

Early Historical Events of Las Vegas

I have been asked by several readers of "Early Las Vegas" what became of the money which was contributed by the English and Scotch syndicate to Peter Buol, and I hasten to say that it was used legitimately.

In June, 1914, notices of application for permission to appropriate the public waters of Nevada were published in the Las Vegas Age by the Southern Nevada Land and Development Company. This was a great irrigation project planned and under way by this company under the management of Peter Buol with the funds obtained from the English and Scotch syndicate. They planned to drill between 25 and 50 wells, the number depending upon the flow received. The largest well previously drilled in the valley was a 12-inch one. The water was to be conserved in large reservoirs in some instances and conveyed by about 11 miles of main canals and between 25 and 30 miles of laterals to the land to be irrigated.

The area for which Mr. Buol expected to finish water comprised about 9,000 acres of the choicest land in the valley which had been gradually acquired by him during his residence here. He had decided that to be able to sell the lands with a guaranteed water right would solve the problem of populating the Vegas Valley. The remarkable productivity of these lands when provided with plenty of water and brought to a proper state of cultivation would attract men of means who would quickly change the character of the landscape. The first well brought in by this company was that across the road from the old Eglinton Ranch at a depth of 260 feet.

Too Much Water
Then the one just to the right of the Tonopah highway where we always see several automobiles parked, came into being. These two wells were allowed to flow—they were never capped and became the basis of a suit filed that fall by the Las Vegas and Tonopah railroad against the Southern Nevada Land and Development Company and Peter Buol.

The plaintiff alleged that the defendants had within the last year caused to be drilled on lands adjacent to their right-of-way, and over which they operated, a number of artesian wells and had allowed the water to flow to such an extent as to soften the roadbed until it had become dangerous to operate trains. The plaintiff demanded \$4,900 damages and an injunction to restrict defendant from allowing water to flow along or upon the right-of-way property of the plaintiff.

The largest well brought in that summer was that drilled by Herman Sund on his ranch, until recently the property of R. R. Russell. It was a regular "gusher." It had been drilled deeper than the other wells and at a depth of 560 feet the water came roaring out four feet from the level of the ground. It was a remarkable well and a happy feature of the strike was that it put several thousand additional

acres within the known water belt.

Interesting Happenings
Many interesting things happened that summer and fall.

Plans for the Nevada building, which was to be reared at the San Francisco Exposition were designed by Architect F. J. DeLongchamps of Reno and were accepted.
W. R. Bracken, who had served as postmaster since Las Vegas was founded, was replaced by C. C. Corkhill, a democrat. Mr. Bracken also moved the office of the Las Vegas Land and Water Company, of which he was agent, to the building just completed at the corner of Second and Lewis streets, known as the "Company Rooming House."

An apartment house was built on the corner of Third and Bridger by William (Bill) Pike, which was the last word in apartments.
The people of Bunkerville, unwilling to send their children so far to high school (to Las Vegas) applied to the Clark County Board of Education for funds with which to build a high school of their own.

Rev. H. Roisey took the place of the Rev. E. A. Palmer as pastor of the Methodist church in Las Vegas.

Mrs. C. P. Squires was elected president of the Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs at a convention held in Reno with Mrs. R. W. Martin as her Corresponding Secretary.

Clayton V. Smith of Salt Lake City, formerly of Las Vegas, former a partnership with A. Fred Wey and together they managed the Windsor Hotel there.

On July 11, at Quinsey, Mass., the battleship Nevada was christened by Miss Eleanor Siebert, niece of Governor Tasker L. Oddie of Nevada. The silver service which was to be presented by the people of the state and placed on the battleship was exhibited in several towns in the state, including Las Vegas.

Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, an ordained minister; a medical practitioner and the president of American Woman Suffrage Association, gave a lecture in Las Vegas on the evening of October 8.
When the votes were counted at the general election that fall it was found that the county had cast 656 votes for the suffrage amendment and 213 against. Episcopal circles all over the west were saddened by the sudden death, in Salt Lake City, of Bishop Franklin Spencer Spaulding of Utah. He was almost instantly killed when hit by an automobile while crossing the street near his home to mail a letter.

That fall the house of bishops elected the Rev. George Hunting of Reno as Bishop of Nevada to succeed the Rev. Henry Douglas Robinson, who had passed away in New York in 1913.

Shows Processes
Exposition Commissioner George T. Mills in explaining the plan for the exhibits at the San Diego Exposition in 1915, announced that the program would differ from that of most states and would show "processes not products."

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By
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value in piles of specimens," he said. "Each exhibit would be like all the others. My idea is to show how these specimens were produced, the prospecting, the shaft sinking, the mining, the transportation, the concentration, and finally the finished bar. We want to show the amazing development of Nevada in the last ten years and we have a graphic, interesting way to show it."

The Moapa Valley was in a state of activity during July as the cantaloupe season was at its height. Shipments were made from St. Thomas, Overton and Longdale and on one day the output from these places was 16 cars. Some went directly to New York City and were sold as choice fruit. It was estimated that over 200 cars were shipped during the cantaloupe season.

The Nevada Editorial Association met in August in Tonopah. On the trip from Las Vegas a deluge of rain was encountered at Bonnie Clare and the train was delayed several hours. Upon arrival at Goldfield it was found that the wires were down and the town was in darkness. However, the beauty and comfort of the Goldfield Hotel was a compensation for the prevailing dullness. The next morning the journey to Tonopah was resumed and the members assembled at the Mirzap Hotel. C. P. Squires as a member of the honorary board of commissioners of the Panama-Pacific and Panama-California Expositions extended an invitation to the association to hold its summer meeting in 1915 in the Nevada Building in San Francisco.

Nevada Grows Cotton
One of the agricultural exhibits at the state fair in Reno that September sent from Clark County was cotton and it attracted a great deal of attention. It was of a very fine quality and the fact that Nevada might be classed as one of the "cotton states" is probably new to most people except old-time Nevadans. It was known that a cotton gin had been in operation for many years in the Moapa Valley. One "old timer" told the writer that when she crossed the Moapa Valley many years ago, on her way to California, the fields there were white with cotton.

The county court house was completed in December and the event was celebrated with a most dignified program in the courtroom followed by a very delightful social hour during which the building was inspected. The county officials were each in their new quarters where they received their friends.

When gas is again unrationed here is a trip for someone with an adventurous turn of mind.
Sunrise Caverns
There is an old Indian legend, handed down from generation to generation, that there is a great natural cave in the mountain known as "Sunrise Mountain," east and north of Las Vegas.

The Indians believe that the devil lived in this cave and nothing would induce one of them to enter its dark portals for they insisted that such a daring spirit would never again return to the light of day.
On October 3rd, 1914, an old time resident, J. A. Delamater, and two companions, decided to investigate the legend. According to their story, after repeated attempts, the finally located the cave and spent several hours in its great chambers and narrow passages.

The roofs were hung with stalactites and the floors in places were covered with stalagmites formed of lime and gypsum. They found one stalagmite in the shape of demijohn. There was a pile of large crystals stacked up like cordwood as though the devil were laying in his winter's supply.
They also found that some animal had killed a mountain sheep, the skeleton of which was still there.
There is another cave or fissure near this one which has never been explored and the field is open to the curious.

3 MILLIONTH GARAND
SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (UP)—The Springfield armory, which has been producing weapons for war for 150 years, recently turned out its 3,000,000th Garand automatic rifle.



ROCKET-FIGHTING BEAUTY-FIGHTER has successfully attacked enemy ships.



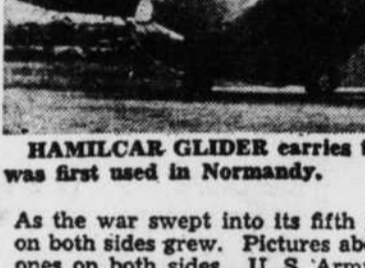
ROCKET LANDING CRAFT fired broadside against enemy installations at invasion.



FLAIL TANK precedes infantry, whirling chains detonate anti-personnel mines in its path.



TWO-MAN TORPEDO launches explosives under water, has sunk many enemy ships.



HAMILCAR GLIDER carries tank to wipe out enemy gun nests, was first used in Normandy.

As the war swept into its fifth year, number of "secret weapons" on both sides grew. Pictures above show some of most spectacular ones on both sides. U. S. Army Ordnance officers who have uncovered over 70 German "secret weapons" since D-Day, pronounce their new revolving railway gun and ingenious mine-laying methods "good," but consider the majority overrated.



ROBOT BOMB is most successful of Nazi secret weapons, has killed thousands in England.



ROCKET GLIDER BOMB damaged or sank some Allied ships at Salerno.



MIDGET TANK, loaded with explosives, was easy mark for Allied guns in Russia and Italy.



ONE-MAN TORPEDO did little damage to Allied ships in Mediterranean.

Women Doing War Work Prefer Home And Also Babies

By EULALIE McDOWELL
WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (UP)—Woman war workers are showing signs of wanting to go home and have babies, the office of war information said in a recent report.

In fact, such "family reasons," along with other factors, is causing women in "considerable" numbers to "fade" from the employment market—once they have lost their jobs.

If women will not stay on the alarm-clock schedule as the male labor force dwindles, the OWI warned in a report based on information from the war manpower commission and other government agencies, "the total labor force may fall below the minimum needed to maintain the war economy."

Pay Is Not Equal

In every case reported to date of group layoffs, the OWI said, "a considerable portion of the women separated from their jobs did not seek other employment but simply faded from the labor market."

Here are some reasons why they don't look for other jobs:

(1) Pay of other available jobs is not the same; offers no "incentive" to keep working.

(2) Special training for one job does not fit her for another type of job.

(3) The woman who took a war job for patriotic reasons and later was laid off feels she has "done her share," or develops "war job fatigue."

(4) Previous work experience has not been satisfactory.

(5) She wants to visit her "uniform" husband, have a baby or spend more time with her children.

Despite this reticence of women to take another job, the OWI report showed that last July the total number of working women was at an all-time high of 18,590,000. This compares with 18,080,000 in July, 1943, and 11,000,000 before the war.

Greatly disturbed by this new attitude of women toward jobs, the WMC has found "one note of reassurance," the OWI said.

"... the tendency for women to leave the labor market as they feel their job is done may represent a forecast of the pattern to prevail when the war is over."

In other words, the "unobtrusive" withdrawal of women from the labor market tends to counterbalance the "natural tendency" of employers to give jobs to men with greater work experience.

MAKING CHEDDAR CHEESE FROM PASTEURIZED MILK

CHICAGO, Sept. 23 (UP)—Manufacture of American cheddar cheese from pasteurized milk under precision control methods, has brought a sharp increase in output of top grade cheese in all plants where the operations have been tested, according to Dr. George E. Holm, head of the division of research laboratories of the Bureau of Dairy Industry, U. S. D. A.

The chief points of the quality improvement program are: (1) use of pasteurized milk to make the cheese; (2) controlled "starter" cultures used to convert milk into cheese curds; (3) exact timing of each operation in cheesemaking.

'Gas' Coupons Square Bottle Expiring Soon

B-3 and C-3 gasoline ration coupons will be invalid for motorists after September 30, OPA announced.

At the same time T coupons marked third quarter will expire for commercial motor vehicle operators.

Filling station operators will have 10 days, or through October 10, to turn these in to their supplier of gasoline or exchange them at local war price and rationing boards for ration checks. Distributors have until October 20 to deposit their coupons in their ration bank accounts.

Holders of invalidated B-3 and C-3 coupons issued for use beyond September 30 may be exchanged for valid coupons at local boards.

Square Bottle Saving Space

SAPULPA, Okla., Sept. 23 (UP)—The square milk bottle to conserve refrigerator space will soon be common throughout the nation, officials of the Liberty Glass Co. here predicted.

The new "squares" are lighter, shorter and "pour like a pitcher," said one official. They will increase available space 5 to 100 per cent over the old style standard milk bottle, he added.

Production of the square milk bottle, now being made in all standard capacities, followed years of research and study. Leading milk bottle manufacturers throughout the country are standardizing on the square bottle, it was said.

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—IN—
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Mischa Auer
Dennis O'Keefe
Binnie Barnes

Cartoon—Ntws

Holiday Gifts Oversea Mail

Christmas mailing month has opened with servicemen joining civilians in dispatching packages destined for holiday delivery to men outside continental United States.

Christmas parcels for navy, marine and coast guard men overseas will be accepted through October 15, the fleet postoffice, San Diego, has announced.

"Mail call is the highlight of any day for a man at sea," said Howard Smith, 20, gunner's mate third class, of Torrington, Conn. He recently was evacuated from the area off Guam.

"Receiving remembrances from friends is almost as satisfying as shooting Japs," chorused Pfc. David Brubaker, of Dayton, Ohio, and Albert Whately, motor machinist's mate third class, USN, of Corpus Christi, Texas, as they prepared Christmas packages for buddies overseas.

The navy is ready to handle a quarter billion holiday parcels during the special mailing period. To receive direct delivery, however, packages must be addressed completely, including the man's full name and ship or unit in care of the fleet postoffice New York or San Francisco, as applicable, and must be wrapped securely. Details have been given heretofore.

VEGAS WOMAN TRAINING AT GEORGIA AIRFIELD

Mrs. Beverly Johnson Butler, 1205 East Marlin street, Las Vegas, has been accepted for training as a war worker with Warner Robins air service command here, at Robins Field, Georgia, a "Keep 'em Flying" branch of the army air forces responsible for the repair, maintenance and supply of army aircraft in all parts of the world. Mrs. Butler had been associated with the Las Vegas army air field. Her husband, Private First Class Vance B. Butler, is stationed at Robins Field. Upon completion of her training she will be assigned as clerk-stenographer in headquarters.

STATUS CHANGES FAST

NEWBURYPORT, Mass. (UP)—Within the space of 30 minutes, Mrs. Jennie E. Fowler, 57, became a grandmother and a great-grandmother when a daughter and a granddaughter gave birth to daughters.

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