

PIONEER CITIZEN DIES SUDDENLY SATURDAY MORN

The people of Safford and the valley were greatly shocked Saturday morning when it was learned that our esteemed and respected citizen, James T. Owens had died early that morning. While it was known that Mr. Owens had been in poor health for more than a year, his death at this time was unexpected by his friends, as it was only the day before that he was attending to his many business interests and talking with his friends whom he met on the streets. Death was due to heart failure, the attack coming on about two o'clock Saturday morning. Medical help was summoned immediately, but despite every effort to prolong his life, the end came about thirty minutes after two o'clock. At the bedside at the time the end came were his wife, his two daughters, Mrs. Ella Madsen, and Mrs. Viola Fuller, his son Beauregard, Mr. Madsen, Mr. Fuller, and his step-daughter, Miss Edna Marriam, and several neighbors. His two sons, Oance and J. T., who live on farms east of town, were summoned but did not reach the home in time to see their father before he passed away. A message was immediately sent to the other daughter, Mrs. Cora Jacobson, who lives in San Francisco, and she arrived on the Apache Monday morning.

Funeral services were held in the Layton church at 2:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon and were attended by one of the largest congregations ever assembled on an occasion of this kind. The house was beautifully decorated with white bunting and flowers and the casket was covered by many lovely floral offerings sent by friends and relatives of the deceased. It is regretted by the family that the beautiful flowers sent by A. H. Ferrin of Tucson, did not arrive until the evening train. Later they were taken to the cemetery and placed upon the grave.

The services were conducted by Bishop Greenhalgh and consisted of the following program:

- Song by the choir, "O My Father."
- Prayer, Bishop J. R. Welker.
- Songs, by the choir, "Sometime we'll Understand."

Bishop Greenhalgh then spoke on the earlier life of the deceased and told of his enterprise and ability in the business world and how he had helped to make this valley what it is today.

Prof. H. L. Payne, by Smith, Mrs. C. D. Welker and Mrs. Amos Cook sang the beautiful song "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" which was followed by a brief talk by L. M. Ferguson who spoke on the subject of the "preexistence and our mission in this life."

"My Redeemer" was the next song and was rendered by Mrs. C. D. Welker.

The next speaker was R. G. Layton of Thatcher, who told of the early life of Mr. Owens and the many pleasant dealings he had had with him.

Prof. H. L. Payne made the closing remarks and spoke briefly of how we should look for and praise the good qualities of each other, rather than disagreeable ones.

The choir sang "Mid Scenes of Confusion," and the services were closed with the benediction by President C. M. Layton.

The remains were taken to the Union cemetery for burial and the

dedication of the grave was made by Wm. Ellsworth.

James T. Owens was born on his father's farm in Alabama, August 2, 1854, and died in Safford, Arizona, April 1, 1922, at the age of 68 years. When twenty-four years of age, Mr. Owens left his home in Alabama and went to Kansas, later going to Mississippi, where he lived for about a year, returning again to his Alabama home. In 1886 he decided to try his fortune in the far west and came to Arizona, landing at Bowie. From Bowie he went to Thatcher, where he secured work and later went into the mercantile business, and from that time until a year or two ago he was actively engaged in business in Safford and at the time of his death was associated with S. A. Sowell in the hay and grain business and was also a part owner in the Safford Water Company. At one time he owned and conducted the Hotel Olive selling the business about two years ago to Ted Waughtel. During the years 1919 and 1920 he was a member of the board of supervisors of Graham county and he gave to the affairs of the county the same care and attention that he gave to his own personal business enterprises and made a faithful and conscientious officer.

Before coming to Arizona, Mr. Owens was married to Miss Lona Ragsdale at Springerville, Ark., in 1879, and of this union eight children were born, six of whom are living. They are Mrs. Ella Madsen, Mrs. Cora Jacobson, Mrs. Viola Fuller, Oance, J. T. and Beauregard. About ten years ago Mrs. Owens died and on September 9, 1915, Mr. Owens was married to Mrs. Hattie Marriam of this place, who survives him.

Besides being a successful business man of Safford, Mr. Owens was a loyal and consistent member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and was for several years a member of the board of education of the St. Joseph Stake Academy at Thatcher.

BIDS ON ROAD BONDS ARE BEING CONSIDERED

The regular session of the board of supervisors convened yesterday with a full attendance of the members present. No business of importance was transacted the first day, but at today's session bids on the road bonds were received and considered.

Fourteen bidders, which included representatives from bonding houses from New York to San Francisco and as far north and south as Denver and New Orleans.

It is believed at this time that the best bid is the one submitted by a New Orleans bonding house which offered to buy the bonds at par plus a premium of \$18,750.00, and will bear interest at the rate of six per cent.

The board is still in session and has under consideration the many details in connection with the closing of the sale.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m. each Sunday.

Preaching service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Young Peoples' Service at 6:45 p. m. each Sunday.

Prayer meeting and choir practice Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

The general public is cordially invited to come to any or all of these services.

L. R. CARTER

FORMER RESIDENT HERE

Dr. O. D. Weeks, who was at one time located in Safford, was in town for several hours Sunday, on his way from Hot Springs to his home at Agua Prieta, near Douglas.

COMPENSATION DRIVE OF LEGION GOING STRONG

The American Legion veterans census began in Safford last week and will be completed in ten days, when the local record will be forwarded to the state headquarters of the Legion at Phoenix and thence to national headquarters at Indianapolis, where the compilation of individual records of the 4,800,000 men and women who served their country in the world war is already under way.

The Legion is obtaining this data in order to be in a position to better interpret the needs of the veteran for whom it speaks, and to assist tens of thousands of veterans to obtain medical treatment, hospital care, adjustment of back pay allowances, disability compensation, employment or the many other things the Legion makes it its business to attend to for veterans. The local census is being made under the direction of Swift-Murphy Post of the Legion and its auxiliary unit.

"We are going to have the names of every man and woman in this community who saw service in the world war before we stop" said Commander Whelock of the local post. "We have all our plans for as thorough a census as the government census takers ever took of the whole population, and the boys are on the job. We know our project has created much interest in the community. Now we are going to knock at every door in the county before we are through, but in order to make absolutely sure we want to let everybody know what we are doing and ask for the cooperation of all ex-service men. If we should miss one man in this community we would not consider the census a success. It makes no difference whether a man belongs to the Legion or not, all we care for today is his service in the war. We are going to take all the pains in the world. This is one of the biggest jobs ever tackled by the Legion, and the entire post is determined to make it an absolute success in Graham county.

The veteran census has aroused much interest throughout the county. The need of it has been instantly recognized. The census idea was first brought forward and tested experimentally in the state of Iowa a year ago. The results were such as to convince the national officers of the Legion of the feasibility and instant need of a national census. The plan was brought before the National executive committee of the Legion and adopted. Plans were at once defined and the census inaugurated.

At the executive committee meeting of the Auxiliary at the same time it was decided that the entire organization of the Auxiliary be put at the disposal of the Legion in carrying out the census. The wives and children of the ex-service men constitute the prime interest of the Auxiliary and it was felt at once that certain features of the census would bring important benefits for these.

The projected rotating fund of the Legion appealed in especial to the women of the Auxiliary. The rotating fund of the Legion is designed by the Legion to bring instant relief to the families of all ex-service men in need. This fund is to be built up by the ex-service men themselves. Those now in good circumstances are being asked if they will contribute their share of government compensation to the fund. The

money thus secured will be loaned at once without any red tape to veterans in need. The responses made so far to the idea have been most generous.

Other features of the census include the ascertaining of all unadjusted claims for government relief, and the hunting out of every one entitled to hospital treatment or vocational training. It is known there are many who have not made connections with government relief, and the stories of these are especially desired.

At the end of this census it will be known for the first time just what forms of adjusted compensation the veterans prefer. Much has been said on this question, but nothing found out before the census. The adjusted compensation bill provides for various measures of relief, such as farm or home loans, paid-up insurance, vocational training or an adjusted payment in cash. The canvassers are inquiring of every man what his choice will be among these.

BAPTIST REVIVAL CLOSES

The revival that has been in progress for the past two weeks at the Baptist church came to a close Sunday night.

The visible results have not been as great as we hoped for, yet we are highly pleased that so many have taken their stand for Christ. We believe that we will yet see other results that we have not yet been able to realize. There were thirty-one additions to the Baptist church and several expressed their intentions of lining up with the Methodist church.

We wish to express our appreciation for the faithful cooperation of Rev. J. L. Lyons and his church.

The coming of Rev. Basset to our town has been a benefit not just to the Baptist church, but to the entire town. We hope that his work shall be a permanent asset to the cause of Christianity. Let us confidently look to God who has given all of the increase.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER FOR BRIDE TO BE

Miss Glenna Layton, of Thatcher, was the honored guest at a miscellaneous shower given at the home of Mrs. Clarence Naylor in Safford, Thursday afternoon, March 30th, at which Mrs. Naylor, Mrs. Alma Tate and Miss Mildred Duke were hostesses. A most pleasant afternoon was spent by the thirty-three guests who were present and the bride-to-be received many beautiful gifts in the way of household articles for her new home. Miss Layton is a very charming and popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Layton of Thatcher and is well known among the younger people of the valley. She left on the morning train Saturday for Salt Lake City, where she will be married in the temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to Max Webb of Pima.

GIVEN SURPRISE PARTY ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Wednesday evening, March 29th, Bob Morris was greatly surprised when about forty of his friends came to his home to spend the evening with him, the occasion being his birthday. A number of very clever games were indulged in and a short program was given, which consisted of songs by Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson and Delbert Merrill and a reading by Mrs. S. A. Jensen.

During the evening a light lunch of chickens sandwiches, potato salad, pickles, olives, ice cream and angel food cake was served.

After a most pleasant evening the guests departed for their homes, wishing Mr. Morris many happy returns of his birthday.

FAREWELL PARTY FOR MRS. C. F. BRANDT

In order to show their high esteem and appreciation of the work done in the Woman's Club by Mrs. C. F. Brandt, the economics department of which she is chairman, gave her a handkerchief shower Friday afternoon prior to her departure for Phoenix where she will remain for several weeks.

The ladies had assembled at the club rooms and the president of the club, Mrs. D. Scott Schenck, was very glad to bring the honored guest to the party. After some coaxing and upon the pretext of "showing her some articles that had been given to the department," Mrs. Brandt was persuaded to leave her household duties and go with Mrs. Schenck to the club rooms, where the welfare department was supposed to be holding a meeting. Upon arriving there and seeing so many ladies present, she remarked "what a good attendance they were having," and it was only after some insistence upon the part of the members that she was made to believe that the party was really for her.

A guessing contest entitled "Just Clubs" was the first feature of entertainment and at the end of several minutes, the answers to the questions were read and it was found that at least seven had the correct answers. Straws were drawn to decide the winner and Mrs. D. M. Hibner was the successful one and received the first prize, a beautiful bunch of violets. Mrs. Ted Waughtel was the receiver of the consolation prize, which was a toy balloon.

Two instrumental selections, rendered by members of the Cadizza orchestra and a piano solo by Mrs. E. H. Roach concluded the entertainment features.

Mrs. Brandt was then presented with a basket containing many dainty packages which upon being opened revealed pretty handkerchiefs and for which Mrs. Brandt very graciously thanked the donors.

The serving of delicious ice cream and cake ended a very pleasant afternoon.

OIL RAILROAD FROM SOLOMONVILLE TO TANQUER

Shortly after the morning train came in Monday a freight composed of ten cars of oil passed through Safford going to Solomonville where the oil will be used on the roadbed of the Arizona Eastern between that place and Tanque. During the summer the dust over this stretch of road is so disagreeable that the company has decided to oil the track in order to eliminate this unpleasant feature of travel. In order to get the work started immediately, J. A. Gilbert, trainmaster; Wm. Reed, roadmaster, and John Harper, civil engineer, of the Arizona Eastern came in on the morning train yesterday morning and went from here to Solomonville to superintend the work.

DINNER PARTY AT COOPER HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fisher, who left Saturday for Texas, were the guests of honor at a prettily appointed dinner party last Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock given by Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cooper. The other guests were Mr. and Mrs. U. I. Farmer, Mrs. Augusta Cooper and J. R. Cooper.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our most grateful thanks to our friends and neighbors, especially the Relief Society of Layton, for their many kind words of sympathy and kind assistance given to us during the death of our beloved husband and father, J. T. Owens.

Mrs. Hattie Owens and children.

MISS DUNLAP IS TO GIVE RECITAL SATURDAY NIGHT

Don't forget to secure your tickets for the concert given by Miss Gladys Dunlap of Wilcox, Saturday, April 8th, at the high school auditorium. Tickets for sale by the members of the Graham County Music Club Children and high school students 35 cents, adults 50 cents.

Miss Elsie Toles says of Miss Dunlap:

The program is as follows
Voice:
Out Where The West Begins Estelle Phillee
Chant Hindu Bemberg
A Little Bit O'Honey, Carrie Jacobs Bond Miss Dunlap
Piano:
Nocturne Tchaikowsky
A La Bien Aimee Eduard Schutt
Legend Of the Plains, Cadman Miss Dunlap
Voice:
My Mother Bids Me Bind My Hair... Haydn
De Ole Ark's Amoverm'... David Guoin
Greatest Miracle Of All, David Guoin Miss Dunlap
Piano:
Semiramis, Rossini Miss Dunlap and Miss Blew
Voice:
Do Not Go, My Love Richard Hageman
You'd Better Ask Me Gounod Miss Dunlap
Piano:
Hark, Hark, The Lark Schubert-Liszt
Serenade, Schubert-Liszt, Miss Blew
Idealized Indian Themes
By The Waters Of Minnetonka Thurlow Lieurance
The Weaver Thurlow Lieurance
The Moon Drops Low Charles Wakefield Cadman
From the Land Of The Skyblue Water Wakefield Cadman Miss Dunlap
Since Miss Frost recommended you I knew we could expect something very much worth while as your part of the program, but I did not expect as finished a performance as you actually gave us. I have heard endless comment upon the beauty of your voice. I know that I personally was charmed with it and feel that I have been defrauded in not having heard you before. Please let me thank you again. I sincerely hope that I shall have the pleasure of hearing you often in the future.

ACCEPTS POSITION
E. H. Newton, whose home is in New Hampshire, arrived here last week and has accepted a position with the Arizona Title and Abstract Co.

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