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

INTERESTED IN RURAL WORK

Third Week in February to be Rural School Week

Classes in the rural school department under the direction of Mr. M. S. Pittman were started on last Monday, the 20th. An unusually large number enrolled in these classes, 135 having already signed up for the work. This is one-third of the entire student body. When it is realized that the work in the rural department is entirely elective, it can be recognized what interest is being taken in the work of the rural schools in the State of Oregon. Mr. Pittman devoted the first half of the fall semester to the institute work, and he will devote the last half of the second semester to high school visitation and other phases of the field work, the middle twenty weeks, therefore, will be the time devoted to the training of the rural school students.

Courses are offered in Rural School Problems, Rural School Methods, Rural Sociology, Rural School Administration, and a course dealing with the Educational Novels that have been written as problem novels dealing with school work, such as Emile, Emmy Lou, Leonard and Gertrude, Silas Cobb, The Evolution of Dodd, Jean Mitchell's School, The Brown Mouse, etc.

The chief difficulty that has confronted the Normal School in its training of rural teachers has been practice, experiment, and demonstration rural schools. It is hoped that this may be met in the future but at present it cannot be. To substitute for this as nearly as possible, it has been planned to send all members of the department to spend one week in some one room rural school. Directions will be given in advance so that the prospective teacher will know for what to look and she will be required to report in round table when she returns to the class. In line with this plan the third week of February has been designated by the Normal as RURAL SCHOOL WEEK. The students of the department will be visiting in fifty nearby rural schools during that week. Mr. Pittman is busying himself now with the plans for that week so that the greatest amount of benefit may be derived from the week.

Last Friday morning Mr. E. S. Evenden represented the faculty in chapel with a splendid address on "What Are You Going to Do With the Adolescent in Your School?" Mr. Evenden's finely developed talk was a most thoughtful presentation of a real and troublesome problem which every teacher must meet in his school. With his wonderful grasp of the subject and his real appeal to the understanding of the audience Mr. Evenden brought home big truths that are bound to bear fruit in increased understanding of this problem in Oregon schools. Every person who heard Mr. Evenden felt that he

had given a new impetus to thought and action.

Mr. Gentle has accepted an invitation to speak before the Clatsop County Teachers' Institute at Astoria next Monday and Tuesday.

President Ackerman, Mr. Pittman and Miss Riecker are to take part in the Lane County Institute to be held at Eugene Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Wednesday morning Miss Lena Foster represented the Senior class in chapel with an interesting talk on "Working in a Rural Community."

The Vespertine Literary Society gave a very delightful program on Friday evening, Nov. 17, in the Normal chapel. For the joint program the Vespertines contributed a vocal solo by Miss Henrietta Wolfer, accompanied by Miss Clem McKinney at the piano and Miss Lita Waters on the violin. The Vespertine chorus, directed by Miss Irene Haskins, gave two selections. Both of these numbers were very much enjoyed.

After the societies adjourned to their respective rooms the following program was given by the Vespertines:

A playlet, "The Pioneers," directed by the Misses Sophie Henderson and Henrietta Wolfer, depicted the trials and tribulations which beset the pioneers in their search for a home.

The celebrated "Sniggle's Family," directed by Miss Mary Maclay, was especially enjoyed.

Miss Mary Rorick gave a delightful reading of a "Thanksgiving Story."

The "Frolic of the Witches" was a drill and song by a group of cleverly costumed girls, directed by Miss Corinne Pennington.

"Lullaby Ladies," directed by Miss Marie Mettie, was a portrayal of the mothers of the world and their babies.

The closing number of the program was "Old Home Pantomimes," directed by Miss Lena Foster. The pantomimes given were "Juanita," "Coming Thru the Rye," "Nancy Lee," and the "Marseillaise Hymn."

The critic's report given by Miss Kennon was very favorable.

A number of visitors enjoyed the program along with the members of the society.

The Delphian Society of the Oregon Normal School met for its regular program last Friday night, November 17, at 7:30 o'clock. The first thirty minutes was given over to the joint meeting with the Vespertine and Normal societies. Miss Margaret Halvorsen and Miss Frances Parslow of the Delphian society entertained with vocal and instrumental solos. After this delightful program the Delphians adjourned to the Training School Assembly room where a model Thanksgiving program was given. Before the regular program Miss Parrott, our critic, gave about fifteen minutes to Parliamentary Drill. The benefit of these drills is becoming more and more evident as we progress.

THANKSGIVING UNION SERVICE

Held in Normal Chapel and Collection for Armenians

The usual Union Thanksgiving services will be held in the Normal chapel Thanksgiving morning at 10, a. m. The churches of the city unite in the program which includes special music and a sermon by Rev. W. A. Elkins.

A feature of the Thanksgiving program is the offering for the poor and this year the collection will be devoted to the sufferers of Armenia, Syria, Persia and Palestine. On the last day of August, President Wilson issued a proclamation, the result of a joint resolution by Congress, asking that Sunday, Oct. 22 be made a day for the taking of a collection in the churches of the United States for the Armenians. The Monmouth churches determined that Thanksgiving would offer a better date and the collection for the Armenians will be taken then.

Of two millions of Armenians in Turkey a year ago at least one million have been killed, forced from the country or deported to Northern Arabia. Vast numbers of them were taken from their homes and herded into Arabia. The trails of this movement are marked with dead bodies showing the evidences of unspeakable atrocities. Descriptions thereof reveal darker and more despicable deeds than any ever ascribed to the North American redman.

The "Harvest Drill," directed by Miss Dena Lund, which began the regular program, was unusually attractive. The persons taking part in this were the Misses Andrews, Gilman, Heffley, Hannan, Daulton, Kellogg and Sherman. The next number, a "Thanksgiving Story," was very beautifully told by Miss Ruby Rasmussen. Following this the "Thanksgiving Dream," which reflected much credit upon the director, Miss Ruth Clark, and the participants, was given. Those taking part in it were as follows:

Fairies—Misses Sullivan, Medler, Mary and Francis Tate.

Fairy Messenger—Anna Erickson.

Geneii of Thanksgiving—Grace Dawson.

Purveyor of Turkeys—Mary Deggendorfer.

Miss Maize—Betty Mathews.

Miss Cornassel—Hazel Kerr.

Apple—Mary Miller.

Pumpkin—Hulda Kherli.

Nuts and Raisins—Verna Carothers.

Cranberries—Alice Webster.

Beets, Carrots and Turnips—Hazel Kellogg.

Miss Grape—Oleana Olson.

Miss Mince Pie—Grace Ziegler.

Miss Celery—Prudence Bayley.

Elsie Forrester—Florence Kohlhaugen.

Ethel Forrester—Mrs. Sacre.

We were fortunate in having with us President Ackerman, who gave us a short talk on the value of the society work. Fol-

Laying the Concrete

Work on the laying of the concrete base for the city paving is on this week. Something like 25 men are at work and when they are not being held up for some reason or other the work makes fast progress. Three barrows keep the gravel moving to the mixer, one man is kept busy lifting and emptying the sacks of cement and three one-horse carts carry away the mixture to where another gang waits to spread and smooth it for its final rest.

Several delays have occurred for lack of gravel and other reasons and the job promises to be long drawn out.

Sudden Death of Young Matron

The community was shocked Thursday to hear of the death of Mrs. Hartley Mulkey which occurred that morning. She had been ailing for some time but was able to get around doing her house work and cooking for a family of boarders, until within the past few days. She suffered from diabetes. Tuesday night she became unconscious and did not recognize any one after that, sinking slowly away.

Mrs. Mulkey was a native of Polk county and was born near Dallas July 7th, 1882. Her maiden name was Mary Veda Guthrie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Guthrie, who survive her. She is also survived by two children, Margaret and Francis E., as well as two sisters, Mrs. Dora Chase of Bend, Or., and Mrs. Edna Rickard of Corvallis and a brother, Hugh Guthrie of Corvallis.

Mrs. Mulkey's whole life was spent in the neighborhood of Monmouth. She was a member of the Christian church and was a singer in the choir of that church for several years. She was popular with all and has many friends to mourn her loss.

Her funeral occurs today at 1:30, in the Christian church, with burial in the K. P. cemetery.

The Priscilla Club

The meeting held Saturday, November 18, Mrs. Dr. Matthis hostess, closed the second year of the club's activities, with a large attendance. Among the guests were Mrs. Burton of Salem, Mrs. W. A. Elkins, Mrs. Allen Clark and Mrs. Evans.

The names of Mrs. Ira C. Powell and Mrs. R. B. Swenson were added to the membership roll. Misses Maggie and Alice Butler will entertain the club Saturday, December 2. This being the annual meeting for the election of officers a full attendance is desired.

Mrs. L. A. Worth, who lives with Mrs. J. F. Hager, left during the past week for Santa Rosa, California, where she will visit with her son.

Following this we had our critic's report by Miss Parrott, which was very favorable indeed.

MAKES LEVY FOR 1917

Council Adopts City Budget Published. Accepts Curbs

The city council met in special session Tuesday night to consider the tax budget and levy. A few citizens were present. When the mayor called on the audience for expression of opinion, P. H. Johnson responded with the opinion that the budget was satisfactory.

Thereupon the budget as read was adopted and Resolution 217 providing the tax levy was taken up and passed and the recorder instructed to notify the county court.

The city engineer recommended the acceptance of additional curbing which was done.

Ordinance 187 providing for the taxing of certain occupations was introduced and put through the regular short cut to final passage.

The tax levy is \$3,150

High School Notes

The Y. N. O. A. held a meeting last week and elected officers. They chose Francis Arant as Pres., Jay Butler, Vice-president Guy Sacre, Secretary; Clarence Walker, Treasurer; Hjalmar Gentle, Page. The regular committees have not as yet been appointed. A meeting will be held sometime next week.

Friday evening the first regular basketball game of the season was played, when the high school quintet defeated the town team by the overwhelming score of 28 to 15. The lineups are as follows: High School, Forwards, Henton and Brown; Guards, Portwood and Walker; and Center, Starr. Town team, Forwards Bowman and Strong; Guards, Morlan and Jay Knapp; Center, W. J. Mulkey Jr. In spite of the fact that the game was not very fast, it was intensely interesting.

The Athena Society held an open meeting Thursday night, which was the best so far this year. The success of the splendid program was due largely to the efforts of the Misses Helen Moore, Hope McDonald and Rosamond Tuttle. Program, - Solo, Miss Barnicott; Reading, Beth Ostrom; Takeoff on the Faculty, by twenty girls, Ruth Stone represented Mr. Hedrick; Rosamond Tuttle, Miss Doughty; Hope McDonald, Mr. Tavenner; Laura Larson, Miss Hawley; Frieda Powell, Miss Barnicott; and Imogene Richards, Mr. Sickafoos. The remainder of the program consisted of a reading by Helen Moore; solo, Mrs. Cook; reading, Imogene Richards; duet, Misses McDonald and Richards and the last number, lantern slides of life in M. H. S.

George Herren of Reno, Nevada, has been visiting the past week with his sister, Mrs. R. H. Simpson, and brother, C. E. Herren.