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Republic for which it stands,
one nation, indivisible with
Liberty and Justice for all.

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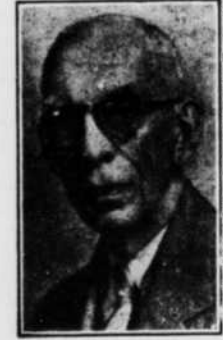
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OBSERVATIONS

By CHARLES P. SQUIRES

ON THE ROAD TO RENO

We left Las Vegas (Union Pacific station) promptly at seven o'clock in the morning, in one of the Las Vegas-Tonopah-Reno stages owned and operated with so much efficiency by Sebastian Mikulich. Incidentally, the abandonment of "the shed" and the use of the U. P. depot as a bus terminal is a wonderful improvement.



Since the war activities at Las Vegas, Indian Springs, Tonopah, Gabbs Valley and Hawthorne have assumed importance, travel on this route has increased to such an extent that it is necessary to operate additional motor busses on many of the trips to carry the crowd of passengers and Sebastian has been trying with only partial success to get enough new equipment to operate a night schedule as well as the present daylight one. However, restrictions on sale of motor vehicles is making it difficult to secure sufficient cars to meet the demands of travel.

On this particular day there was no crowding of the motor stage we were on and no unpleasant incidents except the activities of two or three children and the half-hysterical, high-pitched voice of a girl trying to make an impression on two good looking soldiers. But there was something of interest at every stopping place. We were amazed at the vast extent of the work going on at Hawthorne which, since my last trip through there in September last, has spread for miles and miles over what once was a quiet and peaceful valley, engulfing the pleasant village we have known for so many years in a ruck of new roads, railroads and disfiguring construction of every kind.

The housing problem at Hawthorne must be quite as difficult as that we have seen about Las Vegas—some of those most familiar with conditions say it is worse. At any rate they are making strenuous efforts to meet the situation as quickly as possible by building hundreds of barrack-like two-family dwellings, camps, trailers and similar shelters. In Hawthorne village the construction of many small private dwellings has spread the town in straggling fashion in every direction.

In spite of the multitude of duties heaped upon the drivers by the large increase in business, and the 35-mile per hour speed limit, we made very good time, arriving in Reno at 9:45 in the evening. Of course considerable time is devoted to the various stopping places, much of which seems to the passengers entirely unnecessary. However the travelers were quite comfortable in the reclining chairs and if one will start with a frame of mind to make light of trifling annoyances, the trip between Las Vegas and Reno really can be comfortable and restful, with a few half-hour naps interspersed to make the time seem shorter than it really is.

RENO BRIGHT AND GAY

Arriving in Reno in the evening when the bright lights are at their very brightest, for more than 35 years always been a pleasure to me. There is some romantic and historic flavor to this "Biggest Little City in the World," which appeals to all visitors. I have found it so for more than 35 years and that sentimental attachment which everyone feels for Reno has become a most valuable asset. Las Vegas should and probably is developing an intangible appeal of this nature.

I heard some Reno folks saying, on the quiet of course, that Reno is rather dull. My observation is that Reno is as busy as usual and that, as the work on the great military establishment under construction in Lemmon Valley progresses, the old prosperity of the town will continue.

PEACEFUL CARSON

Carson City is the most peaceful, restful and pleasant little city that I know of. That peace will, I suppose, be rudely broken when the sixty-day session of the legislature starts its biennial fracas.

Christmas Day at Carson City opened with a flurry of snow which gave us a "White Christmas." The weather was cold enough to provide a real chilly contrast with the weather we left in Las Vegas, but it was, at that, very pleasant.

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USO Residence Club Has First Christmas Dinner

Traditional Christmas Day feast of turkey, ham, candied sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, country gravy, green peas, jello molds, cranberry sauce, and all the trimmings, topped off with real old-fashioned plum-pudding, saw over thirty guests, which included residents at the Residence Club, former guests, and their service-men husbands, friends and sweethearts.

The dinner, second dinner to be held in the Club, following last month's Thanksgiving Dinner, was the first Christmas event at the Residence Club, which was established only last July, directed by Miss Margaret M. Bushard, and her assistant director, Miss Eileen Davis. It was staged from 2:00 until 4:00 p. m., December 25, and a buffet supper followed, from 7:00 until 9:00 p. m. the same day.

Guests were served from the attractively decorated dining room, with the table being centered by a lovely piece of dessert holly and red berries. Mistletoe also played an important part in the decorations of Christmas motif; desert holly and red berries, beautifully potted poinsettias, and mistletoe helped build up to the huge ten-foot Christmas tree, covered with strung pop corn, cranberries, bright tinsel figures, and "snow," with its large white blanket of glistening "snow" beneath, in the main front room, where guests were seated. Second front room featured a smaller tree, sprinkled with snow, and was similarly decorated.

Following the feast, guests gathered about the radio-recorder to make recordings of the day's festivities—each one present recorded his name, his home town, his expression of the day's events, and other facts relevant to Christmas, 1942, on the desert.

Mrs. Helen Van Sickle, house-mother at the Residence Club, aided in supervision of preparations, and the dinner was arranged through the assistance of the Residence Club Committee, headed by their chairman, Mrs. Roscoe Thomas. Members of the committee included: Mrs. Chas. F. DeArmand, Mrs. Martha Klein, Mrs. J. R. Hemphill, Mrs. R. Robert Russell, Mrs. V. Gray Gubler, Mrs. G. Carmichael, Mrs. Jas. A. Fleming, Miss Anna Matter, Mrs. A. P. Rubidoux, Mrs. Roger Foley, Mrs. H. R. McLachlan, and Mrs. Louise Woltshick.

Other events at the Residence Club were: Stringing of pop corn and cranberries for the Christmas tree decorating, and making of other decorations by girls at the house on Tuesday evening, December 22. Wednesday evening, December 23, the residence club guests and their friends, under the supervision of Miss Davis and Mrs. Van Sickle, had a real old candy-making festivity—they made divinity of every color, taffy, fudge, and almost any type of delicious candies for the big event on Christmas day, Christmas Eve saw the joyful decorating of the two big trees—which was some job! Christmas morning at 10:00 the girls and women living at the Club exchanged Christmas gifts about the tree, and then preparations were made for the dinner.

The whole week's festivities were but a small part of the USO program in and about the Las Vegas area, every day and every night of every week, and they were a special effort to make Christmas a little more enjoyable for those far from home and their families. In reaching army wives and families, and workers of the defense plant, the program truly helps to make the USO a "home away from home."

FRENCH ZOUAVES IN AFRICA



OHAN—A truckload of Zouaves arrives at American headquarters in Ogan, after a long American troops moving in.

Navy Recruiting Cruiser To Cruise

Will Visit Overton Jan. 30, Boulder City Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, Las Vegas Feb. 2, 3

Civic and patriotic organization committees in twenty-one communities throughout the State are busy on plans for the State-wide tour of the traveling Navy recruiting and educational cruiser, the "U. S. S. Navyda," which will visit every major city and town, starting January 18th.

The cruiser—a completely equipped auto-trailer unit carrying equipment and personnel for everything from disseminating information on the Navy to actually examining and enlisting applicants will be open to the public in each city visited. A special educational and entertainment program will be staged in the evening in each community visited.

The schedule for the cruiser includes: Pioche, January 28; Caliente, January 29; Overton, January 30; Boulder City, January 31 and February 1; Las Vegas, February 2 and 3; Beatty and Goldfield, February 4; Tonopah, February 5.

Lt. George O. Hackett, Officer-in-Charge of the Nevada Recruiting District, said that plans are now being made for ceremonies in Reno on January 18th for "christening" of the cruiser.

Nevada University Warlike Chemistry

To prepare high school graduates for employment as chemists in state industries, a short course in analytical chemistry is being worked out at the University of Nevada in connection with the Engineering, Science and Management War Training program of the U. S. government.

This announcement was made today by Dr. George W. Sears, head of the chemistry department of the university.

Although accredited by the United States office of education for the training program, University of Nevada chemistry department analytical course plans are contingent upon further approval by the office of education, Dr. Sears said. Each course must be approved separately by the office.

As tentatively planned, the course will be for both men and women who are high school graduates. No tuition or other fees will be charged for the work which will be given at night.

To find out the particular types of analysis which would be most useful to Nevada industries, the chemistry staff has written industrial plants for full information on their needs. This information will be used as a guide in outlining the work to be included in the analytical chemistry course.

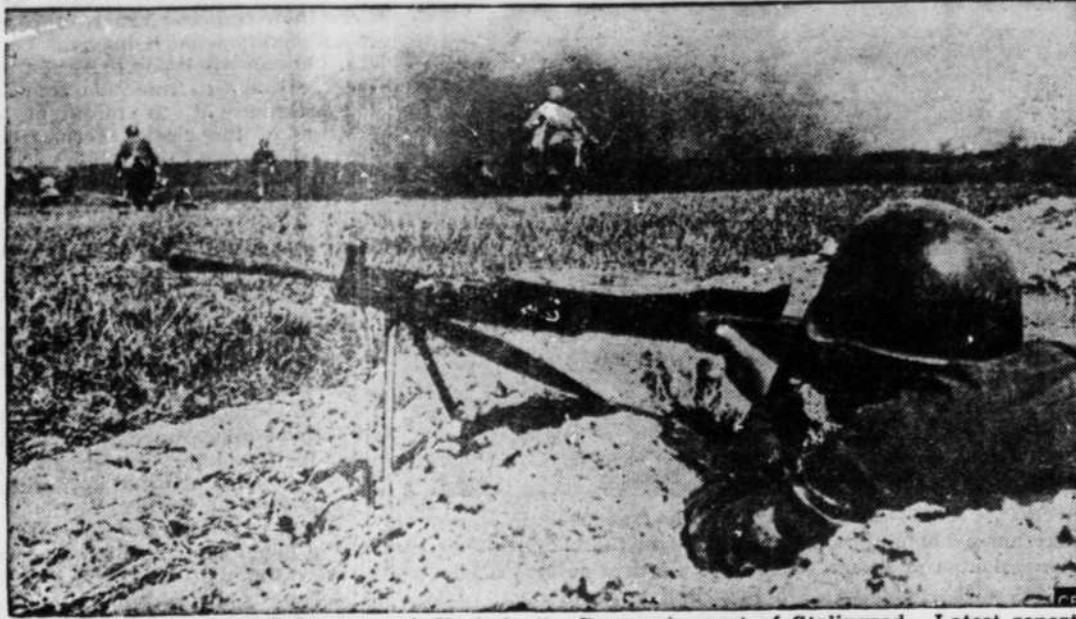
Short Legislature Is Up To Legislators

Governor E. P. Carville, nearing chief executive of the state, is at chief executive of the state, is at work preparing his budget for presentation to the 1943 legislative session.

The Governor explained that because of the expressed desire of many legislators to reduce the length of the session this year, because of wartime needs, he hopes to have the state budget ready for presentation soon after the session convenes.

Carville explained he is cooperating to the fullest with the expressed desire to shorten the session but reiterated any move in that direction can come only from the legislators themselves.

SOVIETS SHOVE BACK NAZI IN DON AREA



RUSSIA—Red infantry fighters attack Nazis in the Don arch, west of Stalingrad. Latest reports say that the Soviets are developing their gains in the Suovikino area, 90 miles west of Stalingrad after punishing tank battles. Although many Nazi troop and transport planes still manage to penetrate the area, the number is being lessened.

Christmas Eve Fire Brings Much Grief

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Struthers at Basic townsite was completely destroyed by fire Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Struthers had gone out for the evening leaving the beautifully decorated tree and all the Christmas gifts waiting the arrival of Santa Claus. The small son Tommy was with friends.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but whatever the cause the result was heart breaking as everything—furniture, bedding, silverware, linens and the little pet dog, was destroyed.

Mrs. Key Pittman Sponsors New Ship

Mrs. Key Pittman of this city was honored by being called upon to christen the victory ship "Key Pittman" which was launched at the Richmond, California, ship yards of the Kaiser Shipbuilding Corporation on Thursday, Dec. 24.

J. Whipple of Overton, Elwood Benner of Gerlach and Bob Elquist of Beowawe, were present as guests at the launching ceremonies, as a reward to their school for leadership in the state's scrap metal drive. Miss Gussie Ross of the Empire school acted as chaperone for the youths on the trip to the coast.

Waldman Death Follows Operation

Charles Waldman, employee at the Basic Magnesium Inc., underwent a major operation at a Los Angeles hospital last week.

He was unable to withstand the shock and passed away Tuesday, December 29. He is survived by his widow, one daughter and two sons.

He had been in charge of the machine setting for the McNeil Construction Company since the first of last January.

Lloyd Johnson Will Become Lieutenant

EDGEWOOD ARSENAL, MD., Dec. 28—Lloyd R. Johnson, Johnson Ranch, Las Vegas, formerly with the First National Bank of Las Vegas, is scheduled to become a second lieutenant at the graduation exercises of the Chemical Warfare Service Officer Candidate School here.

He was chosen from the ranks for this training by his superior officers because of excellence in military record, education, and character.

Eva Adams Returns To Washington Post

Miss Eva Adams, secretary to U. S. Senator McCarran, spent the holidays with her people in Reno. Miss Adams for several years was head of the English department in the Las Vegas high school.

On her resignation here she took a post graduate course at Columbia University in New York City and then became head of the English Department and assistant dean of women at the University of Nevada in Reno.

In 1940 she tendered her resignation to become secretary to Senator McCarran. She returned to her duties in Washington after Christmas.

Abandonment of Line Postponed Six Months

The effective date of an interstate commerce commission order permitting the Union Pacific railroad to abandon its branch line from Milford, Utah, to Frisco, Utah, has been postponed six months, according to The Milford News.

The postponement is made upon the showing that ores vital to the war effort are being mined in the Frisco district. Life of the branch is now assured until at least June 23, 1943.

Fred H. Knickerbocker, executive assistant for the Union Pacific railroad, said Wednesday that he had launched an independent investigation relative to the Frisco branch this fall and had proved to his own satisfaction that need of siliceous ores and developments of tungsten and other ores in that area justified continuance of the branch for the present.

Accordingly, Mr. Knickerbocker said, he had recommended to officers of his company at Omaha that the branch be continued even though it now is an uneconomic operation and has been for some years.

Mr. Knickerbocker related that he had been notified by Omaha officials that of its own volition the railroad would continue to operate the Frisco branch, at least for another six months, and that the railroad had so notified the interstate commerce commission.

Western Air Lines Promotes Official

Harry Karst, well known to Las Vegas, today was announced as Western Air Lines' superintendent of mail, express and cargo by Jimmy James, vice president of operations. He replaces W. A. Lippman, Jr., who recently resigned the post.

An airline veteran, Karst joined Western Air in 1930 as a traffic representative after beginning his aviation career in 1927 with the Aero Corporation of California and Standard Air Lines. In 1934 he was named Los Angeles district traffic manager for Western Air.

In later years the newly appointed executive was assigned to the airline's expansion program which will give Western Air Lines an approximate 10,000 mile route, linking California with Alaska and covering all major western states.

Until his recent appointment, Karst had been based at Salt Lake City as coordinator of all ground school phases of Western's pilot training program.

He resides at 342 N. Hobart Blvd., Los Angeles.

Ensign "Bud" Doherty Is Married In The East

Ensign Charles S. Doherty, son of Mrs. C. C. Boyer of Carson City, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Squires, married Miss Genevieve Recher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Recher, of 51 Cushing Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, on Monday December 7th.

The marriage took place in Richmond, Indiana. The newly-weds are residing in Washington, D. C. where Ensign Doherty is assigned to duty in the division of aeronautics.

"Bud" Doherty, as he is best known to Nevada friends, was born in Goodsprings and most of his life was spent in Las Vegas where he attended school. He is a graduate of the University of Nevada and for the past five years has resided with his parents in Ely and Carson City, except for about fifteen months during which he was connected with the Las Vegas Age.

Neeman Reports for Recruiting Duty

Robinson Neeman, former Hollywood motion picture producer and for the past several years a well-known Nevada resident, reported Monday for duty at the United States Navy Recruiting Station at Las Vegas.

Neeman recently completed a special five week's training course in recruiting at the naval training station at San Diego. He holds the rank of specialist, first class.

Immediately before enlisting in the Navy, Neeman was engaged in the operation of Mount Rose, Nevada's winter sports spot near Reno, which will remain closed for the period of the owner's naval service. Neeman also owned, until recently, a large cattle ranch near Dayton, Nev.

Four other recruiting specialists who attended training at the same time as Neeman are expected to be assigned soon to the five associate stations throughout the state, relieving regular Navy personnel for sea duties.

Miss Grace Oddie Dies In California

Miss Grace Oddie, sister of Mrs. Fred J. Siebert and Miss Sarah Oddie of Palo Alto, California, and of former United States Senator Tasker L. Oddie and Clarence Oddie, of San Francisco, died Monday, December 21. For some years past she had been residing in her home beautifully located on the Pacific coast a short distance north of the Golden Gate.

Miss Oddie evidently had not been ill for long as the writer received a note from her just the week before she passed away, in which no mention of illness was made.

Miss Oddie is lovingly remembered by many friends in Nevada, especially in Carson City where she was hostess at the governor's mansion during the time her brother Tasker L. Oddie was Governor of Nevada, 1911-1914. She was of a most kindly and friendly disposition and had a large circle of friends in California as well as in Nevada. News of her passing brings sadness to many.

Paul O'Malley, elected Justice of the Peace of Las Vegas Township at the November election, will take over his office at midnight on January 4. Miss Helen Redford, who has served efficiently as deputy in the office for several years will continue in that position. Judge O'Malley plans to reside at The National Hotel so as to be quickly available night or day.

FIRST RADIOPHOTOS FROM CHINA



CHUNCKING—This radiophoto, one of the first in the new service from China, shows Allied air chiefs plotting aerial activities for their commands in the China-Burma-India theater. (Left to right): General Claire L. Chennault; General Caleb V. Haynes, and Col. Robert L. Scott inspects a map and plan attacks on Jap strongholds. In another sector of the same Asiatic war field, General Sir Archibald P. Wavell has begun an offensive to reopen the Burma road to China.

Planning Board Has Facts About Jobs At Six-Year Program

Long Range Development of State Planned by Board In Report to Governor (Carson City Chronicle)

A proposed plan for the economic and social development of Nevada for the period 1943-1949 has been outlined by the state planning board and was recently submitted to Governor Carville.

The voluminous tabulation contains 108 pages and embodies suggestions for all lines of governmental endeavor, including a building program, protection of persons and property, conservation, health and sanitation, natural resources, hospitals and institutions, education and highways, in addition to miscellaneous matters of statewide interest.

Robert A. Allen, Nevada highway engineer and chairman of the state planning board, sums up the purposes of the six-year plan in a foreword, which states: "This report is for the consideration of citizens of Nevada and brings to their elective representation a long-range program of public works scheduled in the present order of need and based on the state's anticipated financial ability to pay." Allen explains that the period of six years is used as giving the maximum benefit of planning within the reasonable limits of prediction, adding that "it is necessary that the program be revised biennially, with the first two years of each six-year period being used as the basis for building the current capital budget."

One of the most important improvement projects recommended by the board is the enlargement of the state capitol, including the addition of two wings, and the erection of a third story on the state supreme court and library building, at a total estimated cost and maintenance for the six-year period of \$340,291. Other important recommendations include the following expenditures, all for the period 1943-1949 and all including cost of maintenance and upkeep: Nevada national guard, \$493,060; state department of health, \$267,000; conservation of natural resources, including flood control projects, \$22,070,478; hospitals and institutions (state hospital for mental diseases, orphans' home, school of industry and state prison), \$476,525; education (state university and construction of vocational schools at Reno and Las Vegas), \$1,232,942; highway construction, \$30,786,420. This brings the total cost for the six-year period to \$55,385,976, with maintenance and operation amounting to \$281,340.

The method of financing the proposed projects has been outlined as follows: State government bonds, \$1,971,108; general fund appropriations, \$201,903; university funds, \$7,500; university Permanent Building funds, \$207,513; outside funds, \$22,211,532; highway funds, \$30,786,420.

The board's report sets forth the justification for all the proposed projects, pointing out that other factors besides the population rise make such improvements necessary. As an example it is pointed out that during the period 1931-1941, the state's capital expenditures for buildings and major repairs have been conservative, totaling only \$426,781. Furthermore, it is stated in the report, maintenance of existing physical property has been neglected. The estimated book value of state property, as of June 30, 1942, was as follows: Heroes' memorial building (highway), \$86,000; state capitol, \$407,204; printing office, \$35,000; governor's mansion, \$35,000; orphans' home, \$145,000; prison, \$345,000; prison farm, \$41,000; state armory, \$15,498; University of Nevada, \$3,113,667.63; hospital

BMI Puts Out Information of Interest to Prospective Employees of Company

Basic Magnesium, Inc., has issued a little circular to its employees and those seeking employment which is worth reading. We print it in full herewith:

Before you sign up with Basic Magnesium, Inc., we want you to get the whole picture straight. Then after you come to work, there will be no chance for misunderstanding.

A job with Basic, like jobs everywhere, has good points and bad points. Here they are, without frills:

Bad Points
1. Houses for families are almost impossible to get. They will not be available for several months. After that a large number of privately built dwellings will be available at \$50 a month rent with option to buy under FHA terms. These will be in Las Vegas, 12 miles from the plant. A few number of houses will be available at the plantsite in a few months at lower rental. Meanwhile, quarters for men in dormitories and in tents are now available. Dormitory facilities are rather crowded now, and you may have to take a tent until more of the construction workers finish up.
2. Las Vegas is in the desert. The climate is temperate in winter but in summer it's as hot as it is in North Africa. And the wind blows up dust storms.
3. There aren't any soft snaps at Basic. Meet of it is tough, hard work. Some of it is unpleasant because of heat, dirt, and exposure to chemical fumes. But it is dangerous only if workmen are careless. It is he-man, war work. It isn't for party-waists. Don't come if you can't take it.

Good Points
1. Rates for men's quarters in the dormitories and tents are low. Dormitories, \$3.15 a week; tents, \$1.75 a week. Meals are 50 cents each for all you can eat.
2. The Air Force needs magnesium, for incendiary bombs, tracer bullets, flares, plane parts. Magnesium is the No. 1 strategic metal of World War II. The person who wears a BMI badge is as important to the war effort as the man who wears the uniform.
3. The industry is new. Its future after the war seems bright. That means lasting employment after the war is over.
4. The chances for promotion are excellent. The plant is just being finished and is moving into production. As new units start operations, those who have learned their work and have done it well will be given chances for better jobs at higher pay. Promotions will be on merit and merit alone.

And remember this: WE CAN'T WIN THE WAR FROM AN ARM CHAIR.
Bob Knox Enlists In Army Reserve

Bob Knox, son of Mrs. Florence Knox has enlisted in the army reserve at the state university. He is one of 18 students pledged to the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity who celebrated the completion of their initiation with a dinner at the El Cortez Hotel, Reno, recently.

For mental diseases, \$686,192.56; school of industry, \$126,564; supreme court and library building, \$702,000; agricultural society (Fallon), \$50,000; highway department, \$1,054,433.24; museum building, \$85,000; national guard equipment, \$6,000; state hatchery (Verdi), \$17,250; state property (Lehman Caves), \$1,300; state welfare department (Reno), \$4,500. The total of state property is \$7,011,708.33, and the normal depreciation figured by the board at one and one-half percent would amount to as much as \$105,000 annually.

Included in the list of Vocational Schools new construction recommended is the item of \$190,000 each for the construction of vocational schools at Las Vegas and Reno.

The planning board report was prepared with the assistance of A. M. Mackenzie, program technician, and Daniel H. Chiatovich, financial analysis. Members of the board, in addition to the governor and highway engineer, are J. H. Buchler of Pioche; Jay A. Carpenter, A. J. Caton, Leo F. Schmitt and Joseph M. Fuetch of Reno; Fred Dangberg of Minden; Archie C. Grant of Las Vegas; Alfred Merritt Smith and Bernard C. Hartung, secretary, of Carson.