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## THE FIRST SCHOOL FAIR IN OBION COUNTY A GOOD ONE

Superintendent Ridings Puts Obion County in the Lead.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, the first school fair of Obion County was held at the courthouse. The doors were opened to the public at 11 a. m. and from then till late in the afternoon the room was thronged with eager boys and girls, men and women inspecting the many beautiful and useful articles made by the children of the sixteen rural schools. The following schools: Shady Grove No. 6, Lucknow, Oakdale, Jacksonville, Shady Grove No. 10, Corum, Oak Grove, Old Fremont, Polk, Houser Valley, Pleasant Valley, Harris, Antioch, Hampton, Hazlewood, New Fremont. There were three or four others that had exhibits but could not get them here on account of the rainy day.

There were drawings, paintings, a collection of fifty pieces of native wood, many whittled articles (a violin and a pair of crutches being the prize winners), mechanical toys (a steam engine winning the prize and also winning the grand prize, a watch offered by Bransford & Andrews), many useful articles of wood made and designed by the pupils. These articles consisted of harrows, hay frame (the prize), lawn swings, porch swings, ladders, gates, road drag, pig troughs, magazine stands, tables, and many others too numerous to mention. There was a farm plot, showing crop rotation. In the sewing and cooking there were many, many things of all kinds, some candy, jelly and canned goods, paper cutting, penmanship.

Plans are being made for another fair next year about the last of October. Let every school in the county be in the work next year.

Following premiums were awarded:

Best collection of native wood, Grade Four, Pleasant Valley.

Best drawing or painting, Gladys McCord, Pleasant Valley.

Best whittled article, Violin, Olive Park, Old Fremont.

Best mechanical toy, Steam engine, Clifford Posey, Pleasant Valley.

Best useful article designed and made by pupil, Hay frame, Marvin McCord, Pleasant Valley.

Best work made of shucks or straw, etc., Leonard Todd, Oak Grove.

Best farm plot, Billie Moss, Pleasant Valley.

Best hand made article, plain, Alma Rives, Oakdale.

Best hand made article, fancy, Annie Dunn, Shady Grove.

Best hemstitched article, Rush Woodfin, Shady Grove.

Best display of fancy work, three pieces, Annie May Jones, Shady Grove.

Best crochet work, three pieces, Allie Harpole, Oakdale.

Best loaf of bread, Pauline Adams, Hazelwood.

Best cake, Alberta Roland, Oak Grove.

Best biscuits, six, Ola Akin, Pleasant Valley.

Best doughnuts, Annie D. Key, Lucknow.

Best sandy, Sallie Jewel Stone, Pleasant Valley.

Best jelly, Ola Akin, Pleasant Valley.

Best canned goods, Ola Akin, Pleasant Valley.

Best display of paper cutting, Mary H. Hubbs, Shady Grove.

Best map of Obion County, Gladys McCord, Pleasant Valley.

Best map of Tennessee, Mary Darnell, Pleasant Valley.

Best map of any kind, Lucile Chambers, Shady Grove.

Best work in penmanship, Luna Ray, Pea Patch.

The school winning most prizes, Pleasant Valley.

Best all-round article (steam engine), Clifford Posey, Pleasant Valley.

## Bulgars Fell Into Trap.

Saloniki, Dec. 12.—In the defile of Demir Kapu, during the Anglo-French retreats, the Bulgarians suffered a crushing defeat. By strategy the enemy was made to believe that the French were in retreat thru the defile. They attempted to pursue the French when the troops were well in the defile, two French regiments with a battery of machine guns cleverly hidden, suddenly opened a murderous fire.

The Eleventh Bulgarian Regiment

was exterminated and the remainder of the Bulgarian force broke and fled, panic-stricken.

The situation is becoming more complicated. In an amazing version given by the Germanophile Courier de Salonique, the king's interview with the correspondent of an American press agency is represented as characterizing the allies' action against his country as "blackmail."

## STREET FIGHT IN SOMERVILLE

Four Prominent Men Wounded in Dispute Over Account.

Somerville, Tenn., Dec. 11.—A shooting affair, in which all four participants received wounds, occurred here at 2 o'clock Friday, and as a result three local physicians are in Memphis hospitals, as is also Harvey Morris, 26, drug clerk.

The wounded are: Dr. A. O. Boals, 60, married, shot in the foot and hand; Dr. John Boals, his son, 30, married, shot twice in the back; Dr. John Morris, 30, shot twice in the chest and abdomen, and Harvey Morris, brother of Dr. Morris, shot three times in the breast and abdomen.

Reports from the Memphis hospitals are that the elder Boals and Dr. Morris have received only flesh wounds, the former trifling, the latter more serious, though not thought to be fatal. Harvey Morris' condition is given as precarious, and but little hope is entertained for him. An X-ray examination disclosed a bullet in the junior Boals' back too near the spine to be removed without danger, and his condition is pronounced critical, though not necessarily fatal.

All the parties of the unfortunate affair were prominent professionally and socially. The Morris brothers are sons of Walter Morris, a prominent planter of Laconia, Fayette County. Dr. Morris is a Vanderbilt graduate, and was recently married to the daughter of Capt. H. C. Moorman, prominent attorney and lawyer for the N., C. & St. L. Railway.

Dr. Boals is a prominent physician, having practiced in this county for thirty years. Boals, Jr., recently returned here and associated himself with his father in the practice.

The affair is the culmination of a dispute between Dr. John Boals and Harvey Morris, over an account which Boals owed the Rhea Drug Company, where Morris was employed.

A violent quarrel last Tuesday was accompanied, it is alleged, by abuse and threats from Boals and it is supposed that the trouble Friday was of that origin. Eye witnesses of the affair state that John Boals was accused by Morris in front of Oliver's garage and at the foot of the steps leading to Dr. Morris' office in the opera building. Boals, it is alleged, pulled his pistol and began firing, while Dr. Morris was holding the senior Boals. Seeing his brother being shot, Dr. Morris released Boals and began firing at the younger Boals, whereupon the elder Boals began firing at Dr. Morris. The younger Boals having emptied his pistol, started across the square when he was shot. Being released, Harvey Morris, who, it is stated, was unarmed and also wounded, ran to the elder Boals, disarmed and threw him.

Bystanders then intervened and the Memphis bound N., C. & St. L. train was held a few minutes and all the principals were hurriedly prepared for the forty-mile trip to Memphis.

Three pistols, two of .32 and one of .38 calibre, are held in a local store, containing fifteen empty shells, showing the number of shots that were fired.

## Long Canoe Trip.

Hickman, Ky., Dec. 11.—F. W. Shepper, associate editor for the Outers Book, a Chicago sportsman's publication, is stopping over in this city this week. He started on July 6 near Lake Superior, in Northern Wisconsin, in a canoe, came thru Central Wisconsin, down the Mississippi and Rock rivers in Illinois. He has so far completed about 2,000 miles. He fishes and hunts on the way down and also takes pictures to illustrate his articles, which appear monthly in Outers Book. At night he camps in a tent. He will make the trip in his canoe to New Orleans, picking up different partners along the way, being accompanied now by Murray Sheagaba, of Cairo, who joined him when he stopped there.

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## THE SALIENT POINTS OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Patriotism and Preparedness the Leading Themes.

The program includes the army and navy plans; merchant marine; a rural credit law; the Philippine and Porto Rico bills, which failed of final passage at the last session; conservation legislation; a law giving federal aid to industrial and vocational education; and the creation of a commission to inquire into the transportation problem.

President Wilson urges an enlarged army and a more effective navy, and insists that the money to pay for this protection shall be raised by internal taxation. He opposes bond issues, and advocates a "pay-as-you-go" policy. "In the interests of ourselves and of posterity," He also asks for a merchant marine, declaring that the country is in need of ships of peace.

War, the President declared, was regarded by the United States merely as a means of asserting the rights of a people against aggression, and that "we are as fiercely jealous of coercive or dictatorial power within our own nation as from aggression from without." He said the nation would not maintain a standing army except for uses which are as necessary in times of peace as in times of war, but that the country did believe in a body of free citizens ready and sufficient to take care of themselves and of the government.

The President said there was no reason to hope that no question in controversy between this and other governments would lead to any serious breach of amicable relations, and that he was sorry to say that the gravest threats against national peace and safety had been uttered within the country's own borders.

"There are citizens of the United States, I blush to admit," he declared, "born under other flags but welcomed under our generous naturalization laws to the full freedom and opportunity of America, who have poured the poison of disloyalty into the very arteries of our national life; who have sought to bring the authority and good name of our government into contempt, to destroy our industries wherever they thought it effective for their vindictive purposes, to strike at them and to debase our politics to the uses of foreign intrigue."

"No federal laws exist to meet this situation," said Mr. Wilson, because such a thing would have seemed incredible in the past. "Such creatures of passion, disloyalty and anarchy," he added, "must be crushed out. They are not many but they are infinitely malignant and the hand of our power should close over them at once."

Proposing that the new bills should be paid by internal taxation, the President suggested that by lowering the present limits of income exemption and the figure at which the surtax is imposed, and by increasing step by step thruout the present graduation, the surtax itself, income taxes as at present apportioned would yield sums sufficient to balance the books of the treasury at the end of the fiscal year 1917 without anywhere making the burden unreasonably heavy. He added that there were many additional sources of revenue which justly could be resorted to without hampering the industries of the country or putting any too great charge upon individual expenditure. He estimated that a 3 per cent tax per gallon on gasoline and naphtha would yield \$10,000,000; a tax of 50 cents per horsepower on automobiles and internal explosion engines, \$15,000,000; a stamp tax on bank checks, probably \$18,000,000, and a tax of 50 per cent per ton on fabricated iron and steel, probably \$10,000,000.

## Vanderbilt Scholarships.

Officials of Vanderbilt University have announced that 135 students on the West Campus alone, which does not include the law, medical and dental departments, are earning an aggregate of \$22,530.00 per year toward defraying their expenses in college. It is announced that 40 per cent of the senior class are supplementing their funds this year with some form of outside work. Among the various forms of employment, teaching and tutoring probably yield greater returns. \$4,000 per year is given as the amount earned in this

way. About \$2,000 per year is earned by those waiting on the table in dormitories. Others are engaged in clerical work, typewriting, canvassing, newspaper work, singing in city churches, janitor service and delivering papers. One student runs a pressing club and a barber shop.

These figures apply only to the college year. In addition to this amount there are many students who earn from \$50 to \$750 during the summer vacations. Summer work includes the selling of books, pictures, aluminum wares, work in harvest fields, representing schools and colleges, office work, etc. Vanderbilt's location in Nashville affords more opportunities for self-help than would be obtained in a smaller community. The students who are self-supporting are among the best University and are leaders in its activities.

## HOPEWELL, VA., DESTROYED

City Wiped Out and 35,000 People Homeless.

Fire, supposedly started by a German agent in the hope of destroying the Du Pont powder works, wiped out the famous mushroom town of Hopewell, near Petersburg, Va., causing a loss of approximately \$3,000,000 and 35,000 citizens to be homeless. As the flames menaced the great powder magazines panic reigned in the town, which last spring was a cornfield. Hundreds of men, at the risk of their lives, formed a fire-fighting cordon around the works and extinguished flying embers as they alighted. As soon as it was realized that the town was doomed, the police, assisted by experts from the powder plant, began dynamiting the buildings. When the first blast was set off many persons thought there had been an explosion of gun-cotton at the big plant, but when other detonations followed the explanation soon spread and fears were quieted. While the flames were at their height there was serious rioting, which resulted in the lynching of a negro caught looting. Not since the Civil War has there been such excitement in that section. Physicians, lawyers, merchants and those who have accumulated even the smallest amount of portable property, were sitting in the streets around blazing bonfires, built for warmth, with rifles in their arms, ready to protect the little that had been saved. The station of the Norfolk & Western Railroad was destroyed, and with difficulty special trains were hastened into the burning city to take away the destitute and homeless. Petersburg presented scarcely a less pathetic scene, for all public buildings and churches were turned into temporary shelters for the shivering homeless, and the residents of the town prepared and served huge cauldrons of soup to the hungry.

## British and French Retire.

London, Dec. 13.—The British and French troops have successfully carried out their retirement from Serbia across the Greek frontier and by an arrangement with the Greek government a clear road has been left for them to fall back on Saloniki, which is being organized as a base.

The German official report to-day claims that "approximately two English divisions were annihilated" during the retirement, but this is considered here an exaggeration. Accounts from Athens and Saloniki say the retreat was carried out in an orderly manner and without heavy losses.

## Prohibition in Washington State.

The decision of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington affirming the judgment of the lower courts in upholding the initiative Prohibition laws brings Washington into the column of "dry" States. The law is more drastic than most other State Prohibition laws. It not only prohibits the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, but it prohibits the advertising of intoxicants, makes the owner of a building in which liquor is sold equally responsible with the man who sells it, and provides that every package containing liquor shipped into the State must be plainly labeled, "This package contains intoxicating liquors."

The farthest west of the dry States is undertaking the most stringent of dry laws. Congratulations are due that the measure was made thorough. May the officials have the integrity and the stamina to enforce it to the letter!—Nashville Tennessean.

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