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OBSERVATIONS

By CHARLES P. SQUIRES

TRAVELING TO RENO
In these days of attempted rubber saving, our occasional trips to Reno and Carson City become more serious affairs. Yet the seriousness is mitigated by the Las Vegas-Tonopah-Reno stage lines, started several years ago by Sebastian Mikulich as a small and forward-looking enterprise, which we now observe is blossoming rapidly into "big business."

Perhaps it is not quite so convenient as driving your own car, but, all things considered, it is a lot cheaper. Of course, the increased activities along the route have forced the stage line to add more trips and lengthen the time a little to keep within the speed regulations.

We now start from Las Vegas at 7:00 a. m. instead of 8:15, and arrive in Reno in the evening at 8:30, which makes the running time a little longer than it used to be. But if a person will just assume that he will put in a long and comfortable day of rest, it works out very pleasantly.

MANY CHANGES

Our first friend of five minutes is at our old friend Tim Harnedy's station at Indian Springs, which is getting to be a rather busy place. As in many other settlements along the line, war activities have come in to stimulate business and we observe various activities of the gunnery and bombing school spread over the vast desert area.

At Beatty I saw our fine old friend George Greenwood. He has entirely recovered from his serious illness of a few months ago. Beatty seems not yet to have felt the kick of war activities.

At Tonopah Bill Kennett is as for some years past, presiding over the destinies of the Mizpah hotel, still one of the fine hotels of the state. And just across the street in the remodeled Tonopah Club, the lovely ladies still look down from the walls, unabashed. Only a few of us remember the time when those paintings in their great gilt frames were hung in the Tonopah Club at great expense to become the talk of the state. And in spite of the rather extensive modernization those same "lovely ladies" seem quite at home.

Luning, which for many years was just a little cluster of shacks beside the road, has blossomed into considerable activity incident to the Basic Magnesium magnesite mines in Gabbs Valley nearly thirty miles to the north. The great inverted pyramids mounted on trucks of "Wells, Inc." which haul calcined concentrates of magnesium ore, give the place a rather unusual air just now.

HAWTHORNE, THE INCREDIBLE

Nearing Hawthorne, we observed a perfect example of what war can do to a country. The town used to be a pleasant village set amid green trees, looking toward the south at Lucky Boy summit; shielded on the west by the towering shoulders of Mount Grant, with the vast expanse of sky-blue Walker Lake as its front door yard.

Of course in recent years there was a group of the Naval Ammunition Depot "igloos" in which ammunition for the fleet was stored, and the pleasant headquarters of marines where the dormitories for the men and the homes of the officers were set in green lawns.

Today, as far as you can see over the vast desert expanse, the earth is being torn up for the erection of hundreds more of the igloos. Quarters for many men are being prepared. Low cost housing projects for hundreds of additional families are being built. Railroad spurs run everywhere. And, it is rumored, the military will soon require the closing of the present highway and rebuilding it on the east side of Walker Lake where it was located more than twenty years ago.

And our peaceful village has been submerged in a vast sea of activity. Even the restaurant and saloon of our old friend Gallo, destroyed by fire several months ago, has been rebuilt on the street back of its former location and is too modern to be particularly interesting.

FRANK SANTONGUE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Van Santongue, has joined the Navy and is stationed at present in Southern California.

British Commandos Describe Two Raids

Two of the most successful British Commando raids on enemy-held territory on the continent were those at Vaagso, Norway, and St. Nazaire, France. The inside story of these brilliant operations are the subject of another program in the series "Freedom's Fighting Men", to be heard over Station KENO on Sunday, Sept. 27, at 3:00 p. m.

Appearing on the air in this country for the first time since he has been in charge of the Commandos, Lord Louis Mountbatten, Chief of Combined (Army-Navy-Air Force) Operations, introduces the four officers to be interviewed and reveals facts about the damage done on these raids that have not hitherto been released.

Complete stories of these exciting raids have never been told on the air 'til now—and in the program over Station KENO you will hear the thrilling narrative by those who took part, for the first time.

Maxine Lewis Held Over at El Rancho

Setting an unprecedented crowd record in her initial two-weeks appearance at El Rancho Vegas, Maxine Lewis, top Hollywood songstress, is held over in the feature spot of the current show. With new songs and special arrangements in the inimitable style



MAXINE LEWIS

of Maxine Lewis, the show at El Rancho, with two new feature acts, is an entertainment offering of worthwhile talent.

Starred at Earl Carroll's Hollywood restaurant, Mavis Mims' tapdance interpretations of popular and semi-classic music brings this old-time vaudeville routine into a top-bracket class of new-time entertainment.

White and Manning, former Ziegfeld stars, are the country's foremost comedy team and combine their talents into a versatile act of dancing, and comedy with a new twist.

Doodles Weaver, comedian master of ceremonies, also held over in the current show, with the music of Garwood Van and his orchestra for dinner-dancing, completes another first-class evening's entertainment at this popular night-spot.

AVOID CURB SCRAPING

Tires serving automobiles on the home front will last a lot longer by careful parking maneuvers at the curb. Curb scraping increases the possibility of blow-outs and very definitely shortens tire life, advises the Automobile Club of Southern California. One tire manufacturer goes so far to say that one-half of all tire trouble can be traced to damage caused in this manner.

NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER OF LEGION



KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI—With other potential opponents declining to press their candidacies, it looks as if Roane Waring (shown in photo), Memphis, Tenn. lawyer, is going to be elected national commander of the American Legion without opposition. The annual National Convention of the Legion is now underway in Kansas City.

GERMAN ADVANCE INTO RUSSIA—AS PRISONERS



U. S. S. R.—A long line of Nazi soldiers, now prisoners of war, march into captivity under guard of armed Soviet soldiers. These are some of the many prisoners of war taken by the Soviet soldiers in bitter fighting on the southern front in and around Stalingrad.

Silver Is Coming Back To Its Home

Eight hundred tons of silver metal will take the place of copper at BMI

Eight hundred tons of silver, enough to coin more than 25,000,000 silver dollars, will be sent back to Nevada for use as bus bars in the gigantic plant of Basic Magnesium, Inc., through the efforts of Senator Pat McCarran.

The silver will release a similar amount of copper needed for fabrication of essential war materials and will still remain as good as new and may be taken back by the government whenever a surplus of copper again develops.

Senator Pat McCarran wires: "I have today conferred with Army authorities in furtherance of the plan to utilize Nevada silver in the magnesium plant at Las Vegas, Nevada.

The silver is to be used in substitution for copper thus to relieve a large quantity of copper for war essential purposes. This use of Nevada silver in Nevada in substitution for copper will accomplish two very important purposes:

"First, the release of great quantities of copper now for bus bars and electrical appliances in the magnesium plant, and

"Secondly, it will insure that silver used in this way for non-consumptive purposes will in no wise take from its value as money metal.

"I am happy to have this progressive step approved by the army authorities and taken by the greatest magnesium plant now existing in the world.

"This magnesium plant, using ores coming from Nevada mines, will when in full operation produce in excess of a hundred million pounds of magnesium per year. Thus, this plant utilizing Nevada ores and Nevada silver will play its great part toward winning the war.

"I am grateful to Basic Magnesium, Incorporated and to the army authorities, for their cooperation in this matter."

The story is told graphically by "The Big Job", Basic Magnesium News Letter, in part as follows: Through the warp and woof of Nevada's history runs a bright pattern of silver. It is a pattern that depicts the determination of a new people on a new continent to remain a Union—one and inseparable. It is a pattern of past war and past victory.

But the loom still runs and the fabric of history continues to unfold. So this is a story of that pattern as it is being woven today. It is a story of Abraham Lincoln and Basic Magnesium, Incorporated, threaded together in the pattern of silver. It is a story of the Comstock Lode and our fight with the Axis. It is a story of copper, magnesium—and again, of silver.

Abraham Lincoln was worried. The gallant troops of Lee were winning the war. The Union could be saved only if the industrial resources of the North could be brought to bear against the south. To do this required money—lots of it—more of it than the national credit of those days could raise. The crying need was for metallic money—gold and silver money. Lincoln's need was desperate.

Here in Nevada, men from the far corners of the earth were taking fabulous riches out of the ground. Silver ore from the Comstock Lode was running thousands of dollars to the ton. Both sides—North and South—needed the metallic money this silver would make. There was sharp conflict between men of the two sections on the rich Nevada hill. Miners from the South wanted Nevada in the Confederacy, and

men from the North wanted it in the Union. There was gun play.

An objection was made in Washington that Nevada territory did not have enough population to become a State. But the boys out here sent word back east that a census would prove otherwise. So a census was taken. The story has it that northern miners took the census and counted incoming citizens every time they rounded a curve. Anyway, the census figures which went to Washington showed a population large enough to silence all protests. Lincoln, no doubt with his tongue in his cheek, but with the weight of his office behind legislation, and Nevada, battle-born, became a State of the Union. Incidentally, Lincoln thereby gained three more votes in Congress in favor of the thirteenth amendment which freed the slaves. Silver from the Comstock went to the North, and it is by no means an exaggeration to say that silver from the new State saved the Union.

The years roll by. Hitler ravages Europe. Japan attacks Pearl Harbor. The threat of death to democracy stalks over the earth. Uncle Sam girds for battle. Once more the eyes of Washington turn to Nevada—the state of metals. This time it is magnesium which Uncle Sam needs. In Nevada is the water, the power, an unlimited supply of magnesite—the three requisites for the production of magnesium.

You know the rest—the BMI project—world's largest magnesite plant. It so happens that such a plant requires world record quantities of copper—not only for wire and cable, but for massive installations of bus bar for carrying huge electric currents. Still magnesium is so badly needed that the copper—though urgently required for shell and bullet cases—is routed to BMI.

Now for several years Uncle Sam has been buying silver and storing it—largely because of legislation sponsored by a congressional silver bloc—led by Nevada. Tens of thousands of tons of silver are stored in the east. Silver—like copper—is a No. 1 conductor of electricity. The demand for copper for shells becomes more and more pressing. We need it to mow down the Axis.

So Nevada's solid silver is coming back home. It is coming to BMI. It is coming in planks, large as boards, to substitute for copper as bus bar. It is coming in what—before Pearl Harbor—would have been considered an unbelievable quantity—about 1,600,000 pounds to be used as straight bus bars in six of the ten metals buildings.

It makes a proud little story, doesn't it? Nevada silver, which saved the Union once, returns to Nevada now to save the Union again. It comes back to take the place of copper which is needed for shells to blast the Germans and the Japs, and to help make magnesium which Uncle Sam has got to have to win.

But they won't machine the silver bus bars here. The silver planks will arrive ready for installation. It's going to be a pretty thing to see.

There seems to be another meaning to this story. Silver costs a lot more than copper—71 cents an ounce. Sterling bus bar in peacetime would be out of the question. But in all-out war when copper can be freed for shells if silver is used to take its place in industry—then use of the valuable silver makes sense—particularly when such use does not impair the value of the Sterling.

PAY RAISE ORDERED

A senate post office subcommittee approved a bill by Senator Pat McCarran Tuesday to increase the pay of all postmasters and postal employees by 15 per cent.

Plans for Season Made By A. A. U. W.

The first meeting of the fall season was held at the Methodist church parlors by the American Association of University Women Monday evening with Mrs. A. J. Brimacombe, president, presiding.

Plans for the year were discussed. It was agreed to meet the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 in the Methodist church. Hostesses will furnish refreshments for a brief social hour following each meeting.

Mrs. Florence Davis Schroeder and Mrs. E. J. Gildner were appointed membership co-chairmen and all university and college women interested in joining the A. A. U. W. are asked to contact either of them by October 1 or to call Mrs. Brimacombe at No. 7 or 448.

A pot luck social will be held Monday, October 5 for a get-acquainted meeting honoring prospective members. A "bang up" meeting is promised with lots of pep, good program, good food, and lots of fun. The committee in charge includes E'lois Campbell, Ella Kuffer, Florence Schroeder, and Adelyn Rotholz.

Until election of a treasurer on October 19, Mrs. L. E. Anderson, secretary, will also serve as collector of dues and members are urged to pay their \$5.00 to her as soon as possible.

Mrs. F. R. Carpenter was the first new prospective member to make formal application. Following the close of the meeting, refreshments were served by the president, Mrs. Brimacombe.

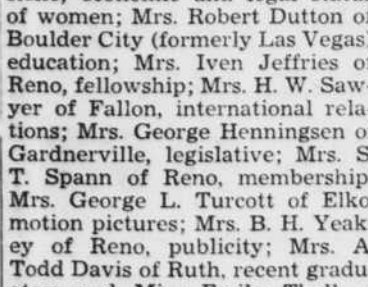
The first year book to be compiled and published by the Nevada state division was distributed to members present. Mrs. Forest B. Lovelock of Reno is state president; Mrs. Kent Wallace of Fallon, vice-president; Miss Lillian E. Esden of Reno, secretary; Mrs. Laurence Settemeyer of Minden, recording secretary; and Mrs. Ragold Fyhen of Boulder City, treasurer.

The Nevada branch is a division of the South Pacific section of which Mrs. Malbone W. Graham of Santa Monica is regional vice-president and Miss Mildred Bray of Carson, regional fellowship chairman.

Appointive officers include Mrs. A. J. Brimacombe of Las Vegas, auditor; Mrs. Elizabeth Lundberg of Winnemucca and Mrs. T. J. Salter of Reno, parliamentarian.

Mrs. Lovelock has announced the following committee chairmen for 1942-43: Mrs. Homer Williams of Tonopah, arts; Mrs. A. J. Brimacombe of Las Vegas, bulletin editor; Miss Beulah Singleton of Reno, economic and legal status of women; Mrs. Robert Dutton of Boulder City (formerly Las Vegas) education; Mrs. Iven Jeffries of Reno, fellowship; Mrs. H. W. Sawyer of Fallon, international relations; Mrs. George Henningsen of Gardnerville, legislative; Mrs. S. T. Spann of Reno, membership; Mrs. George L. Turcott of Elko, motion pictures; Mrs. B. H. Yecko of Reno, publicity; Mrs. A. Todd Davis of Ruth, recent graduates; and Miss Emily Tholl of Tonopah, social studies.

PEAK OF PORK PERFECTION



PRINCETON, ILL.—"Oscar" grand champion market barrow (A Duroc over all hog breeds at the Illinois State Invitational Barrow show held here recently is shown with Col. Elmer Middendorf, his buyer, and J. H. Carnicle, exhibitor. The packer judge selected this Duroc barrow from a large number of entries as the peak of perfection in marketable pork. "Oscar" weighed 175 pounds at five months of age and sold for 32½ cents a pound.

Rotary Club Hears About Switzerland

At yesterday's meeting of Las Vegas Rotary Club the program speaker was Mr. O. J. Scheerer, contractor and builder of this city, who was introduced by Program Chairman Charlie DeArmond.

Mr. Scheerer, a native of Switzerland but now an American citizen, gave a most interesting talk, starting his historical sketch with the year 58 B.C. when Switzerland was absorbed by the Roman Empire under whose control it remained for about five hundred years until the war-lords of Austria took it over, ruling it about two hundred years.

In the year 1291 the Swiss Republic was formed much as it exists today and is the oldest Republic in the world.

The country measures about 210 miles long east and west by 126 miles in width from north to south, with an area of about 15,000 square miles, about one-seventh that of the State of Nevada. In geologic formation it is almost entirely granite with little in the nature of mineral resources except some small amounts of coal and rock salt.

The population of the country, Mr. Scheerer said, is about four million people and the chief industries are the manufacture of textiles and fine machinery with watch making as one of the principle enterprises, although of late years that has been absorbed largely by the United States.

Mr. Scheerer explained in brief why Switzerland has been permitted to retain her independence while nearly all the rest of Europe has been conquered by Hitler by saying that Germany would gain nothing except the responsibility of feeding the people by conquest of Switzerland, while at present Switzerland is an important source of resources which Germany needs.

Capt. McDowell gave an excellent resume of the news of the day as reported by Station KENO.

Plan Dedication of Schools at Basic

B. M. I. Post No. 40 of the American Legion and the Board of Trustees of Railroad Pass School District, are planning a joint dedication of the new auditorium and school building at Basic Townsite at four o'clock in the afternoon, Saturday, October 3. A group of invited guests will assist in the ceremonies.

The celebration will culminate in a ball to be given in the evening.

Parent-Teacher Ass'n Met Friday Evening

The Parent-Teacher Association met for the first fall session Friday evening at the Grammar school gymnasium. Mrs. L. E. Burr, presided over the session and after the salute to the flag and the singing of the national anthem, introduced the guest of the evening, Mrs. James K. Lytle of Los Angeles, the treasurer of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Mrs. Lytle's subject was "How Firm a Foundation" and she stressed the need of physical, mental and spiritual training as necessary to the development of a child.

A reception for teachers and parents followed the program.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION HOLDS VIGOROUS SESSION IN RENO

Morley Griswold Elected State Chairman, with Lloyd V. Smith as Vice Chairman; Creel, Brooks, Tallman and Others Speak

At the Republican State Convention held in Reno last Tuesday, September 22, delegates from each of the seventeen counties in the state perfected their organization, adopted a vigorous platform, elected Hon. Morley Griswold chairman of the state committee and carried out all the usual functions of the state party organization with enthusiasm and complete harmony.

The meeting, held in the civic auditorium, was called to order by State Secretary Lloyd Smith who served as temporary chairman. He was assisted by S. G. Houghton, temporary secretary, who reported 182 delegates eligible to sit in the convention.

Hon. George A. Montrose of Douglas county was elected chairman of the convention and Mrs. Charlotte Towle Sanford secretary. Chairman Montrose presided most acceptably, seasoning the proceedings with a few bits of the salty humor for which he is noted.

The Clark county delegation consisting of E. O. Underhill, A. W. Ham, A. S. Henderson, C. R. "Pat" Clark, Madison B. Graves, C. P. Squires, A. E. Place, Ray Griffith, LeRoy Whipple, A. W. Harris, Harry H. Austin, Walter R. Bracken and Effie Deadrich, was represented in the convention by C. P. Squires.

Under the leadership of W. D. Wright of Elko, delegates present contributed the sum of \$1,538 for the foundation for a campaign fund.

At the afternoon session brief talks were made by Cecil W. Creel, Republican nominee for U. S. Senator; Ernest Brooks, nominee for Representative in Congress; and A. V. Tallman, nominee for Governor. All the candidates received enthusiastic approval for the concise manner in which they outlined their policies.

Mr. Creel told the convention that:

"The Republican party as the minority party, now has a high mission to fulfill in the legislative branch of our government in protecting the people and the war effort against the tyranny and stupidity of New Deal bureaucracy."

"The record of the administration with respect to military preparedness prior to Pearl Harbor indicates how inadequately those in authority grasped the magnitude of the task now confronting us."

"The administration's policy of harassing and hampering private business enterprise during the years 1933 to 1940 is well known. Now the administration is forced to turn to private enterprise."

Creel cited the rubber situation as an example of the confusion and lack of cooperation between the several departments and various New Deal agencies in Washington.

Ernest Brooks emphatically declared:

"It should be my duty to aid in every possible way the winning of the war and the protection of the American way of life under the constitution."

"There is no further need of continued bureaucratic control to reduce American production and effort, but a definite need for encouragement to fight and produce under the American way with government by law."

Senator A. V. Tallman, Republican candidate for governor, reporting on his recent brief tour of the state, said in part:

"I was extremely gratified—as I am sure you will be—at what I found. "I found the people of Nevada cognizant of those serious defects in the state administration which I have observed at close range as a member of the state senate. I found Nevadans justifiably resentful of the state administration's continuous absorptions in petty politics at a time when pressing problems resulting from the war demand leadership and action. "I found the people of Nevada fully aware of the inefficiency and waste that accrue from inter-departmental strife at Carson City. I found ranchers, miners, businessmen, laborers, housewives—every segment of Nevada's business and industrial life—resentful over the state chief executive's preoccupation with politics."

Democrats Convene In State Session

Farnsworth, Supported By Gov. Carville, Made State Head; Harmon Presides

Called to order by A. E. Cahlan, retiring state chairman, the Democratic State Convention convened at Elks' Hall Tuesday morning and elected Harley A. Harmon to preside as temporary chairman.

Messages were read from United States Senators Pat McCarran and Berkeley Bunker; Congressman Scrugham, Secretary of State McEachin and Maurice J. Sullivan, congressional nominee.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Credentials: Dan McGinty, Humboldt; Farrell Seifers, Mineral; John Kelly, Clark; John Cavanaugh, Nye; Warren Monroe, Elko.

Rules and Procedure: A. L. Scott, Lincoln; Peter A. Burke, Washoe; James Collins, White Pine; John Kooztz, Esmeralda.

Resolutions and Platform: Ed Mulcahy, Washoe; Joe McDonald, Washoe; A. C. Grant, Clark; James A. Johnson, White Pine; E. L. Nores, Lincoln.

Joe Farnsworth, for many years past state printer, was named as Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, defeating Archie Grant who had the endorsement of the Clark county delegation, and Ed Mulcahy of Sparks, who came with strong support from various parts of the state. Farnsworth, it was understood, carried the endorsement of the Carville state administration.

City Commissioner Art Smith Sr., welcomed the delegates in behalf of the city of Las Vegas. Bishop Ira J. Earl asked divine guidance of the convention in all its activities. Approximately 150 delegates were registered.

Businessmen Condemn Parking Meter Plan

Businessmen of Las Vegas appear to be practically unanimous in their condemnation of the parking meter scheme, contract for which was signed recently by the city board.

At the Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday last, Paul McDermott, chairman of the committee on business and living conditions, reported that 48 out of a total of fifty business firms interviewed, expressed disapproval of the parking meter plan. The Chamber unanimously condemned the plan.

The Retail Merchants Association at their Tuesday evening meeting, also expressed unanimous disapproval. Other civic organizations are taking similar action, among them the Junior C. of C. and the Kiwanis Club.

Just what action may be taken to forestall the installation of the meters as provided for by the contract recently signed by the city board, is not at present clear.

Employee Embezzles Anderson Camp Funds

Jack Noble, former employee of Anderson Camp at Basic Magnesium, is sought by peace officers for the embezzlement of approximately \$16,000, according to Sheriff Eugene Ward. Noble and the money disappeared last Monday morning and a reward of \$1,000 is offered for his arrest.

Noble is described as five feet nine inches tall; weight 135 pounds; hair and eyes light brown. He is supposed to be driving a black Plymouth sedan, 1940 model, with California license 22A961.

Parents Get Letter From Private Jesse

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Jesse were happy at receipt Wednesday of a letter from their son, Private John H. Jesse, whom they had believed taken prisoner or killed in action.

The letter came from the "Japanese Field Postoffice, Box 106, Central China." The young man declares he is in good health and is learning how to be a farmer and hopes to be home soon.

and George Day of Washoe. Platform and Resolutions: Clyde Souter, Noble H. Getchell, Harry Atkinson, J. O. Greenan, C. P. Squires and W. D. Wright.