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By CHARLES P. SQUIRES

OLD-TIMERS PARTY

Leon Rockwell has suggested that such of the early-day residents of Las Vegas as are left—say those who have been here twenty-five years or more, have a picnic or some sort of party in the near future, to renew old acquaintanceships and revive the memories of the historic incidents of early Las Vegas.

It is surprising how the memory of persons and events dims during twenty-five years even in the minds of those most deeply concerned at the time. I was talking with some of the oldests the other day and we were trying to recall the exact date when the old school house which was located on Second street, close to where the company rooming house now stands burned. Bert Henderson was able to recall about the date because it was about three weeks after he came to Las Vegas as principal of the school.

The exact date I found by looking through the files was October 29, 1910 about 2:30 in the morning and the fire was of incendiary origin.

Whether it was the result of Halloween pranks or was set by some criminally-minded person we never were able to decide although some people had suspicions pointing this way and that way according to their stand relative to the school controversies then rampant.

Anyhow, I am asking all the old-timers to list up every person they can think of who was residing in Vegas 25 years ago or longer and who is still living, including those who have moved away, and send the list to Leon Rockwell. From these various lists a complete roster of all the surviving Vegans will be compiled so that invitations to the proposed "Old Timers Party" may be sent out. It should be done right away so that the party or picnic or whatever form the reunion may take can be held before hot weather sets in.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

The last meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Club was in the form of an Easter party and was held in the Marine room at the Apache Hotel.

The state president, Mrs. Lillie Stark of Fallon made her official visit and there were a number of out of town guests. Mrs. Stark spoke of the regional convention which is to be held in Glacier Park in June.

The newly elected officers were installed in a candle-light ceremony by Miss Florence Herring, retiring treasurer.

The officers who were installed were: Mrs. Dorothy Brimacombe, who had served the organization the past year, was re-elected president; Mrs. Inez Franklin, vice-president; Mrs. Mary Gardner Phillips, secretary; and Mrs. Stella Wright, treasurer.

Mrs. Lucille Hancock, president of the Carson City club and Mrs. Hallie O'Connor, formerly of Las Vegas but now of Carson spoke on the coming state convention at which their club will act in the capacity of hostess.

Five new members were added to the roll; Clarabelle Hanley, Grace Bates, Ruth Wengert, Tillie McMahon and Eloise Campbell.

Out of town guests included Hazel Bates, Louise Wicki and Miss Jones of Kingman, Arizona; Miss Larsen and Miss Pendleton of St. George, Utah; Cora Sweetland, Evelyn Sutherland, Marien Lamb, Emma Hastings, Lucille Hancock and Hallie O'Connor of Carson City; Grace Bowman of Pioche; Mrs. Lillie Stark and Belle Wickland of Fallon; Miss J. M. Stage of Middletown, N. Y. and Mrs. Inez Clift of South Dakota.

VEGAS-BOULDER SHRINE CLUB PREPARING FOR GREAT CROWD OF NOBLES FROM CALIFORNIA

Vegas-Boulder Shrine Club is making extensive arrangements to receive, transport and entertain the many Nobles of the Mystic Shrine who are planning to spend the day in Boulder City and Las Vegas, Sunday, April 7.

Noble Elmer Mikkelsen spent part of the past week in Los Angeles conferring with officers of Al Malaikah Temple who are promoting the affair. Upon his return he reports that the visiting Shriners will number probably 2,500 instead of the sixteen hundred on which the original plans were based.

According to the reports of Al Malaikah officers, reservations have already been received to fill seven special trains scheduled to leave Los Angeles Saturday evening, April 6, in addition to which there will be hundreds making the trip by automobile and airplane from San Francisco, and other Central California cities; Salt Lake, Ogden and Reno, Phoenix, Arizona, and other scattered localities.

An urgent appeal is sent out by President Howell Garrison of the Shrine Club, for automobiles and drivers, to assist in moving the big crowds from Boulder City to the Dam and thence, after the ceremonial, to Las Vegas. Instead of the estimated 65 automobiles at first considered sufficient, it is now estimated that 120 cars will be required to handle the crowd promptly, in addition to the seven large buses provided by the Union Pacific.

The first of the special trains is scheduled to arrive at Boulder City at 7:00 a. m. at which time cars should be available. The trains are expected to arrive at ten minute intervals.

After the Nobles have reached Boulder Dam the Shrine Ceremonial will be carried out on the terrace near the north end of the Arizona spillway, beginning at 11:00 a. m. Noble Paul Webb and members of his committee are making arrangements for this feature.

The entertainment committee in charge of local arrangements for the affair consists of the following Nobles: J. R. McDaniel, Elmer Mikkelsen and W. B. Mundy of Las Vegas; and Paul Webb, Bob Ferguson, George Clark and R. E. Middaugh of Boulder City.

Local entertainment headquarters will be maintained by local Shriners at both the Sal Sagev and the Apache hotels.

Following the Ceremonial at the dam, will come the big task of the day—moving the hundreds of Shriners to Las Vegas and many cars must be provided by our citizens.

The big event of the day in Las Vegas will be a band concert by the gorgeously attired band of Al Malaikah Temple, at three o'clock at the court house grounds.

The Shriners will then be free to circulate about Las Vegas until their trains leave, the first train being scheduled to leave Las Vegas at 9:45 Sunday evening.

Shriners Plan A Dinner Dance

Boulder-Vegas Shrine Club is planning a dinner dance to be held at the 91 club the evening of Saturday, April 27.

Preparations are being made by the entertainment committee consisting of Nobles J. R. McDaniel, Elmer Mikkelsen and W. B. Mundy of Las Vegas, and Paul Webb, Bob Ferguson, George Clark and R. E. Middaugh of Boulder City.

JUDGE HATTON IN VEGAS

Judge W. D. Hatton spent part of the past week in Las Vegas where he presided in the District court.

SON BORN TO HICKMANS

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hickman of 123 South Sixth street announce the birth of a son Tuesday evening, March 26th at the Warren Maternity Home, Westside. The young man tipped the scales at 7½ pounds.

ENTERTAINS HOSTESS CLUB

The Hostess club met with Mrs. C. P. Squires Tuesday and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon with needlework. The guests included Mesdames Mary Lake, Mary Dutton, W. N. Schuyler, W. S. Park, O. C. Boggs, D. S. Farnsworth, Allie J. Barker, H. Brockman, Olive McWhiff, Emily Ball, Al Moser, Isabel Christal and Painter of Ely.

OTHER VISITS

Miss Doris Hancock is enjoying a visit from her mother who will be pleasantly remembered by many Las Vegas friends.

Supreme Court To Decide Title Of Submerged Lands

The long contest being waged by Mr. John Cunningham of this city over title to several thousand acres of known oil lands lying below the line of low tide adjacent to the Southern California coast, bids fair to be very much shortened through the decision of the Navy Department to force the question to an early issue in the Supreme Court of the United States.

For some time an effort has been under way, according to Mr. Cunningham, to secure passage of an act by Congress declaring that the valuable submerged lands have, ever since being ceded to the United States, been the property of the federal government. The State of California has disputed this claim, declaring that all the submerged lands adjacent to the State of California are property of the State. Thus the valuable oil area to which Mr. Cunningham and the corporation he represents holds title, is involved in the controversy between the Federal Government and the State of California and cannot be developed until the matter of control is settled, the title to the lands held by Mr. Cunningham and associates is secure, both authorities recognizing the validity of his claim.

Now, news comes from Washington that the United States is about to submit the legal question of state or government ownership of these submerged oil lands directly to the Supreme Court of the United States so as to bring about an early decision as to the authority of the Navy Department to add this area to its oil reserves.

Whichever way the controversy is decided, the right of Mr. Cunningham and associates to the area to which they hold title will be confirmed, and that area immediately opened to development along with the vast acreage of submerged lands which the Navy Department hopes to add to its oil reserves.

For this reason Mr. Cunningham and other residents of Vegas interested with him are elated at the prospect of an early decision as to control of submerged lands, without the necessity of waiting for legislation and the litigation through various courts which would follow.

In reference to this matter of submerged lands adjacent to the California coast it is of interest to note the position of the government as set out in a brief submitted by Leslie C. McNemas, senior attorney, office of the Judge Advocate General, U. S. Navy:

"For reasons hereinbefore set forth, representatives of the Navy Department hold that the submerged lands beneath the territorial waters along the coast of California were ceded to the United States by Mexico in 1848: That the United States has not ceded these lands to the State of California: That the said State did not acquire these lands when she was admitted to the Union in 1850: That this question has never been decided by the Courts in any contest arising between the United States and the State of California: That the representatives of the Navy Department further hold that Congress has the exclusive power to dispose of the territory and other property of the United States: That the word 'territory' as used in Article IV, Section Three, of the Constitution, includes tidal lands as well as uplands: That it requires a definite enactment by the Congress to dispose of such lands either to a State or to private interests. . . I submit to you that there has never been such a conveyance in respect to these submerged lands off the coast of California."

SPENDS EASTER WITH PARENTS

Tom Beam spent Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beam, Yong Beam is a senior in aeronautic engineering at Stanford University.

HAMS VISIT DEATH VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ham and children, Betty Katherine and Bobby and Mrs. Lillie Miller enjoyed a trip to Death Valley Easter Sunday.

RETURN FROM VISITING DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Marshall have returned from a visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Murphy of Santa Barbara, California.

Perseverance Plus



BLESSED with a soft Southern accent and an indomitable spirit, pretty Trudi Bogard auditioned for Phil Spitalny five times on as many different instruments before she finally won a place in his famed all-girl orchestra as a vibraphonist. Vivacious yet serious-minded, Trudi may be heard with her twenty-nine feminine colleagues every Sunday night when the "Hour of Charm" is broadcast nationally over the red network of "IBC."

Nevada Governor Asks Cooperation In Cancer Fight

Governor Carville in a statement issued, called upon all men and women of good will, all agencies of education and enlightenment, to unite in support of the Women's Field Army in its peace-time war against cancer by attending its meetings, reading its literature, and enlisting in its ranks.

Governor Carville stated: "The Women's Field Army of the American Society for Control of Cancer is an organization led by volunteer women and directed by leading physicians and is conducting a carefully planned educational and enlightenment campaign in this state under the slogan 'Early Cancer is Curable. Fight it With Knowledge.'"

"Medical authorities agree that between one-third and one-half of the one hundred and twenty-two persons who died of cancer in this state could and should have been saved by early diagnosis and prompt, proper treatment, and I therefore ask that appropriate action be taken now, and urge all men and women to unite in supporting the Women's Field Army of the American Society for Control of Cancer, especially during the month of April, which is set aside as Cancer Control Month."

The annual drive for the Control of Cancer starts April 1st and continues through the month. Contributions are asked for this worthy cause and it might be borne in mind that 70% of all money raised in Nevada is used in the state and 30% goes to the National Headquarters in Washington, D. C.

One hundred and twenty-two persons died in Nevada of Cancer last year and many of them might have been saved by early diagnosis and prompt treatment.

The chairman for Clark County is Mrs. E. W. Felker, 816 South Third street, Las Vegas.

Untimely Death Takes Musician

Miss Mildred Ulrich, talented organist who has for several months past been one of the favorite entertainers of Las Vegas, died suddenly at 7:00 this morning, following a stroke suffered as she reached her room in the Walters Apartments soon after midnight.

Miss Ulrich, seeming in perfect health, went to her room, escorted by Robert Barnett, following the completion shortly after midnight, of her evening program. As they arrived there she suffered an attack of heart failure and quickly lapsed into unconsciousness. She was taken immediately to the Las Vegas hospital, but in spite of every effort to revive her, died without recovering consciousness.

The remains are at the Garrison Mortuary and funeral arrangements are awaiting the arrival of a brother from Phoenix, Arizona. Among her surviving relatives are her mother and sister living in the east.

Miss Ulrich was an excellent musician and a general favorite with Las Vegas people. She loved this city and refused many offers of engagements in other cities so that she might remain here. Her untimely death brings deep regret to the many who have enjoyed her friendship and her music during the months she has resided here.

VISITORS FROM SAN DIEGO

Mrs. L. J. Turner, Misses Rose and Ray Davis and Mrs. Corbett of San Diego spent a few days here this week visiting Boulder Dam. Mrs. Turner lived in Las Vegas about twenty years ago and was amazed at the growth of the city. While here she was a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Lightfoot, 116 North Seventh street.

BREEZES RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Breeze have returned from spending Easter in southern California.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS IN LAS VEGAS

- 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. 2500 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 2, 3, 4—Footprinter's Convention. (One thousand delegates).
- May 9—Gracie Allen-George Burns "Surprise Party Special" and Parade of 50-Piece U. P. Band during the evening.
- May 16, 17, 18—Annual Hellsdorff and Rodeo (Las Vegas' most thrilling event).
- June 12 to 16—Veterans of Foreign Wars and Spanish War Veterans Annual Encampment at Boulder City and Las Vegas. Estimated 2,000 in attendance.

Illness Drives Matron To Death

The residents of this community were shocked on learning that a much beloved matron, Donna Honrath, had taken her own life Tuesday last.

Mrs. Honrath was a prominent member of the Methodist church, of Southgate Chapter, O. E. S. and of the U-Wah-Un Study Club. Owing to ill health she had been obliged to give up active service in these organizations. A short time ago she went to Scripps' Clinic at La Jolla, California, for treatment for extreme nervousness. After a short stay she returned having been advised by physicians there that she should take a long rest. She seemed to be improving and was in her accustomed place last Sunday morning at the Easter service at the Methodist church where she was warmly greeted by her many friends.

On Tuesday afternoon, while alone at her home she suffered an acute recurrence of her nervous disorder and apparently in a nervous frenzy hanged herself in the garage at the family home on Seventh street.

It was a pitiful thing that her youngest daughter, Donna Jean, on returning from school, should be the one to discover the body. With the aid of her aunt, Mrs. Fred Wilson, the body was taken down but life had fled.

So ends the earthly life of this well loved woman, so full of kind and loving deeds that she will always be held in blessed memory.

Donna Honrath, was the wife of Earl Honrath and the mother of Pauline and Donna Jean. The family has resided in Las Vegas for the past seventeen years, coming here from Spokane, Washington. She also leaves a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Wilson of Pueblo, Colorado, a sister, Mrs. Glenn Neville of New York City and four brothers, Fred Wilson of Las Vegas, Paul Wilson of Boulder City; Joseph Wilson of Green River, Wyoming and Frank Wilson of Shreveport, La.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at the Methodist church by the officers of Southgate Chapter O. E. S. assisted by Rev. Ford Gilbert.

Impressive music was furnished by Miss Maydelle Pistole at the organ and by the duet, "He Walked With Me," beautifully sung by Roscoe and Henry Hampton.

Messrs Earl Davison, George Day, Joe Ronnow, Oscar Maret, Harvey Perry and Floyd Gibson acted as pall-bearers.

The flowers were many and beautiful and bore testimony of love and affection. The church was filled with sorrowing friends of the family. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Boys' and Girls' Week Is Coming

Special days are arranged each year to focus attention on mothers and fathers, but an entire week—April 27 to May 4—has been scheduled to celebrate the importance of sons and daughters, according to a current Rotarian Magazine editorial.

"It was back in 1920 that Rotarians of New York City were so impressed by the woeful lack of understanding by adults of the problems of tomorrow's men and women they decided to do something about it," the Rotarian editorial comments. "The 'activity' they started had no universal appeal that it has gone far beyond Rotary circles. In America it is now called Boys and Girls Week, and is administered by a national committee of which Major John L. Griffith, of Chicago, famed 'Big Ten' athletic commissioner, is current chairman.

"This year it will be observed from Saturday, April 27, through Saturday, May 4. But Boys and Girls Week is not just an American institution. It, like Rotary, has spread around the world, adapting itself to conditions and taking on local color," the editorial concludes.

LUNCHEON AT APACHE LOUNGE

Mrs. Frank McNamee, Sr. of Los Angeles, or "Mother Mac" as she is affectionately called by her many friends entertained with a delightful luncheon in the Apache Cocktail lounge Thursday afternoon.

A social hour was enjoyed over the luncheon tables during which several games of Keno were played, the winners receiving lovely prizes. The rest of the afternoon was devoted to contract and pan.

ISSUE INVITATIONS

Mesdames E. W. Cragin, A. B. Wither and Sam Lawson have issued invitations for a Bridge luncheon at the Apache for Saturday, April 6th.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY DISCUSSES BOULDER DAM POWER AMENDMENTS; MAKING SUGGESTIONS

District Attorney Roland Wiley, following consultation with several of those familiar with the proposed amendments to the Boulder Canyon Project Act under consideration for the past two years, has recommended several modifications of the Act in the interests of clarity and to make certain that the requirements of Arizona and Nevada are fully recognized and assured.

The proposed amendments now pending in the House of Representatives, provide that receipts from the Boulder Canyon Project shall be applied (stated in general terms):

(a) To operation, maintenance and replacements of the project.

(b) To repayment to the Treasury with interest of advances for construction, etc.

"(c) In commutation of the payments now provided for the States of Arizona and Nevada in Section 4(b) of the Project Act, to the payment subject to the provisions of Section 3 hereof, to each of said States the sum of \$300,000 for each year of operation, beginning with the year of operation ending May 31, 1938, and continuing annually thereafter until and including the year of operation ending May 31, 1987, and such payments for each year of operation which shall have expired at the time when this subdivision 2 (c) shall become effective shall be due immediately and be paid as expeditiously as administration of this act will permit, and each such payment for subsequent years shall be made on or before July 31, following the close of the year of operation for which it is made.

"Payments to Arizona and Nevada authorized under this section, when made in amounts as herein provided for, shall be in lieu of taxes which (had the project been constructed by any taxable entity) might be levied by or under authority of said states, or either of them, or by any lawful taxing political subdivision of either of them, upon (i) the project as herein defined; (ii) the electrical energy generated at Boulder Dam by means of facilities, machinery and equipment both owned and operated by the United States, for the generation of electrical energy; (iii) the privilege of generating or transforming such electrical energy, or for the use of such facilities, machinery and equipment and of falling water for such generation and transforming; and (iv) the transmission and control of such electrical energy so generated and transformed (as distinguished from the transmission lines and other physical properties used for such transmission and control) and the use of such transmission lines and other physical properties for such transmission and control. In the event that, notwithstanding the provisions hereof, any of the above mentioned taxes shall be collected, payments made hereunder to the State by or under the authority of which such taxes shall be collected, shall be reduced in an equivalent amount. Nothing herein shall in anywise impair the right of either the State of Arizona or the State of Nevada, or any lawful taxing subdivision of either of them, to collect non-discriminatory taxes upon that portion of the transmission lines and all other physical properties, situated within such State and such political subdivision, respectively, and belonging to any of the lessees, agents or allottees under the Project Act and/or under this Act, and nothing herein, nor in any contract of agency executed pursuant to Section 9 hereof, nor any other arrangement or condition effected by the Secretary of Interior to carry out the provisions of this Act or the original Boulder Canyon Project Act, shall exempt or hold immune or be construed so as to exempt or hold immune any such property from taxation, all in the manner provided by the Constitution and laws of such State."

REASON:

"This suggestion merely removes any doubt as to the meaning of this section, and makes clearly and what properties may be taxed without the consequence of probable litigation to determine whether the amounts of such taxation shall be deducted from the annual payments as provided. It should be noted that such doubt of deduction is not removed by the subsequent provision which provides that 'nothing herein shall, in anywise, impair the right of taxation.'"

"Section 2, Paragraph (c) commencing with the words 'Nothing herein' and ending with the words, 'Constitution and laws of such State' set in blackface type above, should be amended to read as follows:

"Nothing herein shall in anywise impair the right which is hereby expressly given to the State of Arizona or the State of Nevada, or any lawful taxing political subdivision of either of them, to collect non-discriminatory taxes upon all that portion of transmission lines and other physical properties, situated within such State and political subdivision, respectively, and belonging to any of the lessees, agents or allottees under the Project Act and/or under this Act, and nothing herein, nor in any contract of agency executed pursuant to Section 9 hereof, nor any other arrangement or condition effected by the Secretary of Interior to carry out the provisions of this Act or the original Boulder Canyon Project Act, shall exempt or hold immune or be construed so as to exempt or hold immune any such property from taxation, all in the manner provided by the Constitution and laws of such State."

REASON:

"This amendment recognizes the difference by what is ordinarily meant in taxation law by exemption and immunity, and is designed to make certain that neither the Act nor any contract, condition or arrangement effected by the Secretary of Interior, should operate, or in any way aid, the Los Angeles, Bureau of Power and Light, or the City of Los Angeles, or the Southern California Edison Company, or any other lessee, agency or allottee, to escape taxation on their privately owned properties. Certainly Congress will want to make clear, in this instance, its usual policy and the present tendency of the Supreme Court, to eliminate governmental immunities from taxation, the social reason for which is becoming more apparent each year.

In making this amendment it is thought that if Congress clearly evidences an intention to permit State taxation of property within the so-called reservation, the Southern California Edison Company as well as the City of Los Angeles will promptly pay the taxes that are now of doubtful validity upon that

ties belonging to any lessees or any allottees of electrical energy.

"It is only the Project proper, including the instrumentalities and properties for the generation of electrical energy connected therewith and owned by the United States, upon which the States of Nevada and Arizona could conceivably be deprived of the right of taxation, and it is only such taxation of which they were deprived, that the annual payments of \$300,000 was, or is intended, to compensate.

"In other words, no reason exists, and it is unnecessary for Congress in this Act to attempt to compensate for taxes never lost to the States. Item mentioned in (i) and probably those mentioned in (ii) and (iii) could not be taxed by the state and, for that reason, the provision for annual payments; whereas, all elements mentioned in Subdivision (iv), namely, the transmission and control of electrical energy, the transmission lines and other physical properties privately owned, and the use of such transmission lines and other privately owned physical properties for transmission and control, are, and always have been held to be, proper subjects of State taxation.

"ALTERNATE SUGGESTION No. 1:

"If the foregoing is not entirely stricken, it is suggested to amend lines under discussion to read as follows, 'As distinguished from the transmission lines and any other physical properties belonging to, or used by, any lessees, agents, or allottees for such transmission and control.'"

REASON:

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