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WORLD FARM CLEARING HOUSE

Amalgamation of Two Great Agricultural Organizations Completed

KIMBALL IS VICE PRESIDENT

Will Help States in Selection of Lands for Settlement by Returning Soldiers

In Kansas City, October 17th and 18th of this year, the International Irrigation Congress and the International Dry Farm or Farm Congress were united in one, resulting in the perpetuation of the world's great clearing house, the International Farm Congress.

Incorporated and relaunched with larger possibilities and greater powers, with the new war work to do, this international organization will accomplish still greater things, we hope, building upon the splendid accomplishments of the two whose works in a measure are now taken over by the one greater organization, the International Farm Congress.

Alfred C. Sieboth, Engineer for Arizona State Land Department, and Hon. Andrew Kimball, Agricultural Agent for the United States Railroad Administration, Arizona Eastern Railroad, representing Arizona, were present.

In consequence of precaution against the spread of the Spanish influenza, but one day's session was held, the congress delegated an executive committee, composed of one from each nation and state represented, which completed the work of the congress. The great Soils Product Exposition was also called off, entailing great loss to the exhibitors as well as the congress.

Hon. George Albert Smith, of Salt Lake, president of the two merged organizations, was chosen president, with Hon. Andrew Kimball, of Thatcher, Arizona; Kurt Greenwald, of Denver, Col.; and E. S. Benson, of Olympia, Wash., vice presidents. W. I. Drummond, Chairman of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the Board of Governors, was chosen secretary of the congress.

The chief object of this greater organization is along the line of complying with the recent letters by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States, for the purpose of bringing about a co-ordination of the interests of the several states in order that suitable lands for farm homes may be provided to such of our soldiers returning from the scene of war who may desire to settle for the future. To that end the greater congress is fully pledged to do everything in its power, acting in accordance with the federal authorities to bring about the desired result.

It is proposed that the states supply the land as an opportunity of reward for service, either from the public domain or purchased lands. We may assume from statements made by national speakers present and from the general consensus of opinion from state representatives, that there will be a general co-ordination between the federal government and the several states to furnish the necessary means for purchase and equipment for the more perfect establishment and maintenance of our soldiers on the land.

The plan is plainly evident, to not only place our boys on the land at reasonable terms, but also to loan them money on the deferred payment plan, extending possibly over a period of at least forty years and at a rate of interest not to exceed 5 per cent. As yet, the proposition is, to some extent, complex, for, as may reasonably be supposed, details will have to be worked out agreeable to local conditions. The feeling is right, however, and now is the time to act. While ample means will be provided and lands secured, there will be, of course, proper safeguards thrown about the transaction to see that the returning soldier boy is properly located and equipped, as well as instructed along the lines of home making that there be no waste of effort, and no speculation, the profiteers being only the boys who have

GEO. SKINNER DEAD

Bishop of Graham Ward Passes Away After a Short Illness

George Skinner, aged 66 years, died at his home in Graham, Monday afternoon, October 21, 1918, at 1:00 o'clock, after a short illness.

Funeral services were held at the Graham cemetery, Wednesday afternoon, at 3:00 o'clock. The speakers were Peter O. Peterson, President Andrew Kimball, John F. Nash, Joseph H. Larson and Peter McBride. All gave earnest testimony to the honor and faithfulness of the deceased.

There were about fifty people present scattered about the cemetery grounds, but avoiding close grouping on account of the prevailing influenza.

George Skinner was born at Bristol, England, July 25, 1852, and came with his parents to America in 1854, remaining in New York for fourteen years, after which they came to Utah and settled at Logan. This was a year before the railroad was finished across the continent.

He was married in the "Old Endowment House," at Salt Lake City, in the year 1874, to Mary Elizabeth Stratton. Ten children were the fruit of this union, nine of whom are still living, as follows: Moroni Skinner, of Safford; Jarry J. Talley, of Thatcher; Rose E. Golding, Alice Nulton and Francis M. Skinner, of Safford; Joseph F. Skinner, of Spanish Fork, Utah; Elizabeth Coleman, of Thatcher; Esther Skinner, of Safford, and Willmyrth Elton, of Miami.

In the year 1876, he was called by the Church of Latter-day Saints to assist in making settlements for the Saints in Arizona, and settled on the Little Colorado, where he remained until 1880, when he came to the Gila valley, arriving in the fall. Here, together with Jorgen Jorgensen, Andrew Anderson, George Lake, Peter O. Peterson and others, he formed the little settlement of Graham, across the river north of Safford, in which place he lived until his death.

He was ordained bishop of the Graham ward in 1892 and has presided over it ever since, being at the time of his death, the longest in office of any person in St. Joseph Stake.

He filled a mission to the Eastern States, 1890 to 1892, being the first missionary called from St. Joseph Stake. During the nineties he filled three terms in the Territorial Legislature and has always been an ardent advocate of good government.

In 1908, he was called to mourn the loss of his faithful wife, Mary Elizabeth, and remained single for five years, living with his children at the old home in Graham. He then married Martha A. Matlock, who survives him.

J. T. Owens for Supervisor, Dist. No. 1

I have lived in Graham county for thirty-one years.

I have been in business for thirty years in Safford.

I have been fairly successful in business.

I think I know what the people want in the way of Good Roads and Economy, so if you want an Economical and Business Administration, vote for me on the 5th day of November, 1918.

J. T. OWENS.

Buy War Savings Stamps.

risked their all for the liberty of the world.

Aside from the land settlement scheme, which at present is the paramount issue of our congress, many other vital questions were considered by the Congress Executive Committee.

While we will not lose sight of the accomplishments of the Irrigation and Dry Farming Congress, yet only the foundation stones have been laid, so to speak, as compared with the work at hand, comprehended within the scope of the greater congress.

Not only will we be supported by the several states and various organizations therein, but thru the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior and War, the United States will use this congress as a means to the great work contemplated. Other nations will contribute that through this cooperation of interests, of peoples and nations, the "World's Clearing House" will serve a greater purpose.

PRESIDENT SUBMITS PEACE NOTES TO ALLIES

President Wilson submitted the German pleas for an armistice and peace to our allies, Wednesday night, and at the same time he informed Berlin that there can be no armistice except upon terms that would make it impossible for Germany to renew hostilities.

While consenting to deal further with the present authorities in Germany, the President gives them this warning:

"If it (the United States) must deal with the military master and monarchical autocrats of Germany now, or if it is likely to have to deal with them later in regard to the international obligations of the German Empire, it must demand, not peace negotiations, but surrender. Nothing can be gained by leaving this essential thing unsaid."

BOLT LOSENS ROD

And Causes Serious Breakdown in Unit No. 1 at Local Light Plant

A serious breakdown occurred Saturday evening in Unit No. 1, at the light plant. A heavy bolt, holding a connecting rod in place on the crank shaft, having become crystallized by heat, broke, and the connecting rod came loose from the crank shaft. The revolutions of the crank shaft drew the connecting rod and the piston to which it was attached into the crank case, battered the piston into small fragments, twisted and bent the connecting rod and forced it out through the crank case of cast iron an inch thick.

The company at once telegraphed to Los Angeles for supplies which arrived Wednesday evening. In the meantime the management, seeing that the unit must lie idle until repairs should arrive, proceeded to overhaul the generator and exciter and all engine parts in connection with this unit. All were completely dismantled; the cores and coils of the generator and exciter were cleaned, repaired and repainted; all the engine parts were tried up and the engine given a coat of paint.

While Unit No. 1 has been idle, Unit No. 2, which had fortunately been partially overhauled in preparation for the heavy winter service, has carried the night lights much better than could be expected. This unit, which has always been the less efficient of the two, is now carrying a load beyond which it was rated when new.

Over Two Tons of Clothing for Belgians

The following letter of thanks was sent to the several auxiliaries of Mt. Graham Chapter, A.R.C., for their work in collecting refugee garments:

MT. GRAHAM CHAPTER, A. R. C., Safford, Arizona, October 18, 1918.

AUXILIARY CHAIRMAN:

I want to take this opportunity to thank your organization for your hearty support given in collecting refugee garments for the Belgians. Graham county went over the top 100 per cent. Our quota was for one ton, while as a matter of fact there was shipped today 4,192 pounds.

There was contained in the 24 boxes, 3,311 garments, 241 hoods and caps, besides a goodly quantity of good stockings and old shoes.

Please extend to the citizens of this county who assisted my sincere thanks.

Very truly yours,

T. T. SWIFT, Chairman, Mt. Graham Chapter, A. R. C.

Apples for Sale

You can get fine apples at the Fairview Fruit Farm, 1 1/2 miles west of Pima. J. H. MACK, Prop.

Mrs. M. P. DeWitt, who has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. F. H. Johns, since last June, left yesterday morning for her home in Salt Lake City, Utah.

HONOR ROLL

The following additional subscriptions to the Fourth Liberty Loan by people of Thatcher were received since the publication of the first list in the last issue of THE GUARDIAN:

T. E. Rose	\$50.00
J. M. Moody	50.00
W. W. Pace	50.00
W. D. Lee	150.00
Orlando Jolley	50.00
George Echols	50.00
J. C. Phillips	50.00
Evans Coleman	100.00
Chas. V. Winsor	50.00
Lois Shumway	50.00
Ernest Shumway	50.00
Hlanche Udall	50.00
Lorin Adams	50.00
George Goodman	50.00
E. C. Fuller	50.00
L. C. Cutler	50.00
Walter Penn	50.00
Geo. S. E. Nichols	50.00
Andrew Williams	50.00
James H. Maxham	50.00
W. A. Ferguson	50.00
Walter Whitmer	50.00
Jesse Findley	50.00
Alma P. Sessions	100.00
Dell Curtis	50.00
Arns. E. Williams	50.00
Devial Ellsworth	100.00
Pete Burrell	50.00
C. F. Burrell	50.00
Roxy Sims	50.00
A. O. Lamoreaux	50.00
Katie B. Curtis	50.00
Dorset Tyler	50.00
Rulon Kimball	50.00
Mrs. E. W. Layton	50.00
Willis Daley	50.00
S. C. Heywood	150.00
M. Mortensen, Jr.	50.00
Orson Nelson	50.00
Rulon Bowman	50.00
Andrew Kimball	200.00
J. C. Ball	100.00
Charles Deen	100.00
Fred Williams	100.00
Arizona Eastern	100.00
Total	\$3,400.00

Graham County Goes Over the Top

Graham county went away over the top in the Fourth Liberty Loan. Only two precincts fell down on their quotas, but the county went above its quota by \$59,800.00.

The following table gives the quota and amount subscribed by each precinct:

Precinct	Quota Assigned	Amount Raised To Date
Safford	\$80,300	\$104,400
Thatcher	20,000	25,400
Pima	20,000	21,000
Solomonville	20,000	24,850
Bonita - Lompoc - Galturo	8,000	9,550
Central	5,000	6,350
Port Thomas	4,500	3,900
Klondyke	3,500	2,400
Geronimo	3,500	4,600
Edeen	2,500	3,250
Bryce	2,000	2,350
Hubbard	1,500	1,500
Lebanon-Artesia	1,000	1,150
Redland	500	1,300
Stanley	500	600
Totals	\$152,800	\$212,600

Popular Candidate for Supervisor

One of the most popular candidates for county office this year, is H. J. Dowdle, of Klondyke, democratic candidate for supervisor, District No. 8.

Mr. Dowdle is a pioneer of Graham county and has been engaged for years in the cattle business.

He has already served the county as supervisor and made a splendid record. He is a good business man and believes in a business administration of the county's affairs.

A vote for H. J. Dowdle means a vote for good government.

Farmers get your Formalin at CRANDALL'S PHARMACY. 4t

Notice to Subscribers of The Graham Guardian

New orders direct from the War Industries Board at Washington, instructs all weekly newspapers in the United States to place all subscriptions on strictly cash paid in advance basis only, beginning at once.

The Board also orders discontinuance of all free copies. Send your remittance for subscription at once, if no already paid—\$1.50 per year.

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GILA VALLEY NEWS

Items of Interest Gathered by The Guardian's Correspondents

THATCHER NEWS

Grover Hoopes, who has been away on a two years' mission in the state of Washington, returned home this week.

Wayne Skousen left last week for Salt Lake City to join the U. S. training school.

Lee Chandler made a business trip to Miami this week.

Orvil Larson purchased the Hotel building and moved his family there.

Charley Curtis and E. C. Dodge returned Monday from a three weeks' hunt on Black river.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brimhall and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woods and two children returned Sunday from a visit with relatives in Mesa.

Ousley Rensner and two little sons came up from Miami Wednesday for a short visit.

Mrs. Dave Cluff and Miss Gladys McBride spent Sunday visiting in Geronimo.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hoopes returned to their home in Miami, after a short visit in the valley. W. A. Moody, of Fort Grant, spent several days in town this week.

George Damron and family, of Clifton, spent two days visiting relatives in town.

Benj. Riggs left this week for his home in Duncan to remain until school re-opens.

Miss Burel Naegle left last week for a visit at Fort Grant.

Benj. Blake and Martin Mortensen, Jr., left Wednesday for a business trip over the mountain.

PIMA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hanchett and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ferrin returned home Sunday morning from a two weeks' outing over the mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brewer and little son arrived here from Douglas Tuesday. Mr. Brewer will go to his father's home on account of the latter's illness, while Mrs. Brewer will remain here with her mother, Mrs. Laura Taylor.

Misses Eunice and Ula White received a telegram to come home, on account of the illness of their father. They left Tuesday morning.

A great many people here are suffering from influenza.

Miss Millie Clark is spending a few days this week at Redland, visiting Miss Gladys Maloy.

Willie Teeples arrived here Sunday evening on a few weeks' furlough from the navy.

Miss Blanche Dodge is home again and at her post of duty in the telephone office.

Miss Madeline Merrill is taking Miss Venla Birdno's place as postmistress during Miss Birdno's illness with influenza.

D. H. Weech and family, are reported ill with influenza.

P. H. Teeples, Max Webb, Otto Marshall, Lee Anderson and Clifford Ferrington returned home Friday from their hunting trip.

Mrs. Reese Boyle is again able to be out after two weeks' illness.

Mrs. R. C. Dryden will leave this week for Bisbee, where she will join Dr. Dryden.

Mr. and Mrs. Halvie Weech arrived here this week from Globe. They are both ill with influenza.

Notice to Consumers

The customers of the Thatcher Water Co. are notified that after the present month, no collections will be made outside of the company's offices at Thatcher or Safford. A penalty charge of ten per cent will be added for dues not paid on or before the 15th of each month.

In default of payment, service will be discontinued without notice after the 20th and \$1.00 charged when water is again turned to hydrant of consumer. THATCHER WATER CO. Adv-36-3t

Buy War Savings Stamps.

MARTIN MORTENSEN

Fully Qualified for Position of County School Superintendent

Living in the valley since childhood, and taking an active part in all educational and social activities of his community, Martin Mortensen, Jr., now seeks the recognition and support of his home people for the office of County School Superintendent.



The following statement shows what Mr. Mortensen's record has been in the field of education:

"BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY, PROVO, UTAH, Sept. 9, 1918.

"It has been my pleasure to know Martin Mortensen, Jr., for the past four years as a student and a teacher. He made an exceptional record as a student in the Brigham Young University, and was graduated with honor. After his graduation, he was employed as an instructor in this institution and rendered professional help in the preparation of teachers.

"He is a man of considerable initiative, and, in my judgment, is an up-to-date educator. I would consider any community fortunate in securing his services along educational lines, as he is possessed of those qualities that bespeak permanent success.

"GEO. H. BRIMHALL, President Brigham Young University."

Mr. Mortensen worked his own way through his four years of college training, and has had three years of practical experience in school work since his graduation.

He seeks the office of county school superintendent because he has made school work his profession, and because he sees in it an opportunity to render valuable and worthy service to his community.

As you believe in a good education for your boys and girls, it is only consistent and fair that you support those who have made the struggle and qualified themselves to render you the very best service.

Many Farm Loans Received in Valley

The Secretary of the Safford National Farm Loan Association reports that loans in the sum of \$49,600 were made by the Association to the farmers of the Gila valley during the quarter ending September 30th.

This brings the sum total of loans closed out through this Association to more than \$150,000.

This figure is indeed gratifying, especially in view of the fact that the Association has been in existence but eighteen months and has grown until now it has a membership of forty-six, with a number of new applications pending. The saving in interest to these borrowers amounts to more than \$6,000 per annum—enough to buy a small farm each year.

Frank Luke, the Federal Appraiser, is due to arrive in the valley within the next week or ten days, and will handle all applications now pending, as well as any new ones received prior to his arrival, so those desiring to take advantage of cheap money to farmers will do well to see the Local Secretary without delay.

Visits Brother He Has Not Seen for 16 Years

Senator W. C. McAlister, of Hugo, Okla., was a visitor for several days this week at the home of his brother, Judge A. G. McAlister, whom he has not seen for sixteen years.

Senator McAlister is secretary of the Oklahoma State Election Board, and spent several days at Camp Cody on business in connection with the soldiers' vote, and came here Saturday evening to spend a few days with his brother. He left Tuesday morning for Oklahoma City.

For Sale

Apple boxes at FAULKNER'S LUMBER YARD, Thatcher. See J. G. Morris. Adv-36-2t

A good truck at big sacrifice, KIRTLAND'S GARAGE, Safford. adv-33-4t

Farmers get your Blue Stone at CRANDALL'S PHARMACY. 1t

THE UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN

Big Drive November 11th to 18th, To Raise Sum of \$170,500,000

TO PROVIDE COMFORTS OF LIFE

For "Our Boys" at Home and "Over There," Fighting for Our Liberty

Now that the Fourth Liberty Loan is out of the way, there is just one more big task for the American people—to provide the comforts of life for our boys through the United War Work Campaign.

John R. Mott, director general of the campaign, announces the total amount sought is at least \$170,500,000 and that the quotas specified for the six States of the Southern Military Department are as follows:

Texas	\$3,239,500
Arizona	306,900
New Mexico	294,500
Oklahoma	1,619,800
Arkansas	889,600
Louisiana	1,483,400

Total for Southern Department \$7,723,500

The total was fixed by the War Department and approved by the president. It will be administered under government directions for the seven recognized war agencies in this campaign, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, the National Catholic War Councils (Knights of Columbus), the Jewish Welfare Board, the War Camp Community Service, the American Library Association and the Salvation Army.

"The amount is the largest ever asked as a gift from any people in the history of the world," said Dr. Mott. "Viewed as a total it seems gigantic, but divide it by the four million men who will be under arms in our army and navy during the period it is expected to cover, and you will find that it means less than fifteen cents a day per man."

"Surely there is no father or mother or friend of a soldier in this great country who will say that fifteen cents a day is too much to spend on his church or his home over there and his library, his theatre and his club.

"The president summed up the whole appeal in a recent letter in which he spoke of the work of these seven great agencies as of 'vital military importance.' He had in mind the fact that their activities are largely responsible for the maintenance of the splendid morale of our forces.

"There has never been in history so spectacular an example of the supreme of the morale as is now being presented on the Western front. The forces that confront each other are not widely dissimilar in numbers or equipment, yet one army is constantly withdrawing and the other irresistibly moving forward. The difference is spelled in that single word, 'morale.'

"Napoleon said that morale is another factor in war as three to one. General Pershing, in a recent letter commenting on the work of these agencies, quoted with approval the statement of one of his colonels, who said: 'Give me nine men who have a hut to spend their evenings in and I will have a better fighting force than ten would be without it.'

"If it is worth twenty-four billion dollars to keep our boys under arms next year, surely it is worth a hundred and seventy million, and more, to add ten per cent to their fighting edge to bring victory ten per cent nearer.

"This is the appeal of seven United War Work agencies of America and particularly to those four million homes where service flags fly and we know what America's answer will be."

The Tent Photographer

Announces that he will be open for business Monday, October 28th. His motto: Good Work, Prompt Service and Reasonable Prices. He guarantees satisfaction in all his work. Next door to Byrsdorfer's Jewelry Store, Safford. Adv-27-1t