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BROWN SHOE COMPANY IN UNION CITY

BRANCH FACTORY CAMPAIGN FINISHED

Formalities and Functions Attending the Signing of Contract—Leasing of Temporary Office Quarters.

Over two hundred business men of Union City have entered into a contract with the Brown Shoe Company of St. Louis for a branch shoe factory in Union City, plans, specifications, etc., having heretofore been set forth in this paper, following completion last week of the subscription campaign, which totaled \$103,900. Report was made, and on Wednesday morning the president of the Brown Shoe Co., E. R. McCarthy, vice president, Geo. Coslow, Al. Herron, Al. Oeggetter and H. L. Tomes were here to close the contract, which was done with the usual legal formalities and safeguards.

Mr. Thomas J. Manahan, superintendent of construction, was also a member of the party arriving this week in Union City for the preliminary arrangements, including selection of a site and making requisition of building materials. It is understood that work on the factory buildings will begin at once, and possibly foundation work will begin in the course of a few days.

UNION CITY HONOR ROLL.

Below is given the note that was signed by the citizens of Union City for \$100,000 in order that the Chamber of Commerce might have the proper backing for the signing of the contract with the Brown Shoe Co. This note was signed almost unanimously by everyone to whom it was presented, and in the entire business part of Union City the committee met with only five refusals to sign.

By reading this list you can readily see who really underwrote the deal between the Brown Shoe Company and the people of Union City. Unquestionably there was quite a number in Union City who would have signed this but did not have the opportunity.

This is the biggest thing of its kind that was ever put over in Obion County, and we want you to read the list below so that you may know who the underwriters are.

The following is the note, and the names of the signers: WHEREAS: The citizens of Union City and community have made pledges and signed their notes covering the same to the extent of approximately \$103,900.00, as a bonus fund to the Brown Shoe Co., of St. Louis, Missouri, to induce said company to locate a shoe factory in Union City, Tenn., to be operated by them for a period of at least ten years with a payroll aggregating at least \$1,250,000.00 for said ten year period, and whereas, of the above pledges there has been paid in cash, and in demand notes which are regarded as absolutely good, approximately \$40,000.00 and \$45,000.00 more of said pledges are regarded as first class, and will be paid within a period of four months, leaving a balance of said subscriptions amounting to \$18,900.00 in paper which we believe will be paid, but which is not bankable, and whereas, we desire to see the contract with the Brown Shoe Company closed and the location of said factory assured to Union City, and desire that the Chamber of Commerce of Union City sign and execute a contract with said Brown Shoe Company guaranteeing the payment of \$100,000.00 bonus to the said Shoe Company within four months from the execution of said contract, and further guaranteeing the conveyance to said Shoe Company of a free site for the location of said factory. Now, therefore, in order to secure said factory, and in order to enable the Chamber of Commerce, thru its legal officers, to execute said contract and carry out same, and in consideration of the premises and the mutual promise of each other, we the under-

signed citizens, and residents of Obion County, Tennessee, by our signatures hereto, do hereby agree and bind ourselves, and our legal representatives, to stand our prorata part of any shortage that might result in the aforesaid pledges, that is to say, we agree, in proportion to the number of solvent signers hereto, to pay our pro rata of any balance on said subscriptions which remain unpaid after their maturity and which cannot be collected by law, and by the execution of this paper, we authorize and direct the Chamber of Commerce to enter into said contract with the Brown Shoe Company, and this paper may be used by said Chamber of Commerce and attached to the contract which they make with the said Brown Shoe Company, as a guarantee of the faithful performance of said contract on the part of said Chamber of Commerce. Executed in duplicate this 24th November, 1922.

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ORGANIZATION OF UNION CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Plans for Protecting Public Interests Present and Future.

The organization of the Chamber of Commerce of Union City was effected last Friday night at the courthouse. Under the charter the president, vice president and board of directors were elected as follows: R. H. Rust, president; H. M. Oliver, vice president; directors: A. F. Tittsworth, C. L. Andrews, W. M. Turner, C. H. Cobb, T. R. Meadow, W. E. Hudgins, Hugh Smith. Trustees as follows were also elected: Hunter Elam, Harris Parks, H. A. Beck.

The object of the organization is to further the promotion of public enterprise in Union City and to take care of the unfinished business now in the hands of the shoe factory organization. The Chamber of Commerce is to take the place of the temporary organization which conducted the shoe factory campaign. It is a legally constituted body which can transact business for the city, giving its attention to matters that are not within the city charter to be handled by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. It is intended to work in harmony and co-operate with the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in furthering the general public interests of the city.

A very important feature of the organization will be the election of a secretary and general representative. This secretary will be a salaried man to give him time to the office and to the public interests of Union City. He will have the most responsible position of the organization, and upon him will depend in a large measure the failure or success of the organization and also at the same time the interests of Union City in the industrial and commercial world. Therefore the importance of selecting the right man.

A committee on by laws to draft suitable rules of action and government was appointed as follows: H. M. Oliver, W. E. Hudgins, M. A. Blanton, Chas. Dietzel, E. P. Grissom.

Optimists All.

"A man should always be hopeful and courageous."

"We are," repliedactus Joe. "Every man in Crimmon-Gulch keeps on playin' poker to the end of his days."

—Washington Star.

TEACHERS' MEETING AT CLOVERDALE

Discussion of Elementary Work— Thorough Study of Rudiments.

The Obion County Teachers' Association had a very pleasant and successful meeting at Cloverdale School the 25th inst. The Cloverdale, Union and Elbridge schools, which have all the children from the fifth grade up taught at Cloverdale, had a fairly good representation of the patrons at the meeting. The patrons of these districts are greatly interested in their schools and they have been supplementing the regular school funds for the past two years to the amount of about \$1200 each year.

The invocation was given by Rev. B. A. Walker and Mr. L. D. Williams told the Association and the patrons "What the Teacher May Do to Obtain Co-operation of the Community." Prof. Hilliard, who was to discuss this topic, was unable to attend. Mr. S. C. Finch discussed "How to Teach Fractions," and he gave some valuable help on this topic. This is a very important topic in the teacher's work and only last week one of the county teachers told me that she had to turn an arithmetic class back in order that the class may learn fractions. Of course the class is losing time because it did not master fractions while it was going over them last year, but as a matter of fact the class must know facts. This only emphasizes the fact that the teachers should have their classes master what work the classes go over, even though progress may be slow.

Miss Beatty, of the Normal, ably discussed "The Teaching of Phonetics," and if there were any elementary teachers any ways near Cloverdale who were not there, they were not where they should have been, unless valid reasons kept them away. Miss Beatty brought out the fact that when a child learns a letter he should be taught to use it; that old sounds should be reviewed and only one new sound taught per day; that the teacher should not undertake to teach the child diacritical marks until the child is in or past the fourth grade; that phonetics should not be mixed with reading; that the teacher should never give the child more help than is needed, and the speaker touched on other points that are every day experiences in the teacher's work.

Mr. Jones talked on "How the Pupil's Progress May Be Measured," and some one remarked that his address indicated preparation. He gave some plans as to how this may be done, referring to Stone's Reasoning Tests, the Minimum Essentials, Odus' Group Tests, and the finding of the pupil's I-Q. The speaker brought out the fact that the normal child's I-Q is from 90 to 112 and that the measuring of the child's mentality is displacing the examination test.

Mr. E. P. Smith, of Martin, was unable to appear on the program because his car gave out soon after he started from home and he telephoned that he could not be present. Miss Allen was unable to be present and help Mr. Finch in the discussion of fractions.

The next meeting will be the 16th of December at the South Fulton School. There were five teachers from the South Fulton School present at this meeting and the fact that these teachers made a trip from the northeast corner of the county to the southwest corner, a distance of 45 miles, shows what we can do when we want to. There were many other teachers from a long distance too and it speaks well for the loyalty and effort of the teachers.

In the absence of Mr. Smith Mr. Craven talked on "Where the Line Should Be Drawn in the Use of Athletics in the School and the Value of a Special Taxing District." He believed that athletics is essential in high school, that it should not be overdone and that too much time of the regular work should not be taken, that a required grade should be made by the pupil before he may par-

ticipate in the games, that it tended to keep the pupils in school. Mr. Craven told of the benefits of the Special Taxing District at Rives and that the school had been greatly helped by it and that the great majority of the people of the district are highly pleased with the school. The County Association 's and will be just what the teachers make it. No enterprise can be greater than the promoters of it and may the teachers enroll, pay their dues, respond when they are put on the program by the Program Committee when they possibly can, attend every meeting they can, and every teacher make himself a committee of one to help forward the educational work of the county.

The following teachers were present: Community Pride, C. F. Fowler; Woodland Mills, W. B. Forrester; Bethel, Harry Hayes; Hornbeak, S. C. Finch, Misses Annie B. Williams, Zelma Moultrie; McAnna, Mrs.

Ludie Cunningham; Oak Ridge, Miss Mamie Easterwood; Polk, Mrs. Louise Andrews, Miss Louisa Peery; Kenton, J. M. Debow, Misses Minnie Belle Holmes, Gertrude Stovall; Dixie, L. D. Williams; Elbridge, Mrs. Lucile Maloney; Cloverdale, R. J. Glover, Mrs. R. J. Glover, J. D. Smith; Rives, W. H. Cravens, Mrs. W. H. Cravens, Mrs. Roscoe Kitchell; Glass, J. H. Stover, Miss Rachel Smith, Ivie Graham; South Fulton, H. L. Jones, Misses Mary Holland, Lena Stokes, Lela Block, Flora Lewis; Harper's Valley, Miss Lillian Barker; Union City, Misses Jessie Stone, Cassie Hamilton; Training School, Mrs. Suddie Caruthers Burnett.

Very truly,
B. A. VAUGHN.

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