

After talking about an Auxiliary, several of the wives, mothers, and daughters of the American Legion called a meeting for the 22nd of October, 1920. Mr. Arthur Clarke presided and appointed Miss Lulu Warner as Secretary Pro-Tem. After a general discussion of these duties of officers and committee chairmen the following officers were elected and took their respective chairs immediately. Mrs Dwight Williams as President, Mrs Frank Warner as Vice President, Miss Lulu Warner as Secretary, Mrs Ira Webster as Treasurer. The executive Comm&tee was Mrs Arthur Clarke, Mrs A.D. Williams, Mrs Gertude Mitchell. Meetings were held in the G. A. R. Hall the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, and dues were to be \$2.00 a year but for the remaining of 1920 and all of 1921 dues would be \$2.50. Committee chairmen were named for Membership, Finances, Social, Welfare, Entertainment, and Nominating. Each chairman was to appoint two members to work with her-thus a committee of three. Things moved along quite fast in these early days of our Auxiliary as during the third meeting it was noted to adopt the ballot as their method of voting, instructed the membership committee, the method of investigating the eligibility of prospective members, ordered the Secretary to purchase the necessary record books for herself and the Treasurer. It was voted to order application blanks and Auxiliary pins. Evidently the membership blanks had to be purchased at this early date. It was also noted that the Secretary be given

authority to care for the funds and accounts in the absence of the Treasurer. The executive committee reported their progress on the Constitution which would be presented at their next meeting.

At the fourth meeting the Constitution was read and discussed and accepted as read. By Laws were also approved at this meeting. After this meeting adjourned the entertainment committee gave their first program and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The nominating Committee were instructed to bring in a slate of candidates for the next meeting. At the first meeting in January new officers were elected. The Unit voted to send Mrs Dwight Williams to Grand Rapids State Caucus with her expenses paid. At their next meeting a motion was made to rescind the motion of Jan. 4th--"That we send one delegate to the State Caucus. The motion carried and a new motion made to send two delegates and two alternates with their expenses paid, and the motion carried. Their thinking was that there was a lot to learn and they wanted to get as much good as possible from the Meetings. Marquis James had written a letter to the Unit suggesting that a Publicity Chairman be added to the appointed Committees. At their next meeting they nominated and elected a chairman. A report on the State Caucus was given by the delegates. They had decided to hold a business meeting the 1st Tuesday of each month and a social evening the 3rd Tuesday of the months. The Welfare Chairman wrote letters

to the Hospitals at Kalamazoo asking what was needed for the disabled soldiers so they could help. The first Pot Luck dinner was planned and members of the American Legion were to be their guests. At this time their Secretary was married and missed her first meeting. Meetings went on as per their manuals and the ladies decided to have a "Penny March" to supply funds for flowers when needed. They investigated prices on banners and large parade flags and voted to buy one large flag for the Memorial Day parade. They were going to make the Banner for the Post for Memorial Day. A head dress was adopted to be worn on specific occasions.

Gold Star members were to be admitted as free members, the Unit paying their dues. They ordered 500 Poppies and had 12 women on the streets to sell them. A motion picture promotion netted the Unit \$39.87 (considered a great success), and at this time the ladies voted to hold only 1 meeting a business meeting during the months of June, July, and August. At this time it was adopted to have a moment of silent prayer in tribute to the deceased. No meetings were held until August and they began knitting articles for the hospitalized Veterans. They voted to reduce the dues to \$1.00 for the rest of the year, and they planned a contest for 1 month and had a rally for new members. First mention of State Bulletins for June and July. Delegates were elected to attend a State Convention at Kalamazoo in September. Discussions were held on different ways to earn money, and they decided to have a

Fancy work and Bake Sale. It was noted that the Welfare
Chairman asked for more money as she had only 3¢ left. Thus
one year had passed since our organization.