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Sweet Sop Rather Late

Now that the popularity contest is over and two former mayors have been named as the choice for the people this coming fall election, each of which had uncreditable administrations, perhaps some of the populace of the City of Muncie will become mindful of the accomplishments and real benefits of the present administration and wonder why they do like they do, do. Thursday evening in a local newspaper an editorial column mentioned some of the credence due the Dale administration but all during past years while these accomplishments were being chalked up in favor of Mayor Dale, this same newspaper chose to ridicule rather than commend.

The editorial cited the real economy and tax reduction policy which meant savings of thousands of dollars to the taxpayers. Never before in Muncie had such economy been practiced instead of just talked about and yet a public fails to appreciate these benefits. The park system under the present administration was given great praise since all parks have been beautified and transformed into recreational oases for the entertainment and enjoyment of all citizens. The street department has always received commendation for its service to the community as well as both the police and fire departments. It must be admitted that the various departments in the Dale administration have performed their duties well and at the same time relieved the taxpayers of a burden of expense!

The credits due the administration will no doubt be better realized in years to come when property owners are heavily assessed for public improvements, at extortionate prices, tax rates will be raised in order to provide for the costs of government, and the service of departments will be hampered by political prestige. Florists remain in business mostly from the sale of flowers for funerals while the purchases of tokens of appreciation to the living are slight. The public will recognize the honest efforts of the present administration long after its officers have passed on and a start towards this very sense was began when the local newspaper admitted the numerous good qualities in public affairs under Mayor Dale.

Civil Service, Eh?

Just leave it to woman.

I had one today who came to me to offer a suggestion concerning a draft of a civil service examination law to present to the next legislature.

She was very serious and expresses the belief that it will pass both houses by a unanimous vote.

Her idea is that there is too much red tape, and too many questions to answer while the depression is depressing. She thinks further that applicants who have been living on snow balls throughout the winter and dandelion greens in warm weather are so weakened mentally that a full stomach changes their viewpoint as the wrinkles in their tummies begin to disappear.

It is her firm belief that the examination should be wholly mechanical and no questions asked, and it would only require a few moments of time.

Any tailor versed in the art measuring a client for a pair of pants would do for an examining board and all he would need is an ordinary tape line.

"Measure him at the equator," said she, "and then put him to work, but keep a careful record of the waistline and when it noticeably increases measure him again and if it has increased two inches, fire him at once and put in his place somebody who is in the lean and hungry class."

She was particularly insistent on the two-inch limit and will never consent to an amendment to her bill that will add even a quarter of an inch to the two-inch deadline.

"The papers here and many of the candidates have been loud in their demand for civil service and now I am giving them something practical to think about," she concluded.

Come to think about it, there may be more truth than poetry in the suggestion of this woman.

MAYOR'S CORNER

(After Lester Holloway, City Controller had finished his broadcast, Mayor Dale took the " mike" and broadcasted. By Mr. Durante is meant Lester Holloway, a nickname which the mayor has applied to the popular controller, on account of his versatility. The radio speech, made last Monday, by Mayor Dale follows:)

Thank you Mister Durante for them kind words and now as we have a few minutes left I will conclude the evening's broadcast with a few brief remarks.

First I wish to remind you that I will be mayor of Muncie about eight months longer, no matter how the primary turns out tomorrow and the result will in no way affect my attitude on public affairs.

Of course I am expecting to be nominated easily, for in my impression that the sensible thinking Democrats of Muncie will hardly care to trust the complexities of local government to the doctor and his two inseparables, Cliff Cranor and Billy Finan.

While a few people are shedding crocodile tears about a fireman's suit, which I discussed in a noonday broadcast today, they should think of more important things.

Before I had been in office two weeks I caused to be cancelled contracts for the improvement of seventeen streets, mostly on the Southside, let to the infamous paving trust at prices nearly double what they should have been.

Cliff Cranor was a member of the Hampton board of works and the moving spirit of that body. Cliff is a Democrat but got his job through political services rendered to Hampton, and with the assistance of Bunch and other disloyal Democrats encompassed the defeat of the Democratic candidate for mayor, Milt Rutherford.

Cliff and his associates on the Hampton board of works let these contracts, amounting to nearly \$300,000. It is significant now that Mr. Cranor has attached himself to my opponent's cavalcade, deserting the Hampton brigade.

Eddie Thomas delivered a beautiful talk this evening in behalf of the doctor. It almost made me shed tears at the beautiful figures of speech but what of the connection of Mr. Cranor, and the candidates he lauded so copiously?

Those contracts are still in court. Mr. Cranor ties up with no candidate for mayor who does not agree to scratch his back. His candid admission on the Federal witness stand that he came to me in the 1929 campaign and wanted me to agree that his gambling house should not be disturbed in exchange for political support, should send a shudder down

the spines of those who contemplate voting for his candidate for mayor.

Even the benediction of a minister of the gospel cannot take the taste out of the mouths of the voters who are asked to take a chance on the reinstatement of these contracts.

Then, also the Cranor candidate has publicly endorsed the councilman who tried, and would have succeeded if it had not been for me, to pay off a little matter of \$60,000 that came to light in the closing hours of the preceding administration.

This trifles was in the form of so-called certificates of indebtedness issued to the paving trust by Cliff Cranor and his associates on the board of works in payment for the paving of street intersections in excess of a \$30,000 appropriation for the year 1929.

It will be recalled that when the tax levy and budget ordinance was passed in 1930 an attempt was made to add ten cents to the levy to pay the \$60,000. The original tax levy ordinance was taken from the files of the city clerk, the staples with which it was bound were removed and the entire page re-typed, a paragraph being added to provide for the additional ten-cent levy.

Just before the council met to pass the ordinance, I heard of the attempted grab, broke into the council caucus room and put a stop to it.

The councilman who made the unauthorized change later admitted in a hearing before the state tax board that he was the one who made the change and I opened charged in my newspaper that the act constituted the crime of altering a public document.

This fraudulent act made it necessary for City Attorney Taughinbaugh to purchase a new typewriter for his office with letters of such odd shape that they could not be duplicated. The councilman who did it has been openly endorsed by my opponent, so the paving trust must have hopes of electing a mayor that will be reasonable.

I was going to extend my remarks this evening on the paving trust but Curtis Rector, a Republican candidate for mayor saved me the trouble. He spoke this evening from this station of the paving trust of the previous administration using the phrase "paving trust," which I coined in my campaign five years ago.

I don't mind anybody, Democrat or Republican, running on my platform, but why kick a dead mule around?

The paving trust was killed dead than Caesar's ghost by my administration, but I am still wondering what is really up the sleeve of my opponent, who sent a preacher to the mike to paint lovely word pictures, orate about the blue sky, the birds and the flowers. Even the canary bird here in the studio, quit singing when the preacher began to warble.

I once saw a fellow in a crowd pointing upward in an excited manner and while the crowd gawked heavenward a lively pickpocket took 'em like Grant took Richmond.

Well my dear friends I must come to a close and whether you vote for me or not, please remember that the last voice

you heard on the eve of the primary was mine.

If my administration of the affairs of Muncie has pleased you, register your approbation at the polls tomorrow. I am not pleading with you or commanding. Just talking to you. I am running on my record and it's up to you to decide and I await your decision with serene confidence that all is well.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW.

Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Review of Delaware County, State of Indiana, will meet at 10:00 A. M. Monday, June 4, 1934, the same being the first Monday in June of this year, at the room of the County Commissioners in the Court House of said County for the following purposes:

1. To hear complaints of any owner of personal property, except such property as is originally assessed by the State Board of Tax Commissioners.

2. To hear complaints concerning the assessment of real estate specially assessed in 1934, and assessments on additional improvements.

3. To equalize the valuation and assessment of property and taxables made by the assessing officer subsequent to March 1, 1934.

4. To equalize the valuation made by the assessors either by adding to or deducting therefrom such sums as may be necessary to fix assessments at the true cash value of property.

5. To review all assessments and to inquire as to the valuation of the various classes of property or parts thereof, in the several townships and divisions of the county.

6. To make such changes in assessments, whether by way of increase or decrease in the valuation of the various classes of property as may be necessary to equalize the same in or between the townships or any taxing unit.

7. To determine the rate per cent to be added or deducted in order to make a just and equitable equalization in the several townships and taxing units so as to conform throughout the county to a just and equitable standard.

8. To add omitted property in all necessary cases.

9. To increase the valuation of omitted property, when necessary

as made by the assessors.

10. To correct errors in the names of persons and in the description of property and in the valuation and assessment of property upon the assessment list.

11. To correct any list of valuation as may be deemed proper.

12. To correct the assessment and valuation of any property in such manner as will in the judgment of the Board of Review make the valuation thereof just and equal.

13. To add to the assessment list the names of persons, the value of personal property and the description and value of real estate liable to assessment but omitted from the lists.

14. To consider and act upon recommendations made by the County Assessor.

15. To do or cause to be done whatever may be necessary to do to make all returns of assessment lists and all valuations in compliance with the provisions of the tax laws and especially of an act concerning taxation approved March 11, 1919, and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto.

All to be done to equalize the valuation and assessment of property and taxables for the year 1934 payable in 1935, and of which all property owners and taxpayers are required to take due notice.

The County Board of Review is also subject to be reconvened in special session to meet on Tuesday, August 7, 1934, to consider the certified report and information regarding the inequality or lack of uniformity of assessments in this County as may be presented to said Board by the State Board of Tax Commissioners.

Witness the hand of the Auditor and the seal of the County Commissioners of said County, this 11th day of May, 1934.

W. MAX SHAFER, Auditor, Delaware County, Ind.

May 11-18.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT OF ZONING ORDINANCE.

Notice is hereby given to the citizens of Muncie, Indiana, that public hearing on an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, which is now pending before the Common Council of the City of Muncie, Indiana, will be held in the city council chamber in the City Hall at 7:30 p. m., on the 10th day of June, 1934, at which time all place any objections to such amendment or change will be heard.

The proposed amendment or change to be made is as follows:

To amend, supplement and change the present Zoning Ordinance of said City of Muncie, Indiana, so as to transfer to the business district, to the six hundred (600) square foot area district and to the eighty (80) foot height district the following described territory in said City of Muncie, Indiana:

Lots numbered six (6) and seven (7) in block numbered twenty-seven (27) in the Whitley Land Company's First Addition to the City of Muncie, Indiana, except the East thirty-six (36) feet

of the worst type of shacks, and makes possible the erection of some moderately decent, inexpensive houses to rent at a cheap rate, will have contributed much towards the eventual curtailment of vice and crime.

The outskirts of towns the size of Muncie can show worse slum conditions than anything New York or Chicago has to offer, and a large percentage of our filling station bands and police court characters spring from such environments.

New deal or old, the same old Fifth Avenue families get the

Some Place to Go

Coming 4. Days Only
Starting Sunday
At Muncie's Home of
Diversified Entertainment

New Star Theatre

C. Ray Andrews, Mgr.
Home Owned
Home Operated

Here is a Delightful Revue

You'll Long Remember

T. L. Sheridan Offers

Joe Barnett's

All New 1934 Edition of

MELODY LANE
Snappy Entertainers

Introducing

O'Connor Family

America's Foremost Entertainers

"Surprises Galore"

Melody Lane Stage Band

Bonnie Miller Duo

Sheridan Sisters

and Many Others!

ON-OFF SCREEN

"Unknown

Blonde"

A sensational exposé of the divorce racket, with Dorothy Revier, John Miljan

No Advance in Our Prices!

Here, There

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Any person of wealth who arranges for the elimination of some

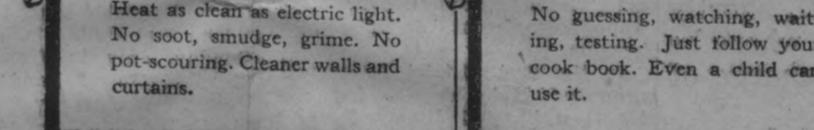
YOURS!

Ten Keys to Happiness

with an
Electric RangeSee an
Electric
RangeWATCH
YOUR
STEPBefore
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Buy

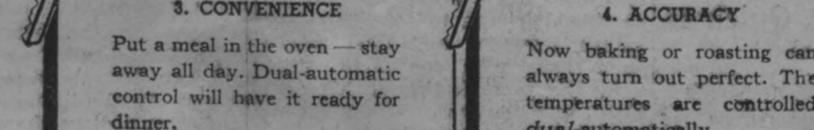
1. CLEANLINESS

Heat as clean as electric light. No soot, smudge, grime. No pot-scouring. Cleaner walls and curtains.



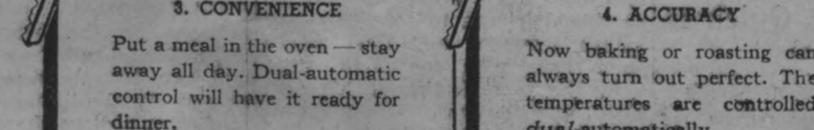
3. CONVENIENCE

Put a meal in the oven—stay away all day. Dual-automatic control will have it ready for dinner.



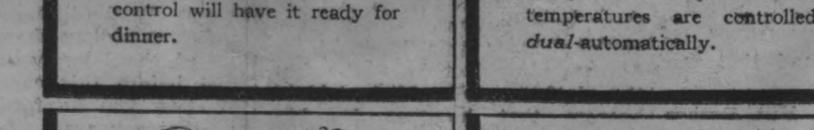
4. ACCURACY

Now baking or roasting can always turn out perfect. The temperatures are controlled dual-automatically.



5. HEALTHFULNESS

You can have healthful minerals in foods! And no burned-up air and oxygen gives you "kitchen headaches."



6. SAFETY

No fumes; no matches required; no flames. Think of the relief this will mean to you.

