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Monmouth is Located in the Best Section of the Best Valley of the Best State in the Union.

SUMMER SCHOOL GETS RECORD ATTENDANCE

Enrollment to Date Two Hundred Fifty Seven Greater Than Highest Figure Last Year. Regents Meet

The first week of summer school closes with a total enrollment of 765, an increase of 257 over the total summer school enrollment of last year. All the students are being well taken care of as the people of Monmouth have opened up their homes to make it possible.

The Board of Regents held its annual meeting on Wednesday, the members present being Miss Cornelia Marvin, of Salem, Mr. W. C. Bryant, of Moro, Mr. E. E. Bragg, of La Grande, Mr. Henry J. Maier, of the Dalles, Mr. H. G. Starkweather, of Salem, and Mr. C. L. Starr, of Portland. The report of the Secretary-President was read and approved, and the budget for the ensuing year adopted. The board expressed itself as well satisfied with the condition of the school.

The first social event of the session will be given on Saturday evening at eight o'clock in the gymnasium, at which time the President and Faculty of the Oregon Normal School have invited the student body to be present at the annual reception to the summer school students.

An excursion is being planned to attend one number of the Chatauqua program at Dallas, the number and date to be announced later. If the excursion plans are perfected, an invitation is extended to the people of Monmouth to join with the Normal in the excursion.

Shower for Bride Elect

A miscellaneous shower was given by Misses Gertrude Heffley, Gladys Putnam and Reta Marks at the home of A. B. Morlan in honor of Miss Marie Morlan, on the evening of June 16th. It was a complete surprise, the honor guest being absent at the time of the guests' arrival. When she entered the living room she was showered with roses from the hands of those present.

After the first surprise Miss Morlan was requested to open the gifts, which were many and beautiful. The evening was spent in music and games. After the unwinding of the Cupid's ball by Miss Morlan, ice cream and cake was served, the merriment being at its height when the penny, thimble, ring and doll were secured.

Those present to wish the coming bride a happy future were Misses Florence and Gertrude Heffley, Reta and Thelma Marks, Zaidee and Gladys Putnam, Viola O'Connor, Lenore Stevens, Marie Smith, Nita Waller, Gladys and Clara Wade, Beatrice Pierce, Maud Moore, Laurel Canning, Belle McAllister, Mesdames Earl White, Clyde Kiddle, Fred Smith and Darrell Stump.

With the enrollment of the summer school reaching upwards toward the eight hundred mark and which means to the city an increase of practically four fifths additional to its resident population, the feat of receiving and caring for the oncoming hosts has been quietly and effectively performed. It required some hard work on the part of the normal lieutenants to get this new host tabulated, registered and apportioned to their living quarters but the work proceeded with the precision of a clock. Not only is this the largest number who ever attended a normal summer school in the state but it comes close to a record with other Oregon summer schools as well.

The crowd began coming as early as last Thursday and Friday and by Saturday the rush became an avalanche. The full capacity of the Monmouth-Independence railroad was called into action several times and the handling of the baggage, which was competed for kept at least a dozen young men on the jump. So keen was the baggage competition that solicitors met incoming trains at Suver to the south and Gerlinger to the north. In addition to the train service into the city many came by automobile and a few by horse drawn vehicle.

Some few laggards are expected to appear yet for registration and the regular crop of agents may be expected to put in an appearance soon.

In recognition of the increased population of the city L. V. Macken is putting on some noteworthy attractions these days. Monday night he gave a good bill and on Tuesday featured "The Man from Oregon" a story of love and political intrigue. Thursday night and tonight he presents "The Melting Pot", Zangwill's great story which has interested hundreds of thousands the past few years. Orchestra music is furnished at the performances.

Some social events by way of entertainment are planned during the course of the summer session to be announced from time to time.

Annual School Meeting

The annual meeting of the Monmouth school district was held at the high school building last Monday evening. There was a large attendance present but the meeting was a very quiet one and the business thereof was soon concluded. Ira C. Powell was re-elected chairman of the board for three years and Mrs. M. Corneliussen secretary for one year.

Miss Virginia Mason of Jefferson has been the guest of Miss Amy Steinberg during the past week.

Hotel Changes Hands

On Wednesday noon of this week the management of the Hotel Monmouth passed into new hands and Mrs. Fred Pyle, who has had control of the hotel at intervals during the past half dozen years now retires and L. V. Macken takes charge. Mr. Macken, the new landlord, has the best wishes of the citizens of the city in the hope that he will prosper and maintain a hotel suitable to the size of the city.

Mr. Macken has been a resident of the city for some time while attending the Normal school and is the manager of the local picture show house. Previous to coming to Monmouth he lived in Dallas where he was supervisor of schools under the county superintendent. He was an unsuccessful candidate for county clerk at the recent primaries in which he carried the city of Monmouth in the popular vote.

Mrs. Pyle leaves for Eastern Oregon and Montana but her husband will remain here in the employ of Allen Clark until he obtains an expected position as a traveling salesman.

Death Summons Blashel Foster

Illinois Pioneer Dies Thursday Morning, Aged 89

Blashel Foster, an old and respected citizen of Polk and Yamhill counties, died at his home in Monmouth Thursday morning. He had been ailing for some time with the infirmities of age and the end was expected. He sank into sleep Monday and only opened his eyes Wednesday, closing them immediately. So his end came, quiet and painless.

Funeral services are held this afternoon, (Friday) at 2 o'clock in the Christian church with the Independence A. F. & A. M. in attendance.

Mr. Foster was born in Clark county, Indiana, Nov. 18, 1826 but moved to Edwards county, Illinois in 1844. He was married to Emeline C. Houser in 1855 and they had eight children, three of whom died in infancy.

Those living are Mrs. C. W. Leonard, and Mrs. A. Parker of Monmouth, William E. and Geo. B. of Dayton and Martin D. of Washington, D. C. The latter represented the 23rd Illinois district in Congress. He secured the passage of the general pension law.

Blashel Foster is also survived by eleven grandchildren. He came to Oregon in April, 1888, settling at Dayton. He moved to Monmouth in 1906. He was a member of the Christian church for more than seventy years and he was a Free Mason for fifty years. He was intensely loyal to both institutions.

Grandfather Foster was a man of wide information on historical and political topics. He loved discussion and was a good talker. His many estimable qualities endeared him to a wide circle of friends who sincerely mourn his passing.

GUARDS GET A CALL TO MEXICAN BORDER

Dallas Company Recruits in Monmouth and Gets Six Volunteers. Oregon Guards Drill at Clackamas

The call to arms on the Mexican border has been heard in Monmouth and has fired the ardor of patriotic spirits with the result that six young men responded, joined the Dallas company of militia and are now taking part in the evolutions at Clackamas. The heroic and adventurous six are Messrs. Stewart, Shipley, Buchanan, Elkins and two of the Hinkle boys.

Shipley and Elkins went over to Dallas Monday night. A portion of the Dallas company of the Oregon National Guards came over to Monmouth Tuesday forenoon in automobiles. Dismounting they lined up in front of the postoffice, marched to the bank building corner, blew forth a bugle call, returned to the postoffice corner where a crowd had assembled and publicly invited recruits to join them. Only one responded to this appeal—Ervin Stewart—but later in the day when they had time to think it over, three others, Buchanan and the two Hinkles journeyed to Dallas and signed up for adventures on the Mexican border.

The militia company passed on to Independence where a similar appeal was made.

Wednesday morning the Dallas company was taken by train to Clackamas where they now are drilling and preparing for active duties with the assembled soldiers of the state.

Conrad Stafrin, Republican nominee for legislator, is captain of the Dallas company, E. K. Piasecki, Democratic nominee for district attorney, is lieutenant, Homer Robb, Republican nominee for surveyor, is a member of the company as are also both members of the Himes Engineering Co.

According to the Dallas Observer, all members of the company were not equally thrilled with eagerness to get on the firing line. One militia member who suddenly had urgent business along the Rickreall had to be apprehended by a specially appointed detail and another had to be routed out of bed at the point of the bayonet.

Rev. W. A. Elkins of the Monmouth Christian church is chaplain of the National guard but is a member of the Coast Artillery which has not yet been ordered out. Rev. Elkins was a private during the Spanish war and served in the Philippines. He would welcome a call in his capacity with the artillery but thinks he has served his time as a private.

There are twelve companies of infantry in the state; five in Portland, one each at McMinnville, Dallas, Oregon City, Woodburn, Corvallis and Salem. Eugene has two companies of artillery and there are one each at Roseburg, Albany, Portland, Ashland, Cottage Grove and Medford.

The call from General Funston for a hundred thousand men and the orders from the department at Washington, calling on the National Guardsmen, have stirred the nation from one end to the other and it is reported that the original call for one hundred thousand has been more than met.

The latest developments along the Mexican border which have been in the direction of hostilities date back to the attack on the town of Columbus, N. M., about three months ago by guerrillas under Villa. A column of U. S. soldiers under General Pershing crossed the border in pursuit of the marauders but have been handicapped to achieve a successful termination of their quest by Mexican officials. They have been denied the use of the Mexican railroads and all transportation has been overland by mule and auto truck. Now the Mexican authorities insist that the soldiers give up their quest and retire from the country.

This is the situation that has brought on the present crisis.

According to terms of enlistment guardsmen can not be taken out of the nation without their consent. A new law would have made them subject to orders of any nature by U. S. officers after the first of July. Possibly this law may be put into force sooner if the occasion demands.

One prospect is that the call for the militia under the present conditions will be a sort of outing for the soldiers with their sole duty the guarding of the Mexican border while the U. S. regulars enter Mexico and cope with the greasers. Again, the call may lead to actual experiences in the land to the south.

A Birthday Party

On Tuesday, June 20th, Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald entertained a number of their friends, the occasion being Mrs. MacDonald's birthday.

The rooms were tastefully decorated with roses. About twenty guests were present. The evening was spent in social conversation, and music on violin and piano was furnished by the daughters of the host and hostess, also some of the guests, after which they were invited to the dining room where they were served with delicious and ample refreshments. Later they departed wishing their host and hostess many such happy occasions.

Guests present were Messrs. and Mesdames Heffley, Nott, White, Phillips, Gilmore, Van Loan, Fuller, and Rev. Fisher, Miss Elizabeth Reed, Mrs. Shore and others.

Mr. Lowe of Portland was looking after property interests in Monmouth Sunday.