

LEAH FOSCARINI OUTBID THE OTHERS FOR GIRL HE MARRIED

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Louis and Leah Foscarini have the kind of memories of which legends are made and relate them with zest and enthusiasm. Leah came here from Kanab, Utah, where her grandparents had been early pioneers. Louis had a longer way to travel. He was born at Castel Cucco in northern Italy and came to Arden, Nevada at the age of three. He grew up in Arden and this is where he met Leah, who taught school there.

One of his memories is of a box social at the school. Several of his friends knew how he felt about Leah and planned to outbid him when her box was put up for auction. Louis recognized the string that her lunch was tied up with so deliberately bid high on every other box that was put up for the bidding. The other fellows outbid him every time and were out of the running when Leah's lunch was auctioned off — to Louis — for 50 cents.

They had been married for several years when the work on Boulder Dam was begun. They recognized the opportunities but today Leah says "Oh, Brother, that sand... Louis could come home for lunch and we liked it ther, but the sand! We tried planting things and the wind and sand cut them down. We kept at it and finally got things going." She added, "The government planted trees, put loose hay around the roots and then came

that the companies issued script. Some Las Vegas wholesaler would accept the script which they brought out to Boulder City to buy sugar, w which was then bootlegged in Las Vegas.

Sometimes Louis and Leah would take their children to the river to swim. Louis says, "You would really appreciate that Dam if you saw the Colorado River at flood season. You could hear the roar of the river five miles away. Logs and everything under the sun would be coming down.

Louis also worked for the Mannix Department Store and managed a soft ball team. Every Friday night they had a ball game. They needed a good pitcher and tried to hire someone in the store who could pitch a fast ball. They found a young man in Texas and paid his fare to Boulder City to be their number one pitcher. "He was fast," Louis says, "No one could hit him. We found out he was using shoe polish on his finger tips to pitch those fast balls. We shipped him back to Texas. Nobody was too mad. It was for fun. We got Wally Brown from California and he stayed two or three years."

Louis is proud of his years with the Volunteer Fire Department. "We used to beat the Government Fire department to all of the fires and have them out before they got there." He laughed. "We had one fellow who got his feet tangled up in the hoses. I dragged him for