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SALE OF BONDS FOR JEFF DAVIS HIGHWAY

Obion County Shows Fine Credit Rating in Financial Market.

The sale of highway bonds ordered by the County Court of Obion County at its January term for the sum of not exceeding \$95,000, for the Jeff Davis Highway to be constructed from Union City to Troy, was held last Monday, Judge Waddell conducting the sale. Some private sealed bids were filed before the sale, but none of them was equal to the highest bid made by Caldwell & Co., of Nashville, who were represented here by Gen. H. C. Alexander. The bonds were sold to Caldwell & Co. for \$96,000, with an agreement that the purchasers pay for plates and engraving of the bonds, also an interest of three per cent on daily balances in bank. This seems to our people like a good sale, and the further prospects of a favorable contract are encouraging. At least with a reduction in labor and materials there is no reason why we should not have a favorable contract. We should have for the money invested not only complete road to Troy, but an extension of the Bristol-to-Memphis road towards Gibbs, as far at least as the survey that way is adopted. We live with bright anticipations for both these roads. Union City should be both on the Jeff Davis Highway and on the I. C. R. R.

Jeff Davis Highway.

Mr. W. G. Reynolds, Union City, Tenn.—Dear Sir: I am directed by Mr. J. T. Thomas, president, to call the Jeff Davis Highway Association to meet in Jackson, Mississippi, at 10 a. m. at the Chamber of Commerce building, Tuesday, April 18, 1922.

There has not been a meeting of the members and officers of this association for two years, which makes it imperative to have a full attendance and to transact some very important business such as the election of officers, the appointment of committees for marking and otherwise beautifying the highway and transact such other business as the association may deem proper.

It has been thought advisable and notice is hereby given that the relocation of the Jeff Davis Highway between Memphis and Grenada, Mississippi, will be considered. As it is now located, it seems that nothing has been done toward building the highway at certain places and thru certain counties and as the prospect for this to be done in the near future is not encouraging, it is, therefore, thought best to bring the matter up again and relocate the highway between the two points above named if the association thinks it the proper thing to do.

The sons and daughters of the Confederacy are invited to attend the convention and take part in building and beautifying the Jeff Davis Highway.

We would like to have you work up an interest in the meeting by having this notice published in your local paper and write letters to your friends and others interested so that the meeting may be not only representative in point of territory involved but largely attended as well.

Yours very truly,

JEFF DAVIS HIGHWAY ASS'N,
THOS. B. KING,
Secretary.
Memphis, Tenn., March 30, 1922.

ENGINEERS' WORK SAVES LEVEE AND OVERFLOW

Spillway and Drainage at Reelfoot Lake Hold Good.

We are told that the improvements made below the spillway at Reelfoot Lake have been effective in the recent floods in preventing overflow of the whole country around Samburg and the great tracts of lowland south of the levee toward the river. The water in the lake has at no time reached flood stage. The highest mark is reported to be five feet below the surface of the levee and the spillway has taken care of all the drain. This condition is more favorable still, when one understands the fact that water from the Mississippi River overflow is emptied into the lake thru the washout. Reference is made to the big ditch and drainage

improvements below the levee into which the spillway drains the waters of the lake. This levee is also one of the permanent improvements which has been of incalculable value to the people of Lake and Obion counties as well as the land owners around the lower end of the lake. All these things have stood the test of the recent overflow, one of the biggest we have ever had.

Organization of Class 13.

Members of Class 13 of the Baptist Sunday School assembled at the church Tuesday night, March 28, for the purpose of organizing the class. A large number of interested and enthusiastic members were present. After assembling in their classroom a motion was made by Dr. Jones and seconded by Prof. Thomas that the class go into executive session. The motion was unanimously carried. Dr. Carlton, teacher of the class, gave an interesting and very instructive talk on the purpose of organization and the benefits to be derived from it. On motion it was decided to vote by secret ballot and the following officers were chosen:

President, Dr. Jones.
First vice president, Mr. Homer Craver.
Second vice president, Prof. Shee-ley.
Third vice president, Mr. Gordon Isbell.
Secretary, Mr. Ivie Chandler.
Treasurer, Mr. Dixon Williams.
Reporter, Prof. Thomas.

It was then moved and seconded that a committee be appointed by the president whose purpose was to draw up a constitution for the class. The motion carried and the following committee was appointed: Herman P. Thomas, chairman; C. F. Sheeley and J. D. Carlton. It was further moved, seconded and passed that the class take charge of the opening exercises of the Sunday school in the near future. Then upon motion of Dr. Carlton, seconded by Prof. Shee-ley, the class adjourned.

Immediately after adjournment the members assembled in the B. Y. P. U. room where they were served refreshments by Mrs. Carlton and Mrs. Howse. These were very delightful and, coming after an hour of much labor, were greatly enjoyed by the entire number. To those ladies Class 13 is indebted for a very pleasant social hour.

HERMAN P. THOMAS,
Reporter.

Death of S. M. Morris.

S. M. Morris, one of the oldest and best known residents of West Tennessee, died at his home in Elbridge March 28, after an extended illness which several times occasioned the summoning of relatives to his bedside. He rallied from these sinking spells, but on Monday was taken ill and failed to rally, sinking gradually to the end.

Born in McNairy County in 1856, Mr. Morris came to Obion County thirty years ago, taking up his residence near Elbridge. His life was devoted to the teaching of vocal music, and as a singing master he was said to be without a peer in this section of the South. His reputation as a gospel singer was widespread and it is said he had the distinction of having taught more singing schools than any man of his age.

His rendition of songs of the olden days at gospel meetings and at singing schools carried with them sentiments which seemed to inspire every one who heard him. Of late years his age and infirmity caused him to give up instruction and he lived quietly at his home, beloved by all who knew him.

Besides his wife he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. T. C. Dillingham and Miss Ruby Morris, both of Elbridge, and three sons, Vergil and Raymond of Elbridge, and Wid Morris of Memphis, the latter a stamp deputy in the office of the internal revenue service in that city. Interment was at Elbridge.—Obion County Enterprise.

Street Opening.

The opening of Church street and moving of the passenger depot is to take place, according to the provisions made by agreement, not later than May 15. No doubt at that time the N., C. & St. L. Ry. Co. will be prepared with plans for some nice improvements. Everything seems to be coming our way.

GHOSTS OF MARK TWIN WITH LIONS

Lions Feel the Influence of Spring and Indulge in Sport.

The Lions had a merry hour last Tuesday at Forrester's. After the committee reports a riot of fun was incited. Lion Howard, with always something up his sleeve, first attacked a newspaper man, taking it for granted that the latter had enough money or credit to buy flowers, charging clandestine motives, etc. But the matter was finally closed to the satisfaction of the club.

Dr. H. M. Oliver had an offering as an ode to spring, this in the way of following up the course of events, and he proceeded in characteristic style to set the good work in motion.

Probe was made involving a physician in regard to the birth rate. A report of 150 hopefuls since the first of January, however, exonerated the member. The postmaster's assistant was pled with inquiries as to the distinction between business and love letters, and the accused had to satisfy the club with a statement. Finally a serious charge was laid at the door of another newspaper man and a prominent business man present. This was to the effect that these Lions had been guilty of grossly violating the customs of society in the use of the knife in place of the fork. A debate on the idea of spring was the penalty and the fines were remitted.

Reports from committees were as follows: Mr. Dietzel on strawberries; Mr. Jackson on poultry—one car every two weeks or thereabouts; Mr. Tittsworth, building and loan; Mr. Burdick on rates and flag station at Bruce's; Mr. Riley on live stock and trading. The latter was taken from the first Monday record as follows:

To trade and sell: Mules, 60; horses, 72; jacks, 3; cows, 8; bulls, 1; cows for milking, 2.

Sold: Mules, 24; horses, 12; jacks, 1; cows, 8.

Traded: Mules, 16; horses, 25. This report is the result of the campaign now being conducted by Mr. Rose, and shows a fine start in the work.

T. R. Reynolds had some interesting information in reference to black rot for sweet potato growers. He found in his experience that peas of virgin soil and seed sweet potatoes free of black rot would guarantee against black rot in the crop from that bed.

Mr. Stanley Glaser, a visitor present, was invited to speak and he responded very kindly that every good town had a Lions Club.

Mr. Robert Bond, in behalf of the Hi-Y, was present and made a statement of the work in the Union City Hi-Y and the call for stock subscriptions in Union City to the total of \$250 as a part of the general campaign in the State for Hi-Y work. The statement was endorsed unanimously.

Rev. Mathis spoke in behalf of the Hi-Y work and its influence upon the boys and girls, which elicited a hearty response.

Rev. Baker called attention to evangelistic services which begin next Sunday at the First Christian Church in Union City and invited the Lions Club in a body to attend. Thereupon a motion was carried that the club meet at the lunch room Sunday evening at 7:15 o'clock and go in a body to the church for the evening service at 7:30 o'clock.

COMMENCEMENT.

Schedule of Closing Exercises Union City Public Schools.

Friday, April 14, Central School grades 4 and 5.

Friday, April 21, Central School grades 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Friday, April 28, FIELD DAY.

Friday, May 5, Westover grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Sunday, May 14, Commencement Sermon.

Tuesday, May 16, sixth grade promotions.

Wednesday, May 17, Junior High school promotion exercises.

Thursday, May 18, Commencement Exercises.

The Town Cynic Says.

Consensus of opinion concerning the radical uplifter: A very easy man to get along without.

Obion County Medical Association.

The Obion County Medical Association met here at the City Hall Monday afternoon, April 3, at 1:30 o'clock, in one of the best meetings of the year.

Dr. W. F. Roberts, the retiring president of the association, called the meeting to order.

Dr. O. E. Hampton, physician in charge of the Medical Department of the Veterans' Bureau at Jackson, Tenn., was a visitor for this meeting and talked on "Our Disabled Veterans." Dr. Hampton stated that the Government was spending over \$1,000,000 per day in this district alone on the care and compensation of disabled men. He emphasized the fact that the Government is anxious to give help and treatment to every man disabled in the service, and that they were not sparing time or money to make this possible. A number of physicians turned in the names of worthy disabled men. Dr. Hampton is exceedingly anxious that all men who have been reluctant in filing claims do so at once, while it is yet possible to secure the necessary connection with the service. He said men with disabilities should file a claim as a matter of record if they do not desire compensation.

A number of those present responded to the call for case reports with some very interesting and unusual cases. All present took part in a discussion of these cases.

The following members will serve the association as officers: President, Dr. J. D. Carlton; vice president, Dr. M. L. Smith; secretary-treasurer, Dr. Ira Park. Delegate to the State Association, Dr. J. D. Carlton; alternate delegate, Dr. Ira Park.

C. P. Christian Endeavor Locals.

They decided to do it, and they did it.

What?
To have 100 at the C. P. Church last Sunday evening.

At Sunday school that morning they learned that they were to have the Chinese student, K. B. On, from Bethel College, with them at their evening meeting and they decided that instead of their usual attendance of 60 they would have 100 out to hear him that evening. And they had 125! Wasn't that great! Can you beat it?

It was decidedly the peppiest meeting of the year. They opened with "C. E. Shall Shine To-Night." That made everybody feel it in their very bones. More than a dozen of the Endeavorers took part one after the other as quickly as possible, but there was not time for more. Mrs. R. A. Napier and Miss Marcella Davidson played a beautiful piano and organ duet. Then the leader introduced Rev. Bryant, of Bethel College, who made a short talk and introduced the speaker of the evening, K. B. On. Mr. On is here to be educated to go back to his people as a missionary. He has only been in America two years and only a few months of this time has he spent in Bethel College associating with English-speaking students and he is to be congratulated upon the progress he is making with the English language. Before coming to McKenzie he was in California.

Mr. On says it is America's duty to educate the Chinese people. We are the rich older brother. He says if their education is left to Germany or Japan it will be an education of militarism which will bring trouble again.

There was not time to take a count on the contest, so both sides are left as they were the Sunday before, with the Whites five points in the lead.

The Sunday evening crowds are increasing steadily to hear Rev. Cunningham's sermons to the young people. You are missing something if you are not hearing these talks every Sunday evening.

Twenty-one Endeavorers from the C. P. Church have registered for the Newbern convention and others are going who did not register. The delegates from the C. P. Christian, Bethlehem and Beech societies, more than forty in all, have held two peppy powwows at the Christian church, Friday and Monday evenings, practicing songs and yells. They are going to let Newbern know they are there as soon as they get off the train.

Mr. Williamson says they have already gone over the top in registration, having reached the 150 mark more than a week ago. Oh, it's going to be a "Little" convention!

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