

The Cowan Commercial Club met April 27, 1980 at a supper meeting at the Cowan Cumberland Presbyterian Church. There were 30 members present. The new members welcomed were: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Ingle, David Gregory, and Nancy Foreman. A special guest was Mr. Paul Merriman of Chattanooga.

The president opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes were read and approved. Mr. Raymond Besheres gave a complete Treasurer's Report ending March 31, 1980. The balance in the savings account was \$709.10.

It was reported that the club now had a charter and a need for some by-laws. The president appointed Raymond Besheres and Mike Winton to prepare and present by-laws to the club for approval.

Clyde Miller was appointed chairman of the Annual Christmas Parade with Mike Winton as the co-chairman.

A general discussion was held regarding how to keep Cowan clean. It was suggested that the Chamber of Commerce might have competition between the towns of the county to encourage clean-up.

Mr. Merriman was called on to give a few words concerning the success of the Chattanooga to Nashville train trip.

A motion was made by Raymond Besheres that the club give \$30.00 to the Cowan Beautification Commission as a memorial to John Allen Kiningham. The motion was seconded and carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Approved June 23, 1980

Betty Jane Vanderbilt, Secretary

Richard H. Schurman
President

Memo: There was no meeting of the Cowan Commercial Club in May, 1980. The regular meeting date was also the Memorial Day Observance. So, the meeting was canceled.

The Cowan Commercial Club met June 23, 1980 for a supper meeting at the Cowan Cumberland Presbyterian Church. There were nineteen members present and one guest, Mrs. Nixie Hall.

The president opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved. It was noted that there was no meeting in May. There was no treasurer's report.

A general discussion was held and reports given on various community activities such as the Industrial Board, the Housing Authority, the Recreational Committee.

All merchants and others were encouraged to "Fly the Flag", and especially on the Fourth of July.

Nixie Hall reported that the Cowan Community Center had been re-named the Bill Miller Community Center by the City Board at one of its regular meetings. She explained the needs of the center and how contributions could be made to the center.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Betty Jane Vanderbilt, Secretary

Approved: July 28, 1980

Richard H. Schurman
President

The Cowan Commercial Club met July 28, 1980 for a supper meeting at the Cowan Cumberland Presbyterian Church. There were 26 members present, and 2 guests, Malcolm Williams and Paul Merriman.

President Schurman called the meeting to order and Vice-president May gave the opening prayer.

The Minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported \$1,446.30 in the checking account and \$732.02 in the savings account.

Mr. Merriman, from the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum in Chattanooga, made a few remarks to the club regarding the recent train trip and the possibility of another such trip next year.

Malcolm Williams gave a report on the number of visitors at the Cowan Railroad Museum during the period of April 19 thru July 19 of this year.

Raymond Besheres made a motion to give \$800.00 to Cowan Beautification Commission to reduce the amount of the note on the engine. Bennie Warren seconded. Motion did not carry.

A motion was made by Bennie Warren, seconded by Mrs. John Ingle, that the club sponsor a gospel singing featuring The Singing Victors. Motion carried. David Kiningham was appointed chairman. David Kiningham made a motion, seconded by Horace McCollum that proceeds from the gospel sing go to assist the Cowan Beautification Commission in reducing the note on the "little engine", and that this project be a joint project. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Raymond Besheres, seconded by Blevins Rittenberry, that the commercial club help the beautification commission get "Life Memberships" which are \$100.00 each. Motion carried. President Schurman appointed Mr. Rittenberry chairman, and he is to choose other members.

Mr. Besheres made an announcement that the Franklin County Chapter of AARP (American Association of Retired People) would be holding an open house on August 12, 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the ^{hospitality} room at the Franklin County Bank in Winchester and that members of the club were invited to attend.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer and joy.

Richard N. Schurman
President

Secretary

Approved August 25, 1980

The Cowan Commercial Club met August 25, 1980 for a supper meeting at the Cowan Cumberland Presbyterian Church. There were 26 members present and 1 guest, Fred Newman from Monterey Mills.

President Schurman called the meeting to order. The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved. The reasurer's report indicated that there was \$1,456.65 in the checking account and \$732.02 in the savings account.

By-laws for the club were read by Raymond Besheres. A motion was made by Katie Schurman, seconded by David Kiningham that the By-laws be approved. Motion carried. Another motion was made by Katie Schurman, seconded by Ted Click that the By-laws committee be dismissed with the thanks and gratitude for the completed project of the membership of the club. Motion carried.

The president appointed the following Nominating Committee: Howard Coulson, Horace McCollum, and Lynn Betty. This committee to report at the September meeting.

David Kiningham gave a committee report on the Gospel Sing. The date of the concert by the Singing Victors is October 11, 7³⁰ clock, each ticket to be \$3.00. The fee for the Singing Victors is \$150.00 plus one-third of the total ticket sales and the club keeping two-thirds. A motion was made by Lynn Betty, seconded by Nixie Hall, that the financial deal be approved. Motion carried. A concession stand, if there is one, is to be the responsibility of the Cowan Beautification Commission. Proceeds of this Gospel Sing are to go to the Cowan Railroad Museum.

A motion was made by David Kiningham, seconded by Raymond Besheres that the club not hold the Cowan Christmas Parade in 1980. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

An Exploratory Committee was appointed by the president to explore other ideas and suggestions for the Holiday Season in Cowan. Members of the committee are: Betty Jane Vanderbilt, Glen Hodges, Lois Hodges, David Kiningham and Linda Cofelt. This committee is to report to the club at the September meeting.

Mildred Hatchett suggested that the club finance some of the expenses of the Cowan Industrial Board. It was decided that if the Cowan Industrial Board had a need for funds that it could make application to the club for funds to cover expenses.

The meeting was adjourned.

Richard N. Schurman
President

Secretary

APPROVED Sept 22, 1980

The Cowan Commercial Club met September 22, 1980 for a supper meeting at the Cowan Cumberland Presbyterian Church. There were 29 members present.

President Schurman called the meeting to order. The minutes of the August 25th meeting were read and approved with corrections. The Gospel Sing was to be at 7:30 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m. Also, that the letter be kept on file regarding the transferring of the Christmas Parade funds to the custody of the Cowan Lions Club and that the Cowan Commercial Club would no longer be responsible for the funds. Ted Click made a motion, Mildred Hatchett seconded, that the Cowan Commercial Club and Cowan Lions Club comply with this agreement in the letter. Motion carried.

The treasurer reported \$1,497.45 in the checking account and \$732.02 in the savings account.

Howard Coulson gave a report of the Nominating Committee which is as follows: For 1980-81: President, David Kiningham
Vice-president, Blevins Rittenberry
Secretary, Betty Jane Vanderbilt
Treasurer, Raymond Besheres

There being no further nominations from the floor, Rev. May made a motion, seconded by Nixie Hall, that the nominations cease and the above named persons be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

A report was heard from the Exploratory Committee. This committee was established in the August meeting to explore ideas and suggestions for the holiday season in Cowan. The committee reported a plan for a "Parade of Windows." Windows in the downtown area would be decorated depicting the season. Katie Schurman made a motion, seconded by Karen Ingle, that the club proceed with the plans as presented in the committee's report. Discussion followed. Motion carried. David Kiningham was appointed General Chairman of this activity.

A report was given by David Kiningham on the Gospel Sing. Benny Warren made a motion, seconded by Nixie Hall, that children under twelve be included, without charge, with two adult paid tickets. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Glen Hodges, seconded by Nixie Hall, that Senior Citizens be given a discount, at the door, and their tickets to be \$2.50. This is to include advance sales also. Motion carried.

Dr. Horace Elkins presented a plan for planting dogwood trees as memorials or in honor of family members, from city limits to city limits, on Cumberland Street. Benny Warren made a motion to have the Cowan Commercial Club sponsor this plan, Karen Ingle, seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman for the Guest Night and Installation of Officers in October was appointed and that was Raymond Besheres.

Motion for adjournment was made, seconded and carried.

Betty Jane Vanderbilt, Secretary

Richard H. Schurman
Richard H. Schurman, President

Approved: *RM* 25, 1980

A Called Meeting of the Cowan Commercial Club was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Cowan Fellowship Church on September 30, 1980.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the president.

The president declared a quorum present and then read a letter mailed to all members stating the purpose of the Called Meeting. The By-laws call for three additional directors to be nominated and elected.

Horace McCollum reported for the Nominating Committee that the following persons were nominated: Nancy Foreman
Horace McCollum
Harold "Mutt" Brock

There being no further nominations from the floor, Raymond Besheres made a motion, seconded by Nixie Hall, that the nominations cease and that those persons named be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

The Board of Directors of the Cowan Commercial Club will be the four officers and the three above named directors.

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Ingle, seconded by Nancy Foreman, and motion carried.

Betty Jane Vanderbilt, Secretary

Richard H. Schurman
Richard H. Schurman, President

Approved: Nov 22, 1980

The Cowan Commercial Club held a Guest Night on October 28, 1980 at the Franklin County Country Club. There were 48 members and guests present.

President Schurman asked for a volunteer to attend a meeting Thursday evening this week being sponsored by the Department of Human Services, and Fred Neuman volunteered.

Correspondence was read from the Cowan Lions Club regarding entries in the Annual Cowan Christmas Parade. Clyde and Doris Miller will be chairpersons for an entry in the parade.

The president then installed the officers for 1980-81.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Mr. Ed Hoback, a magician from Winchester.

The newly installed president, David Kiningham, reported on the "Parade of Windows."

Benny Warren made a motion that the club sponsor a Home Christmas Decorating Contest, Raymond Besheres seconded. Motion carried.

Howard Coulson made a motion that \$100.00 be used for prizes in the Home Decorating Contest, Horace McCollum seconded, and motion carried.

A motion for adjournment was made, seconded and carried.

Betty Jane Vanderbilt
Betty Jane Vanderbilt, Secretary

Richard H. Schurman
Richard H. Schurman, President

Approved: Nov. 22, 1980

The Cowan Commercial Club met on Monday, November 25, 1980 at the Cowan Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Twenty-one members were present.

The president, David Kiningham, called the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported \$1,321.95 in the checking account and \$741.77 in the savings account.

David Kiningham reported on the "Parade of Windows." A motion was made to give financial help in decorating some of the windows and to limit the amount to \$25.00. It was seconded and motion carried. There will be no prizes for the windows.

A report was given regarding the decorating of homes for Christmas. A motion was made to give a first prize of \$75.00 and a second prize of \$25.00. It was seconded and motion carried. It was noted that judges would be from outside the Cowan Community.

A motion was made by Dick Schurman that the president and his wife represent the club at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet and that the club pay their expenses. It was seconded by Lynn Betty and motion carried.

A motion was made that the club give \$500.00 to Cowan Beautification Commission and Horace McCollum seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Cofelt volunteered to help Mr. Besheres with the I. R. S.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.


President, David Kiningham


Secretary, Betty Jane Vanderbilt

Approved _____

(Not to be read at the meeting: Discussion was held regarding honoring Blevins Rittenberry. A motion was made by Benny Warren and seconded that we have a "This Is Your Life" for Mr. Rittenberry to honor him and his long service to the community. Motion Carried)