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

NEWS NOTES OF NORMAL

Various Activities Mark Last Week of Summer School

Miss Cornelia Marvin, State Librarian and a member of the Board of Regents, was the chapel speaker on Wednesday. Her discussion of the service the state library wishes to be to the individual and the community was both informational and inspirational. The library under Miss Marvin's efficient management is rendering a service that is inestimable and one that the state may well be proud of.

The operetta "Sylvia" given by the summer school Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Sullivan of the Department of Music and Miss Taylor of the Physical Education Department, was all that had been predicted. Both the directors and the Glee Club are to be commended for their excellent work.

The annual exhibit of the rural classes under the supervision of M. S. Pittman, rural instructor, was most effectively staged on the campus on Tuesday afternoon. Paradise Valley, as they called it, was visited by most of the faculty, students and many townspeople during the day.

L. R. Traver, representative of the American Book Company, was a Normal visitor Tuesday.

Miss Catherine Murphy, sister of Miss Ambrosine Murphy entertained with two solos at chapel time Tuesday.

Mr. Roy Cannon, superintendent of Benton County, and Mr. F. E. Faegan, superintendent of Harney, were at the Normal this week contracting teachers for the coming year.

State Superintendent Churchill was the speaker for the last chapel. Mr. Churchill's visits to the Normal are always looked forward to by both faculty and students and his talk on Friday was one that cannot help but make better and more conscientious teachers during the coming year out of the nearly six hundred who heard him.

Professor Robinson, rural architect of the Agricultural College, spent Tuesday at the Normal. He was one of the judges of the rural exhibit.

The last band concert of the season was given on the campus Thursday evening. The whole evening was a delight and was fittingly closed with our national hymn sung by the entire audience accompanied by the band.

The Story-Telling Hours have been of great pleasure and profit to the students during the entire summer school but one of the most suggestive and profitable was that given on Thursday evening by Mrs. McCracken. Her pictured stories which were so charmingly presented will bring joy to the hearts of many little folk during the coming year.

Feeling that the custom of a special train to Salem to visit the State institutions is one of real value and pleasure to the student body a train was chartered on Saturday last, and some one hundred and ninety people took advantage of it to visit the various State institutions. President Ackerman and Mr. Butler accompanied the students to the various places of interest in and around the capital. A carefully prepared program had been worked out so that there was no loss of time and the students were instructed in each of the various Departments as they visited them. The officials in all the public building were most cordial and helpful. The students availed themselves of the chance of taking many snapshots of points of interest, many provided themselves with lunches and found excellent opportunities in the various parks to enjoy the noon hour. During the afternoon the city itself was an object of interest to the students who formed themselves into groups and visited friends and the interesting points about the city proper. It is but fair to say that Mr. Scott, the general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, and his most efficient special man for excursions, Mr. Wick, received the hearty thanks of the students for all courtesies shown them. The party returned about five o'clock, having spent a day long to be remembered at the State Capital.

The Names of the Chosen

Roland W. Dobell was the first soldier chosen in the draft for Polk county. Although Polk is not called on for any recruits in the first levy the draft applied to all counties and the numbers drawn will be held for the next call. Mr. Dobell expresses his willingness to serve the government in any capacity if it will accept him. Much interest has been taken in the drawing and all of the eligibles are anxious to get the complete list to see if their names are included thereon. Following are names from Monmouth and vicinity and the order they will be called upon. The number given is not the serial number which is affected by the drawing but the number on the list of called for the county. 1 R. W. Dobell; 3 Ben Pollan; 9 Clarence Grund; 72 J. J. Brown; 77 Jas. Gentle; 101 Albert Sacre; 151 Harlin Powell; 156 C. E. Powell; 174 Ranie Burkhead; 178 M. J. Butler; 225 Ivan Wood; 259 Carl Pollan; 260 Dean Walker; 265 L. V. Macken; 266 A. B. Packard; 276 Harold Herren; 278 G. E. Stewart; 282 Lucien Arant; 286 L. P. Gilmore; 295 Ernest Riddell; 376 E. B. Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Yeater of the Luckiamute and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sullivan and Miss Bessie autoed to Blodgett in Benton Co. Sunday for a visit.

Miss Catherine Gentle is spending a few weeks in Portland.

IT MADE A BIG SMOKE

Fire Cleans up Things for Paving Contractor Hobson

The 14 inches of water in the reservoir which the city department has succeeded in sequestering from its patrons came in handy when the alarm of fire sounded at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Dense volumes of smoke rolling northward in the strong wind showed the location in the asphalt heating place of Contractor Hobson.

A small fire is maintained under the pipe leading from the large container to the distribution outfit. During the noon hour the wind blew the fire into some scattered staves and soon the whole business was ablaze. The steam roller and sprinkler apparatus was run out of the way onto the street.

Luckily for Hobson, the remaining asphalt, some 600 gallons, was in the container and although the fire blazed hotly all around it the content was not materially injured. Some of the men shoveled sand on the flames but it was the 14 inches of water in the reservoir that did the business. The water soon put an end to the flames. The damaged platform constitutes the greatest damage and adjoining property was not at any time seriously threatened.

Exhibition of Model Farms

Agriculture was the order of the day Tuesday in the fir grove on the Normal campus. Twelve model farms were laid off according to the ideas of individual groups of students and a thirteenth group was a community center, with the schoolhouse and playgrounds and a model farm to be run in connection. Some clever ideas were displayed in the arrangement of fields and farm buildings and in the architecture of barns and farm houses. Some had irrigation systems, some showed plans for rotation of crops and all had good conceptions of practical farming.

A series of art work of rural scenes by famous painters was on display, each section of which as well as each farm being explained by lecturers.

The exhibits were judged by Mr. Robinson of the department of rural architecture of the O. A. C. and by Mr. Gilmore. Group 7 won 1st prize, group 8, 2nd and group 11, 3rd. Mr. Senter, rural supervisor of Benton had charge of the community group and did some energetic explaining. The exhibits were judged one fourth each on these heads: arrangement of buildings, arrangement of house, interior arrangement of other buildings, and on plans for crop rotation and field arrangement.

While the exhibits were exceedingly good there were some notable lapses. One dairy farm

was going to do without horses and some failed to make provision for the hired man.

As a climax to the exhibition a lawn party was held on the lawn around the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Pittman Wednesday evening. Something less than a wagon load of water melons had been provided by the hosts and these were portioned out to the guests by the members of the victorious group. With a hundred and fifty sections of water melon disappearing all at once the sight was one calculated to fill a dorky with alarm for fear that the visible supply would be wiped out.

At the conclusion of the gorge Mr. Pittman made a few solemn remarks explaining in detail why the Lord had made watermelons and expressing wonder at the marvelous manner in which they fitted in with ideals in rural pedagogy. President Ackerman also had some serious ideas in harmony with the occasion and expressed them at some length.

During Mr. Pittman's four years in the Normal the rural department has grown from nothing to one of the most popular departments in the school. His keen mind and untiring energy are constantly in evidence originating new ways of keeping up the interest and his influence is felt in very many of the rural schools of the state.

Death of Mrs. Roy Pitzer

This community was shocked Monday morning by the news of the death of Mrs. Clara Pitzer, which occurred in the Dallas hospital early that morning. Mrs. Pitzer underwent an operation last March and never recovered from the effects of it. A second operation was deemed necessary and she submitted to it in the forlorn hope that it might lead to recovery.

Mrs. Pitzer was a young woman, highly esteemed by a large circle of friends and her funeral services, held in the Evangelical church Tuesday afternoon were accompanied by more expressions of real grief than any which has taken place in Monmouth in many a day.

Clara Brant was born in Pennsylvania Sept. 28, 1885, later moved to Nebraska and came to Monmouth twelve years ago. She was married to Roy Pitzer five years ago and at the time of her death they lived on the E. E. Hewitt ranch on the Luckiamute. She leaves no children.

She is survived by a husband, mother, step-father, two sisters, and five brothers. The latter are: Della Brant, Monmouth, Harrison Brant, Independence, Lucy, Harold, Gordon, Charles and Reuben Bowman.

A Farewell Reception

The farewell reception given to Rev. W. A. Elkins in the Christian church was a real demonstration of regret at the parting with a man who is highly regarded by the whole community. A large number of friends were present including several from Dallas.

A program was arranged starting with prayer by Rev. Fisher.

WATER AND SEWAGE

Among Problems Council Seeks for Solution

The ever pressing question of more water came up before the council at its regular meeting last Tuesday night and some practical steps were taken in the direction of a more ample supply. A. Maybee of Dallas, a well driller, was present, coming over with City Engineer Himes and R. V. Steelquist of the Oregon Power Co. Mr. Maybee said he had a machine that would go down 2,000 feet if necessary, that he would be at liberty about August first, stated his prices which are \$1 per foot for the first hundred feet and 50 cents extra per foot for each succeeding hundred feet. The council decided to act in a body to secure a suitable site, and this found, would start the work as soon as possible.

Sewerage and drainage again came up for discussion and P. H. Johnson presented a petition for the extension of the drain at the intersection of Main and Whitman streets, which in its signatures might have been a list of "Who's Who" in Monmouth. As the extension petitioned for is practically a sewer and as the custom heretofore has been to require property owners to dispose of their own sewage, the council took further time to consider the matter.

Resolutions were passed ordering in sidewalks before the property of P. J. Mulkey and P. H. Johnson on Echols street, J. H. Moran adjoining the city hall on Knox street and H. R. and Minnie Wilson on College street.

The following bills were audited and allowed:

Water	
F. G. Moreland, water supt.	\$45.00
R. B. Swenson, collecting	10.00
Nat. Meter Co., 15 meters	213.75
Winegar & Lorence oil and hdw.	79.67
Interest on bond, semi-annual ..	750.45
Oregon Power Co.	79.20
General	
Oregon Power Co.	67.83
A. L. Tallmon, corner walks ...	52.92
R. Swenson, recorder	6.28
F. Moreland, marshal	15.00
Mon. Herald, advertis. side walks ..	5.00

The Dallas male quartette consisting of Messrs. Polling, Steelquist, Orr and Miller was present and sang several selections.

Rev. Elkins formerly lived in Dallas and this fact was referred to in an appreciation by Rev. H. McConnell. Rev. Fisher spoke in behalf of the other denominations of Monmouth, Rev. Sickafoose in behalf of the church members and Mayor Ostien from the standpoint of civic enterprise spoke in appreciation of the retiring minister. Mr. Elkins responded appropriately and with a selection by the choir the program was ended.

Rev. Tucker of Medford will speak in the Christian church next Sunday morning. It being the time for the convention in Turner there will be no services in the evening except the Endeavor.