

SCHOOL DAY MEMORIES

Reminiscences of The Ottokee School of Nearly Seventy Years Ago
By Roxie Handy Rice

Once upon a time, away back in the days of Ottokee's infancy, there stood upon a hill a little north of Wauseon a one story building containing two rooms divided by partition. In the west end of this building was a room containing a table and chairs, and in the east end was a room containing a table and chairs. There were several seats on the north side of the room, and in the partition was a door opening into another room, in the east end of the building, at the right of the door was a long seat, which was used for the purpose of seating the children; on the north side of the door was another long seat, similar to the one just described. In the east end of the room were rows of seats facing toward the partition. At the right of the long seat first mentioned stood a small platform upon which was a desk, the contents of which could be made secure from the inquisitive eye and prying fingers of the mischief-makers, and known as "teacher's desk."

It was into this room where I first entered the "Ottokee School." My parents having moved to the Ottokee county seat in the spring of 1854, a sister-in-law, my mother's sister, reached the interesting age of ten years.

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STORIES OF AMERICA AND AMERICANS

Croghan and Gist—Expeditions in the Ohio Country in Behalf of the English.—First Bloodshed on Ohio Soil in the Contest for Supremacy.

After the spectacular tour of Calverton again came the English with Croghan and Gist and their operations. George Croghan was a zealous worker in his country's cause for a quarter of a century before American independence was declared. He was employed by the Province of Pennsylvania to scatter goods and presents among the Ohio Indians and trading quarters at several Indian villages down the Ohio late in the year 1750. Croghan, with Andrew Montour was sent by Governor Hamilton of Pennsylvania to the Ohio region to contract the work of Celoron. And along came Christopher Gist of the Yaddo, for the Ohio Company of Virginia. He set out with his party from Stanwix (Pittsburg) across country to the Muskingum, via Beaver Creek and Elks Eye Creek. Here he found Croghan and Montour. Thence they proceeded to Chillicothe, the Shawnee town on the Scioto, and later camped at "Great Swamp, head of the reservation of the Pickawillany Indians. Then to Twigtwee village, on the Big Miami where the "Old Britain" the Pickawillany chief fled, the English traders made prisoners and "Old Britain" was slain in a horrible manner—the first bloodshed on Ohio soil in this great contest for the Ohio country, says Randall.

BRYAN IS READY TO ENTERTAIN FIREMEN

Fifteen thousand visitors expected at Convention and Carnival on June 15

Bryan citizens have been busy nearly a year making plans for the proper entertainment of fire fighters and others who will attend the annual convention of the Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association, to be held in that city Wednesday, June 15.

At the last meeting of the association, held in Ashland a year ago, Bryan was selected as the next convention city, and the Bryan Business Men's Association and Bryan Fire Department immediately named fifteen men to prepare for the meeting.

Proceedings received over one hundred fire companies, accompanied by more than a score of bands, will be in Bryan on June 15, and fully 15,000 visitors are expected. The uniformed firemen and bands will form a spectacular parade in the afternoon. Liberal cash and prize prizes will be awarded participants.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Warrants Issued
Fred Coozinger, Memorial Day expense, Candelaria Post, Camp No. 20, 25.00
Earl Guilford, Chesterfield Ditch No. 1220, 49.50

Building Notices
Chas. Struble, Wauseon, porch, estimated cost \$200.

Real Estate Transfers
Stotzer and Macdonald to Carrie Eberly, lot No. 9 Greenough's Addition, Wauseon.

A. A. and Mabel Hoffman to Clara A. Pfaff, lot No. 8 Sargeants Addition, Delta.

Edward Schad to Floyd Keller, 3-4 acres section 32, Dover Township, Wauseon.

New Cases in Court
Also Long filed through Sol D. Tucker action for marshaling liens for sale of real estate and for equitable relief, vs Ezra Harroun et al. Lester C. Hite et al filed through Geo. A. Everett action for quiet title, vs Samuel Fox et al.

Court Orders
Margaret Desbroux vs John H. Schultz et al action for partition. D. J. Johnson appointed guardian ad litem for minor heirs. Finding that plaintiff is entitled to partition as prayed for, service approved and confirmed. J. F. Stenson, Henry Stum and Wm. Lutz appointed commissioners in partition. Finding that there is no partition of the Osborn heirs the sum of \$833.33 to administrator of John H. Schultz.

Probate Court
Guardianship of Fred Jacob, 2nd part account, hearing confirmed.
Guardianship of Jennie Serrice, first partial account, hearing confirmed.
Estate of James L. Griffin, final account, hearing confirmed.

HANCOCK-STOWELL

The marriage of Miss Louise Hancock and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Hancock to Wesley B. Stowell son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stowell of Fayette took place Saturday afternoon at four o'clock in the home of Mrs. Lillian Harrison on Fulton Street.

The handsome home was effectively decorated in pink and white roses and ferns. Rev. A. E. Fish read the service before an altar of spring loveliness and the wedding party faced a large mirror wreathed in flowers. Miss Florence Bennett accompanied by Miss Marjory Dudley on the violin, sang "Oh Promise Me" as the bride and her party came down the stairs.

The bride wore a beautiful white canzon crepe gown, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. Her veil hanging to the floor, enhanced her usual loveliness.

She was attended by Miss Marie Brown of Cleveland and given away by her father, Mr. James Copeland of Cleveland served Mr. Stowell as best man. Virginia Cole and Jane Smallman in dainty gowns and carrying Shepherds Crooks adorned with Sweet Peas acted as flower girls.

After the ceremony a delicious wedding supper was served. Especially attractive features were the cleverly fashioned rose nut baskets.

UNVEILING AND DEDICATION

Tentative Program of Dedicatory Exercises of Fulton County Soldiers and Sailors Monument at Wauseon July Fourth, 1921

The Fulton County Soldiers and Sailors Memorial and Monumental Association through their Secretary, Mrs. C. C. Cummings and Chairman, Mr. Allen Shadle have prepared the following program of exercises for the unveiling and dedication of the Fulton County Soldiers and Sailors Monument at the east front of the Court House in Wauseon on Monday July Fourth.

VANHORN-LUTRELL

A quiet wedding was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James VanHorn near Swanton, Wednesday June 1st, when their daughter, Vera Schmal, at which time Elaine Schmal, Ellsworth Duffy, Russell Wilkeman, John Dimke, Clarence Stroll, Walter Riser received Merit Badges and Samuel Burton and Paul Stevens received their second-class Scout Badges, and Frank Leonard received his Tenderfoot badge. Together with the general Scout pictures a number of Wolf Lake Camp pictures and local Scouts were shown.

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Fayette, Ohio, June 3rd, 1921
To the Wauseon Boy Scouts:
Greeting and a word of thanks for the beautiful wreath which the Boy Scouts placed upon the grave of Mr. Ives for Memorial Day. I appreciate the memory and kindness of the loyal Scouts to their organization always be of great benefit to the boys of Wauseon.

The next Scout meeting will be held in the Scout rooms next Monday evening June 13th.

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JUNE 14th IS FLAG DAY

June 14th, 1921, marks the one hundred and forty-fourth anniversary of the official creation of the American flag, so a brief review of its history at this time will not be amiss.

The star-spangled banner has flown over many parts of the globe in these 144 years and has never been defeated.

BOY SCOUTS

Last Monday evening at the Baptist church, Rev. A. M. Dixon gave his second Stereoptical lecture on "Scoutcraft" at which time Elaine Schmal, Ellsworth Duffy, Russell Wilkeman, John Dimke, Clarence Stroll, Walter Riser received Merit Badges and Samuel Burton and Paul Stevens received their second-class Scout Badges, and Frank Leonard received his Tenderfoot badge. Together with the general Scout pictures a number of Wolf Lake Camp pictures and local Scouts were shown.

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BRYAN MOST CORDIALLY INVITES YOU ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

To Attend the Greatest Event in This Section of Ohio This Year

Annual Convention of The Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association

125 Fire Companies All Dressed In Uniforms

35 Bands All Playing At Once

Spectacular, Magnificent Parade

At 1:30 p. m. will be held the most spectacular and magnificent parade ever witnessed in the state. It will be worth your time and money to come hundreds of miles to see this parade alone.

Gigantic, Marvelous Free Acts

The Famous Fire Fighters, the Mysterious Wizard of the Heavens, the Funny Ford, and others.

LOOK! BIG STREET CARNIVAL IN CONNECTION

VISIT THE MIDWAY. SEE THE DANCING GIRLS, INTERESTING SHOWS, CONCESSIONS, BABY STANDS. RIDE ON THE WHIP, MERRY-GO-ROUND, FERRIS WHEEL. PLENTY OF OLD-TIME REFRESHMENTS. IN FACT EVERYTHING TO FURNISH FUN, SPORT AND AMUSEMENT. The Carnival attractions will be in operation also the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, June 14.

Visitors will be given a royal welcome, especially the brave fire fighters

Special Reduced Excursion Rates On All Railroads to Bryan June 15

WAUSEON 1921 CHAUTAQUA

Headlining the Redpath Chautauqua which is to be held in Wauseon August 8 to 14th, will be the famous Gilbert and Sullivan light opera "Pinafore" one of the most timely and amusing plays of the last half century. Another big hit of Chautauqua week will be the three act comedy success, "Nothing But the Truth."