taylor entertained her "pan" club at the Apache Wednesday at one o'clock luncheon. Those enjoying the afternoon were: Mesdames O. W. Yates, L. Woitshchek, R. R. Russell, W. E. Ferron, C. W. Woodbury, Arthur Brick and the hostess, Mrs. Taylor.

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Careers in Engineering

By R. T. Strohm
Dean, International Correspondence Schools

THE most successful engineer is likely to be creative, imaginative, and able to break down a big problem into smaller ones and solve them separately. His next step would be to put them together again. It is easily understood that a nervous and impatient individual would find engineering work irksome even if that person had the mental qualities necessary for research, design and administrative tasks.

Any young man with eyes on the varied field of engineering should have an aptitude for mathematics. Many vocational counselors point out that the first requisite for prospective engineers is the ability to proselytize algebra, trigonometry and higher mathematics. If the would-be engineer finds these subjects difficult and uninteresting, it is likely that engineering as a profession is not for him.

There are other qualities than that of the ability to grasp a mathematical problem, however. A successful engineer should be able to demonstrate a certain manual dexterity, ability to draw and sketch, an understanding of physics and chemistry, and the ability to express ideas clearly, orally and on paper.

It is wise to see that the prospective engineer, while a student, finds a job which has some relationship to engineering, so that he may learn whether the work stirs his imagination and interest. There is no test like that of immediate contact with the work which he might ultimately be called upon to do.

Lester Summerfield Re-elected President Of Boy Scouts

Lester D. Summerfield, well known Reno attorney, has been re-elected president of the Nevada Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, it was announced in Reno by Charles Merrill, chairman of the nominating committee, following a canvass of the vote in the annual selection of officers. This will be the third successive year Summerfield has served the council as its leader.

Other officers of the council elected for the year 1940 are vice-presidents, J. C. Kinnear of McGill, C. W. Corson of Susanville, Ward E. Taylor of Reno and Dale Reynolds of Elko. D. C. Sutherland was re-elected treasurer of the council as was Area Scout Commissioner W. O. Bay. J. C. Kinnear was elected to represent this area to the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The program of the Boy Scouts of Nevada has progressed to an all time high under the direction of these men, it was stated. At the present time there are over 1250 boys actively registered in the scouting program of the council, and more than 410 men are giving leadership either directly to boys or in other capacities.

The council will hold its annual meeting in two sections. The western division of the area will have its annual dinner meeting in Reno, March 2, and the meeting for the central and eastern section of the council will be held in Ely, March 9. Installation of the newly elected officers for 1940 will be included in the program of these two annual dinner meetings.

Serving with Chairman Charles Merrill as members of the nominating committee were William F. Overfelt of McGill, A. R. Torgerson of Elko, A. J. Breit wicker of Susanville and Leslie Kofoed of Lovelock. The nominating committee considered recommendations from scouters of the council before reaching their decision on the final nomination roster. Elections were then held by written ballot with every voting member of the council receiving opportunity to vote.

—Ely Free Press.

TOURING OLD MEXICO

Mrs. H. P. Marble left Phoenix, Ariz. for a trip to old Mexico on Monday, February 5. She has been visiting the past two weeks with Mrs. Mary Grant and her daughter Helen in Phoenix.

CATTLEMEN TO PROTEST ACTION ON GRAZING

Senator Pat McCarran has transmitted to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, a protest from stock growers in southern Eureka, Nye and Lander counties, against their being compelled to form a grazing district under the Taylor Grazing Act. It was learned here recently.

McCarran in his letter to Ickes stated: "It has always been my construction of the law, and the history and the spirit of the act confirm my construction, that no compulsion should be resorted to to require stock growers in any given area to form, or become controlled, by any district organization under the Taylor Grazing Act. The whole matter of forming a district is, under the spirit of the act, one of voluntary choice on the part of stock growers using the public domain within a given territory."

—Mason Valley News.

LAS VEGAS OBSERVES P. T. A. FOUNDING

The Las Vegas P. T. A. observed the 42nd anniversary of the founding of the National P. T. A. organization Thursday evening at the grammar school auditorium.

A candle lighting ceremony preceded the program when the candles were lighted on the birthday cake. Those participating in the ceremony were Mrs. Emily Ball, secretary of the original P. T. A. which was organized in Las Vegas in February 1907. Mrs. W. J. Flowers, last president of the original organization, Mrs. C. S. Wengert, first president after reorganization and Mrs. L. E. Burr, the president at the present time.

The program was in charge of Miss Mary Jane White assisted by Miss Beula Adams and was in the nature of a short play depicting the growth of the National organization. Refreshments were served by the faculty.

The Las Vegas P. T. A. was organized in 1907 in the school building which stood on the lot where the U. P. rooming house now stands. It was organized by Mrs. Charles P. Squires, who was the First Vice-President of the California organization before coming to Las Vegas. The officers of the first organization were: Mrs. Squires, president, Mrs. C. P. Ball, secretary and Mrs. M. E. Lake, treasurer. The organization did much for the school in those early days and was a source of much social activity.

At that time there were two teachers, Mrs. Ella Palmer and Mrs. Elsie Bartlett. There was only one church at that time. Denominational lines were forgotten and all attended the services in the school house Sunday mornings and sent their children to Sunday school. Every Friday morning the teachers took an hour off and taught the children the Sunday school lesson for the following Sunday and no parent was ever known to complain.

LESERS SACKING ORE WINNEMUCCA MT.

A small shipment of high-grade silver ore, carrying some gold, was being sacked early in the week by Harry Wagoner, Matt "Skeeter" Chaplin and Herbert Brier, who are working a lease on ground owned by "Cap" Wagoner on the east slope of Winnemucca mountain, they reported at the Humboldt county seat.

—Goldfield News.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN—Feb. 12, 1809—CATTLEMAN PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. TO LINCOLN WE OWE THE PRESERVATION OF THE UNION OF THE U.S.A., SO DRASTICALLY THREATENED BY THE CIVIL WAR, BUT WHICH TODAY ENRICHES OUR LIVES AND IS THE ENVY OF PEOPLES WORLD-WIDE.

THOMAS A. EDISON—Feb. 11, 1847—PATRIOT AND THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS INVENTOR. TO EDISON WE OWE MUCH OF THE FREEDOM, PERSONAL LIBERTY AND SECURITY WHICH WASHINGTON ENHANCED OUR INDUSTRIAL LIFE...

TINY FOUNDLING FINDS NEW PARENTS

The tiny baby girl left at the Las Vegas hospital two weeks ago has been adopted. She was given into the keeping of her new parents Monday by Judge Roger Foley after the parents had been investigated and found to be well qualified to assume the obligation.

REPUBLICANS COME FOR BIG BANQUET

Former Governor Morley Griswold, of Reno, accompanied by his brother, Gordon Griswold, and Newton Crumley, both of Elko, arrived Friday. They are spending the day fishing on Lake Mead as guests of Otto Underhill and will remain for the Republican banquet at the 91 club Monday evening.

WINGFIELD AND PARTY HERE ON BUSINESS

George Wingfield of Reno, accompanied by R. A. Hardy and H. N. Witt, arrived in Vegas Friday evening for a stay of a day or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Davison have as their guest Mrs. Emery Marty of Tonopah.

HAMS GO TO LOS ANGELES

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ham motored to southern California Tuesday morning to spend a few days.

"TORCH SONG" WRITTEN BY INDIAN SPRINGS MAN

In the March number of the Woman's Home Companion there is a story "Torch Song" written by Schuyler C. Schenck of Indian Springs, Nevada.

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Bob Roecker May Enter Tournament

RENO, Feb. 6.—Bob Roecker, the University of Nevada's national Class A ski jumping champion, may leave this week to defend his title at Iion Mountain, Mich., it was learned here today.

Roecker, who won his title with a leap of 232 feet last winter, will take part in the tournament again this year if the local Chamber of Commerce can raise sufficient funds to send him on the trip.

WALTER R. BRACKEN HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Walter R. Bracken, vice-president of the Las Vegas Land & Water company, who recently underwent a serious operation at the Good Samaritan hospital in Los Angeles, returned Monday.

He is still far from well and will be obliged to remain at home for some time.

MESQUITE TO GET NEW POSTMASTER

James S. Abbott has resigned as postmaster at Mesquite, Nevada, after having served in that capacity for 39 years. Kenneth O. Earl, former county commissioner, is acting postmaster until the vacancy can be filled by the civil service commission.

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