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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

During almost thirty-five years which have passed since the birth of Las Vegas, we have always had an active civic body composed of men and women of all walks in life who were willing to give of their time, efforts and money to advance the interests of the town of their adoption.

The first of these civic bodies was Las Vegas Sanitary Committee (June, 1905) followed in order by Las Vegas Board of Trade (1905); County Division Club (1908); Las Vegas Boosters' Club, (1909); Las Vegas Promotion Society (1909); and Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, Organized January 18, 1911. Each of those organizations was composed largely of the persons who were the active elements in the preceding one and several of those who helped organize this Chamber of Commerce 29 years ago are still active in it.

Tonight is the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce, combined with which is the celebration of the passing by the state legislature and the approval by Governor Oddie of the city charter.

Mayor Russell, the city commissioners and other officials of the city and county will be present and take part in the program and at least one widely known speaker from California will be present to help make the event a notable one.

So The Age congratulates the Chamber of Commerce on the great work it has done and is still doing for the community and the City of Las Vegas and its officials, past and present, on having carried on for nearly thirty years one of the most prosperous little cities in the entire west.

It is our hope that they will continue on their way toward making Las Vegas "The City of Destiny" which we were hopeful enough to call it thirty years ago.

Las Vegas will be "The City of Destiny" if only the community shall work together without allowing political prejudice or personal differences to wreck what has been so far, but well begun. That "Destiny" is for us to shape as we will.

PEACE FOR FINLAND?

The newspapers just now are headlining the cessation of the war between Russia and Finland as peace for Finland.

It is far from that. The action of Soviet Russia in making war on its little neighbor will go down in history as one of the most sublimely selfish, cruel and inexcusable acts ever perpetrated by a powerful nation on a helpless one.

It ranks as a national crime, ruthless and terrible, with the destruction and partition of Poland by Russia and Germany; the destruction of Czechoslovakia by Hitlerized Germany; the invasion and destruction of China by militarized Japan; the invasion and destruction of Ethiopia by Mussolini's armies.

With all our hopes that a "League of Nations" would bring peace to a troubled world or at least in a measure soften the blows which a bully wantonly inflicts on the helpless, dashed to earth, we return to the bitter realization that races have little or nothing in common; that governments generally are supremely selfish and that the world of today has made but little advance toward the ideals of neighborly peace between nations.

Some wars of conquest may be excused, partially, by the necessities which prompted them. Not so with these latest examples of destruction which came, not from the needs of suffering people, but entirely from the ambitions of autocratic and supremely selfish rulers seeking means for their own aggrandizement and perpetuation in power.

Peace for Finland? A thousand years from now there will burn in the hearts of the Finns a hatred for Soviet Russia which only the shedding of more blood can satisfy. There is no peace for Finland nor for Europe so long as peoples of different races are forced to live side by side.

And for the United States there will be peace only so long as her army and navy are strong enough to protect our shores. When we become weak we will quickly be the victims of the same terror which poor little Finland is suffering today.

We cannot escape the conclusion that the plight of Finland and other weak nations is to some extent at least the result of the peace-at-any-price pacifism-conscientious-object-stuff which we find so much featured today. Otherwise England, the United States, and some other powerful nations would have stood up for the rights of the weaklings with the result that the bullies would have held back the hand of destruction.

Just now, too, we cannot escape the conviction that England and France, by their cowardly indecision of policy toward Poland, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, Finland and China, have invited their own destruction at the hands of the monsters. They are now face to face with a struggle for survival against a combination of powerful dictatorships including Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin which, with a policy of decision and the will to fight would not have happened.

RAINBOW ORDER ORGANIZES

A chapter of Rainbow Girls is being organized by a group from Southeast Chapter O.E.S. with Mrs. W. S. Park as sponsor.

The girls will be initiated Saturday evening by Mrs. Tecla Ceander of Reno, Nevada, Supreme Deputy, Order of Rainbow. The initiation will follow a dinner given in honor of Mrs. Ceander at the Methodist church.

Following is a list of the girls who will be initiated tonight at the Masonic Temple:

The Misses: Lucille McAllister, Doris Bond, Juanita Bales, Betty Lois Baker, Phyllis Baker, Barbara Balcom, Bonnie Ray Carner, Tona Cashman, Marion Cahlan, Genevieve Cooper, Catherine Dawson, Elene Fitzgerald, Dorothy Fisher, Mary Frances Gussewelle, Mary Jane Griffith, Dona Jean Honrath, Lois Knudson, Betty Ione Knight, Rosetta Phelps, Jaqueline King, Peggy Roberts, Martha Scott, Sarah Smith, Bobby Jo Sloan, Mary Ellen Schwartz, Carolyn Thompson and Jane Perry.

HONORED DINNER GUEST AT "91" CLUB

A dinner was given at the 91 club Monday evening honoring Mrs. Georgia Powers of Yerington, Nevada, State President of Auxiliary of the American Legion. After the dinner a meeting was held at the War Memorial building with Mrs. Powers as the speaker.

ENTERTAINS HOSTESS CLUB

The members of the Hostess club were luncheon guests of Mrs. W. N. Schuyler Tuesday. The afternoon was devoted to needlework and knitting by Mesdames Emily Ball, H. Brockman, Allie J. Barker, E. G. McGriff, H. P. Marble, F. Ball, Al Moser, D. S. Farnsworth, Mary Lou Dutton, W. S. Park, O. C. Boggs and C. P. Squires.

ATTENDED HENDERSON FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Henderson and daughter, Doris Lee and Frank Henderson of Tonopah attended the funeral of Mrs. A. S. Henderson, Thursday.

FISHING TRIP IN UTAH

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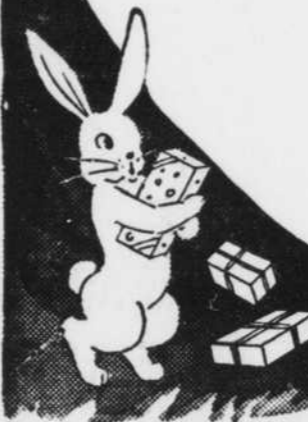
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