

BETTER CITY IS THEIR AIM

Plans for Making Marshfield More Attractive Discussed at Meeting.

Plans for enlarging the scope of the Marshfield Improvement Club, recently launched by representatives of the various women's clubs of the city and for making it a permanent organization that will do much for civic advancement were discussed at a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce last evening. The attendance was not large but arrangements were made for another meeting to be held next Tuesday evening when it is expected to have more definite plans outlined and the floral and gardening contests of the school children ascertained.

At last evening's meeting, Mrs. M. Horton presided as chairman and talks on various phases of civic advancement were made by Mrs. A. L. Parker, Dr. J. T. McCormac, Dr. E. M. Ingus, Supt. F. A. Tiedgen, Mayor Straw and others.

In addition to the plans for gardening contests, the beautifying of lawns and yards and the streets, plans to also improve public health conditions were discussed. In the latter, a crusade against the house fly was inaugurated, Dr. E. M. Ingus offering a \$10 cash prize for the first million flies slain here and Dr. E. E. Straw offering another \$10 for the next million. It was stated that 12,500 flies make a quart.

Mrs. A. L. Barker spoke briefly on the previous meetings and the object of the club, stating it was the hope of those inaugurating it to make Marshfield a more beautiful city and more desirable place to live.

Dr. McCormac told of what had been accomplished in general public advancement the last few years but said that the beautifying of the homes and lawns had been sadly neglected. He said that Mrs. W. C. Sember was one of the few who had paid attention to this phase of life and who had always led in the work.

Besides the lawn and garden contests, he suggested that the organization have unsightly fences removed and also prevent the billboard sign pest gaining foothold here.

Dr. E. M. Ingus said that beautiful homes and streets were the best indication of the degree of civilization and advancement of a town. He said it was too bad that every family could not have an attractive home and grounds. He spoke about the danger from the low grounds and sink holes which would breed disease. He pointed out the menace of flies and said that the inaugurating of the crusade on Coos Bay last year had greatly lessened the number of flies. He spoke of the troubles of health officers in enforcing regulations and said that he would gladly welcome the great assistance that the organization could give.

Benefits to Children.
Supt. F. A. Tiedgen gave a most scholarly talk on the benefit the movement would be to the school children especially. In opening, he said he was sorry that there were not more present to take up the work but he believed that the movement would be contagious and that soon it would be enlisted. He cited an illustration of a woman in an eastern city who made a practice of buying and disposing of undesirable looking children and then beautifying them and selling them at a greatly advanced price. Besides this, the improving of the piece of property generally resulted in near-by property owners doing the same thing. He said that the beautifying of the town generally had making better surroundings for the children would, he believed, make the children have a greater regard for cleanliness and for property, would make them better students, would develop self reliance in them and would afford better thoughts to occupy their minds and would stimulate the spirit of co-operation.

Mayor Straw's Views.
Mayor Straw commended the movement, stating that it was one of the things that he had been anxious to see started. He declared that his efforts in the past had been to try and afford better surroundings to the growing youth and give them opportunities to advance. He said it was very difficult to enforce laws and regulations that tend to the good and unless there is a public spirit in favor of it. He said that one of the first things that could be done would be to improve the school grounds. Another thing that could be done to advantage would be to improve the appearance of the embankments along various streets. Then, he said, there are a lot of old, ugly buildings around town that should be razed. Others should be

FIRST RAILS LAID ON LINE

No "Golden Spike" or Other Ceremony Marks Terminus Railway Work.

The first rails of the Terminal Railway were laid this morning. There was no "golden spike" or any formal ceremony, the starting of construction on the long-talked-of street railway here being started as a matter of course.

Some little preliminary work was done yesterday by the force of men that Tom Coke, who will have charge of the construction, has secured. About a dozen men are employed.

From the intersection of Front and Broadway the road will be built towards the Smith mill. It will be rushed to completion as rapidly as possible. Additional material is expected soon so that there will be no hitch in the operations.

So far it has not been definitely settled about the power plant. It is understood that the C. A. Smith company expects to have a big electric plant installed before the street car line is completed and if it does, the street railway will be furnished with power from it.

Painted and old fences removed. He suggested that the city spend \$1000 or \$1500 a year towards improving the parks and that the vacant lots around town be seeded and improved in appearance.

He suggested that the organization be made permanent and to do this, he thought that dues of ten cents a month should be collected in addition to the one dollar membership fee. He declared there should be at least 1000 members enrolled.

After deciding that a committee of three should be appointed to divide the city into districts for the flower and gardening contests and to meet next Tuesday night, the meeting adjourned.

Prior to the meeting, the Coos Bay Concert Band played a few numbers in front of the Chamber of Commerce.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT

The Osprey arrived in Coos Bay yesterday from Rogue River.

The Washington will sail from here for San Francisco tomorrow morning.

The Alliance is due in early tomorrow from Eureka and will sail at 2 o'clock for Portland.

The Esther Buhne and Bertie Minor arrived in at Bandon yesterday from San Francisco and the Tillamook arrived in from Bandon.

Chas. Rogers, formerly of Coos Bay, but who has been at Bandon for some time, is now engineer on the tug Columbia under Capt. Jas. Magee.

George May, the only survivor of the wreck of the Oshkosh on the Columbia bar a little over a year ago, is at the Kruse & Banks shipyards supervising the installation of the engines in the cannery tender Mirene which is being built for Capt. J. J. Reynolds and the Barnes Cannery Company of Portland. The Mirene will leave about April 20 on her initial trip.

AMONG THE SICK

Mrs. J. T. McCormac, who has been ailing for the last few weeks, is suffering from a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

Miss Agnes Carpenter, the Marshfield high school teacher who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Mercy hospital yesterday, was reported getting along fine today.

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