

ACCOMPLISHMENTS
of
THE CORNELIA KIWANIS CLUB.

In February 1925 the Cornelia Kiwanis Club was organized with a membership of thirty-five of the business and professional men of Cornelia and vicinity. Of this original number fourteen are still active members, ten have moved away, and six have died, leaving only five of the charter members who have actually dropped out.

Prior to the organization of the Kiwanis Club Cornelia had had its share of clubs and organizations of a commercial and civic nature, none of which lasted for any length of time. But the Kiwanis Club today, with a membership of forty active enthusiastic members is stronger than at any other time in its history. Its members are earnest and have a sincere desire to make this a better section in which to live.

From its very beginning the club has taken a serious interest in all affairs concerning Habersham county and it has never yet failed to respond to any call for support from any worthy organization or individual. In fact not a single thing of importance has taken place in this section that the Kiwanis Club has not brought about or played a big part in. Its very first act was to help carry an election to exempt from taxes for five years any new industries coming into Habersham county.

In order that the people of other sections might know how richly nature has endowed this section the club had a descriptive booklet printed and distributed 25,000 of these folders through the merchants of Cornelia, Demorest, and Clarkesville. That the people of Georgia could realize what delicious apples are grown in Habersham a number of boxes were sent to the Georgia District Kiwanis Convention at Augusta and a box was sent to each of forty other clubs in the state to be used during Georgia Apple Week.

The county bond election for roads was made a success by the club, since a previous election had failed to carry. It was mainly through the efforts

of the club that the cows of the county were given the tuberculin test. The club was successful in securing speakers from the State College of Agriculture for a Two-day Farmers' Meeting in Cornelia. It helped the Banks buy a pure bred bull for the farmers and it gave fifty dollars to help send the Piedmont College girls basket ball team to the National Tournament at Wichita, Kansas. It made a donation of fifty harmonicas to the Tallulah Falls Industrial School.

A welfare worker was brought to the county mainly through the efforts of the club and it was also instrumental in getting free for the children of Habersham the skin test for tuberculosis and the typhoid serum. And it was the Kiwanis Club that entertained the Habersham grand jury and convinced this body of the need of a county agricultural agent. It has always taken an active interest in the work of both of the agents and done every thing possible to further their work. It sponsored the one variety cotton. It has been keenly interested in the boys and girls work, and helped to send a team of corn club boys to Athens to the seed-corn judging contest.

The Kiwanis Club not only started the movement to grade an athletic field at the Cornelia School but it gave \$100.00 to help do this. It brought Prof. Strahan and his engineering class from Athens to survey and make an up-to-date map of Cornelia. It came to the aid of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and made the Cornelia Apple Blossom a success. It secured for Cornelia a Federal Experiment Station for the study of the Oriental Fruit Moth. When the election for Water Works Bonds for Cornelia was given up as lost it was the Kiwanis club that came to the rescue and put the election over.

The Big Red Apple that has made Cornelia known throughout the entire country was erected by the club at a cost of more than three hundred dollars. It bought and installed a stove for the Cornelia School Athletic Association. It has always entertained each graduating class of the Cornelia School.

For six years it has given milk to the undernourished children of the Cornelia and the Baldwin schools. For nine years it has provided and distributed Christmas boxes to the needy families of this community. It has given money, food, and

clothing to families that were unable to provide these things for themselves. It paid the rent on a ladies rest room for more than two years. It has sponsored the Boy Scouts and secured for them a bowling alley from a former member of the club and installed this alley in the scouts cabin.

It would be impossible to give an account of the amount of work the club has done about the road work of this section. Hundreds of miles have been traveled and scores of letters and telegrams have been sent in behalf of this work.

The club has always maintained its own meeting place which has been used by many of the other organizations of the city and by practically every organization or society meeting in Cornelia. The C. C. C. boys were allowed the use of it as a reading room and it was given to the FERA for offices for over two years.

One of the dreams of the club has been a Community House and that dream is now being realized in the construction of a \$35,000 building. For years the club has worked toward this end and in order that this hope might be realized it was willing to, and did bond itself to carry out this project.

If it were necessary to offer an excuse for the existence of the club the following would be sufficient: The club has been the means through which the ladies organizations of Cornelia by putting on the weekly luncheons have raised hundreds of dollars that have been spent on the Churches, Schools, boy scouts, and on other worthy causes.

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