

# THE BIG JOB

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### IT'S A RUGGED SPOT -- GABBS

GABBS VALLEY, Nov. 20--Up here in this mile-high mountain-fringed basin, men and machinery are clawing into the hills for magnesite with which other Americans can make things hot for Hitler and Hirohito.

This is the source of the raw material which the BMI plant is turning into metallic magnesium. "On the hill" here from which blasts of dynamite echo over the valley tons of ore move down the slope through the several crushing, mixing, flotation and calcining operations--to roll out in grotesque trucks as magnesium oxide in the first leg of a long journey to the Vegas plant.

### NEARING COMPLETION

The huge installations on the hill are rapidly nearing completion, so that before many more weeks have passed all units will be on production.

It's a gigantic thing that men, operating 35 miles from a main highway and railroad have done up here in the space of a few months. It sends a tingle up the old spine to see and hear the great mill grinding out concentrates where a year ago the district slept in desert solitude. The thrill is even greater as one realizes the will of Americans to tackle such a job under living conditions which at best are none too good.

### HOUSES GOING UP

This, however, is being remedied. A 60-house building program is under way. Funds have been allocated for construction of a school, to supplant the canvas institution of instructions now in operation and plans are in the making for even more adequate housing facilities, and a recreation program. Meantime men and women are working like terriers on their basic job. They seem to realize that without what Gabbs turns out there wouldn't be any BMI metallic product.

### A PAIR OF MESSAGES

From this hillside, scarred by excavation equipment and transformed from a desert waste to a humming industry let this message then go to Vegas from the hundreds of men and women working here to win the war: "Here comes the raw material, men. Get those fire bombs to the Air Corps. They know what to do with them."

And from Vegas let the answer roll back, "Thanks and keep the ore coming. And by the way--congratulations for being able to 'take it.'"

### GABBS CORRESPONDENT

The Big Job has arranged for news dispatches regularly from Gabbs. Paul Lorence of Personnel is the correspondent.

### PASTOR ASSIGNED TO TOWNSITE

Rev. Roy C. Crouch, who conducted the religious survey in the Townsite and Trailer City for the Church Federation has been assigned for duty here as pastor of the newly organized Community Church and is moving from Alhambra. Mr. Crouch has officiated as acting pastor for three Sundays and has made a most favorable impression. The Federation assignment is for six months. Mr. Crouch has conducted religious surveys and established new congregations in several war plant areas. In a letter to The Big Job this week he said:

"I still can't understand why a fellow falls so hard for the desert. Then again I don't know where one can find a finer group of humans really trying to do things and go places."

### EXTRAS ABOUT MARY

If you want a few extra copies of the issue of the Big Job which printed Mary Simons' picture, call at No. 8, Industrial Relations Building. Some extras were printed to answer requests for additional copies.

### WHAT'S COOKIN' AT BMI

(All programs at School Auditorium, Sponsored by USO in co-operation with Section of Employee Activities, BMI, unless otherwise specified.)

SATURDAY, NOV. 28--Movies, 2 p.m. for children. Admission, 10 cents.

American Legion Dance, 8:30 to midnight. Admission, 50 cents per person.

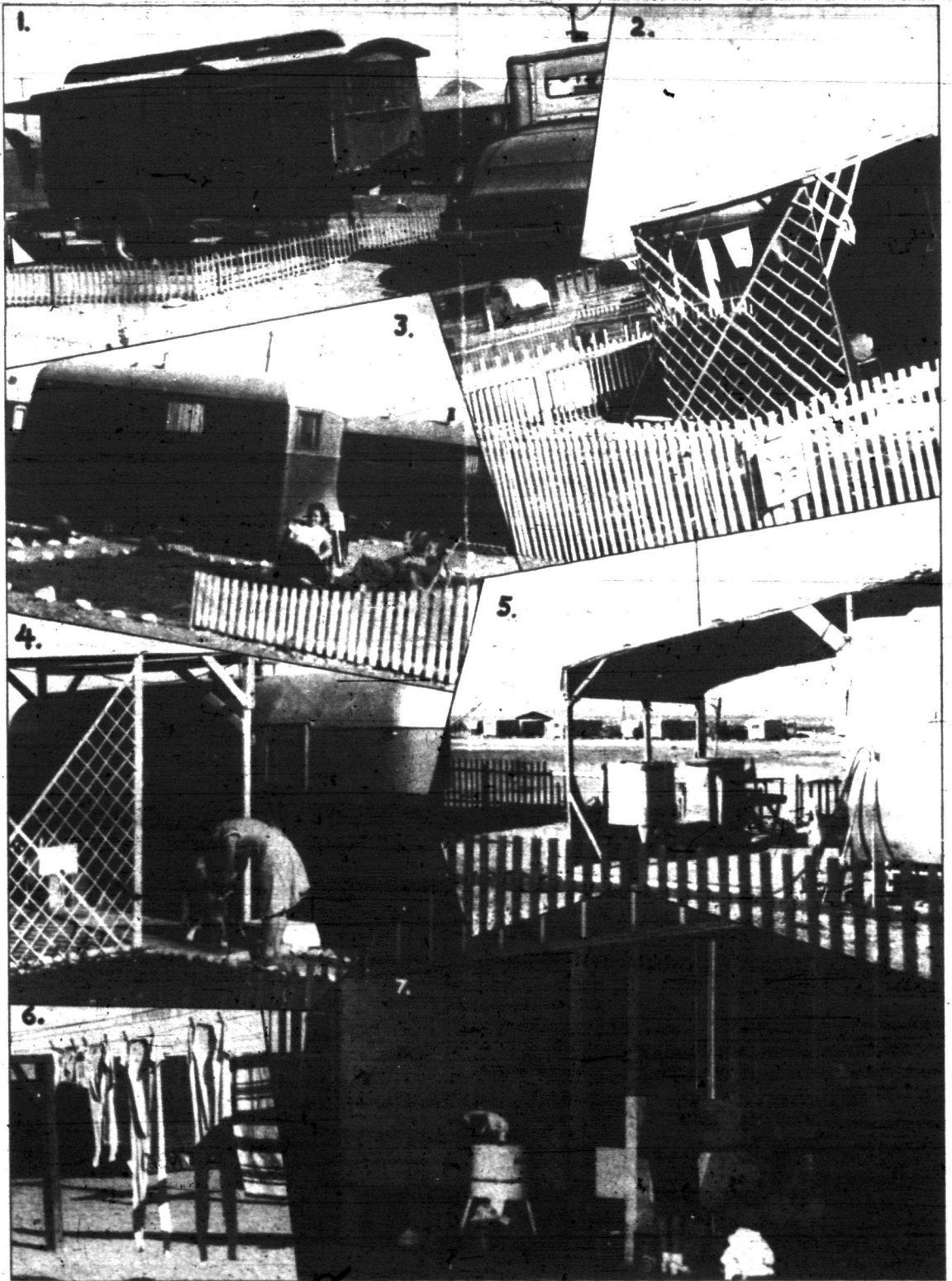
MONDAY, NOV. 30--Bridge, Progressive; admission, 25 cents; Defense Stamp prizes. Bring your own card tables. Pinochle, Five Hundred, Checkers, Cribbage, Chess, Dominoes. Arts and Crafts including leatherwork, finger-painting, block printing, wood-carving.

TUESDAY, DEC. 1--Square Dances, 8 to 11 p.m. Admission, 25 cents. Square Dance Instruction 7:15 to 8.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2--Badminton, 7 to 10:30 p.m. Admission 25 cents. Birds, racquets furnished.

THURSDAY, DEC. 3--Moving Pictures 7 and 9 p.m. Adults, 25 cents; children 10 cents.

# TRAILER CITY FOLKS DOLL UP SITES



Basic's 1942 edition of a Trailer Town has a lot of attractive and interesting spots. Picture No. 1 shows the J. R. Lyndon trailer made in England and nifty with leaded glass windows. No. 2 shows tasteful fence work on the site of Mr. and Mrs. Jake George. On the lawn (No. 3) Mrs. Ray Lighthizer basks in a deck-chair beside her son, Robert. No.

4 shows outside nursery development as Mrs. Lester (Red) Miller administers to daughter, Sandra Lea. L. B. (Spud) Johnson's site (No. 5) shows outside kitchen effect. In No. 6 it is established that Pa, Ma, Junior and the Baby are all set with undies for another week, while No. 7 presents a typical American Monday morning scene.