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BROWN FACTORY

Third Largest Manufacturer of Shoes, offers Sullivan opportunity to secure big factory. Mass Meeting held Monday Night Endorsed the Project.

Now Organizing For Drive to Raise the Necessary Funds

OTHER CITIES SEEKING THIS UNIT, BUT SULLIVAN WILL GET IT IF WE CAN MEET FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS. SPEAKERS MONDAY NIGHT OUTLINED PROPOSITION AND CALLED ATTENTION TO URGENT NEED FOR AN INDUSTRY HERE.

Whether or not Sullivan will have a branch factory of the Brown Shoe Company, depends entirely upon the people of this community.

The officials of the Brown company have selected Sullivan as the site for the erection of a large unit of their big manufacturing business.

This is the outcome of five years of work along this line on the part of the Sullivan Community Club.

Other cities are also seeking the new factory. Practically all cities that now have Brown factories are asking the company to erect the new unit as an addition to their factory.

Thursday of last week a group of local business and professional men went to St. Louis to see the Brown Shoe Company officials. This visit followed a few weeks of preliminary negotiations.

Sullivan knew that the new unit was to be built. The showing made by the city in the past, in its efforts to get a factory here, and the kindly feeling that Vice President McCarthy and Mr. Coslow of the Company have for the city for a new factory site.

The committee that went to St. Louis last week consisted of J. L. McLaughlin, Carl Wolf, J. B. Tabor, C. R. Patterson, J. J. Gauger, Judge George A. Sentel, Chester Horn, W. R. Robinson and Ed C. Brandenburg.

Sullivan First Choice

The conference with Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Coslow resulted in the assurance on the part of the shoe company officials that their next factory will come to Sullivan if this community can meet their terms.

These terms are exactly the same as have been met by other cities, among which are Charleston, Litchfield, Mattoon, Union City, Tennessee, Salem and about a dozen more in this state and Missouri. These terms have been met by cities smaller than Sullivan and they have been met in cities where some industries already existed and the need for something of that kind was not so urgent.

After the return of the committee that visited St. Louis a meeting was held the following day by these men and a number of others interested. At this meeting an executive committee was named. The members are Chester Horn, who will act as chairman, Frank J. Thompson, J. L. McLaughlin and John J. Gauger. A publicity committee consisting of Ed C. Brandenburg, Arlo Chapin and D. G. Carnine was also named.

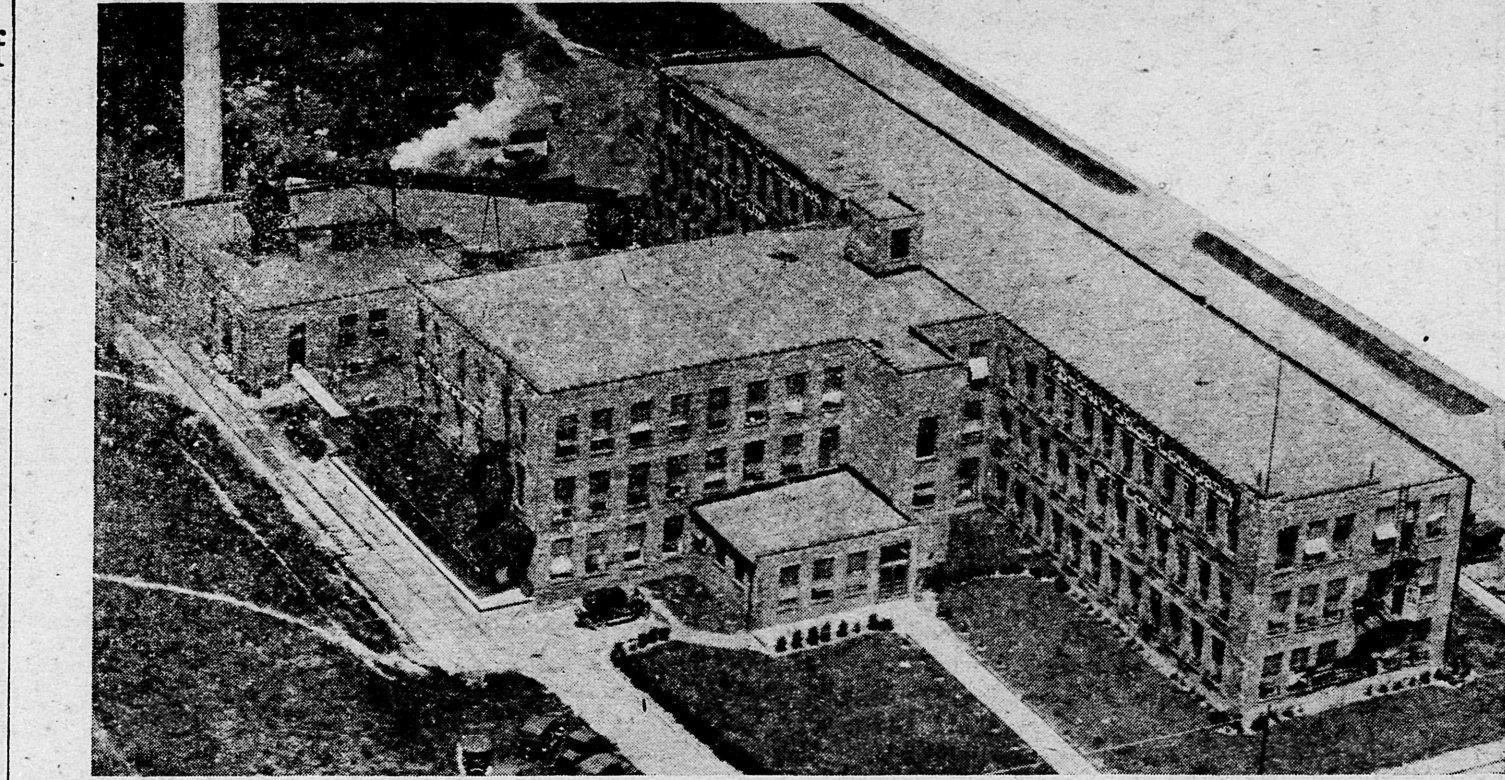
At this meeting it was decided to have a big mass meeting Monday night, to which everybody in the community was to be invited. The publicity committee was asked to properly advertise this meeting.

Big Mass Meeting

This meeting was held last (Monday) night in the circuit court room. The room was packed. All seats were taken and many were standing. As an indication of the wide-spread interest in this matter not only in Sullivan but in all of the surrounding territory, delegations were present from Windsor and Lovington and individuals were here from Allen, Arthur, Bethany and many farmers were in the audience.

The chairman of the Community club presided and opened the business of the meeting.

The first speaker was W. R. Robinson, chairman of



This Is The Type Of Factory Offered Sullivan

the Industries committee. Mr. Robinson has been in close touch with this factory proposition during the years that it has been agitated and he gave a brief outline of what is expected of the community, and of benefits which are sure to follow the erection of the proposed factory. He then introduced Mr. McLaughlin.

McLaughlin Gives Details

Mr. McLaughlin went into detail of the history of the situation. He told of what Brown factories have done for other cities and of the urgent need for something of this kind for Sullivan. It was pointed out very clearly that this is not an Industrial Committee matter and in fact not a community club project, but it is a matter that will be of vital interest to every man, woman and child in Sullivan. He pointed out that in the Illinois black corn belt there was but three small county seat towns. All others are big cities that are booming right along. One of these three small towns is Sullivan. It is ideally located for an industrial community. It has everything that is necessary to make of it an ideal place to live, lacking only industry which will give employment and bring money in here. Mr. McLaughlin urged that the people give the matter their very serious consideration.

He told of other factory projects that the committee has investigated. They were very questionable. Some of them were experimenting in the manufacture of untried articles; others asked that they be financed by stock purchases. All had an element of doubt in them as to their ability to succeed.

This Brown Shoe Company factory is the only bona fide, high class proposition that has ever been offered Sullivan will manufacture women's shoes. Footwear now in demand will be produced. Some of Brown's factories produce third biggest manufacturer of shoes in the world. At the present time it manufactures 70,000 pairs of shoes daily. The business is growing rapidly. The sales organization can sell more shoes than the present factory equipment can produce, hence the need of immediate action for another factory unit. The unit which it is proposed to build in Sullivan will manufacture women's shoes. High grade footwear will be produced. Some of Brown's factories produce cheaper grades of shoes and the labor is consequently paid less. The factory Sullivan can secure will be one in which the scale of wages will be relatively high for this class of work.

Ex-Mayor Patterson's Views

Following Mr. McLaughlin's talk, ex-Mayor C. R. Patterson was called upon. Mr. Patterson is thoroughly sold on the need of a factory. He dwelt for a few minutes on the matter of providing Sullivan with an adequate water supply and what it has meant for this community. He called attention to the fact that but for this water supply Sullivan would at this time have no opportunity such as is offered it. Four years ago when a big drive was made to secure a factory the Brown company investigated the local situation thoroughly. The officials of the company came here. They looked us over. They found two objections to Sullivan as a factory site. One was the lack of a water supply and the other was the uncompleted stage of our hard road system. Since that time these matters have been re-

died. These objections have been removed.

Mr. Patterson presented a very apt illustration of present conditions in Sullivan insofar as property values are concerned. He stated that he lived in a modern residence property that he purchased some years ago for \$4,000. It was easily worth it. It could not now be built anywhere near that figure. If that same property had to be disposed of today to close an estate or by forced sale it would not bring over \$2000. Why? Because there is no demand for residence property in Sullivan. Why not? Because there is no means of employment here and consequently no reason why people should move to this city. The real estate market is demoralized. In fact there is none.

A factory such as is under consideration would change this state of affairs. It would put new life into the community. This is not guesswork, but past experience proves it.

Union City, Tennessee

As an instance of what a factory can do for a city, he cited Union City, Tennessee. A few years ago that place, without the fine farm land surroundings that Sullivan has, became ambitious to have a Brown Shoe Company factory. It sent a delegation to see Mr. McCarthy and the other officials of the company. The officials went to Union City to give it the once over. It looked poor. It had no paved streets. It was a very unlikely looking prospect. It had 4000 residents and one fourth of them were colored people. But it did want a factory. So earnest were its people in their plea, that the Brown Company officials told them to go to it and see what they could do. They did. They had an exceedingly hard time. They dug deep and almost sweated blood in their efforts to do something for their home city. They put it over. That was but a short six years ago. Today Union City is one of the prosperous cities of the south. Its factory has between 400 and 500 people steadily employed. The population of the city has practically doubled. New business and dwelling buildings have been erected. And Union City is pleading for permission to raise another bonus to give to the Brown Shoe Company for the erection of an addition to the factory it now has.

Mr. Patterson also told of how the business men of Charleston recently sent a delegation to St. Louis to present a big loving cup to the Brown Company officials on the tenth anniversary of the opening of the first unit of the big factory now operating in that city. Charleston now has about 1251 people on the payroll of the Brown Shoe Company and is always looking forward to further expansion.

Following Mr. Patterson, Don Lacy, secretary of the (Please turn to page two)

Extra Special Factory Dispatch

This morning Vice President E. R. McCarthy of the Brown Shoe Company of St. Louis called J. L. McLaughlin and informed him that in company with his chief engineer and factory superintendent he will come to this city Wednesday afternoon and will remain here until Thursday morning. One object of this visit will be to look over available sites for the proposed factory.

DAILY

In order to keep this community and all interested fully informed as to how the matter or organization is progressing in the shoe factory drive and to present to you the facts pertaining to this matter the Sullivan Progress will be issued daily so long as the executive committee feels that such action will be necessary.

If you live in the city of Sullivan, a copy will be delivered to you each evening by a member of the Boy Scouts. If you, for some reason or other fail to get your copy, kindly call at this office for it.

McKIM CASE TO GRAND JURY

When the case of Henry McKim, charged with attempts to take indecent liberties, was called for a preliminary hearing in the court of Justice of the Peace C. S. Edwards Monday morning, he waived such hearing and was bound over to the grand jury.

The September term of the Circuit Court opens Monday and the grand jury will be impanelled on that day. Judge Wamsley will preside at the September term.

Mr. McKim is still in jail, having been unable to give bond in the sum of \$1000.

Moultrie Circuit Court Will Open Monday Morning

Judge Wamsley Will Impanel the Grand Jury, Which Will Start on Its Duties. Relatively Small Docket for the September Term

The September term of the Moultrie county Circuit court starts Monday. The grand jury will be impanelled at that time and will start an investigation of the cases that have been bound over.

There is not a very heavy docket for the court. There are several chancery cases, such as partitions, foreclosures, etc., about a half dozen divorce cases and most of the rest of the docket consist of older cases which are being carried over from the previous term.

Judge Wamsley of Tuscola will be the presiding judge.

The grand jurors are the following:

Sullivan—John Daum, Jesse Coventry, Frank Hagerman, William L. Rhodes, Leo Murphy, Lovington—W. H. Raglan, Claud Hesler, Hark V. Weatherly, Elmer E. Cochran.

Lowe—Carl Heerd, Elmer Sentel.

Dora—John Roney, Alva Ping.

East Nelson—David Spough and Samuel Curvis.

Jonathan Creek—Albert Kanitz and Joe Fifer.

Marrowbone—John B. Wage-

man, Omer Sporleder and Ezra K. Jackson.

Whitley—Vern Storm, William Harpster and Otis Goddard.

Petit jurors who may be called to the jury box during the term to hear jury cases are as follows:

Sullivan—Elmer McIlwain, J. A. Sabin, Oscar Bragg, J. A. Chaney, Finis Switzer, Ollie Darst, Luther Hoke, A. R. Poland,

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