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# TOWNSITE'S FATE IN HANDS OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

## **Henderson Hearsay**

By Bert Havens

passed the necessary measure and the Smithsonian Institute would the matter is in the laps of Washington, rumors regarding the future of the plant and Townsite EARL BROTHERS VISITS are as thick as the new leaves WITH NAVY ADMIRAL on our trees. John Mueller, after gruelling weeks in Carson City shepherding the bill along its devious way, is off for Washington, where he will undoubtedly use his persuasive powers in an effort to secure W. A. A. approval Sharp. During Brothers' tour of of the state's intetion to dispose of the properties.

If everything works out satisfactorily, all concerned should give a vote of thanks to John V., who has worked like a beaver from the very beginning to see this matter through to a successful conclusion. We've sniped at him from time to time on minor matters, but on this really big job we have nothing but admiration for the way he's gotten things done.

From several reliable sources we hear that at least one of the big "hush-hush" deals on which Mueller has been working for many months is very close to being closed. It could be that upon the outcome of the Washington trip will depend the success or failure of a project large enough to warrant all the optimistic business moves that have livened up our town in recent weeks. Let's keep our fingers crossed. But don't forget that although Uncle Samuel has sold B. M. I. to the state of Nevada, the old gent holds a great big mortgage on the property and can have plenty to say about its disposal until the last penny of the purchase price is paid.

Following a slightly less than terrific basketball season, Coach McDoniel seems to have come up with a baseball team that will give the other high school nines a run for their money. Unbeaten up until now, the Wolves have shown real power at the plate and some better than average pitching. "Chuck" Galloway, our favorite quarterback, has been pounding that old apple with great regularity and now we see that McDoniel is going to try him out on the mound. Betcha he makes good, too. Too bad that the games can't be played under lights, so that more of us could get out and cheer the boys on.

That antique juke box we wrote about last week has attracted guite a bit of attention. Several people dropped into the shop to take a look-see and you could knock their eyes off with a stick as they gazed with awe at its monumental innards. It's hard to believe, but the darned thing really works and we're really tempted to put in an amplifier and a couple of speakers, load it up with some of our 20-year-old

Now that the legislature has records and let 'er go. Wonder if be interested??

Earl Brothers returned to home port this week after an extended trip East, which was highlighted with a weekend visit at the Maryland home of Vice-Admiral Alex duty with the navy, he served under Admiral Sharp.

many groups in Washington, D.C.

#### LADIES AID WEDNESDAY

Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the asked to bring a birthday offering. in 1947, it was learned.

Henderson's fate suddenly fell into the hands of the War Assets Authority this week as a result of the legislative action which freed the Henderson people from the shackles of strict state control as meted out by the Colorado River Commission.

If WAA approves the plan whereby homes, land and all parts of the plant can be sold to individuals, the Colorado River group will start negotiating sales to individuals. The group will be under control of the state board who can show they will be working in Henderson.

It is known that several prospective purchasers of parts of the plant are ready to come in when Brothers also was invited to they can be assured of an outshow movies of this area before right purchase, as well as a chance to buy houses for employees.

It is also known that the WAA is anxious to find tenants before The Ladies Aid wil meet next sections of the plant deteriorate beyond repair. State maintenance social rooms of the Grace Com- has not been exactly to specificamunity Church. According to tions set up by WAA when the Mrs. A. K. Hall, members are plant was "sold" for \$24,000,000

### **EDITORIAL**

Hang on, you Hendersoniansthere might be a better day coming! Now that WAA has entered into the picture, you can be assured there wil be results and action forthcoming from both the plant and the homesite section of the city.

The Colorado River Commission's failure to find one or more large firms to move in and take over, despite the commission's large promotion and publicity fund for that purpose, all may be of control and the WAA, but will saved if and when WAA approves be granted rights to sell to those the plan to sell parts of the plant and housing setup.

It is known that one solid company with solid plans, is thinking of coming in if a proper setup can be worked out. It would buy about three units, it is said.

And, if and when WAA approves the plan, the Colorado River Commission, under control of the state board of control, and the government, will have the job of selling parcels.

And, if and when that time comes, it is The NEWS suggestion that Hendersonians start thinking in terms of free enter-

prise, expansion, home ownership, competition, city government.

There should be no restrictions on where shops and stores can be built, other than what a learned planning board lays out from a beautifying aspect; there should be no restrictions other than the restrictions that prevail in any other township or city in Nevada.

Start thinking about it, folks -because pretty soon you too can become farmers, lawyers, merchants, chiefs in the land of your own opportunities.

Members of the Pittman community who took the lead in the water pipe project were Paul Dickover, chairman of the Town Board, and his fellow board members-Robert Zuber, Mary Foster, Art Lovell and Ernie Close. John Corn and Mary Akin represented the water district group; Howard Wilson offered his time as contractor, Harland Brown as surveyor and Rulon Earl as attorney.

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