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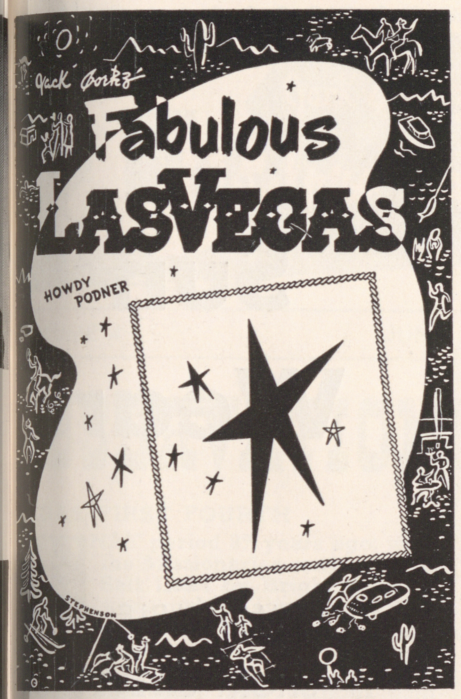

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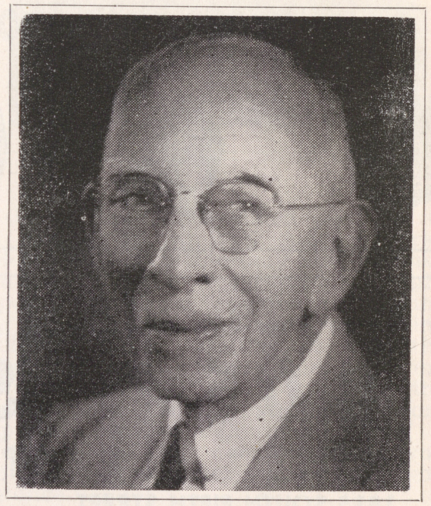
VEGAS' FIRST FOURTH



THAT period 97 years ago, when the Missionaries sent out from Salt Lake by Brigham Young were making strenuous efforts to establish a mission at Las Vegas, has long held a fascination for me. The way those men devoted their lives to the cause and without complaint performed the very difficult work of starting their farms and homes and doing the many things necessary in the establishing of a community at Las Vegas and also sending out a party of exploration to the Colorado river only four days after their arrival, still fills me with amazement.

The manner in which the establishment of the Las Vegas Mission dovetailed in with other unexpected happenings seems to have a strong flavor of Divine Providence. For example, on June 23, 1855, just nine days after the first of the Las Vegas missionaries arrived from Salt Lake, they became a haven of rest and comfort for still another party of the faithful who had been sent out several years before as missionaries to the far off islands of the Pacific, and were just struggling to make their way back to their homes and families in Salt Lake City. They were having a difficult time of it, being poorly equipped, tired, sick and worn by their hardships in the far-off Pacific Islands. So when they reached this green meadow of Las Vegas and found here a party of their own church people, with some of whom they had been acquainted years before, they were overjoyed.

On Sunday, June 24, 1855, President Bringhurst, after giving "thanks for the prosperity of the Las Vegas Mission up to the present time," called on the Pacific travelers to preach. Brother McBride, we are told by the historian, spoke of the joy he felt on finding his brethren at Las Vegas and alluded to the contrast between the present and the last time he passed through. (Las Vegas was already, it appears, putting forth her charms for the traveler.)

Brother Nathan Tanner spoke of his journey, also of the Las Vegas Mission, saying he "would rejoice to serve upon a similar one." From which we may reasonably assume that life in the Pacific Islands, for many years called the Sandwich Islands and later the Hawaiian Islands, was not altogether comfortable and pleasant.

Then Chauncey W. West, another of the Pacific missionaries, gave a short account of his mission in Siam, recounting many hardships that he and his brethren had suffered both by sea and by land. Brother Reddick N. Allred followed, saying that because of his

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RANDOM THOUGHTS

. . . By B. B. BARTON

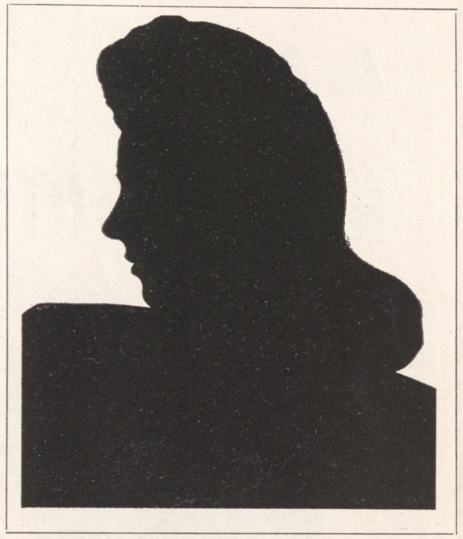
WHATEVER happened to the polite people? You hear many saying "please" and "thank you." But—if you take special notice, those who use these words most frequently are employes of places you patronize . . .

If you observe families out for an evening, 'tis a rare occasion indeed to hear them ask for something in a polite manner. Their requests usually sound something like "gimme this or gimme that." Ah, for the good old days when mothers insisted their offspring show a semblance of politeness and respect for others. The only way to correct the alarming decrease of good manners is to feign deafness until you **do** hear a humble "please" at the end of a request . . .

Have you had much experience with "back-seat drivers?" It's enough to drive one to an early grave. Most people who fall into this category are either non-drivers or those carrying brand-new licenses. The latter ones are far more outspoken than their fellow mates. They usually try to impress you with the fact that they know all the rules. Obviously, they don't realize they are placing a strain on the driver by commenting every couple of seconds. A sure-cure for them would be to change seats and then fire rapid directions at their ears, without time out for a breath. Sweet revenge! . . .

Wonder why most people seem to have such a dreadful fear of officers of the law? We've found the "men in blue" very kind and considerate. They are always ready to give you any information you require. If you're nice to them, they'll treat you accordingly. They're also prepared to match any snarls you may display. Can't blame them for that, can you? Even policemen are human beings, despite their authority . . .

Did you ever jump into a pair of jeans and decide to paint your house, yourself? If you haven't, you've missed a lot of fun that rises from such an experience. You can't imagine the humorous predicaments unless you enjoy them yourself. Then, there is the sense of knowing that your own hands have donated to the beauty of your home. You can experiment with various color schemes and derive a great deal of satisfaction from the ultimate result. I've met many people who never had any schooling in interior decoration. Yet, they have accomplished wonders in their respective homes and apartments, through sheer persistency and self-education . . .



Have you ever treated yourself to a nice, quiet walk through a park? Most people feel the only way to have entertainment is to go out to a night spot and spend a fabulous sum, trying to impress others. There's something relaxing about strolling beneath the shade of healthy trees and watching children and pets, frolicking on the lawns. Sometimes, you can see more appreciation through the eyes of a youngster. They can introduce you to worlds you never suspected of existence. . .

Do you ever take time out from your busy schedule to relax? If you don't, you're just paving the way for your heirs to enjoy your insurance dividends. Business affiliations are very important in everyone's life. But, when your last farewells have been said, they grow completely insignificant. Force yourself to set aside a vacation time for your own enjoyment. The world won't cease to exist just because you go away for a couple of weeks. Insure your life's span by indulging in just a bit of relaxation. It's well worth the effort . . .

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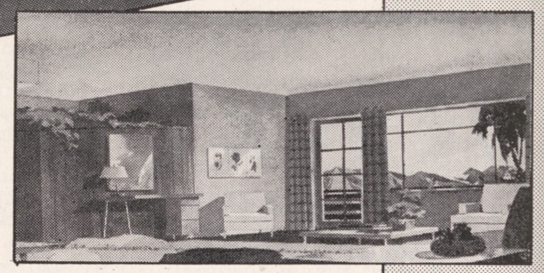

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by JACK CORTEZ

ON OUR front cover this week is lovely MISS DOROTHY TSOURAS—the little girl in complete charge of the OPERA HOUSE THEATRE RESTAURANT, STEAK HOUSE, and CHUCK WAGON in the HOTEL EL RANCHO VEGAS. A mighty big job for one not quite five feet tall! But "Maitre-dette," as we call her, Dorothy does a very capable job. A charming hostess, she has an amazing memory and never forgets a face or a name. A sincere person, she greets patrons, nightly, with a friendly handshake or a warm smile. As a boss, we hear, she's kind, generous, firm, yet soft-hearted. She's ever-loyal to HER bosses, yet never too busy to fight for what she believes to be right and fair for her crew. All in all—she's tops! Called the "Mighty-Mite," she's a mighty, mighty sweet gal, and THAT'S FOR SURE!

The young, good-looking Oriental seen at the HOTEL LAST FRONTIER in the company of Assistant General Manager BILL KOZLOFF, is JIMMY YAO, "Pearl King of the World." Only 29 years old, he controls a business the size of which requires offices in Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, Paris, Japan and India. Not satisfied with this, however, Mr. Yao has another ambition, and that is—to have an interest in a business here! In case you're interested, pearls may be purchased from Mr. Yao at prices ranging from $200 to $5000, a single pearl. We didn't dare ask the price of a necklace!

A Palace for a King! RUBY KOLOD and his family have just moved into their new home in the DESERT INN COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES. A palatial home it is and a king among men is Ruby, popular casino boss at the DESERT INN HOTEL. Happy housekeeping!

Lovely JUANITA SHURTZ has returned from a three week vacation. She visited family and friends in Montana and Utah. Husband, WES, (Bond St. Clothiers) who was so miserable while she was away, can smile again, now. He sure missed her! Welcome home, gal!

JACKIE MILES, wonderful, wonderful comic currently appearing at the DESERT INN HOTEL, must be a very busy man. He and his wife, LEE, are expecting their fourth child some time soon. What a nice family! . . .

Birthday greetings to DOLORES FRAZZINI, lovely dancer with the JEAN DEVLYN girls. Dolores' natal day is June 28, and we hear there's a surprise party planned for her by her friends—and this gal has many! . . .



Friday, the 13th, was sure a lucky day for MRS. CARL APPLE, when she presented her husband, of the APPLE-MARSHALL ACCOUNTING FIRM, with their fifth child. Born at BOULDER CITY HOSPITAL, little BARBARA has two sisters and two brothers, ranging in ages from 9 to 1. Congratulations and a big, red apple to Mamie and Carl. . .

Well, well, well! STEVE CEDZO finally did it! Yes, the man who said he was allergic to preachers and gold bands and masqueraded as a confirmed bachelor, has taken THAT step. In the LAST FRONTIER WEDDING CHAPEL last Sunday he exchanged vows with MISS LOUISE DERR, then departed with Mrs. C. for a honeymoon at Lake Tahoe's Cal-Neva Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Pershing, of PERSHING RADIO SHOP, were best man and matron-of-honor at the ceremony. Steve is owner-manager of STEVE'S AUTO TOP SHOP on South Main. Best wishes, kids! . . .

The mail just brought a message from HILDEGARDE, lovely chanteuse who appeared at HOTEL EL RANCHO VEGAS not too many months ago. On tour in London, Germany and Austria to sing for the armed services, Hildegarde sends love and greetings to all. . .

More comment on last week's cover and our "Doll" BONITA GOFFSTEIN.

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. . . with JOHNNY UHLMAN

I'VE BEEN NOTICING a lot of posters around town lately, letting it be known that there will be a big display of fireworks the night of July 3 at that fine ELK'S STADIUM which is also known as CASHMAN FIELD; said fireworks to be touched off at 8 p. m. This big blow-out is under the sponsorship of the local CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION, with all proceeds to go into that fund. There will also be a concert at the field that night by the HELLDORADO BAND. They advertise it as a "SAFE AND SANE Fireworks Display" and I suppose it's a good thing for the small fry to see, so that they shouldn't grow up not knowing the meaning of fireworks.

I can remember when I was a young brat, you had to have the courage of a Marine to venture out on the streets for two weeks before and AFTER the holiday of July 4th. We all delighted in setting off huge blockbusters under our dearest friends. Many's the time I've picked sand and gravel out of my skin from a friendly torpedo bomb or like "safe and sane" explosive of the day. I also remember the time that a Roman candle, which I was using to ignite the countryside, decided to emit the last fireball from the rear instead of the front and left me not "holding the bag," but holding a most decidedly hot hunk of fire . . . Safe and sane fireworks are only such when they are in the hands of safe and sane people!! Take the kids to see this display! . . . I must say I feel sorry for you if you didn't get out to see and hear the Jazz Concert held last Sunday afternoon in the Memorial Building. Just see to it that you don't miss the next one which, I'm told, will be held in the near future in the ballroom of the Silver Slipper out on the Strip. This last one came off with the usual slip-ups that are common with a new venture but in view of all these, it was a huge success. The sixteen piece band made up of members of Local No. 369 was sensational. Under the direction of CHUCK MAXON there were five reeds, four trumpets, four slides and three rhythm. All this was conducive to a real good sounding band. Their rendition of an arrangement of "Red Shoes" by BILL REDDY was terrific! The DORSEYLAND BAND came down for the occasion and played for about a half hour to the utter devastation of the teen-age cats in the auditorium. In from Los Angeles was MAYNARD FERGUSON and his sky



screaming trumpet. With him was his cute and cuddly wife, KAY BROWN, to sing a few tunes, also. This concert was the brain-child of CHUCK MAXON and MARTIN BLACK who worked a lot of hours to get it together and were given a lot of help by their many friends, who also deserve a lot of credit. I'd keep a sharp lookout for the date of the next one if I were you! . . .

Opening last night in the SAHARA ROOM of the SANTA ANITA CASINO and BAR was a new group to Las Vegas by the name of THE ALLIEN LAIR TRIO. At the time of this writing I haven't heard the group, but I'm told it does some of the wildest New Orleans and Afro-Cuban Jazz imaginable. According to advance press releases this may well be true, and you can bet your bottom buck that I'll be there for a few sets to find out, 'cause I loves that kind of music. The group consists of piano, drums and guitar. ALLIEN is at the piano and, from what we are told, here is one of the "most frantic" exponents of jazz. Up until about six years ago this little lady was playing "long hair" exclusively, but suddenly decided to reverse the set-up completely and has been making a name for herself in the field of jazz ever since. BOB NORRIS is on guitar and JOEY PRESTON is on drums and, from what I hear, they are great. Why don't you join me and we'll take

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. . . by LADY MICHAEL
(Michael Neale)



THE squirrel cage of show business has brought back a host of wonderful acts to the Strip. CONDOS AND BRANDOW, who take their fourth bow in two years, are featured at the El Rancho, where HOAGY CARMICHAEL makes his Vegas debut. Steve and Jerry go at such a fast pace that they literally rock the Opera House — it's small wonder that these talented lads can't keep up with all the engagement offers they've had. . . The Desert Inn stars the inimitable MITZI GREEN, whose artistry is without peer, and JACKIE MILES, the softest spoken comic in the business. Jackie's lovely wife LEE is with him and expests her fourth child in October. . . Handsome JAY LAWRENCE is with the JIMMY DORSEY revue at the Thunderbird. . . OLSEN and JOHNSON have the audience screaming at the Flamingo. . . and HANK HENRY is back to headline at the Silver Slipper along with WOO WOO STEVENS, KALANTAN, and four pretty gay nineties gals. . .

We dropped into the refurbished El Cortez Hotel (refurbishing by TOM DOUGLAS) on its gala opening night. There were more good-wish floral offerings there than all the florists of Vegas put together. Prettiest gal on the scene was BETTY HINES, who wore a chignon of sweetheart roses in her hair. . .

ONESOME SET: NORA EDDINGTON HAYMES has her passport and her bags packed and is headed for Europe (A-lone?). Our grapevine tells us that DICK remains behind. . .

COOSOME TWOSOME SET: PEGGY RYAN and RAY MacDONALD will marry when they close at Lake Tahoe. . . . TONI CARROLL and DAVE WOLPER will tie the knot any minute. . . BEETSY WYNN and TRAVIS KLEEFELD are still the most constant of companions. . .

THREESOME SET: LUCILLE BREMER, who danced her way from the chorus to stardom at Metro, is expecting her third in November. Lucille is married to JUAN RODRIGUEZ, son of a former president of Mexico. . . And speaking of Lucilles, LUCILLE BALL and DESI ARNEZ are expecting their second child soon. . .

SAMSON SET: GINGER EILEEN LAIR, who is unofficially in show business, (she doesn't exactly play the piano) is a terrific TED LEWIS fan—he plays the clarinet. . .

For those of you looking for TED MOSSMAN — he can be found filed under "L" for Last Frontier, where JAKE KOZLOFF had a special stage built for him and his piano in the casino bar. . . GLENN STAINER is back in town visiting his folks (he's local talent). Glenn now plays sax for JIMMY DORSEY, used to for CARLETON HAYES. . . Singer BILL JOHNSON, currently at the Desert Inn, once sang with the FRANKIE MASTERS and RAY ANTHONY bands. Bill will go to Hollywood after this engagement to test for one of the major studios. . . We overheard someone say, "those darling lambs," and discovered they referred to seven pretty gals who gambol about the stage of the Painted Desert Room — herded by BoPeep FLUFF CHARLETON. . .

ADD COOSOME TWOSOMES: MARION COLLIER and DICK OGDEN. . . JANE CARLSON and EDDY TORRES . . . SURETTA WEBBER and GIBB STRATTON. Gibb is a rootin' tootin' cowboy and cracked several of his ribs riding a Brahma bull in a rodeo in Utah. . . FRANKIE HYERS, of the old Club 18 in New York, married JANET WINTERMEYER, heiress to the American Linen Towel and Supply Co. millions, at the Flamingo chapel. . .

FULTON BURLEY, handsome Irish singer, has just signed a fat M.G.M. contract. Good luck, Fulton old boy. . . AL NISSELL is headed back to Vegas and is driving straight through from New York in what he promises to be an "out of this world" car. . .

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RENO BEAT . . . by GEORGE HEANEY

"GO WESTERN" day started Monday, June 23, and once again the BLACK MARIA was chugging up and down Virginia Street, pulling in and arresting anyone who was not in western garb. The fines levied will be used to bring to RENO for the RODEO all CHILDREN from the NEVADA ORPHANS HOME. The indications are that we will have a bigger parade and a greater rodeo than ever. There have been rodeo entries from all over the western part of the U. S.; the best riders and bulldoggers in the country have entered the events, so we will really have a good show this year. We would like to see some LAS VEGAS representation up here — "HOWDY," PODNERS!" Let's go!

So glad to know that Nevada will be represented at MISS AMERICA contest this year. Too bad MISS SYLVIA RUSSELL, from your city, lost out, but things balanced all right. She gained a bridegroom. We gained by having our own BONNIE WILSON, of Reno, to be MISS NEVADA at Atlantic City.

Understand you are to have THREE NEW HOTEL RESORTS on your FABULOUS STRIP. "Whew!", you folks certainly do things in a BIG way. It makes news up here when DUFFY'S TAVERN (a local) bar, gets a NEW manager.

GUY McAFEE please take notice: There are a few beautiful locations on South Virginia Road (our Strip) for a nice resort. These local guys are asleep here. "Wottsa matter?"

Rod Cameron, the motion picture actor, was in town over the week-end. He was the first customer the JAYCEES arrested for not being in western attire.

MERT WERTHEIMER of the RIVERSIDE HOTEL just returned from Detroit, where he has a beautiful summer home. He vacationed for two weeks. His brother, LOU, was in charge of the casino and restaurant while brother MERT was gone. LOU is a grand fellow and we are always glad to see him on his frequent visits to Reno.

Everyone is awaiting impatiently the opening of TED LEWIS at the RIVERSIDE next week. He always produces such a wonderful show. "Welcome to Reno, TED LEWIS."

CAL-VADA LODGE at Lake Tahoe is getting the crowds. JOBY LEWIS spent a lot of cash remodeling. He has one of the nicest resorts on the lake. We all wish him luck for the season and always.

We regret to report the loss of a fine citizen and humanitarian, DR. RODNEY WYMAN, who passed away last Sunday night. Dr. Wyman was widely known throughout the state for his great RED CROSS work. He gave much of his time to all of our state and national charities.

Once again, let me remind you, Reno weather is at its best. We love LAS VEGAS visitors, so come up and see US sometime.

See you next week. Regards,

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SHOW REVIEWS by Jack Gu



Flamingo

June 26 through July 16
(not a review)

They're here again! OLSEN and JOHNSON opened in the Flamingo Room last Thursday night with another of their fun-filled and action packed revues. As a matter of fact, the way the show is billed, with this engagement, practically tells the whole story. . . . "In Person! On Stage! And in the Audience! Those Atom-O-Comical, Jest Propelled Fun Bombs! Olsen and JOHNSON!" All anyone would have to do would be to break that quotation down, word by word, and elucidate on each one to wind up with a perfect description of **any** Olsen and Johnson Revue. And there's a cast of FORTY PEOPLE!! Unfortunately space doesn't allow us to name them all, but some of them we MUST! There's your favorite and mine, MARTY MAY; JUNE and CHICKIE JOHNSON, J. C. OLSEN, THE PITCHMEN, NINA VARELA, LEONARD SUES, MARTHA KING,

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LAST FRONTIER

Not a review
Beginning June 27

We've heard of her! We've read of her! At last we're going to see LORRAINE CUGAT AND HER ORCHESTRA, the star of the new show in the Ramona Room. According to advance releases and latest press reports, this gal is a curvaceous stack of dynamite! A new-comer in the field of American music, this Ork has gained sensational popularity almost overnight . . . On the same bill with Miss Cugat are the CONTINENTALS, four gentlemen of song and comedy, familiar to Las Vegas audiences and capable of anything from the craziest comedy to beautiful ballads. Were we not so limited for space, we would go into detail as to the ability and talent of the individual members, each of whom is a star in his own right, but, individually or collec-

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El Rancho Vega

June 25 to July 8

HOAGY CARMICHAEL, on one of his rare personal appearances, has given Las Vegas a great treat. His engagement in the Opera Theatre Restaurant is his first in Nevada and definitely one that shouldn't be missed. The famous composer-pianist plays and sings, in his own inimitable way, the songs he authored and which have become America's most popular melodies. With the refrains of "Buttermilk Skies," "Star Dust" and many more, the applause from the audience can equal the thunder from an atom blast. Star of stage, screen and radio, Hoagy Carmichael's performance is truly an outstanding one. . . Above-average support is given by STEVE CONDOS and JERRY BRANDOW, most versatile performers, whose pace definitely makes this show OUTSTANDING. With their theme "Variety Is the Spice of Life," Steve and Jerry certainly offer lots of variety that is tops in entertainment. Their excellent hoofing, aided by musical antics on piano and trumpet shows much preparation and rehearsal. . . Featured with the EL RANCHO DANCERS, who introduce two new routines, dazzlingly costumed, are the BILL SKIPPER DANCERS, a new group of young dancers with a promising future . . . The orchestra of TE

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Wilbur Clark's DESERT IN

June 24 through July 7

Co-starring in the current show in the Painted Desert Room are two of the best entertainers in the country today; MITZI GREEN and JACKIE MILES. First-nighter audiences could not get enough of these two performers. Both of them have been on Las Vegas stages many times perviously and have come in this time with new material, but, what with requests for the old stuff, they don't get to use

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Thunderbird

June 19 through July 2

Once again the Navajo Room rocks to the wonderful rhythm of JIMMY DORSEY and his famous ORCHESTRA, which features Shorty Sherock, Karl Kiffe and Glenn Stainer. Composed of 16 pieces, the band carries six reeds, seven brass and three rhythm and perform beautifully as a unit. Jimmy himself is recognized as one of the greatest alto men in the business and you are relieved of all doubts when you hear him play the composition, "Fingerbuster," which was written for him. Featured vocalists with the band are the melodious baritone blendings of SANDY EVANS and the teasingly pleasing style of tiny-mite, ELEANOR RUSSELL, as she sings "Warm-hearted Woman" . . . BELA KREMO is one of the greatest jugglers we have ever seen! Most of you have seen people work with three hats, or balls, or a hat, a ball and a fake cigar but you'll never see another as certain, or as dexterous as this man. He also works so that everyone can see what he is **doing.** He makes it all look so simple!! . . . JAY LAWRENCE has returned to the Thunderbird once again and is better than ever. His bit on the prize fight description is fast becoming a classic. Jay is also a very fine impressionist but his satirisms of life are outstanding . . . The famous KATHRYN DUFFY DANSATIONS do a fine routine at the close of the show

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SILVER SLIPPER SALOON

June 20 through July 17

Direct from New Orleans, and starring in the new "SILVER SLIPPER GAIETIES" is KALANTAN, beautiful, exotic and a great body-control dancer, whose interpretations of life and love are excitingly beautiful. Performing before a packed house each show-time, Kalantan's "wavering" has her patrons' unwavering attention and admiration. . . . Back with us once again, is HANK HENRY, a funny man, indeed. His comedy and new blackout skits have the customers rolling in the aisles. . . WOO-WOO STEVENS, his banjo and a never-ending repertoire of songs has the audience applauding and stomping throughout his entire presentation. This guy is WOOnderful! . . . ROBERTO, puppeteer extraordinary, who uses both small and life-size dolls is outstanding in his field. One puppet-artist actually draws a picture. . . ISABEL DWAN, reminiscent of Sophie Tucker, gives forth great songs and comedy patter. Surprise of entire act is her nimble dancing, which for a performer of her size is unexpected. . . JIMMY CAVANAUGH, Silver Slipper's favorite singer and M.C., does a **fine job** as straight man and "second banana" for comic Hank Henry. . . DOLLY DEE'S DANCING DOLLS — D.D.D.D.

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El Cortez

June 19 through July 2

JIMMY AMES stars in the beautiful new Supper Club and is the essence of spontaneous combustion. You never know what will happen next with Jimmy!! He is a past master at the art of using incidental happenings in the audience to turn them to his advantage. If he ever gets into a serious mood long enough, he can sing beautifully, too! . . . NOBLE and KING are a pair of song stylists whose material runs the gamut of the musical world; ballads, rhythm tunes, classics, or opera . . . they do them all. Their arrangement of "September Song" is especially enjoyable . . . Musically it's the INSTRUMENTALISTS and the ALICE HALL QUARTET. The Instrumentalists are three young men who play everything. including instruments **and** types of music!! Just take the time to watch them some time and see how they switch from one instrument to another without the music ever losing its fullness. Very clever!! . . . The Alice Hall Quartet boasts two accordions, bass and drums. Here is bop and wide chords to the Nth degree. ALICE plays a chromatic accordion and her husband, JACK, plays one with a **sensible** keyboard. Between the two of them they supply some of the best music you've ever heard . . . Performing at the piano behind the bar is vivacious DORITA.

—JOHNNY.

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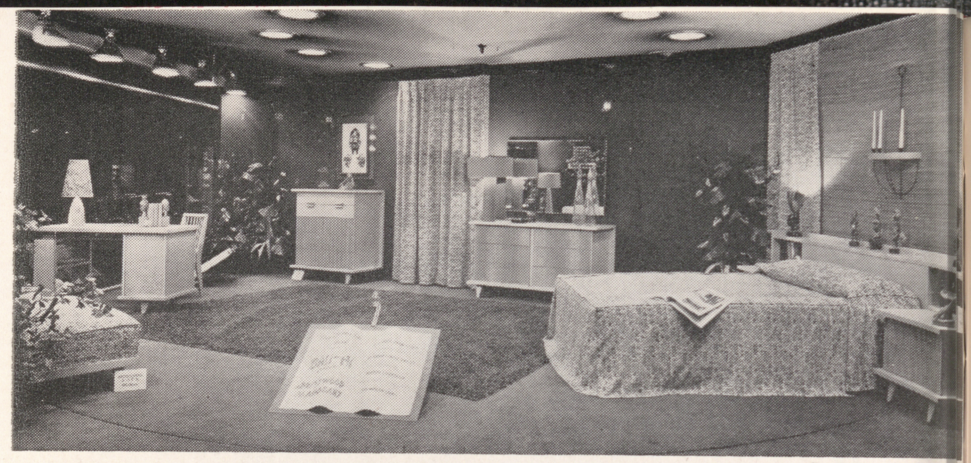

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MEXICO

. . . By LEE AND GARY PICKARD

OLE . . .???? Our first fan letter. Vegas high school boy wants full particulars on joining bull fight scrub team at the University de Mexico. Well, first off, Doll, the great bull fighters of Mexico never learned their art in school but in the streets dodging traffic. If a Mexican boy can reach the ripe old age of eighteen and has successfully dodged and ducked the world's largest collection of homicidal maniacs who operate automobiles down here and can show a minimum amount of bumper scare he has no doubt developed a neat bit of footwork and an unfailing courage which will serve as his apprenticeship to bull fighting. Secondly, you ask about their costume. These are made to order from the very finest hand embroidered silk and fit like a second skin. As a matter of fact, if you would care to mail me your skin (duty prepaid) we will see to it that your order is filled immediately. But our advice to you would be to forget all about your hyperathletic ambitions because the only thing more dangerous than bull fighting is driving a hack in Mexico City. This is also considered great sport in these parts. Of course this is a little harder field to get into because it is necessary to produce certified papers stating that your parents dropped you on your head as a youngster and as a result you hate all mankind and become purple with rage at the sight of a woman driver. After due consideration our closing suggestion to you would be to stay in Las Vegas and learn to count to twenty-one after which you will be qualified for a job dealing "21." A year of this and you will probably be able to retire in Mexico and watch the bulls from the safety of your own box.

CUERNAVACA over the weekend and caught with our umbrellas down in a typical, tropical down-pour, we make a dash for the nearest doorway and find it to be the local village record shop. Prevailing on the proprietor's good nature we drag out all his CHUY REYES records and proceed to wax sentimental over "Oink Oink," "Rumba Flamingo" and others written by CHUY and DON SWAN during their record-breaking engagement in the FLAMINGO MURAL ROOM. CHUY is rated as one of this country's top band leaders along with PEREZ PRADO . . . CUERNAVACA, erstwhile competitor with VEGAS for the divorce trade, wants no more, and from now on dissatisfied couples seeking legal separation must establish residence and adhere strictly to the rigid civil code in all divorce action. Heretofore quickie divorce made it possible to file in the morning and be free for afternoon cocktails.

Biggest yac of the week . . . We met the charming MRS. WILLIAM O'DWYER, former Sloan Simpson, at a cocktail party at the Embassy residence recently along with LUCILE GOLDRING. When the Ambassador's wife spied Mrs. G. whom she hadn't seen in 10 years she exclaimed, "Lucile darling, what is your name NOW?? . . . Lucile and Ira plane to Matamoras in northern Mexico over the weekend to surprise old friends TEDDY and PHYLIS RODRIGUEZ who are filling an engagement there. This dance team is a big favorite with Mexico City's white tie set and will be journeying in this derection soon, we hope.

Word from LISA LAUGHLIN, recently voted by ESQUIRE MAG. as one of the country's ten top models, now in HOLLYWOOD being tested by WARNERS. LISA was one of the models who posed as a LAS VEGAS cow-gorl in Philly last year for the VARIETY CLUB convention and who did much to convince members that LAS VEGAS would be an exciting place for their next convention . . . Also via the air mail comes word from SHIRLEY REYES, soon-to-be, "former" wife of band leader CHUY REYES, in Iowa where she is doing summer stock. Sends belated birthday greetings to male half of this combo . . . Invites received and congrats extended to JOANNE FORGEY of Western Airlines and BEN MEYERS, pilot for Las Vegas Air Service, who tied the knot in Ventura, Calif. the seventh of this month . . . To LEE HARRIS, who sold cigars at the THUNDERBIRD for sooooo long, now recuperating at the HOLLYWOOD PRESBYTERIAN after a serious accident: Darling, a speedy recovery and I know this thought is shared by your many friends in LAS VEGAS as well . . . Car bearing Nevada license plates parked in front of DEL PRADO HOTEL stirs our curiosity and on further investigation we find it belongs to VEGAS resident, TEX AUSTIN.

Encounter CHIC HILL (Virginia's brother) and his beautiful wife, Susie, at a party the other evening, where we monopolize the conversation with fabulous tales about Fabulous L. V. . . . CHIC is the proprietor of the DEL PRADO HOTEL FLOWER SHOP and

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I'd like to say "Hello,"
and express my gratitude to you
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back to the Desert Inn once again.

Mitzi Green

CROSS-COUNTRY WITH JAN AND ETTA

. By ETTA CORTEZ

GREETINGS FROM NEW YORK CITY

ATTENTION NEVADANS: — Your SENATOR McCARRAN's name is on the tip of all Eastern tongues. Shows you have a marvelous representative bearing your colors. Only a forceful personality could impress so many people. Everyone is most eager to glean some inside information about the situation at home.

A recent tragedy caused N. Y. lawmen to recognize delinquency in the enforcement of safety laws. A Brooklyn tenement fire caused the death of seven persons and injury to many others. The building had no fire escapes, sprinklers or fireproof stairways. These are necessary requirements. The incident revealed that "some tenement fire violation cases have dragged in the courts for 10 and 13 years." In some instances, a small fee (about $2.00) was paid, with no corrective measures instituted. It's fantastic to believe such conditions still prevail in so progressive a city.

Well, the first day of summer was ushered into the big town by a sprinkling of Hollywood dew. Despite the sun's perspiration, it proved to be a most invigorating day with roads thick with traffic.

Speaking of traffic, seems there have been at least one million cars added to the highways in one year's time. Anyone owning a car in the great Metropolis is simply asking for unnecessary trouble. Parking spaces are among the Seven Wonders of the World. The new bus terminal (a work of architectural genius) has alleviated the condition somewhat. The roof of this mammoth structure holds a tremendous parking area. More such accommodations should be provided. Incidentally, N. Y. drivers have been standing on line for days to purchase the new City Auto Use stamp for $5.00. If these car stickers haven't been obtained within a given period, a fine is imposed. The men in the upper berths have an uncanny ability of dreaming up more ways to tax the now heavily-burdened New Yorkers. Little "Francine," (my Ford) just grins at the other motorists before she turns her back to display Nevada plates.

Have you Las Vegas residents been introduced to the new King-Sized Chesterfields yet? When "Doc" (our long-time pharmacist) showed us a pack, we were pleasantly surprised.

Seems the Eastern big-wigs are living in a constant state of suspense and are spreading it around as thinly as possible. Not only are there air raid shelters all over Manhattan, but no sirens can be used unless it is a warning of trouble in the skies overhead. As you watch a television set, you notice the sirens have been silenced on all programs, with written flashes explaining the move. Many t.v. programs are cautioning Easterners, advising certain actions for motorists and home-relaxers, in the advent of an attack. Sounds pretty serious but no one discusses it, It's a "business-as-usual" attitude that prevails.

Television certainly has an understanding heart. In its own way, it boosts the morale of many. Last Sunday evening, we were completely intrigued, watching the television debut of 32 year old RAYMOND LEIZER. The gentleman played the piano in beautiful style. He offered various pieces, from Bach to Boogie. That doesn't sound very unusual, does it? BUT—when such a presentation is made by a pianist with only **four metal fingers,** it's a miraculous accomplishment. Mr. Leizer lost his hands in an explosion of a land mine in Israel (1948). Long live persistency and ambition. They will most always overcome all obstacles.

For four cents, you can read 100 pages of daily news in N. Y. Haven't even attempted to count the pages that comprise the Sunday editions. However, you can imagine how many there are when you hear that a person's arms become weary, toting the papers from the corner newsstand to the front door.

The PARK-SHERATON HOTEL has installed a television set in **all** 1607 of its rooms. No extra charge for the guests. Mighty generous!

Who said three was a housing shortage in New York? The papers are filled with ads for housing projects. Some of them request as little as $750.00 down. Las Vegas builders take note. If New York can do it—so can you. We drove around to see some with our sister (a real-estate broker) and she assured us the buildings were well constructed.

This metropolis is certainly a city of great variety. The rambling could go on endlessly. However, there is a cake in the oven and only one way to put an end to the hunger pangs. Fondest regards to all with special love to the Editor.



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SALADS FOR SUMMER" is a good slogan to remember. Eat a salad a day and keep slim, but, remember also, to keep a close check that you do not neglect to have a certain amount of calories, the kind found in high protein foods. Lean meats, broiled or roasted, are a very important part of a summer diet. To begin with, they not only stave off hunger by remaining in the system for some time, but also help to burn up fatty tissue, causing weight loss, but giving energy.

Included in the high protein list of foods are fish, eggs and cheeses. Next to beef, lamb and liver, fish is particularly high in protein and not at all fattening. Here is an ITALIAN SALAD which was a big favorite at the VILLA VENICE. A little more time-making to make, perhaps, but a meal in itself, and so delicious!

(Serving for six or eight)

1 head romaine
1 head lettuce
2 tomatoes, quartered
¼ cup Roquefort dressing (simply Blue Cheese, blended with a few drops of milk, and mashed with a fork)
6 boiled shrimp, quartered
1 chopped cucumber (optional)
Juice of one lemon
1 Hard boiled egg
2 onions, chopped fine
6 slices any cold cuts
1 small can filets of anchovies
½ green pepper, chopped
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper (coarse ground)
¼ cup redvinegar
3 tbsp. olive oil

Wash lettuce and romaine under cold water, and break or tear by hand. Combine in salad bowl with tomatoes, cucumbers, onions and green pepper. Add Roquefort dressing and mix well. Next add chopped cold cuts, shrimp and anchovies. Add oil, vinegar, salt, pepper and mix well again. Pass egg through seive over salad, add lemon juice, and for the third mixing be sure that all ingredients are well blended. Then serve!

For a meat dish, low in caloric content and HIGH in protectin, here's a BRACIOLLINE, or ROULLADE OF LAMB, that's exciting as well as delicious:

(Serving for six)

2 lbs. leg of lamb (boned)
3 slices of bread
2 cloves of garlic
2 oz. butter
2 tbsp. Parmesan cheese
2 sprigs parsley
½ tsp. of salt
¼ tsp. pepper

Preferably, the lamb should be cut from the thigh of the leg and sliced thin into squares about four by six inches. If not sliced thin enough, plank the meat. Spread on each layer the following mixture: Soak the bread and mash through a course seive, then chop parsley and garlic very fine and mix with bread. Next, add cheese, salt and pepper, continue to mix until a fine paste is accomplished. Spread paste on meat, then add slices of butter, roll tight and keep intact with toothpick or small skewers. During the preparation of the Roullade, light broiler, then when ready to cook, place meat directly under flame. Turn meat in 10 minutes. Cooking time: 25 minutes. Place in hot serving platter, garnish with parsley and serve with lemon. (Optional, of course, but juice of lemon blends perfectly.)

See you next week! Good health . . . good appetite! —DOMENIC.

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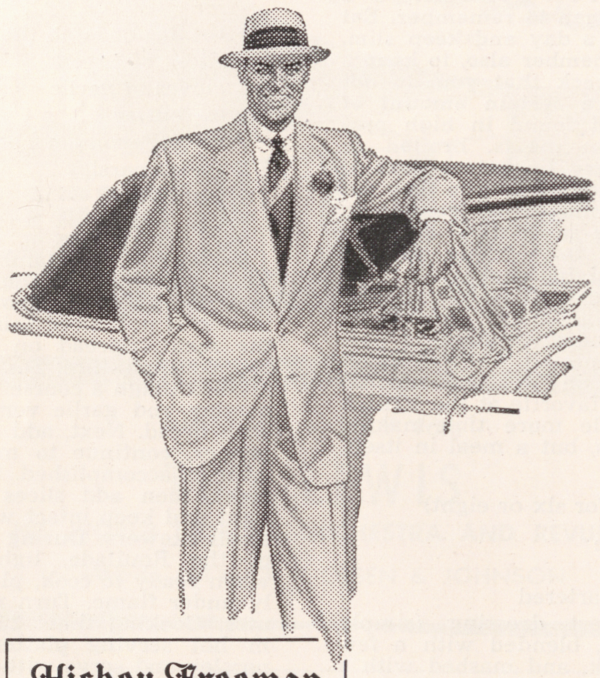

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A complete surprise to "Daddy" BEN GOFFSTEIN, of HOTEL FLAMINGO, it had him parading peacock-style and r—e—a—l—l—y popping buttons off his shirt. Yes sir, that's a proud father.

STAN IRWIN tells us—but we think he's just a' kiddin'—that the HOTEL SAHARA had some bad luck last week. Seems that while excavating for a new swimming pool, which by the way, will be 50 feet by 100 feet, they struck oil, and so had to refill that hole and find a clean spot. Tsk, such bad luck!

Beautiful DUSTY REALE, with the ARDEN-FLETCHER DANCERS at the DESERT INN HOTEL five weeks now, was, two years ago, chosen "Miss Copa City" in Miami, Florida. Sorry, fellows, but she's married! To be with his wife, Dusty's husband, whose name is JOE, gave up his job in New York, and this couple will make their home permanently L. V.! Formerly employed as head steward by Longchamps and, later, the White Turkey chain of restaurants, Mr. Reale is now at the HOTEL LAST FRONTIER. Another twosome who couldn't resist the charms of our "Fabulous" town! These kids are married seven years, but Dusty still looks like a child. (Can this be one of those "mountain marriages"? They're here to stay, so we hope Las Vegas will be good to them. . .

JACK BENNY is in London for an appearance at the PALLADIUM THEATRE. He is also celebrating, this week, his forty-second year in showbiz. An amazing feat for a man only 39 (?) years old! . . .

The man we'd like to see nominated for president by the REPUBLICAN PARTY was here and gone all too soon. But "IKE" EISENHOWER and his "Fabulous" smile made many Las Vegans happy when he stopped en route, for a few hours last Sunday. There was a short visit in town, where he greeted the press and his many admirers, then a tour of BOULDER DAM, and he was off again. We hope on his next trip hereabouts he will be "Mr. President!"

While appearing in the OPERA HOUSE THEATRE RESTAURANT the past few weeks, JAN MURRAY'S most popular routine was the hilariously funny "curds and whey" bit. Patterned after the nursery rhyme, it was written for him by "our own" STAN IRWIN. . .

In case you're wondering, VERNON WELBORN, architect for the DESERT INN COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES, **hasn't** been drinking! That big grin and silly antics are merely symptoms of the well-known malady—FATHERHOOD. He and wife JEANNIE expect their first child some time around January. Jeannie, by the way, the "Girl with the Golden Voice," gave up her singing career with the PHIL SPITALNY ORK two years ago to become Mrs. W. Congratulations, you two! . . .

Introduced last week, and a big hit in the "big city," were the new KING-sized CHESTERFIELD CIGARETTES. Can this mean that the current short-size Chesterfields will be eliminated?

June is certainly the month for brides! A complete surprise to everyone was the marriage of BILL TODD and MARGIE HARRISON, last Sunday, June 22. Their plans were "top secret" till the last minute. Bill was pit boss for a few years at the GOLDEN NUGGET, and is now working in the same capacity at HOTEL LAST FRONTIER. They exchanged "I do's" before Justice of the PEACE JIMMY DOWN, at the HITCHING POST WEDDING CHAPEL. We saw them 15 minutes before the ceremony and they were two very, very happy people. Always ready with a gag or a joke, Bill was another confirmed bachelor, but relinquished his status with a smile. Good luck, kids!

A gratifying sight to see was the great turnout of well-wishers at the grand opening of the new EL CORTEZ HOTEL, last Thursday. Oh's and ah's were heard from every direction over the beauty and splendor combined in the redecorating of this popular hotel. Once more, we compliment BILL MOORE, general manager, and wish him and his associates great success. . .

MARGE CHAMPION'S girlhood dreams of being a movie star were

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FLAMINGO:

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THE NORMA MILLER DANCERS and a host of others. Need we say more, other than that we know you will be highly entertained from **before** the curtain goes up until well after it has come down . . . The FLAMINGO STARLETS take part in this revue with STEWART ROSE doing the vocals in the production numbers . . . Music for the show is once again ably produced by MATTY MALNECK and his Orchestra . . . The Mural Room runs rampant with the music of BOBBY PAGE and his Musical Pages . . .

—JOHNNY.

LAST FRONTIER:

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tively, this group is sensational! . . . ESTELLE SLOANE, America's finest female tap dancer, has added new material to her act. A great performer, she now combines comedy with her superb dancing. Miss Sloan, "a wisp of femininity," is a most talented person and, we believe, the best in her fields of endeavor . . . CURRY, BYRD and LeROY present a comedy revue chock-full of surprises. We won't attempt to describe their act for we may give secrets away. But, you're in for a treat and many a laugh when you see them . . . The JEAN DEVLYN Girls feature two new dance routines, and costumes direct from New York. . . . For your dancing pleasure—music by the Cugat Ork—and DON BAKER, "King of the Hammond," will be on hand to provide smooth intermission rhythms. It's the 3 MAJORS in the Gay '90 ROOM for your entertainment pleasure and the STAR-KINGS play requestfully yours in the CARRILLO ROOM until 6:00 a. m.

EL RANCHO VEGAS:

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FIO RITO, under the direction of ELLIS, supplies background music for the show and tantalizing tunes for audience dansapation. Intermission listening, dancing and request music is aptly placed in the hands of GUY LANDIS and JIMMY DiSTEFANO, who alternate with PAUL GARDOS and CHUY MIRANDA in the Chuck Wagon until 6 ayem.

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very much of the new. Jackie, with his unbeatable knack of timing, does a thing on the current calamities in the comic strips that is great, and his interpretation of "Honeysuckle Rose" has become a classic . . . Mitzi is a great actress . . . and one of the greatest mimics in the modern show world. In the course of her performance she gave impressions of at least a dozen well known personalities . . . and not just a line or two, but enough so that you **knew** the personality. The lyrics of "I Married an All American" are something you shouldn't miss . . . JOHNSON & OWEN are two very fine performers on the horizontal bars who accomplish intricate gymnastic gyrations with precision timing which makes the most difficult maneuvers seem simple . . . BILL JOHNSON is the new master of ceremonies and singer of songs with the ARDEN-FLETCHER DANCERS who open the show with a cute routine based on the antics of the black sheep among the lambs. MICKEY SANS is the black sheep, and Bo-peep is portrayed by FLUFF CHARLETON, who also solos in the "High Cheek-Bone." This new show marks the return of CARLTON HAYES and his ORCHESTRA to the pdoium after a four weeks rest. Naturally, they cut the show to perfection . . . DANNY CASSELLA and his Ork. as well as the RIST BROS. alternate at the Lady Luck Bar until the very small hours . . .

—JOHNNY.

THUNDERBIRD:

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called, "Memories of Spain" which feature some cape twirling under fluorescent lighting and in beautiful costumes. CHRISTINA CARSON is featured as well as is the voice of JOHNNY O'BRIEN who also emcees the show.

—JOHNNY.

SILVER SLIPPER:

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rate AAAA! . . . Maestro GEORGE REDMAN most capably handles musical direction of show and during intermission presents his own piano styling. . . Show music and dancing rhythm is supplied by PUD BROWN'S DIXIELAND BAND. . . Special commendation to EDDIE FOX for the Silver Slipper Gaieties, a musical comedy of pace, laughter and appeal.



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THAT'S FOR SURE:

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shattered by a short-lived acting stint before the cameras five years ago. GOWER CHAMPION'S boyhood dreams of being a movie star were shattered when MGM dropped him five years ago. Both headed for New York and dancing careers. Both are now movie stars! . . .

NEW STARS DEPT.: When, due to sudden illness, a performer at the HOTEL LAST FRONTIER couldn't complete her engagement, the manager, EDDIE FOX, found himself with a problem trying to replace her. While pondering and wandering through the hotel, he came upon beautiful, redhaired SHARI LONG, employed in the casino. He then remembered she had once mentioned she could sing! So—without even a change of lipstick, Miss Long went "on stage," and — you guessed it — brought the house down with her charm and talent. A pinch-hit that wasn't a miss! Shari's husband, RUSSELL, also has his share of musical talent. He's the drummer with the TED FIO RITO ORK at the EL RANCHO VEGAS HOTEL. . .

CARMEN MIRANDA, the vivacious South American singing star, has a trademark that's unforgettable. For her costumes, she loads herself with hats made of pineapples, bananas and other tropical fruit, and the rest of her apparel is similarly adorned. The other day, Carmen was shopping at the fruit and vegetable counter in the FARMER'S MARKET when a friend spied her. "Why Carmen," she exclaimed, "What are YOU doing here?" "Buying a new wardrobe," quipped Carmen with a twinkle in her eye! And she just COULD be, too. . .

PERRY DiRIENZO, tonsorial-artiste at the EL RANCHO BARBER SHOP, has just had his tonsils removed. For the next few days he will be on a liquid diet and able to speak only slightly above a whisper. Our sympathies, Perry! We missed you when we called for a "trim," but were happy to find cute PATTY PHILLIPS, our favorite manicurist, able to fit us into her busy schedule. . .

Congratulations: BETTY GRABLE and HARRY JAMES, whose marriage wouldn't last more than nine minutes, according to some columnists, celebrated NINE YEARS of married bliss, last week. . .

The LEAD KING MINES went into operation last week, and are now digging for deposits of lead-ore. An interesting sight is to watch the miners working and, we're told, visitors are allowed. Common stock at 10 cents a share is currently being offered by KALMANIR, KLINE & COMPANY, brokerage office on North Third Street. This looks like a good investment. We sure hope so, for we've bought a chunk ourselves! By the way, the reason TOMMY KALMANIR is still out of town: Training starts next week for the ALL-AMERICAN FOOTBALL GAME scheduled to play in Chicago next month. . .

GORDON McRAE and his frau are making preparations to take off on a sentimental journey to Cleveland, Ohio, as soon as he finishes "The Desert Song." They've such a happy marriage they are going through the ceremony all over again. Same preacher and in the same church! . . .

Good news! A great treat and surprise is in store for the many friends of our favorite gourmet, DOMENIC VELONA. On or about July 4 he will be back on the "Strip" serving those delicious Italian dinners. The new venture will be called DOMENIC'S and be located in the beautiful Golden Wheel Restaurant on Highway 91. Affiliated with Domenic will be BOB BROOKS, well-known restaurateur of Los Angeles. To these two gentlemen—our sincere wishes for a happy and successful future, and that's for sure!

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WHAT'S DOIN'?

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a reading? . . . Have you seen the grounds at TWIN LAKES recently? You'd recognize the place if you haven't! The owner of the place, LLOYD ST. JOHN, is building like crazy out there and, by the end of this week, intends to have 48 units in operation. Lodging units, that is!! And the way they've fixed up that pool—it's a far cry from the pool I first swam in at Twin Lakes back in 1942!! All painted, cement ramps, diving boards, private cabanas and all kinds of improvements. To me, one of the greatest improvements is the fact that the lane from the hiway has been paved. Drive out a couple of miles on the Tonopah Hiway and you'll see the sign telling you where to turn off . . . You like jam sessions? Try the one that takes place every Friday night at the RED ROOSTER out on Hiway 91!! It's a very intimate place and there's plenty of room to dance. Stars around midnight . . . The Thunderbird put on a Tea Dance last Wednesday afternoon for about 300 men from Nellis Air Base who are here on a ROTC training program from 16 universities located all over the country. JIMMY DORSEY and his fine band did all the entertaining; and in what better hands?? . . . The new trio at the GOLDEN NUGGET SALOON is known as THE BEL-AIRES and is made up of piano, bass and guitar. They opened here after having just completed an engagement at the new CRESCENDO in L. A. (Eckstine). BILL CHADNEY is at the piano, JACK LOWELL on guitar and TONY SANDIFER on bass. They all sing, singly and in three part, and are good musicians. Because of a full program of booking they'll only be here for two weeks, so you'd better take a look and give a listen real soon . . . A week or so ago the ESQUIRE came into the hands of new owners. The new partners are HARRY TABAK and I. "IB" BERMAN and already they've started to make a few changes and alterations. We wish the both of you the best of luck in this new venture and after meeting both of you, I'm sure you'll make a fine business partnership. The little lady of the keyboard at the ESQUIRE is your good friends, and mine, MARIANTHE, and you'll be mighty lucky if you can get near the piano bar while she is on. Popular, this gal!! . . . JACK SNYDER, of SNYDER'S SLACKS, has finally taken unto himself a vacation. Whatya wanta bet that instead of a vacation, he'll be spending all of his time in the Hollywood store!! . . . EDDIE WEINER and lovely JILL JARMON were married at the El Rancho after trying for an hour to find me. I got there for the cake anyway!! The best always to both of you! . . . There it is again for this week, Li'l Kiddies, and I don't know about you, but I'll be right about here again next week, so maybe I'll see you around, huh?? . . .

—JOHNNY.

POP SQUIRES:

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physical condition he was not longer able to continue his labors in the Pacific Islands.

Another Pacific missionary, Brother Henry W. Bigler, declared he was full of rejoicing when he first saw the brethren at Las Vegas the day before. Then Brother William Farrar spoke, telling of the great faith of the "Island Saints."

Then after President Bringhurst spoke at some length of the duties of the Las Vegas brethren toward the Indians, Brother Allred and others of the Pacific missionaries sang a hymn in the Hawaiian tongue.

So we have seen how Las Vegas in its first painful and toilsome days began to establish herself as a center of music and culture. Perhaps this first public entertainment carried a thrill and a high interest which persisted down through the years and may have planted the seeds of the modern culture of Las Vegas. Who can tell what debt we owe to those pioneers?

The next few days before the Fourth of July, the missionaries devoted to routine work without any notable happenings. Perhaps the Mormon people had not been encouraged by the treatment they had received at the hands of their government; toward the spirit of patriotism. Nevertheless, we shall see that they were not lacking in proper respect for the flag of their country; also that they promptly seized upon such excuses or opportunities as presented themselves to celebrate and rejoice.

After prayers on the evening of July 3, President Bringhurst asked the brethren whether it was their wish to be organized into a military company. They unanimously voted to organize into a company to be called "The Las Vegas Guards."

John Steele was elected captain, after which President Bringhurst made a motion, which of course was carried, that they celebrate the anniversary of their nation's independence on the morrow, July 4, 1855.

It is probable that on no one of the many celebrations in Las Vegas since that date, have more of loyalty and patriotism been shown and more effort put forth than on that Wednesday, July 4, 1855.

The brethren were awakened from their slumbers at daybreak by a salute of firearms from Captain Steele's company of guards. The blacksmith's anvil was used instead of a six-pounder. Brothers Covert and Steele, the committee on arrangements, set about making preparations for the celebration with all the alacrity of "The Sons of Seventy-Six."

Many a volley of musketry gave the sleeping natives knowledge that something was up. The next order was to hoist the Stars and Stripes, which they had to manufacture. Captain Steele took a piece of cloth and tore it in stripes; took some blue and made the stars and with the help of Brothers Foster and Hulet had "a very nice little flag ready for flying by 2 o'clock in the afternoon." Captain Steele says that others were preparing a mast and "as we had no good timber, we got a mesquite stump, a false wagon tongue and a tall willow and made a pole 30 feet high; shook out our flag at the sound of the guns, gave three cheers" (led by President Bringhurst), then "retired to the bowery and after many spirited speeches, songs and toasts were dismissed with prayer."

Such, in brief, was the celebration of the first Fourth of July in Las Vegas. I wonder if, on the Fourth of July, 1952, Las Vegas will be able to improve very much on that celebration of 97 years ago?

MEXICO

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also the proud papa of two adorable ninitos . . . TOM KELLY, famous HOLLYWOOD photographer, who helped boost MARILYN MONROE to fame with his now-celebrated nude calendar of the blonde bombshell, is in town on fashion assignment. Must be awfully trite after the luscious MONROE (and minus clothes yet) . . . Mrs. Edward G. Robinson, here to do a little painting and vacationing, when asked about her famous husband replied, "He's the most tender-hearted guy in the world, he fainted dead away in the Plaza Mexico at the sight of the bull's blood." Oh! really now . . . Small World Dept. . . . Corner newsstands offering Latin American girlie magazines for "un peso" and decorating the front is none other than ex-LAS VEGAS beauty, BARBARA NICHOLS sun-bathing by EL RANCHO pool . . .

Next week end we're off to LAKE TEQUESQUITENGO to attend speed trials of Mexican Boat Racing Association. If we're not too water-logged after two days of water-skiing, we'll post column from this popular weekend resort . . . Hasta la semana que viene. Translation: Dig you next week, Jackson.

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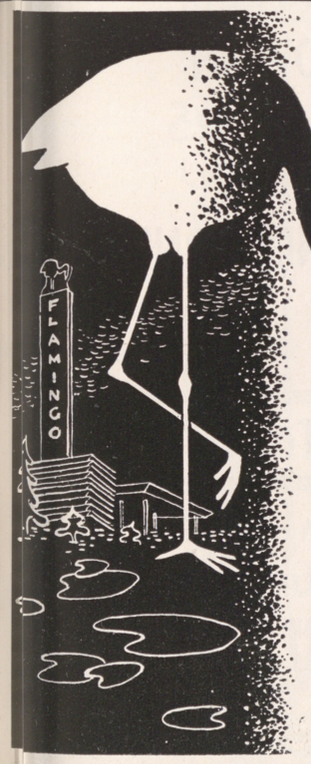

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