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# COMMITTEE BETRAYS PATRONS' CONFIDENCE

## Vote For Outside Site Against Desires of People

Denton has lost its school building and Caroline county has been given a $100,000 school building by the action of the building committee at their regular meeting on Monday evening in the offices of Mr. John T. Carter, chairman of the committee.

At this meeting Lawrence Towers was present, and so eager was he to have his proposition accepted that before the meeting was called to order he told the committee that he would give to the building committee 8 acres of land in Caroline county, 1 mile from the center of Denton and OUTSIDE OF THE BOROUGH LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF DENTON, which makes the building a county building rather than a town building.

At the last meeting of the Denton Parent-Teacher Association a vote was taken by that body in which it was stated that confidence was placed in the committee for an inside location.

Notwithstanding the fact that the committee several weeks ago was offered within the borough limits a plot of 8.6 acres of land, facing on two streets, one of which will be paved this summer, they turned down this offer and have accepted the land of Lawrence Towers.

If one will take the time to peruse the bill passed by the legislature he will find that much of the bill calls for and concerns the buying of the land and very little is said concerning the building for which $100,000 is to be spent.

Acceptance of this lot means that the committee has deliberately turned in the face of 90% of the patrons of the Denton schools, who were in favor of an inside location as against the outside location. As one of the members of the committee stated several weeks ago, before another meeting, that while he had found on investigation that the **majority of the patrons wanted the school located on an inside site,** he personally liked the Towers site because of the background.

Another member of the committee told a reporter for this paper several weeks ago that he wanted the school built on the Towers lot because it would look so well for the traveling public, and he wanted the athletic field to be used for a landing place for aeroplanes that might visit here.

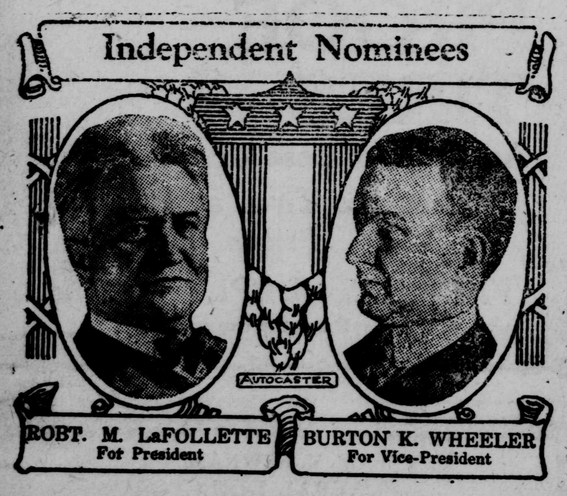
It appears from the talk of the members of the committee that each one had some fancy as to why the Towers lots should be used rather **than any other lots that might be offered.** It seems that none of the members of the committee considered the advantages or disadvantages of the inside or outside lots, whether they were cheaper or more expensive, more convenient, etc., but it was only that they, each one, had a certain idea why the Towers lots were the best.

In considering the money end of the Towers lots it will take from the amount to be spent on the school building, it is estimated, **at least $5,000:00 to lay sewer and water pipes and sidewalks to the outside location.** We are told by one who should know that it will **cost in the neighborhood of $1,000.00 to grade the Towers' lots for an athletic field.** In these four items the **neat little sum of about $6,000.00 will be subtracted first off from the amount to be spent on the school building.**

Then, too, there will be some 200 elementary pupils besides all the high school pupils who will have to walk a mile or more to the school building, crossing 5th avenue and traveling the state road with its fast-moving traffic of the automobiles going down the pike, as well as the dangers to the children of colds caused by getting wet feet in rainy and snowy weather when they have so far to walk and then sitting with damp shoes and clothing all day in school.

For months, until another tract had been offered free, Mr. Towers has insisted that the committee buy his tract of land. At first he asked $5,000 for it and then dropped to $4,000 where he hung on desperately, finally saying that he would personally lay a pavement from the town limits to the school building, if his land were purchased. Finally, however, when he thought that another site might be taken, he offers his land free.

It is regrettable, that when 90% per cent. of the patrons of the Denton school desired the building to be located in town, a mass meeting was not called, at which an expression of opinion could have been given to the committee in a tangible way that would have warned them against taking the school building out of the town limits.




### WHAT THE TWO SCHOOL LOTS OFFERED

| TOWERS LOT | INSIDE LOT |
|---|---|
| 1 mile from town | In center of town |
| 8 acres of land | 8.6 acres of land |
| App. cost of sewering, $2,500 | Very little cost for sewering |
| App. cost of pavement, $2,500 | 400 ft. on 3d. street |
| 100% INCONVENIENT | 100% CONVENIENT |
| 500% HAZARDOUS | Safety |
| 10% patrons favored | 90% patrons favored |
| $1,000 to fix grounds | Very little to finish grounds |

## SCHOOLS WILL OPEN SEPT. 8TH AND 22D

The white schools of the county will reopen Monday, September 8th; the colored schools, September 22d. The somewhat earlier opening of schools will enable them to close earlier in June.

Miss Virginia C. Harwood, of Virginia, becomes supervisor of elementary grades the coming year, succeeding Miss Healy who goes to Hagerstown. Miss Harwood comes very highly recommended by persons knowing her previous work. She has had ten years of teaching experience in the rural and graded schools of Virginia; three years as supervisor of Pulaski and Isle of Wight counties, and complete courses in Columbia University.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Stone of Denton, has been appointed attendance officer, and Mrs. Agnes R. Case continued as clerk and stenographer in the Board of Education's office.

Mr. H. A. Kinhart resigned from the principalship of the Preston school has accepted the principalship at Ridgely.

Mr. W. K. Cumming, of Cordova, Maryland, has accepted the principalship of the Preston school.

The following county teachers have been attending summer school this year: Columbia University, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kinhart, Miss Katherine Cox. New York University, Mrs. J. Kemp Stevens. Johns Hopkins University, Mrs. Grace B. Johnson, Miss Elsa L. Rieck, Miss Adele A. Rieck, Miss M. Elise Roe, Miss Bertha Shull, Mrs. Mary D. Wooters, Mr. C. M. Wingate. University of Maryland: Misses Louise Short, Hilda Cade, Mildred Collins, Esther Willey, and Ruth Noble. State Normal School, Towson, Misses Sadie Allen, Hazel Brown, Elizabeth Bryan, Marietta Butler, Rebecca Cohee, Ida M. Culver, Elizabeth Dyer, Maud Hummer, Ruth Johnston, Edith Richard, Nellie West, Mrs. Myrtle Hignutt, Mrs. Mary Pleasanton, Mrs. Orath Taylor, Mrs. Pearl B. Wright, and Mr. Paul Hoffman.

## JOHN E. WILSON

Mr. John E. Wilson, son of the late Herman and Susan Wilson, of this county, departed this life Tuesday evening, August 5th, after 75 years of Christian brotherhood, leaving to mourn his loss, his beloved wife, Mrs. Ida Downes Wilson, and two children Mr. Henry Wilson, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Mrs. Alda P. Whitby, of Denton. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were married 44 years. For years he was a farmer in Tuckahoe Neck until retiring and coming to Denton to live. He was in fair health until Sunday when he was taken sick.

Funeral services will be from his late residence on Friday afternoon at 2:30, the Rev. C. Nadal Jones, officiating. Interment in Denton Cemetery.

## WILL START CONCRETE WORK MON.

During the past week the work of grading Franklyn and 2d streets has progressed so rapidly that the contractor, Mr. Lester Kauffman, expects to commence pouring concrete next Monday morning on Franklyn street and that will mean that the concrete will probably be completed in about three weeks time.

Work on laying the new 2d street seyer is progressing rapidly.

## HOT WEATHER

Beginning on Tuesday of this week Old Sol has surely been on the job with a vengeance. The mercury has soared and soared, with but little relief at night. It is stated that Wednesday on the north side of Market street the thermometer registered over 100 degrees. From the outlook this morning today will be but little cooler than yesterday.

## LAWN FETE

A lawn fete by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. P. Church, Denton, will be held Saturday, August 16th, on the lawn of Mr. R. Boone Beauchamp.

Ice cream, lemonade and other things will be on sale.

## FRUIT MEN PRAISE SHORE PRODUCTS

### Pomological Society Members Call Them Best Ever Tasted

### SEE EASTON ORCHARDS

Easton, Md., Aug. 1—Declaring the fruit on the Eastern Shore the finest they had ever tasted, members of the American Pomological Society made themselves immediately popular with the orchardists they visited in this section today.

**Visitors See Orchards**

The party reached here this afternoon and made some quick visits to nearby fruit farms, and were loud in their praise of the fruit itself and general conditions.

Tomorrow the party will visit the orchards in the southern part of the Shore.

The new itinerary will include visits to the orchards near Salisbury, Bridgeville, Del., and Berlin, ending at Ocean City tomorrow evening.

**Go To Pennsylvania**

The society will return through Western Maryland to Waynesboro, Pa. and there resume the interrupted schedule. This schedule will carry the party through Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and New England.

## BAKERY WILL BE OPENED SAT.

On Saturday Mr. George H. Koenig, who for a number of years conducted a bakery in the Nichols block. but who sold out last December, will again open a modern bakery in Denton.

Mr. Koenig, it will be remembered, purchased the building occupied for a number of years by the Den-Mar Mobile Company, at the corner of 3d and Market streets, and has installed a new portable bake oven after remodeling the building. The oven is a double decker and is capable of baking 266 1-pound loaves at a time.

In the new location, Mr. Koenig has much more room than at his old location and the workrooms are light and airy. He will also carry a line of groceries, besides bread, pies and cakes

Denton is surely to be congratulated to again have a bakery within its midst, which should serve a warning to the many bakery trucks now coming here with their wares.

## BLASTING OLD HULL OF SUNKEN SHIP

Workmen this week have been engaged in blasting the old hull of the Plymouth, a boat formerly owned by L. B. Towers & Bro., which sank beside one of his warehouses at West Denton about eight years ago. About three years ago the hull was towed from beside the warehouse across the river to the cove. Several very heavy blasts have been put off in an effort to break up the old ship.

## PRAYER NEEDED

A preacher at the close of his sermon, said: "Let all in the house who are paying their debts stand up." Presently every man woman and child, with one exception, rose to his feet.

The preacher seated them and said: "Now, let every man not paying his debts stand up." The exception, a careworn, hungry-looking individual, clothed in last summer's suit, slowly assumed a perpendicular position.

"How is it, my friend," asked the minister, "that you are the only one not able to meet his obligations?"

"I run a newspaper," he answered meekly, "and the brethren here who stood up are my subscribers and—"

"Let us pray," exclaimed the minister.—Waterbury American.

## NOT ALIKE

By THE CRACKER

I find some folks on many lines are different built from me, they have a hard time to decide on matters plain to see; they raise a hundred thousand bucks, and never bat an eye, and then by Heck, they run amuck like Babel's ancient guys. They want to pass a gift horse by, as far beneath their station, and spread the long green wide and high to prove they've rich relations. It always made me wan and pale to watch the easy way in which some folks could harvest kale and throw the stuff away, if I could once be tempted with a dozen village lots; as easy as a horse could take distemper or the bots, you can bet a seven dollar bill that I'd not flee away to pitch my tent upon some hill for which I'd got to pay. I'd hit my pride a healthy swat and tie it to the fence, and drop my anchor on the spot which didn't call for rent. I'd cultivate the habit of retaining in my jeans; and gladly pay the income tax on a roll of lengthy green. And while I moon of sylvan scenes of woodland, hill and dale, and find delight in gurgling streams, and bumps o'er rural trails, if some delightful little town with philanthropic zest would whisper "Come and snuggle down against my loving breast," you bet, by Heck, I'd send my pride on one warm climate trip, and on my stopping place decide, and do it dog-gone quick.

## FEED POOL PROFITABLE TO FARMER

Secretary S. G. Bye, of the Caroline County Farm Bureau, has just closed the contract for the local members of the Farm Bureau, who have signed with him in a feed pool for 900 tons of cattle and poultry feeds which will be delivered in the next seven months, beginning in September. The prices quoted the farmers are at the present time at least $5 a ton under market prices, and before the pool is finished the farmer will probably save more than that.

Deliveries of this feed will be made at the following points: Denton, Preston, Federalsburg, Ridgely, Greensboro and Henderson.

During the past six months over 25 carloads of feed have been received by the local farmers through a pool, which has saved them many hundreds of dollars.

## BREAK IN MILLDAM DAMAGES HIGHWAY

### Delaware Road Closed Because Of Washout Near Georgetown

### WARNING IS NOT HEEDED

Georgetown, Del., Aug. 5—The Delaware State Highway Department has been forced to close traffic on the Georgetown-Bridgeville highway because of the cave-in of that subbase and metal roadway which is the result of a washout at Collins' Mill.

**Head Too Heavy**

The break is due to the fact that too heavy a head of water has been carried in the pond.

The roadbed was washed out the first week in July and several tons of stone and gravel were required to make repairs.

The highway officials gave instructions to the mill owner at that time that the pond would be condemned unless the practice of holding back a heavy volume of water was stopped.

**Guard Against Drought**

Mill owners in Lower Delaware for many years have made it a practice to close their wastegates and carry as heavy a head of water as possible, as a reserve for dry spells, which usually occur during the summer and fall.

## BARGAIN FESTIVAL ENDS SATURDAY

Everybody's Bargain Festival which has been going on for the past ten days at the 5c to $1.00 store, will close Saturday night. This big bargain festival sale has been a treat to the pocket books of this location that have visited the store.

Don't forget that every child under two years old has a chance to win the Lloyd baby carriage which will be given away to the baby whose name is drawn on Saturday.

## AEROPLANE HERE WED. MORNING

Wednesday morning of this week the hum of an aeroplane was heard and those who watched it saw it fly low over the earth several times and then the motor stopped and the big monoplane stopped on Towers field. The pilot, a lieutenant, came into town and went to the Den-Mar Mobile Company where he purchased 40 gallons of gasoline after which he journeyed on his way. The plane was from Norfolk, Va.

## MONEY RECEIVED AT CARNIVAL FOR FIRE ENGINE

### Company Wants To Raise Funds To Pay Their Share

### HAVE $5,000 TO RAISE

Plans are progressing for the successful carrying out of the Denton Volunteer Fireman's third annual carnival to be held on the athletic field on 3d street from September 5th to 13th, inclusive. Members of the buying committee are already being seen by the salesmen regarding the novelties, etc., which will be on sale.

In February, this year, the Denton Volunteer Fire Company purchased a new Seagrave triple combination fire engine, the Town Commissioners assuming half of the purchase price, which was $11,750, which left the fire company to assume the other half, or $5,875 as their share.

Honorary membership in the fire company this year amounts to 119 which gave the company the sum of $595, to this was added the gift of $250 from the Caroline County Commissioners and two gifts of $10 each from the Hearn Oil Company and Sherwood Bros., Inc., making a total of $865. This, with $10 from the treasury made the first payment from the fire company of $875. The company also discontinued their note which is held by the Town Commissioners for $5,000, paid their share of the fire insurance, amounting to $50, in all they gave the treasurer of the town a check for $1,025 as a starter on their share of the purchase price, leaving as their share a sum of $5,000. It is the aim of the fire company to reduce this amount from the proceeds of the carnival this year as much as possible.

Citizens of Denton and of Caroline county, help the fire company pay for their share of the fire engine by attending the carnival.

The company's share at the last carnival was $767.68 and they immediately purchased 500 feet of new hose costing $650.00. Money made at the Denton Carnival is spent for the fire protection for our town.

## FIFIELD—RITCHIE

A quite but very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ritchie, near town, on Saturday at 6:30 p. m., when their daughter, Miss Hilda Mae, became the bride of Mr. Charles William Fifield, formerly of this county. Immediately before the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Levi Zeigler, Mrs. Raymond Fifield, sister-in-law of the groom, sang "O Promise Me," accompanied by Miss Grace Hubbard, who also played the march from Lohengrin. The attendants were Miss Madge Higgins and Mr. William Reid, both of Tuckahoe Neck. The bride was dressed in blue crepe de chine and carried white rosebuds. The bride's maid's flowers were pink rosebuds. The ring ceremony was used. Only the relatives and a few neighbors were in attendance. Refreshments were served in abundance. They left on Sunday for Nazareth, Pa., where the groom is employed.

## TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES

Hank Alderbush got pulled the other day for speeding. Officer Rakeemin took him before Judge Appiewyne. Hank allowed that his flivver wouldn't make but six miles an hour because she didn't have but three plugs, and one of them had a corn cob for a porcelain. The judge allowed that Hank's word was good enough, but as he was speculating pretty heavy in oil stocks and needing some change he'd have to fine him ten bucks.

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Pete Doolittle says that blackberries got so cheap the last end of the season that he made last pickin' up into campaign songs. He allows that if the weather continues warm for a coupla months the stuff will have kick enough to make an Irishman sing "Tammany" with a Scotch burr.

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Tobe Dufunny broke his razor a coupla months ago and ain't shaved since. Some one asked him about it and he said that he didn't think he'd get another razor because his wife had had her hair bobbed, an' there ought to be about so much hair in the family anyhow.

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