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OBSERVATIONS

By CHARLES P. SQUIRES

The purchase by the city of the War Memorial building satisfies the urge felt by many of us for a city hall in the City Park area.

Las Vegas City Park is already one of the beauty spots of the entire state with its stables, grand stand and other appurtenances, the City of Las Vegas owns one of the finest pieces of property of any city in this intermountain country.

The process of securing the 32-acre park, the \$300,000 federal building the race track, the planting and growing of lawns, shrubs and trees, building of the Boy Scout City, tennis courts and playgrounds, and now the purchase of the fine War Memorial building with its great auditorium and city hall quarters, has been a long and gradual process. Its consummation is more than justified and the people of Las Vegas have every reason to be proud of their great property.

SPRING IS BACK?

Spring again begins to show a smiling face after a week of raw and chilly weather with some preliminary gusts of March winds which were not at all pleasant.

However, it seems that Las Vegas people are pretty well spoiled by the general pleasant uniformity of their winter weather. During the past week of complaint the lowest mark registered by the government thermometers was 29 degrees above zero on the 13th. Aside from that each night has been well above freezing.

Unless we have another setback in our weather the cottonwoods will be in leaf probably by the first of March. Which will mark the beginning of another nine months of summer.

Masons To Honor First President

Vegas Lodge No. 32 F. & A. M. will hold a special communication next Tuesday evening, February 20, at 7:30, with appropriate exercises in celebration of the birthday of George Washington, first president of the United States. The exercises will be carried out under the direction of Worshipful Master L. A. Prichard.

The evening will be devoted to patriotism and at the close of the lodge refreshments will be served in the dining room of the Masonic Temple. An offering will be received for the Washington National Memorial being built near Arlington, Va. All Masons are invited.

May Organize Daughters of Utah Pioneers

The meeting at the W. E. Orr home Monday afternoon did not result in organization of a unit of Daughters of the Utah Pioneers because of lack of attendance of the required number of ladies eligible for membership. The number required to form a local unit is ten ladies whose ancestors came to Nevada when this section was a part of Utah, or before the year 1869. It is believed that there are many ladies eligible for membership in Carson and vicinity and efforts are being continued to interest them in the society, which is mainly interested in the preservation of old landmarks and historical data.

Mrs. Ida May Kirkham and Mrs. Kate B. Carter of Salt Lake City came to Carson for the purpose of assisting in the organization of a unit of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, and attended the meeting at the Orr home.

MRS. LEIGH HUNT RETURNS TO NEW YORK

The many Las Vegas friends of Mrs. Leigh Hunt will be glad to know that she has reached New York safely after a year in France with her son and his little daughters.

Part of the time was spent in Paris and later she and the children went to Brittany in the north of France which was supposed to be safer from air-raids than Paris. Mrs. Hunt will remain with her daughter in New York until she has recovered from a cold and is able to make the journey to Las Vegas.

CONTRACT AT THE APACHE

Miss Dalton Buck is entertaining a party of friends at luncheon today at the Apache Lounge. Contract will provide amusement for the afternoon.

IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Minnie Singleton of Singleton's Dress Shop is confined to the Las Vegas hospital for an indefinite time.

Honor Paid To Lillie Pistole By Eastern Star

At the conclusion of the regular session of Southgate Chapter, O.E.S. at the Masonic Temple Monday evening Mrs. Lillie Pistole was surprised and honored at a prettily arranged party with Mrs. Oscar L. Peiffer as instigator-in-chief. The Chapter as a whole were glad to show some recognition of Mrs. Pistole's faithful service as a Past Matron and of the honor to herself and to the Chapter in her appointment as Grand Electra in the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Nevada.

Mrs. Peiffer was ably abetted by Mrs. W. S. Park, Past Grand Matron; Mrs. Pyeatt and Mrs. Vance and the Chapter officers. As Mrs. Park read of the important lessons taught by Electra the officers, in white gowns with red capes and carrying tall red tapers, went through a most intricate march. When at intervals, they rested they would be in the form of one of the symbols delimiting the character of Electra. It was a beautiful little ceremony. At its conclusion the honor guest was presented with a package resembling a large red rose which contained a token of love and appreciation. Mrs. Pistole responded with a graceful little speech.

Refreshments were served in the banquet hall at long tables decorated with tall red tapers and valentine motifs. The hostesses were Past Matron Alice Dav, Conductress Viola Fitzgerald and her daughter, Katherine. About 75 members and guests were present.

Poetess Writes Of Vegas Hellsdorff

Las Vegas has a visitor from Salt Lake City, Hanna Friel Davis, who is the mother of Sam Davis, employee in the Las Vegas postoffice. The lady is interested in Las Vegas, which she has dubbed "The City of the Sun," and has written several short poems of real merit about this city, one of which, "Hellsdorff At Las Vegas," we print below, commending it to the attention of the Las Vegas Hellsdorff Committee.

HELLDORFF IN LAS VEGAS

(By Hanna Friel Davis)
What's doing in Las Vegas,
The City of the Sun?
Are your menfolks growing whiskers
And is your planning done?

Have you brought your wicked horses in
From off the Desert range?
The wire, firey mustangs
That buck and fight and plunge?

Are the Texas longhorns coming?
And the wild and woolly steers?
The miners with their burros
And the freighters and muleteers?

And the stagecoach with six horses
Coming grandly down the hill?
While the bandits spring from ambush—
(This gives the kids a thrill!)

And who will play Kit Carson
And who will be Mark Twain?
And will you have the Indians
Attack the wagon train?

And the cowboys and the cowgirls
All in their gayest tog!
Oh, yes! I did forget to say,
Have Mark Twains jumping frog!

Have you written gay Los Angeles
And asked the folks to come
From the City of the Angels
To the City of the Sun?

Nevada Prison Has Record Population

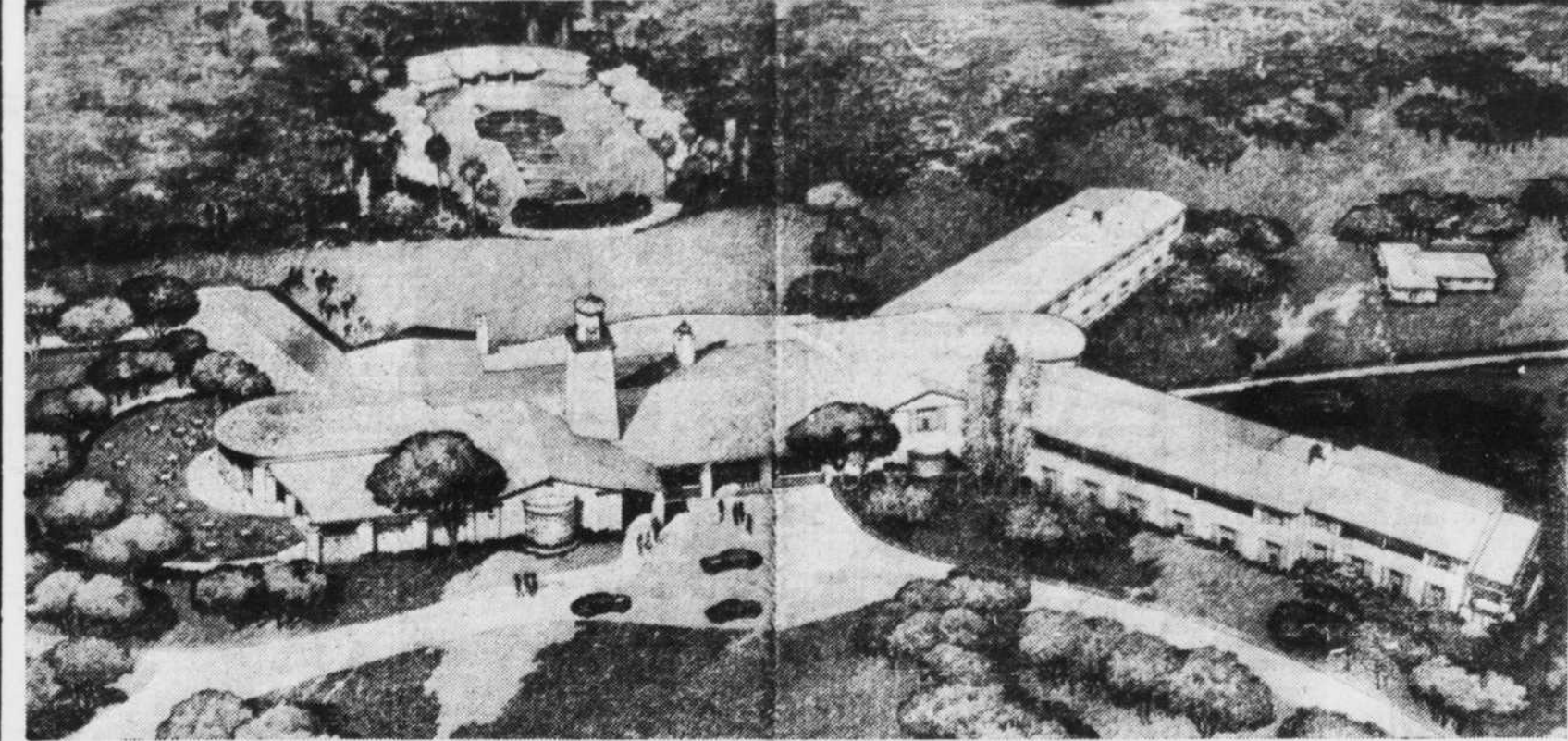
Nevada state prison officials today predicted that the number of inmates at the prison will reach a new high total by the time of the May meeting of the board of pardons and paroles.

At the time of the November, 1939, pardon and parole board session, the inmates totaled 272—highest in Nevada history. Seventy or more paroles were granted last November, and all granted clemency at that time have been released—with a single exception.

Despite release of the unusually large number of men, the prison population has steadily increased to the 257 mark last week. Prison officials believed that this figure will be increased to 280, at least, by the first Monday of May, when the first regular meeting of the parole board will be held this year.

ENTERTAINS "PAN" CLUB

Mrs. W. E. Ferron entertained her pan club for luncheon Wednesday at her home, 404 Fremont street. The members attending were: Mesdames C. W. Woodbury, A. W. Ham, F. R. Mildren, Roscoe Thomas, R. R. Russell, Ryland Taylor, R. R. Myers and the hostess.



Here is architect's conception of New \$500,000 Hotel planned for Las Vegas by Nevada Hotel Company of California, of which Everett N. Crosby is President and John Barkely Vice-President and General Manager, Mr. E. L. Kent, Secretary and Treasurer.

Announcement concerning ground breaking soon will be made and construction will be rushed this spring and early summer.

The Hotel will have a luxurious Casino and Cocktail Lounge, 90 rooms and outlying bungalows, stables, tennis courts and large saltwater swimming pool. This hotel will be similar in many ways to the late Agua Caliente Resort.

Beatrice Nelson Champion Speller

Beatrice Nelson, high school senior, walked away with first honors and the medal at Thursday evening's spelling bee. Betty Ann Dotson, a sophomore, was second and Mrs. Wright of the Business and Professional Women was third with Patricia Manes fourth.

In the grammar school a medal was given to Patty Roach, seventh grade, as grammar school spelling champion. The last down of the sixth grade was Don Johnson; and in the eighth grade Carmen Silva, each of whom received their class award.

The annual spelling bee is always an interesting event and Thursday evening's event was no exception, the grammar school auditorium being packed, as one student remarked, half the town was there.

Competing were representatives of all the school grades from the sixth up and from several civic organizations, including American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Bar Association, Business and Professional Women's Club, Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Kiawins Club, Mesquite Club, Rotary Club, Union Pacific Oldtimers and L. D. S. Relief Society.

Following are those representing the various school grades:
Sixth grade—Don Johnson, Erma Jean Osgood, Bobby Schofield, Winifred Beard, and Arthur Casey.
Seventh grade—Patty Roach, Blaine Whipple, Mary Ellen Farnhale, Laurin Adams and John Marshall.

Eighth grade—Marion Moser, Wanda Chambers, Frances Black, Carmen Silva, and Ann Christiansen.
Ninth grade—Mary Jane Hulsey, Marcella Stuteville, Betty Gibbins, Nellie Santa Cruz, and Helen Mulvey.

Tenth grade—Bette Ann Dotson, Arine Ash, Mike Pinjuv, Betty Jean Conger, and Margaret McEvoy.
Eleventh grade—Winona Davis, Earl Myers, Corinne Wolman, Betty Lois Baker, and Shirley Pierson.

Twelfth grade—Beatrice Nelson, Patricia Manes, Mary Marinovich, Joanne Gildner, and Norma Lea Poase.
Post graduate—Marie Southerand. Prize winners of past years were: 1934—Carl Riggs, high school. 1935—Mrs. J. M. Dotson, LDS Relief Society. 1936—Mrs. E. Winter, Mesquite Club. 1937—Barbara Davis, high school. 1938—C. D. Breeze, Bar Association. 1939—Bebe Anderson, grammar school.

HONORS NORMAN MOTT

A farewell party was given Friday evening at the Mormon church in honor of Norman Mott, who will leave for Salt Lake City February 26th to take a 10 days training course at the LDS church and then go to Independence, Missouri on a mission.

Mott is the son of Mrs. Wm. Mott, 321 South Fifth street and of the late Deputy Sheriff Wm. Mott. He has been employed for several years in the Safeway store.

DOBBS FAMILY RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dobbs and daughter have returned to Las Vegas to make their home, after an absence of 15 years. Mr. Dobbs was head of the Farm Bureau and resigned to accept a position in California residing in Oakland. They are glad to be back and are delightfully surprised at the growth of Vegas.

Piper Opera House To Be Rejuvenated

(By Mrs. C. P. Squires)

For fifty years Pipers Opera House in Virginia City has been deserted. It is a majestic barlike structure standing on one of the terraced streets of the town. By applying at the Museum you can get the key and enter this auditorium the walls of which once echoed to the applause of "muckers" who enjoyed Modjeska, Mark Twain and Henry Ward Beecher with equal enthusiasm. You enter the "foyer" and then step into the big shabby room and pick your way over the rolling floor to get a good view of the stage, boxes and scenery. The seats are gone and there are a few old battered chairs, an old stove in one corner and two wagon wheels standing against the wall. In one box I noticed a sign, which told that that box was reserved for James Fair and directly across from it was the box reserved for Sandy Bowers and his wife, Elley Orrum. It made me pause and think of the former greatness and the fallen estate of this city that saved the Union and made fifty-odd millionaires.

But Piper's Opera House is to live again—for on March 16, the auditorium will groan with the tread of feet of the many who flock there for the World Premiere of the picture "Virginia City."

The city is busy—carpenters, plumbers and what have you getting the building in shape to receive them—and in the names of Joe Jefferson and Adelina Patti, Flynn, Hopkins, Bogart and Scott will be added to the roster of celebrated personages—Edwin Booth, Joe Jefferson and Adelina Patti, who were heard here when Virginia City was the only profitable theatrical stop between Denver and San Francisco.

MRS. McCHRISTAL ENTERTAINS
Mrs. Isabel McChrystal entertained the members of the Hostess club at luncheon Tuesday. The afternoon was devoted to needlework. An added attraction was listening to several poems written and read by Mrs. Hanna Friel Davis of Salt Lake who, with her sister, Mrs. Kate Ellington is spending the winter in Las Vegas.

THE LAW IN PIOCHE

Judge Roger Foley and attorneys C. D. Breeze, Harold M. Morse, Leo A. McNamee and George Marshall were in Pioche a portion of the week.

The occasion was the calling of a grand jury by Judge Foley to consider the charges against Dr. J. B. Demman, Caliente druggist, of illegal prescription and dispensing narcotics.

The grand jury on Friday, after having the evidence in the Demman case presented to them, refused to return an indictment, but is extending its session to inquire into other matters.

ORCHESTRA LEADER AND FILM STAR WED HERE

Another well known couple chose Las Vegas to be married when Lana Turner, glamour girl of Hollywood and Artie Shaw, orchestra leader, eloped from Hollywood, chartered a plane and arrived in Las Vegas early Tuesday morning. They secured a license from County Clerk Lloyd Payne and were married at the home of Justice of the Peace George E. Marshall with Walter Quinton, pilot of the honeymoon plane and Danny Eggers, taxi driver, who brought them from the air field as witnesses.

They returned to California immediately after the ceremony.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS IN LAS VEGAS

- Feb. 20—Masonic Observance of Washington's Birthday.
- Feb. 24-25—Winter Sports Carnival at Charleston Park. Sponsored by Junior Chamber of Commerce and Desert Ski Club. Teams from Ely, Reno and California points will participate.
- March 4, 5—Beta Sigma Phi State Convention.
- March 8, 9, 10—Epworth League Convention of Methodist Church for Southern California (including Kingman, Arizona, and Las Vegas).
- March 9—Dedication of New Union Pacific passenger depot; 4:00 p.m.
- March 16—Annual Banquet Chamber of Commerce and Celebration of City's 29th Birthday.
- March 30—Dedication Masonic Temple by Grand Master Carlson.
- April 7—Shriners Pilgrimage to Boulder Dam, sponsored by Al Malaikah Temple of Los Angeles. Delegations expected from Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Phoenix and Salt Lake City in special trains leaving April 6 and arriving here the morning of Sunday, April 7. 1600 Shriners expected.
- April 12—Jefferson Day banquet of Young Democrats.
- April 14, 15, 16—Rotary Convention 107th District of Rotary. (600 to 1,000 visitors expected.)
- May 12, 13, 14—Footprinter's Convention. (One thousand delegates.)
- May 16, 17, 18—Annual Hellsdorff and Rodeo (Las Vegas' most thrilling event).

1600 Shriners Coming April 7

Paul S. Webb of Boulder City has received word that preparations for a pilgrimage of approximately 1600 Shriners, sponsored by Al Malaikah Temple, Los Angeles, have been so far completed that the date for the visit to Boulder City, Boulder Dam and Las Vegas has been definitely set for April 7.

It has been arranged that special trains will leave Los Angeles on the evening of April 6, arriving here the morning of Sunday, April 7. Other Temples have been invited to join the party and special parties are expected from San Francisco, San Diego, Phoenix and Salt Lake City.

After spending the day inspecting the dam and the lake, the Shriners will spend the evening in Las Vegas prior to taking their trains for home.

MRS. NASH ENTERTAINS LADIES' AID

Circle 3 of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church was entertained Thursday at the home of Mrs. Percy Nash on South Tenth street. Mrs. Nash was assisted by Mesdames J. H. McClintock, W. H. Morrison and Della Butler.

ENTERTAINS AT TEA

Quite the most important affair in the social calendar of the younger set was the beautifully appointed tea given by the Misses Jeanne Smith and Patricia Thomas at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith, 624 South Sixth street, Saturday afternoon. The lace draped table with its centerpiece of white gardenias was a thing of beauty and was presided over by a bevy of lovely young maids—Betty Porter, Dorothy Belcher and Betty Ham. Jeanne and Patricia were assisted in receiving their guests by Betty Sullivan and Lois Knudson.

The rooms were beautiful with spring flowers but the blossoms were no lovelier than the young guests in their pretty gowns.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK CROWE MAKE SHORT VISIT IN VEGAS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Crowe of Redding, California, spent Monday here with friends, in Las Vegas. Mr. Crowe, who built Hoover Dam as superintendent of Six Companies, Inc., is now in charge of the great Central Valleys Project work in building Shasta Dam on the Sacramento river, a project comparable in importance with the work he accomplished here.

Mr. and Mrs. Crowe left Tuesday for Reno on the way to Redding.

JACK PRICE IMPROVING

Word has been received by friends that Jack Price, clothier, is steadily improving at his home in Orange.

McChrystal Heads Down Town Asso.

Arthur J. McChrystal, son of Mrs. Isabelle McChrystal of this city, has been appointed manager of the Down Town Association of San Francisco.

McChrystal takes over his duties as manager of this powerful civic group with a wide and varied experience background. For the past two years he has served as sports director and later as director of amusements and concessions for the '39 Golden Gate International Exposition, which activities included Gayway, amusement, restaurant and all selling activities.

Born in San Jose, McChrystal is a graduate of Stanford University and received his M. A. at the University of Utah.

Commissioned in the United States Army from First Officer's Training Camp at the Presidio in 1917, he served as education and athletic officer for the Western Department of the United States Army under Lieutenant General Hunter Liggett.

His army career included four years in the Orient, instructor at service schools and public relations officer.

SYMPHONETTES ENJOY VALENTINE PARTY

Las Vegas Symphonettes had a valentine party at the Mesquite club Tuesday, February 13th.

Sylvia Harris, program chairman, had a lovely program consisting of: Violin duet, "Grandfather's Clock," by Clifton Wooley and Alice Brady. Recitation, "Valentine's Day," by Florence DeVinney. Recitation, "My Lost Dog," by Jenny Gibson. Song by Bonnie Sage. Song, "Indian Summer" by Bobbie Shoefield. Piano solo by Paul Tomsick. Dance "Two Hearts," by Sylvia Harris and Lila Joy Foremaster. Piano and violin duet, "Blue Danube," by Miss I. A. Stevens and Mr. J. C. Lambert. Violin solo, "Never in a Million Years," by J. C. Lambert.

After the program valentines were distributed and ice cream and cookies were served. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

JUNIOR PROM DATE SET

The committee that will plan the Junior Prom have been named. Miss Mary Francis Gusewelle will serve as general chairman and will be assisted by Betty Snider and Bill Gildner.

Elizabeth Dawson heads the program committee; Anna Marie Wright, the refreshments; Lois Knudson, entertainment and Alvin Bunker, the music. The Junior Prom is always looked forward to as one of the outstanding social affairs of the school year. It will be held in the Grammar School gymnasium Saturday night, April 6.

LUNCHEON AT 91 CLUB

Mesdames R. D. Balcomb, C. D. Breeze and Harold Morse have issued invitations for a luncheon at the '91' Club on February 24.

Young Republican Banquet Creates Political Harmony In Preparation For Campaign

Army Recruiting Office To Close

The Army Recruiting Office in Las Vegas will close February 25th, according to an announcement today from Los Angeles, Army Recruiting Headquarters for Southern California and Clark County, Nevada.

Located in the Post Office since November 1st, the Las Vegas office, commanded by Sergeant Ernest A. Fink, veteran of the 11th Cavalry, has accepted during the three months period over twenty-five applicants for the Regular Army.

The current peacetime increase of the Army has been attained, it was stated, necessitating close of the Las Vegas office which was established as an additional office under the Executive increase of the Army last fall.

Colonel Aubrey Lippincott, District Recruiting Officer, announced that present plans do not contemplate opening of the Las Vegas office again, but that applicants may obtain information on the Army from the Postmaster in Las Vegas or by writing to the Recruiting officer, U. S. Army, 406 South Main St., Los Angeles.

In the Army bulletin it was announced that applicants may still enlist for Field Artillery, Coast Artillery, Infantry, and as chauffeurs and mechanics for the Quartermaster Corps, for service at a few posts on the Pacific coast, but the Air Corps, which has been a popular choice is up to full strength as is foreign service assignments.

Robert O. Gibson, representing the older members of the Republican party made a short address in which he welcomed the cooperation of the Young Republicans.

William J. Lowe was the first guest speaker, representing the Republicans of Utah who also were banqueting in Salt Lake City in honor of Abraham Lincoln. He made an interesting address in the course of which he urged the Republicans of Nevada to nominate their outstanding men for office, saying that "with Morley Griswold on the ticket for United States senator we have no doubt but that Nevada will join Utah in the Republican column."

Louis Lombardi, an attorney of Los Angeles, made a witty and eloquent address in which he outlined the life and principles of Lincoln and compared them with the policies of the "new deal."

Lombardi compared the attitude of Lincoln with that of Roosevelt, who, he said, "got elected to the assembly in New York and demands that the people keep him in office for life. That is the difference between a man nurtured in the luxury of Dutchess county, New York."

He said Lincoln's political platform was, "I believe in God, I believe in liberty, and I believe in union."

Former Governor Morley Griswold was the principal speaker of the evening and his words were followed with close attention as he declared against the "invisible government" which the new deal has created. He said, in part:

"We, in the state of Nevada, procure our daily livelihood from a limited number of sources. We have three major industries in this state—mining, livestock, and the tourist trade. It is well for us, in the light of Lincoln's words, 'a government of the people, by the people, and for the people,' to see what is happening to our main sources of income."

With regard to mining, he called attention to the reciprocal trade treaties, whereby lead, zinc, manganese and antimony, and other metals were let into the United States in competition with the Nevada mines, which he said, "forced down prices and all of the mines in Nevada depending upon those metals were either closed or deprived of any profit in their operations."

He said, "the invisible government is advocating a bill withdrawing all of the public domain of the western states from mining location. He warned that if such a bill were passed miners would have to pay for prospecting the public domain and would have to lease any minerals they find from the federal government."

The land and livestock industry, Griswold said, "has been hurt even worse than the mining industry." He referred to the Taylor grazing act, which he said was intended for good purposes but contained a clause that it should be administered by the rules and regulations prescribed by the department of the interior.

Griswold said, "As you have seen in the newspapers, the theory of invisible government is that all of the water not heretofore appropriated in all of the western states belongs to the federal government. Land, livestock, water—all must be under absolute management and control, regimented at the whim of this invisible government of ours, a government for or against which we cannot even cast a vote."

With regard to tourists, he said, that the federal government had established a tourist bureau. He criticized the way it is being run by saying that it is "in the hands of a few federal bureaucrats."

He said Nevada had prided itself on being "one sound state" but (Continued on page 4)

Between 125 and 150 Republicans, with a sprinkling of Democrats among them, attended the Lincoln Day banquet arranged by the Young Republican Club Monday evening, at the 91 Club.

The object of the affair was the raising of a fund for use in the coming political campaign.

C. R. "Pat" Clark, president of the Young Republican organization, introduced A. W. Ham, former chairman of the Republican county central committee as master of ceremonies. Mr. Ham called on the young men of the party to make themselves felt in the coming campaign.