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## PLANS AFOOT TO BUILD CLUB HOME FOR AMARILLO BOYS

### Anti-Cigarette Mass Meeting Develops Much Enthusiasm and Promoters Outline Some Pretentious Plans

The mass meeting last night at the First Baptist church under the leadership of Dr. Dora Martin, national organizer of the Anti-cigarette League, was a pronounced success. It is considered safe to infer that the "Young Men's Business club" will be launched at the beginning of the incoming week.

W. H. Fuqua, president of the First National bank, is president of the executive committee, and J. H. Stanford is secretary. The committee proper is to be composed of a member from each of the city churches and to be named by the pastors, or a substitute acting in their stead in the event any are absent.

Today the nucleus about which the organization is to be formed is being created. A pledge is being signed by the boys of the public schools, in which they declare that they will not indulge in the smoking of cigarettes until they are 21 years of age. From nine to twenty-one years are the ages of eligibility. Dr. Martin will spend all of today and tomorrow in the schools, having stated in the meeting last night that that time will be required to work the field.

During the week the executive finance committee will hold a meeting. The committee, so far as already named, is enthusiastic over the outlook. It is one of the duties of this committee to raise the necessary funds for the promotion of the scheme, and it is the understanding that by next Sunday all of the principal work with regard to financing the movement will have been put in tangible shape. With Mr. Fuqua at the head of the movement, with Mr. Sanborn's sanction and liberal donation of cash and his offer of a free lease for five years, and other men equally enthusiastic, the outlook could not be more promising than at present. The committee named today, and headed by the gentlemen already mentioned, will have a report comprehensive and full of interesting detail for a gathering being advertised for Sunday afternoon.

#### Mass Meeting Sunday.

For Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, it is announced that a mass meeting will be held for boys, their parents and all other persons interested, which the promoters hope will eclipse anything of its kind ever seen in Amarillo. The meeting will be held in the First Baptist church and will be presided over by those in present authority of the movement. Dr. Martin will spend the remainder of the week with the boys and with their parents, teachers, pastors and guardians. She was delighted with the turn of affairs shown by the meeting last evening.

The boys during this week will be taught songs and yells, and the enthusiasm manifest by the elders will be infused among the juniors, and today, as a starter, is expected to make possible a demonstration that will mean much toward suppression of the cigarette habit among Amarillo lads, and for the strengthening of character, aiding them to become strong men in the community.

The pastors of the churches took heartily to the plan, and while none of them will likely be on the executive board, yet they will be willing to give their services in any capacity.

#### Just for Boys.

The organization is not under the guidance of any particular church society. It is one for the boys and strives above all else to awaken the spark of self reliance, self dignity and independence in the nature of the lads. The entire scheme hinges upon the worth that a boy attaches to his word and his own personal efforts.

The demonstration now on foot for Sunday, will carry with it features unique and interesting, but yet to be made public. It is the intention to bring all eligibles into line regardless of social station. The moral, and those more fortunately environed, are to join in an effort to reclaim and sustain those of different habits, and whose surroundings are not all that could be desired. It is to be a campaign of the boys among the boys. They are to be assisted by men of means and of moral tone, they are to be aided by the

mothers of the city to become such characters as men should be.

The meeting for Sunday afternoon is expected to fill to its utmost capacity the Baptist church. The details of the meeting are being arranged. The boys are being told of the worth of the enterprise. Parents and teachers are being acquainted with its workings. A number of mothers have voiced their approval of the work, and success seems certain.

#### Dr. Martin Outlines Work.

That a definite idea may be had regarding this work among the youth Dr. Martin was asked to outline it. She stated: "The work is one for the prevention and cure of evils among boys between the ages of nine and twenty-one years. It is a proposition long past the experimental stage, and has been gloriously and successfully in operation for a number of years. We base the operations of the organization on a fight against perhaps the most pernicious and all destroying practice among the young—the cigarette habit. From this we build characters that are manly and true, characters that are an honor, not only to themselves but to their parents and the communities in which they live.

"It is scarcely necessary that I say the work is one whose influence upon the physical and mental life of the coming generations will be measureless in its scope for good, realizing that the boys and girls of the present day are the fathers and the mothers of tomorrow. We propose to erect for the boys and assist them to maintain a home for their society, the Young Men's Business club. In this club or home they are to have gymnastics under the instruction and guidance of a capable director, one such having promised three months' free services as a donation to the work. They will have baths of different kinds and such games as will prove stimulating to their mentality and to the developing of the muscles. It is the aim and the result of the institutions to give to the membership healthy minds and bodies, effected by surrounding them with healthful influences and conditions in both departments.

"The boys, under the direction of the executive committee, are allowed to manage their own affairs. A secretary may be selected from among their number, preferably from among the high school students. A treasurer may be had from the same source. They are permitted to give honorary membership to their elders, at such a fee as may be determined adequate to meet the demands of the institution. They will have the advice of the committee, but will be expected to attend to their part of the business of the enterprise.

"After the charter members shall have passed the age limit they will by operation of their by-laws become honorary members.

"Reading rooms, furnished with literature good for boys and good for men, will be supplied. Rest and lounging rooms, with an auditorium suited for medical and religious lectures, will be provided. It is probable that no initiation fee from the eligibles will be required, and it is also probable that the honorary membership fees will be sufficient, in connection with the entertainments and other things of a similar character offered by the boys to defray all legitimate expenses of the club. These, however, are matters that are to be worked out later under the direction of the committee by the boys.

"The scheme, as I have said before, is one that has been fully demonstrated to the entire satisfaction of even the most skeptical, and the results have proved a blessing, not only to the present generation, but will be so far reaching that none now living will be permitted to know the full extent of the good accomplished.

#### To Purchase a Lot.

A vote of thanks was extended to H. B. Sanborn for his kindly offer of a free lease of five years on a valuable lot, and for his offer of a donation of \$150 in cash as a starter in the movement for the rescue and preservation of the boys of Amarillo, even while personally without sons. He was thanked heartily for his magnanimity and his deep concern in the character building for the fu-

ture men of this city.

Then came the suggestion that a lot be purchased and the lease tendered by Mr. Sanborn be declined. This sentiment grew with each succeeding speaker and in almost less time than is required to tell this part of the story the lease idea was sidetracked and the suggestion of a purchase became a fixture in the general scheme of absolute ownership. Quite a number spoke to this phase of the issue, all favoring it.

This was by no means disparaging to the generous offer of Mr. Sanborn. The permanency of the enterprise, however, instantly became a ruling passion in the meeting and eliminated entirely any suggestion of a temporary arrangement, such as was at first proposed. The workings incident to securing this plot of ground will be determined by the executive-finance committee at a meeting to be held this week.

#### The Various Speakers.

Opened by Dr. Martin, the meeting became one in which many short speeches were heard, all concise and to the point, showing intense interest in the "boy question." Dr. McGee told of the evils of tobacco from the standpoint of a medical man, and the worth of personal example in impressing the youth of the country with the deadly work of the weed, both mentally and physically. The aged physician expressed contempt for a man who will be guilty of a vice and then baptize his son for a similar wrong act.

Rev. T. L. Dyer, pastor of the Congregational church, expressed his hearty approval of the movement, and as a teacher with more than a score of years in the public schools, gave his testimony relative to the evils of the tobacco habit, telling of its paralyzing influence upon the nerves and mental faculty of students. He declared against ministers and teachers who are addicted to the use of narcotic.

Frederick Kendall expressed thanks to his mother and to God that he had early in life been cured of the tobacco curse. He is heartily in line with the movement and will work to the end of its perpetuation.

Rev. Jewell Howard, pastor of the First Christian church, favors the scheme, and became active in the meeting, assisting to the close with the suggestions relative to committees and other business. He sees in the tobacco evil one scarcely less hurtful than that of intemperance, and enters the fight heartily.

W. H. Fuqua expressed unequivocally his approval of the movement for the betterment of the boys. He quoted the Apostle Paul when he said, "Raise up the child in the way it should go," and added that Josh Billings, hundreds of years later, had given strength to the quotation by saying, "Raise up the child in the way it should go, and then let that way yourself," illustrating the worth of personal cleanliness of character and habits.

Rev. L. C. Kirkes, pastor of the Filmore Street Presbyterian church, expressed hearty approval, and offered his service to the end of inaugurating reform among the boys of the city.

Rev. R. E. L. Farmer, Baptist missionary for the Panhandle, is in line and will give his time and services where needed.

Mrs. Twitchell spoke in the interest of the movement, and displayed enthusiasm in connection with the final determination to carry the idea through to the successful issue.

J. M. Russell expressed approval and was instantly in line for buying and making the proposed organization permanent.

Mrs. Stanford was enthusiastic over the outlook and felt grateful to Dr. Martin for coming here and making this fight for the liberation and protection of Amarillo boys.

Mrs. Green told of an effort being made in certain sections of the city among the boys under the title of the "Sons of Daniel Boone." She stated that this organization will be glad to merge with the proposed Young Men's Business club.

J. T. Fryer, who has had much experience with boys and young men along the line of temperance work, in methods calling for personal endeavor and exercise of their independence, and will power, will join hands with the movement and assist it in every way possible.

Dr. Martin expressed thanks to the Daily Panhandle for its publication of matters pertaining to the meeting and declared herself in love with the city of Amarillo by reason of the cleanliness of the citizens. She stated that the sidewalks of this city are about the cleanest she has ever seen in a city of this size.

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