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TOMORROW IS ELECTION DAY--VOTE FOR THE GOOD ROAD BONDS AND THE FUTURE OF GRAHAM COUNTY--VOTE "YES"

COMMERCE MEETING ADDRESSED BY C. S. BROWN

The Graham County Chamber of Commerce held its regular meeting in the superior court room in the court house Tuesday night with a good attendance of members and citizens present.

R. A. Armstrong, president, presided and introduced C. S. Brown, president of the Arizona State Farm Bureau Association, who is here in the interest of the association, and who has recently held meetings in Greenlee and Cochise counties.

Mr. Brown spoke on "The Relationship of Agriculture to General Business," and showed the lack of economy in the widespread difference in the cost of produce and the ultimate price to the consumer. As an illustration of this he showed how the buying power of produce was paralyzed as evidenced by the fact that at one time one ton of hay would buy two 12-inch walking plows but today it requires two tons of hay to buy one plow; there was also a time when six cow-hides would get a double set of harness and today it takes sixty hides to buy the same harness, notwithstanding the fact that harness is made of cow-hides.

Continuing, Mr. Brown said: "We hear a great deal about the law of supply and demand regulating prices, and that is fundamentally true, but there are times when this law ceases to operate owing to the congested condition in the arteries of distribution, and as an illustration of this we are, in the middle west, burning corn for fuel while in Russia millions of people are starving for the corn."

"While freight rates are so high that cattle cannot be moved to feed, and feed cannot be transported to the cattle it is an economic tragedy. When dollars are so high priced that it takes all of the farmer's substance to pay his taxes and interest, we think there is ample reason for a revision in the price of dollars or farm commodities. A great deal of the blame for these conditions rests upon the shoulders of the farmers themselves, owing to the fact that they have not graded and packed their produce properly. This condition, however, will be overcome by the organization of commodity markets, where expert graders and packers will be employed to grade and pack the produce and expert marketers will market the products in car lots thus remedying an uneconomic practice that has always kept the farmer down. There is under consideration the erection of warehouses, through which the farmers can sell their goods or get warehouse receipts, on which they can borrow money and pay cash for goods instead of following the old system of credit which the farmers and merchants both deplore."

Mr. Brown also stated that the affiliation of the Farm Bureau with the Industrial Congress had been instrumental in getting a promise from all purchasing agents in the state to buy Arizona products so long as Arizona products are properly graded and packed. These men spend about \$30,000,000 out of the state for food products that could be bought in the state.

Following Mr. Brown's talk, Mr. Armstrong stated that the Chamber of Commerce was organized for the purpose of helping the farmers as well as the business men, and it was willing and anxious to stand back of

any proposition that makes for the betterment of the community.

Mr. Armstrong also said that the merchants of the valley are selling merchandise at just and equitable prices and to prove this fact their books and bills would be shown to any farmer desiring to see them.

He further stated that a movement was on foot to build a masonic home in Safford and asked anyone to submit any ten acre tract of land in or near town, but cautioned the people that no fancy price would be considered.

HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT Holds Meeting

The Home Economics Department of the Woman's Club held its regular meeting in the club rooms at the court house, Thursday afternoon, Mrs. C. F. Brandt, chairman of the department, presiding.

It was decided to take up the subject of "House Furnishing" at the next meeting and the members are requested to bring questions which they desire to have answered.

A very interesting paper on the subject of "Diet, Cheese and Eggs as a Diet" and this was followed by discussions of the different phases of the subject.

For the month of March the department will try the budget system of keeping its accounts, and if successful will be adopted.

NORTHERN CATTLE RANGES COVERED BY HEAVY SNOWS

Some shrinkage of stock resulted from the extremely cold nights of the first six days of the week. In the north portion of the state night temperatures ranged from 9 to 20 degrees below zero which fortunately were not accompanied by high winds. A heavy mantle of snow covers part of the yearling ranges of the state and practically all summer ranges. In the Fort Apache Reservation the depth of snow ranges from 4 to 6 inches in the west end to about 20 inches at Cooley and the line of heavy snow is said to be down about 7,000 feet. Farther north depths range from 8 inches at Pinto in the northeast to 16 inches at Grand Canyon and Williams; Prescott reports a depth of 15 inches. Throughout the snow covered area there are many bare spots where stock may gain access to pasture. In the Fort Apache Reservation highways over the mountains will be difficult of travel for a few days until roads are well broken through the snow; cross country travel by autos will be closed for a few weeks at least. Main roads in the north are in bad condition and side roads generally impassable.

Crop Progress in Arizona
Cold nights have retarded all crop progress including the growth of lettuce in the Salt River Valley the second crop of which, however, will be placed on the market in a few days. Alfalfa in the Yuma and other sections has made no advance since the freeze of the 21st. Even as far south as Santa Cruz county barley and other growing crops felt the damaging effect of cold weather.

LEAVES FOR CLIFTON

Miss Elsie Toles, Dr. Curtis and Dr. Freeland, accompanied by Supt. Heywood, went to Clifton Wednesday morning where they will hold the Greenlee county institute, which will close the series of teacher's institutes that have been held in the different counties of the state.

TEACHERS INSTITUTE HELD MONDAY AND TUESDAY

The Graham County Teacher's Institute convened in the high school auditorium Monday morning in a two day's session, and was well attended by the teachers and members of the school boards from the different districts in the county. County Superintendent of Schools Heywood, presided and made the announcements for the different meetings.

Following the invocation by Rev. J. L. Lyons and community singing, led by Miss Clymer, the remainder of the morning session was taken up by Dr. Curtis and Dr. Freeland, who gave two very interesting and instructive lectures.

At noon a most delicious luncheon was served to the visitors by the teachers of the Safford schools.

At the afternoon session Dr. Curtis and Dr. Freeland again lectured, and music was furnished by the orchestra from the Gila Normal College.

Tuesday morning the meeting was opened by prayer by Bishop J. W. Greenhalgh. Music was furnished by the Glee Club of the Safford High School.

Miss Elsie Toles state superintendent of public instruction spoke on the subject of "amendments to the school laws", and was followed by an interesting lecture by Dr. Freeland.

Miss Toles, Dr. Curtis and Dr. Freeland spoke again at the Tuesday afternoon meeting.

Prof. Dean and Lawrence Holladay rendered several selections on the violin, while the vocal music was furnished by Mrs. Cooper of Solomonville, and a male quartet from the Gila Normal College.

The institute proper closed with the afternoon session Tuesday, but Monday night the screen production entitled the "Passing of the Little Red School House" was shown in Safford, Thatcher and Pima and was attended by large audiences. The lectures on this subject were given by Dr. Curtis, Freeland and Miss Toles and were very interesting.

A more detailed account of the institute by Supt. Heywood will be printed in Tuesday's issue of the Guardian.

SUPERIOR COURT TO MEET FEBRUARY 20th

The superior court of Graham county will convene on Monday, February 20th, and the following cases have been set for hearing:

State vs. Follett, felony charge, set for the 27th.

State vs. Geo. Fralick, murder, set for March 20th.

State vs. Jose Sandoval et al, burglary, set for February 27th, to follow case of Follett.

State vs. Barton and Chico Chavarri whiskey charge, set for February 28th.

State vs. Midriff and Mangum, arraignment, set for February 25th.

The grand jury has been called to meet on February 27th.

CHANGES OF ARRIVAL OF A. E. TRAINS

Agent R. Lansden, of the Arizona Eastern Railroad, announces the following changes in the daily passenger trains, effective Sunday:

The morning train, No. 18, will arrive from Globe at 11:36 A. M., instead of 11:05 A. M.

No. 19, the afternoon train from Bowie, will arrive at 4:04 p. m. instead of 4:40 p. m.

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The board of supervisors met in regular monthly session Monday with chairman H. J. Dowdle presiding. Other members of the board present were C. M. Purseley and Jas. A. McBride and clerk of the board, Martin Layton.

At this meeting the board voted to dispense with the services of one of the deputy sheriffs, to take effect March 1st.

John McBride, constable of the Pima district was granted a leave of absence from the county for a period of thirty days.

The bonds and contracts for the county printing, county hospital and other county supplies were also approved at this meeting.

MEETING OF FARM BUREAU DIRECTORS

A meeting of the board of directors of the Graham County Farm Bureau Association was held in the office of County Agent Wright, Thursday afternoon.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans for forming a community marketing organization, and after some discussion it was planned to thoroughly investigate the proposition and if the farmers are in favor of it, to secure the best legal advice along lines of cooperative marketing that can be obtained so as to insure the organization being legally sound. Attorney Fred J. Elliot, of Phoenix, who has made a study of cooperative marketing in all parts of the United States and who thoroughly understands the legal and business requirements necessary to insure the success of the organization, will be brought to Graham county to study the field and make plans for organizing here.

Such a commodity organization will relieve the farmer of all responsibility in grading, packing and marketing his products. The farmer's time is well occupied with raising the products and if the produce is to be put in a shape that the consuming public demands it is necessary to have experts do this work.

Such a plan would include a central warehouse where products could be assembled and stored if necessary and the farmer given warehouse receipts which he can take to the bank and borrow money on them with which to meet his expenses and at the end of the season a final settlement is made.

It was also brought out in the discussion that it was necessary for the organization to have a legal contract extending over a period of years.

The board, after thoroughly discussing the matter expressed themselves as being of the opinion that the formation of such an organization was the only solution to the difficulty of marketing the products grown in the valley.

Legislative matters affecting the welfare of the county were discussed and it was recommended that the industrial congress secure enactment of legislation providing for the collection of crop statistics, which are indispensable for the marketing of agricultural products.

BREAKS ANKLE

Dr. Schell the optician of Tucson, who was to have been through the valley this week, had the misfortune of breaking his ankle about two weeks ago, and consequently his visit will be delayed until about the 20th. See next week's issue for exact date.

STATE INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS INITIATES MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

PHOENIX—Personal letters inviting them to become charter members of the Arizona Industrial Congress will be sent to representative men of every community in the state during the next ten days in the congress' first membership campaign. The drive will close in March, when a special bulletin will be issued giving a complete list of members.

Work for Freight Reductions

In opening its charter membership rolls to the public directors of the congress pointed out that the first few weeks' work of the organization has proved it the greatest movement ever undertaken to advance the interests of all the people of the state. An expert has been sent to Washington to testify at the interstate commerce commission hearing in regard to reducing railroad rates. A state policy for developing the Colorado river has been prepared and officially recognized. The congress has obtained for the state the services of one of the best power engineers in the southwest, in connection with the Colorado project, by prevailing upon him to accept a place on the Arizona resources board.

Arizona Projects Campaign

The most important work of the congress, however, has been its "Use Arizona Products" campaign, which has greatly increased the use of home products, consumers and middlemen together. The new organization also has done much to arouse public opinion on the need of economy in government to lesson taxation.

Officers of the congress, in view of its accomplishments in the few weeks it has been functioning point out that there is no limit to the good it can do with the support of a strong membership. For this reason every person in the state, whether he receives a personal invitation or not, is being invited to take an active part in the movement by becoming a charter member.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY SERVES DINNERS

The cafeteria dinners served at noon and at six o'clock in the basement of the Methodist Church Tuesday, by the members of the Missionary Society were very successful, being patronized liberally by the people of the town and the visiting teachers.

The menu was deliciously cooked and well served in cafeteria style and was greatly enjoyed by those who partook of it.

The ladies of the society are finding it much easier to serve dinners of this kind since the kitchen in the basement of the church has been finished, although there is yet some equipment that is needed.

WILL LEAVE FIRST OF WEEK TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

Rev. J. L. Lyons, pastor of the Methodist Church, will leave the first of next week for Tucson to attend a conference of the ministers of the Methodist church to outline future work of the church. From there Rev. Lyons will go to Ft. Bliss, Texas, where he will attend a conference of chaplains, having been assigned to the 163rd infantry, 463rd division, officers' organized reserve corps. Before returning to Safford, he will visit relatives in San Antonio, Texas, and expects to be away until the first of next month.

SMALL BLAZE IN OFFICE OF LEE N. STRATTON

Quite a little excitement was created Tuesday morning by the overturning of the heating stove in the law office of Lee N. Stratton soon after a fire was built. Had it not been discovered immediately and the alarm given, what might have proven a serious conflagration would have occurred, as the office is situated in the center of block of business houses on Main street.

Fire Chief B. F. Foster, assisted by several other men, succeeded in extinguishing the live coals that were scattered over the floor by the upsetting of the stove and thus prevented the spread of the fire without calling out the fire department.

MEETING OF CHILD WELFARE FARE DEPARTMENT

The Child Welfare Department of the Woman's Club met Tuesday afternoon in the club rooms at the court house, with nine members present.

It was reported at this meeting that the little Mexican boy for whom the department was caring, had undergone very successfully an operation on his eye performed by Dr. J. N. Stratton.

The ladies spent most of the afternoon in making clothing for several needy children of the community. The department would be glad to receive clothing or material that can be made into clothing for the needy of the community.

DEEPEST SNOW SINCE 1916 AT FLAGSTAFF

FLAGSTAFF—Let's talk about the weather.

Sunny night, all day Monday and that night and nearly all day Tuesday the fleecy flakes fell. Almost three feet deep on the level and frequent back door drifts eight or ten feet deep. The biggest storm since 1916, when we set a new record of five feet two inches.

The temperature didn't get below 18 degrees above, however, which added to the fact that the snow was light and fluffy, helped a lot. But it sure did keep our people busy uncovering sidewalks, especially as the constant breezes playfully filled up the trenches almost as fast as they were made.

Street superintendent Frank Richmond, with an eight horse team, kept the snow-plow working and for some time the middle of the street was the best place to walk.

At Prescott they had more snow than before since 1899. At Ash Fork the supply was liberal, while Winslow had eight inches and Williams as much or more than we did. But there was very little delay in trains, and no wires came down.

Altogether, we rather enjoyed it especially when we realized how much good it is doing the land and the water supply. It likely will not be here long to enjoy.

STATE LAND APPRAISER IN TOWN

State Land Appraiser Geo. Trueman, of the Federal Land Bank at Berkeley, Cal., was a visitor in town for several days this week, coming here from Duncan, where he established a Farm Loan Association. It is reported that between \$40,000 and \$50,000 have been loaned in the valley through the Farm Loan Association, during the last few weeks.

JOINT FUNERAL SERVICES HELT IN THATCHER

Joint funeral services for the victims of the recent accident at the Webster railroad crossing, were held Tuesday morning at 11:00 o'clock in the Assembly Hall at Thatcher by the Stake Presidency and were attended by at least 1,200 people and were conducted by President Andrew Kimball.

Bishop Thos. S. Kimball, of Eden, offered the opening prayer and the speakers were Bishop Eugene Curtis, Phil. C. Merrill, John Bilby, Mrs. Josephine C. Kimball, H. L. Payne and John F. Nash, who spoke many words of sympathy and comfort to the bereaved relatives of the deceased.

Several musical selections were rendered by a mixed quartet, under the leadership of Prof. Dean, of the Gila Normal College, and also selections by four members of the Orpheus Male Chorus were given.

President Andrew Kimball pronounced the benediction.

After the services were concluded the remains were taken to different places for interment. Those of Mr. and Mrs. Hatch were brought to Safford where they were buried in the Union cemetery; the body of Mrs. Bryce was taken to Ashurst for burial and Mr. Brown was buried at Thatcher.

ELDER GEORGE JEREMIAH HATCH AND WIFE

A Bishops Counselor, an ardent church worker, man of family, a good neighbor, a friend to God and man. Born in Franklin (Cacho) County, Southern Idaho, Nov. 11, 1865 being now 56 years of age.

Emigrated to Northern Arizona, lived and met his lie companion in Taylor, now Navajo County, married in the Temple, Miss Eluora Brimhall, has been married 35 years.

He came to this valley over 25 years ago.

At the re-organization of the Thatcher ward at the time of the re-organization of the stake 24 years ago he was chosen and set apart as second counselor to Bishop I. E. D. Zundel and after his release was sustained a member of the High Council of this stake where he served faithfully until circumstances and distance made it almost impossible for him to serve as he desired and as the calling demanded. Many times he came from Ft. Thomas horseback to fill his appointments.

The result of this union is 12 children.
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REMEMBER THE NAME OF HENRY FORD

Mr. Farmer, read what the Farm Block in the U. S. Senate did regarding the Mussel Shoals program.

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