

## Floyd Albin Named Monmouth Elementary School Principal

**Statesman News Service**  
**INDEPENDENCE**—Floyd Albin was selected last week by the district 13C school board as principal of the Monmouth elementary school and director of the student teaching program in all the Independence and Monmouth elementary schools.  
 George Corwin, district superintendent, said Albin would replace Dr. Elmer Ensz at the beginning of the 1951-52 school year. Ensz will be director of instructional services for the Alhambra, Calif., public school system.  
 Albin's appointment resulted from joint action by the school board and Oregon College of Education. Dr. Robin Maaske, president of OCE, represented the college at the board meeting.  
 Both Albin and Leslie Huff, new principal of the Independence elementary schools, will work with Dr. Louis A. Kaplan, chairman of the department of education and psychology at OCE. Kaplan's primary concern in the school system is the supervision of student teachers for the lower grades.  
 The new official has been on the OCE staff as an assistant professor this year, following a year of work on his doctorate at the University of Utah. During the 1948-49 school year he taught in the Independence elementary schools. He plans to complete his doctorate this summer.  
 Albin is married and the father of a son, 10, and a daughter, 9. Before coming here in 1948 Albin

per cent cost of living increase for secretaries, janitors, and cooks in the district; and decided to add two teachers in the Independence elementary schools next year, which will bring the total to 17.  
 Relations between the school district and OCE also were discussed with Dr. Maaske at the meeting. Corwin said that Maaske favors expanding of courses in music, art, and physical education in the elementary schools.

## Mill City Youth Attends Meeting

**Statesman News Service**  
**MILL CITY**—Patricia Cree attended the Oregon State Christian Endeavor convention in Lebanon. The Mill City grade school band presented a concert for the high school Wednesday.  
 Mrs. F. H. Hollyman honored her son, Terry, on his ninth birthday with a party last week. Following refreshments of ice cream and cake the group went to the movie. Present were Terry, John, and Linda Sigrist, Micky McClintock, Larry Moberg, Robert and Kenny Ziebert, Lee McNealy and Teddy Ficker.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carey of Portland are parents of their second daughter, Beverly Marie, born April 16, in Portland. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Chance of Mill City, and Mrs. Velma Carey of Gates.

## Flax Festival Plans Revealed In Mt. Angel

**Statesman News Service**  
**MT. ANGEL**—The Flax Festival committee, with Bill Meissner as chairman, made tentative plans Wednesday night for the annual celebration to be held this year August 10, 11 and 12.  
 Plans exclude the former queen contests and propose instead a junior royal court to be chosen from Mt. Angel, stress the children's parade and arrange for free rides throughout the three days of celebration.  
 Sylvester Schmitt was elected secretary-treasurer of the five-man committee. Chairman Meissner appointed Harold Brenden, Otto Wellman and Schmitt on a ways and means committee to plan an industrial display which proved very practical last year.  
 The committee also decided on a competitive garden and agricultural exhibit.

## Valley Obituaries

**Statesman News Service**  
**ALBANY**—Funeral services for Andrew Nelson, 84, were held Friday with burial in Willamette Memorial park. Nelson, a resident of Albany for 35 years, died Wednesday in a Salem hospital.  
 Born July 18, 1866, in Denmark, Nelson came to the United States in 1885. He is survived by sons, Harry A., Walter J., and John Nelson, all of Albany; and John Nelson, all of Albany; and Ralph R. Nelson of Salem; two daughters, Mrs. J. E. Foster and Mrs. Milton E. Hoyer, both of Salem; a step son, Allen T. Clark of Portland; eight grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. His wife, Mary Elizabeth Nelson, died Aug. 2, 1949.  
**Mrs. W. A. Jones Of Macleay Gets 50-Year Honors**  
**MACLEAY**—Mrs. W. A. Jones of the Macleay grange was presented with a 50-year membership gold certificate by the Oregon State grange Wednesday night. The presentation was at the Pomona grange meeting at Roberts.

## May Festival Scheduled in Independence


**Statesman News Service**  
**INDEPENDENCE**—Plans for the "May Festival of Values" May 4, when Independence merchants will remain open in the evening to display spring wares, were formulated at a breakfast meeting Wednesday of the retail trades committee of the Chamber of Commerce.  
 There will be a concert by the high school band at 8 p.m. and a street dance at 9 p.m.  
 All business establishments participating in the spring show will display prizes in their windows. Merchants began distributing tickets for the prizes Friday.  
 Attending the retail trades committee meeting were Chairman Bev. Walker, Elmer Oppinger, Marshall Powell and Frank Hedges.  
**OYSTER BEDS SEEDED**  
**BETHEL**—W. L. Creech has been at North Bend for some weeks directing and assisting in seeding the oyster beds of the Oyster Growers association. The work is nearly finished and he is expected home within a few days.

## Spring Valley Club Views Comedy

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**SPRING VALLEY**—The Sunshine club of Spring Valley sponsored the program for the April meeting of Spring Valley Community club.  
 Featured was a humorous play, directed by Nina Owens, with the cast including Vida McLaughlin, Alice Updegraff, Eileen Mischel, Katherine Hammond, Teena Kohlin, Helen Johnson and Helen Willwert; quartet numbers by Nina Owens, Grace McKinney, Vida McLaughlin and Eileen Mischel; vocal solo, Ruthanne Susmich; a skit by Grace McKinney and Nellie Applebury.  
 A group of young people of Spring Valley gave a square dance which was called by Roy Carr; vocal solo, Harold Owens, accompanied by Mrs. Harold Owens.  
 Lunch was sold by the club after the program netting \$25.  
 Alice Updegraff has gone to Butte, Mont. to be with her sister who is convalescing from surgery.  
 Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McLaughlin were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McLaughlin and Patty, Glen, Delbert and Howard of Oregon City.

## Polk County Council Elects New Officers


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**MONMOUTH**—New officers elected at the April meeting of Polk County Council of Parents and Teachers were: President, Mrs. Roland Duran, Independence; vice president, Mrs. Willard Pruiett, Buena Vista; secretary, Mrs. Malford Nelson, Independence; historian, (re-elected) Mrs. Jack R. Wells, Monmouth.  
 The total membership this year is 860. Duties and qualifications of room representatives and school legislation were features of the general discussion. Named to audit treasurer's books were Mrs. Leone Miller, Independence and Mrs. Charles E. Moore, Monmouth. Mrs. Duran will represent the Polk council at the annual state congress of P-TA at Seaside April 23-27.  
**VISIT IN WYOMING**  
**MONMOUTH**—Mayor and Mrs. H. W. Morlan are in Rock Springs, Wyo., visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Spicer, and two grandchildren.



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