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HAYTI BUSINESS MEN ORGANIZE C. C.

Much Enthusiasm Displayed at Initial Meeting—Water Works Will Be Pushed—Cotton Mill a Possibility.

On a call issued Wednesday morning of this week some twenty-five or thirty business men and others assembled in the Odd Fellows Hall in this city and after duly discussing matters a live-wire Chamber of Commerce for Hayti was organized.

Dr. L. H. Brannon, who, at the instance of several others, issued the call for the meeting, informed those who had responded of the purpose of the gathering and his remarks were direct and to the point. Among other things he stated that no town was better than its business men, its officials or its citizens. That if we had ever needed a commercial club or chamber of commerce it was at this time. That Hayti could never be a town of any size by waiting for enterprises to come to us, and if we were ever to amount to any thing as a center of activity, it would be as a result of our own efforts.

H. J. Reinhard of the McMullen-Reinhard Lumber Co., stated that no manufacturing concerns would be attracted to Hayti until we could offer them adequate water supply. That when he was seeking a location before coming to Hayti, he was offered sites at Blytheville and Portageville, but that Hayti offered such excellent transportation facilities his company decided to take the risks of no fire protection and came to Hayti for the reason of transportation, as Hayti had, beyond doubt, the finest location for manufacturing enterprises of any place in the south, with the exception of large cities.

I. Kohn also spoke along this line, recalling to mind the fact that Hayti could have landed a shoe factory last year if we had been able to offer adequate water accommodation. In this connection it might be well to state that bonds to the amount of \$15,000.00 have been voted and sold and just as soon as money matters have eased up a bit additional bonds could be issued and sold thus bringing the total up to an amount whereby Hayti could have a very satisfactory water works plant. Plans have already been provided and estimates furnished for water works and by early fall we will have as good a water works system in Hayti as any town in this section of the state.

With water works in this city insurance rates will be far less and a Building and Loan Association can be organized thus giving the laboring man and the man of small means splendid opportunities for becoming home owners—a requisite for a up-to-date and growing town.

P. S. Ravenstein spoke of the commercial clubs that had been organized in the past, and said that he was sure that with the enthusiasm and confidence displayed at this meeting that we had at last come to the realization of the fact that to accomplish anything we must band ourselves together and work for the common good of the town and community.

Mr. Ravenstein also said that the commercial club would also be a great help to the city council as the members of the council were desirous of working for the best interests of the people as a whole and the commercial club could keep them informed of these wishes.

Temporary officers were then appointed, I. Kohn acting as president, and J. H. Roney as secretary.

A motion was made and seconded after some talk, that the entrance fee for business and professional men would be \$10.00 with monthly dues of \$2.00; Small business concerns to pay an entrance fee of \$5.00 with a monthly due of \$1.00, and salaried men a fee of \$1.00 and 50 cents per month.

Motion made and passed that permanent officers be elected. Those elected were: Dr. L. H. Brannon, president; P. S. Ravenstein, vice-president; B. L. Guffy, secretary, and I. Kohn, treasurer.

It was decided to hold the meetings on Monday night of each week for the time being, then have the regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights of each month. The meetings to open at 7:30 o'clock during the winter months, and at 8:00

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

"It pays around here to be on time and to do the right thing."

The attendance for the month of January was decreased on account of smallpox. This month shows an increase, several pupils have returned already.

Since this is the beginning of the second semester, sociology and physiology, two new subjects have been added to the course of study. Sociology has never been offered in this school before, it is an excellent subject. Good citizenship is the aim of this course and the pupils will have a more intelligent understanding of civil and social problems at the close of the term.

Practical experiments are being made in agriculture pertaining to poultry.

Hon. B. L. Guffy addressed the students of the High School on Friday morning, January twenty-eighth. His address was especially interesting to pupils interested in physiological and sociological subjects. He dealt mostly with the social problems of the community showing how pupils may become better citizens. If the pupils could hear addresses like this more often from the citizens of our town, they would be fitted to make better citizens.

A Lincoln program will be given by the Junior Class Friday, February the eleventh. Visitors are welcome. Miss Edith Davis is substituting for Mrs. Condit, who is confined to her home on account of illness.

BETTER THAN MANY

The young man with a steady job on a farm is not as handicapped in opportunities as he might imagine.

He has a steady income, his board and lodging are furnished free of charge, he is not required to buy expensive clothing for appearances, and the great majority of what he earns can be put away in the bank.

If he had rushed off to a big city, as many others did, he would today probably be out of a job, would be paying extortionate prices for his food and lodging, and would see his earnings dribbling away every hour of the day—everything going out and nothing coming in.

These are the conditions that prevail in this country today.

What do you think of them, young man on the farm?

Big frogs in a little pond enjoy life, while little minnows in big waters are eaten by other fish.

Which would you rather be?

6 o'clock during the summer months. Following is a list of the charter members of the organization:

McMullen-Reinhard Lumber Co.
Brashers' Soda Shop.
The Quality Store.
East Arkansas Lumber Co.
Gather & Stubbs.
Buckley's Store.
Wolf Store.
Powell Transfer.
P. S. Ravenstein.
F. M. Gwin.
Arthur Allen.
Kohn Hardware Co.
W. E. Robertson.
J. H. Roney.
Laffer's Drug Store.
C. P. Wells.
E. E. Colbert.
Dr. L. H. Brannon.
Trainor & Harper.
Joe Kohn.
Blair Buckley.
Dr. J. W. Johnson.
W. T. Nethery.
Hayti Herald.

A banquet will be given in a very short time at which time the ladies of the town will be invited and it is proposed to organize a Woman's Civic League to work in conjunction with the Commercial Club.

Every business, professional and laboring man and farmer in this city and community has a cordial invitation to cast his lot with this organization and get into harness for the betterment of the whole community. Names of future members will be published and our readers will be able to see who are the ones who are boosting for their town and for their interests. We have never had brighter prospects for Hayti and we have started in the right direction to make Hayti a most desirable place for those who already live here and for those who we have a right to expect will come to us.

PASCOLA SCHOOL NOTES

Felix N. LeSueur, Principal.

The average daily attendance is increasing such that now there is an average of ninety-two. There are some pupils who live quite a distance from school. The bad weather makes the roads bad and then coming to school from two miles in the country is very inconvenient. Inconvenient it is for the girls but the boys, knowing the use of boots, come right along regardless of the obstructing mud and water. A boy could no better prove his ambition and wants to secure an education than by wading some of the sticky mud of this part of Pemiscot county. Those are the kind of boys who will be wading the sticky mud of a greater life in their more mature years. Not the material mud but the mud of gossip, maltreatment and falsity which come to those who are doing things worth noticing.

The school gave a box supper last week and the number present hardly excelled the number of boxes but they spent the money just the same and the proceeds were twenty dollars and eighty-five cents.

With this money we hope to place some new necessities in the library and class rooms. Each little bit added to what we have makes a little bit more so the time will find the Pascola school more advanced each year until it will be attracting attention.

The classes are doing splendid work. We feel proud of our classes and would have no fear of matching them with any class of the same grade in the county. We are particularly proud of our eighth grade who, we feel sure, will make a distinguished mark in high school next year. They seem to realize the fact that perseverance and patience is needed this year and they are making splendid progress. We have an average attendance of sixteen in the eighth grade and an enrollment of twenty. There is every reason to believe that sixteen of them will graduate, the lowest average of their grade being "S," or a percentage grade of 90.

We have been having some interesting class debates in Civic and Grammar. The pupils enjoy this work, especially those who act as judges. Agricultural field trips are another interesting feature of school life here.

Once a month the entire school meets in one room, which is large enough to accommodate us, and have an hour of entertainment such as cyphering, spelling contests, declamations, and talks. This revives school spirit which will soon die if the school works in the same channel continuously. Constant unchanged school activities wear away the spirit of the pupils and they have less desire to attend. Better, by far, to have pupils attend of their own accord than to compel them.

Playground activities were never better than they are this year. There is very seldom any difficulty among any of the pupils. The best harmony is preserved in all playground actions. As the school yard is spacious and there being plenty of room for improvement by plantings we expect to have it much improved by this time another year which will add to the attractiveness of our site.

Some new pupils come to our school in the beginning of January and we are expecting others soon who will be in the upper grades.

There have been few tardies this month and now the pupils seem to more fully understand the benefit of punctuality. Being on time is essential to every man or woman either in business or social affairs. No one likes to have an engagement with another and then have to wait half an hour over the appointed time for the other person to arrive. Punctuality is the first step in dependability both of which should be cultivated by every one. Being too early is bad, also. When one is too early they may impose on the other person's time so punctuality means being ON TIME. But it is very fortunate that man does not suffer greatly of the variance from this virtue for if he were to tardiness would be a crime.

Miss Hutters, who has been in Cape Girardeau for the past week on account of the death of her mother, passed thru Hayti Sunday to resume her duties at Caruthersville, where she teaches school.

NEGRO CHAINED TO LOG AND BURNED ALIVE

A mob said to contain seven men met the Illinois Central train at Sardinia, Miss., 50 miles south of Memphis, about 4 o'clock Wednesday morning, January 26, and took from the train John Henry Lowry, negro murderer who was being conveyed to this county from El Paso, Texas, by deputy sheriff's of this county.

The prisoner was rushed into an automobile in waiting and hurled across the country more than a hundred miles over bad roads to Nodena, near Wilson, in the extreme south portion of the county, to the scene of the murder, where he was chained to a log and slowly burned to death, the act occurring about 5:30 that afternoon.

Details of the tragedy are meager. Nobody cares to relate the gruesome story and only meager details are told.

It is said the mob proceeded deliberately over the route, most autos accompanying diverging in different roads to that which was followed by three cars, one of which contained the prisoner. The river was crossed at Richardson's landing, near Nodena and quick work was made of the victim. He was required to lay down on a well-seasoned log, where he was securely fastened with chains, and the torch was applied at his feet. Slowly the flames eat their way to his breast, brush having been piled high on the victim. It is said the negro did not utter a sound of complaint or pain, refusing to answer questions which were propounded as to others who were thought to be implicated with him in the double murder, until his breast was reached by the flames, when he answered to names mentioned in the crime, in a feeble "yes."

He admitted the killing of the two persons and added that he was full of whiskey when he did it.

It was 40 minutes before the last death agony relaxed, and the negro's charred body lay still in death.

Repeatedly he had to be turned over and more oil poured on the flames to hasten the burning. It is believed 40 minutes elapsed before he was quite dead.

It is reported that several hundred people had gathered at the scene of the crime to witness the tragedy when the victim arrived, and that most of the spectators remained until the victim's body was a charred mass and life was extinct. His head and face were not consumed, as it is said, when the flames died down soon before death relieved his sufferings.

The murder, it will be remembered was at noon Christmas Day, as the family of O. T. Craig were at dinner.

The negro fiend rushed in the house in a quarrel with a negro. Upon being reprimanded by Mr. Craig and ordered from the house, he whipped out a revolver and shot to death Mr. Craig and his daughter, Mrs. Williamson one of whom has not entirely recovered. The negro, with the aid of other negroes, who belonged to his secret lodge, made his escape, being arrested at El Paso, Texas, last week. One of the accomplices of Lowry was arrested and placed in jail in this city, while another was placed in the arion jail.

It was thought the negro in the Blytheville jail would be taken there from after the Nodena burning, and near the midnight hour the streets in the vicinity of the jail were lined with blacks who seemed to have thought their lodge friends were to make an effort to liberate the accused. The negroes said they were not adverse to the white men lynching him, but they did not propose their own color should interfere.

Sheriff Blackwood went to Memphis with deputies the evening preceding the supposed arrival in that city of the deputies from Texas, with the murderer, to assist them in bringing the murderer to the jail in Blytheville. When he learned the negro had been taken off the train in Mississippi, it was his last thought that they would bring him to this county to execute him, hence he was yet in Memphis when the report came that the burning had taken place at Nodena. The sheriff maintains that no officer of the law could have thwarted the plans of this mob had they been on the ground, as were his two deputies when the negro was taken.

The sheriff arrived home in time to take ample precautions, in conjunction with Judge Dudley to throw

RED CROSS PRESENT IN TIME OF NEED

Fifty-seven major disasters occurred in the United States during 1920, taking a toll of 425 lives, injuries to 2,700 persons, and damage to property estimated at \$11,250,000 according to an official report compiled and issued by the American Red Cross at Washington. Each of these disasters required relief by the Red Cross disaster units, entailing an expenditure of \$780,000, of which chapters disbursed from their funds \$80,000. The national headquarters appropriated \$208,000; while \$483,600 was obtained from special appeals. In addition to these sums approximately half a million dollars was expended under Red Cross supervision, the report shows, for relief of victims at the Corpus Christi flood in 1919.

Of the fifty-seven disasters in which the Red Cross figured, 22 were fires; three explosions, six floods, 11 tornadoes; two storms and cloud-bursts; five shipwrecks; two typhoid epidemics; three wrecks, one general relief problem; one grass-hopper plague in North Dakota; and the continuation of relief for drought victims in Montana and 2 Dakotas.

An outstanding feature of the report of the Bureau of Disaster Relief for 1920 was the unusual number of tornadoes, most of these occurring in March, April and May. Fifteen states and nearly 100 communities were affected, located largely in the central, south central and south-eastern states.

Aid was extended to 159 communities visited by disaster during the year. About 3,750 families, involving 19,000 persons were affected. Besides emergency relief extended to this number more permanent aid toward rehabilitation proved necessary in 1,460 families.

Nurses were assigned locally by the Red Cross to meet emergencies in 178 instances and 20 emergency hospitals were established, the report says. A total of 103 chapters expended funds for relief purposes, while 118 chapters had to meet disaster emergencies and carry on active relief work. Besides this, 48 chapters rendered some form of relief work outside their own territories. More than 400 disaster workers were used in this work.

Besides administering aid in domestic disasters the American Red Cross succored thousands of sufferers during 1920 in earthquakes in Italy, and Mexico; extended aid to famine sufferers in China, and participated in relief activities incident to an epidemic in Haiti.

HALE SELLS HOME BUYS MISSOURI FARM

J. W. Bader this week purchased of E. A. Hale his residence property on Kentucky avenue, the purchase price being \$10,000. He also purchased the third interest in what is known as the Hale building, on North Second street, the consideration being \$12,000.

In the purchase Mr. Hale takes off Mr. Bader his 160 acre farm five miles west of Steele, Mo., the consideration being \$200 per acre.

Mr. Hale and family expect to move to the farm and build a home and reside thereon, as soon as the house problem can be arranged.—Blytheville Courier.

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a good strong guard around the jail here, composed of forty good men, fearing an attempt might be made to take the prisoner out of the jail and lynch him.

Another fiendish crime has been avenged in Mississippi county by a mob on the tooth-for-a-tooth theory, and another blot is added to our commonwealth in mob violence, a direct result of a governor who has liberated the worst murderers this county ever had without an apparent pretext save the fact that somebody wanted him liberated. We refer to the acts of more than a thousand pardons issued by the late "lamented" Gov. Brough. Had he let the law take its course in leaving in prison criminals placed there by the courts, this mob might have been satisfied to trust another governor, and this stain would not have blotted our records.—Blytheville Courier.

CONTRACT LET FOR HAYTI SPECIAL ROAD

Caruthersville Contractors Awarded Contract for Road—Will Cost 71,000—Bridges Not Included

Last Friday the contract for the Hayti North and South road was let to J. M. McElvain and C. R. Pierce of Caruthersville, Assistant State Highway Engineer Murray letting the contract. These gentlemen made a bid of \$71,000 for the road alone, or \$91,000 for the road and three bridges combined, but the bridge contract was given to the Vincennes Bridge Company which was considerably lower than the Caruthersville bid. This road it will be remembered enters Hayti from the north and goes directly south where it intersects with the Caruthersville-Braggadocto road.

The following is taken from the Tuesday issue of the Twice-A-Week Democrat: There has been quite a spirited contest first and last in the matter of locating the north and south highway through this county and the route finally chosen, largely through the influence, it is said, of C. O. Raine, member of the State Highway Board, whose home is a few miles north of Hayti. . . . Many of our citizens preferred to see the route laid over the present established road out of Hayti, by way of Carleton and south to intersect the Braggadocto road at a point designated as Van New on the road maps (a short distance west of Marvin Chapel.) A very good road has been in use for years over this route, several miles of which already is hardsurfaced, and the extra mileage cost would have been easily offset, it is claimed, by the less amount necessary to spend on this already established highway.

We are informed that Mr. Raine's activities in behalf of this road was only that of one who looked after the best interests of his own township, and as Hayti township must bear the cost of this road, without assistance from Caruthersville, we are at a loss for a good reason as to the wherefore of said "spirited contest." As long as Hayti is to bear the cost of this road she certainly should be the one to say where it should be put regardless of the over-zealous activities of our neighboring city who no doubt, would gladly assume the role of official guardian of our interests. We would respectfully suggest that they look through their old scrap books and renew acquaintance with that old hymn: "If it doesn't concern you, please let it alone."

CONCORD ITEMS

We are having some very favorable weather at present.

Only a few were present at Sunday School Sunday, unfavorable weather preventing.

Miss Clara Mumford who has been visiting friends in St. Louis, returned home recently.

Mrs. George Moore is on the sick list this week.

Claude Baird left Friday night for St. Louis on business.

Eugene Darnell of Hathaway, Tenn., spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. G. R. Henderson.

L. L. LaRue lost a fine horse last week.

Quite a few were at prayer meeting Friday night—would be glad to see more come.

George Webb and daughter, Miss Emma Mlaady, are in Memphis this week.

There are quite a few dances being given in this neighborhood lately. If people were as interested in serving God this neighborhood would be greatly improved.

HONEY BUNCH.

Rezell Remedies—Guaranteed—Lefers.