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SERIOUS DIFFICULTY OCCURS IN SULLIVAN'S BEND

A serious difficulty took place on the farm of Snoddy Thackston Tuesday of last week about noon when Mr. Thackston and Abe Dickens, an employee on the farm, engaged in a personal difficulty which is reported to have risen over a financial settlement. The exact details of the affairs are not known. There was only one eye witness, Mr. Woodard, who was working close to the scene of the difficulty. Large shovels were used in the encounter, Mr. Thackston inflicting several serious wounds on Mr. Dickens' head and arms. Mr. Thackston received a slight injury on his shoulder, which, however, is not serious. At the last report, Mr. Dickens was in a very precarious condition and doubt is expressed as to his recovery.

RURAL ROUTE EXAMINATION TO BE HELD MARCH 13TH

The United States Civil Service Commission has called an open competitive examination for rural route carrier, to be held at Carthage Saturday, March 13. The examination is called to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Smartt, carrier on route 2 from Brush Creek.

Supreme Court Decides Sheriff Case in Favor of M. J. Malone

The case of John B. Gann vs. M. J. Malone, which has been in the courts the past few months to determine who should hold the present office as sheriff of Smith county, was decided by the supreme court last Saturday in favor of Mr. Malone.

It will be remembered that this suit grew out of the action of a special session of the county court, which convened on the 14th day of September last, and elected Mr. Gann to fill the term of office as sheriff to which E. L. Hackett, who was fatally shot by Jasper Jenkins on August 20, had been elected in the regular August election.

Through advice of his attorney, Judge T. J. Fisher, Mr. Malone refused to surrender his office to Mr. Gann, claiming that inasmuch as Sheriff-elect Hackett had not qualified for the office his death did not create a vacancy and that he had a constitutional right to hold the office during the present term. Upon Mr. Malone's failure to give possession of the office, Mr. Gann, through his attorneys, L. A. Ligon, Nelson Fisher and H. B. McGinness, instituted mandamus proceedings, thereupon Mr. Malone gave possession of the office pending the outcome of the suit. The case was tried before Chancellor Roberts, who held that there was a vacancy in the office and that Mr. Gann had a right to

serve the term to which the county court had elected him. Mr. Malone appealed from the decision of the Chancellor to the supreme court. This case was the first of its kind ever tried in this section of the state and created quite a lot of interest.

Mr. Gann has made a most efficient officer as sheriff during his tenure of six months and has a host of friends who regret that he lost the suit. He has not only lost the time given to the office since he was chosen by the county court, but has to bear the expense of the suit, which has been very heavy. It must be said that Mr. Gann is a good loser, for in spite of all the expense and inconvenience he harbors no ill-feeling toward anyone and before leaving for his home near Chestnut Mound said he was going to appeal his case from the decision of Chief Justice Neil to the people of Smith county when election time came around.

As for Mr. Malone, it is useless to say that he has or that he will make a good sheriff, because it is a well known fact by every citizen in the county that he is one of the most diligent officers the county ever had. Of course the Sheriff was one of the proudest to hear of the decision last Saturday morning and in speaking of the case said he felt about the matter now just as he did when the suit began, that is, if the law entitled him to the office he wanted it, and if not, he did not want it.

CARTHAGE FAIR DIRECTORS HELD MEETING MONDAY

The board of directors of The Carthage Fair Association held an enthusiastic meeting here last Monday. Committees were appointed and other steps taken to begin work for another successful exhibition. The dates for the fair this year have not yet been announced.

A Wonder Party.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church will give a "Wonder Party" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Lee Friday evening, March 5. Do not fail to go and enjoy the fun with the large crowd that is expected. Hours, 7:30 to 11.

SIXTEEN MULES PURCHASED HERE LAST MONDAY

J. B. Davis of Riddleton, representing the Atlanta Live Stock Co., was here last Monday buying mules for his firm. He purchased sixteen, the prices ranging from \$75 to \$220. The \$220 mule was purchased from Sid Thomas of New Middleton. The prices paid by Mr. Davis last Monday were better than were paid at previous sales and this is taken that the price of mules is steadily advancing.

GOOD ROADS MEETING RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF STATE HIGHWAY BILL

The good roads meeting which was called to meet here last Monday by County Chairman Ashley was well attended by representatives from every section of the county. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ashley and J. H. Brim of Riddleton and Jere Gardenhire of Carthage were selected chairman and secretary, respectively.

The principal action of the meeting was adoption of a resolution recommending the passage of the State Highway Bill which is now before the legislature. Representative Key was present and at the beginning of the meeting made a few remarks saying he felt that something ought to be done toward the

improvement of our highways, and that he would like for his constituents to give him some instructions as to what they desired in the way of legislation, on the subject.

W. E. Myer, president of the State Highway Association, spoke at some length explaining the Highway measure which was recommended for passage. The bill is designed to give state aid to counties and will be of great assistance to counties desiring to improve roads. After the measure had been commented on by several in the audience, the resolution favoring its passage was adopted without a dissenting vote.

CHESTNUT MOUND SCHOOL GIVES WASHINGTON PROGRAM

The primary and intermediate pupils of the Chestnut Mound High School gave a very pleasing Washington's birthday entertainment at the school auditorium last Friday evening. The program consisted of appropriate songs, recitations and papers. A large number of patrons and friends of the school were present. Each guest present received a George Washington Hatchet as a souvenir of the occasion.

The school recently organized a basketball team which is now practicing each day.

The school was honored with the first visit of the new county superintendent, Prof. E. L. Huffines, last Wednesday. He made a splendid address to the school.

Mrs. W. M. Baird Dead.

Mrs. W. M. Baird died at her home near New Middleton last Monday afternoon after a lingering illness of several weeks. She is survived by her husband and seven daughters besides a number of other relatives and a host of friends. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon by Revs. Hurst and Estes. Interment took place in the family cemetery.

RECITAL BY MUSIC AND EXPRESSION PUPILS WELL RECEIVED

The recital given by the music and expression pupils of Miss Ethel Fischer was well received by a large audience at the High School auditorium last Friday night. The program of about 25 numbers was composed of piano solos, trios and duets, and readings, and the pupils showed that they were receiving efficient instructions at the hands of Miss Fischer. The audience seemed to be especially pleased with the numbers rendered by the expression pupils, three of whom, little Misses Daisy Aust Hart, Madora Maddux and Frances Fisher, were encored. The pupils appearing on the program were Misses Louise Moore, Addie Crouch Read, Lucy Swope, Margaret Ligon, Myrtle Frogue, Henrietta Nixon, Annie Wright May Nixon, Wilhelmina Webb, Almeda Kennedy, Flossie Fisher, Creola Petross, Geraldine Donoho, Anna West, Lorine and Lucile West, Mary Flippen, Jessie Smotherman, Julia Williams, Vallie McClellan and Louise Robinson. The expression pupils taking part in the entertainment were little Misses Frances Fisher, Madora Maddux and Daisy Aust Hart, and Masters Thomas Kennedy, Cecil Duke and Glenn Bradford.

FOOD SALE BY METHODIST LADIES MOST SUCCESSFUL

The food sale by the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church at the Carthage Drug Co., last Saturday was a most successful one. Their good things to eat were in such a demand that the supply was exhausted long before a number of anticipating purchasers arrived on the scene.

The ladies, however, have announced that they will have another sale at the same stand next Saturday and that they will endeavor to supply the demand on this occasion. In addition to the food sale sandwiches and hot coffee will be served from 11 to 1 o'clock at the small price of five cents. So you need not worry about having to eat dinner at home next Saturday, just drop in at the Carthage Drug Co., and let the ladies serve you with the choicest of viands. And don't forget that there will be a large lot of cakes, pies, puddings, bread and other things used to formulate a good meal offered for sale in addition to the sandwiches and coffee.

The members of the Aid Society will continue to have these food sales every Saturday throughout the spring months.

Preaching at Monoville.

There will be preaching at the Free church at Monoville next Saturday night and Sunday morning. Rev. E. W. Chambers will have charge of the services at 11 a. m. Sunday, his text being selected from Hebrews 10: 9 and 10. The song services will be in charge of Bro. G. W. Hesson. Everybody is cordially invited to attend both of these services.

Notice.

On Saturday, March 20, 1915, at Stone Bridge, I will sell to the highest bidder, for cash, one poplar log 34 inches in diameter and 34 feet in length, branded circle L., to pay for catching and taking care of same.

L. R. BOULTON,
Elmwood, Tenn.

Feed the chickens a variety.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE TO GIVE SPECIAL PROGRAM

The following is the program to be given by the Baptist Young People's Union at the Baptist church at the usual hour next Sunday evening:

Subject, At Our Own Door. Scripture reading, Romans 10:1-15. Song, by the little girls. Introduction, by leader. A Lesson in Arithmetic, Virginia Flippen. Talk, The Work of the Board, Song, by Mrs. High's class. Penny Sad and Penny Glad, by Mary Flippen and Louise Robinson. Paper, Perils For Southern Baptists. Song, by little girls. Missions and Minding, Clara Day. Don't Believe in Foreign Missions? Virginia Fisher. Scripture Quotations. Talk, A Day of Hope. Song, by Mrs. High's class. Bread For the Hungry, Daisy Aust Hart. Taking Up the Collection, Vaden Flippen. Song, by Willing Christian Soldiers.

Gasoline Boat Burns.

The B. M. Dean, the small gasoline boat owned by William Ellis, was greatly damaged by fire at an early hour Wednesday morning. For the past several months Mr. Ellis and family have been making their home on the boat, but at the time of the fire there was only one member of the family present, Van Ellis, who received painful burns and finally had to jump in the river. The entire cabin of the boat with all of Mr. Ellis' household effects were destroyed. It is not thought the hull or the machinery is damaged to any great extent.

Thompson-Vaden.

Stonewall, Feb. 24.—Miss Etta Vaden, the daughter of B. J. Vaden, and Eddie Thompson, a progressive farmer of Wilson county, were married Wednesday, Feb. 17, Esq. W. M. Meachum officiating. Immediately after the ceremony the couple, accompanied by Mr. Shelle Thompson, drove to their future home in Wilson county. They have lots of friends who wish them a long and happy life. The bride was dressed in beautiful blue satin.

CARTHAGE LOOSE LEAF FLOOR HAD BEST SALE OF SEASON TUESDAY

The Carthage Loose Leaf Floor held the best sale of the season last Tuesday, the prices being strong on all grades. Good bids were made on lugs and leaf, both showing substantial gains over former sales. Louisville, Gallatin, Franklin, Ky., Bowling Green, Richmond, Va., and other points were represented on the floor. The local floor is looking for a steady market the balance of the season on all grades as the floors are closing out for the season at other points, which will give this floor the benefit of more buyers.

Everybody seemed more than pleased with the prices paid last Tuesday and the fact that 140,000 changed hands with but few rejections speaks words of courage. There will be another

sale next Tuesday at which time there will be a full floor and strong competition on hand.

The management of the local house desires to thank the growers for the business given them and continue to insure the farmers that their interest is considered first. The house has already sold more tobacco than was expected this season, although there is a large bulk of the crop to be brought in.

The following were the prices paid last Tuesday:

Trash	.....	\$1.50 to \$2.00
Medium lugs	.....	2.00 to 2.50
Good lugs	.....	2.50 to 5.50
Common leaf	.....	3.20 to 5.00
Medium leaf	.....	5.00 to 7.00
Good leaf	.....	7.50 to 10.00

There was no select offered for sale.

R. A. GIBBS GETS \$450 FOR ONE PAIR MULES

R. A. Gibbs of Elmwood sold last week to a buyer in Lebanon one pair of mules for \$450. This is the highest price that has been paid for any mules around here this season, and Mr. Gibbs' mules were considered the best in this section of the country.

SMITH COUNTY TEACHERS TO HOLD MEETING MARCH 6TH

The first meeting of the Smith county teachers for the year will convene in Carthage Saturday, March 6, at 1:15 o'clock. Following is the program:

Devotional exercises, 1:15 to 1:30. The teaching of geography, 1:30 to 2:10, by Miss Hale. Examples of industrial education, Prof. A. S. Williams. The American secondary school, Prof. J. J. Hendrickson. Play and recreation, Prof. Bradley. Information regarding examinations, etc., by Superintendent. Dramatic reading, Miss Neal. All teachers are expected to be present at 1:15.

E. L. HUFFINES,
County Superintendent.

Yellow watermelons from France have been introduced in California.

SMITH COUNTY BOY IS MAKING GOOD

Thad Key, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Key, of Monoville, has recently joined the Navy, at Seattle, Washington. He is serving as 3rd engineer which carries a salary of \$44.00 per month, which is very complimentary to a beginner. But this is to be expected when we remember that Thad is a young man of exceptionally fine physical temperate habits and rare mechanical ability. Thad is one of Smith county's most promising young men, and we predict for him rapid advancement in the naval service.

Surprise Birthday Party.

Misses Hester and Hallie Hix were hostesses to a surprise birthday party which was given at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Hix, near Dixon Springs last Saturday. It was the fourteenth birthday of Miss Hester and about a half dozen young friends in the neighborhood surprised her by coming to her home for the occasion. The young lady was the recipient of a number of beautiful presents and at the noon hour a delightful dinner was served.