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## CITY COUNCIL DEFINITELY DECIDES TO PURCHASE MACHINERY FOR NEW PUMPING PLANT

Purchase Without Bids is Legal, Says Atty. Larson

At the recessed meeting of the City Council Monday night, it was the unanimous decision of the city fathers that the machinery for the pumping plant be purchased, and without delay. Some question as to the legality of this action without first asking for bids was raised, but City Atty. Larson gave it as his opinion that a resolution from the council empowering a member or a committee to make the purchase would be quite within the law. Accordingly, a resolution which has previously been drawn up for approval, and favorably acted upon.

The question of power was next placed before the meeting. Mayor Cooley, in a short speech, stated that he had every reason to believe that the bid of the Holbrook Light and Power Co. could not be bettered, therefore he favored acceptance of the proposition placed the last meeting of the council by Mr. Myers, i. e., ten cents per kilowatt with no minimum, reducing to six cents when the monthly bill reached \$300.00. J. M. Lee, while ready to vote for the Power Co., felt that the price was exorbitant. He also added that he would not vote for the use of the Power Co's. electricity unless a clause bearing a heavy penalty for lack of continuous power was inserted into the contract. Voluminous discussion followed this statement, and it was finally decided that a clause bearing penalty for lack of power in excess of twelve hours would keep the town fully protected. Attorney Larson was instructed to insert this clause into the contract.

On motion of J. M. Lee, seconded by John Flannigan, the Mayor was empowered to appoint a committee to complete the purchase of the necessary machinery. Mr. Cooley appointed Messrs. Lee and Cadwell, and stated that he would also act on the committee. This committee met Tuesday morning in Mr. Larson's office and forwarded the orders necessary for the complete installation of a pumping plant.

On motion of J. M. Lee, seconded James Scorse, the use of part of the old school-house for housing the pumping machinery was approved. On motion of Lee, seconded Cadwell, the meeting recessed, subject to a special call of the mayor. Unanimously carried.

Col. Breen of the Coco-Pino Sun occasionally takes pity on the poor stay-at-homes and writes his impressions of Hawaii, for the paper. In his last epistle he states that friend wife wore the rim off the "O" on their first sight-seeing drive around Honolulu. He also said that he was going to look up a few of those grass-clad vaudeville maidens. Even money the lady recovered her powers of speech.

Representative Frank Ellsworth and son Roy went to Phoenix last week to attend the special session.

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## SCHOOL NOTES

The end of the Basketball season is in sight. But before we are entirely deprived of our favorite indoor sport, there will be a few more games.

On Feb. 21st there will be a double-header, both boys and girls participating. The girls of the High School team will play the Gallup team, and the Holbrook Hi Boys team will meet the Winslow Hi Boys, both in the home gym. The game between the Holbrook and Winslow boys will virtually decide the Basketball Championship of northern Arizona. It goes without saying that all who possibly can should be present, and by their moral support, help our boys "put it across."

The Boys Team of St. Johns will play here on Thursday, Feb. 23. They will be met by either the Hi team or the Town team, in all probability the Town team will meet the visitors as the High School Team will leave for a game in Gallup on the 24th, and it will be impossible for them to meet both dates. This will be a rousing good game, and you want to be there even if you have to borrow crutches. We hope that our Hi Boys bring home the bacon from the Carbon City.

At the game on Wednesday evening between Flagstaff Normal and Holbrook Hi Boys the score was 34 to 9 in favor of the Normal.

Miss Effie Scott, who was called to Minneapolis by the illness of her father, will return to her work with the primary grade next week, reaching Holbrook on Sunday.

Don't forget the Patriotic and Educational Program to be held at the High School on the evening of Feb. 22nd. All are welcome.

The Debating Team, composed of Louise Mow and Morris Richards will debate in Williamson next Wednesday night. The good wishes of the community go with them, and we hope that they will be endowed with the "gift of tongues" for the evening.

Commencement will be on Wednesday, May 8th, this year.

Don't forget the dance given at the school gymnasium on Saturday evening, Feb. 18th, by the ladies of the A and T. Club, for the benefit of the school athletic fund, part to be used probably in completing the gym itself.

Report cards will be out next week.

## ACE AND THIMBLE CLUB

The Ace and Thimble Club met at the home of Mrs. Hookway during the past week. There was a good sized gathering of the regular members of the club present with a sprinkling of invited guests.

The monthly meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Jesse Hulet on Thursday evening Feb. 16th 1921.

Full line of flower and garden seed all fresh stock at Wetzlers.

## NEW BUILDING FOR PORTER STREET

The Navajo-Apache Abstract and Title Co. will start the erection in the immediate future of a one story building on the ground adjoining the Masonic Temple on the north. The building will contain six stores, and be of stucco construction. One of the stores will be occupied as the display sales room of the Chevrolet Motor agency.

## MRS. GEO. HENNESSEY ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Burr Porter was the guest of honor at a delightful afternoon party given at the home of Mrs. Hennessey in the north part of town. Mrs. Harold Moritz of Phoenix, and Mrs. Ed Cole of Cooley, both sisters of the hostess, were other out of town guests present. Auction was the diversion of the afternoon. Four tables were filled and everyone present had a delightful time. At the close of the card game Mrs. Hennessey assisted by Mrs. Ed Cole served a dainty lunch which was gustatorially enjoyed by the feminine card sharks.

## NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS

Basket Ball Players Prove it

The town team took the Snowflakers into camp on last Friday night when they defeated them at basket ball to the tune of 44 to 29. It was a fast and snappy game, and all the boys were on their toes. The crowd was wildly excited and will go again to see such a contest. We are proud of our team as individual players, and as a team. Do it again boys!

## AT THE McCLEVE'S

After the exciting basketball game staged in the school gym on last Friday eve, the younger social set indulged in still further frolicking. Miss Goldie and Winnie Greer were hostesses to various members of the basketball teams and others of the younger crowd. The party was held at the home of their sister, Mrs. Cyrus McCleve. Light feet stepped in rhythm to the teasing jazz and young voices filled the house with happy laughter.

At the conclusion of the evening a dainty collation was served to the guests and thoroughly enjoyed by all of them.

Rogers and Willis, road contractors, who have been working on the Snowflake road, at what is known as "Five Mile", passed through town on their way to Salt Seeps. The editor well remembers Salt Seeps, as the place where the car stuck on the way to the Snake Dance. Eight others were in the same fix. It is on the Keams Canon road, and we hope in view of the proposed work by these contractors that we will be able to attend the dance next year without any trouble at all.

Is your liver out of order? Do you suffer from biliousness, headaches, constipation? If so, Tanlac is what you need. Holbrook Drug Co. Adv.

The Home Paper \$3 a year

## Holbrook News Notes

John A. Freeman of Snowflake paid the News office a visit on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ross came down from their ranch near Heber on Tuesday.

Mr. Jackson of Indian Wells paid the News office a very pleasant visit on Tuesday.

Forest Ranger D.E. Slosser of the Pinedale District was a visitor in Holbrook a few days this week.

Mr. Bargeman of Houck, Arizona, is visiting this week with C.I. Houck at his sheep ranch.

L.S. Stewart of Heber will be in Phoenix about a week. He is interested in a law suit pending in that city.

D.V. Marley went out to his ranch this week to get two carloads of steers. He will ship them to Phoenix and put them on pasture there.

Will Woods 2nd reached home on train No. 9 Sunday morning. He is looking extremely fit. It is understood that he will remain in Holbrook until the end of this semester before returning to school.

C.E. Chambers, a sheep man of Phoenix, reached Holbrook on train No. 2 Wednesday. He will return to Flagstaff soon in company with some important witnesses in a case on trial there.

For real warm blankets and comforters, priced right see Wetzlers Adv.

Mrs. R.C. Smith, owner of the Snowflake Herald, was in Holbrook on Wednesday. She is returning from a pleasant trip to the Salt River Valley and reports that business in that locality seems to be rapidly improving.

The Choir of the Methodist Church is planning to give a concert some time in the near future. It will be a treat to all music lovers in the town. A male quartet composed of Messrs. Wm. Plant, Frank Johnson, Carter and T. Hathorn will be one of the attractions.

Julius Wetzler is enlarging his hotel room by turning a portion of his large office building over the old Holbrook State Bank into bedrooms. This will serve as an annex to the Commercial Hotel and be under the efficient supervision of mine host, Mr. Belding. The additional space will probably be sufficient to provide about eighteen more rooms.

See the new line of kitchen utensils at new prices at Wetzlers.

Mrs. Thos. Phelps, Messrs. Bert and Harry Colter left Holbrook on Saturday on a sad errand. They were called to the Coast by news of the serious illness of their mother. Word was received during the first part of this week that their mother, Mrs. Harper had died at her home in San Jose on Saturday, Feb. 11.

## BOYS

All who are interested in joining the Boy Scouts be at the Methodist Church Monday evening Feb. 21st at 7:00. All names must go in to the New York office next week.

## BIG CATTLE OUTFIT SOLD. WALLACE AND BLY RANCH

During the present week a deal was put through whereby Mr. and Mrs. Santa Jaquis purchased the large ranch of the Wallace and Bly interests, which has been managed by Mr. Frank Wallace. The ranch is one of the finest in the country, and was long the property of Mr. Ramer, who will be well remembered by all old residents. It is said to possess the finest water supply of any ranch under the rim of the mountains. The Jaquis' are to be congratulated on the acquisition of such a fine piece of property.

Mr. Frank Wallace who has just sold this ranch has been in the cattle business for years, and has a host of friends and well-wishers. Mrs. Wallace was unable to make her permanent home at the ranch as the altitude was too great.

## THE OIL COLUMN

It will be impossible to guarantee all items appearing under this heading, but the most nearly authentic news will be printed. Should a rumored item appear, it will be labeled as such. Any announcement from any of the company managers will be so designated. We will try to print all the oil news.

### HOLBROOK OIL CO.

"Everything is favorable" says Fred Crain, the secretary of this company.

### ADAMANA NO. 1

The job of removing the casing from this well is proceeding without a hitch. The management report that drilling will be resumed in the very near future.

### BLACK CANYON

"I am daily expecting a wire which will mean an immediate resumption of work" is the report of Mr. McCloskey.

### ZUNI

Nothing definite has developed in connection with this property, but the management are very sanguine of favorable developments.

### TAYLOR INTERESTS

The Taylor interests report that negotiations are still in progress concerning their well no. 1, but that no decision has yet been reached concerning the possible contract which would take over the drilling of this well.

## DON'T FORGET DANCE BENEFIT SCHOOL GYM.

Saturday is the night! Come one, come all, ticket in hand, ouerral or apron clad, to the gym. Remember the homemade candy that will be sold to highest bidder. Best time of the season offered by the Ace and Thimble Club Dance.

## BASEBALL

The Holbrook Browns held an organization meeting last Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance. Mr. Koury was elected Manager and Treasurer, and Perfecto Naunez was chosen playing manager. Two competitive baseball teams, located right in Holbrook, can be of immense help, one to the other; therefore we all hope the Browns will have much success.

Full line of flower and garden seed all fresh stock at Wetzlers. Adv.

## REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING OF CITIZENS ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSES CHAMBER COMMERCE

Immediate Success Will Come if Everybody Boosts

At the court-house last Tuesday evening, a large and thoroughly representative gathering of the business men of Holbrook met and took under advisement the project of starting and maintaining a commercial organization to further the interests of Holbrook, primarily as well as that of Navajo County. The Creator has wisely withheld from us the power to see into the future; but we feel that, in time to come, this meeting will be remembered and much of the credit for our expansion will be given to those who pioneered, worked for, and subscribed to the Holbrook commercial organization which was formed in 1922.

The meeting was opened by the introduction of Mr. Brooks of Hunter, Dulin and Co., the Los Angeles bond holder of the Colter ranch issue. Mr. Brooks presented a petition to Governor Campbell for the signature of those present. The petition asked Governor Campbell to use his good offices to have the Federal Government use part of the land which is under the Lyman Dam for the rehabilitation of the soldiers of the great war. After a thorough explanation of the meaning of this petition, it was agreed that the proposition was deserving of the heartiest support of the citizens of Holbrook. The paper was handed around and signed by most all of those present, and was further circulated Wednesday in town.

The proposition to Holbrook was "Everything to gain and nothing to lose." Mr. Chamberlain was selected chairman and explained the initial purpose in calling the meeting; a discussion as to whether or not the formation of a Chamber of Commerce or Business Men's Association or both. In the course of a brief talk, Mr. Chamberlain made it clear that he was of the firm opinion that the time was opportune for the initial steps leading to the formation of a commercial club to be taken. Mayor Cooley was asked to give his views.

Mr. Cooley briefly stated that, while he was not certain at this time as how to proceed, he was more than ready to meet the views of the gathering, and subscribe his full share. This spirit of willingness to meet any reasonable financial demands was noticed throughout the evening, and will do much toward the success of our town.

Mr. Richard Schuster, in reply to the chairman, agreed with the remarks of Mr. Cooley, adding that a Business Mens organization, to be used as a credit guide was most essential; though Mr. Schuster added that he would give financial support to a Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. C.H. Jordan, in reply to the chairman, gave hearty endorsement to a Chamber of Commerce. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Jordan drew attention to the cause of failure of previous organizations of a similar nature, namely, the use of the organization for the benefit of special interests rather than

for the general interest. This point was dwelt upon by following speakers, and it was stressed that the work of the new Club must follow lines of community interest. At the close of Mr. Jordan's remarks, he suggested that a temporary organization, leading to permanency, be formed at the meeting.

Mr. Mark Bryan spoke briefly in favor of a live organization to boost the town and the district.

Mr. Pincetl concurred in the remarks of the two previous speakers, and closed his remarks with the offer of the loan of office space.

Judge Thomas unreservedly favored an organization, and laid stress upon the fact that one of the first duties of club of this kind was to keep out people that could not be maintained. Mr. Thomas felt that the town should have some body that would be able to reach out and gather some of the benefits that will most assuredly accrue from the building and installation of the Grand Canyon project. That the present was the logical time to launch a club was not to be doubted, and the Judge advised the formation of a committee at the meeting.

At this point, it was considered advisable to nominate a temporary secretary as Chairman. On motion of Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Stovall, Paul Cox was nominated temporary secretary, and July elected.

It was moved by Mr. C. H. Jordan that the Chairman appoint a committee of five to draw up the by-laws, and investigate the extent of financial support that would be forthcoming. This was carried. Mr. Chamberlain appointed Messrs. R. Schuster, Jesse Hulet, W. Scorse, C. H. Jordan, and W. Stovall to act on the committee.

A member of the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Whiting, was asked to speak. Mr. Whiting told of the good that had resulted to his town from their Chamber of Commerce there, and also stated that a co-operative spirit between the towns could undoubtedly be enhanced by the actions of a Holbrook Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. W. Scorse spoke briefly in favor of the project, and those who know, realize that he has been along this line for some time. In the matter of dues, Mr. Scorse felt that a pro-rating of the expenses was the only feasible method. The \$100,000.00 business to pay a \$100,000.00 share, and the \$10,000.00 business to bear it's proportion of the burden.

The views of C. H. Jennings were listened to with interest, and some things which might be brought to an immediate consummation if we had a Chamber now, were spoken of by him. Mr. Jennings was prepared to give of his time and substance to further the cause.

Personal experiences with tourists were cited by Mr. Henry Lee, and there seemed to be no doubt in his mind but that this traffic could be made immensely valuable by a live organization.

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