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REPORT BASIC PLANT IS DUE FOR ZINC OXIDE BOOM

Dorothy Dorothy Says: ABOUT WHITNEY

—As I crawl out of my hibernation, yawning and sleepily look around, I find that Whitney hasn't been wasting any time sleeping. This little town with the park in the middle of the street has more doing in one minute than the average town does in a month.

So, assuming that we country folks do things which interest you all (and from all the rumbling we do) here is some of the newest, and hottest doings to come off the front burner.

Chrysteen and Art Stebbins went fishing. Art was getting along fine, had caught one fish and then it happened. The hook caught his bucket of bait—splash! Art paddled Chris back. They were rowing and fishing in Babs. That's a boat not the name of a lake. Babs has just had her bottom scraped. Babs has a brand new paint job on her pug nose. Babs has had a motor overhaul and was eased into the waters of Lake Mead to serve as floating headquarters for owners Chris and Art and their fishing gear. Babs is the boat that was raised out of the depths of Lake Mead a year ago . . . the poor little sick boat that was rusty, and shaling . . . the little boat that looked like a hopeless case of loss after lying on the bottom under tons of water for months and months. No longer are there barnacles on Bab's bottom. She is bright and new and shiny in her spring colors, permanent wave and polished posterior. Her shiny bands will prove the wedded bliss as she takes her place by the shore. It "shore" will.

Spring brings birds, birds sing and romance blooms (so do flowers). Romance means weddings and that is what I am leading up to. This wedding was held in the front room of the Harry Gunn home on Racetrack avenue. Dorothy Gunn and her auntie, Blanch Jenkins, decorated that large room until it looked like a chapel . . . white flowers, huge satin ribbon bows, bells, candles and stuff. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sutterfield (she is our own Bessie "Garbage Can" Garlington who is a bride of a few short months with Whitney still claiming her). They drove up from Phoenix, Arizona, bringing Cecil Davis and the bride-to-be (what difference does it make

what her name was, it is Davis now). All were guests of Blanch and Harold "Doc" Jenkins. Sole object of the trip was to get those two kids "hitched" and a chance for Bessie and Blanch to get caught up on chatter. Carrie Elizabeth Oval, assistant minister of the Las Vegas Methodist church performed the ceremony. A pretty, home wedding, it was. Then, out the strip the cortege proceeded on a fling of fun. Only the home folks were present.

Rose Taylor of Beatty, who is visiting Rae Rogers, went buzzing down the highway together in the direction of Kingman, Arizona, on a lark, seasoned with a dash of business. Rae did the chauffeuring as Rose sat idly by with her broken arm in a sling gazing at the scenery as it rushed by.

A/C Private Robert Anderson, A/C Captain Raymond Dodson and vivacious Charlotte Broder of KRAM were dropper-inners. The boys are located at the Las Vegas Air Field and were anticipating their opening dance at the Cadet Club. After that dance, the building will be torn down and a new one built.

The Easter sunrise service held on the Ira Carter ranch was something Whitney can proudly boast. A large crowd gathered on the knoll in that beautiful valley and sang their praises as the sun burst over the hills lighting the white cross with its bank of beautiful flowers. It was very inspiring. Carrie Elizabeth Oval conducted the services of Whitney's very first such service. Let's hope she can conduct the services next year, and the next, and the next. I'll be seeing you . . .

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According to a page one story in the Tonopah Times-Bonanza, Henderson is due for a boom through the medium of treating zinc oxide in a mass production manner, the actual work to be started within three months.

The Basic Reduction company, according to the story, is preparing to treat 200 tons daily of the zinc oxide ore. It has contacted a number of Nevada zinc producers, including three or four in Nye county, and have been assured the new treating plant would be ready to accept ores by the middle of this summer.

E. M. Booth, Rosco Wright, Fabbi and Wells and others were among those contacted, the story said.

It added that a \$7 to \$8 a ton rate has been quoted by Madison Locke, Tonopah trucker, for the Tonopah-Henderson haul.

Work on New Plant
The newspaper reported that

the Combined Metals company of Pioche, largest producer of zinc in Nevada, is contemplating construction of a plant to handle its zinc oxide ores, and that work on this plant will begin this summer. Combined Metals is known to have available in the upper workings of its mining properties at Pioche; and on dumps, a tremendous tonnage of ore rich in zinc oxides.

"The Henderson company will at first only accept lead and zinc ores carrying a maximum of 20 per cent metal, it is stated," the news story related, "but later will lower the maximum."

"Inauguration of this custom zinc-lead recovery plant at Henderson means that for the first time since the days of Eureka and Tybo and a few other points in Nevada, that lead and zinc ores have been treated within the borders of the state. Heretofore, extending back forty years or so,

practically all ores carrying these metals have been shipped out of the state for treatment.

"At Goodsprings, hundreds of thousands of tons of zinc oxide ores have been mined and either left on the dumps or sent to smelters where penalties were exacted because of the zinc oxide content. The ores were treated for their sulphide values, but very little of the metal was extracted and saved from the oxides."

The story also stated, "After years of intensive work done by the U. S. Bureau of Mines at Henderson, aided at times by men from the Mackay Bureau of Mines, it is declared a satisfactory process for treating the oxide form of zinc ore has been evolved, and is about to be put in practice by the Basic Reduction company."

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