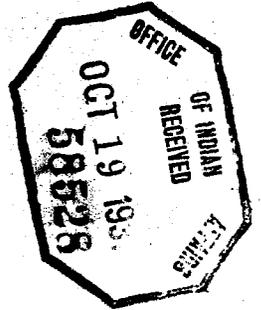


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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

INDIAN FIELD SERVICE

Leupp School & Agency,
Leupp, Arizona
Oct. 14, 1931



Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Enclosed find copies of Winslow Daily Mail for Aug. 17, Sept. 29th, Oct. 2 and Oct. 3rd. relative to some of the things we are endeavoring to put across on this reservation.

There are also enclosed several pictures taken at the Fair held at Leupp on Oct. 1st, which I thought would be of interest to the Office.

The Fair, as a whole, was a huge success and our Indians are greatly interested in making this a yearly event. The Mothers were greatly pleased with the Baby show. The prize-winning squash weighed 53½ lbs. Some of the corn measured 15 inches in length. Some of the sweetest cantaloupes I have ever tasted were shown.

The Indians living in the districts where first prizes were not given feel that next year they will be able to win some first prizes and I am glad to state are taking the whole affair in the right spirit and instead of being discouraged feel that with some extra effort they will be in a position to make a better showing next year and in the following years. This does not only apply to farm products but also their sheep.

Mr. Harvey, recently appointed here as Farm Agent, is due a great deal of praise for the interest he has shown since his appointment about two months ago and much of the success of this Fair is due him, as well as Mr. Thomason, Stockman and Mr. South, Stockman, Miss Bertha Lips, Field Nurse and in fact most of our personnel.

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In addition to the Indians being enthused over what we have accomplished, many of the white people living in the Coconino and Navajo counties were very much surprised and have offered their assistance in helping to carry the thing along. It is believed that if it is not necessary for me to remain in the office doing clerical work part of the time that it would be possible to make a much greater showing on the outside and it is hoped that the Office will authorize an additional clerical position in the near future.

There were also shown at the Fair, twenty eight different kinds of flowers, which were grown on our school grounds. This year we raised thirty two different kinds but only twenty eight were blooming on the 1st of Oct. We also have green lawns around every cottage and have over three miles of hedge growing over the grounds. We feel very proud of this in view of the fact that this school was run for over twenty years and the common belief was that it was impossible to grow any of the above.

Our Indians are more than willing to help themselves and this should be encouraged.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Balmer
J. E. Balmer,
Superintendent

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