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OBSERVATIONS

By CHARLES P. SQUIRES

"SCOOP" IS ON THE WING!

Tonight our friend "Scoop" starts on his career in the service of Uncle Sam! The starting brings me some pangs of regret and rouses somewhat ancient memories in my mind. (Perhaps it would be more fitting should I say, "Aroused memories in my somewhat ancient mind.")

Nevertheless, leaving the matter of age entirely out and ignoring the sometimes querulous inquiry as to whether or not I am still, I am filled with envy at the falling "Scoop" and the other young fellows going into the armies these days.

The memories? Why yes. One of the bitter moments of my life, was when the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, 1898 as it may be found I could not enter the army because of having a wife and children. It was one of the deep and sad disappointments of my life, for the spirit of patriotism was a glowing fire, and the desire to ride with Teddy Roosevelt and his roughriders was almost overpowering.

And now, even at my age, I would give all the millions of dollars I have accumulated would it buy for me one year of "Scoop's" youthful enthusiasm and the joy of living which I am sure he has. Well, regrets are unavailing, we are taught and, anyhow, I am just writing this to bid my young friend God Speed and happy landing.

Not so long ago—just a span of a few days it seems—I spoke to the young fellows who went into the service of the World War. Now we are bidding goodbye for a year, perhaps, to another generation. How the time does flit after you once reach the mature age of 21! And how inexorably the world rolls on its way!

AN AMAZING LITTLE CITY

Las Vegas is really an amazing little city. But it often takes some stranger visiting here for the first time to remind us of it. We have come to take it as a matter of course. Just recently, speaking with some friends who were seeing Las Vegas for the first time, the whole glorious picture of Las Vegas, climate, scenic wonders, Lake Mead, boating, fishing, the immensity of Boulder Dam, the cheapness of power and the almost universal use of electricity in our homes, the brilliance of our streets and the gaiety of our places of entertainment, all appeal to most of our visitors in a far greater degree than most of us realize.

Yes, Las Vegas is surely a magic little city. What a pleasure to some of us who live here and have helped to make Las Vegas what she is! Then to see a lot of squabblers dirtying up the place by throwing a lot of mud at each other! It is just too bad, but what can we do about it?

A FINE PAGE

One of the finest pieces of publicity Las Vegas has enjoyed for some time was the full-page of usually striking and beautiful views of Hoover Dam and vicinity in which Las Vegas is described as "Gateway to the All-Winter Sun Festival."

The article was written by Lynn J. Rogers, Outdoor Editor and the views were taken by Times photographers. An extract from the descriptive matter says:

"Visitors are welcome and free to walk or drive across the dam, view and photograph it from every angle and take the guide tours into the body of the dam and to the power plant."

This should aid greatly in removing the widespread but entirely mistaken idea that tourists are not permitted to tour the projects.

PLEASANT LITTLE DRIZZLE

The rainstorm which more properly may be designated as pleasant little drizzle, produced fifteen one-hundredths of an inch of rain up to noon today. The sky is still cloudy and there is probability of more rain before the weather clears.

GOVERNOR CARVILLE DELIVERS MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATURE

Boulder Dam Power and Revenue Most Important to Clark County. — State Finances Found in Sound and Favorable Condition.

Governor Carville in his message to the legislature delivered by him at a joint session Tuesday last, reported that the state is in a prosperous financial condition and that, in his opinion, the state tax rate need not be raised. He made no recommendation on the matter of distribution of the Boulder Dam revenue, but left the important question to the legislature.

Following are the high lights of the address: "I am pleased to report that the financial condition of the state's various departments is sound. Each department is conducting its affairs within the limits of the amounts set forth in the budget made during the thirty-ninth session of the legislature and in several instances reversions of funds will be made at the end of the biennium.

Throughout the state economic conditions are fundamentally sound.

There has been a marked increase in revenues from gasoline, and diesel taxes, liquor taxes, bullion taxes, plate licenses, and common carrier taxes.

State Finances

The records of the state controller show the net cash balance of state funds in the hands of the state treasurer, as of January 2, 1941, to be \$1,291,602.31. On January 2, 1941, the outstanding bonded indebtedness of the state amounted to \$403,000, all of which is held by trust fund accounts. This amount represents a reduction of \$253,000 in the amount reported in my message to the thirty-ninth session. The state highway bond requirements are financed in their entirety by income from motor vehicle registration licenses.

On June 30, 1940, bonds owned by the various state trust funds had a book value of \$3,663,752.86. On December 31, 1940, these investments had a book value of \$3,542,885.18. Income from interest on these bonds for the period from June 30, 1938, and ending June 30, 1940, amounted to \$252,066.33.

On December 31, 1940, the sum of \$235,236.62 in cash was available for investment. The investment of funds is made by the state board of finance in government, state and municipal bonds at the prevailing rate of interest as the opportunities arise to make investments.

Economical Administration

"At the beginning of my term as governor I stressed economy as the fundamental principle of our prosperity and happiness. I pledged economy and voiced my opposition to oppressive taxes in order to maintain the enviable position of our state in the Union as being a state with a low tax rate and free from many forms of taxation found in other states. It has been my purpose thus far, and shall continue to be my purpose, to maintain that stand.

Highways

"One of the most important arteries for the conduct of business and travel within the state is our highway system. Approximately two thousand nine hundred miles of highly improved highways have been constructed and improved, as fixed by the federal bureau of public roads, to which the state has subscribed. The federal government has participated in the construction of these primary highways on a basis of approximately 87 per cent of United States funds to 13 per cent of state funds. This participation by the federal government is with the distinct understanding and agreement that the state maintain the roads after they are constructed.

"This year we have been allotted the following funds by the federal government for the building of primary and secondary roads and grade crossings:

1. Regular federal aid system roads. \$1,462,071.00.
2. Federal aid secondary roads. \$109,705.00.
3. Grade crossings. \$146,250.00.
4. Unappropriated federal lands funds. \$218,031.00.

The funds mentioned under the first two items are those in which the state participates on a ratio of 87 per cent by the government to 13 per cent by the state.

Because of the limited appropriations from the federal government, it has been impossible to extend the secondary or feeder road system materially. I consider this class of roads important in the transportation setup of the state. As fast as funds have be-

come available feeder roads have been constructed and improved, as it is realized that our ranching, farming, and mining interests are entitled to adequate means of access to markets from the points of production.

Transportation

During the thirty-ninth legislative session of this state, senate concurrent resolution No. 8 was passed "providing for the formation and composition of a fact-finding committee to study the Nevada transportation system as to taxation, and to recommend proposed legislation for the improvement of the same."

"In accordance with the terms of said resolution, this duty was undertaken by the public service commission, aided by the highway department.

"I respectfully urge that we have a system of transportation laws which provide and insure equitable treatment of all competing agencies. These agencies consist of railroads, trucks and busses, and airplanes. They are all a part of our transportation system and are essential to the development of our industries. It is needless to point out the railroad companies bear a great portion of state and county taxes throughout the state, and that proceeds from the operation of trucks, busses, automobiles, and airplanes contribute to state and county taxes as well as to the state highway funds which go to the construction and maintenance of our roads.

I urge the creation of a board to deal with the air transportation problem. I suggest for your consideration that this board should be made up of three heads of now existing state departments, in order that there be no added expense by way of salaries, etc.

Boulder Dam

"Over the period of the past two years the use of electric power from Nevada's allotment at Boulder Dam plant has greatly increased. With the assistance of the rural electrification administration the people of the Moapa valley in Clark county have extended transmission line into Overton and vicinity, a distance of about 50 miles from the dam. This was accomplished in 1939, and that district has already requested that their initial contract with the state for 150,000 kilowatt hours per year be increased to 800,000 kilowatt hours. The Southern Nevada Power company has built a transmission line from Las Vegas southerly into the Searchlight mining district, a distance of about 30 miles, giving that potentially rich mineral area the benefit of lower-priced power.

"The two principal consumers of electrical energy from Boulder Dam plant are Lincoln county power district No. 1, which supplies the towns of Caliente, Pahrump, Pahrump, and vicinity, and the Southern Nevada Power company, which supplies Las Vegas and environs. These companies have within the past month requested supplemental contracts increasing their allocations more than one-half. The total use within the state during the coming year will be in excess of 40,000,000 kilowatt hours.

"Recent legislation in congress resulted in the passage of the Boulder canyon project adjustment act which supersedes and eliminates defects in the original Boulder canyon project act. The legislation established a plan whereby the power will be available at a lower rate than those now in force under the original act. Since the passage of the new act, negotiations have been carried on between all of the power contractors and the U. S. department of the interior to complete agreements for carrying into effect the provisions of said legislation. A series of hearings held for this purpose in Los Angeles have just been concluded and new energy contracts between the contractors and the government are now being drawn up. The act requires that 90 percent of the original contractors shall enter into new agreements based on the new legislation prior to June 1, 1941, in order for the new legislation to become effective. This should be accomplished within the next few months.

"The legislation provides that Nevada shall receive \$300,000 per annum for a period of 50 years beginning June 1, 1937, to reimburse Nevada in lieu of taxes. The first payment should amount to \$900,000 for the years 1938, 1939, and 1940, and the fourth (Continued from Page 5)

SMEARING LAS VEGAS

The controversy between two factions of the city government seems to have departed from the main issue, the efficient and honest operation of the business of the city, and to have degenerated into a campaign of smearing in which both factions are enthusiastically competing. The result so far has been to convince nobody of anything.

On both sides we find anonymous publications with nothing convincing or constructive, devoted principally to personal abuse.

The matter of where the truth lies as to the best business interests of the city is being entirely ignored and Las Vegas thereby seems to be inviting controversy, bitterness and disorder.

To the average man having the interests of Las Vegas at heart, neither side to the original controversy is entirely wrong nor entirely right. Both have degenerated into the magnifying of personal animosities; and petty differences in business policies which first aroused the controversy have been entirely overlooked or forgotten. The City of Las Vegas is the victim — its real interests ignored, overlooked, all but forgotten.

The Age appeals to all sensible people to keep their feet on the ground and give some study to the real problem of what is best for the City of Las Vegas.

In the main Las Vegas people have followed the sane and sensible course during the thirty years since the city was incorporated. There have, at times, been men in the city government who were not fitted for public service either by experience or in temperament. We often have thought it "better to bear those ills we have, than fly to others that we know not of." And we have had no occasion for regrets.

In truth we have sometimes learned by experience that difference of opinion is the best safeguard the city can have — it many times has saved us from going to extremes on either side and has generally resulted in wise compromises with the best interests of the city and the people well served.

We can see that but little, if any, good will be accomplished by a recall campaign at this time. Whatever the result, the campaign would still be continued through the next three months and finally decided at the May 6 election.

For the welfare of Las Vegas and the peace, prosperity and happiness of her people, we suggest an abandonment of mud-slinging and general smearing and a resort to the sane spirit of forbearance out of which wise and beneficial policies will be born.

However, we fear that, under the present condition of personal irritation and petty spite and jealousies, this is too much to expect.

Carsonite Comment Legislative Session

Capital City, Is Now On Her Own, No Longer Dependent On Bounty of Session.

(By A. Looker Oner.)

Members of the Senate and Assembly of the Fortieth session of the Nevada legislature met in joint session in the Assembly chamber Tuesday afternoon to listen to Governor Carville's address.

Although snow was falling and it was wet outside, the spectators' gallery was crowded.

Arriving a few minutes late, I was lucky in finding a seat in the front row, right on the middle aisle, where I could look down on the floor of the Chamber. There I spied many familiar faces.

Seated in a row behind the speakers' desk sat the members of the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Ducker with Judge Taber and Judge Orr lending special dignity to the occasion. On the bench above this august body sat Governor Carville with Lieutenant Governor Maurice Sullivan and Speaker Cahill.

The Governor delivered his message distinctly and quietly with no oral fireworks.

As I sat looking down on the chamber I agreed most heartily with the suggestion that the legislature appropriate funds for the renovation and repair of the capitol and other state buildings. Nevada may be "One Sound State," but if the condition of the assembly chamber is any criterion, she is a sloppy and careless house-keeper. Dirt and grime covered the walls and ceilings of the stately room. The hangings were streaked, faded and soiled; the tall windows cry for Venetian shades; the linoleum in the hallways is full of holes.

Of course there were many other suggestions in the message which all have read by this time, but that one seemed to me to be the most timely. The thought also came to me that if the legislature went to work in the same spirit exhibited by Governor Carville in the closing words of his address, only good could come of the session.

Among the women I recognized, was Mrs. Carville, who sat near her husband. In a becoming red hat, Mrs. Carville was gracious, as always. Watching her after adjournment, it was easy to see that she is a big help in the firm of Carville and Carville.

Mrs. Helen Williams of Hot Creek, the only woman of the 40th session, a pleasant, intelligent appearing person, looks as though she could more than hold her own against the masculine forces. Seated beside her husband, Assemblyman John Kelly, of Las Vegas, was the former Pauline Honrath, looking even prettier than usual in a gray squirrel coat. James Farnedale's attractive daughter, Hazel, will act as attaché and also keep house for her father in a cozy apartment in Carson.

Among the men I noticed in addition to John Jelly and James Farnedale, were C. D. Baker and Clifford Jones. Jones was honored by being appointed speaker pro-tem of the Assembly. All together a well divided representation, with two very young men and two older men of more mature judgment.

Sitting with the senators were Archie Grant, Noble Getchell and Charlie Russell. Among the assemblymen I recognized Cooper, Carlson, Lewis and Whalen of White Pine; Doug Tandy, of Austin, E. H. (Tuggle) Trower of Caliente and Denver Dickerson, Carson City publisher.

Frances Horsey, Tom Foley and Harley Harmon, Jr., were with the attaches, no doubt preparing to follow in the footsteps of their fathers, by taking an interest in politics.

Young Cassill of Reno, who won the speakership after a spirited contest with Denver Dickerson, Clifford Jones and James Whalen, gives promise of being able to fill his position capably and intelligently.

It is heartening to find so many young men taking a real interest in politics. For so many years that scope of activity was left pretty well to the oldsters. At the close of the message, the joint session was dissolved and after the appointment of a few committees, the assembly adjourned until ten o'clock Wednesday. Hard hours these legislators keep! But no doubt there will be much hard work accomplished during the evening at some of the Reno bright spots.

The State Legislature convened in Carson City Monday, as it has every two years since Nevada be-

REED WHIPPLE NEW CHURCH BISHOP

The announcement of the appointment of Reed Whipple as Bishop of Las Vegas Ward of the LDS church was made at a meeting last Sunday evening. Bishop Whipple succeeds Senator Berkeley Bunker who resigned that important post upon receiving the appointment as United States Senator. The announcement was made at a meeting over which Bryan L. Bunker, president of the Moapa Stake, presided. Among the other speakers were Robert O. Gibson and J. Harold Brinley, members of the stake presidency.

The new Bishop, who has been an employee of First National Bank, (L. V. Branch, formerly the First State Bank of Las Vegas), for more than fourteen years, is widely known in this section. His connection with the work of the church began in 1926 and he became clerk of the Ward under Ira J. Earl, first Bishop of the Ward.

He was born in Pine Valley, Utah, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whipple and is over thirty-five years of age. He came with his family to Moapa Valley in 1916, attended school in Overton and later graduate from Clark county high school at Las Vegas. He was married to Miss Birdie Bunker at St. Thomas and they are parents of one son, Melvin Reed, 12, and two daughters, Audrey, 10, and Carolyn, 5. The family home is at 618 South Sixth street in this city.

came a State. So far as Carson City was concerned the meeting of the states-men and women created scarcely a ripple.

Which seems strange, for time was when Carson City lived, breathed and had her being during the biennial sessions. Then she was gay, vivacious and hospitable and there was gossip and intrigue plenty; balls, parties, and teas filled the afternoon and evening hours.

The Arlington, in those days, was booked full, at greatly increased prices, for weeks ahead. Every available room and apartment was rented and the town woke up and lived, taking the deepest interest in the legislators, their personal lives, problems and pay checks. When adjournment came, Carson just turned over and took another two-year nap.

Then, suddenly, a bomb exploded. One year found a majority of the legislators residing in Reno and traveling the paved thirty miles of highway twice a day. Of course Reno went for this arrangement in a big way, but the Carsonites felt as though they had been stabbed in the back. After all, they had come, after nearly 70 years, to consider the legislature their own special show.

For a couple of years there was moaning and groaning plenty. The light of life had gone from Carson City's existence.

Then, a few years ago, things began to change. Every house and shack in the city was occupied. Many new houses were built and many are being built, and still there are no vacancies in the capitol city. The limit was reached this winter when one landlady declared she wouldn't rent her vacant apartment to legislators.

Yes—times have changed. The old Arlington has had its face lifted. New lamps and comfortable chairs replace the atrocities that used to fill the lobby. Some three or four new cocktail rooms are opening for business. There are half a dozen new, modern, airtight courts, a most attractive new restaurant, even a new and bigger "five and dime," all looking forward to getting a shot at the pay checks, but not likely to feel desparate if they don't.

We hear that a number of the legislators plan to stay in Carson, while a majority, no doubt, commute from the "Biggest Little City."

It is our personal opinion that those who spend the time in Carson City will have a more enjoyable time. Carson is such a hospitable, livable place — but there will be no weeping and wailing because so many are attracted by the bright lights. Carsonites are much more interested in what the legislature will do inside the Capitol than how they will spend their time or money after five o'clock.

Carson City is on its own and doing very well, thank you.

JUNIOR DEPT. HOLDS SKATING PARTY

The Junior Department of the Methodist Church held a skating party in the basement of the church Thursday evening. There were thirty-one present. Refreshments were served to all.

Boulder City Faces Prosperous Season

Between 200 and 300 Artisans Will Be Employed On Military Camp Construction.

General Contractor Morrison, who is building the fifty-two structures necessary for housing the military forces to be stationed at Boulder City, expects the arrival of between 200 and 150 carpenters and other workmen in the building trades, during the latter part of the present week.

Mr. Morrison, who hails from Helena, Montana, is pushing work on the big enterprise as fast as possible.

Foundations already are under way under the sub-contract held by Walter Johnson, who has about sixty men employed.

The plumbing contractor already has between ten and fifteen men on the job, which number will be substantially increased as the work progresses.

In all there will be employed for the next several months between 200 and 300 men, at times more than 300 men it is stated. The men will be housed in various dormitories available in Boulder City until such time as some of the buildings under construction are available for their use.

In contrast with the force of laborers employed on the Boulder Dam construction, the present employees will be highly paid artisans, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, etc., all of whom will draw the prevailing union scale of wages. Which means, of course, there will be ready money in Boulder City and that part of it inevitable will trickle into Las Vegas.

Clayton Vance Was Seriously Injured

Clayton Vance, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Vance, was seriously injured Tuesday evening in Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. Vance are in Los Angeles with the injured lad.

The manner in which the accident occurred is not quite clear, but it is reported that young Vance was riding in the sidecar of a motorcycle which collided with an automobile. They young man is in a Los Angeles hospital suffering from a fractured skull and a crushed foot. Whether or not his life is in danger was not known at the time Mr. and Mrs. Vance left for Los Angeles.

Ely Gold-Manganese Gets Big Ore Body

The Ely Gold-Manganese Company operating the Cuba Mine located between Ely and Ruth, Nevada, have just opened a large and important ore body according to word received in this city today.

The property has been in successful operation for some time, shipping one car of gold-silver ore to the smelter in McGill every other day.

Within the next 20 or 30 days the company expects to be shipping at least two or three cars of ore per day it is reported.

Five Year Old Girl Falls Out Of Auto

Marjorie Mainor, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Mainor, was thrown to the pavement when the door of the swiftly moving automobile in which the family was riding flew open, and was severely injured.

The little girl was brought to the Clark County General Hospital as soon as possible and was reported to have suffered a fracture of the skull.

Mr. Mainor is a ranger of the U. S. Forest Service at Charles-ton Park.

DAFFY DRIVERS
BY NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

IT WAS DAWN FOR THE DOUGH-BOY WHEN DEATH TOOK HIGH COUNT

BUT DUSK IS THE TIME MOTOR ACCIDENTS MOUNT!

—National Safety Council

THE CROSS-ROADS

