CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CLOSES SECOND SUCCESSFUL YEAR WITH ANNUAL BANQUET AND ELECTION

Seven Directors Are Chosen And New Constitution Adopted

SECRETARY REVIEWS ORGANIZATION'S WORK

Body Will Secure Service Flag Honoring Four Members

The Mt. Vernon Chamber of Commerce closed its second year of successful activity with a banquet and meeting of the membership of the organization at headquarters in West High street Tuesday evening and laid plans for further work which are designed to give the organization a broader field and an opportunity for a larger and better work by the adoption of a new constitution and the election of a new board of directors for the ensuing year.

The new constitution is the result of the experience of the organization during two years' work under the old system, which the organization has outgrown. In brief, it provides for the centralization of power so far as the managerial capacity of the organization is concerned in the president, who is responsible to the board of directors who, in turn, are responsible to the members. This system places the secretary directly under the direction of the president of the Chamber of Commerce and eliminates the duplication and conflicting of orders which prevailed under the former constitution under which the secretary was left to the mercies of the board of directors as a whole.

In addition, the new constitution broadens the scope of the organization in that it empowers the Chamber of Commerce to become more actively interested in affairs of county-wide interest, extends the privileges of membership to residents of the county and makes many other departures from the former constitution.

BANQUET HELD FIRST

Prior to the adoption of the constitution and the consideration of other business on the program, a banquet was served, taking place at six o'clock. Following the banquet, President J. S. McCrackin opened the meeting with brief reference to the history of the organization since its inception and its accomplishments along many lines.

"The old-time impression that a Chamber of Commerce or other civic organization should have for its primary object the securing of new industries for a community," said Mr. McCrackin, "has given way before the more enlightened belief that the main endeavor of an organization of this kind is to develop the possibilities of the old industries, co-ordinate the activities of the community so that they operate toward the best interests of the community and develop the civic spirit that makes accomplishments possible.

"The Mt. Vernon Chamber of Commerce has been a success. We believe the organization has brought about a unity of spirit in Mt. Vernon and Knox county the worth of which cannot be measured in dollars and cents. We have not devoted any great effort to the bringing of new industries to Mt. Vernon, although the location of a successful overall factory and the Mt. Vernon Foundry Co. here are directly due to the work of the Chamber of Commerce, but we have cooperated with each other and with the agricultural interests of the county in a way that has already resulted in a great amount of good for all.

WORK WAS SUCCESS

"The tour to the Ohio Experiment station at Wooster on which 200 Knox county farmers were the guests of the Chamber of Commerce proved highly beneficial both to us and to the farmers at large. Our activities in connection with the sheep growers of the county to bring about a larger wool and mutton production has resulted favorably and now Knox county is the greatest sheep growing county in the state.

"We have encouraged corn growing contests and last fall sent a boy and a girl on the Corn Special to Washington. We were instrumental in the organization of E Battery, a field artillery unit composed of Knox county boys of which we are justly proud.

"In addition to this, the Mt. Vernon Chamber of Commerce has aided greatly in all war activities, furnishing the nucleus around which were built the various organizations that aided in putting across the Red Cross campaigns, the Liberty Loan campaigns, the army Y campaigns and is at present assisting in the thrift stamp campaign.

"Mainly through the efforts of the vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, William L. Robinson, we have secured five miles of brick road in the county and above all else, we have unified and developed the civic spirit that is forcing Mt. Vernon along to larger and better things."

Rev M. S. Freeman was then introduced by President McCrackin and spoke briefly upon the subject of "Getting Together," emphasizing the fact that no permanent accomplishment can be attained by means other than coordinated effort.

MUST HAVE VISION

In order to get men to work together and submerge selfish ends in an effort to accomplish the good of the whole, Rev. Freeman said, they must first see a vision, have a definite object in view, and that must be one that contains the finer and larger attainments of life for the group rather than the individual.

"Once men have a vision of what they should do," said Rev. Freeman, "they will plan together, pull together and work together toward that one goal, and success must come."

The speaker referred to the fact that the United States as a nation has been condemned as a nation of "dollar chasers," and then said:

"When the war came and this nation saw the multitude of needs of the human race if it were to be preserved, it did not turn from its dollar chasing, but it saw a vision and every citizen has turned with one accord to chasing the dollars harder than ever before, but this time it is not for personal or private gain, but to get more to turn into the general fund for the good of all and the preservation of all—the entire nation has had a vision and all citizens have cooperated in going over the top in Liberty Loan campaigns, Red Cross campaigns and many other war activities."

Rev. Freeman ended his talk with an appeal that all get a vision of a better city from every standpoint.

SHOULD WORK FOR ALL

Henry G. Beam was then introduced and gave a short talk upon "My Conception of the Purpose of a Chamber of Commerce." Mr. Beam first declared that the Chamber of Commerce should be the vital center of every activity of importance to the entire county as well as for the citizens of Mt. Vernon, that it should strive to be such and that it should be considered and used as such by all.

He briefly reviewed the work of the organization in connection with the holding of a round-up farmers' institute in this city recently and said that, through the medium of the organization and its noon luncheons, it gives citizens a means of considering and threshing out all important questions pertaining to civic and county-wide development.

The main purpose of a Chamber of Commerce, as Mr. Beam expressed it, should be to coordinate the forces of the county for the benefit of the whole county and he declared his belief that the local organization is making rapid strides in that direction.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Leroy G. Mayer then read his annual report of the work of the Chamber of Commerce. Before giving the report, the secretary announced that he had disregarded making reports on many lines of activity and had included in his statement only a few of the outstanding accomplishments of the year.

In referring to the coming work of the organization, Secretary Mayer said: "The demands of our government upon this organization in connection with the war are becoming greater and a number of men will probably be called upon to take some part in the near future. When the call comes—whether it be by personal letter, circular letter or a personal call—be prepared to answer it. I quote from a recent address by Frank Vanderlip in which he said: 'There are times in the world which call men away from their personal and immediate interests. There are periods that compel them to think together of fundamental things. These are days when we cannot give our thoughts exclusively to our business, to our immediate affairs. We are confronted by an insistent need for comprehending fundamentals'."

The secretary's report of work accomplished follows:

Planned and supervised the cleaning of Main street from July to November.

Assisted livestock dealers in securing railroad cars for the shipment of stock.

Secured speaker and directed publicity to promote interest in war gardens.

Secured fund for sending the two winners in the Junior corn-growing contest to Washington.

Furnished speakers for institute and community meetings.

Secured fund and gave a banquet to the members of E Battery.

Furnished headquarters and assisted in the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. war fund campaigns.

Conducted and directed publicity for spring Dress-Up campaign.

Directed publicity for cleanup campaign.

Cooperated with the county Pomona grange for a two-day county round-up institute meeting.

Furnished daily stories of commercial, industrial, agricultural and civic development in local newspapers.

Sponsored and arranged for special car to Camp Sheridan, Ala., which enabled relatives and friends to spend Christmas with the boys of E Battery.

Furnished speakers for the war thrift stamp campaign.

Arranged for a Knox County day at the National Dairy show.

Mailed out 1,500 pamphlets in connection with the farm dairying course at the Ohio State university.

Conferred and cooperated with the city council in connection with the removal of street railway tracks.

Sent representative to Cleveland meeting of the representatives of the Baltimore & Ohio and the state commercial organizations in connection with the farm labor problem.

Cooperated with the county commissioners in securing $50,000 federal aid for six miles of improved road for the Columbus and Wooster roads, known as main market road No. 10.

Cooperated with the county commissioners and the Utica committee in securing the gift of D. P. Campbell for paving five miles of the Mt. Vernon-Utica road. Assisted in securing a fund to purchase the right-of way to eliminate grade crossings on this road.

Assisted the county fuel committee and cooperated with the coal dealers in the county in securing and distributing coal.

Endorsed and assisted the organization of the Knox county Farm bureau, which resulted in securing a county agricultural agent.

During the year the committee investigated a number of industrial propositions. Hundreds of letters were sent out calling attention to Mt. Vernon's industrial advantages.

Cooperated with the government and arranged for the feeding of 400 selected men from northern Ohio on their way to Camp Sherman.

Cooperated and assisted the county food committee and the state food administrator in furnishing publicity and information.

DIRECTORS ELECTED

The nominating committee, composed of Dr. George D. Arndt, E. O. Arnold and R. C. Ringwalt, had previously reported the names of twelve men for the board of directors and two nominations were received from the floor. These nominations were: From the committee—H. G. Beam, N. L. Daney, A. A. Dowds, Rev. M. S. Freeman, George Jones, F. W. Kahrl, Guy Lauderbaugh, W. E. McCormick, J. S. McCrackin, W. L. Robinson, W. L. Ward and P. C. Zemer. From the floor—R. C. Ringwalt and E. O. Arnold.

From this list, the following seven were elected to the board of directors: H. G. Beam, N. L. Daney, A. A. Dowds, M. S. Freeman, J. S. McCrackin, W. L. Robinson and R. C. Ringwalt.

Under the new constitution, the board of directors will organize by electing officers, who will also serve as the officers of the Chamber of Commerce.

While the tellers were counting the votes, Secretary Mayer called attention to the fact that four members of the Chamber of Commerce are in the military service and also that three members of the organization have died within the last year.

The members lost to the organization through death are Charles E. Ayers, Walter Vandergrift and Charles Iiger.

TO GET SERVICE FLAG

Upon motion of S. G. Dowds, a service flag will be procured by the organization containing stars representing Dr. J. M. Pamphrey, Dr. T. B. Hinkle, Lieut. Julius W. Headington and Leonard Kelley. W. A. Ackerman also presented a motion that the dues of these members be remitted during the time they remain in service. This motion also carried.

N. L. Dany of the auditing committee gave the following report:

Money on hand at beginning of fiscal year	$ 90.98
Total receipts during year	3679.50
Total receipts	$3770.50
Total expenditures	3740.79
Balance on hand	$ 29.69

The auditing committee commended Secretary Mayer for the orderly and business-like method in which his books have been kept.

Mr. Whitney, who was manager of the local chautauqua presented here last year by the Redpath Chautauqua bureau, was a guest at the meeting and spoke briefly upon the work of the chautauqua bureaus during the coming season when, he declared, the circuits are planning to work in the closest co-operation with the government in bringing before the public the exact war situation, the government's aims and its accomplishments.

FARMERS READY FOR CORN DAY

Will Test Seed Throughout The County Wednesday

CO. AGENT OFFERS AID

Wright And Blackburn Tell Results Of Previous Experiments

"Everything is set for the observance of Corn Testing day throughout the county," said County Agent Anderson Tuesday morning in speaking of the "beat the kaiser day" which was set for Wednesday, March 6.

The farm bureau and the county agent have received information that the greater part of the farmers in the county who have not previously tested their corn expect to do so Wednesday.

In connection with this special testing day, County Agent Anderson announced Tuesday that those men who cannot test their seed themselves may have it thoroughly tested and the results returned if they will simply select three grains from each of 100 ears and submit them to him with their name and address.

C. L. Wright of Milford township visited the county agent's office Tuesday to discuss the possibility of securing seed corn. Mr. Wright said that the seed he had selected last fall proved of very poor quality when tested.

Ross Blackburn of Morgan township has reported having tested 429 grains from 143 ears of corn just before cutting time last fall with a 100 percent fertility shown. Mr. Blackburn, however, did not say what care the corn received from that time on and the county agent said Tuesday that if this seed had been kept from freezing since the test it would undoubtedly be excellent for planting, but that it would be an exercise of good judgment to test it again before putting it in the ground.

RELEASE BOYS FOR FARM WORK

High School Pupils May Leave Books Early

NO SPRING VACATION

Board To Investigate Salaries Of Teachers; Coup Chosen A Member

High school boys desiring to leave school early this year to go to work on farms will be excused for that purpose, according to a resolution adopted by the board of education at its meeting Monday night. The board placed one condition upon this action—that the student must have satisfactory grades for the year until the time he is excused.

The board also voted to dispense with the spring vacation this year owing to time lost in the schools during the term. A committee of the whole was decided upon to investigate the salaries paid teachers in the local schools with a view to determining whether it will be possible to grant an increase in salary to the teachers.

This action was taken following a report of Supt. P. C. Zemer to the effect that the schools have lost many of their best teachers owing to the low salaries offered.

The fifth member of the board was elected at the meeting Monday, William M. Coup being chosen.

PALMYRA

PALMYRA, March 5—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bechtel expect to move to their new home near Fredericktown this week.

Miss Ruth Hamilton has been for the past week helping her sister, Mrs. Dora Leedy, who is moving near Waterford.

A daughter was born last Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Swank.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kirsh of Mt. Vernon were week-end visitors at the home of the Misses Farquhar.

Mrs. Charles Lotz returned Sunday from a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Yarman, near Chesterville.

George Shultz is suffering severely from an attack of lumbago.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Beeney returned Friday from Florida where they spent the winter. They have bought the William Zolman property in Fredericktown and expect to move there in the near future.

School has been closed during the past week. The teacher, Miss Ethel Debolt, is ill with measles and a number of the pupils also have measles.

Mrs. Blanch Carter of Fredericktown spent Saturday and Sunday in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Shroder.

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Saturday, the 23rd day of March, 1918,

between the hours of 1 p. m. and 3 p. m. of said day, the following described lands and tenements, towit:

Being in County of Knox and State of Ohio, and being the west part of the S. E. Quarter of Section 18, and the East part of the S. W. Quarter of Section 18 in Township Five, and Range 14, and described as follows: Beginning at a stone set for the S. W. corner of the S. E. Quarter of Section 18; thence W. 8.20 rods to a stone in the Martinsburg and Zanesville Road; thence N. 57 degrees W. 4.68 rods to a point in the center of said road; thence in the center of said road N. 30 degrees West 8.29 rods to a point in said road; thence N. 156.46 rods to the north line of the S. W. Quarter of Section 18; Thence on said line East 19.80 rods to a stone set at the N. E. corner of said Quarter; thence East on the North line of the S. E. Quarter of Section 18, 71.38 rods to a stone; thence S. 71.42 rods to a stone; thence East 12.94 rods to a stone; thence S. 8.61 rods to a stone; thence W. 86.98 rods to a stone, the place of beginning, containing 19.78 acres, in the S. W. Qr. of Section 18 and 81.78 acres in the S. E. Qr. of Section 18, being 101.56 acres in both parcels according to a plat and survey of said premises, made by John McCrory, Surveyor, Aug. 16th, 1897.

Appraised at $3,600.00.

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