

## NEWS OF LEESBURG.

### Death of Mrs. N. J. Van Devanter.

#### Public School Exhibition.

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Mrs. Nannie Janney Van Devanter, wife of Townsend H. Van Devanter of Leesburg, died suddenly, the result of heart failure, at her home here at 3 o'clock Sunday morning. Mrs. Van Devanter had been ill for the past two weeks, but her condition was not thought to be serious. She was sixty-three years of age. Her husband and one son, Dr. Vivian H. Van Devanter of Ishpeming, Mich., and three daughters, Mrs. Anthony Dibrell of Leesburg, Mrs. Robert Emmet Funsten of St. Louis, Mo., and Miss Florence Van Devanter of Washington, D. C., survive her.

The first exhibition of the Loudoun County Public School fair, held at the town hall in Leesburg Saturday, was pronounced to be a great success. Thousands of people from all sections of the county were present, and the hall was filled to its utmost capacity. The hall was elaborately decorated for the occasion, each school in the county having attractive booths trimmed in its school colors and filled with its own fancy work and drawings.

At the morning session of the fair County Demonstrator Howard M. Hoge presided, and addresses were made by Prof. Heiges of the United States Agricultural Department, Miss Ella G. Agnew, United States demonstrator of domestic art; T. O. Sandy, state demonstrator; Westmoreland Davis and Harry T. Harrison of Leesburg.

At 1:15 o'clock a parade in which three were about a thousand children of Loudoun county passed through the streets. At the afternoon session County Supt. W. G. Edmondson presided, and the features of the session were two spelling bees, a reading contest, the awarding of the school prizes by T. S. Settle, superintendent of rural public schools, and the awarding of the Corn Club prizes by H. M. Hoge. For the largest yield, W. J. Smith received \$25; for the second largest yield, S. K. Gray received \$15; for the third, Stilson Hall received \$10, and for the fourth, Russell Cochran received \$5. For the best ten ears, Stilson Hall received \$10; for second best, Silas Spencer received \$10, and for the third, Lawrence Wilson received \$5. For the best ear of corn, Stilson Hall received \$5.

In the first spelling contest, which was conducted by Mrs. Edward Nichols, Nita B. Hickman of Tankerville stood first and Tillie Durfinkle of Bloomfield second. In the second contest, which was conducted by Rev. W. H. Burkhardt, Florence Tracy of Round Hill stood first and Julia Monroe of Lincoln second.

For the best bread, Bertha Alder of Lincoln won first prize; Maggie Franklin of Daysville second and Ruth McCutcheon of Coleman School third.

For the best cake, Ada Virts of Mount Gap won first prize; Jessie Hammerly of Leesburg second, Edna Rollins of Leesburg third and Helen Householder of Lovettsville fourth.

For the best letter, Jennie Tiffany of Lincoln won first prize, Audrey Bryant of Ashburn second and Raymond Brown of Lincoln third.

In the girls' drawing contest Mary Pleasants of Leesburg won first prize, Catherine Bitzer of Leesburg second and Mary Virginia Hatcher of Purcellville third.

Among the boys of the high school William Ferguson of Leesburg had the best drawing and Charles McCormick of Lincoln the second best. Among those of the grammar grades James Breckinridge of Lincoln won first and Charlotte Best of Lincoln second.

In the reading contest Bryant Rust of Lincoln won the prize of \$5.