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"IN LIEU OF TAXATION"

There are signs that sentiment in the northern part of the state regarding Boulder Dam revenue is being modified to some slight extent, as people there, especially officialdom, becomes better informed on the real merits of the matter.

The people of the north have been misinformed and misled as to the facts in the case by a few politicians who sought favor with their constituents by opposing what was and is obviously the right of Clark county.

The northern members of the 1941 legislature who passed the compromise act allocating twenty per cent of the annual \$300,000 received from Boulder Dam funds, boasted that they were "giving" something to Clark county. The truth is quite the opposite.

Clark county, in accepting the compromise for the sake of state harmony, was giving up a part of the revenue to which it is justly entitled. If there is any "giving up" it was on the part of Clark county which consented to receive a less proportion of this revenue, which clearly is in lieu of taxes, than it receives of other taxes. It would be just as fair to ask Clark county to be satisfied with twenty per cent of any other tax moneys. The mere fact that this \$300,000, which is really taxes the government acknowledges it owes on Boulder Dam, is transmitted to the state treasurer first, instead of being routed through the county tax collector as are other tax revenues in Clark county, gives the north the mistaken idea that the money belongs to the state alone. And they have taken advantage of that situation to force Clark county into an unfair compromise of its rights.

JEFFERS IS RIGHT

Rubber Director William M. Jeffers has, we believe, the approval of a vast majority of the people of the United States in his business-like efforts to build plants for production of synthetic rubber. People cannot if they would help believing that Mr. Jeffers is telling the truth when he lays the blame for the lagging rubber program on the "so-called expeditors" and the official loafers whose chief occupation is trying their fancy theories on their betters.

The people are becoming conscious of the fact that sober common sense in government is more important than all the "new deal" theories. In times of war and stress, the man with his feet planted squarely on the solid ground is worth more than a regiment of starry-eyed theorists flying this way and that in frantic efforts to reform the world.

Yes, Rubber Director Jeffers is justifying the faith which the public expressed in him when he was first entrusted with the heavy responsibility of keeping the rubber supply of the nation sufficient for the job of winning the war.

When Jeffers says that his rubber program can be carried on without interfering with other war activities, we believe him.

It really isn't fair that some American soldiers, who were seasick all the way to Africa, now have to ride comels.

If we only had now about one-fourth of the tires and gasoline we've wasted!

Wouldn't you think the Germans would be getting tired of dying for Adolf?

Maybe it's the pumpkin's fault when the pies turn out to be a frost.



News from the Front Lines



OF INTEREST TO NEVADANS

The Mining Association of Montana held a one-day session in Helena, Mont., on January 19 for the purpose of considering mining problems arising in connection with the production of metals for war purposes.

Among the outstanding speakers will be Arthur V. Corry, Butte attorney, and R. E. Morgan, regional grazier for the U. S. Department of Interior. Mr. Corry is representing Metals Reserve Company in charge of purchase of manganese, chrome and tungsten in Montana and will explain purchasing methods for these metals. Mr. Morgan has been active in securing mine to market roads.

MINE MEETING IN DENVER JANUARY 29

The second Western Mining War Council will be held under the auspices of Colorado Mining Association at Denver, January 29 and 30, for the purpose of bringing together mining people of western states for a discussion of mining problems and the production of additional metal of all kinds needed to win the war.

Robert S. Palmer, secretary of the Association, decided to turn the annual meeting into a general conference because metal production is so vital at this time and problems facing the industry are not confined exclusively to Colorado.

As a result of the work of the association, restrictions on gold mining laid down by the War Production Board have been practically lifted.

Mark Bradshaw and E. S. Giles, widely known Nevada mining engineers and mine operators, have formed an engineering partnership and will maintain offices in Tonopah and Goldfield, examining and directing mine operations and conducting underground and land surveys. Both are particularly familiar with central and southern Nevada, having resided in those districts for many years. Mr. Bradshaw is president and manager of Bradshaw, Inc., which formerly operated gold tailings plants at Goldfield and Millers.

No Typewriters; Attaches Facing Writers' Cramp!

CARSON CITY — A growing shortage of typewriters has attaches of the Nevada legislature almost at their wits end.

As the 41st session swung into full session it was said that unless some means of remedying the shortage is found within a short time, it may contribute materially to slowing the speedy pace set by the senators and assemblymen.

Some of the scarce machines were obtained by Secretary of State Malcolm McEachin after considerable effort, but were found to have a style of type which makes it impossible to use them for inscribing bills.

Just before the session opened, McEachin feared it would be necessary for clerks to inscribe bills by hand.

He was turned down by the war production board on a request to purchase or rent the machines needed.

At one time he thought he had solved the situation by obtaining machines once used by the Nevada Emergency Relief Administration.

Some syllables are swords.

Reno Flooded By Heavy Rains

RENO, Jan. 22—Swollen mountain streams have receded and the turbulent Truckee river dropped steadily after the flood waters caused the most extensive damage ever reported in western Nevada.

Much of the Truckee meadows and Washoe valley, containing some of Nevada's richest farm lands, is still under water. The Truckee surged to 11,000 feet per second during the peak of the storm.

The city of Reno lost \$10,000 in equipment when the rain soaked through the ceiling of the court house and flooded the transmission room of the city and state police radio system.

Rail traffic was delayed for several hours. The sheriff's deputies removed people southwest of Reno in row boats, included a man with a broken leg. Downtown Reno streets were flooded with 18 inches of water in some places and gambling places and night clubs placed sandbags at their entrances to prevent flooding. No estimate of damage has been made.

B. and P. W. Club Discusses Problems

The Las Vegas Business and Professional Women's club held their regular semi-monthly meeting Monday evening at the Sal Sage Hotel.

Mrs. Amy Adams of Ronzone's was in charge of the program on the "Battle of Production."

Ruth Dahner of Professional Drug Store, outlined consumer information and the new regulations on mailing gifts and packages to the men in the armed forces. She also appealed for donations of books for servicemen.

Mildred Finnerty, high school teacher, spoke on the new Victory tax law following which there was a round table discussion by the members on the way their lives and business have been effected by the various war emergency rulings.

Ruth Higbee of the Petite Shop, education chairman reported on the relation of women and demand for workers in this community and Nevada in general.

NAVY WIFE FOUND DEAD ON TRAIN



EUGENE, OREGON — Mrs. Martha Virginia Brinson James, 21, of Seattle, Washington, identified as the wife of Ensign Richard F. James of Seattle, Washington, who was found lying in a Pullman car aisle of the Southern Pacific Railroad train last Saturday, which followed the Oregonian Limited on which her husband was riding. The young wife was found with a slashed jugular vein, and a description of the assailant, who was said to have been seen by a Marine private, was given to the police.—SOUNDPHOTO.

More Victory Gardens To Be Grown In Nevada This Year

A victory garden on every farm and ranch adequate to supply year around family needs.

Garden production in towns and cities, wherever soil, water, and climate make it possible.

With these as 1943 goals, the Nevada State Victory Garden committee, at a meeting at the University of Nevada last week, launched its drive to make the state vegetable self-sufficient.

With food rationing just around the corner and transportation difficulties limited the shipping of unrationed foods, George Henningsen, Carson valley rancher who is chairman of the committee, declared that victory gardens will loom large on the home front this year.

The state garden committee is composed of representatives of various state organizations interested in the production and preservation of food.

Many beginners will be gardening this year in Nevada, it is believed, and the committee urged them to make plans early and talk with experienced vegetable raisers in their communities in outlining the year's activities.

Certain varieties are adapted to different Nevada conditions, the committee pointed out, and should be grown rather than those which are not tried and true in each community. Committee members advised beginners to confer with experienced gardeners in their communities as to the types of vegetables to grow.

University of Nevada agricultural extension agents, vocational agriculture teachers, and experienced gardeners are in a position to help beginners, it was pointed out.

Indications at present are that there will be an adequate but not bountiful supply of seed, but the committee urged that Nevada gardeners get their seeds early so that they will be assured of a supply of varieties suited to the growing conditions of the various communities in the state.

A 30 to 40 per cent increase in gardens took place in the state in 1942, and a similar additional increase is asked in goals for this well Buol of the agricultural year, according to Mrs. Mary Stillness service, a member of the state committee.

"Every family which can and does produce part or all of its vegetables and fruit will be giving actual war service on the home front," she said, "because these home-grown foods will help protect health, relieve the strain on transportation facilities, and release fre shand processed vegetables and fruits for our armed forces and allies as well as help to reduce living costs."

Motorists Slow Getting Plates

CARSON CITY—Nevadans are not purchasing their 1943 automobile license plates as rapidly this year as in the past, it was announced at the office of the state department of motor vehicles here.

Reports received by the departments, under the direction of Secretary of State Malcolm McEachin, from county assessors indicated purchases of 1943 license plates is off between 25 and 30 per cent from the normal of previous years.

Charleston Park Has 3 Foot Snow

More than three feet of snow has fallen in the rear of the Charleston Park Lodge and many people have been skiing and tobogganing, it is reported. The heaviest snowfall was last Friday, but has continued to fall steadily since.

Increased Number Of WAVES Sought

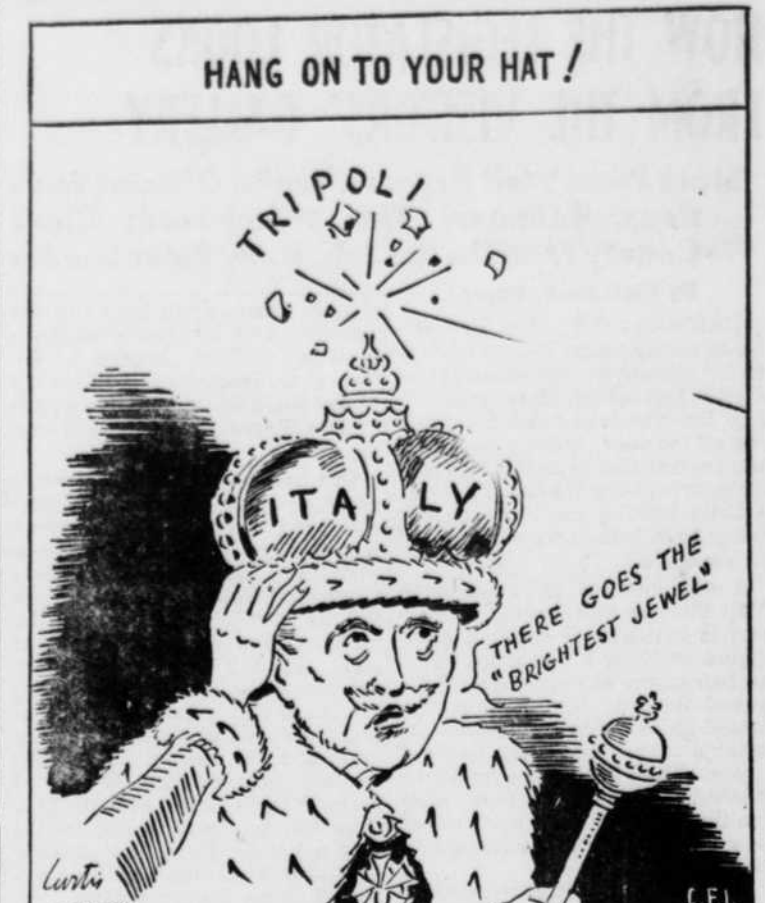
SAN FRANCISCO—Plans for the immediate expansion of the women's reserve of the United States naval reserve by at least 50 per cent have resulted in the stepping up the monthly recruiting quotas throughout the country, according to a statement made by Captain C. L. Arnold, director of the San Francisco office of naval officer procurement.

A quota of approximately 270 enrollments per month for the WAVES and SPARS has been set for the 12th naval district, which comprises northern California, Nevada, Colorado and Utah. This number includes both officers and enlisted personnel for the two services, in which thousands of women are being recruited in order to release men for duty at sea.

Captain Arnold said that at least 25,000 volunteers are needed by the WAVES and SPARS this year. The expansion of the program, officials said, is the result of the highly successful replacement of men with women which has already taken place in every bureau of the navy department.

McNamee To Speak At A. U. W. Meeting Monday, Feb. 1

"Laws affecting women and property rights in Nevada" will be the general topic to be discussed by Leo McNamee, prominent Las Vegas attorney at the next meeting of the Southern Nevada branch of the American Association of University Women, Monday, February 1. Mrs. Harlan Brown, legislative chairman is in charge of the program.

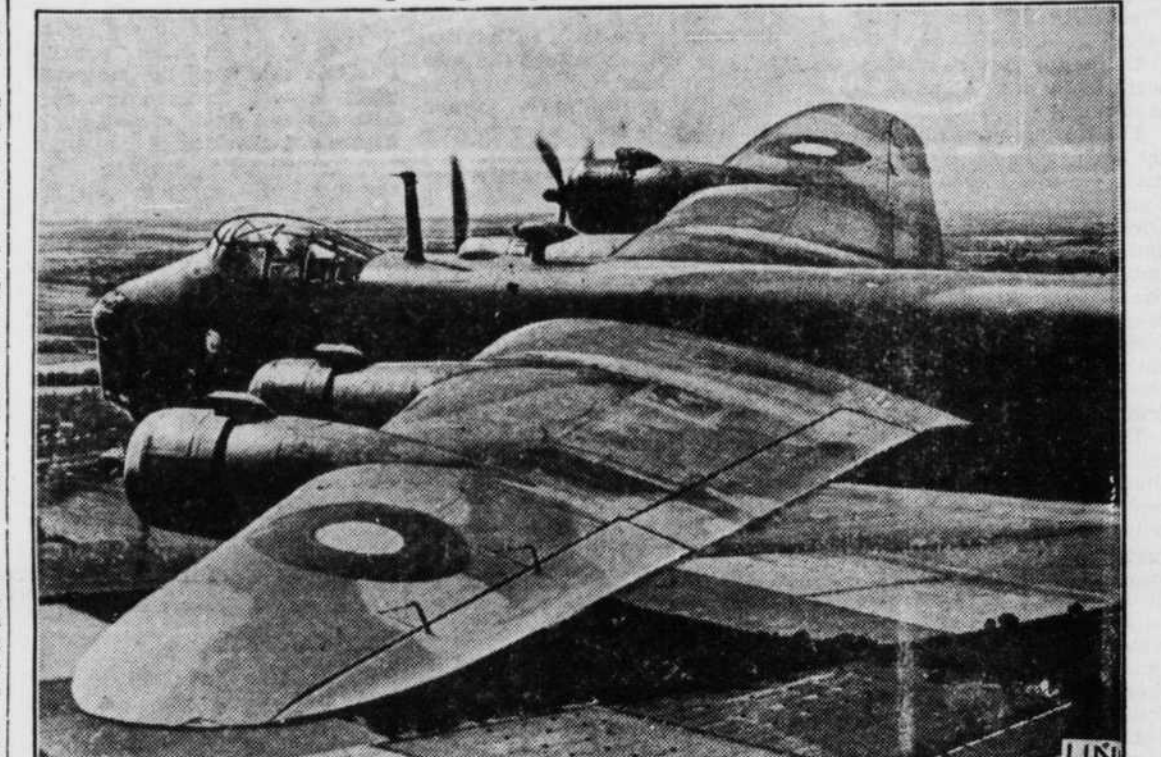


An invitation to attend has been extended to the members of the Las Vegas Business and Professional Women's club. All women interested, whether members of either organization are invited to be present as the subject is one of great importance to any woman owning real estate property. The meeting will be at 7:30 p. m. in the Methodist church parlors.

Progress Is Made On School Units

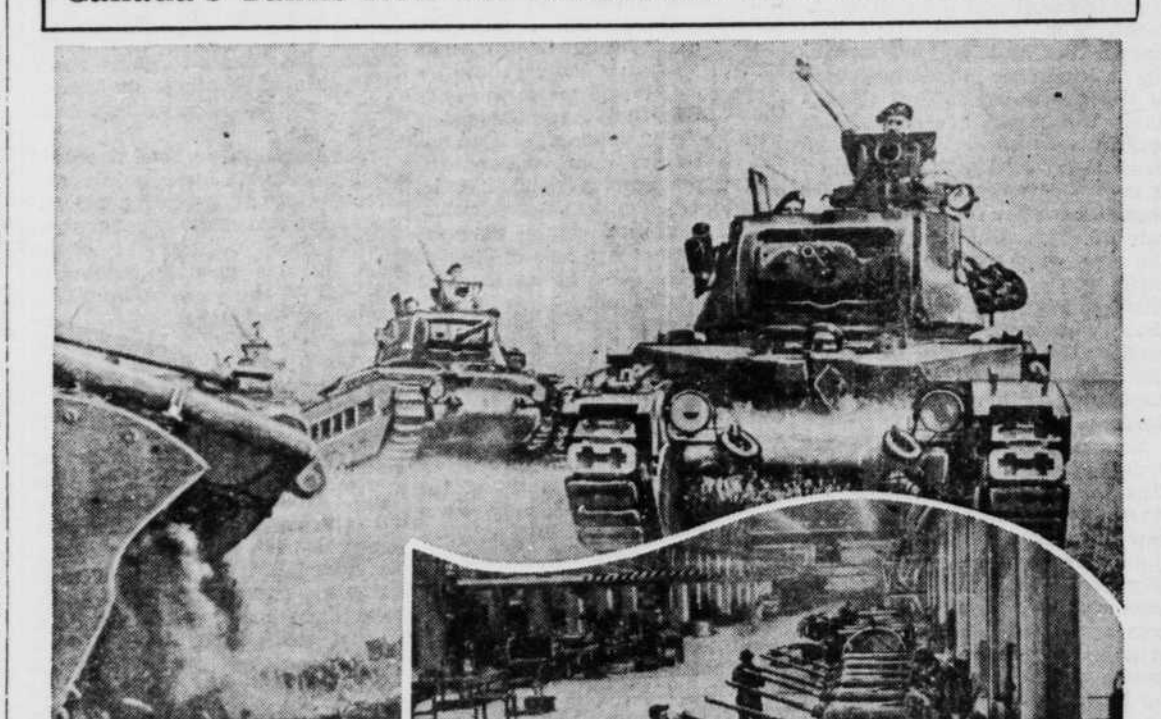
Work is progressing at the Basic Townsite school units. The new unit nearest the auditorium, is a four-room building which will house several grades. The other unit will furnish two rooms for the high school.

Keeping Up the Pressure



BOMBS ARE FALLING regularly on Nazi targets. One veteran British bomber—a Stirling like the one pictured above—has made more than 62 raids. It has delivered on the enemy more than half a million pounds of bombs. This weight is as much as 150 Nazi planes were able to drop in a whole week of so-called "reprisal raids" on Britain.

Canada's Tanks Roll Off Production Line And Into Battle



These heavy infantry tanks of a bilingual battalion from Quebec are part of the Canadian Army Tank Brigade, photographed during intensive manoeuvres in England. The outfit has been built into a powerful, effective striking force which will make its strength felt on some allied offensive front soon.

ONE of the first of the United Nations to take up arms against Axis aggression, Canada, after three years of war, finds her industries fully mobilized, peak production being expected early in 1943. Although her peace-time industrial facilities are small compared to the manufacturing might of the United States, the Dominion nevertheless has become one of the main weapon-producing countries on the side of democracy. Canada constitutes the main source of supply of motorized equipment for the British Empire. It has turned out thousands of fighting vehicles every week and has delivered more than 300,000 motorized units since the start of the war.

In addition to a large output of Bren gun carriers, in service in every theatre of war, Canada is producing two types of tanks. One is the British Valentine, a rugged infantry tank which has been sent to Russia in large numbers. It is produced by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in its Montreal Angus shops. The Soviets regard it highly.

The other is the Ram, a cruiser tank designed by Canada's famed tank man, Major General F. F. Worthington. A crack medium tank, Canada's Ram is said to have contributed largely to new British and American designs for cruiser land ships. Indicative of the progress accomplished in Canada in the production of war equipment is the fact that in 1942 Canada is turning out 10 tanks and armoured fighting vehicles for every unit it produced in 1941.