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## STRAWBERRY CLUB MEETING SATURDAY

### "Strawberries and Cream"

The writer knows very little about growing strawberries, and still less about producing cream. But he does know that combination appeals very deliciously to the palate, and even the sound of these two words coupled together rings up the curtain and throws upon the screen of imagination wonderful pictures and possibilities.

We are told this soil will produce fine strawberries abundantly. We are told we have the climate, land, water, prettiest "milk maids" and everything needed for the best dairy farming in the world. We are told the best car load of chickens that ever cackled was shipped from this section. In short, we are told that Obion County is the "Garden of Eden."

I say, we are told. We don't know (and haven't been told yet) but perhaps that's the reason so many men seem to think they are old Adam and just wait for Eve to pass the apples. And some of the others grow so much they must think they are the "big rooster" responsible for so many fine chickens.

But listen, old boy! You remember old Adam was turned out and made to go to work, and sometimes, even, the big red rooster had to help scratch for the brood. Now if there ever was a time in the history of Obion County for the old "Adams" to go to work, and the old, young, big and little roosters needed to "scratch," it's now, in the good year of 1921.

We do believe with all our might, if Obion County is not the "Garden of Eden," it certainly is the "Land of Promise," and like Joshua of old, let's be led up on the mountain top and view the land flowing in "Strawberries and Cream" and a few eggs—minus the nogs—for the faithful old roosters.

Let's get out of the wilderness! The wilderness of boggy roads, the wilderness of one-season crops, the wilderness of no market for produce, and worst of all, the wilderness of "small-town" politics.

Why, don't you know, we could build that sign board at Gibbs as high as Haman's gallows, and write in letters of fire, "See Union City First," and unless we also build Union City likewise, those big I. C. trains will continue to go by that flag station so darn fast, our sign will look like a comet's tail, and the fellows that will see Union City "first" will be the same guys that have been seeing it first, last and all the time.

And don't you know, should we, with the help of Providence, finally build that concrete road to assist the fellow to see Union City, that unless we produce something to HAUL over it, it will only serve to wear out his horses' shoes and our Ford tires, and we won't be able to buy more on credit.

But "Get thee behind me, Satan," and let us look at our "promised land, Obion County, the biggest agricultural factory in Tennessee, capable of producing the finest products under heaven, those that come from the soil, and in abundance, not only the big crops, but the by-products, poultry, eggs, butter, cheese, honey, wax, all kinds of vegetables, fruits, BERRIES, and a thousand others that can be grown, lots in places now waste, and by labor now idle, and produce a continual golden stream from Christmas to Christmas, thru our banks and our shops, and serve the "strawberry" of pleasure with the rich "cream" of living in our homes.

Will you join the Strawberry Club Saturday afternoon and help us make Union City a strawberry market? Come to the Courthouse Saturday afternoon at 2:30. A LION.

## FIRE CAUSES A \$40,000 LOSS AT TIPTONVILLE

Tiptonville, Tenn., Feb. 26.—A fire of unknown origin that was discovered at 8:45 o'clock this morning in the office of Dr. E. G. Kelly, local physician, and raged for more than two hours in the business section of Tiptonville, resulted in a total property damage of about \$40,000, and the painful injury of C. C. Craig, prominent citizen of this place.

Those suffering losses from the fire were: Homan & Gobra, \$30,000, partly covered by insurance; Dr. E. G. Kelly, \$2,000; Jim Maiseh's grocery store, \$2,000, from water; M. C. Tipton's grocery store, \$250, from water; Joe Campbell's office, \$750, with no insurance.

Mr. Craig was injured when he fell from the second story of the Homan & Gobra Store onto an iron post. His injuries are not considered fatal.

All of the buildings destroyed by the fire belonged to George R. Hobson, of this city and are covered by insurance.

### Children's Playground

The Park Improvement Commission is busy receiving bids and estimates on the improvements necessary to make a playground out of our Park. The commission feels that a children's playground in the park will not only provide badly needed recreation for the children, but give the transient public a better idea of what a good town we really have.

## ASKING FOR BRANCH PLANT.

The Childs Specialty House May Enlarge the Business.

President Foust and Secretary Rooks, of the Humboldt Business Men's Club, spent Monday in Union City looking after some business matters and visiting the manufacturing enterprises of the town.

They visited the Childs Specialty House and inspected the large plant in operation. A branch plant of this rapidly growing concern is what Humboldt sent two of her live-wires here to procure. The visit here was pleasant and probably profitable. Mrs. Scates and the Messrs. Beck predict the necessity of another plant and assured the Humboldt citizens the town they represent offers by far the best field of any town in this entire section for a permanent location.

They say the unprecedented and unexpected demand for Childs Specialty products just now has overtaxed the capacity of the local plant and they have about completed arrangements to take care of the present emergency by establishing a temporary 25-machine sewing plant at Martin. This will likely be done within the next few days.

Orders from the North and East are pouring in and the 175 people employed here are unable to furnish sufficient finished products.

Mrs. Scates returned Sunday from a six-weeks stay in New York.

Business at the Childs Specialty is good.

## WILLIAM MYERS STOPS SECOND BANK ROBBERY

Bank Raid Frustrated 19 Years Ago at Troy, Tenn.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Feb. 26.—When William J. Myers fatally shot Henry Starr, famous bandit, at Harrison, Ark., last week thereby preventing the robbery of the people's Bank at that place it was not his first experience in breaking up the plans of bank robbers.

Nineteen years ago Mr. Myers took part in an early morning fight with five robbers who had blown open the vault of the bank at Troy, Tenn., when one of the robbers was wounded as they were driven off without any loss to the bank except one cent.

Mr. Myers is a brother of J. P. Myers, prominent farmer of this county, who in the shooting at Troy, Tenn., hit one of the bandits with a charge of squirrel shot and caused him to drop a sack of money he was carrying. William J. Myers was also in the melee and shooting as fast as he could in the darkness at the skurrying robbers, who returned the fire vigorously.

The Myers brothers were born near Fredonia, in Caldwell County, Kentucky, and they lived there until about twenty-nine years ago when they moved to Troy, Tenn., and engaged in the milling business for a period of twelve years. They then sold their mill and William Myers went to Harrison, Ark., to make his home and J. P. Myers came to Christian County and bought a fine farm seven miles from town on the Fairview pike. William Myers is four years older than his brother.

## THE AMERICAN LEGION.

The Milton Talley Post, American Legion, of Union City has procured a real home, and has a membership that would do honor to any organization.

This post has had very little help from any outside source, and have been doing some valuable work for the ex-service men.

The latest venture for Union City Legionaires is starting in the show business. Thursday, March 10, the ex-soldiers of this town will put on a show at the Reynolds Theatre. The first show is a picture, "Back to God's Country," taken from "Wapi, the Walrus," by James Oliver Curwood, which features an all star cast, and will give every one who sees it his money's worth—and then some.

If you want to know more about the American Legion, read the accounts of what they are doing in the Union City papers, or if you will call on some official member of this post they will take pleasure in explaining just what they are doing. They especially invite the ex-service men to call.

## New Taxing District.

The friends of Troy Special High School won in the referendum last Saturday to establish a new taxing district in Number Six. The vote was 283 to 79. This was merely an agreement to memorialize the Legislature for an act establishing said school district. It is remembered that the former taxing district was abolished. This included the entire civil district. The new district includes a much smaller area, with the provision that those outside of the district can take advantage of the school by paying a tuition fee.

It settles practically a question that has given the people of Troy and vicinity a great deal of trouble, and is probably more equitable than the former arrangement.

The friends of the school are to be congratulated. The petitions were both for and against the taxing district and they were kept by Revs. Sellars, Pressly and Jones.

## REORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD IN TENNESSEE

It is desired to invite the attention of the city of Union City to a few salient facts in connection with the reorganization and further organization of the National Guard of this State.

First, the recent Army reorganization act passed by the United States Congress has given the National Guard of States a definite, specific and most important place in the National Guard of our country. The records of the World War show that from 75,000 to 95,000 men of this State were brought into the service of the United States for military duty during the recent war. The part that Tennesseans took in the World War and especially in battle are a matter of history and undoubted pride to the whole country and particularly to the State. These 75,000 to 95,000 men who have the military training and many of them battle experience are scattered throughout the State, having been demobilized, and doubtless many of them are citizens of your city and its immediate vicinity. These men have already formed associations and ties through their military service which, with some encouragement by you, may result in their being formed into National Guard units that would enable them to continue their association and keep alive the ties formed during their war.

It is your patriotic duty to help the State and the United States in organizing and preserving by local aid and interest any military organization so formed. Not only are men declared who have had military training but other representative young men of your locality as well.

If we could secure the unlimited assistance of the city and form organizations of representative people whose armory could be made a club house and a place of social entertainment and enjoyment, then we would progress in the right direction and be building up such a unit as you could take pride in locally.

Secondly, let us consider the benefit for the city. It is well known that annually the Federal Government appropriates large sums of money for the support of the National Guard of the several States, and that the officers and men are actually paid for their services. From a business point of view your city could, by maintaining a National Guard unit, introduce for circulation in your community considerable sums from this Federal appropriation. For instance:

With an hour and one-half of work a week for forty-eight weeks a colonel, lieutenant colonel and major each receive \$500. A captain who is charged with the care of Federal property, \$640; first lieutenant, \$333.33; second lieutenant, \$283.33; sergeant, \$90.00; corporal, \$74.00; private first class, \$70.00; private, \$60.00.

From the foregoing it will be seen that a considerable sum of money may be put into circulation among you through a military organization. Moreover, in building up your city it is likely that you will have from time to time various patriotic and other celebrations in which such organizations could participate with credit to the town and their armory could be used for social or other gatherings of interest to many of your citizens and their families.

As to the personnel for this organization, we desire representative civic organizations to interest suitable people and thereby become responsible for and be able to take pride in the memories of such an organization.

Let me lay stress on the GOOD such a military organization would do your city in building up and cementing local unity of action and local pride as well as assisting in general team work necessary for the development and boosting of the town.

There are many other advantages which are self-evident, such as physical training, active out-door life for fifteen days each year in camp, as well as many other things which may be brought out more fully at another time.

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