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Normal Notes

Close of Largest Summer School Yet Held. 827 Were Enrolled

For the first time the stunt programs were held on the campus, Friday evening and Saturday evening being set aside for that purpose. Perhaps there has been no occasion during the year in which more interest was awakened and more genuine enjoyment received than were in the stunt programs. The several stunts were worked out carefully and splendidly rendered and great credit is due to the several groups for the masterful way in which they carried their stunt programs through.

The Faculty and the Student Body wish to extend their thanks for the large audience furnished by the public, and especially for the attention given the several stunts and the splendid order voluntarily maintained. It was very much appreciated.

Much interest was aroused in the exhibit of school buildings, grounds and school apparatus made by the classes in rural methods and problems under the direction of Mr. Pittman. The exhibit was designed to show the movement in school architecture from the past to the present and a vision as to the future. The exhibit was very creditable and awakened much interest on the part of the Student Body and the public. Arrangements are being made by which a part of the exhibit will be exhibited at the State fair.

Much of the social life of the school was taken up by group picnics to the various picnic grounds in the vicinity of Monmouth. The group picnics are marked features of the summer school sessions.

A large and appreciative audience listened to the splendid lecture by Mr. Thomas H. Gentle last Monday. He took for his subject "Germany Before the War". Mr. Gentle lived in Germany for three years, and spoke from personal experience. He described the manners, customs and the country so vividly that one felt he was really taking the trip with him. Mr. Gentle was kind enough to deliver the lecture without any pecuniary reward, insisting that the proceeds go toward purchasing a piece of statuary for the entrance to the Training School building. It is hoped that he will have another generous impulse in the near future, and then we may have the opportunity of listening to another one of his delightful lectures.

Governor Withycombe was a welcome visitor at the Normal last Thursday, and gave a most interesting address to the Student Body at Chapel time. Among other things he expressed opposition to two of the initiative measures—one the single tax measure, and the other the limitation on taxation, and made the

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Fine Programs are Feature of Close of Summer School

Stunts Entertain Friday and Saturday Nights. Gentle on Germany, Notable Feature of Monday Evening and Joan of Arc Enthuses Audience Wednesday Night

The stunt program, which is becoming a regular feature of the summer school session, was put on before appreciative audiences on Friday and Saturday nights of last week. The exhibitions took place on the campus in the same spot where the Senior class play was presented at the close of the Normal year. Last week's exhibitions, however, were in the evening instead of the afternoon and the woodland stage setting showed off very prettily under the lighting arrangement. These stunts each year become more elaborate and lengthy and serve as a sort of pressure gauge to indicate the growth and development of the school.

The school was divided into groups, largely geographical, according to the home counties of the students. Considerable local pride was manifested in some of the stunts, which advertised the various attractions of the different sections, but the majority contented themselves with the one idea of entertainment. The attendance was large and each evening there must have been close to a thousand upon the campus.

The Co-coasters lead off on the program Friday night, the group consisting of Clatsop, Coos, and Curry, and the students from outside of the state. Miss Florence Hill was chairman of the group and Miss Augusta Baker chairman of the stunt committee. They first exhibited a trio of educated seals, who had a very life-like make-up and waddled in and out in the most approved fashion. They answered questions by nodding or shaking their heads. A movie drama followed, which was heralded by a series of posters, which were read for the audience by an accommodating lady, who, with husband and daughter, occupied an advantageous place in the audience. The movie depicted the adventures of a love lorn pair and brought in many Monmouth hits, among them being the depot, the receiving faculty, the boarding house people, and Miss Butler's auto, which was as real as life.

The Roguish-Umps followed with a series of tableaux and motion songs. This group represents the counties of Josephine, Klamath, Peaches, pears, apples, prunes, and cherries were all represented by groups of girls clad in colors of appropriate hue. Their work was very pretty. L. A. Wright was chairman of the group and Miss Harriet Morsman headed the stunt committee.

Tripple L. Group 2, Lane county

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The lecture of "Germany Before the War" by Prof. T. H. Gentle at the Normal in the chapel Monday night drew out a large audience. It had been announced as an illustrated lecture, but he preferred to consider it a lecture and illustrations, keeping the two separate, as illustrations usually monopolize attention, and he wanted to be a part of the show. His talk dealt with the experiences of himself, wife and small son, when the opportunity presented itself for them to spend three years in Germany.

He started at the beginning, describing the farewells, the large ocean liner, where they made the acquaintance of the classification system that prevails on the continent. The family were making the start without adequate preparation in the study of the language of the country they were about to become a part of. A high school teacher had engaged to teach the rudiments of German in ten weeks, but she appeared to be incapable of adapting herself to the practical needs of the hour. They realized this when they arrived in Hamburg and faced the problem of obtaining something to eat. Their German, such as it was, referred to sunsets and landscape effects and the matters of everyday existence had been passed over.

Humor fairly bubbled all through the lecture, but in no case more than in this effort to make themselves understood in a strange land. Mr. Gentle had given himself away in the first instance by carrying the boy, and in the other hand he carried the luggage. These were shocking lapses from German customs and in due time he learned to carry nothing heavier than a cane and to allow the servants and women folks to bear the burdens.

Yet the courtesy and affability of the Germans stood out on all occasions and although he made many ridiculous breaks and violated strangely their notion of decorum, they never, in his presence, showed that they noticed it.

He spoke of the common impression of the emigrant upon the community he settles in, and of the custom to ridicule his strange ways and discredit his knowledge and capacities. These things came home to the Gentles with great force when they themselves became emigrants. He described the home life of the Germans, the infinite patience with which they had anticipated the disturbances of living prepared for them, of the interest all took in seeing that

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The rendition of the historical cantata, "Joan of Arc" by a quartette from Portland, assisted by a chorus of one hundred students, in the chapel Wednesday evening, was the crowning effort of the summer school entertainments. A large company was present and applause was frequent and hearty. The quartette took the four central parts of the cantata—Joan, the Maid of Orleans; Phillip, a youth of Domremy; Robert De Baudricourt, a provost of Vaucouleurs; Jean De Novelonpont, a gentleman of Metz.

The quartette consisted of Mrs. Jane Burns Albert, soprano; Mrs. Lulu Dahl Miller, contralto; Mr. Joseph P. Mulder, tenor; and Mr. Don J. Zan, baritone. The accompanists were Mrs. Lalla Thomas and Miss Augusta Baker.

The work of the quartette was excellent and the singing of Mrs. Albert, the soprano was especially good. She has a voice of bell-like clearness and an unusual range of tones.

The chorus, under the guiding hand of Miss Hoham, was in almost perfect unison, the male voices came in clear and strong and the female voices among the hundred lacked nothing that persistent work could impart to them. Especial mention must be made of the octette who sang the voices that comforted Joan in the hour of her affliction when she was sentenced to the stake. Their well modulated tones seemed perfection itself.

The program was a credit to the talent of the summer school pupils and to Miss Hoham under whose guiding genius it was made possible.

A special feature of the decorations was a row of antique lanterns, bearing the fleur-de-lis of France, ranged across the chapel over the curtain.

Greek Theater

Next week we shall have the pleasure of presenting an illustration of the interior of the septic tank recently built at the normal, which same tank, McLeod, the contractor, calls his Greek theater. Mack has written an interesting article to accompany the picture in which he describes the conquest of filth by bacteria. The article is unique and readers of the Aerald will do well not to miss it.

were graduates from Kentucky University, while several others were finished products of Oregon colleges and the Normal.

Uncle Frank Powell, the oldest one present, had the pleasure of greeting five namesakes, all of the name Powell but one.

Other similar re-unions are looked forward to for future years.

Hold Reunion

Four Generations of the Powells Meet at Gathering Last Sunday

A very pleasant and notable kinship reunion assembled last Sunday as guests of the Powell families at the old farm home north of this city, the occasion being a gathering of a few of the pioneers who crossed the plains in the early fifties and their children and families, and who settled on the free government claims near Albany. Those present who emigrated by the long ox team route were Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Powell of Monmouth, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Powell, Mrs. Marshall Miller and Mrs. Eveline McKechnie of Albany and Mrs. Margaret Powell of Hillsboro. Four generations were represented. Some of the relatives greeted each other for the first time in many years, while others of the younger generations were introduced to great aunts, great uncles, first, second and third cousins and cousins-in-law.

Those of the first generation whose ages range from 71 to 86 years were Mr. and Mrs. Franklin S. Powell of Monmouth, his brother, H. C. Powell, and wife of Albany prairie, Mrs. Evaline McKechnie of Albany and Mrs. Margaret A. Powell of Hillsboro.

The following guests were of the second generation: Mrs. Maria Miller of Albany, Miss Bertha Powell of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Marshall, Willis M. Powell, Mrs. May Davis, Mrs. Clara Frazer, Frank M. Smith and Geo. M. Smith of Albany prairie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cornell and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McKechnie of Albany.

The third generation guests were Winfred L. Arant, P. Burton Arant, J. Manley Copeland, Arthur Marshall, Winfred Marshall, Rex Copeland, Frances Josephine Powell, Frank Marshall Powell, Francis Mary McKechnie and David McKechnie.

Willard and Dorothy Arant were the fourth generation—the great grand children of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Marshall, A. L. Palmer and Theodore Miller of Albany prairie and Alberta Beeson of Spokane were also present and together with the Powell relatives in the vicinity of Monmouth increased the number present to sixty-one.

A bounteous picnic dinner was spread upon a long table, in the shade at the edge of the lawn, and all did ample justice to the feast. The names and ages of each one present were written in a book for preservation.

Music and conversation made the afternoon pass all too quickly. A few snap shots were taken, goodbyes were spoken and amid the honking of auto horns and waving of hands the guests departed. Six cars and one motorcycle made the trip.

Many vocations were represented—from bankers to mint growers. Two of the number