

# ARIZONA HIWAY OFFICER PLEDGES ROAD FINISH BY 1934 AT FETE

Optimism Prevails at Big  
Celebration Held in  
Arizona Sunday

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A. C. Grant Predicts Great  
Future For This Area  
In Talk

A pledge by Shelton G. Dowell, chairman of the Arizona state highway commission that the Boulder Dam-Kingman highway would be completed next year, and the prediction that recent developments insure the building of a great industrial empire in this area thru use of Boulder dam power by President A. C. Grant of the Las Vegas chamber of commerce, were the outstanding messages presented yesterday at the Willow Beach celebration attending the start of the new highway.

**PRIOR TO** the program Governor Moeur and party, Presidents A. C. Grant of the Las Vegas chamber of commerce and A. R. Tipton of the Boulder City chamber, were conducted over the dam workings by Frank Crowe, general superintendent.

Grant's address follows in full:

"There have been few occasions in the history of the southwest of more significance to my way of thinking, than that we have gathered here today to observe. For years Mohave county and Clark county have been fighting more or less of a lone battle in their own states for construction of Boulder dam and realization of the benefits to come from the availability of hundreds of thousands of horsepower of the cheapest electrical energy in the world. Our interests have been parallel. Our hopes for future development have been tied up in the same great project. Our only bid for ultimate greatness as communities has been made possible thru a realization of this project. We have fought and struggled along similar pathways but more separately than together. We have never brought the full weight of both communities to bear in a cooperative program for mutual development because we have been so widely separated due to difficulties of transportation.

"Today, however, we are celebrating the elimination of that obstacle, and from this time forward we can cooperate as one community toward the development of this great empire of the southwest. And when I say to you a great future lies just ahead for all this hitherto undeveloped area near the Boulder dam project, I say it sincerely, for it was my privilege as one of the representatives of the Las Vegas chamber of commerce to discuss this plan of development with the secretary of the interior in his office at Washington. This gentleman is not only the secretary of the interior, he is the head of all the vast public works program. He is the closest man to the president of the United States in Washington. The president has confidence in him. The secretary is interested in the development of new areas, providing new jobs, encouraging new industries. He believes this

is a proper governmental function and has assured us he will aid in the program to insure the use of this Boulder dam power at its source to develop that inland empire we have all visioned.

“That means much to this area. It means as much to Mohave county as it does to Clark county. It means as much to the state of Arizona as it does to the state of Nevada, and it is quite fitting that with this prospect in view we are today celebrating the start of the highway that is to permanently link Mohave county to Clark county, and the state of Arizona to the state of Nevada.

“It is an auspicious occasion and I am glad to see here today the governor of the state of Arizona and our own lieutenant-governor who appears for our own chief executive whose health would not permit his participating in our ceremony today. This occasion should deeply impress both. It should convince them beyond all doubt that the greatest possibility for future development of both states is provided by this great dam project for which we have fought all these years. Mohave county has been more or less of an orphan in its own state. Clark county for many years occupied a similar position in Nevada. Both have fought a lone battle. The presence here today, however, of our governors and leading citizens from other sections of both states, leads me to believe that day is definitely past, and that we are ready to join hands for our mutual benefit—not only Mohave county and Clark county but Nevada and Arizona. All this is signified in the construction of this highway. It is my sincere hope that it will be an eternal monument to the establishment of a fast friendship between both counties and states, inspiring a future cooperation of the shoulder to shoulder sort that will make possible the fullest realization from this great project, in development of this great southwestern empire of which Boulder dam is the capital.”

Dowell said the Arizona highway commission had allocated \$600,000 of its own funds to the highway which together with federal funds available would provide for completing the entire route which will connect Las Vegas and Boulder City with the heavily travelled Old Trails highway. He said three additional contracts for various portions of the highway were being advertised now and would be awarded within a short time.

**GRANT OUTLINED** the results anticipated from the recent trip of his committee to Washington in connection with Boulder dam power development, and declared the states of Arizona and Nevada should get behind this program with all the force at their command. His address is given in detail below.

A. R. Tipton, president of the Boulder City chamber of commerce stressed the program of the administration calling for decentralization of industry, and applying it to the Boulder dam project and development of this area. He traced Arizona's antagonism to the dam thru to the period of present cooperation, and predicted a vast development in the future.

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR** Morley Griswold of Nevada appeared for Governor Balzar who is still on the sick list and stressed the need for cooperation between the two states.

"Arizona and Nevada are physically separated by a mighty chasm but we assure you there is no chasm in our hearts for the people of Arizona," rGiswold said. "When Boulder dam is finished and this highway fully completed, Arizona and Nevada will for the first time, be physically united, and a  
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# Arizona Highway

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much closer relationship will exist."

Governor R. B. Moeur, of Arizona said in part: "Our state has been pathetically ridden by the depression, as has the whole nation. It becomes necessary for politics and selfishness to be forgotten—there must be a change in our whole attitude toward one another if the program of our president is to be successful."

**HE WENT** on to speak of the value of the Boulder dam to the southwest and the entire nation, and of the value of the new highway to both Arizona and Nevada, pledging the cooperation of his state to all proposed development of the new area near Boulder dam.

W. Stewart Thompson of Kingman acted as master of ceremonies, and in addition to the above speakers introduced: Arthur Black, president of the Mohave county chamber of commerce; Bill Harris, superintendent of the Weymouth construction company, contractors on the new highway project; Nellie Bush Parker, state senator from Yuma county; Carl Barfield, president of the 42nd district of Rotary International; Miss Harriet Oliver, president of Arizona Business and Professional Women's association; Sims Ely, manager of Boulder City; Ray Vyne, Arizona state highway commission; Judge Anson Smith, newspaper publisher; Nye Wilson, secretary Las Vegas chamber of commerce; Frank Crowe, superintendent of construction on the Boulder dam project; and C. P. Squires, former member of the Nevada Colorado river commission.

It was estimated that 1,800 visitors attended the celebration.