

## TENNESSEE NEWS CUT TO THE QUICK FOR BUSY READERS

Work has begun on the new Central High school building for Bristol.

Pulaski's Women's Clubs have decided to cut out card games in the future.

The hosery mill at Bluff City, Sullivan County, was destroyed by fire entailing a loss of \$16,000.

Construction of a municipal market house in Memphis on the site of the old county courthouse, will be started immediately.

East Tennessee Educational Association adopted a resolution offered by R. P. Williams favoring a constitutional convention for Tennessee.

Twenty thousand delegates are expected at Chattanooga when the national convention of Odd Fellows meets there.

Jno. A. Patten, of Chattanooga, who died in Chicago last week following a surgical operation, carried \$250,000 life insurance.

Sam Smith, 19, of Chattanooga, was killed by a passenger train in the Southern Railway yards near Miller's Siding, five miles west of Johnson City.

Chas. F. Vaccaro, 72, of Memphis, until a month ago employed as a moulder by the I. C. Railroad, was drowned in Wolf River a few days ago.

The Montague Mailing Machine Co., Chattanooga, closed its plant when 100 union machinists refused to remain unless wage demands were granted.

A military company for Paris has been organized, and Adjutant General Rogan, of Nashville, will have an office in Paris to muster in the company.

The corner-stone of a new \$25,000 high school in Cleveland has been laid, and the building will be completed in time for the fall session.

Miss Lena Warner, of Knoxville, was chosen a director in the national organization of trained nurses, which held its meeting in New Orleans.

The Greeneville corporation boundaries were extended by a vote of the people, and the town will make a better showing in the next census.

Transfusion of blood from its father's veins into the little infant of Mr. and Mrs. Sowell, of Columbia, saved the child's life. It was said to have been a remarkable operation.

Chattanooga was selected as the place for the 1917 meeting of the seventh district Grand Lodge, Independent Order B'nai B'rith, at their recent annual session in Little Rock, Ark.

Eva Campbell, 14, of Cupp, was instantly killed when a dead tree fell on her while she, with two sisters, was helping their father plant corn. The sisters were injured, but not seriously.

Two hundred delegates attend the annual state convention of the Travelers' Protective Association at their meeting in Memphis. The delegates represented posts at Nashville, Knoxville, Chattanooga and Jackson.

Two hundred and fifty business and professional men from New England to Mexico were transformed into khaki-clad citizen soldiery at the opening of the Southern military camp at Chattanooga.

M. Davis, who was arrested and lodged in jail at Covington, April 13, charged with arson, was tried before Squire J. L. Richardson. Davis waived examination and was bound over, bond being fixed at \$1,000.

The will of Harry S. Stokes, who was shot in Nashville, provided for \$10,000 to be expended in the taxpayers' case and also provided that all he had already spent in the City Hall fight be donated "to the cause of good government in Nashville."

A whole special train instead of a special car will be necessary to carry the Memphis, Shelby County and West Tennessee teachers and their friends to the meeting of the National Education Association in New York City on July 3 to 8.

Eight thousand are expected to participate in the fifty-seventh annual Mayfest at Memphis, May 15. Proceeds of the affair are to be turned over to the German branch of the Red Cross. A monster street parade and an entertainment are to feature.

Renzo Anderson, said to be an escaped convict from the Arkansas penitentiary, has been captured at his home near Sparta. He was held for the Arkansas authorities. He is said to have escaped early in March and had been with his wife some time.

The M. F. Hopkins Company, of Bristol, shipped 56,000 pounds of cotton rags for paper manufacturers in Baltimore and Philadelphia. The shipment occupied two freight cars, and makes the fourth carload of rags sent from Bristol during the past month.

"Aunt Betty" Blunt, of Marion, recently celebrated her one hundredth birthday. She has been married twice, and never had any children of her own, but has reared twenty-one, and is now mothering a little colored girl nine years of age.

### FARM DEMONSTRATION WORK

In a short article it is impossible to give any definite data on the agricultural development of Putnam county except in a scattering way. The farmers demonstration work has been established in this county since Oct. 1st, 1914, County Agent Blair Harrison being in charge of the work. Because of the importance of the crop corn has had the most consideration with increase of yield and reduction of cost per acre as the object. In 1915 thirty one corn demonstrations of an average of eleven acres each made a yield of thirty-nine and one half bushels to the acre. The average yield over the entire county was twenty four bushels per acre. Better preparation, proper spacing, better cultivation, and use of good seed were the factors in this increase. The influence of these fields was wide-spread, resulting in better work upon all of the farms of the county. A good indication of the interest among the farmers in the permanent upbuilding of their soil is the turning under of such crops as rye, peas, crimson clover, and oats. This spring many of the farmers of this county are following this method of improving their farms, and in the near future the great benefits of this practice will be seen.

On Oct. 23, 1915 the first Agricultural day was held in the courthouse yard. There were several hundred exhibits made by farmers from every section of the county. This year we are planning to enlarge the exhibit list and from the interest exhibited by the farmers last year a much more extensive exhibit is anticipated.

Much progress has been made in the clearing up of our lands and in the introduction of valuable crops as crimson clover, bur clover, soy beans. This is very important in the case of soy beans as the introduction of this extremely valuable crop upon every farm in the county was halted by lack of knowledge of the best methods of growing and handling the crop. As this knowledge is rapidly being spread over the country the acreage is growing rapidly, and from an acreage of about two hundred two years ago several thousand acres will be sown in this county this year.

A most important work is being carried on by working out systems of rotations of crops to furnish pasture for hogs during the entire year. Much work of this kind is being carried on this season, and several communities in this county are forming pig clubs with the purpose of growing the hogs on pasture crops alone. A short time we expect to develop a very extensive hog industry in this section.

Great progress has been made in the selection of seed corn and growing seed corn for market and home use. Communities are forming seed clubs to achieve this end, and the farmers are getting good seed and making plans to save field selected seed for their next crop. While less evident but most important, the attitude of the farmer towards cooperation in his community is changing and the formation of clubs such as has been mentioned in the first part of this article is evidence of this fact.

The corn club work has been a great success. Thirty-five boys enlisted in 1915 and made an average yield of fifty-four bushels per acre. This year about fifty boys are enlisted in the corn club work, and are organized into community clubs at Algood, Baxter, Shipley, Pleasant Valley, Salem, and Gentry, respectively.

Beginning this year three pig clubs have been organized in which the boys each raise a pig and by keeping a record of the amount of feed fed and weight gained are able to find the cost of the production of a pound of pork. These boys are instructed in the proper feeding of hogs with low cost of feed and high increase in weight as the object.

The soil of our county is just beginning to become known to our farmers, and not yet have they obtained the full measure of its productivity. The great progress of the past few years is in no way a proper measure of that of the future. We can only measure the future by the past so in measuring the future of Putnam county by its past it can be easily seen that but few years will pass before this section will be called justly the garden spot of Tennessee.

BLAIR HARRISON, Co. Agent.

### OIL TRACTOR DEMONSTRATION

A. M. Gibbs, representative of the International Harvester Co., will give a demonstration of an 8-16 oil tractor Tuesday and Wednesday, May 16, 17, if the weather permits. This tractor will first do plowing and then harrowing and will be put to any test that any machine of such size is expected to do. All good farmers are especially invited. The work will be near town on the Jere Whitson farm. He expects to have both disc and gang plows so as to let farmers see the work of each one and then double disc the plowed ground. These demonstrations have been very interesting wherever they have been given.

### A DAY IN FLOWERDOM

Those who would bask in the sunlight and inhale the perfume of love should attend A Day in Flowerdom May 13, at 8 p. m. at the Auditorium. Nothing prettier nor more pleasing has ever been given in Cookeville. The Queen on her throne in the violet garden receives her subjects, the Papa Rose, the Mama Rose, the Jolly Bachelor, the Spinster, Brownies and Fairies, in royal style. The master of ceremonies presents a program for the entertainment of the Queen which is a delight. The Singing Birds, the Hummingbird's dance, the dance of the Roses and Butterflies are all so sweet and beautiful that they will long be remembered. One can not afford to miss this entertainment.

### STORY TELLERS LEAGUE

The Story Tellers League of Cookeville was organized about one year ago with a membership of seven. It has now a membership of twenty-two. The growth and progress of this organization has been very marked, and the efficiency of its members for the work which they have undertaken has been proven.

The special line of work upon which the league has centralized its efforts has been the 'Story Hour' in the City School, which has been conducted regularly each week in both primary and intermediate departments, thus constituting a story hour department which our capable and progressive school superintendent is pleased to call one of the best departments of his school.

The children joyfully look forward to the time when they shall be assembled for Story Hour—which Mable Lee Cooper, one of the South's best educators, and one who has learned to know and to love the nature of children, has called bright spots along the way in the lives of little children. Miss Cooper has also said after many years of successful teaching and constant association with children, that stories are the avenues through which the grown up comes in closest contact with child life.

The Story Tellers League is a direct outgrowth of the Parent-Teachers Association, having grown out of the appointment of a story hour committee two years ago with Mrs. J. C. McDearman as chairman. The work was faithfully carried on in this way for a period of one year and Mrs. McDearman made an enviable record as leader of a work that was destined to grow and become an indispensable department of our City School, filling a long felt need and marking another milestone on the road to progress.

After one year it was decided that to better enable those contributing stories to carry on the work systematically and efficiently, a Story Tellers League should be organized, the years work outlined, and year books published and furnished to members thereby enabling each to keep in touch with their respective engagements. Another advantage derived was that of placing equal responsibility on all members of the League, it being obligatory of all members to contribute stories.

This plan has worked out beautifully and the splendid cooperation on the part of the entire membership of the League has enabled us to do far more efficient work than formerly. The League has set up as a standard only the very best stories, preferably those with a lesson; a lesson hidden down beneath the petals of some beautiful flower or concealed within the shining robes of a Prince; lessons that will go through all the coming years and make of those who listen stronger and nobler characters.

The present officers of the League are Mrs. J. C. McDearman, president, Dr. W. S. McClain, vice president, Mrs. Quimby Dyer, secretary-treasurer. Program Committee are Mrs. W. M. Shanks, chairman, Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Miss Leona Byrne.

The League holds its regular meetings in the city school library the second Tuesday of each month at 2:15 p. m. At these meetings excellent programs are often rendered—lectures, sketches, stories, round table discussions, poems, readings, etc. All are instructive and entertaining to its membership.

### COOKEVILLE REST ROOM

Something new,  
Something true,  
Something useful—  
A real Rest Room for you.

Our location is central;  
Our books are free;  
Come read while you rest,  
New magazines see.

A mother at the head of it,  
All full of true light,  
Many are helping to  
Make it the people's delight.

When you are in from the country  
It's the best place at all  
To Rest while you eat—  
There are chairs and dishes for all

Come! We invite you  
Just to see,  
And if you don't come back  
The joke will be on me. M. H. L.

### HAS BEENS WIN GAME

The baseball game played last Saturday between the Has Beens and the school boys resulted in a victory for the old timers by a score of 11 to 6, part of the runs being earned.

"Grandpa" Wirt made the first run for the Has Beens, for which he was put out of the game.

Sheriff Rash made the longest hit on record—the ball went so far he got to second base.

"Culus" Carlen pitched a great game and Jim Wall worked behind the bat like a veteran.

Captain Parker put up a fine game at first, taking care of everything that came his way.

Ed Neal on second, Sam Jare, at short and Algood Carlen on third all covered their positions well.

The outfield put up a bum exhibition, but showed agility in chasing the balls they could not catch.

Manager Jim Cox was ordered off the field repeatedly, but refused to be bluffed by the indicator holders.

### COOKEVILLE CITY SCHOOL

BY M. T. Carlisle, Supt.

Cookeville, the only a little mountain village of 3,000 people is distinctly a school town. Her people take unusual interest and pride in her educational institutions. As a result of this spirit the Cookeville City School has been able to develop many unique and interesting features, features we dare say not to be equaled in any small town of the state for progressiveness and successful operation. This school at this time embraces only the 8 grades of the elementary course and has an enrollment of 550 students, with a teaching force of ten teachers. The school is at present a bit handicapped for want of room, yet many progressive features at once catch the eye and interest of every visitor. This school is distinctly the school of the people. Its influence touches every home in the city. It has, therefore, been the one aim of the administration to make it a model of efficiency. Those in charge of its affairs are unwilling that any town in Tennessee shall surpass Cookeville in providing effective means for the early education of her boys and girls. Progress is the keynote of the present administration. During the past two or three years the following features have been introduced: Manual training, domestic art, military drill, physical culture, half day session for primary grades, the school lunch, the story hour, and segregation of sexes. Compulsory vaccination and volunteer medical inspection have been practiced for several years.

The Future  
In every progressive and rapidly developing town, in which class Cookeville justly falls, the school system is a growing institution—a growth both in size and scope of work undertaken. Such growth comes slowly as the need becomes imperative.

Within the past two years there has been 20 per cent increase in attendance at Cookeville City School. This means that an early date a larger plant will be a necessity. This is the biggest problem that confronts the city at present. Other problems that are receiving present attention are the establishment of vocational courses, which better fit the individual for the life he is to lead. Closer supervision and enlargement of teaching force. No town in Tennessee is more alive to its educational responsibility than Cookeville and she will not be found wanting when confronted by her large educational problems of the future.

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The conference for the Lebanon district of the M. E. Church, South, will be held at Algood, beginning next Wednesday night, May 17, continuing until Saturday, with President Elder H. B. Blue in charge.

The program is as follows: After organization Wednesday night, Rev. S. M. Keathley of Monterey will preach the opening sermon.

On May 18, J. J. Murray, secretary of the Tennessee department of highways, will discuss "The Result of Good Roads as Related to the Church, School, Farms, etc."

On May 19, S. W. Sherrill, state superintendent, will address the conference on "The Church and Good Schools."

On May 20, Prof. H. A. Morgan, dean and director of the College of Agriculture of the University of Tennessee, will speak on "Intensified Farming and Conservation of the Soil."

An hour will be given to each topic and the conference can ask questions on the aforesaid subjects.

On the night of May 18, Rev. A. E. Clement, commissioner of the Gallatin Hospital, will deliver a stereopticon lecture.

The delegates from Cookeville are F. E. Collier, O. K. Holaday, Alfred Algood, R. M. Greenwood and W. R. Carlen, with A. M. Smith and Henry Algood as alternates.

The delegates from Algood circuit are J. W. Livesay, J. N. Cannon, J. N. King, A. F. Patton, Joe Willeford, W. S. King, Beecher Huddleston and M. D. McCormick.

### METHODIST NOTES

Next Sunday is to be observed by the Sunday school as Rally Day, and special efforts are being made to increase the already large number attending. A banner is to be awarded to the class that makes the largest per cent of gain. Let every member of this Sunday school be present, and not only attend this session but invite and bring some one with you.

Mother's Day, which is Sunday, May 14, will be appropriately observed with a special service conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. J. Craig, beginning at 11 o'clock. Let all show their respect to Mother by wearing a red flower if she is living or a white one if she has gone away. If your mother is at a distance write to her—it will give her joy, and you will feel better.

The third quarterly conference for this charge will be held Monday, May 22, and the presiding elder, H. B. Blue, will preach Sunday, May 21.

The service Sunday night will be evangelistic, conducted by the pastor. All are invited.

All the delegates should attend the district conference at Algood next week.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mother's day will be observed at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday morning, both at Sunday School and preaching service.

The Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. R. H. Harding, requests all the children to bring their parents.

Let us wear a white carnation or some other white flower in honor of our mothers. J. A. Coile, Pastor.

### PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF COOKEVILLE

By Mrs. Rutledge Smith

The Parent Teachers Association of Cookeville is one of the most progressive organizations in the state of Tennessee. From a small body of faithful women it has grown until today its membership has reached the half-hundred mark, and it is ready to undertake anything that means the uplift of the citizenship of the town. There are ten departments as follows: Story Hour, Mrs. J. C. McDearman, chairman; Better Pictures, Mrs. Alfred Algood; Civics, Mrs. C. E. Wilson; Music, Miss Mamie Morgan; Library, Miss Laura Copeland; Health and Sanitation, Mrs. Bennet Smith; Central High, Mrs. Fred White; Child Welfare, Mrs. T. J. Gregory; Publicity, Mrs. Rutledge Smith; Rest Room, Mrs. Fred White.

The chairman of each department has her committee and they are privileged to work for the best interest of that department with the good will and cooperation of the entire Association.

Out of the Story Hour department has grown the Story Teller's League under whose direction the Story Hour each week has been most successful in the City School.

The Civic department accomplished more in the two months of its existence than was ever accomplished before in the history of Cookeville, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen cooperating in a 'Clean Up Day' the result of which was a thoroughly clean town. Out of this department has come the Chrysanthemum Club.

The Better Picture committee have the hearty cooperation of the management of Cookeville's picture show and only the best pictures are advertised for our children.

Under the management of the Music department, a piano has been purchased for the City School, one of the most handsome pianos in the town. This department promises to supervise the music of all entertainments and will encourage the very best musical talent to come to Cookeville.

The Library department has charge of the Public Library, the beautifying of it and the selection of books. In the Library are held the regular sessions of the Association.

Under the able leadership of the chairman of Health and Sanitation, the fight against 'germs' will continue to wage and a public clinic be advocated.

The Central High School Department, has for its work the mothering of the high school boys and girls, fostering a closer relationship between the two schools and aiding them materially when the need arises.

Child Welfare is a big department embracing the work of the entire Association in that the work of all departments centers in the welfare of the child.

The department of Publicity means putting the light where it can be seen, showing others our good works that they may profit thereby and extending the membership of the organization.

The youngest department is that of the Rest Room, which like Topsy just grew and was a full fledged child before one was aware of its existence. The pretty and cosy Rest Room across the street from the City School is most inviting to the tired woman and most tempting to all passersby to stop in by "wayside."

Mrs. Fred White, the chairman, is the direct cause or means of having this rest room and when the Parent Teachers Association was asked to adopt the result of Mrs. White's labor, it was adopted with thanks.

It has through the work of the Parent Teachers Association that an appropriation was given by the County to support a Canning Club Collaborator, and Miss McKenzie who has charge of the work has the cooperation of the Association.

It would be impossible to give the many benefits that have developed from this Association since its organization four years ago. With the School Board it has cooperated and beautified, cleaned and furnished the City School; it has assisted in bringing Lyceum Courses to town; it has aroused a better spirit of patriotism, placing a flag upon the school building; in fact it is steadily accomplishing its aims which are:

(a) The advancement of education.

(b) The development of spiritual growth.

(c) Betterment of health conditions.

(d) Promotion of diversified farming.

(e) The practice of thrift.

(f) A study of the principles and practice of technical cooperation.

(g) The formation of joint committees of all constructive forces operating in the town.

(h) The idealization of town and country life through printed page and through discussion.

(i) The development of bonds of closer friendship between town and country and among neighbors in rural communities.

(j) To aid the established agencies of county, state and nation in bringing to fruition the aims of their several offices pertaining to the general good.

The object of the Association is to study the welfare of the child in home, school and community, and create a better mutual understanding between teachers and parents, and their cooperation in all the work for the interest of the child.

The present officers of the Association are: Mrs. Walter Carlen, Pres. Mrs. A. A. Stavey, Vice Pres. Mrs. W. M. Shanks, Sec. Mrs. H. H. Haggard, Treas.

Friday evening, May 19, City school commencement.

Monday evening, May 22, High School commencement.



Mt. View Lodge, No. 179, I. O. O. F. held a splendid meeting on May 6th 1916, J. H. McCulley, N. G., in the chair. Quite a lot of routine business was disposed of.

Bros. Bradford and York are about as last week.

The second degree was given four applicants.

A club of 20 subscribers was made up for the I. O. O. F. News.

The two lodges, F & A M and I. O. O. F., in partnership have purchased a carpet stretcher and a first class vacuum cleaner, and the carpet is now well stretched and cleaned, adding very materially to both appearance and comfort. We now have a dandy hall.

Our election of officers for next term term occurs on June 3rd, 1916. Only ten brothers are in arrears, to be dropped and with near two months notice, it is earnestly hoped they will adjust matters and our term report show none dropped for non-payment of dues. Our lodge is the seventh, numerically, in the state, and with more interest by the members can get up nearer the head of the class. Let us all move in that direction and then watch for results.

### CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

This year has been one of marked success for Central High School. 184 pupils have been enrolled during the year, 130 of whom have done regular high school work and 54 Eighth grade work. The cost of tuition has averaged less than \$3.00 per month for each pupil in average attendance. Few high schools can boast of so low a rate of tuition.

The domestic science department has given first and second year work enrolling 26 pupils in these courses; 25 have been enrolled in the sewing classes, and valuable, practical work has been done in the way of drafting patterns and making garments. Mr. Harrison taught agriculture in the high school during December, January and February, the second year class devoting much of the time to manual training work in building miniature farm houses of various kinds. This department enrolled 68. About 60 per cent of the total enrollment of the school did not live in Cookeville and many of whom rode horseback several miles to attend school.

The school has maintained two literary societies, one for the young ladies and one for the young men. Both societies have done good work, the young ladies' society concluding its work with a program on Friday afternoon, May 19, to which the public is invited. The young men will conclude their work for the year with a declamatory contest Saturday evening, May 20. Six young men will contest for a medal offered by Jenkins & Darwin Bros. The graduating class of this year is larger than last year, there being fourteen in the class this year.

T. K. SISK, Superintendent.

GIRL'S CANNING CLUBS  
Miss Margaret McKenzie has been employed as canning club organizer in this county. This is a work similar to the Boy's Corn Clubs which have been in operation in this county for the past four years, except that it is for girls. Each girl is asked to plant one-tenth acre of tomatoes. The tomatoes are then to be canned in the proper season under the instruction of the county agent. All profit from the work belongs to the girl. It has been found that a girl can easily make \$20 on the one-tenth acre, and some have made \$50 or \$60. Not only will lessons be given in the canning of the tomatoes, but in the canning of beans and other products. Prizes will also be offered in the fall to the one doing the best work. This work is especially for country girls, and any one desiring to become a member of any of the clubs now organized, or to be organized, should at once send her name to Miss Margaret McKenzie, Cookeville, or to the county superintendent.

J. M. HATFIELD, Co. Supt.

MOTHER'S TREASURE  
Lovingly dedicated to Rev. R. J. Craig on hearing his sermon to parents.

The Father in Heaven above,  
With gentleness, tenderly smiled,  
And sent me a token of love—  
A pure and a beautiful child.

The bud with such promise of life  
Will blossom to brighten the earth.  
No fruitage of Eden, though fair,  
Could ever compare with its worth.

As pure as the drops of the dew,  
As bright as the glittering gold;  
No lovelier gift has been given  
Than this little babe I behold.

O, what did God say in his message,  
When sending this token so fair?  
"This child I commit to your keeping,  
Commend to your tenderest care."

"A treasure, a spirit immortal,  
With promise of greatness untold.  
Be faithful and shield it from danger,  
The bud, blest with light will unfold."

Dear Father in Heaven, I pray,  
To me, needed wisdom impart,  
To write only lessons of truth,  
In love on his innocent heart.

I stand as a sentinel brave,  
So close to the beautiful gate,  
That evil may never intrude  
To damage his blessed estate.

I trust that my child will not know  
The curse of a parent unwise;  
That angels will ever attend,  
And bear him at last to the skies.

Then, Lord, when my task here is done,  
I ask not for fame or renown;  
But pray that this gem of my heart  
May shine in my heavenly crown.

Mrs. J. C. McDearman