

Monday, January 23, 1989

Cowan Commercial Club met on Monday, January 23, 1989, 6:30 P.M. at the CP Church for a dinner-meeting with 21 members and 1 visitor, Mr. Frank Sanders.

President Jackson called the meeting to order. Minutes read and approved. Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,678.43.

Mail: Thank you note from Middle Tennessee Home Health for Commercial Club donation that helped with the 165 boxes and gifts distributed during the holidays.

Committee Reports: Polly Hughes, Membership Chairperson, reported she visited a number of merchants in our area.

Teddy Click, Project Committee, gave several suggestions on projects we could get involved in. Trees around our schools needs planting. Assist the planning committee in Cowan to re-number our houses for the 911 project. Assist in the work with the Railroad Museum and Park Committee in repairing the fence around our park. Teddy asked for suggestions from others. In October 1989 there will be a 100 mile run, lasting 24 hours. Mayor Bobby Snelson needs someone to assist in providing snacks, foods, drinks, and parking.

Howard Coulson reported Christmas decorations have been taken down and stored.

President Jackson appointed a "History of Cowan" Committee to work on publishing a book on Cowan. Howard Coulson, Mutt Brock, and Robert Amacher.

Meeting adjourned to meet the 4th Monday evening in February 1989.


Mary Lou Garner, Secretary

Monday, February 27, 1989

Cowan Commercial Club met on Monday, February 27, 1989, 6:30 P.M. at the CP Church for a dinner-meeting with 26 members and 2 visitors--Louise Coulson and Mattie Amacher.

President Jackson called the meeting to order. Minutes read and approved. Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,546.43.

Teddy Click reported on the 1989 Project Committee--After talking with the Railroad Museum Committee on repairing of fence--do not need to repair, as a new chain fence is projected at a future date.

New Business -- Clara Brock brought up discussion on helping our Girl Scout Troops in Cowan since we do not have a Boy Scout Troop and our main project is backing of Boy Scouts. Motion made by Clara Brock, we donate \$50.00 to each Girl Scout Troop....2nd by Albert Collins...Carried unanimously. Cowan has 2 Brownie and 1 Junior Troop with leaders: Mrs. Rieben, Mia Ray, and H. B. Saussy. ^{Patricia}

Philip Beisswenger and Millman Moore are to work on finding a Scout Master for the Boy Scouts.

Card of Thanks for flowers sent to funeral of Blevins Rittenberry.

Letter from Drug Alliance of Tennessee....anyone interested in helping with project is invited to take the family training, 1st week in May.

Commercial Club members invited to a Tourism meeting...Wine & Cheese Reception....Tuesday, March 21st, at Mundred Oaks Castle sponsored by Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.

Discussion on projects to make money -- it was suggested recycling of Cash for Cans, papers or plastic. Will discuss more at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned to meet the 4th Monday evening in March 1989.


Mary Lou Garner, Secretary

Monday, March 27, 1989

Cowan Commercial Club met on Monday, March 27, 1989, 6:30 P.M. at the CP Church for a dinner-meeting with 25 members and 4 guests--Gary Shores, Louise Coulson, Howard & Lynn Betty.

President Jackson called the meeting to order. Minutes read and approved. Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,736.49.

Howard Coulson welcomed visitor Gary Shores, Eagle Scout with Troop 184 of Winchester. Mike Holmes leader.

Clara Brock brought to our attention, we do have two active Cub Scout Troops in Cowan. Motion made we donate \$50.00 to each Cub Scout Troop in Cowan. Carried unanimous.

3 active Clubs.

The Youth of Cowan Fellowship Church are gathering old newspapers the third Monday of each month thru Thursday. Please take papers by the green dumpster on the church parking lot or phone Ed Brock for pick-ups.

Mutt Brock brought copies of the history of Franklin County by Raymond Besheers. Any member interested in having a copy may drop by Mildred Hatchett's office and she'll make you a copy.

Polly Hughes, Membership Chairman, is working very hard to recruit new members.

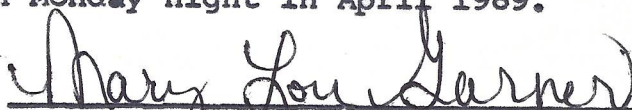
Philip Beisswenger suggests we have a Scouting Executive, in the near future, attend our meeting to explain the prospects of a scouting troop being formed here in Cowan.....what it would cost, etc. Cowan Commercial Club now has some equipment and tents stored at George Temples home, left from the Inactive Troop in Cowan.

Gary Shores made a few comments on Scouting. Winchester has two troops. Shores & Jason Money of Cowan are members of Troop 184 with 25 members. Scouting is lots of fun, said Shores. Recommended getting started with Weebloes, which Cowan now has a troop with Rhonda Acklin as leader. For Boy Scout Troop you must have 2 adult leaders, 21 or older....and 8 boys, 10 to 18 years, as members. There is a Scout Master training near Nashville. It was mentioned that Dr. Loel Bennett has been in scouting a long time....and Dr. Bill McCord was an Eagle Scout.

Special thanks to the City of Cowan for putting Azaleas by signs in Cowan.

Southern Living Magazine from Birmingham, Alabama will be in Cowan for the next few days doing an article on the Railroad Museum.

Meeting adjourned to meet the 4th Monday night in April 1989.



Mary Lou Garner, Secretary

Monday, April 24, 1989

Cowan Commercial Club met on Monday, April 24, 1989, 6:30 P.M. at the CP Church for a dinner-meeting with 23 members and 2 guests--George McGovern, a Professional Scouters Field Director area 4 Boy Scouts, and Dr. Loel Bennett, District Scout Commissioner with Elk River District Middle TN Council Boy Scouts. President Jackson called the meeting to order. Philip Beisswenger introduced visitors. Discussion was on how to get a Boy Scout Troop started.

Minutes read and approved. Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,586.49.

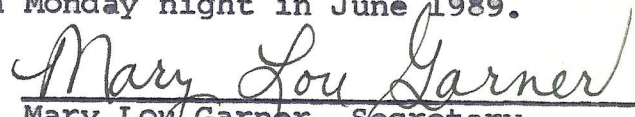
No meeting in May due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

Philip Beisswenger and Hillman Moore, along with the C. P. Church will work with trying to get a Boy Scout Troop formed in Cowan.

J. D. & Louise Jackson will represent Cowan Commercial Club in the July 4th Parade at Sewanee or will find someone.

Discussion on project for our club. Suggested a Fall Run Fund Raiser maybe called "King of the Mountain Run." Have this as an annual event for the community -- working with Sewanee. A 6-mile run from Cowan to Sewanee.

Meeting adjourned to meet the 4th Monday night in June 1989.


Mary Lou Garner, Secretary

Monday, June 26, 1989

Cowan Commercial Club met on Monday, June 26th, 1989, 6:30 PM at the CP Church for a dinner-meeting with 19 members and 2 guests--Lana Floyd, owner of Cowan Childcare Center and Willard Garner.

Mildred Matchett called the meeting to order in the absence of the President and Vice President.

Minutes read and approved. Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,686.00.

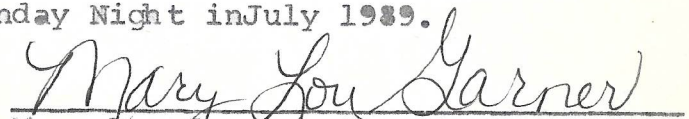
Old Business included discussion on an annual 6-mile mountain run.

Following a discussion on rules and regulations on how to activate a Boy Scout Troop....a motion was made by Nelson Matchett and second by David Kinningham, that the committee of Philip Beisswenger, Hillman Moore and J. D. Jackson, check into re-activating the Boy Scout Troop to be sponsored by Cowan Commercial Club. Carried unanimous.

Thank you note from Mia Ray, Brownie Troop, for the donation of \$50.00.

Louise Irwin invited all to the July 4th Celebration in Sewanee.

Meeting adjourned to meet the 4th Monday Night in July 1989.


Mary Lou Garner, Secretary

Monday, July 24, 1989

Cowan Commercial Club met on Monday, July 24, 1989, 6:30 PM at the CP Church for a dinner-meeting with 20 members and 4 guests--Louise Coulson, Joe Williams from Birmingham, AL, (brother of Albert Collins), Willard Garner, and Forrest Vanderbilt.

Minutes read and approved. Treasurer reported a balance of \$1816.45.

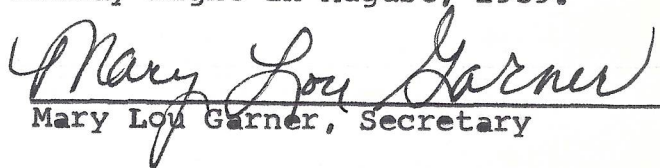
Thank you note from J. D. & Louise Jackson for flowers sent at the death of HESSIE JACKSON.

Mutt & Clara Brock and Betty Collins will move the Cowan Commercial Clubs filing cabinet from Flowerland to the Cowan Library building.

Mayor Snelson brought up the Cowan Post Office could be moved to the end of town going toward Winchester. It was agreed the club should get a letter off to PostMaster General in Chattanooga, our Congressman and Senators, expressing our desire to keep the post office in the center of our business area.

Also, Mayor Snelson had a petition at the City Hall for all who would like to come by and sign, concerning the new law about burning of our flag.

Meeting adjourned to meet the 4th Monday night in August, 1989.


Mary Lou Garner, Secretary

Cowan Commercial Club on Monday, August 28, 1989, 6:30 P.M. at the CP Church for a dinner-meeting with 23 members and 1 guest, Rose Pearson.

Minutes read and approved. Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,431.49.

Teddy Click reported that over 600 signatures on the Petition at Franklin County Bank of interested Cowan residents, to keep the post office in the center of our business district.

Polly Hughes, Membership Chairman, reported Rose Pearson, as guest and hopefully a new member.

President Jackson appointed a nominating committee to get new officers for the coming year: Teddy Click, Nelson Hatchett, and Howard Coulson.

Betty Vanderbilt and Polly Hughes will make arrangements for our Installation Banquet in October,....take care of decorations, and entertainment.

Robert Amacher will help the Cowan Lions Club with the Christmas Parade in behalf of the Cowan Commercial Club, and get some publiciity for the Commercial Club.

Discussion on ways merchants can help with the parade. It was suggested businesses' run specials...maybe a "Shop in Cowan" Day with a promotional sale....and decorate windows.

President Jackson appointed Howard Coulson, Rose Pearson, and Betty

Vanderbilt to prepare a Christmas Banner, Sign, or Christmas Card to be placed along the street in Cowan designating our Christmas lights as a Courtesy of Cowan Commercial Club.

The Club recognized Hillman and Lorene Moore for their contribution to the Cowan Commercial Club for the past 7 years or so. The Moore's left for Kentucky on ~~September~~^{August} 29th.

David Kinningham talked on things that could be happening in our county in the Spring of '90 as the result of working with Varnell and many others.

Howard Coulson told about the coverage Southern Living, August 89 edition, gave the Cowan R/R Museum. Also, Tennessee Crossroads, Channel 8 ran a story on the R/R Museum.

Meeting adjourned to meet the 4th Monday night in September 1989.


Mary Lou Garner, Secretary

Monday, September 25, 1989

Cowan Commercial Club met on Monday, September 25, 1989, at the C. P. Church for a dinner-meeting with 18 members and 1 guest present..... Tommy Spears, New Manager of Watson Gamble Funeral Home. President Jackson called the meeting to order. Minutes read and approved.

Mayor Snelson reported no information on new post office in Cowan. Looking into site next door to the post office now in Cowan.

Polly Hughes, Membership Chairman, reported Steve & Rose Pearson are new members and Robert Amacher will become a member as Tommy Spears will be attending for Watson Gamble.

Nominating Committee reported: Officers for 1989-1990:
President -- J. D. Jackson
Vice-President--Jeff Pennington
Secretary--Mary Lou Garner
Treasurer--Mildred Hatchett

President appointed calling committee: Clara Brock, Louise Irwin and Louise Jackson. Chaplain: Philip Beiswenger.

Louise Irwin made a motion that all nominations cease and be elected by acclamation. Seconded by Howard Coulson. Carried unanimous.

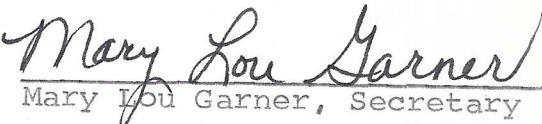
Installation banquet will be held at Franklin County Country Club Tuesday, October 24th, 6:30 P.M. Must have a minimum of 40 present.

NEW BUSINESS: Nelson Hatchett gave out information on an appreciation banquet for Dr. Fite...Saturday, Oct. 7th. Everyone invited.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,426.49.

Mayor Snelson called our attention to the cleaning-off of the creek banks near the new bridge on Water Tank Road, to the sewer plant. It is projected that a picnic area will be made. Inmates from this area who are prisoners at Dunlap has been provided by Bonnie Canapel for this project. President appointed Mose Wilson to check into possibility of getting the creek cleaned out thru the TVA Water Shed.

Meeting adjourned to meet the 4th Monday evening in November 1989.


Mary Lou Garner, Secretary

Monday, November 27, 1989

Cowan Commercial Club met on Monday, November 27, 1989, at the C. P. Church for a dinner-meeting with 19 members and 1 visitor, Harry Green, new minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

President Jackson called the meeting to order. Minutes read and approved.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,466.49.

Post Office in Cowan will stay as-is and is being painted at this time.

Large attendance at the banquet for Dr. Reynolds Fite. All Franklin County Banks and the Chamber of Commerce have a letter to be signed by all who wish, to give Dr. Fite for Christmas.

Mose Wilson reported no funds for the TVA Water Shed at this time to work on the creek at Water Tank Road.

\$200.00 donated to the Cowan Lions Club on parade expenses.

Christmas Lights Committee reported lights will be up by Parade Time. Betty Vanderbilt made a motion we purchase two new decorations for light poles. Seconded by Rose Pearson. Carried unanimous.

Rose Pearson & Betty Vanderbilt reported a Banner or Christmas Card will be ready before parade of 1990.

Harold & Sue Baker resigned as they are selling their business and house in Cowan and will be moving.

Philip Beisswenger made motion our club check into "Welcome to Cowan" sign on east side, assisted by Steve Pearson, as sign is in need for repair. Motion seconded by Mildred Hatchett. Carried unanimous.

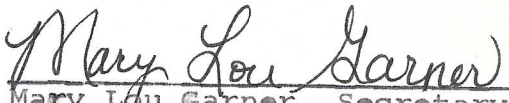
Nelson Hatchett made a motion we donate \$100.00 on the ADOPT A BRICK campaign to raise money for Hundred Oaks Castle. Seconded by Philip Beisswenger. Carried unanimous.

Nelson Hatchett made a motion we continue as member of Chamber of Commerce with \$50.00 annual dues. 2nd by Robert Amacher. Carried unanimous.

Mildred Hatchett made a motion we purchase two tickets for the President and his lady to attend the annual banquet at University of South in Sevanee. 2nd by Philip Beisswenger. Carried unanimous.

Patty Priest, Superintendent of Franklin County Schools, will be guest speaker on the 4th Monday night in January 1990 to speak on the 5-year plan formulated by the state board of education. The state school system wants the input from Franklin County people on this plan.

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