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MANY BECOME HONORARY MEMBERS

Denton Volunteer Fire Company is asking the citizens of Denton and surrounding communities to become honorary members of the fire company by subscribing the sum of five dollars which entitles the subscriber to honorary membership and also to the use of the company's rooms in the law building, which are open at all times to company members.

The list this year is larger than that of last year and it is hoped that before the honor list is closed there will be many more who will add their names. Mr. Emory Kimmey is in charge of the list.

Those having signed up to the present time are:

William I. Norris
J. Frank Wright
W. H. Nuttle
Calvert C. Merriken
J. Lester Everngam
Harry B. Mason
J. Roland Chaffinch
M. G. Crouse
J. I. Harwood
S. G. Nuttle
Edna W. Shipman
Wesley E. Thawley
W. H. Anderson
E. W. Breeding
John T. Carter
Fred R. Owens
J. McL. Haymaker
T. Fred Towers
Ernest G. Cooper
J. H. Nichols
Josiah A. Beck
Lawrence B. Towers
James Temple
Z. Potter Steele
T. Frank Seward, Ridgely
Harry A. Roe
W. F. Wolf
T. Pliny Fisher
Samuel L. Young
Harvey Fleetwood
R. N. Hitchens
J. W. Perry
H. Earl Smith
J. Owen Knotts
G. E. [illegible]dden & Co
M. K. [illegible]ewnam
Lacy Griffin
Geo. W. Beck
Fred B. Nuttle
Frank L. R. Nuttle
F. J. Wright
Dr. W. A. Smith
Henry R. Lewis
W. J. Rickards
C. A. Pentz
B. H. Johnson
J. H. Baggs
C. A. Taylor
C. R. Porter
W. G. Wooters
Dr. Dawson O. George
Roland Thomas
Charles Howard
W. Brewster Deen
P. R. Fisher
C. P. Dunning
J. Ed Nichols
Geo. A. Timmons
G. L. Stevens
M. Jacobson
A. L. Leary
Mrs. Homer Rice
Mrs. C. R. Porter
Geo. A. Deakyne
S. Frank Cole
R. A. Henning
W. A. Cawley
S. E. Hignutt
Mrs. Lona G. Clark
Mrs. Elizabeth Dukes
W. H. Rathell
Dr. C. A. Whisler
W. W. Noble
F. L. Bowdle
Carroll Pastorfield
A. L. Dunham
Wm. Fleetwood
W. F. Towers
Isaac Fleetwood
Louis Knotts
Samuel Ewing
Emma Hyde
Alex McWilliams
A. W. Brumbaugh, Greensboro
Leland T. Short
Marion Beck
E. M. Noble, Greensboro
Harry Waldorf
Walter Sparklin
Melvin O. James
W. D. Davis
G. H. Wilson
Dr. J. H. Summerfield
Harvey L. Cooper
F. E. Yeoman
Edw. Wyatt
Solomon Longnecker
T. Alan Goldsborough
H. C. Wright
Mrs. Emily Swiss
George W. King
A. R. Wright
J. W. Thawley
B. B. Brumbaugh
J. Dukes Downes
H. T. Moore
T. Mason Baxter

WRITIN' JOE
By THE CRACKER

Joe Watkins was a poet of sentiment and mirth, but the people didn't know it while Joe was here on earth. He was just a quiet chap, he never put on airs; he didn't have much business tact, for work he never cared. His neighbors kinda liked him; they called him "writin' Joe;" but for all his dog-gone writin' he never got a sou. He wrote of trees an' flowers; an' angels in the sky, he plied his pen with power on puns with morals high, he gushed on scenes of moonlight, on lake an' mountain peaks; of azure skies, an' twilight he'd pen odes by the week. He mooned by ripplin' rivers, an' murmurs of the sea; he made his ol' dog shiver, with seven lines on fleas. He soared to heaven's pearly gates; he cruised the milky way; of Saturn he would ruminate; to Venus he would stray. Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter, he'd write 'em by the stack; he'd send 'em to the printers but they always sent 'em back. You see, Joe didn't have no pull! He wasn't patronized, because the market place was full of poets who had died. For postage stamps he blew his yen; got hungrier each day; but like a zealot plied his pen until he passed away.—After ninety seven years, in rummagin' around in an attic somber, drear, Joe's sheaf of pomes was found. 'Twas a different situation which this junk collector struck, for the very first edition net two hundred thousand bucks. For the readin' folks went crazy; Joe's imagination's flight made Tea pot Dome look hazy, an' king Tut went out of sight. It filled the world with wonder, great critics all around proclaimed in tones of thunder that Joe's restin' place be found. An' they raised a shaft of granite on the place where Joseph died; piled laurel wreaths upon it,—an' Joe was patronized.

5c TO $1 STORE HAS SPLENDID OPENING

Denton's newest acquisition, the 5c to $1.00 store, which opened under very unfavorable weather conditions last Saturday, had a very good opening, notwithstanding the inclemency of the wether.

Mr. W. T. Keating, of Centreville, is the owner of the new store and Mrs. William Cohee, of this place, si the local manager. This is the third store of the kind in the state of Maryland and second on the Shore and is something that ha sbeen needed for some time in this section.

After beautiful spring weather all during the week, Saturday morning dawned cold and rainy and damp, but even with the weather against the opening of the new store the clerks were kept busy all during the day. Just before evening the sun came out for a short time and the sky cleared off. This clearing of the weather brought hundreds of buyers to town for their Saturday evening buying and many of them crowded in the new store where the large clerk force was kept busy handling the crowds. Mr. Keating is well known to many in this section who welcome him to Denton.

PLAY RECITAL NEXT MONDAY EVENING

The Men's Bible Class of Denton Methodist Episcopal Church announces as its next attraction a play recital to be given in the Palace Theatre, Monday evening April 7 by Miss Grace Sage of the Leland Powers School of expression of Boston. This will undoubtedly be one of the finest entertainments of this character ever presented to a Denton audience and should be heard by everyone who appreciates real talent.

This is the first entertainment of the series being given by the Men's Bible Class for which any charge of admission has been required. In order to cover the expense of this number tickets will be sold. Reserve Monday evening and be with us to enjoy this splindid program.

BRIBERY

Grace—Oh! Stealing jam! I'm going to tell mamma!

Freddy—Wouldn't you rather have some jam?—Delineator.

Lenten Pictures

"I Think"—John 19:28

The long day, with its hours of exquisite physical and mental suffering is nearly gone. The burning of the sun and the torture of the nerves have done their awful work. Now, Christ the man, speaks: "I thirst." This is the only evidence of the bodily torment He was enduring; His only expression of physical suffering throughout the hideous experience. He has prayed for forgiveness of His enemies, pardoned a repentant sinner, provided for his mother. Then comes a cry of mental pain and now this, of bodily pain. From among the crowd of tormentors steps a soldier, kinder than the others, who takes compassion on the helpless man on the cross. Soaking a sponge in a jar of sour wine which lies near, he raised it on a hyssop stalk to Christ's parched and burning lips. We are not told who it was that thus gave relief to the Saviour, but what must have been his reward when he entered the Land Beyond and was told, "I was thirsty and ye gave Me drink."

There are many today who are crying, "I thirst." Pestilence and famine, death and destruction are stalking through the world. Physical suffering follows in the wake of a God-forgetting era. Wherever we look—Japan, China, Russia, Germany, Belgium, the Near East, everywhere—we see thousands upon thousands of innocent victims of greed and hate and ungodliness, begging a crust of bread, a cup of water, a protecting garment, a word about Christ, to assuage their suffering. Are we less in mercy than the soldier? Shall we, from our land of plenty, withhold aught of that crust or that cup, that garment or that word from our dying brothers? Oh, remember that He who said, "I thirst," also said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

NEWNAM MOVES TO NEW LOCATION

Notwithstanding the stormy weather of Tuesday, M. K. Newnam took charge of his new quarters in the Nuttle Hardware Company building and with the fair weather yesterday began moving all his stock of goods from his old location to his new store room. While not entirely fixed up at this writing, business is going on as usual and all patrons wll be well taken care of in the new home.

During the next week a large sale of furniture will be put on by Mr. Newnam in order that the large stock which he now has, can be decreased. At the present time his stock is exceptionally large due to the fact that he is not only moving all the furniture which he has had on hand, but this is combined with the large stock of furniture which he purchased from the Nuttle Hardware Company, when he leased half of their building.

OIL IN STOVE CAUSES ANOTHER SLIGHT FIRE

Shortly after 7 o'clock last evening the fire alarm sounded and within three minutes the fire engine was at the home of ex-Sheriff William Andrews on 3rd street with practically a full company aboard.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews had been to their farm for the afternoon and had just returned home. Mrs. Andrews went to the kitchen range to start it up for supper and thought the fire had gone out. She fixed kindling, etc., to light the fire, but before lighting a match she took a bottle of kerosene and started to pour a little of the oil on the kindling. While Mrs. Andrews claimed she could see no signs of fire in the stove, there were still a few live coals, and the minute the oil touched the hot coals it flared up, slightly burning her arm and scorching her eyebrows and front hair. In her excitement she dropped or threw the bottle and the oil ran out and caught fire.

Mrs. Andrews ran to the door yelling fire, and Mr. Andrews ran to the house from the hog pen, where he was feeding the hogs, and attempted to put out the fire.

Mr. Larrimore, a neighbor, saw the flames and ran to the home of Dr. C. A. Whisler, who sent in the alarm.

Notwithstanding the short space of time it took for the company to turn out, Mr. Andrews and his daughter succeeded in putting out the fire and the firemen had nothing to do when they arrived.

A large hole was burned in the rug, the back of a cane chair was burned out and a buffet was scorched. The damage will amount to about $35, not covered by insurance.

HARMON—FARROW

Mr. U. L. Harmon, a prominent business man and miller, of Marydel, Md., and Miss Myrtle Farrow, the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Farrow, of near Hartly, were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock at the M. E. Parsonage, Marydel, Saturday evening, March 22, by Rev. J. E. Parker, the pastor. They will reside at the residence adjoining Mr. Harmons place of business.

RITCHIE WINS FIGHT TO KEEP DOWN TAX

Annapolis, April 1.—Outstanding in the session of the General Assembly for 1924 has been the successful fight to keep down the tax rate.

Notwithstanding a colaition, which included a majority of the Senate and three-fifths of the House of Delegates, backed by what has been classed as one of the strongest lobbies which ever visited Annapolis, the rate as finally passed only exceeded the figures set by the Governor before the beginning of the sssion by one-thirtieth of a cent for each of the two following years.

With majorities in both houses confronting him, it was impossible for Governor Ritchie to defeat appropriation bills not recommended in his message at the beginning of the session without the use of his veto power. This was exercised upon the Curran bill to borrow $1,375,000 for the University Hospital, the Towers-Roe bill to issue $750,000 in bonds for the proposed Eastern Shore Boulevard, the bill by nearly all of the Eastern Shore Senators to give $300,00 to the Normal School at Salisbury and Senator Levin's bill to appropriate $100,000 for the proposed Allendale Training School for negro defectives.

"Bloc" Against Governor

The group against the Governor on these measures was composed of Republicans and members frequently referred to in debate in both houses as "disgruntled Democrats," with the addition of some members who felt impelled to support the four bills because of anticipated local benefits from some one of them. This bloc, as it became known, worked so compactly that it could be traced, with slight variations, in matters which seemed to have no relation to the primary object of the combination.

Governor Ritchie gave public notice that everything he could do to defeat the bills would be done, stating as his reason for opposing them that the State was not in a position to afford the expenditures called for at this time.

Soon almost all proceedings in the State House were eclipsed in point of interest by the fight for and against these measures. The Governor was besieged by letters, telegrams and callers urging him to retreat from his position.

After a memorable fight the bills were passed in both houses and sent to the Governor. He vetoed them promptly, so as to give the advocates of the appropriations a chance to act upon his veto. At the same time he sent to both branches of the General Assembly substitute bills, embodying his recommendation that the University Hospital be given $400,000 on condition that the hospital and the Baltimore schools allied with it be separated from the schools at College Park. This offer he afterward increased to $500,000.

The Governor's vetoes of the Hospital bill and the Boulevard bill were sustained when received by the Senate last Friday night. The "bloc" succeeded in having the Allendale and Normal School bills and vetoes referred to the Committee on Finance, where they remained.

BOOST DENTON KEYNOTE OF TALK TO BOARD OF TRADE

"Boost your own ocmmunity," which in this case is Denton, was the subject of a short talk by Mr. T. Pliny Fisher, chairman of the Welfare Committee of the Denton Board of Trade, at the regular monthly meeting of that body last Thursday night. When Mr. Fisher got up to report the doings of his committee in the regular routine of business, he began by stating that the committee had nothing to report, but before he sat down every one present felt that the committee through its chairman had made a splendid report and felt that there was considerable to what was said.

During the course of his remarks, Mr. Fisher asked those present if it would not be much better to talk of the good qualities of the town and community and of the various organizations and businesses of the town than to tell of the bad traits, for he said that if we attempted to tell the bad points of a person or community it might take a life time to do it, but if we sat down and thought and talked of the good qualities, it would probably take a much longer time to narrate all of them.

Along this same line he referred to his visit West last summer, and of the welcomes he received in various towns and cities in California, where every one's slogan is "boost" ,and boost they do. From the minute a Californian begins to talk until he finishes he is telling of the wonderful advantages to be found in his town or state, and before he finishes one feels as though he had to agree with the speaker that that is the only place to be. Denton should follow the example of the Californians and boost, boost, boost. When a stranger comes along let us tell him of the good qualities of the community, and there are many such, and let him find out for himself, if he stays long enough, what the disadvantages are, if he so considers them.

The meeting opened with President J. Roland Chaffinch in the chair, and he at once began the meeting by telling of the efforts being made to interest new industries to come to Denton for a location. Several letters have been received in reply to this effort, and it is hoped that before long something definite will turn up.

A report from the entertainment committee told of practically deciding on the renting of the lodge rooms in the Carter block, and the committee was instructed to complete the negotiations.

Limiting of the number and variety of agents, stock salesmen, etc., canvassing the town was taken up and it was voted on that the secretary and treasurer be instructed to issue permits to such persons making request for same to canvass the town. All who apply for these permits will be thoroughly questioned and their wares investigated before such permit is issued, and if there is any doubt of the goods or the parties asking for permits of being fakes or frauds, permits will be denied.

This measure, while seeming drastic, is a splendid one for the good of the community, and will save the residents of the community many thousands of dollars each year by the non-endorsement of fake "oil" schemes, etc. It is requested by the Board of Trade that whenever a salesman visits you, ask for his credentials from the Board of Trade, and if the salesman cannot produce the necessary credentials, then he is either a fake or else has not been to the proper officials for his credentials. If every person in the community will help the Board of Trade by refusing to have any dealings with any unknown salesman or agent unless he has the proper credentials it will eliminate your losing by investing in "Piggly Wiggly" stock or buying magazines, etc., from unauthorized agents.

REV. MACSORLEY DELEGATE TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Rev. F. C. MacSorley, who has just been reassigned to Union Methodist Episcopal Church, Federalsburg, for his tenth year, was one of the delegates elected by the Wilmington conference to attend the general conference of Methodism which convenes at Boston in May.

Mr. MacSorley, who was quite ill in February, is now sojourning at Atlantic City, where, with his wife, he is resting and recuperating for a week, following the recent conference session at Wilmington.

WORST STORM OF WINTER HITS STATE

Heavy Fall of Snow and Rain Causes Fears of Another Flood

LIGHTNING STRIKES HOUSE

Blanketing Maryland with the heaviest April snowfall in the history of the local Weather Bureau and bringing distress to flood-stricken points in Western Maryland, the winter's severest storm Tuesday swept into the State from the South. Street-car and railroads traffic was delayed in many parts of the State.

Electrical disturbances accompanied the snow, hail and rain in many places.

Extends Along Seaboard

James H. Spencer, director of the Baltimore Weather Bureau, said the storm came from the South and extended along the entire Alantic seaboard. Lightning here and at other places, he added, was "unusual, but not unprecedented."

"It is worthy of note," Mr. Spencer said, "that the snowfall in the down town sections was as great as in the suburbs. This sldom is true in ordinary storms.

Lightning struck the home of Job Hayman, Fruitland, about three miles from Salisbury. The bolt caused only slight damage to the roof. Reports from Salisbury indicated that city was cut off from telegraphic communication with the rest of the State.

Cumberland, already burdened with the devastation left by the flood waters of the Potomac river, reported nine inches of snow, which further crippled the city's street-car system.

Reports from Hagerstown said eight inches of snow had fallen and that regions in the mountains were covered to a depth of 14 inches. Fear was expressed that new floods would result if there is not a freeze. Mountain roads, the report said, were blocked completely.

High Winds on Eastern Shore

Violent windstorms accompaned by driving hail and sleet, swept the whole Eastern Shore. At Crisfield there was an electrical storm in the afternoon. Wires and trees were blown down and shipping was at a standstill.

From Salisbury to Centreville were in the path of the electrical disturbance, where thunder and lightning with snow, sleet and rain were reported.

Elkton reported a heavy fall of snow, which threatened to block the roads.

Shipping was not delayed seriously. The Standard Oil No. 1 ,a steel tanker, was launched at the Sparrows Point plant of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation. Three fruit steamers discharged their cargoes at Baltimore. All bay steamers were keeping well on their schedules.

Thirty-Eight Snow Plows Busy

Eight inches of snow, as recorded officially, fell in Baltimore. There were numerous traffic tie-ups on street-car lines. Officials of the United Railways said 38 plows were kept on the lines throughout the day and during the night.

Officials of the Baltimore and Ohio and Pennsylvania railroad systems said their trains were running on schedule, with the exception of freight trains in the mountain regions. Some difficulty was expressed because of drifts in those sections, it was said.

Crews In Readiness

No serious interruption to telephone service was anticipated, according to officials of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. There is some likelihood of isolated trouble, they say, if the storm continued. Crews are in readiness to mete all emergencies, it is said.

Points in the flooded area of West Virginia reported heavy snows. At Piedmont, according to a dispatch, there is about six inches of snow. Falling temperatures also were reported.

WILL HOLD SERVICES SUNDAY

Rev. J. A. Dudley will be present at both the morning and evening services on Sunday at the Methodist Protestant church. It is the general custom morning. It is generally the custom to close the church on conference Sunday, but this year Rev. Dudley feels that the spirit of the people at the present time, which is higa, will be better by keeping the services going as usual.

Mother—Where does the child get his temper? Not from me, surely.

Father—No; none of yours is missing.

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