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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ACTIVE DURING 1919

1919 WAS ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE YEARS IN THE HISTORY OF THE LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ACCORDING TO THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY. SHOWING WAS PARTICULARLY GOOD IN VIEW OF ADVERSE CONDITIONS—COMING YEAR FULL OF PROMISES OF ACCOMPLISHMENT.

To the officers and members of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture:

It is with pleasure that I submit herewith the fifth annual report of the activities of the Glasgow Chamber for the year 1919. When we take into consideration that our section has been hard hit, due to unfavorable weather conditions, our nation the past year has been reestablishing on a peace time basis, with the many problems of reconstruction to contend with and at times it has taken some efforts in keeping our organization up to standard we are pleased to report in spite of these obstacles, a successful year for the Glasgow club.

The Commercial Club and its members are to be commended on the optimistic viewpoint they have taken, during this stress of times, which no doubt has had a wonderful tendency in keeping business, social and industrial conditions near somewhat normal. It is in this spirit we must continue. This section with its many resources and its great possibilities of development, are bound to bring forth a bright future. The most important factor in the building up of this the club using practically all their time or any other community is that the people who live in that community must be united solidly, with one idea in mind, with one determination, with one and the same spirit of lets get together.

The Chamber of Commerce is a chamber of citizenship. Its primary function is to make the public think. When the public begins to think the first step toward business prosperity has been taken. If the public is to begin thinking aright about its own future, this fundamental fact must be kept clearly to the front; all property values, all business values, and all professional values that exist in any city are made by the spirit of its citizens, and the converse is equally true. Whatever potential values are absent from a given community are missing because the spirit of that community has never prompted effort to procure or develop them.

At the beginning of the year found the club using practically all their time and efforts towards the establishing of a Normal school for Northern Montana at Glasgow. Delegates were sent to Helena to place our claim before the state legislature for such a school. The club issued a Normal School bulletin stating the facts as to our advantages and many letters were sent to the state legislative members and educators. This bit of publicity showed to the people of the state that we were in earnest. However, the state legislature took no action on the matter, but you can rest assured that this matter still has our attention.

The club was instrumental in sending two delegates to St. Paul, accompanied by two delegates from the north country to interview the Soo Line officials of the possibility of that company extending their lines through Valley county. Owing to the railroads being in the hands of the government, no encouragement was offered, but the delegates reported a successful meeting.

We interested the Great Western Sugar Co., of Billings, regarding the sugar beet industry of our section. They furnished us a large sack of beet seeds, which were distributed to the farmers for experiment purposes. Good results were obtained in most instances. We predict sugar beet growing to be a leading industry in the Milk River valley. The club has plans to encourage beet growing among the farmers again this year. We realize that this industry is very important to the development of our country, and it should have the attention of everyone.

Glasgow is fast becoming known as the convention city of northern Montana. We enumerate a few of the gatherings held here that we helped to make a success. The Regional conference of the American Red Cross on April 15th. There were five such conferences in the state. The Thresherman's school on July 15-17. The latter Day Saints convention June 27th to July 6th. The Great Northern

Agents association meeting on August 17th. The organization meeting of the Northern Montana Good Roads association on October 3rd; the Northern Montana county agents and home demonstration agents meeting on October 8th and 9th. Preliminary meeting of the Northern Montana Development association on November 22nd. Irrigation meeting December 17th, and organization meeting of the Northern Montana Development association December 20th.

Service has been rendered by our organization to every worthy patriotic project and through co-ordinated effort the Chamber has contributed largely to the successes of all such movements in Glasgow and Valley county. During the past year the following drives had our attention:

- Victory Liberty loan drive, April 21.
- Boy Scouts drive, June 14.
- Salvation Army drive, July 7.
- Red Cross Roll Call, November 2.
- Anti-Tuberculosis Red Cross drive, December 1st.
- Roosevelt Memorial drive October 20.
- War Savings drive, October 1st.
- The U. S. Employment service in connection with the club, has been of considerable service to the people of not only our community but the neighboring towns as well. Over 500 people applied during the past year.

The chamber co-operated with the city in making "clean-up" week a success which is very important to our town.

The Memorial Day program was in (Continued on page 2)

INCOME TAX SEASON IS AGAIN WITH US

Blanks Must be Filled in and Returns Made Before Midnight of March 15th.

The federal income tax season has opened with the distribution of the forms for personal returns from the offices of W. C. Whaley, collector of internal revenue, Helena.

From now until the bell rings on the night of March 15, the annual returns covering income for 1919 will be figured out and filed by citizens and residents, together with payments of tax due.

The burden of fulfilling this obligation is laid by law squarely on the shoulders of those who are American citizens or residents. Every person must determine for himself whether his net income for 1919 figured according to the revenue law, was sufficient in amount to require a return.

If he is single, a return is required if his net income for 1919 was \$1,000 or over. A widow or widower is classed as a single person. A man or woman living apart from his wife or husband is also classed as a single person.

If he is married and living with his wife on December 31, a return is required if his net income for 1919 was \$2,000 or over. In his net income he must include that of his wife and minor children, if any.

If a tax is due on his income, he must make payment with his return. This payment may be made in whole or in part of the tax due. At least one-quarter of the tax must accompany the return.

The filing and paying must be done before midnight of March 15, or he is classed as a delinquent and is subject to severe penalties.

Two forms are being distributed for personal returns. Form 1040A is intended for use by a person whose net income does not exceed \$5,000. A larger form, 1040, is intended for each person having a net income in excess of \$5,000. Both of these forms are now obtainable at internal revenue offices and at some banks and post-offices.

It is urged by the internal revenue bureau that taxpayers obtain their blanks at once. Failure to have a blank form at hand for an eleventh hour return will not relieve a person of penalty for failure to comply with the law. Each form contains instructions for

preparing and filing the return, and these should be carefully read and strictly observed.

There is also provided a "work sheet" which should be used for making the original computations, and which should be retained and preserved by the taxpayer.

Any person who is in doubt on points affecting his particular case, should bring such matters to the attention of the nearest deputy collector or revenue agent who will render every necessary aid without charge.

When the return is completed it should be properly executed and immediately filed. Any internal revenue officer will administer the necessary oath without charge.

It is pointed out that accuracy in compiling the return is absolutely necessary. Mere guesses and estimates as to income and deductions should be avoided, and actual facts and amounts should be set forth. And this is equally important in considering the question of whether a return is required.

PICTURE LANTERN BOUGHT FOR USE OF FARM BUREAU

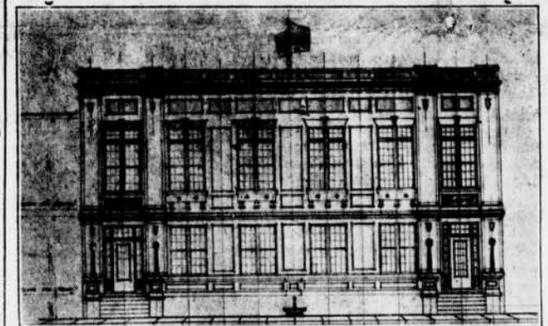
The Farm Bureau has purchased a good Balaopticon picture lantern and has secured sets of good slides and plans on several good entertainments this winter in the Farm Bureau communities.

The following dates are set: Casche Creek, January 26; Thoeny, January 27th; Genevieve, January 28 and Beaverton, January 29th.

The slides used at these points will be pit silo, sweet clover, alfalfa, livestock, poultry and gardening. A big feed and a good time is assured at all of these meetings. The program is in charge of local farm bureau officers. At Casche Creek, J. F. Tuttle, Thoeny, Frank VanWagenen, J. Thoeny and F. L. Morley, Genevieve; H. H. Keefe and Henry Lick; Beaverton, E. W. Cissel and C. E. Pierson.

Attend and have a good time. No charge.

ELKS WILL DEDICATE NEW HOME AT HAVRE ON FEBRUARY 12TH



Elks' New Home at Havre

February 12th, Lincoln's birthday, has been set for the dedication of Havre's new Elks' Home. The antlered boys from all sections of the state will gather on that date to participate in the festivities and to assist in nailing brand new antlers on a large number of aspiring candidates, twenty-eight of them being from Glasgow.

The Havre B. P. O. E. have spent many months in the planning, securing of funds and erection of their new home which is indeed a credit to their city and their lodge. The dedication marks the maturity of their plans and the fulfillment of their ambitions and

WEEKLY ROAD PUBLICATIONS

Condition of Roads and Weather To be Reported Weekly to U. S. Weather Bureau Office.

GLASGOW REPORT CENTER

Helena Weather Bureau to Publish Weekly Bulletin on Accessibility of Roads and Weather Conditions.

Montana will have a highway weather service according to plans projected by the United States Weather Bureau. The plan, which has been used successfully in the east and has elicited much commendation, is to secure voluntary reports from a number of road traffic centers which will permit of the issuing of a weekly bulletin by the Helena Weather Bureau providing authentic information as to the accessibility of roads and weather conditions along the main travel routes.

The reporting centers to be utilized are: Helena, Butte, Great Falls, Missoula, Billings, Lewistown, Miles City, Bozeman, Havre, Shelby, Kalispell and Glasgow. The weekly bulletins, which will include the various reports of the travel conditions in the vicinities of the cities named, will be mailed gratis to applicants and will also be given to the Associated Press. It will thus be possible for automobile tourists in the east to pick out the most suitable route and likewise information in detail as to the condition of various stretches of road will be available. The information obtained by the tourist will be recognized immediately as reliable.

The highway weather bulletins will be issued each Friday for the benefit

of the heavy Saturday traffic. The service will continue throughout every season of the year and will explain in detail detours necessary, location of construction work, washouts, condition of the highways and their passability.

The first report was issued at Helena on Friday of last week. The Glasgow Chamber of Commerce will handle the reports from the northeastern section of the state.

It will be readily seen that this service which is offered to the summer tourists through Montana will be of inestimable advantage. The northern route to Glacier Park which goes thru this city has long been a popular one and with the extensive improvements now being made on the proposed Roosevelt Memorial highway, the traffic next summer will undoubtedly surpass that of former years.

FARM BUREAU SHORT COURSE

The Valley County Farm Bureau has made arrangements to put on a Three-Day short course, February 18-19-20th, with the following speakers: Miss Mignon Quaw, Dr. E. H. Riley, livestock specialist and veterinarian; Ralph L. Smith, poultry and poultry products specialist; F. E. Fuller, agronomist, all grains and forage crops, tillage and cropping methods. The instruction these people will give will be of great value to every one and every farm bureau member should get behind this program and see that we have a good attendance and that everyone knows about it and has an invitation to come.

If we fall down it will be hard to make arrangements for a short course again. The success of the school depends on each member, the farm bureau office can help but it cannot do it all. The Valley County Farm Bureau has a state-wide reputation for doing big things, therefore, let us live up to our reputation and make this short course the best one ever held in the state.

Watch the papers for fuller notices and more specific information. Remember the date and speakers and talk it over with your neighbors every time you meet, talk about it over the telephones, write letters and post cards about it. Don't forget about it. Start making your plans now to attend the Farm Bureau short course, February 18-19-20. Murray E. Stebbins, Co. Agent.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ELECTION AND BANQUET

Large Gathering of Local Club Members Combines Business and Pleasure At Successful Meeting.

The annual meeting and banquet of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce held at Alsop's Tuesday evening was largely attended, over seventy plates being set. After the dinner, which everyone pronounced highly successful, the program and election of officers were held. During the early part of the evening the Glasgow orchestra rendered a number of selections which were met with a great deal of applause and encouragement.

Rev. J. R. Jeffery talked interestingly of what a chamber could accomplish with a live organization and proper assistance from the local citizens. He was followed by Senator John L. Slattery who spoke on irrigation, roads, economic questions, and local conditions and problems generally. J. T. Shea congratulated the local or (Continued on page 5)

Splendid Tribute Paid Valley County Chapter American Red Cross---Leads United States in Work Accomplished

The Valley County Chapter, American Red Cross, holds the unique distinction of leading all chapters in the United States in the monthly production of articles for the boys in the service based on each 100 of population. The value of the articles furnished was \$36.38 per hundred per month during the entire period of the war.

The congratulatory letter from National headquarters speaks volumes for the effort and sacrifice of each individual member of our local chapter. A record of achievement has been made in a noble and glorious work by our friends and neighbors. It is a record not equalled in the entire United States. We are mindful of the extreme difficulties of accomplishment and of the many obstacles that were overcome during a trying time in the history of Montana due to serious local conditions. The glory is all the greater for the surmounting of these obstructions.

Each member of the Valley County Chapter, American Red Cross, has cause for pride in the following recognition of work well done: Washington, D. C. Jan. 4, 1920. Mr. C. H. Ackerman, chairman Valley County Chapter, American Red Cross, Glasgow, Montana. My Dear Mr. Ackerman: The special record of achievement made by the loyal workers of the Valley County Chapter, American Red Cross, during the war, was the subject of discussion and commendation at the last meeting of the National Committee on Awards, and the committee requested that I express, on behalf of National headquarters, our sincere appreciation of the remarkable performance of your chapter.

Realizing that your chapter jurisdiction covers some six thousand square miles, with a population of scarcely more than two people to the square mile, it seems hardly credible that your chapter should have been able to accomplish what you did in the pro-

duction of materials necessitated by the needs of our boys overseas, or that the financial resources of your community would have permitted such exceeding generous financial support of our work. Your chapter produced articles worth \$36.38 per hundred population per month during the war, which from the advice at hand, indicate that this is the record of the United States.

I cannot congratulate each and everyone of your chapter workers too highly for your wonderful performance. Will you not please make known to your faithful associates with what pride National headquarters views the records of their devoted, unstinted and loyal service to their country through the Red Cross during the past great war.

With sincere regards and appreciation for your continued interest in all Red Cross activities, I am, Very sincerely yours, Frederick C. Munroe, General Manager.

IRRIGATION AND ROADS CAMPAIGN OPENED HERE

THE IRRIGATION AND ROAD MEETING HELD IN GLASGOW YESTERDAY UNDER AUSPICES OF THE NORTHERN MONTANA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION WAS INTERESTING. SAM TEAGARDEN OF THE MONTANA IRRIGATION CONGRESS AND WALTER MATHEWS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION SPOKE.

Under the auspices of the Northern Montana Development association, a joint meeting was held in the Orpheum theatre, Thursday afternoon for the purpose of promoting irrigation and state highways.

Mr. Sam Teagarden, secretary of the Montana irrigation congress, whose speech is published in full in this issue, addressed the meeting upon the irrigation problems confronting the state, and Mr. Mathews gave a brief account of the activities of the state highway commission touching the 1920 constitution program, and emphasized the necessity of early action on the part of counties which contemplate bond elections for the purpose of providing funds to meet federal aid appropriations. He stated that the final apportionment of federal aid funds to the respective counties of the state will be made by the State Highway commission on the first of May this year, and that the applications on file at that time will determine the amount of the apportionments to be made.

While the attendance of this meeting was not all that could be desired, it was as large as could be expected considering the severe weather conditions. The addresses were interesting and the subject well handled.

Following is the address of Mr. Teagarden on irrigation: The people of Montana must go to the mat with the drought problem, this year and next year and in succeeding years, until a repetition of the social and economic tragedy of the last three years shall be made an impossibility.

Water sufficient to irrigate 500,000 acres of as fertile land as God's sun shines upon originates in Montana. It has been flowing through our stream beds to the oceans, east and west, unused here or elsewhere. To permit this condition to continue in the future, with the certainty that there will come other periods of drouth, will be to convict ourselves of sheer, wanton, wicked waste.

The loss to Montana farmers, stockmen and business men during the last three years has reached an aggregate of not less than \$300,000,000—a sum sufficient to put water usefully and profitably at work over 5,000,000 acres. The farm wealth to be produced upon that acreage would annually reach a total equal to the entire cost of the irrigation. That acreage, farmed by irrigation would produce double the farm wealth produced in the state in the most productive year in its history as an agricultural state. It would literally transform this state of ours. The vast increase in farm wealth produced would mean better farm homes and buildings, better stock and equipment, better schools and community centers and better roads. For the cities, towns, and villages of Montana it would mean a greatly increased and steadily maintained prosperity.

The time has come for the people as a whole to make an honest and fearless inquiry into the facts, and to then set themselves courageously to solve the problem these facts make plain.

We must cease deluding ourselves with the notion that the federal government will provide the money with which to put our vast water resources upon our millions of acres of fertile lands. If by any possible means we can persuade the federal government to finish the projects it has already under way, and in the next ten years we will have accomplished all that is humanly possible from the source.

For new irrigation projects the state of Montana must co-operate with our farmers and land owners. There is no other way. The state's credit is as yet untouched. It must be invoked to provide an investment fund which will take up the bonds of irrigation districts at 100 cents on the dollar, at a low rate of interest and for such periods for repayment—20, 25 or 30 years—as the land owners in the various districts may elect.

The Montana Irrigation congress has been organized to bring about that era of co-operation. It is hoped that a bill can be drawn to be initiated and voted upon next November, so that ample funds for all new and

feasible projects that may be hereafter started will be available from the early part of next year and until our water resources have been fully availed of.

Such a measure would of course, have to be drawn with great care to insure that the interests of both the state and the land owners in the various irrigation districts were fully protected. By giving to the state the right to re-sell the bonds to private investors, a fund of \$25,000,000, at an outside figure, would be ample to finance all of the reclamation needs of the state.

If 5,000,000 acres could thus be put under irrigation in this state the increase in farm wealth produced would be so great within a few years that the state's investment would not exceed one per cent of the total increase. Surely, in so certain a business as that of irrigated farming, the state could prudently invest so small a percentage.

In this connection I want to emphasize the fact that it was public credit, and not cash accumulated in the federal treasury that enabled this country to function upon such a tremendous scale as it did and determine the defeat of the Huns in the great world war. We used the public credit to increase our efficiency in the destructive art of war, so why not make use of the public credit to increase our efficiency in the arts of peace—in the increase of our material wealth, and the stimulation of our social enrichment.

To aid in this great work of making a new and more prosperous agriculture in Montana our organization is asking for memberships, for which the fee is the small sum of \$2.00 per year. The headquarters of the Montana Irrigation congress are at Great Falls, and a remittance of \$2 will bring a membership card by return mail. Any citizen of the state is eligible to membership, and the card admits to participation in all meetings of the congress.

This is a peoples campaign: it is for their increase in wealth and for their social enrichment. They should give to the congress this small meek asked for, because it is their business.

MONTANA EDUCATORS HAD ANNUAL SESSION

County Superintendent Johannott Receives Appointment on Two Important Committees.

Bozeman, Jan. 20.—The association of county superintendents of Montana, at the annual conference at the Montana state college, re-elected Miss Frances Miller of Billings chairman for the ensuing year and authorized her to appoint the other members of the executive committee. Miss Miller is county superintendent of Yellowstone county, and she appointed Miss Jane Keeney of Cascade county; Miss Nellie Johannott of Valley county; Miss Camilla Osborn of Dawson county, and Miss Mary Eckstein of Flathead county.

There is also a county superintendents' department of the state teachers' association, which formed a temporary organization at the recent session of the association in Helena. The organization was completed at the conference here and the officers elected were as follows: president, Miss Camilla Osborn, county superintendent of Dawson county; vice president, Miss Nellie Johannott, superintendent of Valley county; secretary, Miss Ruth Sweet, superintendent of Teton county.

The executive committee was instructed to wire to the senators and representatives at Washington of the endorsement of the Smith-Towner bill for the creation of a national department of education with a secretary who shall be a member of the president's cabinet, and to urge the congressmen from Montana to work for the passage of this bill in order to stimulate education.