

# Monmouth Assumed Role of Educational Center in '50s

## EARLY HISTORY NORMAL GIVEN

School Makes Greatest Growth During Leadership of J. S. Landers

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MONMOUTH, Jan. 15.—Monmouth has always been a school town. Its founders came west from Illinois in the early fifties with the definite plan in mind of establishing a home of learning, where men and women alike may become schooled in the science of living, and in the fundamental principles of religion.

These people were not rich in material goods, but they had what they wanted; and before they had ever set eyes upon this great frontier, they visualized its need of a good school as an integral factor of progress and development. Strangely enough they were not at all concerned, it would seem, about poverty, privation and danger for their families as they departed from their settled homes in the midwest, where comfort and safety were reasonably certain and dependable. So insistent was their desire to found a university in the far west that personal consideration seem to have been set aside in the union and furtherance of this altruistic idea.

**Leaders For Schools**  
The names of those first participants in the establishment of Monmouth are beginning to be forgotten except by the few remaining older citizens. But they are names that stand out in a history of the school, and we repeat them here as they have been handed down through the years: Squire S. Whitman, Thomas H. Lucas, Ira F. M. Butler, Albert W. Lucas, William Murphy, Elijah B. Davidson and John E. Murphy, with their wives and families first made the long journey across the plains, to this locality.

They were scattered somewhat at first over the valley, but did not lose sight of the central aim they had decided upon back in 1854, Monmouth, Illinois, and about 1854 occurred in the choice of territory surrounding and including what became Monmouth, Oregon.

**How Name Chosen**  
In deciding upon a name for the "town," this incident occurred: As the proposed institution of learning received, always the first consideration, trustees were chosen before ground was selected or broken for its erection. A tiny group—some authorities say five—as the first organization of any sort to convene here, met and voted on the two names proposed: "Dover" and "Monmouth." The vote stood 56-50 for each name, so Ira F. M. Butler who acted as chairman, was privileged to cast the deciding vote, and as he had formerly been a resident of Monmouth, Ill., he cast his ballot for "Monmouth."

The name, as every student of history knows, is a promise one in the British Isles. The battle of Monmouth, (New Jersey) fought in 1778, is said to have been a decisive factor in the Revolutionary war. Monmouth, Ill., is a western evolution of the name's growth, and Monmouth, Oregon, upholds the fine tradition of a name that always has been outstanding. It is said to be of Welsh origin.

Bethel Academy had been founded a few miles northwest of Monmouth, and, as two schools of higher learning in such close proximity seemed unwise, the Academy was re-located at Monmouth by mutual agreement of the concurring authorities. In 1856, the name changed to Monmouth University.

**University Founded**  
A little grammar school was built that year where the Davidson Studio now stands, and Judge Lewis of McMinnville acted as teacher. A Christian church organized the same year held services in the little square schoolhouse with John E. Murphy as minister.

In 1858 the building to be known as Monmouth University was begun. There was no solicitation for money for its erection or support. Five hundred acres of land was donated by its zealous sponsors, and the original building was completed and its doors opened in 1861. The building was far from being an architectural achievement—some say it was not even attractive to look at. But it represented a start toward the ultimate goal, and these pioneers who came here to make their project a reality were courageous in the face of difficulties; optimistic when defeat seemed to stare them in the face.

In 1871 the central wing of the brick structure, later to become the nucleus of the Oregon Normal school, was built. Among the names of early presidents we find Professor Thomas W. Haley, Professor L. L. Rowland and Professor A. D. Butler.

**First President**  
In 1859 Professor Thomas F. Campbell came from Montana to reside over the school, and for 13 years was influential in shaping and promoting its ultimate growth prior to 1900.

Monmouth was known from its beginning as a synonym of chaste morals and earnest, Christian character and scholarship, for its citizenry was dedicated to the outlawry of saloons, no lot ever being sold here except with the explicit understanding that the presence of a saloon should forfeit title.

## Early Pussywillows And New Dandelions Are Glazed by Snow

HAZEL GREEN, Jan. 16.—The heedless snowfall put to a temporary halt here work that ordinarily starts later in the year. And too, it fell upon blooming pussywillows, also ahead of the usual blooming schedule this year.

Japanese gardeners at Lashish were engaged in transplanting lettuce and celery earlier in the week.

Dandelions had been smiling through the green grasses at Hazel Green park for more than a week before the snow put a light blanket over the area.

name until the property was taken over by the state in 1882 when it became the Oregon Normal school.

**Among Alumni**  
Monmouth's alumni numbers, some distinguished names in the state, among which we recall at the moment those of the late Justice Burnett, Robert Bean, Federal Judge Charles E. Wolverton, Rev. Bruce Wolverton and Prince L. Campbell, Dr. E. S. Evenden, a faculty member of Columbia university and Justice Harry Belt of Salem. Sheba Childs Hargrave and Miss Jeanette Cramer of Portland, are some of the later graduates, whose names are prominent in Oregon's Who's Who.

**Helps Tax Move**  
At present the school, in common with other state schools of higher learning, is retrenching in every possible way to aid in tax reduction. But every effort is being made to maintain the important fundamental courses in unhampered operation for the benefit of its student body.

An ambitious project was started a few years since by the normal school's alumni, headed by Dean J. B. V. Butler, in contract purchase of a ten acre tract of land adjoining the state's property. It is planned to convert this into a park of landscaped beauty to add to the slightly terraced sloping lawn and fir grove which already give dignity and character to the simple, restrained charm of the school's environs.

## COURT PROMISES ROOM FOR WALKS

AURORA, Jan. 16.—The sidewalk leading to the schoolhouse, built by popular subscription some years ago, is now badly in need of repair or replacement. Since the roadway is so narrow in places, with deep ditches on both sides, it is unsafe for the children who travel the road twice daily.

The school board, feeling the county should take some action, visited the county court at Salem, where the matter had previously been presented by the school directors from time to time without results.

After consideration, they were rewarded by a promise that the county would soon begin to widen the highway at the narrow places, fill in the ditches and make ample room for walks on the side but refuse to aid in the building of walks. When the road is widened though outside the city limits, a way will be found to lay suitable walks for the children to travel to school and return in safety.

**New Telephones in  
And Rates Reduced  
On Fairfield Line**

FAIRFIELD, Jan. 16.—The annual election of officers of the Pacific Fairfield Telephone company was held recently at the Clear Lake schoolhouse with the following results: W. P. Colliard of Mission Bottom, reelected president; Arthur Goffin, reelected secretary-treasurer; Frank Mahoney, reelected director; John Belinski, director, and Mrs. Jessie Jones, holdover director. Allyn Nusom is the flaxman.

Rates have been reduced from \$12 to \$10 per year.

**OPENS SHOE REPAIR**  
TURNER, Jan. 16.—Harold Springer formerly of near Salem has opened up Turner's second shoe repairing shop, in the building on north Main street which was once used for Hebel's grocery store.

## REBEKAHS INSTALL AT SCOTTS MILLS

SCOTTS MILLS, Jan. 16.—The Royal Neighbors installed officers Wednesday night with Mrs. Vina Loisinger as installing officer, and Mrs. Theresa Nicholson as ceremonial marshal.

Officers installed: oracle, Nellie Robinson; vice oracle, Bessie Shepherd; past oracle, Nellie Shepherd; chancellor, Mary Shepherd; recorder, Eva Line Swartout; receiver, Rosa Mohr; marshal, Dorothea Shepherd; assistant marshal, Margaret Goren; inner sentinel, Margaret Fry; outer sentinel, Rose Magee; manager, Ada Goren; flag bearer, Annette Hilt; captain, Norma Etlin; Faith, Esther Criles; mod- esty, Mary Groshong; endurance, Ethel Brosig; courage, Amanda Mohr; musician, Edith Kellis; juvenile director, Edith Kellis.

Grace Dart, Nellie Amundson, and Maude Doolittle were appointed on the flower committee; and Grace Dart, Vina Loisinger, Ada Goren and Jennie Sauerberg on the pep committee.

Rev. H. Marcy has been teaching Mrs. Bethel Taylor's room at school this week while Mrs. Taylor has been confined to her home by illness.

**Snow Fall Deep**  
Several inches of snow is on the ground at Crooked Finger and Noble.

James Shepherd who has been visiting his daughter in Albany for several months has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lawrence returned to Camp 16 Saturday afternoon being home since the middle of December, while the camp was shut down.

**CHEMAWA STUDENTS  
TO HEAR ORCHESTRA**

CHEMAWA, Jan. 16.—The orchestra from Mt. Angel college will put on the program at the Sunday evening chapel service in the school auditorium. This orchestra consists of some 20 pieces and is considered one of the finest in this section of the state. The leader, George A. Barrett, is a graduate of the Chemawa school, and also completed the four-year college course at Mt. Angel last June. The Chemawa faculty and students are looking forward with anticipation for this program.

**Start Operations**  
Dr. J. R. Collard, assisted by Dr. R. T. Boals of Salem and Dr. H. N. Sisco, local physician, started the tonsil and adenoid removal operations at the hospital here Thursday. The operative work is being done in the mornings only, and it is expected that approximately 10 days will be required to complete this work for the students, and Indian children from Grand Ronde and Siletz.

Mr. Carrow Sunday will drive the school bus to Grand Ronde to bring about 15 children from that point to Chemawa who will take advantage of the opportunity to have these operations performed while Dr. Collard is here.

**Lee George Spending  
Vacation About Farm**

SHELBURN, Jan. 16.—Lee George who is employed as a night watchman at Stenberg of Saddle factory in Albany is spending a few days at his farm near Shelburn. Mr. George is improving his farm while on his vacation.

Mrs. Cecil Bates received the news of death of a child of her brother, Ted Isaac, Wednesday. The little one was buried in Woodburn Thursday morning.

Mr. McKinnon of Stayton was in the Shelburn neighborhood this week repairing stoves and putting in plumbing in a number of homes.

**HOOVER AGAIN**  
The renomination of Mr. Hoover is practically certain. He might die between now and June. He might live and decline to be a candidate. These are about the only contingencies to prevent him from heading the ticket again. He will not be chosen because either the party or the people want him. The general opinion is that he cannot be reelected if the democrats use reasonably good judgment in their selection of a candidate and the framing of a platform. He will be picked only because the organization which he controls will make the convention's decision for it. The argument will be made that the party cannot afford to swap horses in the middle of the stream. That won't determine the matter. Great numbers of independent thinking republicans are prepared to disregard it, believing that no program could make defeat more certain than it now is. Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick is one of the last to make a declaration to that effect. —Yakima Republic.

## Girls Lead In Debating For School

SILVERTON, Jan. 16.—That the feminine sex can out-talk and out-logic the so-called stronger sex was fairly well proved at the high school when, at the final selection of the debating team, all of those chosen for the first team were girls. Some of the boys made the second team, but even in that 50 per cent of the whole were girls.

The first team consists of: Affirmative, Mae Coffey and Helen Davis; negative, Catherine Tomlinson and Vernita Brewer. Second team: Affirmative, Wayne Satchell and Laura Hubbs; negative, Versa Beugli and Don Lehman.

Judges for the try-out were Lou Ann Chase, A. M. Davis, Miss Dorothy Eberhart and Miss Eleanor Schroeder.

The formal question of debate reads: Resolved, That the several states should enact a law providing for compulsory unemployment insurance.

The debate schedule for Silver-ton is as follows: January 21, Silver-ton negatives at Salem; Silver-ton affirmative meets Woodburn here; January 28, Silver-ton affirmative meets Independence here; February 18, Silver-ton negative at Dallas; Silver-ton affirmative at Independence here; February 25, Silver-ton negative at Woodburn, Silver-ton affirmative meets Salem here.

## F. WEINMAN BUYS BEAVERDAM TRACT

LAKE LABISH, Jan. 16.—Frank Weinman, local onion grower, has just completed the purchase of 60 acres from R. A. Blanton. The property consists of 15 acres of beaverdam land and 45 acres of upland, together with the recently built modern house which adorns the place. This brings Mr. Weinman's beaverdam holdings to 25 acres.

Onions still hang to the \$3.50 mark with \$4.00 being offered for February delivery. A few cars have been sold at the future taking. Some onion houses show considerable spoilage, while others seem to be keeping well.

Miss Peggy Isham, home from a recent hospital operation at a Salem hospital, is able to walk a bit each day.

Raymond Isham has been hauling onions to Portland the past week. Willard Hornschuch has been similarly employed.

Lake Labish flood waters have subsided temporarily, although a few days heavy rain will bring them back.

## B. THOMPSON SELLS FARM AT HUBBARD

HUBBARD, Jan. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Bud Thompson have contracted the sale of their 60-acre farm to Russell Allison of Castle Rock, Wash. The deal was made by B. Wehbatson, real estate man of Canby, and the terms were cash. Everything the present small cow, the chickens and the household goods.

Mr. Allison, who is a stock man, will take possession at once. He is a middle aged widower and will bring a man and his wife with him, to help run the house and ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have lived on Hubbard route 2 since 1896. They helped buy the first R. F. D. wagon on the route used by Fred Palmer, the present mail carrier. They lived on a ranch at Elliott Prairie for six years; then they moved to the Riesner place, east of Hubbard, now owned by John Schaubauer, where they lived 18 years. They have lived 11 years in their present location.

Eleven years ago Mr. Thompson fell in the barn and hurt his back and has been in ill health, more or less, ever since. They want to locate in Clackamas county and will probably stay with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Swinney at Jennings Dallas; while they look around. In June they plan to visit a sister of Mr. Thompson in Canada. Mr. Thompson's health permitting.

Hardy Dimick, small son of Amanda Dimick, who has made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Thompson for about three years, will go with them. They have given him the best and kindest of care and he is very fond of them.

## TRAFFIC PATROL OF BOYS IS ORGANIZED

INDEPENDENCE, Jan. 16.—Sergeant Lansing of the state police department and J. H. Hart, representative of the local American Legion post, organized a boys' traffic patrol at the Independence training school Thursday.

The following boys were presented with a Sam Browne belt badge and were placed on duty to watch the traffic at the intersections near the building during recess for two weeks, when a new set of officers will be chosen: Dean Wattenberger, lieutenant; Eddie Pomroy, Charles Carey, Roy Dunkel, Billie Campbell, Vance Smith, Bud Newton, Charles Jones, Norman Brooks, Melvin Boyce and Jimmie Sligh.

Sergeant Lansing showed traffic safety pictures and talked to the students about traffic and safety.

New officers of the Masonic

## DEATH TAKES TWO RESIDENTS OF SCIO

SCIO, Jan. 16.—Two deaths of Scio residents occurred Thursday. Charles Van Brest, 72, died Thursday at the home of his son, and funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Christian church here, with burial in the Miller cemetery.

Mr. Van Brest had resided here for the past 16 years. Besides the son, he leaves his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Hiram Wolfe of Scio and Franklin Van Brest of Toledo.

**KIDDIES GLEEFUL**  
CLOVERDALE, Jan. 16.—The school children are enjoying the snow the past few days as they have been hoping for this all winter. In fact some say they have been praying for snow even against the dire threats of the older people.

John Shimunek, 72, resident on a farm east of town for 30 years, died Thursday at the Corvallis hospital, where he had been taken to undergo an operation. He leaves a wife, five sons and three daughters.

**Town Takes Pride in  
Playing of Quintets**

FALLS CITY, Jan. 16.—Falls City is proud of the wonderful showing the high school and grade school basketball teams have made so far this season. They have lost but one game each and those to Dallas. The grade team won its third game out of four in a hard fought battle on the Dallas floor Wednesday night, January 13.

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