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JUDGE CHAMBERS GIVES DECISION TO COMMISSION

Two weeks ago County Attorney E. L. Spriggs brought suit in quo warranto to establish the question of whether or not the board of supervisors shall constitute the highway commission or whether the old county highway commission should continue to exist.

A difference of opinion had arisen, following the passage of an act by the special legislature providing that the board of supervisors should act as ex-officio members of a highway commission where the bond issue for road purposes is under \$200,000, as to which body should have the power by expend the bond issue of \$500,000 voted by this county for good roads and for carrying on the work of construction. The bill also carries a provision that all commissions at the time of the passage of the act should be retained.

The case was tried before Judge W. R. Chambers in the superior court Friday afternoon and the county was represented by County Attorney E. L. Spriggs and the county highway commissioners were represented by Norman Johnson, of Globe and Lee N. Stratton, and Judge Chambers rendered a decision in favor of the commissioners.

Following is the opinion in full given by the judge in this case:

This is an action in the nature of quo warranto, brought by the county attorney of the county of Graham to test the right of each of the defendants to hold office as county highway commissioner and collectively, as such commissioners, to constitute the Graham County Highway Commission.

Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 31 of the Session Laws of 1917, as amended by Chapter 121 of the Session Laws of 1919, provide for the appointment of a highway commission when the bonds of any county in this state are proposed to be issued for the purpose of constructing or improving any public highway or public highways of such county. Substitute House Bill No. 43 of the Fifth Legislature, first special session as amended by House Bill No. 79, purports to repeal Chapter 31, Acts of the Third State Legislature, 1717, and among others, Chapter 121, Acts of the Fourth Legislature, 1919. It appears according to the complaint that the highway commission in Graham County was appointed prior to the 11th day of February, 1922. It also appears that prior to that time, on the 21st day of January, 1922, the commission filed a report. It is stipulated that under the provisions of the Act of 1917, as amended by Chapter 121 of the Session Laws of 1919, bonds were voted for the purpose of highway construction in Graham County on the 11th day of February, 1922. The complaint alleges that the report made by said highway commission on the 21st day of January, 1922, was a final report, and that under and by virtue of the then existing laws, the duties of said commission ceased, and the said commission became dormant from said date until such time as the money derived from sale of the county road bonds should be placed in the treasury of Graham County, Arizona, to the credit of the Graham County Highway Commission Fund, and further that at the time of the passage of the Act of the 10th of April, 1922, the said county highway commission was

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ANNUAL DAY FOR THE OLD FOLKS

The annual party to the old people will be given in Layton Hall, Saturday, May 13th. All men and women who are 60 years of age and over and all widows are cordially invited to attend. Cars will be sent out between ten and eleven o'clock in the morning to take the old people to the hall.

A sumptuous dinner will be served to them at noon, and at 2:30 in the afternoon, a program will be given and will consist of music, recitations and speeches.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to be present in the afternoon and listen to the program and meet the fathers and mothers and older people and renew their acquaintance with them.

The committee in charge of the arrangements requests that if anyone knows of an elder person, whom they might unintentionally overlook, to please tell them of the dinner and the program and also to notify George Foote, or leave word at the store of Young & Ridgway so that a conveyance might be sent for them.

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF SAFFORD HI SCHOOL

The commencement exercises of the Safford high school will be held at eight o'clock Friday evening at Layton Hall. At this time nineteen boys and girls will graduate from this school and receive diplomas. They are: Ethel Burns, Dorothy Chamberlain, Ethna Clifford, Marvin Clifford, Yvonne Dial, Farrell Evans, Viola Foote, Juanita Garcia, Georgia Haskins, Raymond Mason, Opal O'Bryan, Norma Pepper, Mary Price, Zeff Prima, Robert Sales, Thelma Sowell, Wima Weaver, Ruby Welker, and Bennett Yett.

A program will be given and the address to the graduates will be by Dr. A. J. Matthews, of the Tempe Normal school.

The two medals given each year by John F. Weber will be awarded. The gold medal is given for the best scholarship and the silver medal to the one who makes the highest record in the commercial department.

BEN OLNEY RECEIVES STATE PRISON SENTENCE

Ben W. Olney who was arrested and placed in the county jail on April 27th, charged with attempting to rob the Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co., on the morning of that day, was arraigned before Superior Judge W. R. Chambers at 10:00 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. Olney was represented by Attorney Lee N. Stratton, who entered a plea of guilty for his client. Sentence was passed on him at once and he was given a term of not less than 18 months or more than 10 years in the state penitentiary at Florence. The officers expect to leave with their prisoner in a few days.

MRS. HARPER GIVEN MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

Mrs. Earl Harper, nee Elsie Cook a bride of a few days, was the guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower given at the Charlson home in Thatcher, Friday afternoon at four o'clock.

The hostesses were Mosses Flora Charlson and Jessie Nelson and the guests included about twenty-five of the girl friends of the bride.

Games and music formed the entertainment features and light refreshments were served.

The gifts received by Mrs. Harper were very beautiful and will greatly assist in adorning her new home.

PLANS AND COURSE OF STUDY AT GILA NORMAL COLLEGE NEXT YEAR

Plans have been completed for the reopening next year of the Gila Normal College. There have been numerous reports to the effect that the institution would not receive 8th grade graduates in as much as only a three year high school course would be given. It has been definitely agreed, however, that a full four high school course will be given. Any student who has completed the 8th grade, therefore is eligible for admission into the school.

The school is open also to non-members of the church. While regular courses in theology are offered and required from the students who are members of the Latter Day Saint church, there are provisions made whereby non-members of the faith, while invited to attend, will not be required to register for the theology work.

Students who register in the high school department may register for the following courses:

First year: Book of Mormon, English A, Domestic Art, Theory of Music, General Science, Physical Education, Community Civics, Geography, Orchestra, Commercial Arithmetic, Penmanship and Spelling.

Second year: New Testament, English B, Physiology, Spanish, Domestic Art, Domestic Science, Oral Expression, Modern History, Physical Education, Commercial English, Stenography, Typewriting.

Third year: Old Testament, English C, American History and Civics, Algebra, Spanish B, Bookkeeping A, Typewriting B, Chemistry, Chorus.

Fourth year: English Literature, Psychology, Current History, Church History, Church History and Doctrine, Commercial Law, Economics, Bookkeeping B.

It is to be noted that a full four year high school and a full four year commercial course is given.

In addition to the four year high school work, a Junior College will be established. It has definitely been decided for the present, that the Normal College work will not be instituted.

Upon application to the State Board of Education last year, it was agreed that the Normal College work would not be accredited. However, they have given us the right to establish the first year Junior College work. Our college credits are being accepted by the Normal Colleges and State University of the state.

There is a complete separation between the two schools. The Junior College work is entirely distinct in every respect from that of the high school. The students of the Junior College do not participate in any high school activity.

Because of the action of the State Board last January, relative to the prospective Normal College courses here, a resolution from the coaches of the various high schools in the state at Tucson, during University Week was endorsed and sent to the Executive Committee of the Athletic Association in petition that Gila be recognized as a fully accredited high school and, therefore, be given the right to participate in all high school activities with the other high schools of the state. It had been rumored, because of our proposition heretofore of becoming a Normal College, that our school had been discredited. While definite action has not been

taken as yet, the resolution passed and the attitude of the various schools throughout the state practically insures for our school the right to compete with the other high schools in the state in all school activities.

The Junior College work includes the following courses:

English I, Life of Christ, Sociology I, Political Science I, Psychology I, Education I and II, Current History. Registration fee for the coming year is \$15.00 each semester. This includes the regular \$2.50 Student Activity fee.

The faculty for the coming year is as follows:

L. H. Creer, President, History and Social Science; Wesley Taylor, Psychology and Education; E. H. Shumway, Business and Physical Education; Ross Bean, Chemistry and Mathematics; Harry A. Dean, Music; Wilford Reichman, Secretary, Physiology and General Science; Douglas Merrill, Spanish; Jessie Ellsworth, Domestic Art and Science; William H. Coleman, Oral Expression and English; Marba Carmon, English; A. C. West, Business; Mildred Duke, Typewriting and Stenography.

BRIDE-TO-BE HONORED MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

Mrs. Fred Dowdle and her sister, Miss Phyllis French were hostesses at a miscellaneous shower given at the home of Miss French for Miss Dolly Kennedy, whose engagement to their brother, Graham French, has been announced. Miss Kennedy has been the teacher of the seventh grade during the past school year and her marriage to Mr. French will take place after school closes.

A number of interesting games were played which included one in which the initials of the bride-to-be were used in the answers to a number of questions.

Just before the serving of refreshments of ice cream and cake, the bride was escorted to a table on which were piled a number of daintily wrapped packages and requested to open them. When opened a nice collection of linen, tableware and silver was revealed to delight the heart of the bride.

MEETING OF SUPERVISORS AND ROAD COMMISSIONERS

At an adjourned meeting of the board of supervisors held in their office yesterday the appointment of H. D. Du Bois as immigration commissioner was the only business, other than the regular routine affairs, transacted.

A joint meeting of the supervisors and the highway commission was held in the afternoon and the work of the commission up to this time was gone over and plans to begin active work on the highway were made.

TAKES EXAMINATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

The examination for a scholarship in the State University at Tucson was held in the office of Superintendent Heywood, Saturday. William Harless, a graduate of the Gila Normal College at Thatcher was the only applicant to take this examination. The scholarship carries with it an award of \$500 to meet the necessary expenses of the successful applicant while attending the university at Tucson and is a prize worth striving for.

ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN PINALS

Rev. J. L. Lyons, pastor of the Methodist church, returned Friday from Phoenix, by way of Miami. He was accompanied by Mrs. Lyons, who remained with her cousin, Mrs. D. G. Decherd, of Miami, until yesterday.

Rev. Lyons went to Phoenix to attend a meeting of the Assembly Commission of the Methodist church, South, which met in the Central Methodist church in that city, and was held Wednesday, May 3rd. At this meeting it was decided by the commission to institute a permanent association which will meet at the Iron Craig ranch in the Pinal mountains on the Superior highway. The assembly will be held August 8th and will continue for ten days. Three noted speakers, two of whom are missionaries returned from foreign fields will be in attendance at the encampment and Bishop H. D. Du Bois of Arizona, will conduct the Bible study course that will be given during this meeting.

The camp is located in a beautiful pine forest near Devil's canyon, the scenic beauty of which is not surpassed anywhere in Arizona and has an elevation of 4,500 feet which will make it cool and pleasant during the encampment.

It is proposed by the church organization to build a tabernacle on this site and make it a permanent place for holding the encampment each year. The committee met on the grounds Saturday and suitable arrangements will be made for the convenience of those who wish to attend this encampment.

Dr. Cecil M. Aker, former pastor of the church in Safford, has been chosen dean of the faculty and provisions are being made to care for the spiritual, educational and recreation needs of those who attend.

AFTERNOON PARTY AT HOME OF MRS. McNEIL

Mrs. J. A. McNeil entertained a few friends at her home near the water works Wednesday of last week with a very delightful afternoon party. The guests, which included Meedames F. H. John, H. E. Cooper and Mrs. H. D. Du Bois, motored to the McNeil home in Mrs. John's car, and the party to and from there was one of the pleasant features of the afternoon.

An original contest, in which each guest was requested to write as many words as they could containing the letters in the names of those present. Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Du Bois and Mrs. Brier tied for the honors and cut for the winner, and the prize, a hand embroidered handkerchief went to Mrs. Cooper.

A delicious lunch of potato salad tongue and nutbread sandwiches, olives, angel food cake and chocolate wafers was served with punch made of the prickly pear juice and which proved to be a most refreshing and favorite drink.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES GO ON SATURDAY PICNICS

The Wo-wo camp fire girls and the boys of the H. C. L. class of the Methodist Sunday school, chaperoned by Mrs. Weaver Brier, J. A. Parker and H. S. Hall, enjoyed an outing at the Hot Springs Saturday afternoon. Swimming in the big pool and picnic lunch were the sports of the afternoon. Cars for the trip were furnished by Mr. Parker and Mr. Hall.

The two classes of Mrs. Short and Mrs. U. V. Walton, of the same Sunday school spent a Saturday day on the river bank below town. Games, wading in the river and picnic lunch helped to pass a most pleasant day.

NEW PUBLIC CAMP GROUNDS FOR TOURISTS

The chamber of commerce has acquired the quarter block of land located on the corner of First South and First East streets, one block from Olive Hotel, and have fixed it up to be used as a public camping ground for tourists.

The lot is covered in grass and is surrounded by big cotton wood trees which furnish plenty of shade. Electric lights have been installed and water piped to the grounds. Six cement fireplaces, to be used for cooking purposes, have been built and garbage receptacles placed on the grounds, and the premises will be kept clean all the time.

No better place for a camping ground could have been selected by the chamber of commerce and the people of the town are invited to call and inspect the place.

Only tourists of the best class and travelling by auto will be allowed the use of the grounds. Safford has long been in need of a public camping ground for the accommodation of tourists that are passing through our valley daily and the chamber of commerce is to be commended for securing this place and arranging the many conveniences for the use of travellers.

COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE THIS WEEK

With the exception of one or two school across the mountain, all of the public school in the county will close on Friday. It is expected that in each community appropriate commencement exercises and programs will be given. The Pima and Lone Star schools closed last week with appropriate programs. Successful school years and satisfactory programs in education are reported from all districts.

YOUNG PEOPLE OF CHURCHES ENTERTAINED

Mrs. William T. Waddell and Miss Lola Waddell, assisted by the members of the first division of the B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist church, entertained about fifty of the young people of the Baptist and Methodist churches and a few invited guests at the home of Miss Waddell, Friday evening.

Several games and contests were played and prizes awarded, after which refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

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