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FIRST SOCIETY PROGRAMS

Given in Normal Chapel On Last Friday Evening

Last Friday evening the Vespertine society began in earnest another year of literary work. The first program was carried out with enthusiasm and a great deal of talent was revealed in the musical and dramatic numbers. Miss Radabaugh sang two interesting numbers for the joint session and Miss Tomkins gave two instrumental solos. Following the business session this program was presented: Reading, Miss Bowerman; A Human Piano, a clever stunt; A Play, "The Unburied Woman"; Vocal Solo, Miss Haskins; Humorous Dialogue, "Uncle Josh and Aunt Jerushy." From the interest displayed in this program, the year's work promises well.

From the interest taken in the approaching production of "The Melting Pot" Saturday evening the chapel will be filled to capacity. This opportunity to see one of the foremost dramas of American life is an unusual one and both students and townspeople are fortunate in seeing this play in Monmouth.

DELPHIAN SOCIETY

The Delphian Literary Society of the Oregon Normal School gave its first program of the new school year last Friday evening, October the sixth, at seven-thirty o'clock. The first thirty minutes of the evening was given over to a joint meeting with the Vespertine and Normal Societies. Miss Grace Boardman and Miss Eleanor Anderson of the Delphian Society entertained with vocal and instrumental solos. After this delightful program the Delphians adjourned to the Training School assembly room where they listened to a very entertaining program from their own members and invited guests. The first number on the program, "A Conventional Mix-up," directed by Miss Schmidli, was unusually entertaining. Those taking part in it were the Misses Ball, Mass, Parrott, Schumassen and Tobin. After this Miss Maude Moore repeated, by request, that old folk tale, "East of the Sun and West of the Moon." Next came "An Interruption," given by the Misses Perkins and Earsley, which was very clever. Miss Agnes Carter then gave a Scotch dialect reading which was enjoyed by all. This was followed by a very interesting and helpful talk on the "Appreciation of the Beautiful," by Miss Laura J. Taylor. The society takes this opportunity of thanking Miss Taylor for an enjoyable half hour. We were very fortunate at this first meeting to have with us our former president, Miss Ellen Jackson, who gave us some valuable bits of advice concerning Chapel Talks, McMurray, Type Sentences, etc., which we are sure will be of untold benefit if followed. Following this Miss Parrott, our critic, gave us a very favorable

report on the success of our first meeting.

Friday morning Mr. J. B. V. Butler represented the faculty in the chapel period by a very splendid talk on "The Drift of Modern Education." With his usual broadminded point of view Mr. Butler touched the big phases of the subject with peculiar force and brought his audience to a clear realization of the immense responsibility resting upon the individual teacher. By his clear, incisive treatment of the subject Mr. Butler set both students and faculty to thinking on this tremendously important problem. It is always a pleasure to hear the large phases of these interesting subjects presented in a big way.

Miss Jessica Todd, Dean of Women, accepted an invitation to speak at the Annual Harvest Luncheon of the First Congregational Church of Portland, last Wednesday, and she reports a very pleasant and interesting meeting.

Pres. Ackerman spent Thursday of this week in attendance at the Jackson-Josephine teachers institute at Grants Pass, and on Friday attended the Willamette University exercises incident to the inauguration of President Doney.

Mr. Pittman spent a few days at Monmouth during the past week, and gave an interesting talk at chapel, in which he spoke of the splendid rallies being held at the several institutes by former students of the Normal. A very pleasant Normal School rally was held Tuesday evening at Dallas. The members of the faculty present were President Ackerman, Mr. Evenden, Miss Parrott, Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Pittman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ostien, with friends from Bandon, motored to Portland and the Columbia Highway last week-end.

The members of the faculty who gave addresses at the Polk County Institute were Mr. Gentle, President Ackerman, Mr. Pittman, Miss McIntosh, Miss Arbuthnot and Miss Dinis.

High School Notes

On Thursday we resumed our school work after the first vacation of the year, Institute. The teachers report a most enjoyable time while at Dallas and come back with some new ideas and plans which will be put into practice soon.

Friday, last, the Junior class organized. The election went as follows: President, Burton Bell; Vice President, Ralph Brown; Secretary, Wilda Fuller; Treasurer, Delbert Skeen; Sergeant-at-Arms, Hilda Olson; Member of Executive Committee, Francis Arant.

The enrollment in high has reached 92 and there is no more seating room.

C. A. Dobell took four pure bred Jerseys over to the sale at Independence Tuesday.

PUSH WEST SIDE ROAD

Association Formed at Dallas to Further Project

Good roads boosters from four counties assembled at Dallas last Saturday night and enthused one another over the prospect of a permanent hard surface highway from Portland down the west side of the Willamette valley. An organization was formed to be known as the Pacific Coast Highway Association and officers to the same were elected. Representatives present from the three counties subscribed themselves as charter members to the association.

Prominent people were present from Yamhill, Polk and Benton counties and Mr. Holman of the road department of Portland was present. A number of enthusiastic talks were made to the delegates and several phases of the matter were brought out. The matter of the location of the road was touched on very delicately, the opinion prevailing that the first thing was to secure the acceptance of the west side for the highway out of Portland. In the lack of positive information the talk had to be general. Possibly there were to be two highways, one for the east side and one for the west. But if there was to be but one it was indispensable to be early in the endeavor to get a location.

R. C. Holman of the county court of Multnomah county was Portland's representative at the meeting. He spoke of the importance of action at this time of the resources of the Willamette and the benefit an improved highway would be traversing both sides of the valley and going from one center of population to another. Proposed by-laws were read and adopted and then passed around for the signatures of those present as charter members.

Although not present, R. J. Moore of Newberg was chosen president and Wm. Vinton of McMinnville made secretary after Oscar Hayter of Dallas had declined the honor. Mr. Hayter responded to a call for a talk in a most conciliatory tone, expressing the intention of Dallas to join in for the best interests of the county. Mr. Vinton spoke and J. B. V. Butler of Monmouth responded in his usual happy strain. Dr. Butler of Independence also responded briefly and President Ackerman, when called on, called attention to the proposed six per cent amendment quoting the secretary of state as authority for the conclusion that this amendment would greatly hamper the state. This amendment was discussed later and a resolution was adopted, giving it, as the sense of the meeting, that the amendment should be defeated. Among others who spoke were Mr. Paterson of Eola, Judge Malone of Corvallis, Prof. Skelton of O. A. C. and Prof. McCullough of the same institution. The latter gentleman is the investigator of the Independence bridge and his re-

marks were listened to with strong interest. He rejoiced in the fact that Marion county's court had asked the federal government for an expert to codify the road laws of the state. It was a big job but he thought it was a good sign that Oregon realized its road laws were in need of codifying.

At the conclusion of the meeting the coffee pot in which the soldiers had theirs boiled during their visit to the border was trotted out and coffee and sandwiches served to the hungry. The meeting was held in the Dallas Armory and J. R. Craven presided.

Road Meeting Friday Night

A road notice has been posted calling a meeting of citizens of this road district to be held this evening at 7:30, at the Elkins school house for the purpose of choosing three delegates to the county road budget convention in Dallas on October 21, 1916. Under a new law operative this year, if a district has a budget or plan for road improvement that calls for the entire levy of taxes from that district the county court is bound to allow the district to have its own money as far as it goes. Usually about fifty percent of the money from this district has been used elsewhere and for this reason it is important to have a plan of road improvement that will be comprehensive and that will take up the tax money of the district.

W. J. Mulkey, Jr., of Eugene spent a few days this week with his parents.

experience and the proprietor the work. Each student should work in one place for a stated period and then he could try something else, the aim being to complete his education and by trials discover what bent in the working world he or she might most profitably follow. Mr. Pittman elaborated this line of thought very thoroughly going over its advantages and disadvantages.

He said his aim was to start people to thinking along this line that in the end a condition might be created the reverse of that which at present prevails wherein defective or weak people are given practical assistance and training while normal children are left to shift for themselves.

Some regular business connected with the association was transacted. The secretary, Miss Arbuthnot, reported that somewhere about \$70 was realized by Mr. Gentle's lecture last summer which is to be used for the purchase of a work of art to place in the training school. A committee consisting of Miss Green, Mrs. Gentle and Mrs. Edwards was appointed to recommend a proper work for this purpose.

The question of finance was brought up and a committee of three, Dr. Matthis, Mr. Gilmore and Miss Arbuthnot, was appointed to make suggestions as to this and report at next meeting.

The regular meeting night of the association was set for the first Tuesday of each month.

PITTMAN ON EDUCATION

Discusses Industrial Training with Parent-Teachers

Industrial Education was the subject of the address of Prof. M. L. Pittman to the Parent-Teachers Friday night although the Evolution of Teaching would have served equally as well as a title. He spoke of the constant struggle for efficiency to make education more practical. Teachers are inclined to be conservative and he asserted that private enterprise often has led the way to new pathways that had proven useful in preparing youth to make a living in the world. He instanced law schools, medical schools, business schools as illustrative of this assertion.

When private enterprise had demonstrated that these schools served a real need the public schools had taken up their work and were carrying it on successfully.

But the constant effort to be more efficient led on into still newer fields. It was not possible for all boys and girls to be presidents or professors or book-keepers, and the tendency was, once a line of this sort was developed to follow it too exclusively, thus creating an over supply of talent in the particular line.

Mr. Pittman held that it is the function of the school to prepare boys and girls for the work of solving the real problems that they meet in their every day life and to fit them best to co-ordinate in the team work of society. He thought the tendency of teaching was to make its membership monkish or removed from the practical things and this was a tendency all teachers with a true conception of their mission were seeking to overcome.

The problems that the school books presented, while they were made as practical as possible, still lacked the human touch that the real problems of life presented and their application was frequently lost in this way. He instanced among the efficient teachers of Oregon, Mr. Conklin of the Wallowa school who was doing a few things to solve real problems. For one thing he maintained a repair shop in connection with the school and to keep it active he invited work from the public. For instance the owner of a chair with perhaps a broken rocker or an arm could bring the chair to the school and the pupils would repair it. The repairing of the chair was a real problem. The student was desired to prepare first a model and submit it for criticism. When considered all right the chair was repaired.

This led to a practical suggestion on the part of Mr. Pittman that the pupils of the high school should, under an agreement of the twenty three different professions and callings in Monmouth work for certain brief periods for the different proprietors, the understanding being that the pupils should get the