



Students Assigned

The Davie County Board of Education, at its regular meeting on Monday, May 4, 1970, adjusted certain attendance areas and assigned students for the 1970-71 school year. All students living in Davie

County in grades 9 - 12 are assigned to Davie County High School. All students in grades 1 - 8, with the exception of some special education students, are assigned to the elementary school in the attendance area in which they live.

Letter To The Editor

In your articles on the Incorporation of Coolee you seem to be doing a little slanted or biased reporting. Of course there are some advantages to incorporating the town, but, there are also many disadvantages, which you tend to forget or overlook in your reporting.

You emphasized the fact that if incorporated we would receive a share of the "fair share taxes" from the state gasoline taxes that we do not now receive. I believe that if you would look around the town most any day of the week you will find state maintenance crews working on our streets and roads. You failed to indicate if we incorporate such maintenance will become the responsibility of the town. This would undoubtedly call for a special "Bond Issue" or special tax in order to buy maintenance equipment and hire a civil engineer and work crew. This special tax would be in addition to the already proposed tax rate of \$1.00 on the \$100.00. If I'm wrong correct me.

You also keep referring to the "industries" that would like to locate here but do not do so because the town does not control the water and sewage rights. Burlington has agreed to sell the town the water for resale, which I, for one, have never heard of retail merchant having "control" over a company from which he buys goods at wholesale for resale. Have you? It would appear that Burlington Industries would still be in control of the water. Has the CIDA or anyone else thought of trying to form a corporation to buy the water rights from Burlington? Perhaps the federal government would help us in this venture in the way of a grant. If we owned the rights the corporation could be turned into a profit making operation, by selling the water to Burlington and any other industry that is interested, there-by paying for the street lights.

In your reporting of the general town meeting (the one to

which the public was invited) you said a lot of "Foolish" questions were asked. The only "Foolish" questions I have ever heard were the ones for which I had no sensible answer. Is this what you and the CIDA meant by "Foolish?" At that meeting the majority of those present requested another meeting to further discuss the problem of incorporation. This meeting was never held. Why? Is it scheduled for a later date? Did the CIDA think you and your paper could and would provide us with the information we need. Or were they afraid of more "Foolish" questions?

In Mr. Setzer's budget, which seems to be a little too low, \$13,000.00 was set aside for administration. I assume this amount would be divided among the City Commissioners as salaries for being on the council. This would mean these members would be receiving almost as much money, for a "part time" job, as some of the retirees, who would be paying their salaries, received from social security (their only income), in the form of taxes. When you stop to consider most of these retirees have already paid for their homes at least twice, taking into consideration the rent they paid before being given the opportunity to buy, this hardly seems fair, does it? Also, on the subject of budgets, where could I apply for the \$8,000 a year job as constable?

Since the CIDA proposed "to have the good of the people of Coolee at heart," why can't the people be better informed as to the industry that wishes to locate here? Why are only a select few privileged to know this and other information about what is happening to our town?

In conclusion why don't you gather more facts and tell it like it is

I eagerly await your answers to my "Foolish Questions."

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Editors Note

The work on the streets is done at the discretion of the Highway Department and no fixed amount is allotted for Coolee. Of course this is only one of the taxes a corporate town receives from the state and government. If incorporated, an amount is determined by the mileage of the streets from Powell Bill, which can be used for maintenance of the streets only, but equipment for such work on the street can also be purchased with this money. No special "Bond Issue" should be required for this.

I believe I referred to an industry interested in locating here instead of "industries." Burlington Industries has agreed to sell the town ample water that could be resold to an interested industry. Burlington also indicated that if the town does not incorporate, they will sell the water rights (distribution) to a private enterprise. The CIDA has neither the money or authority to negotiate with Burlington for these rights. Burlington has NOT indicated at this time, that they will sell the entire water works to anyone.

The majority of people attending the town meeting did indicate an interest of holding another meeting. The CIDA is considering calling another meeting, but only if it feels it will be in the best interest of the community. It feels that another meeting, just for the sake of a meeting would not be beneficial.

As to what was meant by the "foolish" questions mentioned in a previous article. I consider those as questions that no one had the authority to definitely answer until the town government is formed. And also, questions used in the form of a personal attack on an individual or a specific business, which had absolutely nothing to do with the possibility of the town becoming incorporated.

The budget which Mr. Setzer presented to the group was theoretical, to indicate services that

could be furnished on a limited budget. He distinctly pointed out that an actual budget could only be fixed by the elected authorities. Mr. Setzer was assuming that the five councilmen would not even receive a salary for this term and the figure you mentioned for administration is for the town clerk and all the maintenance employees. The town council will receive none of this \$13,000.

I assumed that everyone was aware that if the incorporation passes, applications for constable will be filed with the town council, but let me point out, that the actual salary will be set by the town government. The \$8,000 suggested by Mr. Setzer for law officers was for salaries of a full-time and a part-time policeman. As to where you may apply for an \$8,000 per year job as constable, I would suggest you talk with an employment agency.

The reason the people can not be better informed on the industry that is interested in locating here is because this information can not be released until the interested industry decides to make an official announcement. This is not the policy of any industry to make premature announcements of their interest on a new location until definite plans are made. The people know as much about this as the CIDA, since they have not been given the privilege of knowing the name of this interested industry at this time.

As to gathering more facts and telling it like it is, I am doing the best I can. Anytime you are in a position to obtain additional facts concerning this new venture, I will welcome the opportunity to inform the people through the Journal.

I hope I have been able to answer some of your questions, which I don't think are foolish, and I sincerely appreciate your taking the time and effort to write the above letter. Your interest and concern is greatly appreciated and any future comments are welcome.

MCB