

COUNCIL FOR APPRAISEMENT OF WATER CO'S. HOLDINGS

Asks Corporation Commission To Survey, Inspect and Determine Physical Value of W. W. & E. Co's. Holdings

At an adjourned meeting of the Town Council Monday night action was taken which is probably a long step in the definite and permanent solution of the Williams water question and possibly a step towards municipal ownership of two important public utilities, water and light.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Watson. Councilmen Kirkpatrick, Reese and Melick, City Clerk Lee, Town Attorney Gold and Town Marshal Burns were present. Besides the town officials Mr. Farson, principal owner of the Williams Water and Electric Company, Mr. Spencer representing the Coconino Water Development and Stock Company, Mr. F. A. Jones, Chairman of the Arizona Corporation Commission, and a number of citizens were in attendance on the meeting.

Mr. Spencer was first given an opportunity to address the council and present any matter which he wished the council to consider. He declined to say more than that his petition now before the council contained all that he wished presented.

Mr. Farson was then given an opportunity to talk and he spoke for a few minutes on the proposition which he had made the council to sell his company's holdings to Williams for \$125,000. Not being a utilities man, Mr. Farson said, he would prefer selling the property and believed the town would do well to buy. He would accept the town's bonds at par in payment. He was entirely willing that the property should be appraised and a little later said that the Corporation Commission might appraise the property of his company and if the appraisal was not less than \$100,000 he would accept it and turn the property over to the town at their price.

Later Mr. Spencer spoke for a moment and insisted that he had no thought of antagonizing the present owners of the public utilities, but just wanted to do what was fair and right.

Preliminaries having been gotten out of the way, the council got down to business. The first step was taken by Councilman Kirkpatrick who moved the adoption of the following motion, to-wit: That the Clerk be authorized to prepare an application to the Corporation Commission requesting that body to make a survey and inspection that will determine the physical valuation of the Williams Water and Electric Company's holdings in Williams. The motion for adoption was seconded by Councilman Reese. After a brief discussion the motion was put by the Mayor and every councilman voted for it.

The next step was also taken by Councilman Kirkpatrick who moved the adoption of the following motion to-wit: That the petition of the Coconino

Water Development and Stock Company to be continued until the Town Clerk receives a report from the Corporation Commission giving their findings and conclusions. This motion was seconded by Councilman Melick. A very brief discussion followed after which the Mayor put the question and every councilman voted for the motion.

Mr. Spencer announced that he was satisfied. He said if the matter could be settled by June 1st. it would be soon enough for him.

Mr. Jones enlightened the council and the other auditors as to the functions of the Corporation Commission in its endeavor to assist towns in the solution of their municipal problems. He stated that the Commission does its work absolutely without expense to the towns. A competent engineer will be sent to Williams to inspect the property of the Water and Electric Co., and will examine every part of it and determine its physical value.

After the water question had been disposed of the council considered the matter of a building which Mrs. McCoy has under construction without having received a permit. The building is detached from the house and adds hazard to insurance risks. On motion of Councilman Reese the matter was laid over for future consideration, the Marshal in the mean time trying to learn if the building may be connected with the house and thereby comply with the requirements of insurance companies. The council then adjourned.

Holbrook Seeks Incorporation

Holbrook, County seat of Navajo county has an ambition to become an incorporated town. Petitions are being circulated asking for an election on the incorporation proposition. Many of her people think incorporation will be worth many times its cost. In its present condition the community can not have adequate police or fire protection. At the conclusion of an argument for incorporation the Holbrook News says:

"Holbrook is becoming rapidly a city of homes. It is already a good place to live and under incorporation it will be a better place. With lighted and paved streets, water and sewer systems, and adequate fire and police protection it will be a much better place in which to live. And these advantages, and more, may be secured by incorporating the town."

A Housekeeper Needed

Mrs. Bobby Burns left Monday for a lower altitude and a warmer climate. The cold weather and high altitude of Williams have caused her some suffering and she will spend a few weeks recuperating under the influence a higher temperature and a denser atmosphere. The marshal says he won't back. So there!

WILLIAMS HIGH LOST BUT PLAYED WELL

The Williams High School basket ball team went down to defeat in their return game with Prescott High School team played at Prescott last Thursday night. The Williams boys experienced the same handicap that marred the playing of the Prescott boys two weeks earlier. They played under new conditions. While the Williams gym has a low ceiling the Prescott hall has a high ceiling and the Williams boys were unable to gauge their throws so as to make goals. On the other hand the Prescott boys were at home in a hall where their practice had been carried on and they put the ball into their own basket with ease.

The Williams team kept things moving and tho the score of '36 to 12 looks one sided, the Prescott team knew they had been in a game when the end came. 14 fouls were called on the Williams team 11 on the Prescott. Montgomery made 6 points off the Prescott fouls.

Montgomery did the same stunt of starring as in the previous game only more so, proportionately. He made 10 of the Wms., 12 points and Klock made 2. Sweeney made 10 points for Prescott and McGrew 9.

The Williams boys are entirely satisfied with the game, if they were loser. They were well treated; the referee was fair and the game was clean thruout. They believe that when the rubber is played in Williams they will have their revenge.

ARIZONA ENGINEERS TO ORGANIZE

Most Arizona engineers, because of the distance from centers of population, have found it difficult or impossible to enjoy the revivifying and stimulating effects of attendance at meetings of national engineering societies. This fact, together with a desire to study the peculiar problems and advance the interests of engineers of Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas, has led to the formation of the Southwestern Society of Engineers which will hold its first convention in El Paso, Texas, March 8, 9, and 10. An interesting technical program has been arranged, and the social features of this gathering promise to be very enjoyable.

The proceedings of the Society will be published, and other advantages than those mentioned will accrue to members. The dues have been made comparatively low, and applications for charter membership will be received up to the time of the convention. It is hoped and believed that Arizona engineers will take a prominent part in this organization, and will support the movement both by becoming members and attending the conventions.

Application for membership blanks and further information can be obtained from Dean G. M. Butler, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

WORK ON NEW GARAGE PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

Work on the new garage and machine shop is progressing rapidly under directions of Messrs Button and Polson and it is the expectation that it will be open for business sometime between March 20 and April 1. The South wall has been completed and the interior walls are nearly torn away. The work of clearing the floor space is going on. Of course much remains to be done but the large force at work will push the work rapidly and with favorable weather conditions, the next two weeks will see all done but placing the machinery.

The new garage and machine shop will occupy a space 75 feet square. The office supply and storage room will be in the north east corner of the building and the shop will occupy the north west corner. Two large drive-ways will enter the building, one from the north and the other from the east. The greater part of the floor space, from the south side north, will be devoted to automobiles.

Well equipped as this garage and machine shop will be it will be prepared to meet every demand of the automobile user.

640 Acre homestead: For free copy or information write R. G. Langmade, Land Attorney, Phoenix, Arizona.

A Seligman Stockman

Mr. R. A. Kaufman, a prominent stockman of Seligman, was in town Wednesday. Mr. Kaufman is son of Jacob Kaufman, well known to Williams people, and brother of Mrs. Cab Wolfe.

COUNTY SEAT NOTES

The \$60,000 sewer bond issue was carried Monday by a vote of nearly two to one. A portion of the bond fund will be used to buy the present system.

The J. C. Penny system of clothing stores will open a store here about April 1. C. H. McKillip, manager for the system, was in town over Sunday. A building is now under construction for the system. W. D. Draine now with Penny at Prescott will have charge of the Flagstaff store.

"Go to Church Sunday" move filled every Flagstaff church Sunday.

To Dr. Manning must be given credit for saving the life of Sheriff Dickinson. Los Angeles doctors gave him up but Dr. Tom hung on and pulled him thru.

County Attorney Wilson went to Williams, Monday, on business.

Mrs. Tom Manning made a visiting trip to Williams, Sunday.

A New Office Created for Him

Mr. Wright Williams is now telegraph editor of the Phoenix Gazette. The office which he holds was created for him. It was at his suggestion that the telegraphic news service of the Gazette was greatly enlarged, requiring a special man to handle it. Mr. Williams was invited to fill the new position.

PROUD OF SCHOOL WORK

W. M. Hughes, Chairman of the Board of School Trustees, expressed the satisfaction that the Board feels with the work being done by the staff of teachers when he exclaimed recently in a conversation on the subject of school work, "I challenge any school in the state to show a better record of school work."

Then he added, "I challenge any school in the state to show a higher per centage of graduates from the number of pupils entering school thru the primary grades. And I challenge any other school to show any better work being done in any of the grades."

Again returning to the subject a little later Mr. Hughes' enthusiasm again burst forth, "I tell you," he exclaimed, "I don't believe there is another school in the state that has a grade that can sing like our 6th grade can, and the work of the primary room is simply a marvel. In the primary room they take children who don't know their A B C's and send them home in three months reading freely."

The Board is by no means alone in its enthusiasm over the school. The patrons of the school are proud of the work the school is doing.

First to File

Demus Yoder made a trip to Flagstaff Tuesday to file on a 640 acre homestead under the new law. F. M. Gold prepared his papers, so he was not detained very long at the county seat. He is the first to make use of the Flagstaff office to secure the enlarged homestead.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP POSSIBLY COMING SOON

There probably has not been a great deal of municipal ownership sentiment in Williams, but since the visit of F. A. Jones, chairman of the State Corporation Commission, there is probably more. At an informal meeting of members of the Town Council and other citizens with Mr. Jones Monday afternoon, he gave some facts in regard to municipal ownership of water and light plants in other Arizona towns and cities which would tend to make one feel more friendly towards it. Other towns in Arizona have found municipal ownership of public utilities quite advantageous. Some have made them profitable. None have shown a desire to return to private ownership. Some have paid two prices for private plants and have then made good on the investment.

Should Williams buy the Williams Water and Electric Co's. holdings for about \$100,000 it will not be stung very badly, if at all. The town should be able to pay that price and make the two plants pay out and do it handily.

The Corporation Commission's engineer will have the appraisal of the local company's property ready in a few weeks and it will be well to be thinking, meantime, what we should do with it.

Farm for Rent: We have about 40 acres of rich farm land adjoining Williams to rent. Williams Realty Co.

50 MEMBERS SECURED FOR WMS. D. ASSN.

The membership Committee of the Williams Development Association, has already secured a membership of fifty for the organization and confidently expect to raise the number to nearly a hundred before the next meeting. Below appears a list of the members already secured. All interested in the welfare of Williams are earnestly solicited to align themselves with the organization.

- E. J. Nordyke
- R. C. Wente
- P. A. Melick
- E. A. Miller
- Harold Greene
- H. L. Benham
- E. J. Johnson
- G. B. Kirkpatrick
- Chas. Button
- J. S. Button
- C. V. Christiansen
- Erle Polson
- Frank Lowe
- F. E. Wells
- Geo. Baumann
- Wm. M. Hughes
- W. C. Rittenhouse
- J. E. Ruffin
- Chas. Lindstrom
- McD. Robinson
- E. L. Shaw
- A. Woodward
- E. B. O'Byrne
- Sidney Terry
- Edward Hoffmeyer
- Albert Lebsch
- C. D. Jeffries
- R. M. Reese
- J. R. Sweeney
- F. M. Gold
- Red Cross Garage
- I. P. McConkey
- F. T. Holden
- Aubrey Thompson
- Adolph Boenitsch
- Nick Perkins
- Geo. Kimball
- Clifford Klock
- Andrew Miller
- Martin Buggeln
- Duffy Brothers
- R. J. Monaghan
- L. W. Rollins
- Chas Wade
- Williams Drug Co.
- Frank Silvester
- R. C. Watson
- Henry Johnson
- Willis Day
- Smith Beck

AMPLE FUNDS PROVIDED

The people of Williams will be pleased to learn that the funds necessary to make the proposed addition to the school building have already been provided for and that no extra tax will be necessary in thus enlarging the building. W. D. Finney, secretary of the Board of trustees, states that the Supervisors have agreed to set aside \$8,000 from the school fund secured from the Forestry service. This will be ample for the erecting and furnishing of the needed rooms.

The plans for the additional rooms will soon be complete. Bids will be called for soon and the board plans to have construction begin as soon as the school lets out.

The school board hopes to be able to secure ample funds for making necessary alterations in the heating plant in the same way. Application has already been made to the Supervisors for \$2,000 to be used for this purpose.