

SCHOOL "KIDS" JUST FOR A DAY

"Nothing Dry" About The Third Annual Reunion Of Scholars Who Attended School In Ottokee The Years of 1850-1860—Thirty-four Scholars Present—Intensely Interesting Program—Speeches, Letters—Next Meeting June 2nd, 1916—Letter

The cold rainy weather which has prevailed for the past few weeks made the old scholars who went to school in Ottokee between the years of 1850 and 1860 wish that the day for the 3rd Annual Reunion June 2nd, 1915, might be a bright warm day, but when they arose in the morning they realized that it had rained all night, and bid fair for not being dry. What was to be done? It could not be put off. So 34 of these old scholars with their husbands, or wives, and several invited friends secured covered conveyances and went to the old school house where they had paddled through rain or waded the snow drifts many times long ago to get there. The rain did not cease until nearly night, but inside of the house it did not mar the happiness of the young in spirit, who greeted the loved mates of long ago. The President of the Reunion, Judge Handy of Ottawa, had engaged an automobile and chauffeur to bring himself and wife; he learned in the morning that the rains forbade their coming by auto, so he boarded a car and went to Toledo, from there to Wauseon, where he hired a man with an automobile to take him to Ottokee school house, but had him wait until he could learn if any one else was there, if not he would go back with him, he was pleased on opening the door to see so many to greet him. He brought with him some pretty printed badges for souvenirs of the 3rd Reunion, at the bottom was "Hello Kid." At noon four long tables were loaded with the choicest of eatables, and all partook with a hearty relish. Dinner over, President Handy called the house to order and the program consisted of an invocation by Rev. Martha Jordan Moore, talks from Mrs. Celia Marsh Taylor of Toledo, Mrs. Anna Atkinson Todd of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Mrs. Julia Carter Aldrich, Mrs. Roxie Handy Rice of Toledo, Mrs. Martha Jordan Moore and a poem by Allen Shadle which he recited at school 60 years ago, and a speech by the President, who said he would not make much of a speech, but commenced with the old school days, and the newness and primitive customs of the surrounding country, the tall dip, to the electrical age, and he became so enthused that he made a fine lengthy speech which was well received by all.

PUPILS MUSICAL.

The recital given by a number of pupils of Miss Adda Edelman, assisted by Miss Helen Masters, contralto, of Toledo, held at the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Davis on East Elm street last Thursday night, brought out an attendance of about two hundred which emphasizes the fact that Miss Edelman holds her place among the foremost music teachers of Wauseon. The house was made beautiful by decorations of peonies, shasta daisies and syringas, with foliage. The program consisted of nineteen numbers by the pupils all of which were rendered in a manner reflecting credit upon the individuals and their training. Miss Masters, contralto in a group of song, "Three," "Love has Sent Three Many Roses" and "Apple Blossom Time" accompanied by Mr. C. Kunz, of Toledo, and a group of songs by the Misses Phyllis, Eunice and Dorothy Davis contributed much to the enjoyment of the occasion and proved their talents.

WHENCE COME WARS

We Have Become Interested in Certain Causes—What Has Been Discussed—Words from the Lips of President Wilson—The Havoc of Suspicion—Dr. Dunning Answering Our Question—The Way to Cure Our Suspicions and Jealousies.

W. T. Williams. The heading of this article has been read and written times innumerable of late, and at this we should not be surprised. For, owing to the predicament of our day we have been compelled to make certain investigations, and amid our daily inquiries, this is one of them: Whence come wars? Men and women in all avenues of life have become interested in the causes of war, and their searchings have been diligent and earnest beyond estimate. This is proven by their findings, because they are profound, true and impartial. Never was anything more true and profound. The people of the high places as well as the people of the low places are included and held responsible according to their position and place. In fact, they are equally and tersely implicated. The indictment includes even ourselves, and the question is—are we guilty? We will withhold our judgment until we have considered the various discourses, which are being made, direct causes of wars. We feel that we ought to know them, trusting that we will study them unto the day when the plagues of wars shall be no more. There are four items which we log. They are the following: "Lack of mutual love among men; contempt for authority; injustice between classes; and the passion for material gain as the ruling object of life. We have been told over and over, are the causes of wars, and what ugly things they are! We cannot reflect upon them without coming to the conclusion that they are black enough to have emerged from the bosom of his majesty—The Devil; and as such worthy of an everlasting place in his hot abode. But the serious aspect of this indictment is that we are accused of perpetrating these hideous and venomous items among our fellows. We have been told to our faces that we have been mean in our conduct. Are we ready to plead guilty? Can we rid ourselves of the feeling of responsibility for the horrors of the season—the horrors of which we read day by day? Let us wait a bit, because we can easily trace the responsibility of governments back to individuals, and to say that war is the climax of a long-continued encouragement of strife among men is to say the truth. This in no wise can be denied. It is verified on every turn, and if we have given the attention we ought to certain matters, we know that such is the case. It is unmistakably the simple, unvarnished truth. Last November, in a letter to Secretary McAdoo, President Wilson referred to the last decade in our country as a bad dream. He said that it "brought her business ideals into question, condemned her social standards, denied the honesty of her men of affairs, the integrity of her economic processes, the morality and good faith of many of the things which her laws sustained. Those who had power, whether in business or politics, were almost universally looked on with suspicion, and little attempt was made to distinguish between the just and the unjust." These are sad words, and if they had come from a mind less than that of our good and loved President, we would be tempted to throw them over our shoulder with derision. But they are now the property of the world, and it is to be discrediting them is more than we can do. They have been accepted as a truthful expression of the very evil that undermines our welfare, socially, politically, religiously. They manifest the cause of our sad plight. It is true, however, that conditions like these are not peculiar to us as a people, although they have taken forms among us which are heart-rending. They sicken the soul as we ponder them. We come in contact with suspicion so frequently that we are actually shocked in at times; we tremble to the bottoms of our being. We know by experience the havoc which is wrought by the persons who entertain this demon, suspicion. They destroy on all hands. The justice of no more value than the unjust. They must be gratified in slaughter. The restraints of law are nothing. Natural obligations and mutual respect are worthless. The confidence in the honor and good intentions of neighbors is looked upon as something too silly for the minds of men. Faults are exaggerated and virtues minimized so much that often we are devoid of the idea of fair play. The truth is not in us, and men and women are trampled down as the offscourings of the earth. This is done to further the cause which we champion, misrepresenting the characters of the persons whom we oppose without compunction. Do we not in this manner foster the spirit that makes war possible? Is this too much for us to accept? It is rancorous enough to be called, hell-fire. Every one who encourages distrust, suspicion and jealousy is responsible for war. Expressing unguarded criticism of persons not based on full knowledge, nurturing prejudices against neighbors, against races, against members of political

SOME MORE BACK YARDS.

Some neighbors who at the June Staff happened to "snoop" around other people's back yards and what he saw set him to moralizing on that theme. Common place as it may seem it still remains true that "thing of beauty is a joy forever" even though it may be only a back yard, and the writer is almost ready to risk the responsibility of issuing the dictum "Take care of your back yard and your front yard will take care of itself." Of course the patient reader will recognize that there is nothing original about this, it is only a parody on "Take care of the sense and the pounds will take care of themselves," but just the same we believe there is a whole lot of good solid truth in it and we are inclined to sit up and take notice of the back yards of our friends and neighbors. It might prove embarrassing to us if some of these "friends and neighbors" were to check on parks located in their back yards should miss some of their poultry just about the time we are saying things about their back yards; but we are willing to take the chance to be able to prove an alibi, so far as the country is concerned. We have discovered some more back yards, at the least, are worthy of inspection. Indeed, are good to look at. These backyards are located on Clinton street and are attached to the premises of Messrs. Graham Lyon and J. C. Dunning. They are well kept, men themselves or their wives deserve the credit for them we cannot say, but we can say that the backyards in their present condition are a credit to the eyes, a few old fashioned flowers and shrubs are more conducive to high thinking and noble aspirations than old tin cans, ash heaps, broken crockery and kindred rubbish. There is another line of thought to be considered under this theme: In these days of "The High Cost of Living" every foot of ground should be made to produce something; a few cents invested in vegetable seeds and a little time spent in caring for the garden patch, may save dollars for the family purse in the course of a season. We are glad that there are so many in this community who take pride and interest in their own backyards and we trust that the "Backyard Improvement Movement" may grow in favor and thereby improve the backyards in Wauseon will only be traditions of past generations. Back of all this there seems to us to be a fundamental principle: The price of a yard is not in the yard, it is in the people who live there. We fix our front yards because the general public will see them and very likely judge the price at least by the yard. We fix our thoughts for presentation to people but the thoughts we live with and keep to ourselves, too often are like some backyards, unimproved and neglected. It is a good thing for us to sit down in our own backyards and consider whether or not they mean all they ought to us and when we have taken care to have some one else looking over the fence into our backyard.

81ST. GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENDED

Facts and Figures Concerning Conservative, Deliberative, Conscientious Action of Legislature—New Financial Policy Established A Model For Other States—Hundreds Of Bills Considered, But Less Than Three Hundred Of Them Were Passed

The regular session of the eighty-first General Assembly is ended, and how wisely it has acted will be shown when the measures which it passed are put into operation. It is freely predicted by those who have studied the work of the legislative bodies that historians will place the present legislature among the most conservative, deliberative and conscientious general assemblies that has ever met in Ohio. As a reason for making this assertion they cite that not a radical or freak measure was passed neither was a single bill enacted into law which was backed by a strong lobby, nor was any measure permitted to dictate what measures should be enacted. The legislature worked industriously at the one thousand and more bills presented to it for consideration and then passed less than three hundred of them before it adjourned. The problem for that body to solve was not to see how many bills it could enact into law but how few they would be required to pass and get the desired results. The session lasted about five months and it is believed that the work was so thoroughly done that there will be no need of another session for two years, when the constitution of the state demands that a general assembly shall convene again. This means that Gov. Willis will not have to call a special session of the legislature as was done in the preceding administration. With the Willis administration comes a new financial policy for the state—every dollar appropriated should be made for a specific purpose. In framing the appropriation bills this policy was followed and for the first time in the history of the state, the appropriation bills show exactly how every dollar of state money is to be expended. No receipts or balances are appropriated as has been the custom since the organization of the state, but on the contrary every dollar is appropriated to a specific purpose so that he who reads may know just how and where the states money goes. To frame this kind of bill and provide for all conditions that might arise by reason of referendums, consolidation of departments or decentralization of commissions was a very easy task for the finance committee had nothing to guide it in its work.

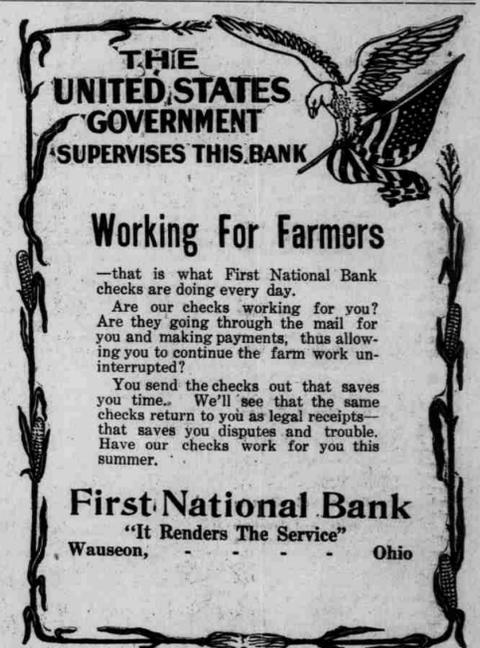
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Of the state, the appropriation laws this year will be bound in a separate volume. While it is spoken of as a new policy, it is but a simple business policy that the state should have pursued years ago. It simply shows the people who spend the states money and for what it is spent. It is expected that much criticism of the Willis administration will come from the hundreds who have been cut off the state payroll or had their salaries decreased. Many a person who has been drawing from \$2,000 to \$4,000 a year as salary from the state treasury will be compelled to find new employment as their names have been dropped from the state payroll. These people received their position through some political influence and this same influence will be put to work to discredit the administration which has abolished their position. The state's business will not suffer by the elimination of these jobs neither will any one be over worked. Wounds on man or beast should be healed by Hanford's Balsam. As this marks a new financial policy



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TICKET WINNERS

Fifty-Four School Children to Receive Season Chautauqua Tickets From Management—Unexpected Interest Manifested—Gratifying Results—Splendid Educational Incentive.

Last winter the committee managing the Wauseon Chautauqua for the summer of 1915 donated three season tickets for every school within a certain radius of Wauseon, to be contested for by the pupils of that school. A contest in reading, writing and best average grade was conducted in these schools with very gratifying results from an educational point of view. An interest was aroused beyond the expectations of the superintendent and teachers. In some cases pupils who had never before taken an interest in reading were eager to take part in the contest. One parent says that her boy, who before disliked to read, brought books home and became engrossed in them. Now, although the Chautauqua committee had in mind chiefly the matter of bringing to the attention of the people, it certainly was a kind of advertising that helps the community whether it pays the committee in money or not. It has been so successful as an educational incentive that the County Superintendent of schools hopes that every town in the county next year will give the same opportunity to the children of their surrounding community. Following is a list of the ticket winners who will receive their season tickets by mail before the opening of the Chautauqua: Reading:—Harry Lutton, Olive N. Verity, Harold Myers, Frances Ginery, Alfred Kiddie, Ida Dennis, Mary Rexard, Bernard Boyers, Bernard Tompkins, Marie Kessler, Herbert Demaline, Opal Robinson, Ralph Croninger, Ho Robinson, Helen Shadle, Walter Brigham, Margery Wagner, Eva Lichtenwald, Theola Drake, Theron Kutzi, Ruth Williams. Writing:—Ward Barber, Walter Conner, Gladys Russell, Vera L. Louty, Martha Bender, Vera Berkebile, Clyde Turney, Marabelle Marasales Thomas Brinkman, Hazel Gorsuch, Herma Burkholder, Alvena Kahrs, Ada Waldvogel, Marjorie McRuff, Herma Conner, Edith M. Barnes, Florence Williams. Best Average Grades:—George Buchner, Wayne Beebe, Zelma Gorsuch, Howard Gorsuch, Allen Sigel, Nellie Pennington, Mead Dailey, Iva Snyder, Mabel Newhouser, Elizabeth Riddle, Mildred Drennan, Delora Sigge, Blanche Bartlett, Iva Nofziger, Fernando Kutzi, Mildred Batdorf. Only One Entirely Satisfactory. "I have tried various colic and diarrhea remedies, but the only one that has given me entire satisfaction and cured me when I was afflicted is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy."—recommended by my friends at all times."—writes S. N. Galloway, Stewart, S. C. For sale by all dealers. NOTICE TO WATER CONSUMERS All accounts not paid on or before July 1st, 1915, will have water turned off without further notice. BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

Three Events at the

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Week Sale of Porch Furniture Week Sale of Porch Swings We want a "Vac Sweeper" in every home Many who haven't one—may now own one—no excuse. If you want your home free from dust and dirt—read this offer. Beginning Saturday and the week following we will place on sale 50 Vac Sweepers—every one guaranteed—and our store behind the guarantee. Beginning Saturday at \$5.69 each \$1.69 down and \$1.00 per month until paid. Who could not own a "Vac" on these terms? See the window demonstration Saturday.

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