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HISTORY OF THE NORMAL

Monmouth Began Life as Educational Center in 1871

Christian College Became a State Normal School in 1882

Normal School History

Old Christian College, the parent school of the Oregon Normal School, was first instituted in Monmouth in 1867 and Rev. T. F. Campbell became the presidet of the institution. At that time it took the educational lines from the first entrance of the boy or girl in school through all grades until he or she had finished a complete college course. The first class to graduate from the college consisted of eight people and they were graduatd in 1872. The school first-opened in a wood en building, what formerly was the old gymnasium. In 1871 the first brick building was begun and was the middle section of the present main buildig. During the term the school was a Christian College 76 graduates were enrolled on the record of the school.

President Campbell desired that the school be a Normal school and first endeavored to make of it a Christian Normal, but not being able to get the financial support needed, made arrangements to give the school to the state.

In 1882 the school was given to the state as a Normal, and by legislature act was accepted and re-established as a Normal School and D. T. Stanley became its president.

The school next went under the control of President P. L. Campbell, who acted as president until he was chosen as head of the State University at Eugene.

Prof. E. D. Ressler succeeded President Campbell and through his efforts the school was maintained during the trying times when all Normals but Monmouth were voted out of existence by the people. President Ressler accepted a position at the head of the Oregon Agricultural College and President J. H. Ackerman assumed the presidency seven years ago.

During President's Ackerman's time the school has added several new buildings and the state has been more liberal in its support of the school.

From the Normal there have graduated about 2000 men and women, half of whom are still teaching school, many of whom are in the very best positions obtainable in the state. At one time seven of the county superintendents of the state were Normal graduates.

There is hardly a school in Oregon that has not felt directly the influence of Oregon Normal instuction and it is estimated that fully 100,000 boys and girls in Oregon are receiving their education directly from superintendents and teachers of the Oregon Normal Alumni.

No profession reaches as close to the home as the teacher and when from a third to a fourth of all the boys and girls in Oregon are being taught and guided by Oregon Normal graduates the influence of that institution can hardly be measured by words.

Following is a part of the program of the Normal exercises this year and we feel that the public is entitled to know what these exercises were.

Commencement Day Program Very Instructive and Interesting.

The thirty-sixth annual commencement program of the Oregon Normal School was held in the Normal chapel Wednesday morning.

The graduating class marched into the assembly hall to the music of the college orchestra, taking their places in the middle section of the new hall. The speakers, president and faculty were seated on the stage.

The class chose as their colors purple and white and as their flower, the Bachelor Button.

The class creed was as follows: "We believe in the public school—the most democratic of all institutions. We believe it to be the most effective agency in insuring to our country, citizens with physique, morale and mentality equal to the obligations and great principles of democracy. And since the teacher is the determining factor in the school. We, the class of 1918, believe that she should be thoroughly trained for this great work and consecrated to the task of developing American citizens who will love their country, support its constitution, obey its laws, respect its flag and defend it against all enemies."

The officers of the class were: President, Virginia Lee Nottingham; vice president, Marion H Parkhurst; secretary, Ronalda Cameron; treasurer, Ida I. Neilson; reporter, Florence Brosins.

The program was as follows:

March — Hollander
"Inspiration" — Edwards
O. S. N. S. Orchestra
Invocation — Rev. Peter Conklin
Overture—"Calif of Bagdad" — Boieldein
O. S. N. S. Orchestra
Chorus—
"Only to Thee" — Saint Saens
"In the Boat" — Herman
O. S. N. S. Glee Club
Address — B. F. Irvine
Quartette—"Indian Mountain Song" — Cadman
O. S. N. S. Quartette
Presentation of Diplomas — President J. H. Ackerman
Chorus—"Snowdrops" — Dorn
O. S. N. S. Glee Club
Benediction — Rev. C. B. Pace

The new teachers elected at the Oregon Normal were: Miss Ida H. Holmes, Department of Mathmetics; Miss Lucile Chase, Department of Household Economy; Miss Gladys Boise, Asst. in English; Mrs. Margaret Craig Curran, Head of Rural Department; Miss Margaret Anderson, Department of Art; Miss Bessie Dunham, Third and Fourth Grade Critic; Miss Ida iSm,th, First and Second Grade Critic; Miss Mary Williams, Third and Fourth Grade Critic in Independence; Mrs. Inez Miller and Miss Myrel Bond, Critics at Mt. View.

Boys and Girls Club Champions Become Leaders

Five former club champions have just been appointed paid leaders in boys and girls club work in the co-operative extension activities of the U. S Department of Agriculture and the State Agricultural colleges in the north and west. A drive for membership is under way and many new leaders are being selected to help the boys and girls with their summer projects. April 1 there were 500 men and women leaders enrolled in this work in the north and west. An increase of nearly 700 emergency leaders since that time brings this force of extension workers near the 1200 mark.

—Roy Duvall is stationed in New York and expects to sail for France in a short time.

YEARS WORK BIG SUCCESS

In Independence Public Schools Under the Normal

Children Make Wonderful Showing During Year Under Student Teachers

Friday evening the year's work of the Independence public school was brought to a close and a review of the work shows a decided improvement in the children. This improvement is noticed in the moral and intellectual development of the children as well as their physical development.

It is probably advisable to explain to our readers the plan on which the school was run as a part of the Oregon Normal training school system. Four critic teachers were employed jointly by the Oregon Normal school and the school district as follows: Miss Arbuthnott, who had charge of the seventh and eighth grades; Miss Grace Williams in charge of the fifth and sixth grades; Miss Kate Houck in charge of the third and fourth grades and Miss Emily De Vore in charge of the first and second grades. These teachers are the supervisors of the school work and have the supervision of the student teachers who did the actual teaching in the school. In addition to these four critics Miss Hohnam instructor of music, Miss Green, instructor of art, and Miss Taylor physical director of the Oregon Normal school had the supervision of these departments in the school at Independence.

Special student teachers teach music, and art under the supervision of the instructors from the Normal and this work is carried on in every grade. Mechanical drawing and construction work were taught the boys and water colors, charcoal, designing of clothing, hats and interior decoration were taught the girls. The use of the scissors and needle were taught the lower grades and easy drawing lessons were given. In the music department the lower grades were taught simple vocal exercises and the work was advanced until concert work was carried on in the eighth grade. An orchestra was organized with from ten to twelve pieces and much progress was noted by those doing this class if work.

The physical education under the supervision of Miss Taylor, consisted of drills, games and dances, and was very successful. A basket ball team was maintained and many games played while public exhibitions were given in drills and Folk dancing that have been greatly appreciated.

The educational system follows the state course of study and the school year is divided into four semisters of nine weeks each.

The student teachers of the Normal were chosen for the grades for a period of one semister and were given work in the grades for which they were especially preparing themselves in the Normal. They finish their school work to a great extent before they begin teaching and under the supervision of Normal instructors prepared and outlined their days work before they begin teaching. These plans must be followed out in detail by the teacher. The whole system of instruction was carefully outlined each day and the school was run on a system throughout that is practically as perfect as can be maintained.

The school has made decided improvement during the past year and is considered a model school. Many large schools send their teachers to observe the work as carried on at the Independence and Monmouth schools and these teachers were all enthusiastic in their approval of the work and report that they found much of interest and value which they can successfully introduce in their own schools.

ALUMNAE IS TO ORGANIZE

New Class Honored in Receptions Given

The Alumni Association of the Oregon Normal School met for their first reunion on Tuesday morning at 7:30 for a play hour on the campus. This frolic included the Senior class of 1918 and old and new members joined in merry games. All wandered to the Training School campus at 8:30 where a breakfast was served.

The last assembly met at ten o'clock with the following program:

Entrance March and Class Songs.
Music—"Send Out Thy Light" — Gounod
Music—Trio "Berceuse" — Rimsky-Korsakob
Talks by Class and Faculty Representatives
Juniors — Helen Fish
Seniors — Mrs. Claire Grout
Alumni — G. A. Hurley, '96
Faculty — Thos. H. Gentle
Music—"Fair Normal"
Music—"Fairest of Nations" — Verdi
Address — Pres. J. H. Ackermann
Music—"Normal Hymn"
Exercises on Campus

Mr. G. A. Hurley of Independence representing the Alumni called attention to the many graduates of the old Christian College and the Oregon Normal School who had achieved prominence in different walks of life. Mr. Hurley paid a fine tribute to the loyal spirit of the many alumni.

Following these exercises the Junior and Senior classes closed the morning work with out-of-door exercises and songs on the campus. The Junior song which has been so popular on the campus furnished the music for artistic figure formation which ended in the placing of the emblem O. S. N. S. '18 in daisies and rambler roses upon the campus.

The Seniors were all costumed as French soldiers and gave some excellent patriotic drills prominent among which were semifore signals.

The Alumni business meeting of the afternoon resulted in the following election for the ensuing year:

Prsident, Miss Emily De Vore, Independence; 1st vice president, Miss Radabaugh, Monmouth; 2nd vice president, Miss Amanda Doty, Monmouth; secretary, Mrs. Beulah Craven, Monmouth; teasurer, Mrs. Agness Clark Heyser, Monmouth.

The Alumni Association is beginning a movement for a better organization of their members throughout the state. This will probably be started by the organization of three individual classes According to these plans the annual commencement reunions will become a feature of the year, greater in importance than ever before. The evening program of the Alumni Association was given for the first time in the new Normal chapel and was as follows:

Assembly March — Normal Orchestra
Introduction of Class — J. H. Ackerman, Pres. of Normal School
Reception of Class — Miss Gladys Carson, Pres. of Alumni Assn.
Response of Class — Miss Zelda Hamilton, Representative Class of '18
Invocation — Rev. H. C. Dunsmore
Violin Solo "Legende" — Wleiniawski, Miss Madge Philbrook
"Shannon Bells" — Normal Quartette
Vocal Solo "Crossing the Bar" — Willoughby, Mr. Paul Blackstone
Piano Solo "Valse Lente" — Velmetsche, Miss Gretchen Kreamer
Alumni Address — Judge A. E. Wheelock, Portland
Vocal Solo "Because I Love You, Dear" — Mr. Paul Blackstone
Violin Solo "The Son of Puszta" — Miss Madge Philbrook
Benediction — Rev. H. C. Dunsmore

A reception to the Senior class of 1918 was given in the dormitory at 9:30 and during the time of which the guests partook of refreshments plans were again discussed for the Greater Alumni Association. Mrs. Beulah Craven, Mr. G. A. Hurley, Miss Laura Bell and Mr. J. B. V. Butler presented these plans to the new class. A committee from the '18 class has been appointed to work out details of these plans with the executive committee of the association.

The evening closed with everyone singing "Live, Normal, Live." The unique feature of this was that many of the younger members of the Alumni sang this song for the first time to the accompaniment of its composer, Mr. P. B. Arrant.

BUENA VISTA GETS FLAG

Pretty Ceremony Makes Flag Day Pleasant

Flag Day at Buena Vista on Friday, June 14, 1918

A large gathering assembled at Buena Vista on Friday last when a beautiful banner flag was presented by the Womens Council of Defense to the Home Guard B Company, Buena Vista, Oregon. After all the ladies had been lined up, the Company, under the command of Major Rose were marched into position for this impressive ceremony.

Mrs. Rose, local chairman of the Womens Council of Defense then gave a very stirring patriotic speech, the flag was then presented by Mrs. M. N. Prather, president of the Red Cross with very appropriate words fitting the occasion, the flag was received by Mr. M. N Prather, chairman of the guard, on behalf of the company, and responded by thanking the ladies for their splendid gift. The flag was then given in charge of the color sergeant of the guards and two privates. The National anthem was then sung and the flag saluted in proper form. Mr. J. K. Neal officiated as chaplain to the company who gave a very impressive address and prayer. The color guard then marched to their proper position for inspection of the company, which was inspected by the following gentlemen from Independence: Judge B. F. Swope, Verd Hill, Dr. Butler and Ex-Mayor Walker. The company then marched past in review order and the above gentlemen acknowledging the salute They also highly complimented the company on their smart appearance and drill. The company was then dismissed, thus ending a day never to be forgotten in Buena Vista.

NOTICE

State Guard meeting at the opera house Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock P. M. to perfect organization.

Every person who desires to join or has signed up to join is requested to be present.

By order of Committee.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Beginning July 1 the delivery system in Independence will be as follows:

North Independence, one delivery at 8:00 A. M.

Balance of city, except west of Monmouth bridge, at 9:00 A. M. and 3:30 P. M. West of Monmouth bridge 2:00 P. M.

G. F. Graves.

A letter was received this week from Henry J. Ford, now stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia. In the letter he states "this is the life to build men, and make good men of poor material." He is now a corporal and states "there is a great deal of ignorance in this camp, that sixty men of three hundred can neither read or write and that one hundred did not know their right hand from their left. Twenty-five had never seen a train and numbers had never seen a foot ball." He stated some did not know enough to obey orders and thought it was good for them to be drafted as they will learn. Henry Ford is a son of Mrs. M. F. Ford of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Carbray, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Johnson, Mr. nad Mrs. Sloper and Messrs. Smith, Dickson and the editor of the Monitor made a trip to Kings Valley Wednesday evenin to meet with a committee from the Red Cross at that place to outline a program for the joint celebration at Kings Valley on July 4.

The Red Cross at Oak Point cleared up a neat little sum from their recent drive. The calf donated by Mr. Marrow brought $231 and the one donated by John Wood $20. The first calf was secured by Mr. Esterbrook of Oak Grove.

Senior Class Play an All-Around Triumph

The annual Senior Class play given Monday evening in the Normal chapel was an original production by a student of the class, Miss Josephine Seger of Portland, and it was very successful indeed, the play turned out to be a personal triumph and at the close the modest authoress was pulled out in front of the curtain to receive a large basket of flowers, as a tribute from admiring fellow students.

The drama symbolized the war, its contestants as nations and America's entry into it. Before them appeared Industry with her dryads and gnomes of production and manufacture and also the guardians of raw products, corn wheat, oats, cotton, cane, hides and even a small live lamb was carried upon the stage as a symbol of the wool from which garments are made.

Science then appeared and illustrated in turn by dances and otherwise, sound, light, time, atoms, geology and inventions, not to overlook a real aeroplane which with its diminutive gunner blazing away at the enemy, passed over the stage. Other themes were introduced in logical and fitting order, conservation war work and then Democracy was given the place of prominence, ushered in by the Spirit of the New Day.

The drama was well worked out. The ideas were excellent and the whole showed Miss Seger as the possessor of a high order of talent. She has been warmly congratulated on the success of the production.

—Monmouth Herald.

KINGS VALLEY MADE HISTORY

Gelebrate at This Historic Spot July 4

Oldest Flour Mill in Oregon Still Running Here

Nestling in among the hills and timber of Polk county is a beautiful little valley. The soil is rich and deep and the Luckiamute winds its way through this picturesque settlement. As one nears the settlement it allures and captivates you and you feel the pure, clear atmosphere and beauty.

Kings Valley was first settled in 1848 when Mr. Roland Chambers Mr. King and Mr. Norton three brothers in-law, came there to make their home. They divided the main valley into three parts and drew lots for choice. Mr. Norton drew first choice and chose the plot of 640 acres on which the Kings Valley mill now stands. Mr. Chambers drew second choice and stated to Mr. Norton, "If I had drawn the place you have, Norton, I would build a flour mill at the falls." Mr. Norton replied: "If you will build a mill here I will trade properties with you."

Thus the third flour mill in Oregon was built at Kings Valley. The timbers were heaved out on the lands of Kings Valley, the lumber was sash sawed and the flooring was tongue grooved and hand matched.

This mill, started in 1849, was completd and ready for operation in 1852. It is the oldest mill in Oregon now being operated and has been continuously in use since it was first started. The early pioneers of Yamhill, Benton, Polk, Clackamas, Lincoln, Tillamook, Lane and Linn counties for many years got their supply of flour from this little mill on the Luckiamute and it still stands a monument of early pioneer energy and industry.

This mill is now owned and operated by J. P. Logan, whose residence is across the road from the mill. The falls had an original drop of about two feet and Mr. Chambers built then a dam to raise the water high enough to run the mill.

Kings Valley has two good general merchandise stores, one owned by F. J. Chambers and J. M. Graham and the other by T. J. Allen. Both stores do good business. There is a good school, with forty grammar grade students and sixtteen in the High School, a church and lumber yard, the Kings Valley Lumber Company using the plant as a shipping center for their mill in this territory. The mill is located about three miles from the valley and the railroad and there are probably more than 100 men working in the timber getting out logs for shipment and for the mill.

This section is now quite a territory for the dairy industry and the cream from that section is all shipped direct to Independence but the supply of two shippers, and one of these plans shipping to Independence soon.

The poultry industry is thriving in this community and the present year has seen the egg production trebble its output for shipment through the Kings Valley stores.

The fields of grain look fine, and there appears to be a good crop in prospect in the whole of the valley.

The Kings Valley-Independence joint celebration at the Kings Valley grove July 4, should attract many people, for it is a sightly place for a day of rest and the people of this valley are hospitable and know how to entertain.