

'THE DAM'S THE THING' YOUNG TELLS ROTARY

"The dam's the thing! What will make Las Vegas the city of your dreams is the power houses of the Boulder Canyon project—not the revenues gained from construction. Your city was the staunchest supporter of the great project until the first appropriation was made—now you are allowing petty differences, community jealousies that have no place in the scheme of things, to becloud the real picture this development presents, and as a result are losing sight of the opportunities offered every one of your business firms!"

This was the declaration today of Walker R. Young, construction engineer on the Boulder Canyon project, at the regular meeting of the Las Vegas Rotary club. Young was principal speaker on the pro-

gram presented by Frank Gussewelle, chairman of the day, and talked at length on the relation of Las Vegas to the project, and the inter-city relations of Boulder City and Las Vegas.

"There has been \$13,000,000 already spent on this project," Young pointed out. "Of that sum \$10,000,000 has been spent in this particular area. There is now a payroll of \$500,000 per month at the river, and a vast percentage of this is being spent in Las Vegas and Boulder City. If you are not getting your share it is your own fault!"

"There have been many differences arise between Las Vegas and Boulder City—all are of the most trivial nature. You can't force residents of Boulder City to trade

in Las Vegas, and that means a spirit of friendship and cooperation must be built up that will endure thruout the life of the project. Such a spirit will be helpful to both communities.

"Your town is what you make it. You must go after business, and not sit back and expect it to be dumped into your lap. Most every old-line business in Las Vegas reports a greater volume in 1931 than in 1930. What other community in the United States can say the same. You have lost many of your former payrolls, and yet Las Vegas has doubled in size and business is better than during the boom days of 1929 and 1930. The answer of course, is Boulder Canyon dam.

"Las Vegas should give every

cooperation toward the achievement of the objective that will make this city the capital of a new industrial area, and forget the petty grievances, fancied or real, that arise from time to time. We bespeak the same kind of cooperation for the bureau of reclamation during the construction period as Las Vegas provided in the long battle to put the project over. Let's all work together on this thing, build up a friendly spirit between Las Vegas and Boulder City, and if you have any real grievances come in and talk them over."

Young concluded with a plea to the Rotary Club to take steps to promote this cooperation, declaring that in so doing they would perform a real service to the community.