

BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE HISTORY OF THE COLORADO, ITS CONQUEST

PART SIX

3/18/32

November, 1931, Hoover dam public information committee of the Associated General Contractors of America and the Engineering Council visited the project, la-

ter making a published report of their findings.

January 3.—First holding thru (pilot) of the fourth tunnel to be broken thru.

- Boulder City

January 5.—Started Nevada inclined spillway tunnel pilot bore, 7 by 14 feet.

January 9.—Gravel plant started officially by S. O. Harper, assistant chief engineer of the bureau of reclamation.

January 11.—Construction completed for administration and municipal buildings and government dormitory.

January 12.—Started drilling and blasting at Nevada spillway.

January 20.—First payment for lands in the reservoir site made to Ernest G. Ward, tract number 214, 80 acres near mouth of the Muddy, one mile from St. Thomas, \$1,000.

January 21.—Started Arizona inclined spillway tunnel pilot bore.

January 26.—Trimming jumbos started at outlet portal number four.

January 31.—Invert excavation started at outlet tunnel number three.

February 6.—First shipment from Arizona gravel pit to screening plant.

February 9.—Start of flood. Men laid off.

February 10.—Flood reached volume of 47,000 second feet.

February 12.—Sewer plant put into operation.

February 12.—Flood reached

maximum flow of 57,000 second feet, as compared to 5,000 a flood start.

February 13.—Water plant for Boulder City put into operation.

February 16.—Started pumping operations following flood.

February 18.—Award of contracts for furnishing of trees and shrubs for landscaping of Boulder City, contracts totaling \$4,205.

February 22.—Elks commemorate bicentennial of Washington's birthday with flag-raising ceremony overlooking Black canyon.

February 24.—Concrete mixing plant commenced operation, for testing of battery of batchers.

February 29.—Opened administration and municipal building to the public, with administrative offices housed in Boulder City.

February 29.—Started drilling excavation for Nevada intake towers.

March 5.—First concrete poured. Trash rack foundation.

March 7.—Ferman Riddle completed three six-room and one seven-room house for government officials.

March 16.—Pouring of first concrete for tunnel lining.