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## OBSERVATIONS

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### BOTTLE BREAKERS

That Rubber Director William M. Jeffers is a sensible, business-like American, is proven by his recent request to all Americans to help rid streets, alleys and high-ways of broken glass, nails and other tire hazards. That it seems to me, is getting down to brass tacks (not the kind we find scattered promiscuously on our streets and sidewalks.)

Which calls to my mind an old, long nurtured grievance to which I am reluctant to give voice—that Las Vegas has altogether too many bottles-on-the-pavements breakers and banana-peels on the sidewalks throwers.

It seems to me that when a sot is not quite drunk enough to think he is a gentleman yet not sober enough to be himself, he is in just the mood when it seems great sport to hear the rattle of glass when he smashes a bottle on the street. Perhaps our bottle-breakers should either keep entirely sober or remain indoors until respectably drunk.

We generally have credited the school children with the banana-peel throwing proclivity, but observation shows they are not entirely to blame. I have seen some grown-ups who should have developed some natural sense of decency with the passing of the years, throwing not only banana peels, but other things dangerous to people on the sidewalks, in supreme indifference to the suffering which may easily be caused to some innocent pedestrian. We can recall cases in Las Vegas where women have suffered broken arms and legs through such carelessness.

Of course some banana peel throwers and bottle breakers will assume a superior air and sneer at the idea of restraining themselves just a little for the sake of others. However, it just comes to mind that there are ordinances with rather severe penalties on those subjects which should be enforced.

### WHITE WINGS

For many years I have suggested, begged, urged and pleaded with the city authorities to have a little hand-sweeping the sidewalks and gutters along Fremont street done regularly.

Not long ago Mike Leavitt, city street superintendent, put an elderly colored man on the job and just recently he added another colored man to his white wings.

I have had real pleasure in observing the amazing improvement in the cleanliness, generally, of Fremont street sidewalks in those blocks which, every time the wind would blow a little, were cluttered with rubbish. The old fellow, in whose work I have taken a particular pride, has certainly worked well and faithfully. I never yet have seen him loafing on the job.

And to our street superintendent I think we would all say: "Fine work, Mike. Just keep it up!"

By the way, I have had the impulse to inquire of our elderly white wings how he got that black eye he was recently carrying. However it may have happened, he has my sympathy.

### Governor Carville Makes Appointments

Governor Carville has made the following appointments:

Board of accountancy: William Kollinger, Jr. of Reno; and reappointed D. J. Sullivan of Carson City and W. L. Merrithew of Reno for 3 year terms.

Board of finance: Charles J. Jones, Lovelock, and M. A. Diskin of Reno for 4 year terms.

State Board of examiners in optometry: Victor W. Poulson of Reno was reappointed for a 3 year term.

George Wingfield and W. H. Moffatt of Reno were reappointed for a 4 year term on the State racing commission.

The traveling recruiting "cruiser" will tour Nevada from January 18 to February 15, as originally planned. No instructions to cancel the tour have been received to date.

There must be no blackouts for Freedom of the Press.

## Jean Rasmussen Is Claimed By Death

Well Beloved Young Matron Dies Instantly and Painlessly of Heart Failure

Quietly, peacefully and without suffering—just as she would have wished it had she known—Jean Nevada Rasmussen, beloved wife of Chris Rasmussen, laid aside the cares of this life and passed to her eternal rest.

The angel of death came for her shortly after midnight December 11-12, twenty-four years and two days following the death of her father, George A. Fayle. Jean had returned from a happy evening with friends and had retired when her husband returned from a session of Vegas Lodge No. 32, of which he is Worshipful Master. She told him of the pleasant evening she had enjoyed and then Chris sat nearby while he wrote a short letter on Masonic business. While engaged in this writing, the husband heard a sound as of moaning. He spoke to his wife and, receiving no answer, hurried to the bedside. Jean had quietly passed from life.

Beta Sigma Phi, of which Jean was a well loved member, held its sad memorial of farewell Monday evening with Mrs. C. P. Squires, sorority mother, reading the service which she closed fittingly with the lines of James Whitcomb Riley adapted to the occasion:

I cannot say and I will not say That she is dead. She is just away.

With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand

She has wandered into an unknown land.

And left us dreaming how very fair

It needs must be, since she lingers there.

And you, O! you, who the wildest yearn

For the old time step and the glad return—

Think of her faring on as dear

In the love of there as the love of here;

Think of her still as the same, I say;

She is not dead; she is just away.

Tuesday afternoon at the Masonic Temple in this city, Southgate Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, carried out the beautiful funeral rites of the order under the leadership of Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald, the Worthy Matron, and Mr. W. E. Fitzgerald, the Worthy Patron of the Chapter.

Rev. Father Kerstetter, of Christ Church, read a portion of the services of the Episcopal Church, Jean being a member of the Church in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Thomas Adams and Mrs. LeRoy Whipple, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. George Zettler, sang beautifully the old hymns "Star of the East," and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere". Pallbearers, chosen from among the old family friends, were Earl Honrath, Fred Callahan, O. F. Schwartz, James H. Down, Sr., Earl Davison and Dr. William S. Park.

The large Masonic lodge room was filled to its capacity with sorrowing friends who, nevertheless, had made the scene bright and beautiful with a wealth of floral offerings. And, like a benediction, the sunlight, streaming through the high windows, illumined the casket and its load of lovely blossoms with a heavenly glory.

Following the services at Masonic Temple, the funeral cortege of many cars drove the forty miles to Goodsprings over the route once so dear and familiar. There, near the little town where most of her girlhood days were spent, on a mound where there is a limitless vista of mountain and valley, she was laid to rest beside the ashes of her father George A. Fayle, who died December 9, 1918, when the terrible war-born epidemic of influenza swept the land.

It was a touching moment when, in the waning hours of a gloriously bright and beautiful day, the mortal remains of the lovely girl who had made such a place for herself in the hearts of many, were laid to sleep the last long sleep among dear ones who had gone before.

In May of 1909, a girl baby was born in Las Vegas to George A. Fayle and his wife, Jane Frost Fayle, known to all as Jean Fayle. The family was then living in a little house near the railroad at the station which had been named Jean after Mrs. Fayle. So it came about that, out of the love of the desert, the baby was christened Jean Nevada Fayle. The family moved from Jean to Goodsprings where Mr. Fayle had developed large mining and mercantile interests and became the dominant

## Christmas Tree Fire Hazards Are Serious

Fire hazards of the annual Christmas tree which will decorate many Nevada homes this season may be avoided to a considerable extent by the correct handling of the tree, according to Gilbert B. Doll, University of Nevada extension forester.

A tree kept in a warm room soon becomes dry enough to ignite rapidly, Doll stated this week, while, if it is properly treated, no serious hazard is involved.

If the stem or trunk of the tree is placed in water while the needles are still able to evaporate water brought to them from the stem, the tree takes up relatively large quantities of water, thus remaining green and relatively large quantities of water.

"For best results, the tree should be freshly cut and the stem placed in water immediately," the extension forester said in outlining the method of preventing Christmas fire hazard.

"When this is not possible, the stem of a tree cut a few days before should be cut off 4 to 6 inches above the end and at an oblique angle before it is placed in the water.

"For a medium-size tree, a container of half-gallon capacity is satisfactory, but even this must be refilled with water every few days. In a warm room, a tree will use as much as a quart of water every 24 hours.

"This continual intake of water prevents the tree from drying out and thus catching fire easily."

Doll warned, however, that this method will not make a tree completely fireproof and that care should be taken to keep lighted matches, candles, and open flames from a tree.

Other common Christmas hazards, he said, are makeshift lights, poor wiring, faulty sockets, decorative cotton, curtains, and soforth.

"Sockets in which the brass part comes flush with the outside may easily be short circuited by metallic tinsel," he stated.

"Fireproof cotton should be used to prevent a fire from starting in such inflammable material and spreading to the tree. If fireproof cotton cannot be obtained, any regular cotton can be fireproofed by treating it with a solution of fire resisting chemical."

### GASOLINE THEFT

Reports of gasoline being siphoned or drained from tanks of parked cars are increasing throughout the southland, the Automobile Club of Southern California warned rationed motorists this week, urging owners not to leave cars parked in dark or seldom traveled streets where fuel thieves might operate without detection. The same precaution also aids in thwarting theft of tires.

Following the death of Mr. Fayle the family carried on for a time at Goodsprings, later going to Los Angeles where Jean graduated from high school. She then attended and graduated from Mills College, noted school for girls at Oakland, Calif., and later fitted herself for business activities by taking a secretarial course.

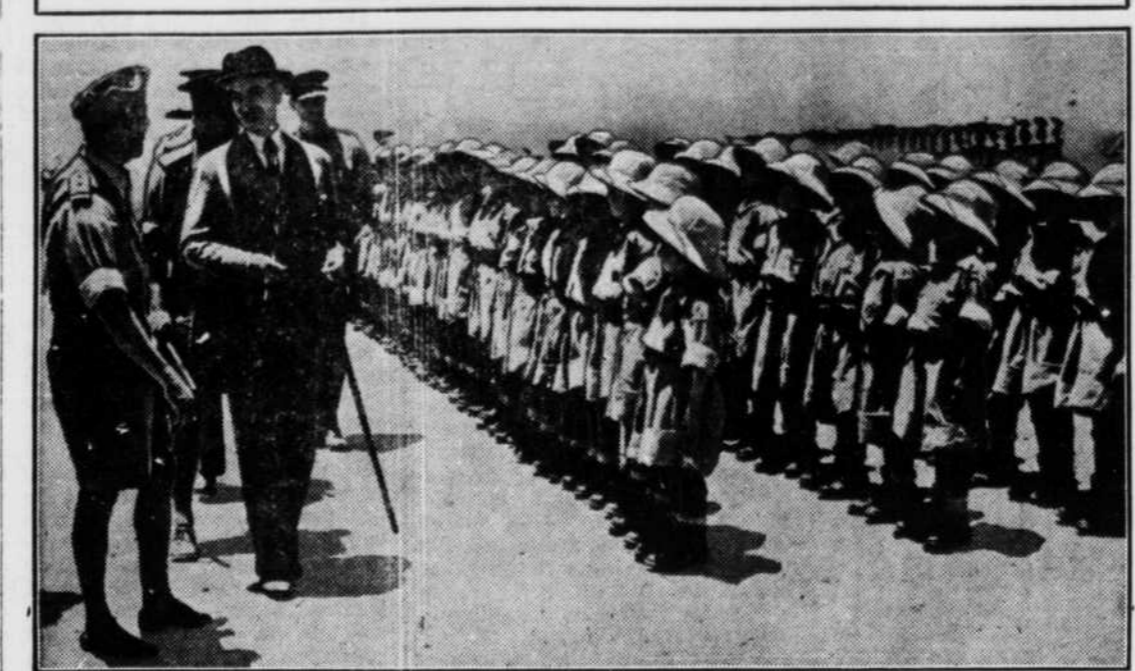
She married Albert Homer Perdue, now eight years of age, was born of this marriage. About five years ago she returned to Las Vegas and was for several years employed for two years at one time in Los Angeles. But she was unemployed and in spite of her handicap, was always gay and happy.

Surviving her, in addition to her mother, Mrs. O. C. Boggs, are two brothers, Arthur Fayle of Delano, California and Leonard Fayle of this city.

Among those from away who came to attend the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fayle, of Delano, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Lubin Henderson of Barstow, Calif., Mrs. L. A. Trapnell of Los Angeles, Mrs. Archie McDonald of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Patton of Los Angeles, Mrs. Ward Rolland of Los Angeles, played in the offices of District Attorney Wiley and County Clerk Lloyd S. Payne.

During this period she met Mr. Rasmussen, to whom she was married on Labor Day of 1941. Since that date they have resided in the home which her husband had provided for her. The marriage proved a very happy one and Mrs. Rasmussen busied herself with the care of the home and with many social pleasures. She was a student and lover of the fine things of art and literature, and was always welcome in a large circle of friends.

## "Junaks" on Review



THOUSANDS OF POLISH CHILDREN, many of whom have lost their parents, are the wards of the new, powerful Polish Army which is now being organized in the Middle East. The Army takes care of their schooling and has organized the "Junaks," a group like the boy scouts. Here high Polish and British officials review the "Junaks," chuckling over their baggy pants made for full-grown soldiers.

## Health Board Has Meat Regulations

New Rules Adopted to Protect Quality of Meat Sold in The Las Vegas Area

In order to protect the quality of meat sold in this area, new rules and regulations were passed December 7 by the Clark County Board of Health. These regulations provide that all meat offered for sale in Clark County must be slaughtered and handled in inspected and approved places.

These regulations are similar to the Las Vegas City ordinance concerning the sale of meat and meat products, which has been in effect for some time.

The food shortage is already being felt in this locality, and the County Health Department has been concerned about the danger of uninspected meat coming in from various sources that are not under supervision. The authority to control the sanitation of the problem, given by the new regulations, will be administered with consideration for the best interests, both of the consumer and the producer, the Health Department announced.

The County Agricultural Agency is cooperating in the enforcement of the local meat control regulations, and it is understood, has circulated to meat producers, in the County, information concerning the new government restrictions regarding the number of animals that may be slaughtered for sale.

Mr. James McMichael, who is now operating the packing house of the Southern Nevada Meat and Provision Company, has agreed to make the facilities there available, insofar as possible, to stock raisers who wish to supply meat to the local market.

Health Department representatives expressed their belief that the new regulations would be of real benefit to the community without causing any hardship to meat producers or retailers. The regulations do not apply to anyone who kills his own animals for the exclusive use of his family or employees.

## Sailor At Midway Full of Confidence

The confidence of our armed forces in ultimate victory is well exemplified by the following letter received by General Motors Overseas Operations and forwarded to Pontiac Motor Division. Written by a sailor stationed at the U. S. Submarine Base, Midway Island, T. H., it reads:

"For obvious reasons I have no intention of trying to buy a Pontiac at the present time but I would like to have the necessary information as to what procedure would be necessary for me to make application for a new Pontiac coupe at the present time in order to be one of the first to get a new car when production of passenger cars is continued. Also, if possible, I would like to make a monthly payment of whatever amount would be necessary to apply on the final purchase. This payment to be either by government allotment or otherwise.

"I have inflexible faith in the future of our country and would like to make preparations to enjoy the peace for which we are now fighting."

## Special Gas Rations Anderson Camp Hit Allowed Inductees By War Restrictions

Special gasoline rations will be permitted selectees when they have to report for physical examinations if they live long distances from the location of local boards, Frank Gorman, state gasoline rationing representative, announced today.

"In many cases of selectees being called by boards to report for examinations, they will use a car belonging to some other person who has been granted mileage for his own purpose and it would be unfair to require him to expend his mileage for any special trips of this kind," Gorman said.

In order to get special rationing allowances, the applicant must present his "Notice to Appear for Physical Examination" to the local war office and rationing board. Upon the selectees presentation of the mileage from his residence to the selective service board, the board will decide if a special ration is needed and may issue such special ration to the car owner only to the extent of the mileage required for the specific trip, Gorman said.

## Nevada Scrap Piles Steel Mill Bonanza

The recent salvage drive held in Nevada and other Western States, has offset a shortage of scrap iron and steel at the consuming mills. This cheering news comes from A. J. Caton, chairman of the Nevada Salvage Committee, who said that the influx of scrap is a bonanza which will help tide the mills over the winter shortage period when scrap collections usually lag.

"Much credit is due the schools and newspapers of the State for the magnificent showing made in Nevada," said Mr. Caton.

"In view of the amount accumulated, some of which is standing idle in town lots, the Government is considering the establishment of stockpiles in California and other points, in order to have this material ready and available for delivery to the mills."

"In the meantime," Caton added, "the urgency for iron and steel scrap, and the difficulties of collecting it, will be increasing. The wholehearted cooperation which has been accorded by the people of Nevada to the Government in scrap collections, must continue, to help keep the mills operating at one hundred percent capacity."

He further pointed out that details of the Government stockpiles operations will be announced later, as soon as plans now being formulated in Washington by the War Production Board, Conservation Division, and other agencies, are completed.

## Young Bradley Now At Hill Air Field

Nye Bradley, son of Mrs. Tenny Bradley of 114 South Second street is now stationed at Hill Field, Ogden, Utah.

The young man was inducted into the U. S. Air Corps on September 6th last.

## A Note of Sorrow From The Reveille

The Reese River Reveille and The Austin Sun, in its issue of December 12, 1942, reprints under the heading of "Pages From The Past" the following expression of sorrow and disgust which originally appeared in that newspaper under date of Wednesday evening, August 14, 1876:

A NOTE OF SORROW.—We give place to the following sorrowful note from a returned disappointed prospector of "Goose Creek" out of regard to the feelings of the wretched man. But he puts too fine a point upon it. We sincerely hope he may survive and settle in our midst, and become a "respectable old man" by and by.

Mr. Editor:—Pity the sorrows of a too energetic and ambitious cuss. I am one of the pioneers of the coast; I have followed in the wake of a hundred golden excitements, from Gold Lake to Cariboo; and at this present writing I don't own a shirt-tail. My friends never ceased to praise my energy and love of adventure. For nearly eighteen years I've been looking for a "big thing." When it was supposed to be in Australia I rushed there; but after two wretched years I was only too glad to work my passage back to San Francisco as cook—the sailors damned my eyes as "doctor"—on board of a dirty English brig. You can bet I've "seen the elephant." I've sipped on disappointment and sorrow. I've been bilked a hundred times the worst kind. I've experienced all the lights and shadows of a prospector's life, including monte, faro, poker, Indians, whiskey, and women. I supposed that I had sounded the famut of human folly, and would by and by settle down somewhere into a respectable old man. But, alas! for human weakness and credulity! I have found a deep lower than I had ever sounded the gamut of human folly. It seems inconceivable that a man of my experience—but da-m-m my experience. The pangs of "disprized love" are some, especially when you've busted yourself buying gingerbread and gum for my heartless one; it is hard to find out that the friend upon whom you have lavished kindness and gold is only a selfish swindler; it is terrible—but what are these, or all other miseries, in comparison to being "Goosed?" I fear that I can not survive my wretchedness. If I should sink under the unupportable load, I hope some kind-hearted man will inscribe upon my head-board a compendium of my miserable life in the simple words, "He went to Goose Creek."

The reason back of all the change and rationing is a simple one. . . . excess food supplies just are not to be had. The following letter received at Anderson Camp from the purchasing agent in California perhaps gives the most lucid explanation:

"You have been ordering butter, cheese and eggs and I have been trying to get them, but it is an impossibility to get them. You also have been ordering dried carrots, shoestring carrots, green beans, spinach, sauerkraut which are now impossible for us to buy for you. They are not canning sauerkraut any more so I am sending it to you in barrels. Diced carrots and green beans are none thing of the past. There are none in town. Fruit is almost impossible to obtain in No. 10 cans, so your order for plums etc. cannot be filled. We are doing our best but find it hard to get these for you."

## Justice Wm. E. Orr Now Chief Justice

(Carson City Appeal)

Justice W. E. Orr of the Nevada supreme court will become chief justice the first Monday in January, 1943.

The constitution of the state of Nevada provides that the "senior justice in commission shall be chief justice, and in case the commission of any two or more of said justices shall bear the same date, they shall determine by lot who shall be chief justice."

Both E. J. L. Taber and Wm. E. Orr were elected in November, 1940, the former to the full term of six years and the latter to the four years of the unexpired term of the late Justice B. W. Coleman.

The commissions issued by Governor Carville to Messrs. Taber and Orr bear the same date.

However, Justice Taber, whose regular turn as chief justice under his present commission, will begin in January 1945, felt that Justice Orr should become chief justice in January, 1943, which honor would have fallen to the late Justice Coleman had he been alive, and has so indicated on numerous occasions.

It is readily seen that Justice Taber might be chief justice four consecutive years by drawing lots for the term beginning the first Monday in January.

## Cecil Horn Killed In Naval Battle

Word has been received by Harry Horn, an employee of the bureau of reclamation in Boulder City, of the death while in action, of his son Cecil Horn. The young man graduated from the Las Vegas high school in 1938 and was a basketball enthusiast, being a member of the all-state high school team.

## Earl St. John Dies On San Francisco

Earl J. St. John, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. St. John of this city, and one of the small detachment of United States Marines on the cruiser San Francisco, was killed on the bridge of his ship by the shell which killed both Admiral Callaghan and Captain Young, to both of whom he was orderly, in the battle of the Solomons, November 13.

Young St. John was one of the small group of Marines doing service on the San Francisco. His remains are somewhere in the Pacific battle area, but Mr. and Mrs. St. John hope that they may some day be returned to Las Vegas for final interment.

The young Marine was a favorite when in the Las Vegas high school of which he was a graduate. He was a leader in the Las Vegas "Wild Cats" football team and in 1938 was named all-state tackle.

In addition to his father and mother who reside at 207 North Eleventh street in this city, he leaves surviving him a sister, Yvonne Hale who resides at Bakersfield, California.

The tragedy which befell the St. John family has shocked the community and The Age joins in the general expression of deep sympathy.

The cruiser San Francisco, which was severely damaged in the battle, finally was able to make its way back to the home port of San Francisco where it is being glorified by the city after which it was christened.

## Vegas High School Seniors Eligible

A large number of seniors of Las Vegas high school are still eligible for the pre-induction officer's training at the University of Redlands it was revealed yesterday by Dr. Floyd Wilcox, director of guidance at the University of Redlands.

Dr. Wilcox disclosed that a special telephone check made with the Navy and Marine recruitment offices, had okayed entrance into the Navy and Marine Reserve corps for high school seniors who have not yet reached their 18th birthday.

Robert Hunter, graduate of Las Vegas high school and senior student at the University of Redlands, is a member of the V-7 Naval Reserve. He resides at 915 Sixth Street, Las Vegas.

Certain students may prepare for critical occupations at the same time they are serving in the reserve officer training program. Students who are 17 years old and are seniors in high school are urged to contact Dr. Wilcox at the University of Redlands as soon as possible in regard to enlisting for the training program. Next year a limited number of special scholarships will be available to men students who have shown proficiency in certain of the war service fields.

## Glee Clubs Present Christmas Cantata

The glee clubs of Las Vegas high school will present the Christmas Cantata "The Christ Child," by J. C. Hawley, this Friday evening, December 18, at the L. D. S. auditorium, beginning at eight o'clock.

The performance, under the direction of Prof. L. E. Rowe, is being sponsored by the Las Vegas PTA at the request of the National Parent-Teachers Congress.

Each year Mr. Rowe prepares one of these delightful evenings of song and he personally trains the singers for the occasion.

## State Chairman of Conservation Unit

Mrs. G. Lawrence Ullom has been appointed by Gov. Carville as state chairman of the women's unit of the conservation division, war production board of Nevada.

Mrs. Ullom is the very able president of the Mesquite club. She will work with all the organized groups of women in the state and thus hope to be able to produce any type of salvage material needed when such material is called for.

Consensus of Nevada Navy recruiters in re curfew says: "Any grob who can't guzzle enough grog within the hours specified should have his guzzling gadgets fitted with a grog governor."