

means rents are high. If you don't own a home, you must pay tribute to the hard necessities which have brought about a scarcity of homes. Unless home building gets under way immediately, when our millions of soldiers return to civil life, and when our thousands of war workers who have been living in government buildings get back to where they must have apartments and houses, rents are going to be higher.

Thrift, of the intelligent sort, will put present savings to work, that future rental expenses may be escaped. Present savings invested *now* in a home will emancipate your pocketbook from the demands of the rent collector. Be intelligently thrifty—*build now*.

**The Citizens' Club**

Badin being such a new town, and therefore without old-established institutions or societies, the need of some general or cosmopolitan agency has been felt by many who have cast their lot here. Hence the birth of the Citizens' Club. The interest taken in this movement by so many of our best citizens is very gratifying to those who were instrumental in its formation.

The following article, which was published in the *Albemarle News* regarding our Club, bears repetition here.

People who amount to anything in this world stand for something. They are not afraid to state their opinions, nor do they find it necessary to camouflage them behind a series of ifs, ands, and buts.

Clubs influence the life of a community no little. Some are purely social, some others entirely political, some are industrial, while certain ones strive to combine these purposes into one organization.

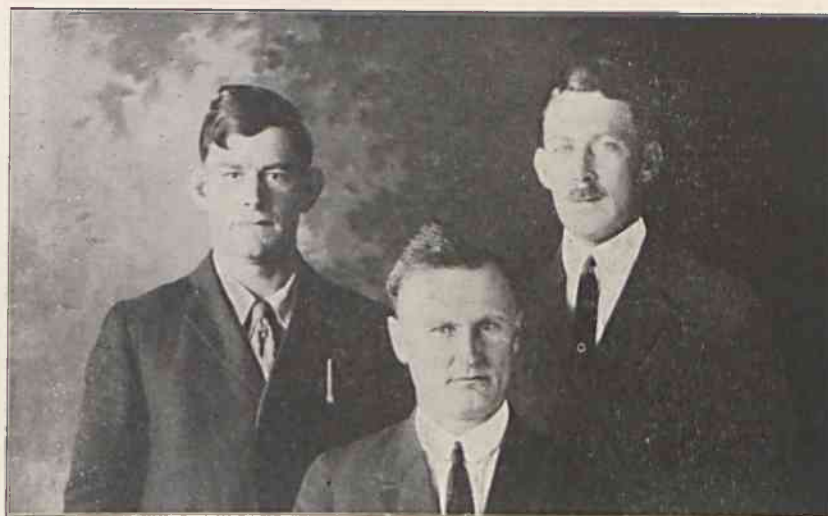
We have aims which we would follow. It may be that sometimes we are mistaken, but at least you may know where to place us.

We stand for the upholding of our Government at all times, regardless of the political adherence of the administration. America first, and no quibbling about our personal political preference.

We stand for honest work and loyalty to one's employer. A day's work in a day, every day.

We stand for civic pride—not alone in what Badin is, but what she can be made to be.

We stand for clean living. We want no hangers-on in Badin, but people who come here to work, and to live right.



CULVEYHOUSE, HAMBEY, AND BROWN

**Returned Soldiers**

The picture shown above shows three of our returned soldiers who saw considerable fighting on the French battlefields. All three of these men came to Badin about the same time, in May of 1916, from Maryville. They left Badin about the same time for the army, and now have gotten back again almost together.

Corporal A. L. Culveyhouse was with the Three Hundred and Eighteenth Field Signal Battalion. He sailed for France on July 13, 1918, and saw active service in the Somme offensive, from September 21 to October 21. "Culvey's" work did not take him into the front line trenches, but he did get up close enough to get a good dose of Hun gas.

Cook Frank C. Hambey was with Battalion "C", One Hundred and Fourteenth

Field Artillery. Frank sailed for France on June 13, 1918, got into action August 26 at St. Mihiel, and was shifted to the Argonne on September 15. He went into action there on September 26, and was relieved on October 8, and went to the Woevre front, where he was in action at the time the armistice was signed, arriving in the United States on March 23, 1919.

Private G. C. Brown was in Company "D", One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Infantry, Thirtieth Division. He sailed May 12, 1918, and saw action at Ypres, July 21 to September 2, and in the Somme offensive, September 21 to October 21, arriving in the United States on April 11.

We are glad to have all of these boys back with us, and are proud that they thought enough of Badin to head this way as soon as they were able.

We stand for clean sports. We want every man who comes to Badin to engage in any form of sport, to know that he will get a fair deal and sportsmanlike treatment.

We stand for education. We are proud of the Badin school. We want to pull together to keep down ignorant criticism, and keep in the appreciation of the finest public school in North Carolina.

We stand for Badin. Here our home is, and we will try to keep it a decent place in which to live.

At our organization meeting, the following officers were elected: John J. Cowart, *President*; Joseph F. Hoffman, Jr., *Vice-President*; Thomas C. Shepard, *Secretary and Treasurer*. The governing board is composed of five

members: John S. Cox, *Chairman*; J. W. Frazier, B. R. Fuller, Harry J. Smith, F. F. Manly.

A regular business meeting of the Club is to be held on the last Thursday evening of each month. Special meetings may be called whenever, in the judgment of the officers of the Club, it seems proper.

An application has been made to the Secretary of State for a Charter.

New members are being added to our number day by day, and we will be glad to welcome those who wish to work with us and enjoy the benefit to be obtained by the exercise of the spirit of co-operation and good fellowship.

**CITIZENS' CLUB**  
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Secretary and Treasurer