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HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Age again, on the thirty-eighth time, wishes for the people of Las Vegas and all Clark county a Happy New Year.

At this time we are, in a way, bidding farewell to the old Las Vegas which we helped to bring into the world and which, through helpless infancy, the growing pains of youth and now the vigor of young manhood, we have nurtured, worked for and with, and upon whose development we pinned our hopes.

Today, with the advent of 1943, we greet a New Las Vegas—a young city which has survived the diseases of childhood and the dangers of early manhood and is now blossoming out into the vigor of a greater city.

During the year past we have been distressed by many things, most of which are the simple penalties of growth. We have had our good name besmirched because we could not provide proper and comfortable shelter for the thousands of people coming to us. Like the troubles of family life when new lives come into the home, Las Vegas has found herself short of the necessities and conveniences of existence so that many of our new population have been forced to undergo some hardships.

Yet, troubles and discomforts which beset our sudden influx of population in the year 1942, were small compared with those the men and women who pioneered the infant city of Las Vegas thirty-eight years ago had to put up with.

A city cannot be built in a month or a year. It requires time and effort to crystallize a mass of people into an orderly community.

The Age believes that the year 1943 will see us a long way advanced toward becoming an important city, comparable with other fine cities of the inter-mountain west.

The immense power of Boulder Dam; the waters of Lake Mead and the mineral resources of the surrounding country provide the basic elements of industrial greatness and business prosperity.

Therefore, The Age wishes for the New Las Vegas of 1943,

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Peanut Products Under Price Control

Peanut butter, salted and shelled peanuts will be placed under price control on December 29, according to wired advice received by the state office of price administration from J. K. Galbraith, deputy administrator of OPA.

The maximum price at which retailers may sell peanuts and peanut products is established at the highest price for such sellers during the period December 19 to 23 inclusive. This regulation which exempts only peanuts used for oil processing brings under control an item which has been without price ceilings since the General Maximum Price Regulation became effective on May 18.

SCIENCE SHORTS

Westinghouse recently completed at its Sharon, Pa., plant, the two largest transformers ever built there, each as big as a six-room house and weighing 257 tons. Twelve freight cars were required to ship the huge transformers, which will step up electric power from 27,000 to 132,000 volts for a new aluminum plant.

TELEPHONE 7 for JOB PRINTING OF ALL KINDS

ANNUAL REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

Las Vegas building permits issued during the year 1942, showed an increase of more than one million dollars over those of 1941, according to the report of Building Inspector O. J. Morling.

In 1941, 586 permits were issued for a total valuation of \$2,209,797.00, compared with 1325 permits for a valuation of \$3,938,451.00 in 1942. This is an increase of 739 permits and \$1,728,654.00 in value of buildings.

The report for 1942 in detail is as follows:

| PERMITS— | Valuation |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| January | 98 \$ 348,190.00 |
| February | 98 348,196.00 |
| March | 214 770,324.00 |
| April | 94 310,425.00 |
| May | 107 288,485.00 |
| June | 64 90,490.00 |
| July | 84 196,485.00 |
| August | 77 215,831.00 |
| September | 173 568,400.00 |
| October | 90 205,440.00 |
| November | 102 279,825.00 |
| December | 124 316,360.00 |
| TOTAL | 1325 \$3,938,451.00 |
| Family | 1169 \$3,343,300.00 |
| Units | 156 595,151.00 |
| Report for 1941— | 586 \$2,209,797.00 |
| Family | 503 \$1,462,914.00 |
| Units | 83 746,883.00 |

SWINGING BACK!



VICTORY! is the Password



"Preventive Medicine"

One of the greatest strides made in the field of Public health has been in the prevention of certain diseases that, in earlier years, caused widespread suffering and took a tremendous toll of human life. This particular field is often referred to as "preventive medicine," and justly so, for its main object is, not to wait until a disease gains a foothold and then attempt to cure it, but to prevent it from invading the body.

Let us take smallpox, one of the well known diseases as an example. Less than two hundred years ago, smallpox was one of the most prevalent and most dreaded diseases known. Not more than five persons out of a hundred in the general population escaped it, and at least one-fourth of those having the disease died of it. The majority of those who escaped death, were pockmarked for the remainder of their lives. In 1796 a man by the name of Jenner discovered a preventive medicine which is, at the present time, the basis of vaccination against smallpox. Through the years it has been proven, without a shadow of a doubt, that vaccination creates an immunity that lasts, not always for life as was formerly believed, but for a period of from five to seven years.

We now know that diphtheria, as well as smallpox, can be kept down by immunization; that whooping cough is not always entirely avoided, but at least occurs in a milder form when children are given the special preventive medicine. Immunization against typhoid fever is common practice in areas in which epidemics are likely to occur. People going into the tropics or other places in which yellow fever is prevalent, have been successfully protected against this disease.

Years of painstaking effort have gone into the work of perfecting vaccines, sera, and toxoids used in the prevention and alleviation of such diseases. Lives have been lost in the process. Immunizing medicines are not put out for general use until they have been thoroughly tested and have proven their value time and time again. But there are some among us who still reject the opportunity to take advantage of scientific medical knowledge not only for themselves, but for their children as well. Perhaps one of the reasons we are so apt to "take a chance" is the fact that many of us have the mistaken idea that these diseases have been wholly wiped out because we hear so little about them. Such is not the case. Mild epidemics of smallpox still spring up throughout the country. Occasional cases of diphtheria occur all too frequently. (There have been two in Las Vegas recently.) Whooping cough is still a common and deadly disease among small children. These

James J. Corbett, the one-time world's heavyweight boxing champion, was introducing his aged father to Steve Brodie. "Dad," he said, "this is the man who jumped off Brooklyn Bridge." The old gentleman stared, his eyes gleaming with interest. "Say that again," he requested. "I didn't quite get it." Corbett repeated his words. "Did he?" the old man replied, his interest melting like a snowflake. "I understood you to say that he was the man who jumped over it."

Felix Jiroux, who was in charge of the USO work in Salinas, Calif. for the past 14 months, has been made director of the USO in this city. He is a member of the staff of the National Catholic Community Service and originally came from Santa Monica, California.

THE CROSSROADS ARE BARE



NEW YORK CITY—Pleasure cars on Times Square were scarcer than hen's teeth on the morning after the OPA's emergency order, banning the sale of gasoline to holders of "A," "B," and "C" ration cards, went into effect. Once jammed with honking motor cars, "The Crossroads of the World" was quiet last Saturday with only a few scattered taxicabs, trucks and busses in sight. Reluctant to use the little gas they might have left, New York's motorists took to the subways as soon as the order went through. Seventeen states on the Eastern seaboard were effected by the ruling.

Tire Inspection Deadline Jan. 31

Had your tires inspected yet? Well, there's no particular hurry, but to assure yourself gasoline and tires in the future you'll have to have them inspected and certified by January 31.

"The regulations require that A book holders have their tires inspected every four months, and B and C book holders every 60 days," says August Berning. "This periodical inspection routine was created for the express purpose of preserving the nation's remaining tire carcasses, most of which are on running wheels today."

"It is important, when a tire wears down to the point where the carcass is endangered, that the motorist be given a certificate for a recapping job or a replacement."

"Thus, the government not only hopes to give some sort of rubber to all motorists for so long as possible, but will guard against the total loss of tire carcasses."

The government has authorized tire inspectors to make a nominal charge of 25 cents per car, Berning said.

However, a charge of 50 cents per tire may be made where it is necessary to dismount the tire. Higher rates prevail for heavy truck tires.

Medical research in tuberculosis, financed by the Christmas Seal Campaign, is going on in 11 outstanding universities throughout the country.

S'y G'ances at Life

By Jim Baker

Sometimes I'm passed when along the street,
By a friend or acquaintance I chance to meet,
As one who has met some dire defeat,
And I am fraught with chagrin and shame,
As I pass on with a clouded brow,
And as I go I make a solemn vow,
I'll find out how I trow, somehow or somehow,
The why, the how, or the who's to blame.

Downhearted: at times I seem to feel
As though I'd been victim to a "dirty-deal."
Then I wonder who cares if I squirm and squeal,
And the answer I get is always the same,
I did not look up in time to see
A smile mispent, though meant for me,
Nor heard I a kindly word of sympathy.
Why acclaim that I am to blame.

In other strolls I took I felt so gay,
And those whom I met along the way
Had some very pleasant words to say,
And my sordid thoughts lost became,
As I wondered—could it be mostly true
That I had not always caught my cue?
Therefore I'll leave this thought with you,
Be game, and claim your share of blame.

The Ancient Orange Chemical Warfare Now A Victory Food Classes Completed

Strange and interesting revelations are found by prying into the background of the now popular citrus fruits. Today we can enjoy a brimming glassful of orange or grapefruit juice the year around and give little or no thought to its origin.

Citrus is thought to have been under cultivation in its native Asia for 4,009 years. However, the oldest treaties on oranges dates back to 1178—700 years ago. This work is Nan Yen-Chih's Chu Lu, and discusses the three horticultural groups and 27 varieties of oranges to be found in Wenchow at that time.

No mention was made of vitamin content or food value. But then the Englishman who discovered that lemons and limes would keep the British navy strong did not know about vitamins either. But they did know that a one-ounce ration of citrus juice a day would prevent that dreaded sailor's disease... scurvy. And incidentally, in case you didn't know, that's how the British sailor won the nickname "limey" which has clung to him to this day.

Citrus is not exactly new to America either. The seeds of lemons, oranges and citron beat the Mayflower to these shores by a good century. Oranges came from the Orient, like many other products, and from China and India they spread to other parts of the world.

The story is that Columbus, on his second voyage to America in 1493, stopped off at Gomera, Grand Canary Island, to do a bit of shopping. He had cast exploring aside to settle down to the less adventurous life of a colonizer, so he picked up livestock and some fruit and vegetable seeds. Landing on Hispaniola Island a short time later, he wasted no time in getting the "seeds of oranges, lemons and citron" in the ground.

Kumor has it that once de Leon brought seeds on a trip to the mainland, lest he failed to find the Fountain of Youth, he would plant his own. We might say that he succeeded, for today the fountain is full and overflowing with rich citrus products. They are giving nourishment to the old and young alike over the world in wartime feeding programs. Uncle Sam is featuring Citrus fruit as a Victory Food—January 7 to the 16th—the American housewives' cue to wise wartime food buying.

VEGAN RECEIVES SERVICE CROSS

Private Clarence L. Mohler, former employee at the Magnesium plant, has been awarded the distinguished service cross by the United States army for heroism under fire in Morocco, it has been revealed. So far as is known, Mohler is the first Nevada resident to be honored by a decoration from the army.

BORN

In Tucson, Arizona Wednesday, Dec. 23, to Sgt. and Mrs. John E. Rydell a seven pound 11 ounce son, who will be known as John Elis Rydell. The little stranger is the first grand-child of State Senator and Mrs. James Farndale.

Ninety-five per cent of the money in the Christmas Seal Campaign remains in the state in which it is raised. Five per cent goes for the national campaign.

NAVAL OFFICER WINS DOUBLE CITATION



SAN CARLOS, CALIF.—Spl. CFI photo from L. E. Lafferty—This is Commander Arnold True of San Carlos who was the first person in this war to be presented both the Navy Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal. The presentation, which was made at Honolulu by Admiral Halsey in behalf of Admiral Nimitz and President Roosevelt, was for heroism displayed in the battle of the Coral Sea, when his ship, the U. S. S. Hammann, stood by to rescue survivors of the U. S. S. Lexington, and during the battle of Midway when his ship stood by the U. S. S. Yorktown, and was hit by a torpedo.

OBSERVATIONS

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While we were eating breakfast Christmas morning, a great covey of mountain quail, driven down from the mountain canyons by the snow, came parading through the Boyer's yard and on across the paved street, making a typical Christmas picture.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PETER'S

Christmas Eve we had the pleasure of attending the midnight services at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Carson City.

Rev. Arthur S. Kean is the rector of St. Peter's. He was for several years vicar of Christ Church in Las Vegas and he still has many friends here. Mrs. C. C. Boyer plays the pipe organ and they have a good choir of about ten voices.

The church building is over seventy-five years old. It is a really attractive old church, although I am told it is needing repairs because of the ravages of time.

INDIAN SPRINGS GOES WARLIKE

The delightful Indian Springs Ranch and our old friend Tim Harney who operates the post office, store and service station on the highway, are going to war—or at least the war is coming to them.

Near the highway a large camp with many barracks and other buildings is being constructed, there being a force of something like fifty men on the work. The camp will, I understand, be an adjunct of the Gunnery School at McCarran Field near Las Vegas and it is reported that about one thousand men will be stationed there. The influx of population will put our friend Tim in a busy center of activities.

DIED

Floyd Frances received word Sunday, December 27 of the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary Frances in Effingham, Ill., at the age of 80. Mrs. Frances will be remembered by many friends of the family as she had visited at the Floyd Frances home on several occasions. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 29.

William Franklin Segelke of Los Angeles who with his wife was spending the holiday season with a son, Harry Segelke, at Basic Townsite, died at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. Remains were forwarded by Garrison Mortuary to Los Angeles for interment.

Charles F. Cordes who was employed at the McNeil Construction camp, died of a heart attack Sunday evening at Pittman. His remains were taken to the Garrison Mortuary and were shipped to St. Louis, Mo., for interment. His wife, Mrs. Alice Cordes resides in St. Louis.

There is nothing respecting which a man may be so long unconscious, as of the extent and strength of his prejudices. —Jeffrey.

People, Spots In The News



ONLY HUMAN—Fellow Navy men grinned as little "Doggie" Gray, daughter of Lt. James S. Gray, sprinted on the parade ground at Bronson Field, Fla., and hugged her daddy's knees as he was about to receive gold star. He already holds Distinguished Flying Cross.



CHAMPION GARDENERS—Arthur Doust, 19, Huron, O., grand prize winner in \$5,000 garden-marketing contest sponsored by A & P Tea Company, finds no state barriers in talking with Kathryn Cox, 17, Scooby, Miss., sectional prize winner, at Pittsburgh convention of National Junior Vegetable Growers Association.

SOLOMON QUEEN—U. S. S. cruiser San Francisco pulls into port of same name on return from South Pacific, where she played conspicuous part in great victory over Japanese in Solomons.