

Asks Sleeper To and From Los Angeles

A special directorate meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held immediately following the regular meeting Tuesday noon at Hotel El Rancho Vegas.

The object is to consider the proposal of W. H. Pike that the Union Pacific be requested to provide Pullman service between Las Vegas and Los Angeles by running a sleeper for the local traffic between those points.

Mr. Pike's letter to June Simon Zuchner, secretary of the chamber, says:

"For many years the Union Pacific railroad has promised the people of Las Vegas that when the population increased to a figure to justify the action the U. P. would provide a Pullman sleeper between Los Angeles and Las Vegas for the use of travelers between these points, this car from Los Angeles to be cut out of the train at Las Vegas and the passengers allowed to occupy same until 3 A. M. This car would then return to Los Angeles on a night train, enabling Las Vegas travelers to make a definite reservation on which they could depend and enable them to make coincidental hotel reservations and appointments in Los Angeles.

"There is certainly no question that the population has reached a point where essential travel justifies such service.

"Articles in newspapers and magazines agree that intermediate points get all the worst of it in Pullman reservations. This applies especially to Las Vegas, where you cannot get a positive reservation until a very few hours before train time and then only if any space is left after providing for every stop between Chicago and Las Vegas.

"Undoubtedly the railroad will say that they don't have enough Pullmans to give this service. However, I think you will find competing railroads each giving this service between Los Angeles and Phoenix, and without knowing the number of people traveling between Los Angeles and Las Vegas, I venture to say that one Pullman sleeper would be filled each way daily between Los Angeles and Las Vegas and vice versa. If Pullmans cannot be provided to give daily service, one Pullman assigned to this service would provide service three or four times a week.

"With an increase in population of 400 per cent and at least 75 per cent of the population here directly tied up with the war effort there should be no question of priority on Pullman equipment.

"The situation is especially critical because of gasoline rationing and the impossibility of making the necessary trip to Los Angeles by automobile, except for occasional cases, primarily sickness, medical attention and death.

"While the commercial angle does not properly enter into the

Scottish Rite Club Elects Its Officers

The Southern Nevada Scottish Rite Club held a meeting at Masonic Temple Thursday evening that included the adoption of bylaws and election of officers. About 30 were present.

Chosen to serve for the coming year are: president, Dr. Quannah McCall; vice-president, Kenneth Zahn; secretary-treasurer, W. E. Fitzgerald; Almoner, Harvey Perry.

President McCall appointed as advisory committee Elmer Mikkelsen, Walter Bracken, William S. Park and Claude Haff.

Enrollment of a class for next fall was discussed and President McCall and Vice-President Zahn vounteered to go to Reno the last of this month to make plans.

Following the business meeting refreshments were served in the Masonic Temple banquet room.

The next meeting is set for Thursday, July 6.

Rapaport Heads Order of DeMolay

George Rapaport, son of Mrs. Ethel Rapaport of this city, was elected Master Councilor of the Order of DeMolay, at the state convention held last week end at Carson City. The new head of the order in Nevada succeeds Hadley Himes, who served last year.

Other officers elected were Don Hardies of Stewart, senior councilor and Bill Ireland of Ely, junior councilor.

The officers were installed at the final session of the convention last Sunday morning. At the dance held the Saturday evening before, Miss Clo Ann Coleman was selected "belle of the ball."

State DeMolay appointments include Bob Moore of Ely, senior deacon; George Carpenter of Sparks, junior deacon; Thelwin Haines of Carson City, editor and Frank Myers of Las Vegas, chairman of the board of trustees.

POSTWAR RADIO BETTERMENT DISCUSSED

George Albright, guest speaker at the Lions club luncheon, Hotel Nevada Biltmore, Friday, discussed frequency modulation as an important postwar radio improvement. He explained how it will exclude static and other interference now affecting radio sets, and stated that tone quality will be greatly enhanced. The club president, Rev. E. A. Wessel, introduced Charles Sullivan, a new member, and T. C. McShane, a guest.

Soon Building New Hospital

Building of Clark county's 81-bed hospital, to cost approximately \$450,000 with equipment, will be underway soon. Lembeke Construction company, Albuquerque, has the contract, with a preliminary building already on the ground, for \$386,700, and \$60,000 equipment contracts are about to be awarded locally. Construction is to be completed in 180 days, on a site just west of and adjoining the present building on Charleston boulevard. It will be soundproof and the finest and most modern in the state.

Finances, with government aid, are available to the extent of \$447,000. Clark county provides the \$60,000 equipment item. The Lembeke company's superintendent, Lou Gator, is already here, and Federal Inspector Fred Wagner of WPA is due Tuesday.

The board of trustees comprises Willard Jones, Overton L. J. Pulsipher, Mesquite, and Frank Gusewelle, Paul Jones and George Johnson, Las Vegas. Dr. J. C. Cherry, county physician, aims at the best in facilities.



JUNIOR PROM QUEEN—Shown above, in the center, wearing the traditional crown, is Miss Patricia Bunker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bunker, who ruled as queen of the annual junior prom of the high school, held recently. Flanking her, on the left, is Miss Barbara Knudson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Knudson, and on the right is Miss Dorothy Carmen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Carmen. The latter two young women acted as attendants for the queen. (Photo by James H. Down, Jr., staff photographer.)

Helldorado Story Proves It's All Community Boost

At the past week's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Frank Gusewelle gave an interesting account of the origin and development of the now celebrated Helldorado, which will stage its tenth big show May 18, 19, 20 and 21.

Mr. Gusewelle clarified misunderstandings that exist in the minds of a few persons. One is the impression that the show is an Elks Lodge affair, staged for the benefit of the Elks.

"Helldorado is not an Elk show," the speaker declared. "The Elks have taken the lead and done most of the work entirely for the community.

"The affair has grown to large proportions and attracts attention and arouses interest over the country. It has provided community publicity for Las Vegas which money could not buy and attracts thousands of tourists.

"The rodeo part of the affair is as good as the best in the United States, the same stock and cowboy riders putting on the show here as appear in Madison Square Garden and at the Pendleton and Cheyenne rodeos, under direction of the famed Doc Sorenson."

Gordon Henry, public relations officer of the United States Rubber Company, showed interesting motion pictures of the various processes of producing synthetic rubber, in which his company participates in cooperation with other major rubber concerns.

Half Century Church Work

Mrs. Meda Elberta Chittenden, who had been an active Presbyterian church member for 53 years and half a century connected with the Eastern Star, died Monday night in Clark County General Hospital after a long illness. Though a Las Vegas resident but a short time she was well known here, having visited in the community frequently for 22 years at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Grace Newlin, 201 South Main street. Until early this year San Pedro had been her home. She leaves a brother, John Church, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon under Eastern Star auspices, Rev. A. C. Melton officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

ARTIST USES FOXHOLE AS SKETCHING STUDIO

NEW YORK, May 6 (UP) — Coast Guardsman Sandor Klein, one of the nation's most distinguished fine arts painters before he entered the armed forces, used a foxhole as a studio from which to sketch battle scenes on Kwajalein Island.

"A foxhole is not a beautiful studio — but you see plenty of action," he commented upon his return to America. Shells and

Black Protests New Freight Line

KINGMAN, Ariz., May 6.—Arthur F. Black, owner and manager of the Phoenix-Kingman and Boulder City Stages, accompanied by attorney J. Hubert Smith, made a trip to Los Angeles recently to attend an Interstate Commerce Commission hearing on the application of the Nevada Consolidated East Freight for a franchise through this territory.

Black was one of the several protestants in attending and Smith appeared as his attorney.

Red Cross Home Nears Completion

The New Red Cross Home is rapidly nearing completion. The old building had to be torn down but all the material was salvaged and is being used in the new building which stands north of the Federal Building.

Sullivan May Return Home

The press of Nevada received during the week the following announcement from Representative Maurice J. Sullivan, which he stated was issued in view of the early opening of the congressional campaign in the state:

"Irrespective of the outcome of the primary election, I feel that it is my duty to remain in Washington while the congress is in session. As a member of the bank and currency committee which is in continuous session considering legislation affecting OPA and other measures, I am occupied with that work daily in addition to my attendance on the floor of the house daily, beginning at noon.

"Veterans', mining, agriculture, and other important legislation is pending and I feel that my contract with the people of Nevada on taking office requires me to subordinate my personal interests and fortunes to the good of the people as a whole especially at this critical time in the war emergency.

"If congress recesses in June or later I will take pleasure in visiting the people of Nevada to thank them for honors already bestowed and to submit my record to them for their verdict. The incentive for seeking political office in Nevada has, in the past, been based on the custom there of assuring to faithful service a reasonable certainty of continued tenure. I am willing to face such a test at the hands of the men and women of the democratic party in Nevada."

Salvage Drive Pep Writer Stirs With Poetic Impulse

INDIANAPOLIS, May 6 (UP) — An anonymous spokesman at the Indiana Salvage committee headquarters admitted that it was on the dull side getting out bulletins on the Hoosier salvage program to buck up collections.

So, occasionally a bulletin writer, he said, would get an uncontrollable impulse on scrap collections in general, and county salvage chairmen and workers will receive a mimeographed letter beginning:

"When things are running crosswise, and the engine's out of gear, when the road is rough and ricky and the sky is far from clear, when you're plainly up against it and you're surely out of luck, that's the time to use your courage and to show your stock of luck."

The bulletin runs along in that vein for a couple of more paragraphs, then reads:

"You've scoured every nook and corner of your county, so you think, for scrap iron, tin, waste paper and used fats from the sink; but there's still a job to do, if we keep our boys at the front so no matter how hard the task may be, let's be willing to bear the brunt.

"There's a thrill to be had in doing things, especially when they are hard, so hitch your belt another notch and say 'come on par — we'll whip those dirty nazis, too; we'll wipe out what they're up against before this war is through.'"

After this build-up, however, comes a prosaic plea for bigger and better collections of scrap, with just phrases such as "redouble their efforts" and "beginning right now" merely underlined for emphasis.

BMI IDLERS

The stockpile of magnesium ingots at BMI is taking on a healthy appearance these days. Despite a slightly curtailed production schedule occasioned by recent curtailment orders by Washington WPB, war workers at the world's largest magnesium plant are bending every effort to turn out the essential product which is causing so much havoc in the form of incendiary bombs, tracer bullets and flares over enemy territory.

Rumors along the Las Vegas-Boulder strip have it that the government took over a large mail order house in the middle west by armed force to increase the distribution of magnesium kitchen and household necessities after the war.

To which some wag added "From the way Washington bureaucrats issue orders limiting production of war material, they must think the war is over already."

With Gene Grant, selective service adviser, on his way to Peru, Joe McQuiklin takes over Gene's old job. Joe supervises BMI employee services which include such things as group insurance, planned transportation, housing and now — selective service.

John Keyes and his official orientation family, foremen training, have taken over larger office accommodations on the north side of the personnel building. Second move in two months, all outside the fence.

Safety Engineer Crandall's first aid unit, headed by Norman Brayshaw, is staffed entirely by former service men. Brayshaw has been in medical and hospital work about 30 years. His wife is a nurse at Basic hospital.

Speaking of hospitals, did you know that Bob Shuler, surplus stores, is an M. D. with a degree from the University of California at Berkeley? Spent years in college classroom work and controls a mail order pain remedy business.

Sign over refinery shipping department door: "Through these portals pass the enemy's greatest spoils!"

Remember Paul (DPC) Zimmerman, now with Columbia Steel in Utah? He came back to Henderson for a quick trip last week, took Mrs. Paul out of the Boulder City hospital where she had been operated upon for an appendectomy Sunday. Sunday afternoon, Paul's dad, BMI boilerman, was moved into the same hospital room with a ruptured appendix. The many friends of the elder Zimmerman are wishing him a speedy recovery.

Robust "G. G." Gil Myers, purchasing unit, is heading for a brief vacation down Los Angeles way. Gil was recently promoted from principal clerk to assistant purchasing agent. Has a high bowling average, too. No connection.

"DPC" Barnes, it is rumored, just turned down a handsome offer to go to Barien, old Persia.

Army Charts Each Course for Pilots Through Country

NEW YORK, May 6 (UP)—Icy weather, a low ceiling, or a landing field washed out by rain need not surprise an army pilot flying anywhere within the country. And his safety against the unpredictable hazards of weather and terrain has been materially aided since December, 1943, by the forewarnings of the Pilots Advisory Service.

At La Guardia Field here, and at centers throughout the country, the service, operated by the Army Air Forces in coordination with the Civil Aeronautics Administration, charts the course of every plane in flight with magnetic markers on a huge metal map.

Flight plans are forwarded to the center in advance, and from them, and from radio communications posts throughout the area, each plane is plotted in its course. Latest information on weather, traffic, field conditions and other hazards is immediately available to the center's specially trained flight control officers. When it may materially affect a plane in flight, this information is relayed to the pilot through the radio post with which he is in communication.

If he becomes lost, air radio directional locators are available to find him.

The service is operated by Headquarters Army Air Force, Office of Flying Safety, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, under the direction of Colonel George C. Price.

Centers are located at Boston, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Washington, Atlanta, Jacksonville, Memphis, Kansas City, St. Louis, Denver, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Albuquerque, Los Angeles, Oakland, Salt Lake City, Seattle, Great Falls, Minneapolis, Detroit, and Chicago, the headquarters here said.

for an oil company. Famous as an engineer, Barnes spent many years after the last war in South America but likes the climatic variations of the Nevada desert. It's the chlorine!

Don't miss the BMI showing in the forthcoming Helldorado main parade. It's a big secret, entirely different from last year and highly entertaining. Harold Kingsley, man of many ideas, is the master mind behind the plan.

And if you haven't started yet, you better let those whiskers grow, or keep out of Las Vegas for the next two weeks.

Note to Printer: Didn't you know Staff Sgt. K. P. O'Connell, 3021st AAFBU, Section A, Flight 1, L. V. Army Air Field, has been a Technical Sergeant for months? A dozen Henderson readers reminded us.

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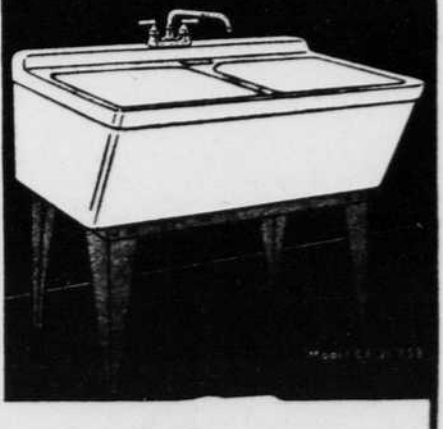
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