

THE BIG JOB

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FIVE BROTHERS LAYING BRICKS ON JOB HERE

The five Hughes brothers--Curly, Paul, Allie, Milton and Warren are a family of bricklayers. All learned their trade from their father. Paul (second from left) laid the first brick on this project. Between them they have worked in every state in the Union, in Mexico, Canada and Alaska. Paul and Allie were overseas in World War I. Paul's son is a Marine fighting in the Solomons. Curly's son is a soldier now in New Guinea. Some record! Give these men a big hand, boys!



START WORK ON BOWLING CENTER, DRUG STORE

Shorty Kimball marshalled his crews on a new site last week and whipped into construction of a big new building in the Townsite, completion of which will fill a deep void in the heart of the desert. It's the bowling alley building, fun center and drug store. This new structure will be 177 feet long and wide enough for eight alleys, lunch room, soda fountain and other recreational attractions. Harry J. MacSherry, well-known Nevada Legionnaire from Reno has the concession. It's time now for the various departments to organize their kegler fans into teams and get ready for league play.

MOVIE THEATRE PLANS READY

Breaking of ground for the moving picture theatre in the Townsite is scheduled for an early date. Seats for the theatre burned in the DPC warehouse fire, but Earl Brothers of Boulder, who has the concession, says he has replaced them.

POSTOFFICE PLANS ADVANCED

Complete plans for the postoffice building have gone from Basic to the Postoffice Department in Washington for final approval. Meantime petitions are being circulated to name the postoffice--and therefore the town--Henderson. Adoption of this name would honor a great Nevadan--Charles B. Henderson. A former United States Senator from the silver State, Mr. Henderson; among other things, is

Chairman of the Board of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and a member of the Board of DPC. He has been officially instrumental from the start in the development at BMI.

HOUSING SOLUTION NEARER

D. J. Scherer, contractor for Federal Public Housing Authority, is making dirt fly and lumber rise on the new housing project across the main highway from the Townsite. Already officials are able to announce that 100 dwellings will be ready April 1 and that 15 will be completed each week thereafter until the first batch of 300 is done. Meantime to supply shelter for men in maintenance and operations FPHA is buying 75 more trailers and surveyors are laying out sites for them in the Trailer Camp.

SCHOOL READY MARCH 1

Six new classrooms at Victory School will be ready for occupancy by March 1, according to McNeil schedules. This will somewhat relieve the overcrowded condition, although even with 11 more rooms double sessions would still be necessary.

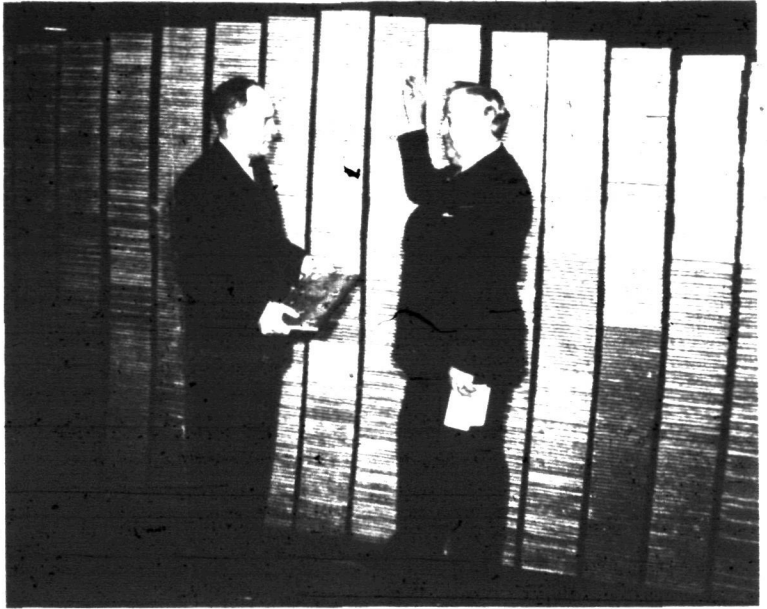
BOY, HAND US THOSE LILLIES!

It takes constant hiring to man the new units opening at BMI--opening in answer to the Air Corps' constant demand for more and more magnesium. So you'll understand why we slip a desert lily to the determined eighteen new

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SEN. McCARRAN INSPECTS SILVER ON BMI JOB

He who fought for purchase of silver by Uncle Sam sees the wisdom of his activity as he stands before tons of the white metal at BMI--precious metal to replace needed copper as buss bar. He is Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada. He is talking over the great silver battles in the Senate with F.O. Case, general manager. Behind them stand tons--millions of dollars worth of silver, soon to be installed. Mr. Case holds a small bar weighing 29 pounds.



employees who got here and went to work in spite of hell and high water. These lads started out from L.A. in the galloping Pony Express. At Cajon Pass they ran into a wash-out. The bus brought them back to L.A. Max Ward, BMI hiring expert met them, gave them each cash for two meals and a bed and told them to report at the bus station next morning. All 18 showed up. Still the bus couldn't leave. He told them to report several hours later. But when the bus was ready to leave--90 hours after the original start, two were missing. However, when the chariot was just about to pull out the missing two came running down the avenue. They're all here now--and it's our guess that men who tried that hard to get here are going to stick.

VALENTINES FOR BOMBARDIERS

The newly-organized BMI Hostess Club is off to a fine start with a party for the officers of McCarran Field on Sunday afternoon.....

CRAFT SHOW AND LECTURE

BMI-USO Committee, working with the Arts and Crafts Department of the school can and will show you how to be "crafty." Mrs. J. Carroll Beardon and Lewis E. Rowe will lecture and demonstrate crafts at the school Wednesday night, Feb. 17 at 8 o'clock. Display will show all types of wood carving. Crafts as a hobby will be emphasized by Mr. Rowe.

GET IN THE GREASE

Girl Scouts, helping the war effort, will collect grease and fat in a Townsite roundup Saturday, Feb. 13. Have it ready for them, will you?

PICKED UP ON THE RUN

Cap Littlefield, Fire Dept. doesn't care what happens. He figures if the boys can take it in Guadalcanal he can take it here. So he's accepted the job as chief umpire of the Soft-

ball League.....Those fire captains can do everything. Cap Harding is chucking swell ball for the smoke-eaters.....There'll be a hot time in the school on Saturday night, Feb. 20. PTA is giving an old time box social. There'll be dancing and you'll bid for your box lunch and eat it with the gal who got it ready.....Community Church is getting out an attractive weegly bulletin, mimeographed on brown paper with brown ink. Contains church and other news.....Bert Wenzel, former guard--and the only white man outside of Schmeling whoever beat Joe Louis, writes from Virginia where he is working for Gen. Tunney in the Navy as a physical instructor. Bert has finished his training and will soon be headed for active duty.... Badminton for the Swingshift on Wednesday nights is growing in popularity. All night hawks are invited.....USO is staging a Valentine party for Trailer Park children Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. There will be a play, games, somethin' to eat and valentines. Mrs. Merle Miller is in charge.

CAN YOU PLAY A SAX?

WANTED! Saxophones for the modern dance orchestra. The BMI Band is complete except for a couple of good sax players. Contact Bob Adams in Transportation.

WHAT'S COOKIN'

(All events at School unless otherwise stated. Events marked with a * sponsored by BMI-USO Committee with proceeds going to BMI Recreation Fund.)

SATURDAY, Feb. 13--*Childrens Matinee 2 p.m.
SUNDAY, Feb. 14--BMI Hostess Club party for Officers in Recreation Lounge 4 to 10 p.m.
MONDAY, Feb. 15--*Volley Ball, 7:30 p.m.--
*Arts and Crafts 7:30 p.m.--*Band practice in Recreation Lounge Women's Apartments.
TUESDAY, Feb. 16--*Square Dance, 8 to 12
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 17--*Badminton, 7:30 p.m.--
*Arts and Crafts--*Swingshift Badminton
THURSDAY, Feb. 18--*Movies, 7 and 9 p.m.