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Walton County Chamber of Commerce Organization Working Out

After several weeks of planning by a steering committee appointed at an earlier meeting and including Adrian Rivard, chairman, Phil Harris, Burl Underwood, Melville Jennings and M. T. Fountain, a meeting was called for last Friday night to further the organization of a Chamber of Commerce.

Previously the Board of County Commissioners and the City Council had agreed to appropriate \$4,000 and \$2,000 respectively to aid in financing the organization.

The committee reports a ready response to the membership drive as 82 business and professional men and women had signed for membership up to Wednesday noon and the committee hopes to contact every prospective member throughout the county during the next week.

Tentative plans are that the five county districts have representation on the board of directors and that each community be represented by at least one member if not more.

The membership fee will be not less than \$25, though many members have paid larger amounts in order to finance the organization.

Officials of the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce and others were in attendance at the meeting Friday night and gave material help and advice on the process of successful organization.

The Chamber of Commerce has been needed here through years

HERE'S THE NEED OF A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

"Industry is moving to small towns," declares Roger William Riis in the Reader's Digest for June, "and small towns, aware of their advantages, are advertising them and dangling them before industry with such added inducements as tax-free or rent-free facilities, even offers of prepaid moving expenses."

A Chamber of Commerce will be able to contact prospects in business and sell them on the advantages of Walton County.

Summer Band Rehearsals Being Held

The Walton High School Band in its first year has reached a membership of 37 musicians. The cadet band has twenty-one members, and nineteen have enrolled for instruction in the summer beginners' class which is to begin on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, June 25, at the band room. Any child who wishes to play in the band should contact the band director, Mr. Paul Creech, at the school any morning after the above date. Some instruments may be available to lend beginners.

Australian Bride Arrives Here

The bride that W. C. Beasley wed at Brisbane, Australia, May 17, 1944, at the All Saints Church, arrived here Monday night to join her husband.

A soldier in the 6th Army headquarters at the time of his marriage, Mr. Beasley left his bride of ten days to go to New Guinea, later to the Philippines, then to Japan. He arrived home December 11, 1945 and has been awaiting the arrival of Mrs. Beasley.

She sailed aboard the USS Mari-pora on May 13, arriving here June 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Beasley will be at home here for about two months and then go to Chicago, where he will attend the Coyne Technical School. Mr. Beasley is employed at the Western Auto Associate Store.

American Legion Notes

American Legion Post No. 61 of DeFuniak Springs next meeting will be at 8:00 p. m. on June 24. The newly elected commander, Hugh Adams, will announce the names of members who have been appointed to the various committees for the coming year. All members are urged to be present so that they will know the mem-