

Construction of Museum at Vernal Urged

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The construction of a rock museum building to house local collections of fossils, Indian relics and curios was urged at the regular Lions club luncheon held Wednesday noon at the Commercial hotel, by Dr. J. E. Broadus of the state museum expedition. E. Broadus told the Lions that Vernal was the nucleus of the greatest scenic area in the state of Utah and would some day be a thriving tourist center. He urged the immediate construction of a building in which could be placed exhibits of local collections to create in visiting tourists an interest to further explore the area and enjoy the scenery. He urged the schooling of local people, especially hotel keepers and service station attendants, in a knowledge of local scenery and points of interest; the placing of markers along the routes so that tourists could find their way to the various scenic spots. C. S. Pulver, also of the expedition was a speaker at the luncheon.

Mrs. Hugh W. Colton and Miss Iras White, representing the associated clubs of Vernal presented a plea for the support of the Lions in a drive for funds and books for the local library. They said the drive for a new library building was started in 1931 and up to date \$509 had been raised. They pointed out that the present county levy was inadequate to pay the overhead of the library, let alone buy any new books. A new building was needed in a new location. The club was much in favor of the movement and will work out a plan to aid in the drive for funds under the direction of H. M. Lundell, chairman of the library committee.

Floyd Noel, deputy county game warden, was initiated as a new member of the club. Ladies' night was announced for Wednesday, October 10 in place of the regular luncheon scheduled for this date. Further plans for the entertainment are being worked out by the committee in charge.

Mr. Pulver, the first speaker at the luncheon, told the members of the club that the government and Utah were spending in the neighborhood of \$10,000 for a paleontological and archeological survey of the state. More than \$2,000 of this appropriation was being spent in Uintah county, according to Mr. Pulver.

Dr. Barnum Brown, during his recent visit to Ashley Valley, took more than 350 aerial photos of the scenery adjacent to the Dinosaur Monument, said the speaker, and these photos will be used all over the world in articles descriptive of this area rich in fossilized remains of prehistoric life. The result of this publicity will create world-wide interest in this section.

Mr. Pulver said that the state museum to be constructed on the capital grounds at Salt Lake City would house local and state relics and urged that the surplus relics be sent to the museum when it is ready. He said the Lions club

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should take particular interest in preserving local relics

Dr Broadus said among the three most beautiful spots in the state of Utah the view of Red Canyon of the Green River from a point near Greens Lakes was one of the outstanding. He said this view was comparable with any in the state or nation. He criticized the highway between Vernal and the top of Brush Creek mountain as too narrow for the average tourist to travel in comfort.

He said that there was no location so favored of easy access as was the scenery near Vernal. It was necessary for the government to spend six million dollars to build roads so tourists could get to the southern Utah parks and Grand canyon. Lodges should be built near the scenic spots, said the speaker.

Mr Broadus said he was told by Dr Brown that the Dinosaur monument and vicinity were the most exceptional and beautiful on the entire earth. Tourists should be told about these scenic spots and urged to stay over and see them, he said.

Vernal needs a small museum on main street where specimens of fossils, relics and photos of the beautiful scenery may be viewed by visitors, said Mr Broadus. 'An appreciation of scenery depends on an understanding of it,' he said. Brush Creek, Dry Fork and the

Dinosaur Monument were mentioned as the outstanding attractions of this area and roads to these places should be marked so tourists could find their way to them. Many people pass up the Dinosaur Monument because they do not know how to get to it, exclaimed the speaker. He referred to the Escalante Crossing near Jensen and the Fort Thornburg road as interesting to tourists and the Uintah range with its fishing, hunting and wonderful scenery as the ideal vacationland.