

Considering this is an agricultural district, one looks for results along such lines as poultry raising, stock feeding, etc. Boys in the rural districts have more opportunities for these branches. We shall look for big increase in these classes next year.

The "Ottawa Files," containing records of daily work of grades, proved most interesting and must be of immense value to principal and parents in estimating the advancement of the pupils. One regretted that more time could not be given to the examination of these.

**Sewing and Knitting.** The girls of this grade had some excellent specimens, illustrating many kinds of stitches used in plain and fancy work. One saw tatting, crocheting, hairpin embroidery, hemstitching, etc., freely used in such garments as petticoats, sets of underclothing, corset covers, set of apron, cap, sleeves.

These garments had all been beauti-

fully laundered also. The socks, scarves, mitts were destined for our brave boys in the trenches and hospitals to add to the comfort of those who, perhaps, would never come back to the town. Truly patriotic work!

**B. Preserves.** Only one exhibit.

**C. Cooking.** The table held many lovely light cakes, small and large, tea rolls; some excellent bread, all made by girls varying in age from 7 years upwards.

**The Candy Stall,** beautifully decorated and containing much delicious sweet stuff, was most conspicuously placed to meet the eye of the candy-lover. The stall holders did a splendid business; took in \$9.40.

**The 4 o'clock tea,** arranged and provided for by elder girl students, proved a great boon to the visitors. Sum realized, \$30.00, which, with profits from the candy stall, will be devoted to school purposes.

## CARMAN SCHOOL FAIR

Although in October the Boys' and Girls' Clubs held their fair for the first time at Carman, yet everything went with such a snap and a vim that the fair was undoubtedly a true success. Early in the morning, the people began to arrive. In spite of a beautiful day in the busiest time of the year, many farmers left their work and brought their children. The consolidated schools sent all their pupils in vans. By afternoon the crowd surpassed that of the famed first of July fair.

The fair was held at the Carman school. The eight grade rooms, with their flower-filled windows, their bright decorations, and their variety of work originally displayed, were a revelation to those accustomed to visualize a school room, cheerless, bleak, forbidding. In the high school rooms were the exhibits in charge of high school girls. In one room were exhibits of cake, pie, preserves, etc., in another composition, writing, wood-work; in

the third, sewing, needle-work and basketry. On the third floor were the vegetables. There is no doubt the exhibits were good. For instance, when, in the afternoon, there came the frantic appeal, "The exhibits are being eaten," the culprits were discovered to be, not boys, but staid fathers and dignified mothers. Not a person had resisted the appeal of some baking powder biscuits made by a third grader. By the way, the first prize in cake and pie was won by a seven-year-old. Outside were the poultry and hogs, and these were, of course, the centre of attraction all day, as they had been the subject of conversation all summer and fall. Most of the children had borrowed the money in the spring to start business; and when, in the afternoon, some of the pigs were auctioned off, one little fellow, who had borrowed \$6 in the spring, received \$60.

In each contest the prizes were cash. There were in most sections, five prizes,