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PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Prayer meeting at the Presbyterian church, Wednesday night.

Sunday school at the Baptist and Presbyterian churches Sunday morning.

Last Sunday being the fifth Sunday in the month, there were no preaching services here. Rev. W. H. Rymer will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church next Sunday morning.

Christian Endeavor meets at the Presbyterian church Sunday night.

Bill Wimberly of Ocoee spent Sunday with relatives here.

Several from here attended a Farmer's picnic at Ocoee last Saturday.

An addition is being built to the residence on the Wilson farm occupied by Bob Wilson.

Miss Sallie Barnes of Cleveland spent a few days recently with relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Harle Edwards of Conasauga spent a day or two here recently. He expects to attend the High School at this place again this year.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Shamblian returned last Sunday from a visit to relatives at Ducktown and Archville. They were accompanied on their visit by their grandson, Stahlman.

Ex. Sen S. J. Parks and family, of Madisonville, spent Sunday visiting relatives here. Mr. Parks is now an editor, publishing both the LaFollette Press and Madisonville Tribune.

The constitution and by-laws of the Christian Endeavor society were read by Miss Sudie Clemmer at last Sunday night's meeting. This branch of the society will be re-organized next Sunday night, at which time officers will be elected, committees appointed, and an opportunity given for those who wish to join the Endeavor.

There was a baptizing in Ocoee river, near the mill, last Sunday afternoon. Two were baptized.

Miss Barton Sweeny went to Ducktown and assumed her duties as assistant in the post office at that place last Saturday.

There will be a box supper at the Conasauga school Saturday night, September 5, proceeds to be used for the benefit of the school.

Messrs. Murphy and McAmis of the government extension department, have been in Benton for two days of this week, assisting in getting plans worked out for farm demonstration work in the county.

Tom Lyle is preparing to move his barber shop to Conasauga, owing to the fact that he could not find a suitable house here for his family. There is a good opening for a barber shop here now.

Girl Drowns In Ocoee River.

While in bathing with two other ladies Thursday Aug. 27th in the Ocoee river, near here, Miss Daisy Morris of Chattanooga was drowned. The women none of whom could swim, were wading in the river, when Miss Morris suddenly stepped in a hole. Her companions were unable to extend any assistance. The body was recovered in an hour and was shipped to Chattanooga Friday for interment. Miss Morris, who is an orphan, was here with her brother on a visit to Mrs. Crox.

Card of Thanks.

I want to express my sincere thanks to the people of Benton who so faithfully rendered their assistance and sympathy when I lost my darling sister in Ocoee river, August 27.

ALBERT E. MORRIS.
East Chattanooga, Tenn.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETIES

Will be Interesting this Year Starts Monday

As the Polk County High at Benton opens for regular duty next Monday, there will be evident much diversity of major interest in the student affairs among its members. There will be the direct duties of the classroom to which many so ardently apply themselves as hardly to be aware of the things going on around them. There will be the lovers of the light sport of tennis, who like to give lightning cuts or return them so swiftly that his opponent will doubt his own eyes. Football, baseball and track will be warm competitors for prominent places in student affairs, but perhaps the student activity in which most pupils engage with the most pleasure and profit, is the literary society.

Athletic people point with pride to the football captains who have since become captains of modern industry and who are enriching our commonwealth with the fruits of their initiative and energy. But many are the executive financiers, congressmen, educators and statesmen who look back with pride to the day when the literary society hall was made abundantly aware of their youthful attempts at oratory. The ability to stand before an audience and forcefully make clear your proposition is a business as well as a social asset and should be acquired by every student who not only expects to be a leader but who expects to be a productive citizen in the community.

It is therefore a matter of congratulation that the students of the Polk County High School so busily engage themselves for the first few days in securing new members and getting them down to work. There are two societies in the school, Bentonian for boys and Eureka for girls. Last year the girls claimed they were in the lead and that it only took a visit to their meetings to show that the young women not

only had more interest in this phase of activity but ability as well. But the boys retort with pride that for two years in succession they have not only taken the Brewer medal in declamation but last year they took the cash prize given by Col. Copeland. The competition and spirit is friendly, but there will be much enthusiasm as the opening meetings are held.

At the upper left hand corner of this page we print a photo of the Eureka Literary Society. The one at the bottom of the page is the Bentonian Society. Both are pictures of the members of the societies during the school year 1913-14.

NEW OFFICIALS ARE SWORN IN

Tuesday two Changes are Made in Co.'s Affairs.

On Tuesday September the first all of the officers elected at the August election were qualified for their ensuing terms.

Richard Baxter was appointed deputy sheriff at Isabella. F. D. Higgins was appointed deputy sheriff and assistant jailer at Benton. The remainder of the deputy sheriffs were not appointed, as all applicants are worthy of thorough consideration and it could not be done in one day.

Love Has a Limit.

She told me to fly and I flew;
She told me to lie and I lied;
For suffrage she told me to vote
"My dear, you've gotten my goat
—Not I! I'll be durned if I dew!"
—Author Unknown.

CLEMMER'S COLUMNS.

By J. D. CLEMMER

Summy Schools

The fact that this school has been called Summy's for over fifty years is a tribute to the prominence of Solomon Summy who lived nearby. He was one of the commissioners to lay off Polk county, and after its organization was a member of the county court.

Solomon Summy was chairman of the county court four terms: 1843, 1847, 1848 and 1850. In 1852 he resigned as justice of the peace "in order that the 'squires may be better distributed over the district." He and Wm. Higgins, neighbors, were, with W. C. Reynolds of the Blankinship place, west of the Ocoee, the J. P.'s.

The Summy school house never was on Summy's land, but his house was the nearest one to the different sites after the first one. When the log house was moved across the Summy branch about 1864, John R. Clemmer helped move the logs, and W. T. Reynolds was there one day and saw the steer on the house. What the house was thought to be remembers so far as we now know. The peach orchard of the Indian, Beaver Toter, with his log cabin on the little knoll, was about 100 yards westward, and is now just south of the pike road. In 1867 John C. Williamson set out new peach trees in this same orchard, and several of the peach trees he set are still there—that is, the roots and stumps with new trees growing from them. In one place there are four of them in a row, with cedars and other forest growth from one to two feet in thickness between them and the other peach rows. Peach trees yet bearing, nearly fifty years after planting! But it is possible that in some rich spots, protected by rock piles, peach trees planted by the Indians are yet bearing fruit. One extremely large one on the

Haskins farm above Parksville, planted by the Indians before 1838, was still bearing a few years before the power dam lake flooded farms from mountain to mountain.

In the north corner of the Beaver Toter peach orchard the Bible boys, brothers of Mrs. Sue Williamson, burnt a brick kiln before the civil war. In the house built by them southward, now used by Mr. Moorehouse as a barn, James H. Bible was born. He died a few days before Gov. Robt. L. Taylor was to appoint him United States Senator from Tennessee.

Recently, in company with part of my family and W. H. Williamson, we drove along the newly graded pike that goes westwardly past the Dougherty school site, then past Beaver Toter's cabin site, then above the Rock Creek box-house school site, then between the rock crusher and the old Summy residence, then crossed the Summy branch about 200 yards below the Summy school—rock quarry site; on the steep little hillside, there is a nearly straight line of peach trees, and in the midst of them are some hanging seats. My Toter's farm house, a very most before we knew it drove straight into Mr. Reynolds' yard—a long mile before we were expecting to. There we found his family and those of Ann (rewse, Edgar Reynolds and other neighbors, soon joined by J. L. and Mollie Taylor and daughter. After the watermelon patch was spoiled of some sack fulls, we returned.

(Continued next week.)

A demonstration for the benefit of the girls' tomato clubs of the county was given on the public square Friday morning by Miss Sarah Doney, in charge of the work in the county. A large number of girls were present and were interested observers of the best methods of putting up tomatoes, corn and beans.

