

# BOULDER DAM 31'ERS ELECT TWO PIONEERS AS NEW YEAR LEADERS

BOULDER CITY — The Boulder Dam 31'ers, pioneers who came here in the Year 1 of construction on Hoover (Boulder) Dam, held their annual dinner meeting at Lake Mead Lodge Wednesday night and elected two of the first arrivals at the damsite to head the group for another year.

There were 45 persons in attendance.

Bill Getts, Bureau of Reclamation guard at the dam, was elected president, and Laura Godbey Kelley, local housewife, was elected secretary-treasurer. Both came to the sun-baked desert before construction was started on the dam and before Boulder City was even a pattern of surveyor's stakes in the sand.

Getts came in April, 1931, and lived with another Texan, Bud Stringfellow, in a tent in Bootleg Canyon. He

served as U. S. Deputy Marshall before the Bureau of Reclamation Rangers came on the scene.

Mrs. Kelley came in June of the same year at the age of two years and lived with her parents and their other small children in Williamsville (or Ragtown) on the edge of the Colorado river above the damsite.

A 31'er of Las Vegas, "Col." Bob Russell, was speaker of the evening, reminiscing of the early days when he managed the Apache Hotel and was a one-man Chamber of Commerce for the area. Joe Kine, president, was in charge of the meeting.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of departed members including the late Mort Wagner who, with Lou Meisner, founded the association.