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PATRONS INDIGNANT AT CHOICE OF SCHOOL SITE

OVER 400 SIGN PETITION TO DR. COOK TO REQUEST COMMITTEE TO RECONSIDER AND ACCEPT TOWN SITE

Denton school patrons became very much exercised last week when The American Union gave out the information that the building committee for the new Denton high school building had decided on the out of town lots as the site for the new school building.

Groups of people gathered on the streets and in the houses and talked the situation over. Since the announcement of the committee's decision, the school location has been the only subject for discussion and instead of cooling off in the proverbial seven days, it is becoming more and more the subject of discussion.

More and more the general public is beginning to realize the foolhardiness of placing a $100,000 school building at least one quarter mile outside of the borough limits. Especially is this so when it is explained that all pupils from the fourth grade up would be compelled to walk to the school placed so far from the center of the community.

If no other locations were available, it would then be necessary, no matter how inconvenient it was, to take a site so far removed. However this is not the case, for there are two other lots, one right in the center of the town, the other on the edge of the town, either of which is large enough for the school needs.

With funds ready to provide the intown lots upon the acceptance of the committee, it is beyond the comprehension of the lay mind why the members of the committee should favor this out of the way, out-of-town site. However, when one looks into the matter it is plain to see why the lots, known as the Towers lots, have been selected.

In the first place, Senator Lawrence B. Towers sponsored the bill passed by the last session of the legislature. This bill named a building committee, composed of men known to Mr. Towers as either being already in favor of the Towers lots or of being open to conviction that they were the best lots obtainable, whether any other lots were available or not.

As stated last week, much of the wording of the bill speaks of the buying of the land and also refers to the fact that land can be purchased either in or out of Denton. With this clause in the bill it would seem to indicate that the out-of-town site was foremost in the mind of the sponsor when the bill was drawn and presented to the legislature.

Knowing that the bill had enemies, both in Denton and in Caroline county, as well as opponents of an outside site, the members of the committee "sat tight" for sixty days after the bill was passed before any attempt was made to do anything, in order to avoid any publicity which might result in a referendum vote. Immediately after the sixty days had passed the committee met and at once began talking about the outside location.

By the outside location is meant a group of lots on the state road outside the town limits, going south. The owner of these lots is Senator Lawrence B. Towers, sponsor of the school bill. At that time Mr. Towers asked $5,000 for about eight acres of farm land. Later he dropped the price to $4,000 and after being told by his advisors that the only way the school would ever be put there would be by his donating the land, he finally came across and actually gave the land to the building committee. Even after such a generous (?) gift the people do not want the land, for IT IS NOT THE PROPER LOCATION FOR A SCHOOL BUILDING.

When this gift proposition came around, the public became suspicious of the generosity of Mr. Towers, and it was realized that the land on three sides of the so-called gift is owned by Lawrence B. Towers. On further investigation it is also found that the land surrounding the gift lot is laid off for building lots and streets. At the present time none of this territory is sewered or watered, but by locating the high school building at the further side of the lots, sewerage and water would have to be supplied to the building and this would also supply for this unopened building section sewerage and water AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PUBLIC. Pavements will also have to be laid at the public's expense for the children to walk on, and again Mr. Towers rings in on the public pocketbook. It may be that Senator Towers had not thought of these facts when he offered his lots. However, as they have occurred to so many who have no financial interest whatsoever in the proposition, it is quite within reason to suppose that they have likewise occurred to him.

It is estimated by men interested in real estate that without the prospect of sewer and water connections in that section the land which is presented, would be WORTH ONLY ABOUT $800. Yet $4,000 and $5,000 was asked for the land. One of the members of the committee when told the above said that he would pay $4,000 any time if he could buy that land and that "he could in turn sell it before nightfall for $4,500 to $5,000." If this is so, then it has been suggested by an interested patron "why does not Mr. Towers sell this land for that sum and buy the additional two lots on Franklyn street which the committee deems necessary for the erection of the school building on that site?" If he were to do this his generosity would be unquestioned, and children into the third and fourth generation would rise up and call him blessed.

If the building finally goes to his site, instead of blessings he and the committee will receive the blame for any and all illnesses incurred by the youngsters as a result of their long walk four time a day for the next 50 to 100 years for placing the school so far away.

Patrons Sign Protest.

Because of the above facts, which are stated many times each day on the streets and in the homes, the patrons of the Denton school have arisen in their might and have signed the following petition to Mr. Albert S. Cook, state superintendent of high schools of the State of Maryland, asking that he request the committee to reconsider the question of the site and select the one which the patrons want.

To the Honorable Albert S. Cook,
State Superintendent of Schools,
2014 Lexington Building,
Baltimore, Maryland,
Sir:

We, the undersigned, citizens of Denton, respectfully request you to suggest to "The Building Committee of the Denton Public School" a reconsideration of their selection of a site for a public school building at Denton.

The desired site, on Franklin and Third Streets in Denton, containing over eight acres of land suitable for building and grounds, is in a good neighborhood, and is convenient to ALL THE PATRONS of the school as the site selected. It is more convenient to NINETY NINE PER CENT OF THE PATRONS.

The desired site is central, with the greatest convenience possible for every one, while the selected site is from three quarters of a mile to a mile and a half from sixty per cent of the patrons.

The desired site would also be more convenient for the rural pupils, relieving them of the necessity of coming in town to leave their conveyances and then walking back to the school three quarters of a mile from the nearest garages and livery stables.

The desired site would tend to bring the community and the school into close touch, thereby helping the school as well as developing the proper community spirit for all purposes.

The selected site has a very dangerous approach, as it will be necessary for the children to cross the State Road, where the traffic is heavy, several times in getting to the school.

This request is made in view of the authority vested in you by Article 77, Section 20 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which is fully recognized by Section 1 of Chapter 106 of the Acts of Assembly 1924, as follows: "said site to be selected by said Building Committee and APPROVED by the State Superintendent of Schools, as provided in Section 20 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland."

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THE WEATHER

By THE CRACKER

The weather's either wet or dry, too cold or else too hot; it never is exactly right in any place or spot. I've lived for forty years, forsooth, and hardly saw a day but I'd allow I could improve the weather's erring ways. The frost would pinch me in the Spring, and get me in the Fall, I'd shiver in the icy winds of Winter's hoary squall, and I'd meet Summer's torrid heat with sundry imprecations, while basking beath some shady tree in ardent perspiration. I used to cuss the weather quite a bit in days gone by; but for all my ruffled feathers it would never compromise, I knew when rain was needed; but couldn't get a drop, 'til the rain machine got ready and then it wouldn't stop. I'd long for snow in Winter, to increase the yuletide charm, then cuss because a blizzard covered up the house and barn. All the eloquent palaver and voluminous abuse, which I heaped upon the weather was as harmless as the deuce. It maintained its stoic posture in spite of my throwing mud, and was stingy with its moisture 'til it chose to send a flood. I found the thing called weather did exactly as it pleased, and if we'd work together I must with its plans agree. And so I found it better to retire once for all and let the weather whether on, without my daily bawl.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HAS BIG ENROLLMENT

The Daily Vacation Bible School at the Church of the Brethren opened Monday morning, August 11, with a host of smiling faced children anxious for work and play. By the third day the enrollment passed the 90 mark with good prospects of reaching one hundred.

Each morning from 9 to 12 is given to three study periods, one assembly period and one play period. At the close of the school a public program is to be given of which you may hear more next week.

A visiting day has been set aside so that the people may have a chance to see what the school is actually doing. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone interested to attend the session next Wednesday morning. Assembly is held at 9:45 and it is hoped many visitors will be present for this most interesting event.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE PASSION PLAY ?

Europe has a store of marvelous sights and experiences for the tourist, but perhaps the most unique is the far-famed Passion Play at Oberammergau. The very fact that it is performed so seldom—only once in 10 years—makes it the more interesting, and great throngs of visitors, representing every nation, crowd the little town for the performance each decade.

It may never be our happy privilege to attend this wondrous sight, but in next week's paper we may get a glimpse of it through the eyes of our "globe trotter," Miss Losh. With her we may take the special train from Munich and journey to this quaint town. Read in next week's paper of the fabulous sum required for her room and board and her ticket. You will find it intensely interesting.

FARMERS ENJOY OUTING AT CONCORD

Speeches, Games and Cattle Judging Fill The Day

FARMERS AID BY GOVM'T

(By Special Correspondent)

The second annual picnic of The Caroline Farm Bureau Federation, was held at the historic Concord Camp Ground, on Friday Aug. 8. While the day was one of those swelterers which the weather man usually turns loose on such occasions the humidity in no wise dampened the ardor of the Caroline farmers who have decided to put their business on a business basis, in spite of the efforts of the "cold water brigade" who always endeavor to strangle at birth any organization for the benefit of their own occupation.

The fore noon was devoted to the Barnyard Golf contest, the trophy remaining with the Concord unit. Messrs. Herbert H. Beauchamp and Oscar Fischel, having won with ease over all the county teams in the contest.

The Preston Orchestra furnished the music for the ocasion. The address of welcome was delivered by Mr. E. H. E. Theiroff of Preston, president of the county federation. Mr. Theiroff gave a very interesting account of the activities of the local organization, of its growth and development in the past year, of the difficulties met and overcome, which considering that only about one third of the farmers of the county believe in words and works, instead of words without works makes a mighty fine showing.

Following Mr. Theiroff, Mr. Charles Gelder of Somerset county spoke on cooperation, and coordination in growing and marketing farm products. He laid much stress upon the fact that to accomplish results in cooperative marketing, it was necessary to control at least 75 per cent of the acreage of canning crop, and as Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey, practically controlled the tomato industry, a tri-state tomato growers association was the only solution of the problem. This would compel the canners to contract with the sales department of the association, keep down the surplus, and give the grower a living price for his product.

Following Mr. Gelder, the Washington representative Mr. M. Bower, was introduced. He stated that the machinery built by the government was all ready for the use of the farmers. The Capper Volstead law removing all obstacles from cooperative marketing and warehousing, putting the agricultural business on the map nation wide.

The next speaker was Mrs. Jones, the federation superintendent of home demonstration work, who gave a very interesting talk.

The last speaker of the day was a representative of the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore, Mr. Engler who gave a detailed account of the government plan of financing farmers who were requiring loans for the purchase of implements, paying standing indebtedness, making improvements, buying stock, etc. These loans are made, he said, on a long term mortgage, at 5½ per cent interest, 1 per cent of principal being paid yearly, until retirement.

Altogether the program was of a

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TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES

The Sagetown Giants, and the Toad Hollow Braves crossed bats on the local ball ground Saturday. They were playing for a quart of moonshine, and Judge Applewyn was umpiring the game. In the first inning Hank Alderbush who was pitching for the Braves, made a wild throw and lost the ball, they all had to leave the diamond to find it, leaving the Judge to watch the stakes; when they got back there wasn't any stakes to play for, and as the Judge wasn't in shape to continue umpirin' they called the game off.

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Pete Doolittle says he saw a man coming out of his hen-house the other night who seemed to be in quite a hurry to get away, Pete says he don't think he got any chickens, but he wished he would bring back that charge of No. 4 shot he carried away with him, as the rabbit season is comin' on pretty soon and he'll need 'em.

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Tobe Dufunny says, he didn't object to his wife gettin' her hair bobbed, because he thought it was goin' to save some money by not havin' to buy hairpins, but now he finds that the barber bill for keeping up with the latest shingle bob styles, costs "right smart" more than the hair pins did.

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