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WARM DISCUSSIONS AT THE PATRONS' MEETING

Over 100 Patrons Present on Monday Night---3d Street Site Favored

At a meeting held in the assembly room of the High School Building on Monday night over 100 patrons of the school district were present to hear the report of the committee appointed last Wednesday evening to secure options on sections of ground appropriate for school purposes. The interest in the matter ran high and the friendly bantering as to the different sites was very pronounced prior to the opening of the meeting.

At 8 oclock the meeting was called to order by Mrs. C. A. Pentz, who asked Mr. John T. Cartetr to preside at the meeting. Mr. Carter called on the committee, consisting of Messrs. H. Cooper, chairman; Cole and G. T. Redden. Mr. Cooper reported that the committee was able to secure an option from Mr. L. B. Towers of eight acres of ground on 5th street in front of the Kerr property for $5,000, and that Mr. Towers would lay an 8-foot cement walk to the property if it were purchased for school purposes.

The committee also secured options on 11 lots of the Roe property on 3d street for $2,400; 2 lots from the Wright property for $450; Duke's property, $350; Bryant property, $600; options were not secured on the Nuttle, Davis, Deen and Bate Stephens properties. Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough guaranteed that options could be secured on these properties. Judging from the prices received, the total price on all of these lots would be $4,600 for approximately six acres of land.

Several other properties were suggested but were not discussed, the two places on which the options were secured took up the majority of the time for discussion.

The members of the committee were requested to give their personal views on the two properties. Mr. Redden spoke in favor of the property facing on 3d street, while Messrs. Cooper and Cole favored the Towers property. Congressman Goldsborough was then called on and spoke at length on the needs of the community for a place for athletic sports for the children of the community and in the course of his remarks favored the 3d street properties, mainly for their central location.

Mr. Frank Nuttle answered one of the previous remarks and spoke in favor of the Towers land as being exceptionally favorable for a location for athletic grounds, a high school site and the nucleus for a public park as this site has natural running water on it and could be made into a very desirable retreat during the heat of the summer.

Mr. Oscar T. Clark spoke in favor of the Towers property in reply to remarks made by different preceding speakers. He rose to a point of order how the meeting could vote on the 3d street properties when options had not been secured for the entire six acres but for only a little over three acres. After discussion he was overruled when it was guaranteed that options could be secured.

At about this point it was brought out that Mr. Towers had mentioned that some day he hoped to donate to the town of Denton the land through which this creek ran, for public use, and it was then taken up as to why this donation could not be secured at this time if the school building were to be located there.

The chair was then asked to have a vote on the two properties. Tellers were appointed and a vote by ballot was started. The votes were collected and the count started but was discontinued. Later when the votes were counted it was found that there were 30 votes for the Towers land and 46 for the 3d street plot.

A vote by acclamation was called for and it resulted in a vote of 35 for the Towers property to 55 for the 3d streett property.

Mr. Frank Redden, town commissioner, then spoke as to ways of securing funds wheherwith to purchase the grounds. He suggested that the County and Town Commissioners each pay half of the costs. If this plans is adopted he stated that the taxes would not have to be increased as notes for the money could be issued by the town for its share which could be paid off in two years.

Messrs. Wooters, G. Redden and H. Cooper were appointed by the chair to wait on the County and Town Commissioners on Tuesday and Wednesday respectively, to secure their sanction of the purchase of the property decided upon by the patrons of this school district.

Crowded Condition of Schools.

Prior to the report of the committee on securing grounds the chair appointed Messrs. Nuttle, Newcomer and Orme to wait on the School Board on Tuesday at their regular session to see what arrangements could be made for suitable room to relieve the crowded congestion in the high school for next winter.

The committee will report to the school board that in the high school proper their will be 20 pupils graduated this spring and that next fall there will enter the high school from the grades and rural districts approximately 60. A similar condition will exist in the grades owing to the large number of students who will enroll from the primary department.

This term, the large assembly room and the book room and principal's office were taken for class rooms. Even with this doubling up the Home Economics course was unable to complete its schedule due to lack of class room. The Commercial students were obliged to change their quarters twice to make room for manual training classes.

The purposes for which the new grounds are being secured are to provide athletic grounds, suitable playgrounds and a site for a new high school building. When the new high school is erected is is planned to convert the present high school building into a primary school building and grades lower than the grammar.

TESTING SOILS THIS WEEK IN MARYLAND

A number of recent tests of soil from various parts of the county show the lime requirement may be as much as four tons of ground limestone per acre. A requirement of even one ton will seriously handicap clover, alfalfa or any other legume.

A farmer in Ohit writes in one of the farm papers, "We believe the extra amount of hay on the limed portion over our uusual yields will pay about 400 per cent. on the investment for lime."

This week is known as "Maryland Soil Testing Week." Bring in samples from all of your fields to County Agent W. Collins Thomas and he will gladly have them tested for lime requirement free of charge.

From the experiences of last year the socialists of the soil department are able to point out a number of rather common mistakes which farmers make in submitting soil samples. For instance, last year some samples were received packed in muslin bags from which the tags had been torn in the mail. To correct this the specialists recommend that the number of the field from which the sample is taken together with the sender's name and address be written on a slip of paper and enclosed with the soil.

Another rather common mistake is the packing of wet soil in paper bags or cardboard boxes. Specialists point out that this should never be done, and that the soil either should be dried or packed in tin cans or cloth bags. Specialists also suggest that if the soil is thoroughly mixed a half-pint is a sufficient quantity for testing.

The following directions should be followed in taking soil samples:

With a spade or shovel dig a square hole to the depth of about six inches, lay a piece of clean paper in the bottom of the hole and then shave a thin slice from one side of the hole, allowing the soil to fall on the paper. Lift the paper and slice from the hole and proceed to another place in the same field and repeat the operation.

If the field is small and fairly uniform two holes will be sufficient to give a representative sample, but if the field is large and uneven, it will be better to secure samples from at least four different places. The samples thus secured from different parts in the same field should then be mixed together, and from the mixture a half-pint of soil should be taken for the test. This may be taken to the county agricultural agent, or it may be sent by parcel post direct to the soils department, Maryland Experiment Station, College Park, Maryland.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEAR EAST RELIEF

During the year subscriptions have been taken for the relief of the sufferers in the Near East. The committee has made up a report of the funds which they have received, which total $170.10. The subscribers to this fund are:

Greensboro Community Club, $10; Choptank 20th Century Community Club, $10; Tuckahoe Neck Community Club, $10; Denton Community Club, $10.10; Denton W. C. T. U., $10; ladies of Denton and community, $120.

This is a very creditable subscription list and the committee thanks all those who subscribed thereto. Mrs. F. R. Owens is the county vice chairman of this branch of the work.

CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP.

WITH the issue of April 1, 1921, the ownership and management of The American Union was taken over by Gilbert H. Rue, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Rue is a young man with ten years of newspaper experience, gained in newspapers offices of both city and town and who will endeavor to give to the people of Denton and Caroline County a newspaper full of news, which will advertise them to the world as being made up of a citizenry full of pep and enthusiasm not to be equalled anywhere.

In order to do this The American Union has installed a new linotype, a machine to set type, which eliminates the tediousness of hand composition, which was so slow and wasteful of time and energy.

In order that The American Union may furnish the inhabitants of Denton and Caroline County with all the news at the earliest moment, we would ask that any citizen who knows of any item of interest will phone the office or see the editor and give the information or tell where same may be secured.

To the farmers and citizens in the rural districts The American Union will endeavor to print articles of interest regarding farming, cattle raising and other items of vital interest to those who produce articles direct from the soil. The American Union will also endeavor to secure correspondents in every section of the county to furnish us with news of that particular section which will make the paper of more interest to sections outside of Denton.

With the new machinery installed The American Union is better equipped to handle the advertising of the merchants and the job printing of all business firms, small or large.

We hope that when you are convinced that our efforts are sincere and that we are endeavoring to promote the interests of Denton and Caroline County, you will favor us with your support by subscribing to The American Union and bringing to this office a share of your patronage of advertising and job printing.

Sincerely yours,

THE AMERICAN UNION.

GILBERT H. RUE,

Editor and Publisher.

COMMISIONERS HEAR COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY CLUB SENDS TWO DELEGATIONS—SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND 6TH STREET REPRESENTATIVES APPEAR.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Commissioners was held on Monday evening, four committees appearing from local organizations.

The Community Club sent a delegation of ladies to the Commissioners regarding various community subjects. The Fire Department was one of the subjects taken up, the ladies desiring to know the condition of the fire hose and requesting the commissioners to install a fire alarm. They replied to the committee that the fire hose was in good shape, there being six hose reels, each carrying 500 feet of hose, located in different sections of the town.

The ladies wanted to know if there could be some relief from the many unlicensed dogs running the streets of Denton. They were told that altho the town had a license law it was unable to enforce it as the matter was one to be handled by the county. It was suggested that the ladies visit the County Commissioners in reference to the dogs.

Along this same line the chicken question was brought up and a portion of the law was read wherein it is ordered that no livestock or poultry shall be permitted to run at large in the town. Any person so violating the law is liable to be fined.

The unsanitary condition along the causeway was also talked over. This stretch of road is outside the town limits and is therefore not under control of the Town Commissioners. It was suggested that the committee see the County Commissioners to see what they could do. Also, that the owners of the property be waited upon and requested to prohibit the dumping of trash along the roadway, or if that was permitted that those who did dump be compelled to cover it over with dirt.

The aid of the town officers was requested in the annual Clean-Up Days. Wednesday, May 20th was settled upon as the day on which the town would collect any rubbish placed on the main thoroughfares, though it was stated that no rubbish would be gathered up that was placed in alleys. It was also brought out that last year some people expected the men who hauled the rubbish to go into their yards and rake up the rubbish. That work is up to the property owner, the town only removing from the streets the rubbish placed

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Commencement Dates Set--Denton, June 10

The monthly meeting of the County Board of Education was held Tuesday at which time the dates for the high school commencements were set. The commencement of the Denton High School will be on Friday, June 10; of Greensboro, June 6; Ridgely, June 7; Preston, June 8, and Federalsburg, June 9.

The dates for the Elementary or Grammar School commencements are: Denton, Wednesday, June 8; Ridgely, June 6; Federalsburg, June 7; Greensboro, June 9, and Preston, June 10. This is the first year that the Caroline County Elementary Schools have had commencement exercises. It is hoped that through the encouragement given by these exercises the pupils will hold on through the grades to receive these diplomas and then on through the high school for the high school diplomas.

Tuesday, May 3d was set for Budget Bay. All the schools of the county will have their budgets ready by that time so that the commissioners will be able to attend to the matter promptly. State Superintendent of Education Albert S. Cook will deliver an address on that day to the patrons gathered here.

The delegation appointed by the Patrans' meeting appeared asking that the Board grant their request for two portable one-room school houses to be erected on the school grounds to meet the crowded conditions of the local schools for the next term. The request was granted and two buildings will be erected at an approximate cost of $2,500.

The County Commissioners and the Board of Education have paid their share of the cost of the toilets at the high school.

The county athletic meet is to be held at Preston this year on May 20

The dates for closing the county schools are as follows: White, June 10; colored, May 6.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SELL $50,000 ROAD BONDS

At the regular meeting of the County Commissioners on Tuesday bids were opened for the purchase of $50,000 Caroline County 5 per cent. Road Bonds, the funds of which are for the improvement of the roads within the county.

Only three bids were received, all from Baltimore, there being no local enterprises desiring the bonds.

The entire block of bonds was purchased by Townsend, Scott and Son for $48,381. The other two bids were from Alexander Brown & Son, $47,686.09, and Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co., $47,510. Two of the bidders stated that their bids were for all of the bonds or none.

CIRCUIT COURT HERE THIS WEEK

SHORT SESSION HELD, CLOSING THURSDAY AFTERNOON — 20 INDICTMENTS FOUND—FOUR ON PROHIBITION LAWS.

County Circuit Court opened Monday morning for a very short session, court adjourning Thursday afternoon aat 3.30 p. m.

There were 60 trial cases and 8 appeal cases on the calender for this term. The judges attending were Chief Justice Wm. H. Adkins, of Easton, who was here only for the opening day of court. Associate Judges P. B. Hopper, of Centreville, and Lewin W. Wicks, of Chestertown.

A great deal of criminal business was transacted, however, there being 20 indictments found, most of them on larceny charges, on which there were several convictions.

There were four indictments for the violation of the local option laws. These cases were all continued until the October term of court.

All civil cases were either removed or continued with the exception of E. H. Hires vs. Claude Howard, verdict for Howard for $70 and costs.

American Express Co. vs. J. H. Sahan, judgment for express company for costs.

The Grand Jury filed its report and were discharged by the Court.

Court adjourned until the fourth Monday of June, next.

Report of the Grand Jury

The April term of the Circuit Court of Caroline County, 1921.

To the Honorable Judges of the Circuit Court of Caroline County, State of Maryland:

The grand inquest of the State of Maryland for Caroline County, having concluded its labor most respectfully begs leave to submit its report.

We have been in session three days and examined 34 witnesses, made 22 presentments and found 20 bills of indictment.

A committee of members have visited the almshouse and reported by their chairman, J. Olan Clark: "We found in all 15 inmates, four male white, four male colored, seven female colored, 1 baby colored. The inmates were well cared for. We recommend the removal of the child to some relatives or home. Sanitary conditions are good, buildings are well kept. The stock, consisting of 2 horses, 6 cows, 2 yearlings, 1 male, 16 shoats, 1 mother hog. All stock in good condition and well kept. We found plenty of feed for all the stock.

"We would recommend that a modern hennery be erected for the use of the farm.

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WILMINGTON M. E. CONFERENCE CLOSES INTERESTING SESSION

Not Many Pastoral Changes This Year Next Meeting at Cambridge

With ministers and visitors present from all sections of the peninsula, the fifty-third session of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church opened at Immanuel Church, Crisfield Wednesday a week.

Bishop William Frazier McDowell formally opened the session of conference Wednesday morning, with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The roll call showed 150 members present for the first session.

As a token of respect for the members who have died during the year the conference body stood while the names of Howard T. Quigg, George P. Neese and W. O. Hurst were read. Memorial services were held Sunday afternoon, and visiting ministers were heard in different churches of Crisfield on Sunday.

The organization of the conference was completed by the election of Disston W. Jacobs, as secretary; Vinal E. Hills, treasurer, and W. E. Gunby, statistician, each of whom immediately named his assistants.

The nominations for standing committees were read by Dr. W. A. Wise, secretary of the Bishop's cabinet. J. T. Prouse was elected postmaster of the conference for his fifteenth term. Ministerial members of the board of stewards were elected as follows: Wilmington district, Elwood W. Jones; Dover district, F. C. MacSorley; Easton district, E. H. Derrickson; Salisbury district, L. E. Poole.

R. K. Stephenson, Andrew L. Johnson and Thomas E. Beauchamp were elected members of the conference board of stewards.

Announcement was made by Bishop McDowell of the transfer of Rev. T. R. Jones from the Wilmington to the Malaysia conference and of Rev. J. C. B. Hopkins to the Colorado conference.

After the collection of statistical reports and returns to the treasurer the Bishop called for the report of the superintendents of the various districts, which were read and approved.

Representatives of the Methodist Book Concern and other departments of the church were introduced, and outlined their work just prior to the adjournment of the first session.

Standing committees are as follows:

Public Worship—John L. Johnson, W. F. Corkran, George E. Sterling and Vaughn S. Collins.

Ministerial qualifications—R. K. Stepheson, S. N. Pilchard, J. T. Richardson, E. O. Jones, Leolan Jackson, Tilghman Smith, J. T. Herson, J. P. Outten, E. W. McDowell, G. T. Alderson, M. D. Nutter and W. E. Habbart.

Periodicals—M. B. Wheatley, C. W. Moore, G. S. Allen, G. F. Newton.

Bible—W. W. Sharp, D. J. Moore, O. B. Reed, C. T. Jones.

Epworth League—W. G. Harris, J. A. Leach, G. E. Sterling, J. T. Price and I. T. Willis.

Sunday School—Milton McCann, R K. Stephenson, George P. Jones, W. P. Taylor, G. W. Bounds.

Sabbath observance—W. L. White, Howard Davis, D. J. C. McCoy.

Temperance and prohibition—E. C. Prettyman, O. T. Baynard, L. B. Morgan, Ivanhoe Willis, J. C. Bolton.

Freedman's Aid—G. E. Wood, J. W. Sutton, O. L. Martin, D. J. Garvan.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society—C. W. Strickland, C. C. Harris, G. W. Stallings, C. W. Spry.

Hospitals—Howard McDade, Daniel Wilson, G. S. Thomas, W. O. Bennett.

Resolutions—J. W. Colona, T. R. Van Dyke, F. N. Faulkner, Warren Burr.

Memorials—Alfred Smith, H. S. Dulaney, Robert Watt, O. E. Jones, R. P. Nichols.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS ISSUED MONDAY

Just before the final adjournment on Monday, Bishop McDowell announced the appointments for the next conference year, as follows:

Wilmington District.

Robert Watt, Superintendent.

Wilmington:
Asbury—G. W. Dawson.
Brandywine—W. E. Greenfield.
Brack-Ex and Elsmere—R. H. Adams.
Cookman—W. G. Harris.
Eastlake—E. C. Sunfield.
Edge Moor—B. Webster Gilbert.
Epworth—E. P. Thomas.
Grace—J. W. R. Sumwalt.
Harrison Street—W. E. Habbart.
Hilcrest—M. D. Nutter.
Italian Mission—To be supplied.
Kingswood—G. W. Bounds.
Madeley—L. M. Broadway.
McCabe—G. C. Williams.
Mt. Salem—Leonard White.
Richardson Park—A. W. Goodhand.
Scott—T. J. Sard.
Silverbrook—R. K. Stephenson.
St. Paul's—C. L. Hubbard; assistant, R. W. Cooke.
Trinity—E. H. Collins.
Union—H. W. Ewing.
Wesley—Z. H. Wells.
Bellefonte and Holly Oak—To be supplied.
Bethel and Town Point—O. L. Martin
Charlestown—J. H. Wilson.
Cherry Hill—Milton McCann.
Chesapeake City—O. B. Reed.
Chester-Bethel—J. H. Hudson.
Christiana—W. P. Pardee, supply.
Claymont—Howard McDade.
Colora—J. F. Anderson.
Delaware City and Port Penn—L. W. Layfield.
Ebenezer—G. F. Newton.
Elk Neck—E. T. F. Morton, supply.
Elkton—G. T. Alderson.
Hockessin—C. W. Clarke.
Hopewell—C. T. Jones.
Marshaliton and Cedars—Ivanhoe Willis.
Mt. Lebanon—O. E. James.
Mt. Pleasant—W. W. Sharp.
Newark—Frank Herson.
New Castle—J. E. Bicking.
Newport—W. V. Moore.
Northeast—D. J. Givan.
Perryville—H. B. Kelso.
Port Deposit—Warren Burr.
Red Lion—J. H. Geoghegan.
Rising Sun—C. C. Harris.
St. Georges and Summit—J. C. McCoy.
St. John's—G. A. Cooke.
Zion Circuit—J. A. Buckson.

Middletown District.

W. A. Wise, Superintendent.
Bayside—H. W. Gallion.
Bozman—J. W. Sutton.
Burrsville—To be supplied.
Cecilton—T. R. Van Dyke.
Centreville—M. E. Wheatley.
Chestertown—O. E. Jones.
Cheswold—G. P. Smith.
Church Hill—A. B. Frye.
Clayton—J. C. Bolton.
Concord—To be supplied.
Cordova—J. H. Whedbee.
Croumpton—J. T. Rowlenson.
Denton—V. E. Hills.
Easton—W. H. Briggs.
Fairlee—G. W. Stallings.
Galena—G. E. Sterling.
Greensboro—J. A. Leach.
Henderson—C. D. Sharpless.
Hillsboro—W. H. Revelle.
Kent Island—Ralph C. Jones.
Kenton—J. W. Easley, supply.
Marydel—Edwin Gardner.
Middletown—V. P. Northrup.
Millington—O. H. Connelly.
Odessa and Friendship—R. S. Hodgson.
Oxford—W. B. Horner.
Piney Neck—F. L. Hicks.
Pomona—To be supplied.
Preston—J. P. Outten.
Queenstown — Henry Covington, supply.
Ridgely—Frank White.
Rock Hall—T. C. Smoot.
Royal Oak—S. L. Hanby, supply.
St. Michaels—C. N. Jones.
Smyrna—R. P. Nichols.
Salem Circuit—To be supplied.
Still Pond—Tighman Smith.
Sudlersville—Robert Lawson.
Tilghman's—Leolan Jackson.
Townsend—G. P. Jones.
Trappe—D. J. Moore.
Wye Mills—W. N. Conway.

Dover District.

W. R. Mowbray, Superintendent.
Armory and Asbury—Alonzo Travers
Beckwith and Spedden—O. T. Baynard.
Bethel—G. E. Wood.
Blades and Epworth—R. W. Mills.
Bridgeville—W. L. White.
Cambridge—W. E. Gunby.
Camden—C. W. Moore.
Canterbury—W. C. Buckson.
Church Creek and Taylor's Island—E. M. Byrd.
Crapo—J. H. Gardner.
Dover—J. W. Colona.
East New Market—O. B. Rice.
Ellendale—T. S. Barrett.
Elliott's Island—W. F. Atkinson.
Epworth—G. T. Gehman.
Farmington—George T. Jones, supply
Federalsburg—F. C. MacSorley.
Felton—M. W. Marine.
Frederica—Harry Taylor.
Galestown and McKendres—H. E. Truitt.
Georgetown—J. L. Sparkin.
Georgetown Circuit—C. W. Spry.
Greenwood—To be supplied.
Harrington—J. T. Richardson.
Hooper's Island—C. H. Hudson.
Houston—J. M. Kelso.
Hurlock—J. T. Price.
Lekesville—E. S. Tyler.
Laurel—W. O. Bennett.
Leipsic—R. L. Kirby.
Lewes—Howard Davis.
Lincoln—C. H. Atkins.
Little Creek—Ernest Wright, supply.
Magnolia and Barratt's Chapel—G. R. Ellis.
Milford—D. W. Jacobs.
Millsboro—B. T. Moore.
Milford Neck—To be supplied.
Milton—Harry E. Reed.
Mt. Pleasant—E. H. Marshall.
Nassau—L. T. McLain, supply.

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