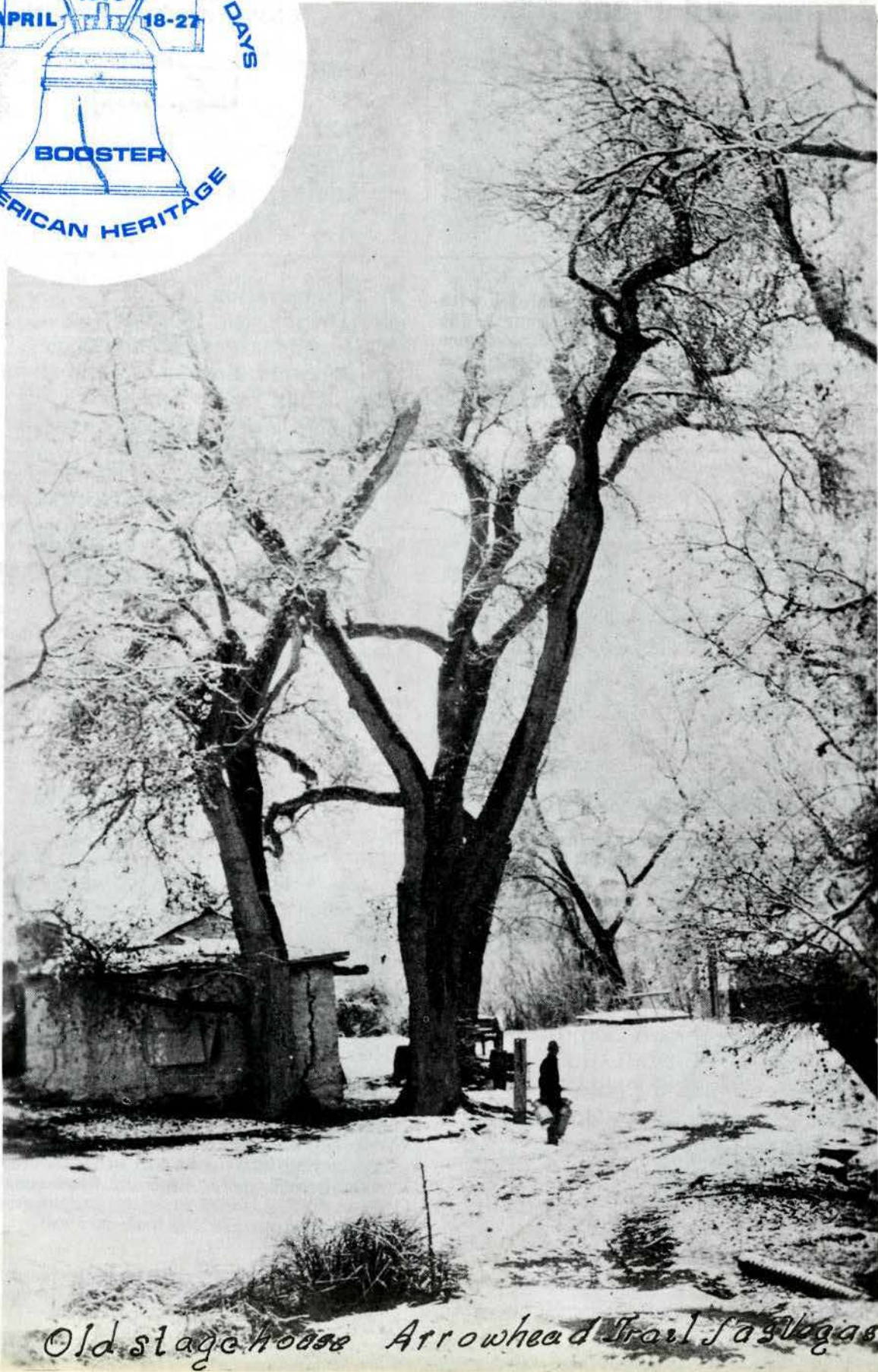


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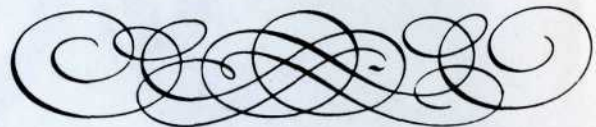


**SCHOOL BUSES**—These were the vehicles which carried St. Thomas students to the Moapa Valley High School. The "luxury job" in front was a four cylinder Oldsmobile. The three others were Model T Ford trucks. Planks across the back served as seats and the solid tires on corduroy roads shook the students so much they were dubbed "the churns."

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**ELDORADO CANYON**—Albert Frehner is shown here driving a ten-horse team on the ore haul from the Techaticup Mine to the mill on the Colorado River. There used to be a spring here and Queo sneaked up on two Frehner freighters watering horses one day and shot them. Fortunately they both survived.



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Sociologists relentlessly remind us, via the media, that nine million Americans suffer serious problems of alcoholism. Certainly these unfortunate persons deserve strong public assistance and attention but the fact remains that the strength of the day-to-day operation of our social, business and governmental life continues to rest solidly in the hands of the two hundred million plus Americans who are in no way functionally impaired by an alcoholic addiction.

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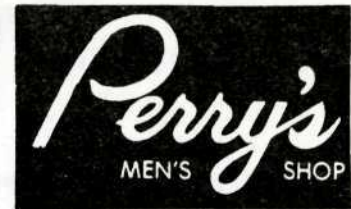
LYAL W. BURKHOLDER — came here when the Henderson school opened in 1942 as the first Principal of Basic High School and later became Superintendent of the Henderson School District. Now retired, Mr. Burkholder has been one of the most active workers of the Industrial Days Celebration since its inception.



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The Henderson Chamber of Commerce, through its presentation of the Twenty Fourth edition of the Henderson Industrial Days Celebration, invites your participation in this community activity designed to emphasize the positive accomplishments of Henderson City life, government, business and industry.

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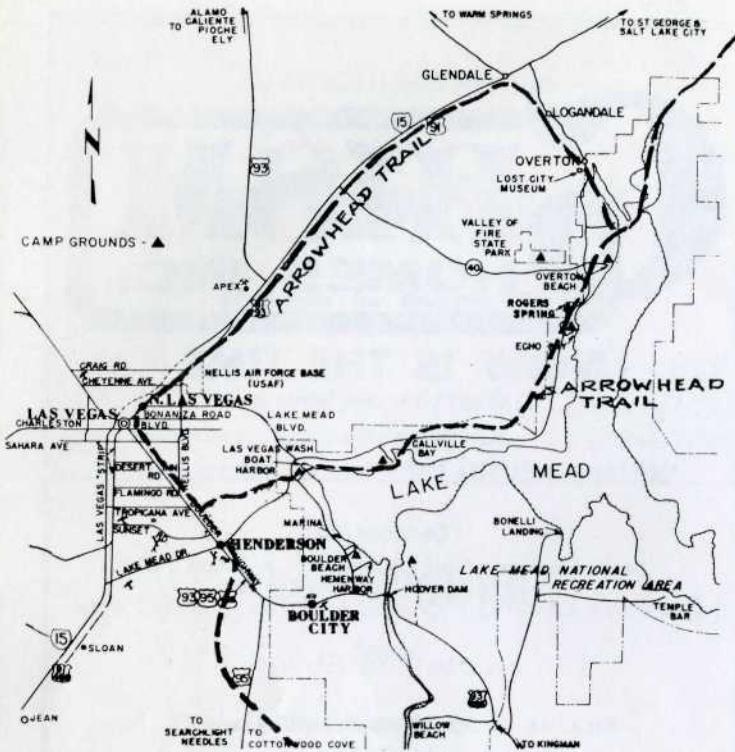
## REDISCOVERING THE ARROWHEAD TRAIL

by Rachel M. "Rae" Von Dornum

The first thoroughfare ever to serve the area now known as the City of Henderson was the old Arrowhead Trail, established by early day Mormons, to serve the miners along the Colorado River and bring in supplies from California. It served the Mormon Fort, which was established in 1855 and the town of Vincent a short distance South of the present Henderson city limits.

Vincent was an active town and served as an entry point into Las Vegas Valley. As late as 1915, it had a business district which included three saloons.

The Quo Vadis Mine, near Vincent was originally owned by A.D. Bishop, owner of the Bishop Hog Ranch, also known as the old Winterwood Ranch. Later owners, who renamed the mine the



Route of the Arrowhead Trail

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The Arrowhead Trail entered Henderson in the approximate area where the old power line road intersects Vegas Valley Drive, turning West across Pittman to the Industrial Park, North of Sunset Road, and then apparently continuing East, to Eldorado Pass. Markers were found in the industrial park and on Horizon Drive.

Ben Sweet, Heritage Chairman for the Henderson Bicentennial Committee, first discovered the Arrowhead Trail while exploring in this area as a Las Vegas student. He found a marker, placed by the Automobile Club of Southern California, near what is now Mission Hills. He started back tracking, and found the other signs of the trail.

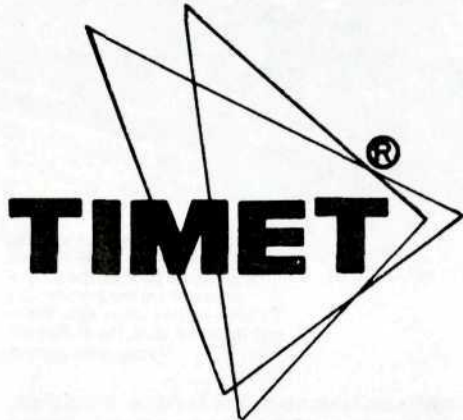
After passing Vincent, it went through El Dorado Pass and crossed the dry lake enroute to Searchlight. Railroad Pass was not usable until the road and railroad were built during Boulder Dam construction, although it was called Railroad Pass long before any railroad came into Las Vegas Valley.

In his work on the Trail thus far, Sweet has had two very willing helpers, Curt Segler and Dave Hays. They have done a lot of the scouting, planting directional flags, and other preliminary work.

There is lots of clean up work yet to be done and Sweet says every resident of the city could help. Cleaning up means everything from the blooms on the kleenex bushes to old stoves, refrigerators and stripped cars. To date, lack of volunteers has made a work schedule impossible.

However, the project is only begun and Sweet says "it seems to have some sort of magic or charisma about it as people from all parts of the Southern Nevada area have indicated a desire to work on it.

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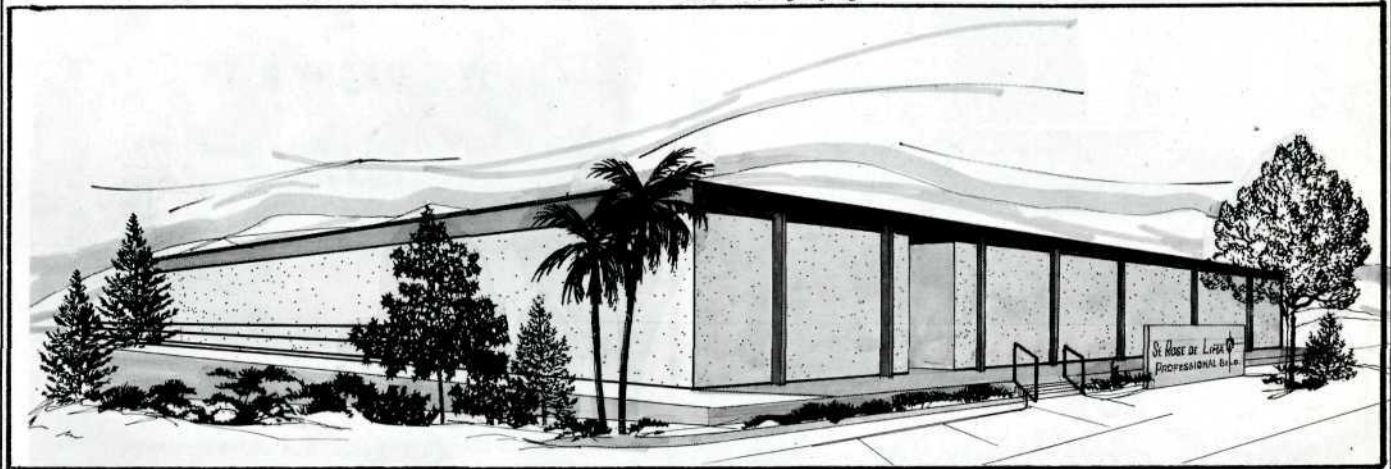
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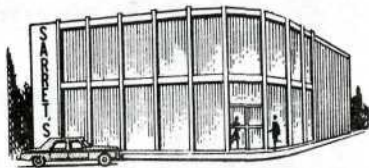


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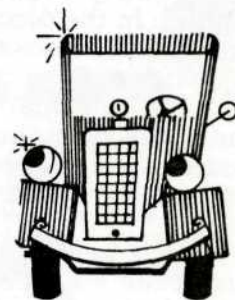


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"The trail is becoming fairly well overgrown, but most of the way it can be readily identified by the total absence of the larger dark green brush. The only clear evidence of wheel marks is from trail bikes.

"As indicated on the map, we marked the ends of a three mile section of the trail. There was no evidence of a continuation west of the power line road, but we could see it at the other end, continuing toward Nelson.

"The markers we erected are very makeshift, but they serve an immediate purpose. It seems to me that any more permanent markings should be under some unified plan. It does look like a good prospect for BLM (Bureau of Land Management) to reserve for non-vehicular use. A problem with that is that left alone it probably would disappear completely in 50 years or so. It might be preferable to attract some bikes and jeeps to keep the trail clearly defined."

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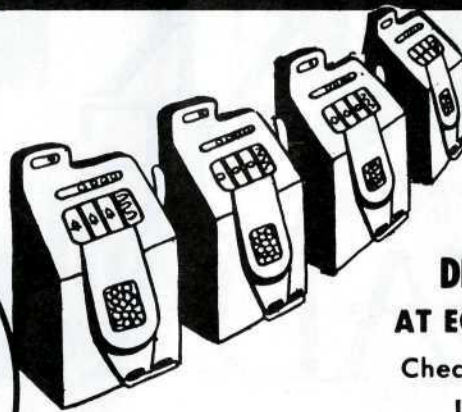
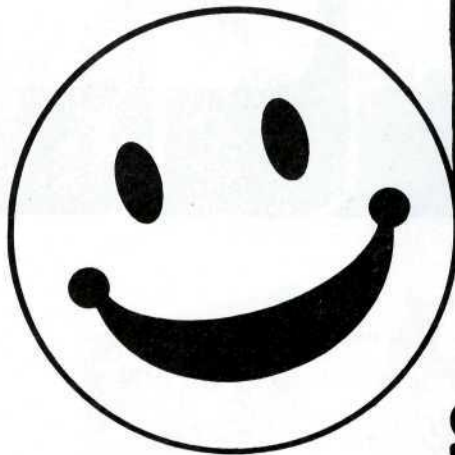
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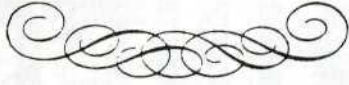
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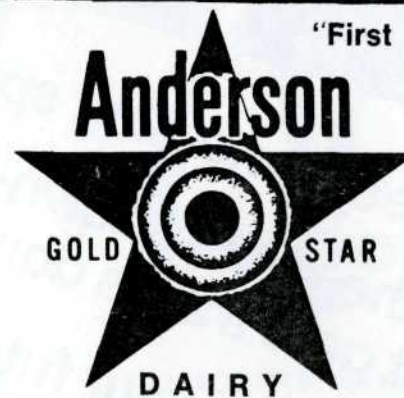
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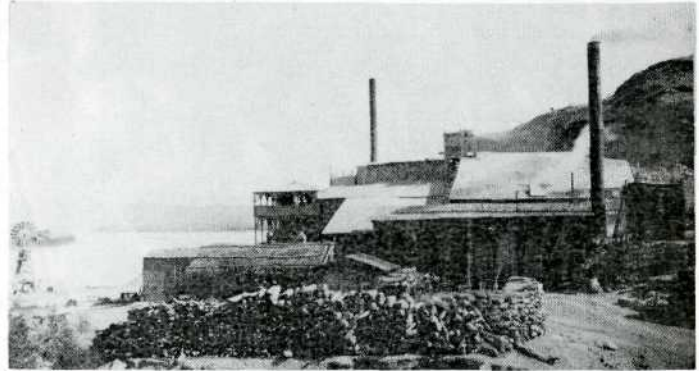
Merle Frehner of Las Vegas was raised in St. Thomas and spent many years working with his father, Albert Frehner, freighting ore from the mines in the mountains along the Colorado River.

He has vivid memories of Queho, the famous renegade Indian who lived in Eldorado Canyon. When Queho was a little boy, Arthur Frehner used to wheel him around in a wheelbarrow. After he went bad, he slaughtered two of his friend Frehner's freighting teams.

There was a gold mill at the mouth of Eldorado Canyon where ore from the Techaticup Mine was milled and smelted. The mill burned wood for power. Merle Frehner has never forgotten the horrible experience of once having dropped a bar of gold into the river while helping to load it onto the stern-wheeler boat which came up the Colorado River once every three months to bring supplies and take out the bullion.

In addition to killing Frehner's horses, Queho is credited with killing a large number of people. He murdered two people in Eldorado Canyon and, as in other cases, took their boots or shoes. He also shot a couple of Frehner's drivers but they

both survived. The six and eight horse teams were driven with a jerkline because of the many twists and turns in the roads over which they had to travel.



**ELDORADO MILL**—This was the stamp mill at Eldorado Canyon where ore from the Techaticup mine was milled and smelted into ingots. What may at first look like bags of ore is really piles of wood, used to run the mill. Once every three months a boat came up the river, bringing in supplies--sometimes even coal--and taking out the gold.



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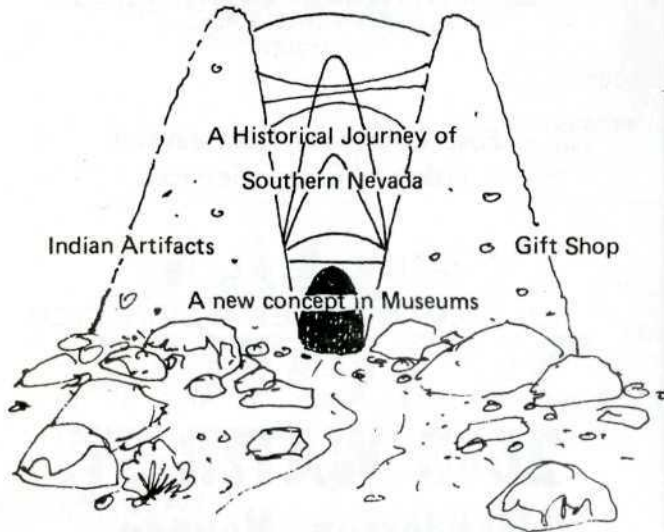
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Beauty Pageant	Burkholder Junior High	7:30 pm
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SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Army Band	Basic High School	8:00 pm
Rodeo	Pittman Arena, Burns Road	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Rodeo	Pittman Arena, Burns Road	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
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TUESDAY, APRIL 22

Amateur Talent Contest	Basic High School	7:30 pm
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

Carnival	Civic Center	3:00 pm
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THURSDAY, APRIL 24

Carnival	Civic Center	3:00 pm
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FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Art & Craft Show of Shows	Civic Center	12:00 noon - 9:00 pm
Carnival	Civic Center	3:00 pm
Plant Bowling	Henderson Bowl	7:00 pm & 9:00 pm

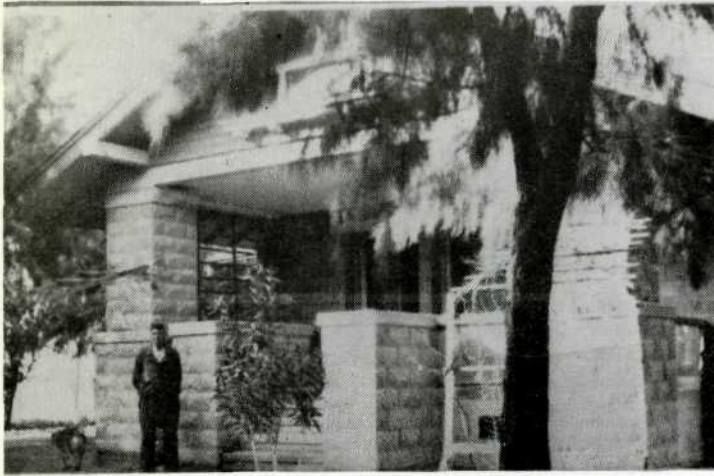
SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Art & Craft Show of Shows	Civic Center	12:00 noon - 9:00 pm
Baseball Game	Basic High School Field	11:00 am
Carnival	Civic Center	10:00 am
Golf Tournament	Black Mountain Golf Course	7:00 am
Governor's Dance	Location to be determined	8:00 pm
Parade	Water Street	2:00 pm
Plant Bowling	Henderson Bowl	10:00 am, 12:30 pm 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm

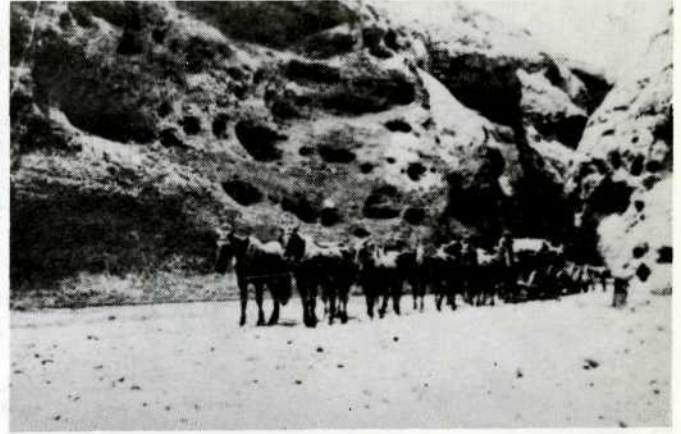
SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Carnival	Civic Center	1:00 pm
Golf Tournament	Black Mountain Golf Course	7:00 am
Plant Bowling	Henderson Bowl	10:00 am, 12:30 pm 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm





**FREHNER HOME**—This house was built by the Frehners in St. Thomas at an estimated one percent of what it would cost today. Of ornamental cement block, it had a full basement and a cystem under the floor with a pump in the kitchen. The second story had a big screen sleeping porch across the back.



**BITTER WASH**—This was a place a freighter was always glad to get out of, although it contained a good spring which both men and animals enjoyed. The wash was so crooked that once into it, a driver never saw his lead team until they emerged on the other side. It was one of those blind canyons which could produce an instant cloudburst from a storm the driver never saw and numerous teams were drowned here. This Frehner team is hauling ore from Grand Gulch.



**CAMPED OUT**—These freight wagons, loaded with ore, have stopped for the night at Buckhorn. This is a part of the Grand Wash which runs from Hurricane, Utah to Lake Mead. The horses can be seen behind the wagons where the day's ration of hay and grain have been placed in a metal trough. Notice the three sizes of wagons being used on this haul.



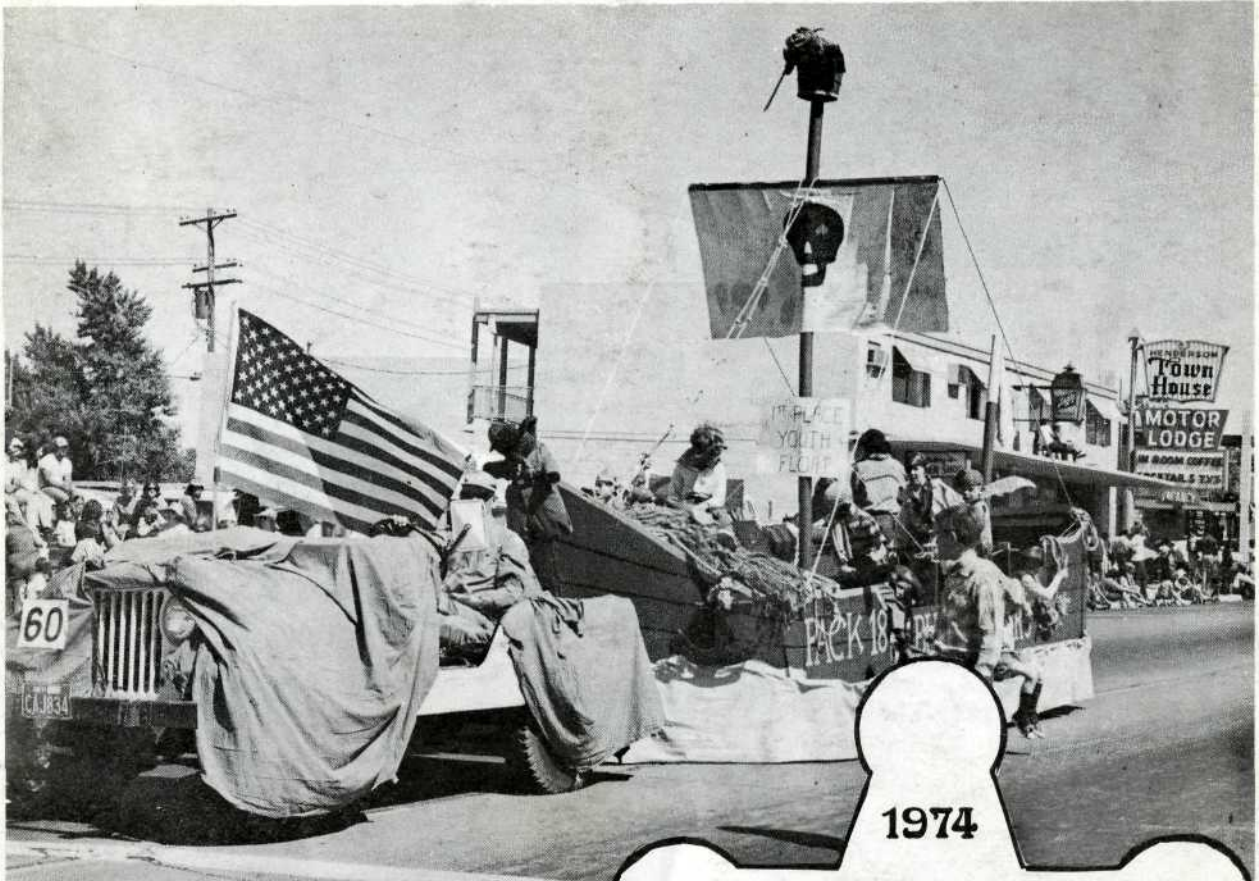
**WEST END CHEMICAL PLANT**—This picture was taken in 1925 when the plant, located west of the road between Callville Bay and Echo Bay was in full operation. Not long ago, Frehner went looking for this plant and had difficulty finding the location. Absolutely nothing of it remains but a few pieces of the concrete foundations.



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