

Communities in Valley Find Business Good During 1929

MONMOUTH HAS BUILDING BOOM PERMITS PROVE

Construction Work Done in City Approximates \$40,000

MONMOUTH, Dec. 31.—Unusual building activity during 1929 in Monmouth, is evidenced by figures submitted by City Recorder Paul Tacherson.

Permits for residence building total \$14,000, the largest individual enterprise being Mrs. Minnie Mack's large student-home of tile and stucco on the corner of East and Jackson. Mrs. Mack built to replace "Merrimack" the student-home which was destroyed by fire the night of January 1, 1929, resulting in death of three young women students of Oregon Normal school. The new modern, two-story structure accommodates 14 women students, and is as nearly fire-proof as possible. \$15,000 Hall Built

Business buildings erected this year aggregate an expenditure of practically \$15,000, which includes construction of the city hall, the largest enterprise. For this project the people of Monmouth voted an bond issue of \$15,000, part of which was utilized for purchase of new fire equipment. The next largest project is the super-service station apartment building of tile and stucco erected by Nelson & Son at the corner of Main and Knox. Gray's Coffee Shoppe, on the corner of Main and Monmouth Avenue has made a slightly addition to the west portion of the business section. George Gray, one of the founders of the Gray Belle in Salem, is owner and operator of the establishment here.

The Lutheran student association's chapel on Knox street represents an outlay of \$1600 and has been in process of construction since September.

Repair work on business, residence and other buildings about town totals \$2000, the largest separate investment being the renovation and refinishing done within the dormitory of the Normal school last summer which amounted to more than \$1000, and was entirely paid for out of the dormitory earnings.

City Housing Better Completion of business building projects gave the city a new city hall and recorder's office; a splendid space for use of the fire department; and a council chamber which may be utilized, gratis, by any agricultural or 4-H club organization, civic or community department as a meeting place at any time.

The Heffly buildings, completed in May, made possible the opening of a new department store—operated by C. L. Crider—and a modern, sanitary bakery, known as the "Blue Ribbon," and operated by Myers & Wheeler, all in the west end of the business section.

It is of special interest also that the major number of new business and residential buildings are constructed of Monmouth-made tile, a product featured by the Monmouth Tile and Brick company, under management of G. M. Partidge.

SOCIAL PROGRAM OF 'Y' POPULAR

32 Entertainments and Lectures Sponsored by Committee in Charge

During the past year over 32 social programs were given in the "Y" lobby Friday nights. These programs besides being entertaining all had a cultural and educational value. The programs ranged from musical programs to illustrated lectures and talks on various subjects of interest.

These programs have been attended by hundreds of people and have been a real factor in the social work of the Y. M. C. A.

The committee in charge of these programs consists of William McGilchrist, Sr., Mrs. H. H. Harms, Roberta Marten, Ronald Craven, H. B. Glaisyer, and W. T. Jenks.

Many individuals have cooperated with this committee during the year in bringing about these programs. W. T. Jenks is chairman.

CHRISTIAN CITIZEN PROGRAM IS TOLD

Local Director of Work For Boys Tells Views Upon Organization

J. BURTON GRARY, Director of Boys' Work, First M. E. Church

The Christian Citizenship program is not an organization, but is a four-fold development plan that can be adapted to any group of boys between the ages of nine and 18. It calls for the things that boys are most interested in—the things they do daily, at home, at school, and at work. It brings useful information to the attention of youth, and definitely ties his group to the activities of the church, because that is the corner-

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNIQUE



Hayesville church, center of activities, said to have been first in western states.

Hayesville Sunday School District History Romantic

Organization Said to Be Oldest of Its Kind in the Western States

The Hayesville Sunday school district is the oldest organization of its kind in the west, being composed entirely of rural Sunday schools of eight different denominations. It was organized in September 1893. The first meeting was held in June of 1893 in a grove on the old Stephens place at Hayesville, in the form of a joint Sunday school picnic.

At the close of a most enjoyable program it was suggested that it be made a quarterly meeting and a committee was appointed to arrange a program and to form plans for an organization, the first meeting to be held at the Brooks church the last Sunday in September, at which meeting it was decided to hold a convention the last Sunday of each quarter. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and officers elected and the name "Hayesville Sunday School District" was chosen. It is to be noted that the district has never, since that date, failed to hold a quarterly convention. The 14th convention is to be held at the Middle Grove church, December 29, at which time the junior department will be held at the Middle Grove school which is close to the church.

The junior department was organized by Charles W. Cady in September, 1925, at which time he was serving as president of the district. At this time there are 14 rural Sunday schools, with an enrollment of 1,126 with an average attendance of 1,062.

For the past three years the district has conducted a booth at the state fair, where the work done by the children and others in the Sunday schools is displayed for the encouragement and help of the children and Sunday school workers. It has proved to be very helpful, and a permanent space has been arranged in the new grand stand exhibits building. Several of the pioneers of the organization are still active in the work.

The present officers are W. B. Savage of the Kelsey M. E. Sunday school, president; G. G. Looney of the Hazel Green United Brethren Sunday school, vice president; Miss Lois Keefe, of the Kelsey Methodist Sunday school, secretary-treasurer; Charles W. Cady, of Auburn, advisory president and publicity and state fair display secretary; Mrs. Iris Van Cleve of the Hazel Green United Brethren Sunday school, home department president; and Mrs. G. H. Thompson of the Pratum Methodist Sunday school, cradle roll superintendent.

The campus at Willamette university what the city organization is to the entire community. It represents the highest ideals of Christian character, leading and directing the religious thought and life of the student.

The Willamette university Y. M. C. A. accomplishes this aim by aiding the freshman in orienting himself to his new surroundings, by regular meetings throughout the year, by cooperating at conferences, lending assistance to local churches, the Boy Scouts, and similar organizations.

Each year some outstanding leader in the movement is brought to the campus to renew the religious interest and enthusiasm of the students.

The campus and city organizations are mutually helpful; the former furnish young men for boys' work and the latter furnish a place of meeting at times. There is very close cooperation to the benefit of both.

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POSTAL RECEIPTS GAIN DURING YEAR

Growth of Salem Indicated By Marked Increase in Stamp Sales

Growth which Salem has made in the past 12 months is evident in the increased postal receipts, which in 1929 reached the highest in the history of the office, just as the income from stamp sales alone during the holiday season just closed was the largest ever recorded here.

Although the fiscal year for the postoffice ends on June 30, monthly totals for the past two calendar years show 1929 with considerable of an edge, despite the fact that the total for December had not been recorded when this was written. For the first three quarters of 1929, the receipts totaled \$168,190 as against \$161,549.68 for the same period in 1928.

The total for the last three months in 1929 reached \$64,379. The exact figures for the 1929 quarter ending Tuesday are not ready. However, October and November business totaled \$36,863.57 and stamp sales alone up to Saturday noon, December 28, reached \$21,841.71 toward that month's total.

Figures for the fiscal year show \$231,425.02 for 1929 as compared to that in 1928 of \$219,704. Report for each fiscal year since 1900 have shown a steady increase in business, with the closest margin coming in 1921, when the books totaled less than \$400 more than the \$144,192.37 recorded in 1920.

Postal business here has more than doubled in every ten-year period since 1900, points out the postmaster, John H. Farrar.

Automatic Plan Of Heat Control Proves Popular

H. B. Seagrave, local furnace manufacturer, finds that heating systems using fans and automatic control devices are increasing in popularity. He has been in business in Salem for the past nine years. Last year he installed a new heating system in the Sa-

lem high school, and equipped the Salem Heights community hall.

The heating system in the new Douglas McKay residence embodies several modern features to provide maximum comfort. A fan provides forced circulation of warm air to all parts of the house. The fan is governed by an automatic temperature control. The system is also equipped with an automatic humidifier.

The amounts ranged from \$3.50 to \$350 each for an average of \$94 for the 605 students who worked. The number represents three-fourths of the student body of the high school.

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BOYER COMMENDS 'Y' ADULT WORK

Americanization Department Regarded as Helpful To Alien

The volunteer Americanization department of the Salem Y. M. C. A. is regarded by U. G. Boyer, county clerk, as one of the most important and helpful adult de-

partments of the institution. "I do not know of another 'Y' that is as active along this line of character building," said Boyer. "The final hearing on admission to citizenship are based on two tests:

"First: Character, which must be certified by two citizens of the United States who vouch for the moral worth of the applicant.

"Second: Mentality, where the great work is done for the alien. Almost everything is done differently in America than in their former home. They must be taught our language, written and spoken, United States history, and the basic governing laws of our country, which is the constitution of the United States and the consti-

tution of the state where they now live. All these things must be done in a way that makes the applicant understand what they are doing and satisfy the government and the state of Oregon that they will make a good American citizen. The 'Y' has done this educational work with an average of 100 per cent in some classes that have worked under our 'Y.' Their work has been simply marvelous, and I am proud to say—Hail to the Salem 'Y.'"

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