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

BROWN TO BE THE ORATOR

Attorney General to Address Both Citizens and Students

Monmouth is determined to be patriotic and is losing no chance to demonstrate its standing on national defense.

The meeting held last Sunday afternoon as referred to in last week's Herald had a small but enthusiastic attendance. President Ackerman presided and it was determined to hold another meeting in the future; to give it greater publicity and to make a strong effort to raise a home guard in Monmouth. Geo. Boothby was appointed as a leader for the men and Mrs. O. Wolverton for the women. They have been busy during the week and had a meeting scheduled for Sunday, with a brass band and speakers, to be held around the band stand in the open air or in the Normal chapel. Later this meeting was postponed.

Word has gone abroad that the government is sending out instructions that there be uniformity in the organization of these home guards and it was decided to await the arrival of such instructions. As April 19th has been named as patriotic day throughout the nation it is likely the meeting will be held on that day.

It is also reported that the Normal students have voted to abandon for this year their annual May day festivities and to hold a patriotic observance on April 19th. It seems quite likely now that citizens will combine and make this a big event. Further particulars will be announced later.

April 19th is the anniversary of the Battle of Lexington, the one hundred and forty second which will have elapsed since that memorable event. The date and the present occasion offer a good opportunity to blow off a little patriotism and we look forward to an event next Thursday that will be long remembered.

Two programs will be presented that day, both entirely separate. One will be presented by students of the Normal in the chapel Thursday forenoon and one by the public at large in the afternoon, out doors around the band stand. Attorney General Brown has consented to come to Monmouth on that day and will address both gatherings.

The ferry trouble at Salem has been peacefully terminated. Skinner and Bushnell have disposed of their outfit to Marion county which will operate it as a free ferry. The price paid for the outfit is to be settled by Judge Belt of Polk county and Judge Kelly of Marion.

Gail Hiltibrand is back in school after a week's absence because of sickness.

The "Golden Rule" class of the Christian church met with Mrs. R. B. Swenson Tuesday afternoon.

No May Day Program

On account of the war situation the Normal School has eliminated its May Day exercises for this year, and substituted therefor a patriotic program which will be given by the students, and to the students only, in the forenoon of April 19. This is in accordance with the national movement to observe April 19 as Patriot's Day.

Girls Form an Honor Guard

A National Honor Guard was organized in the Normal Chapel last Monday evening with a membership of nearly two hundred girls.

Ella Dixon was elected leader, Faith Holdridge assistant leader, Bertha Harpole secretary, Thelma Selling treasurer and Marie Morrison reporter.

The purpose of this National Honor Guard is to educate and aid the girls in becoming useful to the Nation in its hours of trouble. There will be two classes organized to take up the work, one for the purpose of giving instruction in First Aid work and the other in the care and repair of automobiles. Each class will meet Saturday for two hours. Each member is required to become proficient in one thing, but may take up both classes if they so desire and can arrange them without conflict.

The National Honor Guard does not mean that Normal girls only can join it but all the girls in Monmouth are invited to join, between the ages of 14 and 30 years, and we want you to join with us. The organization is not connected with the school.

All girls wishing to join please come to the front hall in the Normal building on Friday, April 13, and sign your name and pay the 25 cent tax to one of the girls there. This tax goes to the National headquarters with your name.

Those joining the Guard do not have to go away from their home unless they so desire and are willing to go.

Although their numbers are few the boys at the Normal are showing the martial spirit. Another student is reported to have enlisted this week.

To Sweeten up

Sugar prospects are looking up at Independence and many of the hop growers are signing contracts to plow up their hop land and put it into sugar beets. The temperance law, which was the bane of the hop men and bitterly opposed by many of them, may prove a big benefit to them by forcing them into a new and profitable business.

Over a thousand acres have been actually signed to sugar beets and if the land proves adapted to this vegetable a sugar beet factory is to be established at Independence and which will help materially to boom the prospects of that city.

ASK FOR BIDS ON PAVING

Monmouth Avenue Improvement Started by Council

The subject of street paving occupied the attention of the council at its regular session last Tuesday night. Resolutions were passed approving the specifications as drawn up by the Himes Engineering Co. and instructing the recorder to advertise for bids. It was recognized that the war would interfere with public works of this kind by causing labor and material to be expensive, but it was determined to call for bids and if they were too high, reject them and pass the paving over to another year. Owing to necessary delays to be encountered it was imperative if the paving is to be done this year, to get an early start and for this reason the machinery was set in motion.

The roll call found Councilmen Wolverton, Riddell and Hampton present, with Stump absent. Also present were the mayor, recorder, city engineer and marshal.

Relative to the completion of sidewalks on Main street between Monmouth avenue and Broad street it was decided to order the power and telephone companies to move their poles to the side of the curb.

W. H. Mack appeared for R. M. Dashiell and asked time for the moving of his barn as requested by the council. Delay was sought to allow the ground to become dry so the moving would be less expensive. Mr. Dashiell plans to move the barn back to the center of the lot. The request was granted on condition that the manure pile be cleaned up before hot weather set in.

The paving of Monmouth avenue will be more expensive than the Main street paving as there is more grading. By some it is suggested to have the city do the grading to enable it better to distribute the surface gravel taken from the street.

Normal students are planning to put on "The Flower Shop" in one of the theaters of Dallas Friday night. This is the play recently given in the Normal chapel where it attracted marked attention.

The plan to plant vacant tracts in Monmouth with garden vegetables is receiving commendation in many places. Beans, potatoes, cabbages and sugar beets can be grown and all will help next winter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller and daughter Elma spent several days within the past week visiting with Mr. Miller's sister, Mrs. C. C. Brown, at Grants Pass. Mr. and Mrs. Miller returned Wednesday evening, leaving the daughter to stay for a longer visit.

For rugs and linoleums see the new stock just arrived at Winegar & Lorence's store.

Marshal's Relaxations

When the city marshal is not busy putting in new lights or attending to the power pump or cleaning off the cross walks or keeping an eye on suspicious characters or reading the water meters, he puts in a little surplus time killing stray dogs. Another grave was added this week to the dog cemetery back of the pump house, the said dog having at one time been attached to the Eggleston household.

Road Talkers for Grangers

Good roads as exemplified in the bond issue, is the program for discussion at the Grange meeting next Saturday. A number of people prominent in the fight to secure the adoption of the road measure will be present and the matter will be thoroughly gone over.

Senator C. L. Hawley is one of these. He had an active part in framing the legislation and will be able to tell first hand, of the conditions that resulted in the passage of the measure. I. L. Patterson of Eola, president of the County Fair, will also be present as will also H. Hirschberg, president of the Polk County Goods Roads Association. All these may naturally be expected to have something of interest to say and in addition to road talk there will be a thorough discussion of that other important topic, "Agricultural Preparedness".

The morning session will begin at 10:30 and there is considerable business to transact including a number of initiations. The afternoon session is at 1:30, and is open to the public. All interested in the topics outlined are urged to be present as the meeting will be worth while.

Graduation from the high school will be easy for Harold Olson as may be inferred by the following from the Highways:

"Various committees have been appointed for Commencement week program, and all the committees are waiting for is the names of the graduates. The only ones whom we are sure of are the midyear Seniors and Harold Olson, who was assured that he would be given his credits if he would join the militia. Too bad the rest of them did not go too."

Attractions at the Norm

Saturday, April 14.—"The Race" and Hawaiian Troubadors.

Tuesday, April 17.—"A Matrimonial Martyr."

Thursday, April 19.—"The Eternal Grind."

Saturday, April 21.—"The Love Mask."

The matinee on "Ramona," which was to have been given this afternoon (Friday) in the Normal chapel, has been called off.

C. E. Huntley of Independence deputy assessor, was in Monmouth during the past two weeks feeling the financial pulse of our citizens.

MAYOR ASKS FOR ACTION

Agricultural Preparedness Boosted by the Executive

To the Citizens of Monmouth: In the national crisis of war which now confronts us each one is asking himself the question, "How can I help?" Monmouth is making a splendid response to the call for troops and in any other patriotic service that may come she will not be found wanting. From all parts of the nation comes the appeal to the farmer to make this a year of maximum food production. Our thoughtful and patriotic governor is making this call to the people of Oregon. There is urgent need both at home and abroad for an increased food supply. Realizing this, is it not incumbent on us to do our part?

Many cities and towns of the state are moving in this direction. Why not let us begin now to plan and work to the end that every available plot of ground in Monmouth shall yield this season its maximum food supply? Monmouth has many vacant lots and parts of lots that could be utilized to good advantage in this way. Grow something of value, not only on your own ground but, if possible, secure some lot from a non-resident owner. Planting time is close at hand. True it may mean a little more effort, a little more work, than we have been accustomed to give the matter heretofore, but this is one way in which we may render a small service that may hold a larger value than we think.

Shall we all unite in a community effort to make this the banner year for food production on every available plot of ground in Monmouth?

Respectfully,
H. C. OSTIEN,
Mayor.

Normal Boys in the Ranks

Out of forty-three boys in the Normal eight have already enlisted, two tried to enlist but were rejected because of physical disabilities and one is planning to join soon, making a total of eleven ready to defend their country at the first call, out of the total of twenty-five percent, which may be considered a fairly good showing.

Those enlisted in Company L are Birchard Van Loan, Edwin Brown, Stanley Evans, Chad Newhouse, Douglas Parkes, Cyril Richardson and Carlton Shanks. Clarence Soderstrom has joined the coast artillery. Messrs. Hoppes and Gilbreath started to enlist but could not get past the medical examination because of physical disabilities. Marion Butler is reported as about to join at the end of the week.

J. W. White was over from Independence looking after business here Wednesday.

Mrs. Margaret A. Powell of Hillsboro is visiting with her sister-in-law, Mrs. L. J. Powell, in this city.