

BOULDER CITY (NEVADA)

'Explorers' Visit 'Boulder Lake' Area In Week-End Tour Trip

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Muri Emory Unfolds "Dream" of Navigation To The Party on Trip

Far up into the wild "Boulder lake" country, up the aridly Colorado nearly a hundred miles where Muri Emory and his father, E. H. Emory, are building a ferry boat, as a center from which to carry on an extensive lake boating business, the first sight-seeing and exploration party of the autumn season journeyed Saturday and Sunday, making the last lap of the return trip down the river in darkness.

A group of seven Boulder City men saw the fascinating vistas of the lower Grand Canyon, a country totally different from that downstream, saw the beauties of overhanging "dripline" and dripping hanging gardens, the nearly inaccessible Travertine Gardens waterfall and the weird Indian-built pits of a long gone era, and felt the thrill of running rapids in Grand canyon in "That are Boat", Emory's "Flying Fish" flatboat driven only by an airplane propeller.

Unlike the first exploring party of a year ago this month, when a new record for water navigation distance upstream from Boulder dam was set, this party found at Pierce's ferry, a base from which to "operate" on the last hazardous lap of the voyage upstream, a place for refueling, both motor and men, and a haven in which to return after five novel hours in the lower end of Grand canyon.

They found the beginnings of the station from which the Boulder pioneer boatman, Emory and his father, will play their passenger carrying operations the length and breadth of the 110 mile Boulder lake when that huge body of wa-

Boulder Masons To Give Card Party

All Masons of the reservation and of Vegas with their ladies will be the invited guests of the Boulder City lodge at a card party and dance on the evening of Tuesday, October 31, in Boulder City. The committee promises a variety of entertainment, with several special features during the evening. The affair will be held in the Legion Hall.

All Masons and Stars are requested to get in touch with the officers of the B. C. Lodge at once.

ter is backed up behind the completed dam.

For Emory recently, received from Mohave county, Arizona, a franchise to install a ferry, at "Pierce's", the only ferry in this "lake" area, a ferry which will serve the people in Arizona north of the Colorado river, now isolated from the remainder of their state and at present compelled to go through several other states to get to their county seat.

But, more important, the base for this ferry will be the base for trips far upstream into Grand Canyon. For Emory has a dream, he revealed recently for the first time, of taking a boat some day all the way up to El Tovar.

Boat travel that is venturesome, and travel that is comparatively safe, both will be possible from "Pierce's", the spot where John Wesley Powell first men to go down the Colorado through Grand Canyon, in 1896, found the first white men after hundreds of miles of utter isolation. For there were

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Columbus Day Dance, Mess Hall October 11. Dance at the Mess Hall, October 11.

the property is the connecting link between the Great Smoky and Cherokee National Parks. If the government buys the land it will complete ownership of more than 1,000,000 acres in the Tennessee Valley.

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a few men who had ventured into that country seeking gold, according to Emory.

The men who enjoyed the week-end trip Saturday and Sunday were Paul Newell, Niles Werner, J. R. Jones, Merion Butler, Erwin Jones, Lon Meisner and Elton Garrett, all of Boulder City. Five of the men left Boulder at 4 p. m. Saturday, driving the Arizona desert road to Pierce's in four and a half hours, while Meisner and Garrett accompanied Emory on the all-day trip up the stream from Hesse camp to Pierce's.

Early Sunday the entire party boarded the "Flying Fish" and spent the morning exploring into Grand Canyon as far as Flour Sack rapids, beyond which Emory has gone but once, and returning to Pierce's. While the "auto" party then boated back from Pierce's to Hesse camp, Meisner and Garrett drove back to Boulder City.

Thus, for five men, this trip which formerly took two and one half days was made in an evening and a day, through the haze at the ferry. They reached Boulder at 10 p. m. despite rain and darkness.

Ninety-eight miles of the land trip was excellent desert road, the other ten fair desert road down the long wash to Pierce's. As soon as the ferry is in operation, in about sixty days, Mohave county will move road equipment across on the ferry and work the road on the north side, so the north Arizona folk can use the crossing.

The ferry, with 30 tons capacity, and large enough to haul three cars, is being built by E. H. Emory, near the landing. It will use a safety cable and double drum hoist, as the Boulder dam ferry, instead of a straight cable, as was used by the ferry boat which was built three years ago there and destroyed in a storm after a short period of operation.

The running of Grand Wash Rapids and Walpai Rapids on the return trip furnished plenty of thrills for Sunday's party. Emory placed the five passengers in "rapids formation", at the rear of the "cockpit" and gunned the plane motor. In one swell the water surged up around the propeller so high that a chunk of the metal tip covering the beached off clean were the blade cut the water. But the "Flying Fish" weathered it all and made the last lap in almost total darkness, over some of the less dangerous stretches of river.

The 50 miles up from Hesse camp to Pierce's took eight hours traveling this, the return ten hours