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TOWN COMMISSIONERS AND TAXES

"Four to two is the reason," said Dr. Fleming, a member of the Board of Town Commissioners, when asked why the Board does not proceed to collect the past due taxes. It could be even more than that if the action on the motion of Dr. Fleming on Tuesday night "To instruct the Tax Collector to proceed with the collection by levy on personal property" is any indication. The motion failed to get a second. It did however precipitate quite a bit of discussion and quick action. One Commissioner took the position that it was unnecessary to take further action as the Board had already instructed Tax Collector Cone what to do. This was countered by the statement that the Board would instruct Cone to proceed and immediately after the meeting individual Commissioners would go to him and tell him to hold off the forcible process. Leaving Cone up a tree, not knowing what to do.

Fleming comes back with its a shame to jump on the little fellow and let the big ones go by, and suggested that the Board either require him to proceed on all or take him off the pay roll and save the town the \$100 per month they are paying him.

Several times during the discussions motions to adjourn were made and received seconds but failed to get further.

Cone, or some one in his defense, came back by saying he couldn't collect from the little fellow until the big ones paid.

During this discussion it developed that the town has \$4,000 in bonds due with \$2,590 coming due Jan. 1st, with only \$1,600 to meet them with and the expense of the town to meet.

The discussion drifted to who should be levied upon, when one suggestion was to levy on all who have no real estate, but no final decision was reached.

The meeting was an hour lost when considered from the standpoint of what it was called for, if it was called to take definite and immediate action on the delinquent tax problem. Attorney Yarborough explained the law very plainly, telling the Commissioners what they would have to do to carry out the law. It was expected to have the property advertised for sale at once, but finding it impossible to prepare the copy in time because of having to check up the delinquents for several years, it was delayed a month, the best the Board could do. But this was ordered. They elected a night policeman, arranged for the completion of the survey of the corporate limits of the town, provided for the arbitration of the L. L. Allen and Allen Machine Co. taxes, and refused to have the foreclosure proceedings completed at this time upon lands in which suits were begun a year ago.

There must be something wrong with the Board, a lack of understanding of each other, absence of the desire to comply with the law, a misunderstanding of their obligations, or something. They are badly out of harmony on the tax question. Some suggest the majority of the members of the Board are among the delinquents.

Regardless of what the reason is it is exceedingly unfortunate that conditions exist as they are. The town owing money and can't pay, with fully a complete annual tax levy in delinquents. It presents an exceedingly unfair and unjust condition, some business places allowed to conduct business from year to year without paying tax while others are required to pay. Letting some enjoy a privilege not extended to others. Talk about reducing town taxes? The \$2.30 rate imposed upon the citizens of Louisburg could be cut to around \$1.25 if collections were properly made. And who is to blame? The law places the responsibility upon the members of the Board, and if we are not misinformed, each one is personally responsible to the tax payers and subject to prosecution in their failure to protect the public by carrying out the law. Dr. Fleming is playing safe. It may look that he is trying to be hardbodied and unpleasant, but he is building up a record that will tend to protect him against civil and criminal liability should action be begun in that direction.

DUTY OF SPORTSMEN IS TO AID IN ENFORCEMENT OF CONSERVATION LAW

Every sportsman has a measure of responsibility of the State Game Laws. Very often I hear of persons complaining that the laws intended to protect and conserve our game and fish resources are being frequently

violated, and seem to think I'm not as active in performing my duty as I should be. These accusations are received from all sorts of people, but principally those who do not have back-bone enough to assume the slightest responsibility or recognize their moral obligations to the public in aiding the officials in their enforcement.

With the cooperation of the public, desiring to see these laws enforced and who will furnish evidence that violations of the game and fish laws have been committed, I can render valuable service in bringing about better conditions and more respect for the conservation law; and, if the public, which condemns me for neglect of duty, will try the method of cooperation, I am sure it will find that better results can be obtained. The Department takes the position that "No true sportsman should complain to his friends and associates that he has a personal knowledge of violations of the conservation law, for the protection of wild life, and denounce the warden for negligence of evasion of duty, if he is withholding information of violations from the proper authorities and officials".

P. E. DEAN.

A Franklin County Story

"There is no soul so hardened that it does not contain one soft spot. One noble aspiration, one chord which will bring forth melody."

"Truly, mused the Leader, that is an inspiring thought. If all the people of the whole Community could be brought to realize the suffering and want in their midst, surely no one could fail to be aroused to sympathy, or touched with a noble aspiration, to aid his fellow-man. What a chord of melody, then, would be sounded, not in one heart, but in a union of hearts.

With new hope and encouragement the Leader pushed on the activities of the Campaign for the sale of Christmas Seals. Publicity was given to the chief aim of the Campaign—that of financing one or more of the County's most needy Tubercular cases at the State Sanatorium.

Ever persistent, in the mind of the Leader, was the picture of a little log hut, back in the woods, where dwelt a father with two small children, he a victim to the dread disease, the two children dependant upon him, and he upon them.

Small comfort was there within those four walls, broken clay-daubed logs lent wide openings to the outside chill, but cleanliness was everywhere, clean floors, clean beds, clean children, clean yard.

The children, a little girl and a little boy, did all the work. The little girl, the cooking, and the little boy, the outside work. The father attempted duties beyond his strength, and was often exhausted.

The larder was low, last provisions from the sale of a little mule the father had farmed with. Aid could come too soon.

The man was a man of sterling worth, the children possessed with splendid principles as taught by him, children of true politeness and consideration.

The Leader, upon making inquiry, at the State Sanatorium, found the Sanatorium filled with patients and no opportunity to enter another. Something must be done quickly. With the aid of the County Physician and the County Welfare Superintendent the patient was entered in an adjoining County Hospital.

There, hope was given the man, still young in years, that his health might be regained. For a while he did improve but in time began to fail. Finally he was brought back to the County Home—in a hopeless condition. The children had been in the home since the father was placed in the hospital, and had won friends among all there.

Time grew heavy upon the sick man. He was tired and weary though always patient. The end, he faced bravely, the one though uppermost in his mind, the future of the children and with touching pathos, made appeal that they be cared for when he was gone.

The Superintendent of the County Home and his kind wife had grown fond of the children during their stay. "They are good children" and the Superintendent's wife was oft heard to say "kind thoughtful, obedient and industrious".

When the Health Officer told the children they must go to the Sanatorium for examination and tests a sadness hung over the County Home but the children made no complaint.

Uncertain of what would happen, timid and concerned, the children were saddened but never a word of protest. Leaving a home, where kindness and comfort had been thrown continually around them, they knew not now what to expect. When it was discovered that the little boy might go, free from disease, but that the little girl would have to remain, all her courage weakened. When she saw him departing, blinding tears fell on her cheek. Never before had the two been separated and rarely ever had they played apart. The separation now seemed unbearable. The little boy returned to the County Home where he is always obedient and helpful.

And so we come to the conclusion of the story.

It would not be reasonable to say that the sale of seals went "over the top", means so much, but considering the times, the Campaign proved successful in a large measure. Sufficient funds were gathered in the treasure box to meet the expense of the father, who was in the Hospital three months, and to date, has paid expenses of the little girl at the Sanatorium. She is gaining steadily and every report from her gives encouragement for her entire recovery. She is having every care and attention and is happy in her surroundings.

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needy children of the County with the same disease, may have, such hope, as is hers, held out to them, through the sale of the County's Christmas Seals.

It is a happy vision to picture the County extending open arms of welcome to the sweet little girl, returning from the Sanatorium, fully restored to health, fair-haired, brown eyed and with roses in her cheeks.

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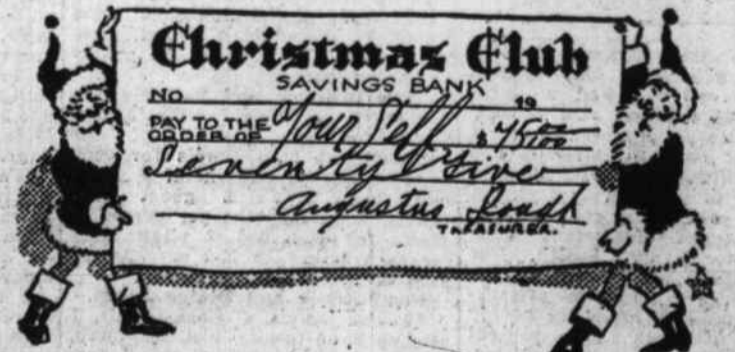
Delaware, Ohio, Dec. 8.—Miss Betty Mohn, Louisburg, N. C., will take part in the presentation of Handel's "Messiah" to be given in Gray Chapel at Ohio Wesleyan University Sunday evening, Dec. 14, under the direction of Prof. G. Raymond Hicks, head of the department of music. Miss Mohn is a member of the chorus.

Big lot men's new hats 95c each at F. N. Spivey's. 12-12-21

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