

# Big Celebration Slated To Mark 100th Birthday Of Virginia City, Nevada

By JOHN F. CAHLAN  
 VIRGINIA CITY, Nev. (UPI)—They are giving an old lady a birthday party on June 12, 13 and 14.

The old lady is 100 years old and her veins long since have been drained of most of the fluid which brought her international fame. She is wizened now, and much of the glamour she had in her younger days has faded.

However, come June, she will be all dressed up in her finery, ragged and tattered as it is. She will have one last whirling before she is wrapped in the shrouds of memory and deposited in the limbo from which few return.

Yes, they're giving Virginia City, once known as the Silver Queen, a big party because she was born 100 years ago on June 11, 1859.

This Silver Queen was quite a gal in her younger days. She became a roistering youngster about the time the Civil War was being

fought. It was the strength of her veins which supplied the largesse needed by the Union to pay the huge price which the conflict cost. Had it not been for the Queen, there might not have been a United States.

Not only that, but the growth of San Francisco might have been delayed had it not been for the Silver Queen. Nabobs such as John Mackay, James Fair, James Flood and their bartender partner O'Brien, were given their start by draining the veins of the Queen and giving the Bay City the transmutation it needed to become one of the most thriving communities of the gold rush days.

There might never have been an Atlantic Cable, either, had not the wealth of the Silver Queen found its way into the hands of Mackay.

The Queen also nurtured a band of offspring who contributed much to the literary wealth of America. Such men as Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens), Dan de Quille, Sam Davis and others started their literary careers when the Queen was young and carried on their writings to bring credit and praise from the world.

There were others of her youngsters who won fame in other endeavors. Adolph Sutro, for instance, whose Sutro Tunnel set up a new era in engineering. William Sharon, who became a stock manipulator and later a United States senator from Nevada.

William Ralston, whose "ring" wrote a fabulous chapter in the banking history of San Francisco.

There is the old St. Mary's in the Mountains Catholic church which was erected after one of the disastrous fires swept Virginia City. It is the church which was built with money which flowed into the pockets of Mackay and O'Brien, two of the big four of the Comstock Lode.

Then there are the famous saloons of the era where the nabobs and the peons gathered after their shifts in the mines to quench the big thirst brought on by working in the hot holes like the Savage, the Con Virginia, the Chollar and the Hale and Norcross.

Saloons, such as the Sarazac the Bucket of Blood and others which nightly brought gruesome entertainment which usually ended in gunfire and another corpse.

Available also for tourists' view will be the famous Piper Opera House, where such stalwarts of the boards as Mazurka, Dickie Jose, Edwin Booth, Jenny Lind, the Swedish Nightingale, and a hundred others performed as silver dollars fell at their feet as tokens of appreciation from the "hot water plugs."

It will be an historic occasion that the Nixon—the Vice President and his wife—touch off, because it will observe an event which never will die as long as the history of the West is written and re-written.



LINDA KAFTON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kaffon of Merrill and a junior at Merrill High School, has been selected by the Merrill American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 80 as a representative to Oregon Girls' State at Willamette University in Salem beginning June 15.

**MARRIAGE**  
 HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Pandora S. Berman's wife wants to end her 31-year marriage to the motion picture producer.

Viola Newman Berman charged in the complaint filed Monday that Berman deserted her three years ago. The couple have three children: Harry, 22, Susan, 18, and Cynthia, 16.

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**John Foster Dulles' Widow Won Praise From Husband**

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The slight, gray-haired widow of John Foster Dulles was once credited by her diplomat husband for "anything good I may have accomplished."

This is strong praise, but those who know Janet Pomeroy Avery Dulles say she deserves every bit of it.

For 47 years she was an inseparable companion for her husband. During Dulles' final illness she kept a constant vigil at his bedside. She was with him when he died of cancer last Sunday morning.

Mrs. Dulles' exceptional devotion to her husband and his demanding public career began nearly half a century ago. She met Dulles shortly after returning from Europe in 1911.

They were married June 26, 1912, at Auburn, N. Y., the home of the bride's parents.

She bore him three children, two sons and a daughter.

During one two-year period she and "Foster" logged 300,000 miles together. Whenever the diplomatic meetings he attended were open to the public Mrs. Dulles was among the spectators.

She delighted in the travel and the new people she met during the trips. She spoke fluent French and some Spanish.

Mrs. Dulles tried to ease the burden of her husband's demanding duties by creating in their home a haven from the world's turmoil. The present Dulles home in Washington is a French provincial at the edge of Rock Creek Park.

Dulles' death, even though anticipated for some days, came as a grievous blow to his wife. But friends said she was bearing up well in her grief.

"She's wonderful," a friend told reporters. "She's strong and controlled."

**Bird In Hand Worth More To Frenchman**

PARIS (AP)—Alfred Charron has proved that a good Frenchman still prefers a bird in the hand to two in the bush, especially if the bird represents \$10,000.

As first-prize winner in a newspaper contest, Charron had to choose between the \$10,000 (five million francs) and a dream year, with all taxes and expenses paid.

"The five million," responded Charron, a 63-year-old locksmith, when asked by the newspaper L'Aurore which staged the contest.

The circulation building contest offered the winner such luxury items as a new car, new wardrobe, expense-paid vacation and even school tuition for the kids.

Charron stands to get much more than a dream year. He plans to retire immediately. He is going to use about one-fourth of the money to pay up his retirement payments, enabling him to quit work now and start drawing a modest pension.

"With the rest I intend to help my son," says Charron. "He has helped me a lot and we have always worked together. It is only right that he should share the luck."

Charron's son is also a locksmith, married and with three sons of his own.

"They just bought a small apartment and I can now help them pay for it. They were crazy with joy," Charron says.

To win his money, Charron had to wade through some 50 puzzling photo questions. These included such items as a photo of movie star Brigitte Bardot with the question "Exactly what size is her waist?"

Asked what size he said Bardot's waist was, Charron admits: "I just guessed. I can't remember what I said."

As a result of Charron's choice, L'Aurore publisher Robert Lazurick won a bet with himself. He wagered the contest winner would take the \$10,000, although the paper was ready to go all out if the dream year was chosen.

Lazurick was happy on another count. Before the contest ended the paper had grown 17 per cent from the 300,000 circulation it had at the contest's start.

**Small Town Refuses To Give Up**

By JIM VAN VALKENBURG  
 DE SOTO, Mo. (AP)—This is story of a town that never gives up.

Three staggering blows hit De Soto in the past year. Two plants closed and a third laid off 600 of its 850 employees. About 1,000 persons were out of work.

De Soto's 5,300 citizens reacted quickly.

They raised \$200,000 in five days and resurrected a shoe plant by furnishing operating capital to the Hamilton Shoe Co. of St. Louis.

They built a plant and talked a St. Louis metal fabricating firm into moving in. A company which had shut down donated its plant to the city and prospects are bright that another company will move in soon.

"It was the first time in my life I ever had trouble stopping a fund drive," said George D. Turner, 40-year-old cashier of the American Bank. "We had the money we needed in five days."

An open house celebrating the reopening of the shoe factory will be held today for 205 investors and their families.

When the outlook was darkest in January, voters approved by almost a 4-to-1 margin a \$450,000 bond issue to build a junior high school.

The fund drive had a grass roots beginning.

About 20 men went to work for Hamilton in St. Louis, 40 miles north of De Soto, after International Shoe, which employed 300, closed the plant in April 1958. They heard rumors that Hamilton wanted to expand.

A committee of three—a labor union official and two Chamber of Commerce members—visited Hamilton officials and learned the company was interested.

Then Turner met with C. D. P. Hamilton III, company president.

"When Hamilton asked me if De Soto could raise \$300,000, I said I was certain we could," Turner said. "You know, I hadn't even discussed it with anyone."

The De Soto Trading Corp. was organized by five business and professional men. The money was collected and loaned at 5 per cent interest to the De Soto Shoe Co., set up as a wholly owned subsidiary of Hamilton.

The shoe factory now has almost 100 employees with a goal of 300.

Horace Pullen, a former union secretary and now a plant foreman, said, "These people have a lot of guts. They think De Soto is a good place to live and they won't quit on it."

The Missouri Pacific Railroad, which laid off 600 of its freight car shops last year, announced plans to build 600 new cars this year and has started to recall employees.

# Both Lungs Had Cancer, Says Senator Neuberger In U.S. Magazine Article

NEW YORK (AP)—The cancer which attacked Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore) had spread into both lungs by the time it was discovered, he revealed in an article in the June issue of Harper's Magazine.

But, he said, the spread was so little it had been overlooked in the first X-rays. "But there it was," he wrote, "a very small spot on the periphery of each lung. Not destroyed, the spots would grow... and eventually spill out of the lungs, reaching to the brain and other vital organs."

This was the first time Neuberger had gone beyond the medical statement issued at the time his treatments were completed last January. The medical report spoke only of cancer of the testicle. At a news conference then the senator was asked about reports that radiation treatment had been applied to his chest and he said he would not go beyond the medical statement.

In his article he told of his fears, and of encouragement received from members of both political parties. The senator said friendly sympathy offered by some Republicans makes him "doubt if ever again I could be wholly partisan."

Neuberger said there had never been a question in his mind of the quality of treatment he would get in Portland, and he was told by one of the country's foremost cancer authorities to complete his treatments in Portland under men described as "real medical scholars."

He wrote this of his early reactions on learning he might have cancer:

"This was the kind of thing which always happened to somebody else, but never to me. I soon would awaken from the nightmare, the cold chills would subside, my heart would stop pounding—and my wife and I would be driving through evergreen forests to our annual vacation on the seacoast."

"But when I did awaken, it was after surgery at the Teaching Hospital. The little lump in my testicle, caught miraculously early, was nonetheless malignant. There was no doubt about that. I lay back, physically and psychologically exhausted, and wondered how soon I was to die. Then I heard the doctor, who earlier had been so candid with me, saying: "We think you're going to be all right."

Then, Neuberger wrote, he learned the cancer had spread to his lungs, but only slightly, and he learned too it was a type which yielded readily to radiation.

He said he spent an afternoon with the radiologist who was to treat him.

"Cure is not inevitable, he began, and I felt perspiration creep over my body. 'But if we get any breaks at all,' continued the radiologist, 'we think you're going to be cured.'"

"What do you mean by breaks," I asked.

"First," he answered, "you must be able to tolerate the treatment so the necessary number of roentgens can be applied to the affected areas. That's a whole lot easier with cobalt than with the old-style X-ray therapy. Second, we hope that additional new lesions do not appear throughout your chest in such numbers that we would have to apply a high dose of radiation to your entire lungs—for that cannot be done safely. To a limited area in the chest, definitely yes."

**"DENNIS THE MENACE"**

Just MARRIED!

"I GUESS THEY COULDN'T GET ALL THEIR STUFF IN THEIR SUITCASES."

**Reminder Given Congress Of Atomic War Possibility**

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress was advised today it cannot afford to forget the possibility of a big atomic war.

Rep. George H. Mahon (D-Tex.) sounded that note of caution as the House headed into two days of debate on a bill to provide \$32,848,339,000 for the Defense Department for the year starting July 1. Mahon is chairman of the subcommittee which wrote the bill.

The House starts considering amendments to the measure Wednesday. Major fights are in prospect over amendments to increase the size of the Army and the Marine Corps, to restore funds for a super aircraft carrier, and to change the amounts provided for missiles.

Mahon said the bill as drawn is designed to insure peace by guaranteeing that "we have the ability in great abundance to deter global war and to cope with it should such a war be forced upon us."

Some people, Mahon said in an interview, "are saying 'get your mind off a big atomic war. There is not going to be one. The thing to be concerned about is limited war.'"

He called that "a dangerous doctrine which the American people cannot afford to embrace."

"To give top priority to preparation for limited war, Mahon said, "is to invite general war. Adequate preparation for total war is the best possible deterrent to limited war."

**Actress Reports She's Not Broke**

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Joan Crawford says she isn't broke, not even in this tinsel town where only one swimming pool is a sign of near poverty.

The actress, answering a newspaper article that she "hasn't a sou" to her name, gave this financial breakdown: \$60,000-a-year from a soft drink firm; more for being on the company's board, plus her movie earnings.

Her husband, Pepsi-Cola board Chairman Alfred Steele, died April 19 of a heart attack.

She said she is selling her home in nearby Brentwood and will live in New York for business reasons.

**Flash Floods Mopped Up**

CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP)—Greater Cleveland's South Side mopped up today after flash floods that caused damage estimated to run into millions of dollars.

Torrential rains turned many streets into muddy lakes and rivers at the start of Monday afternoon's rush hour. The storm lasted about an hour and in that time one suburb, University Heights, recorded 3.9 inches of rain.

Dozens of marooned motorists and occupants of two flooded buses were rescued. The buses were almost completely submerged in Cleveland's University Circle area, where some of the heaviest flooding occurred.

Thirty-three persons were treated for exposure.

Thousands of basements were flooded, storm sewers were torn away, and sidewalks washed away.

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