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THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1922

Monday is town election day at which time a new town commissioner will be elected to serve for three years. It is up to the citizens of Denton who this new commissioner is to be, whether he is to be a commissioner that is progressive or whether he is to be one that simply attends the meetings of the commissioners and talks—never acts.

During the past year the town commissioners have been asked to make a number of improvements, not by outsiders or disinterested parties, but by the citizens and taxpayers of the town. What was done? NOTHING. In that one word is expressed almost the entire minutes of the town commissioners for the fiscal year 1921.

Practically the only things accomplished by the commissioners this year were the paving of Sixth street, with the aid of the State, and the laying of sewer on the same street and for a few blocks on Gay street.

Did you ever attend a meeting of the Town Commissioners? No? Here is approximately what happens—Regular stated meetings are set for the first Wednesday night of each month. Frequently one or more of the commissioners even forget to be present. The clerk arrives and opens the office, followed one by one by the three commissioners, if they all remember it. When they are assembled, the meeting is not called to order by the president nor minutes read, but rather unceremoniously some subject is brought up. This is argued pro and con. If it is an improvement the argument is mostly against and the first thing you know, another subject is brought up without the first one having been decided on one way or the other. Thus the evening wears away until some one looks at his watch and says it is time to go home. The commissioners then put on their hats and depart without so much as a motion for adjournment, and the clerk is thus at a loss to know whether the meeting is still on or not. That is the slip-shod manner in which the affairs of Denton have been handled in the past year.

Almost a year ago, three men were appointed to audit the books of the commissioners for the fiscal year 1920. The auditors have not held the first meeting. It is now almost time for the audit for 1921 to be made. Is this the way you want the affairs of your town run?

Each one of the three commissioners is apportioned a certain task to attend to—one has the electric lights to watch, another the water, another the strets. Each one of these three men is a business man; two are employees and have very little time to go on the streets and attend to the business of the town.

For some time the water pump tender claimed that he could not keep the water tank full and the question of drilling an additional well was talked over in the commissioners' meetings. Later it was found that the trouble was not that the water was used, but that there were numerous leaks in the mains. The water commissioner was instructed to have these leaks stopped. Were they? They were not! They continued to leak and the tax payers continued to pay to run a pump to pump water through these leaks. Again the water commissioner was instructed to have repairs made. But the water commissioner is a very busy man and did not have the time to give to the city's needs. Later, however, another commissioner, on his own initiative, had the work done and paid the man who did the work out of his own pocket. The leaks were stopped and now there is no shortage of water.

The street commissioner has as one of his special duties, the keeping of the paved streets clean, through the agency of a laborer, especially to see to it that they are cleaned Saturday night. Another duty is to keep the grass out of the streets in the summer. Are these matters attended to? You who live in Denton and walk the streets can answer this question. The street commissioner is a man who is employed by another firm and cannot give the time to the town.

Street lights are supposed to be turned off at midnight on all dark nights. Does the light commissioner know and report to the light company the number of nights that the lights are on after midnight for one or two or three hours and many nights until 6 in the morning. Every time he does not know it—and the lights burn over time many nights—You, Mr. Taxpayer, you, Mr. Citizen, you, Mr. Voter, pay for the current used. Your commissioners will not grant you all night lights because they are not able to pay it, but you pay for it every time the lights burn over time and the light commissioner does not know it.

Mr. Taxpayer, do you want this system changed for one of good, honest government of your town, improvements made, which YOU want and not those which only a few want, for which all have to pay? If you want a change, put up a man or a woman on the ticket next Monday that will do what you want. When you put him up, tell him you want things done in a business like way for the coming year. If it costs a few dollars more for help, pay it out and have the work done and done right, rather than to pay the money out anyway for leaks and other causes because the commissioners themselves are too busy to attend to them.

May we offer a suggestion here to the two commissioners who remain in office and the new one to be elected, whoever, he may be? It is a plan which has worked in other towns.

You, the commissioners, are men with other businesses. It would not pay you to put all of your time to the work of the town, but the business of the town needs the attention of some one person who can be held responsible.

When you meet the first Wednesday of May to organize, instead of appointing each other to be a certain commissioner, the time to give which none of you have, stop and consider this suggestion—First, see how much money you are paying monthly to your policeman, your street cleaner, your pump man and any other employes of the town. Total these different accounts in one. This total will, in all probability, pay the salary of a man who is capable to take charge of the affairs of the town, such as acting as police when needed, being in uniform Tuesday and Saturday afternoon and evening, the balance of his time to be devoted to the maintenance of the roads, repairing and cleaning, looking after the water pump and making repairs to the mains, making arrangements for the extension of water and sewer connections when needed and doing the work when it is ordered.

This one man, when paid a livable salary would keep the streets of Denton cleaner, keep more water in the tank and pipes at less cost to the town and would keep the expenses of the operation of the town much less than by hiring three or four or more men, each to do one particular job and leave the rest up to you, the commissioners, who do not have the time to do it. From time to time this one person will need additional help, but labor is getting cheap and the hiring of extra men for particular jobs will not take much money and the work will be watched by one man who is held responsible by the commissioners for the faithful performance thereof. This is one way in which the work and affairs of the town can be handled systematically and at the same time, more economically than they are at the present. It works elsewhere—why not here?

Are you, Mr. Taxpower, interested enough in the town in which you live and to which you support by the payment of taxes, to see to it that the next commissioner will take an active interest in the affairs of the town and be ready to do the will of the taxpayers and not simply meet once a month to talk? If so, be at the polls next Monday afternoon and help elect your candidate.

THE DAWN OF CHRISTIANITY

The wireless telephone will soon sound the death knell of religious intolerance, and will bring more good to the world than any force wrested from nature since time began, and the ministers are not slow to recognize the fact. Those of the clergy who really think and are in intelligent contact with the men and women of the world, have suddenly come to see that it is not so much the churches, as the things the churches stand for and the manner of their interpretation, that is going to count. When sermons are broadcasted from coast tocoast, the people will soon come to sense the true from the false in religious leadership and to know where may best be found actual christianity. No longer may the narrow-minded parson stand as the law and the prophets, infusing misleading doctrine into simple minds under the shadow of the cloth. Too many creeds have suffered because of their misinterpretation by little men dealing with the biggest of subjects. Today the minister's congregation is the country, and it will soon be the world. When this happens the dawn of a real christianity will have broken and a harmony between man and his Maker develop to the glory of God and the blesing of His creatures.

FOR EVER AND EVER, AMEN !

Judge Frank Irvine, of Ithaca, New York, formerly dean at the law school of Cornell University, who now seeks a seat in Congress from the Empire state, discusses the farm bloc in a direct manner expressing his unqualified disapproval of organized minorities that seek to accomplish for selfish purposes through an artificial balance of power. Quite apart from any political affiliations or consideration it seems amazing that so warped a vision could find place in the make up of any man of mental training. If the distinguished jurist would hark back to his college and review his logic surely he would see that his conclusions spell direct opposition to the very foundation of the American nation. If it had not been for an organized minority there would be no American republic today. How striking a contrast to the remark of Judge Irvine is that of Grover Cleveland, who in the midst of the Venezuelan controversy when this country verged on war with Great Britain stood firm upon the principle that "there is no calamity so great as supine submission to wrong." Judge Irvine knows he would never have had the opportunity to twiddle his thumbs on the bench in drowsy ease while lawyers argued back and forth were it not for the farmer. He must know the American farmer has been the victim of gross injustice and exploitation, and if he will consider the political machinery of which he hopes to be a part he will see that the farm bloc was born of oppression, that it was nurtured in desperation, and that it has thrived in the sunlight of a more prosperous condition from coast to coast. It will be a sad day if America ever bows to the perpetual rule of the majority without opposition from an organized minority.

HARMONY

Mr. Samuel Collins died on Thursday at the family residence, at the age of 63. He was twice married. His last wife, who was Miss Carrie Story, of this county, one daughter, Miss Mildred, at home, two sons and one daughter by the first marriage live to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father.

Mrs. Marshal Shockley and son Kenneth of St. Michael's were the guests of Mr. Gootee Todd the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Brown of Bridgeville, Del., visited Mrs. Brown's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Gootee Todd.

Mrs. Elmer Donaho has returned home from Cambridge, where she visited her father who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Collins have returned to Wilmington.

Miss Pearl Collins of Wilmington attended her grandfather's funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ferrains and sons spent the Easter holidays in Wilmington.

The Harmony Sunday School enjoyed an Easter egg hunt on the church lawn on Monday afternoon.

The Messrs. Lister from Marcus Hook spent the Easter holidays with their sister, Mrs. Towers Todd.

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GOLDSBORO

Mrs. Ed Lapham, who has been ill, is much improved.

Miss Carolyn Lapham left on Tuesday with her friend Micho Chiba, for Baltimore.

Miss Carlotta Silver spent the holidays with friends and relatives in and near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dennison and family, and Miss Alice Shively spent Sunday in Wyoming, Del.

Mr. Roland Cartwright spent the week end with friends in Newark, Md.

Mrs. H. Wilson and daughter Mary, of Wilmington, spent Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Johnson.

Miss Catharine Schawbe of Philadelphia spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. chawbe.

The Sewing Circle was delightfully entertained at the home of Miss Ruth Shockley on Tuesday evennig.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blackburn of Wilmington spent a part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. George Sylvester.

Mrs. John Shively of Wilmington is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Joseph Mullikan, near town.

Mr. Elbert Saunders of Harrington spent the week end with his family.

Messrs. B. Ross Duling and Noble Dhue went to Philadelphia on Wednesday and ran two Fords home for Mr. J. F. Lane.

AUDITOR'S ORDER NISI

Fred R. Owens, Assignee
vs.
Thomas B. Foster and Mabel Foster
In the Circuit Court for Caroline County, in Equity No. 2108

Ordered this 17th day of April, 1922, that the auditor's Report made and filed in the above cause, be ratified and confirmed unless good cause to the contrary be shown within three weeks from the 20th day of April, 1922, provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Caroline County, once in each of two successive weeks before the 29th day of April, 1922.

GEO. A. DEAKYNE, Clerk

True Copy—Test:
GEO. A. DEAKYNE, Clerk

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Evolutionist or no evolutionist, Mr. Bryan understands better than any scientist the relation of the donkey to the elephant.—Boston Herald.

REVISION OF TAXES

The Commissioners of Caroline County will sit in their office in the Court House at Denton, April 17, 18, and 19, 1922, from 9.30 a. m. to 4.30 p. m., for the revision of taxes.

W. S. RUTTER.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

A Town Election will be held in the office of the Commissioners of Denton, in the Masonic Building, on Monday April 24th, 1922, to elect one person as Commissioner of Denton to serve for three years.

Polls open at 2 p. m. and close at 5 p. m.

All registered voters residing within the corporate limits of Denton are entitled to vote.

S. FRANK COLE, President
W. S. CROUSE, Clerk

Calvert C. Merriken, Solicitor

Notice of

FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maryland
In the matter of

WILBERT P. BUTLER, Bankrupt

Notice is hereby given that on April 3, 1922, the said Wilbert P. Butler, of Denton, Caroline County, Maryland, was duly adjudged Bankrupt, and the First Meeting of his creditors will be held at the law office of Calvert C. Merriken, in Denton, Maryland, on April 24, 1922, at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time the creditors of said bankrupt may attend, prove their claims, appoint a Trustee or Trustees, examine said Bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before the said meeting.

SIDNEY P. TOWNSHEND, Referee

Chestertown, Md.

N. B.—Creditors should at once prove their claims before a Notary Public and file same with the Referee or have them ready to file at the First Meeting of Creditors.

ORDER NISI

FRED R. OWENS, Assignee
vs.
ALEXANDER JACKSON
In the Circuit Court for Caroline County, in Equity—NoN. 2133

Ordered, this 17th day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings made and reported by Fred R. Owens, Assignee, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 26th day of May next provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Caroline County once in each of four successive weeks before the 21st day of April next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $200.00.

GEO. A. DEAKYNE, Clerk

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Special price for this week.

Chloride of Lime ..... big can 10c
Snow Boy Powder ..... pkg 4½c
Young's Soap Chips ..... pkg 9c
Gold Dust Powder ..... pkg 4½c
Sani Flush ..... can 19c
Dust Brushes ..... each 18c, 32c
Scrub Brushes ..... each 12c, 16c
Fels Soap ..... cake 5½c
Washing Soda ..... 3 lbs for 10c

Babbitt's Best Borax SOAP 6 cakes for 25c
Buy freely at this low price

"Asco" Teas lb pkg 45c
Five quality blends—Orange Pekoe, India Ceylon, Old Country Style, Plain Black, Mixed.

Victor Bread Big Loaf 6c
Quality and quantity. The big loaf with the home-made food value.

"Asco" Oleomargarine · lb 22c
A pure butter substitute of exceptional merit.

Reg. 22c Pkg Calif. Seeded RAISINS cut to 16c
Your choice of Del Monte or Sun-Maid brands.

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You save seven cents

Rich Creamy CHEESE lb 25c
The very best whole-milk cheese made.

N. B. C. Butter Thins ..... lb 19c
Sweet Sugar Corn ..... can 10c
Fancy Lima Beans ..... can 15c, 22c
Cal. "Sunsweet" Prunes lb 12½c, 18c
"Asco" Corn Flakes .... 3 pkgs for 20c
"Asco" Pork and Beans. 3 cans for 25c
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