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

## Good Prospect

### Confronts High School for Session Starting October 1

The Monmouth High School will open Monday, October 1st for the school year 1917-18. Opening of school has been delayed about two weeks in order to give students a better opportunity to assist in harvesting the crops.

Indications are that the enrollment will be large. This is as it should be. The fact that the country is at war should influence no boy or girl to remain away, on the contrary it has become the very reason why every student should take up his or her work more earnestly than ever. The State department and the various colleges and universities are making strong efforts to have every available student in school this fall for it is realized that very soon the demand for trained people to meet the new emergencies is going to be greater than the supply. In no other way can the young people of the country be of greater service to the nation and at no other time has an education seemed likely to pay greater returns on the investment.

Monmouth has a standard First Class high school and now offers 4 years English, 4 years History, 3 years Mathematics, 3 years Science, 2 years of both German and Latin and 4 years Commercial. This year the course of study has been revised somewhat and strengthened. English has been made a department and placed under the complete charge of one instructor instead of several as in the time past. Physical Geography will be a one half year subject, followed by Commercial Geography the second semester. Physiology and Botany will be substituted for the general course in Biology given last year. Solid Geometry will also be added.

The requirement for graduation has been raised slightly so that now a major subject of four years work and a minor subject of three years work will be required, the object being to prevent too great a "scatteration" in the selection of a student's course and secure more continuity in the work. A total of fifteen units is still required, leaving eight for the free election of the student outside of his major and minor subjects, also elected by the student.

The corps of teachers are as follows; Miss Armilda Doughty, History and Economics; Miss Hazel C. Fishwood, English and German; Mr. R. W. Tavener, Science and Commercial; Mr. E. H. Hedrick, principal, Mathematics and Latin. Other than the music teacher (yet to be selected) there has been but one change in the corps from that of last year. Miss Fishwood who was elected to succeed Miss Hawley is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and has had several years of teaching experience in Oregon. She has specialized in

the teaching of English and comes very highly recommended.

Mr. Hedrick will be at the High School Saturday, September 29 and will be very glad to meet any students desiring to talk over plans for the years work.

Urged on by an appeal from superior officers the local auxiliary of the Red Cross decided at its meeting Monday night to make an effort to increase its membership. Each member is urged to use his personal influence to gain one new member, and if this is done the end will be accomplished. All members are urged to take notice and do their best to make this gain.

The case between Peter Kurre of Independence and Mrs. E. Olson was tried Monday in Judge Baker's court in Independence. Kurre had attached Mrs. Olson's furniture and after the writ was served the latter tried to release the goods by tendering the money due for back rent. A jury decided that the attachment holds and the law will have to take its regular course.

The Arehart farm located three miles north of Independence was sold this week to Chas. Whipple of Nebraska. The sale was engineered by John Moran and is notable as it was a real sale, and no swap or trade appears in it. Consideration \$9,000. The Arehart farm is a good one, with good buildings; 62 acres of land and considerable live stock and machinery went with it.

A fishing party consisting of Richard Williams, ex O. A. C. foot ball star of Corvallis and Ed. Griffa and Mr. Blackstone of Monmouth left here Saturday afternoon for a fishing trip to the Siletz. In the course of following the trout to their native haunts they found themselves on the afternoon of the next day, five miles from their base. Luckily they found a hut just vacated by one of the forest rangers, with salt, coffee and a few other conveniences. Here they made themselves at home but would have found the sleeping better were it not for the wood rats and civet cats who insisted on sharing the hut with them. They report plenty of fish and a fine time.

M. W. Jones returned this week from his summer in Coos county. He returned overland with his team and reports the roads between the coast and the valley about as bad as they make them. Carl Pollan with his two teams still remains at work in the vicinity of Coquille.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Leonard spent last week in Dayton and Newberg visiting with friends and relatives. A feature of their visit was the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Foster of Newberg. His mother, Mrs. Foster of Monmouth went up to attend this event and A. Parker of this city was a visitor there Sunday.

Geo. Sullivan and Ed Griffa are off on a deer hunt to Wolf creek.

## Library Week

### Canvass to Provide Funds for Reading for Soldiers

The need of good reading for the army and navy has been recognized all over the country, and to supply this need completely and efficiently the Secretary has appointed a War Library Committee which will be assisted by the Library Association.

The field to be covered by the libraries includes service for recruits, for men in training, for men being mobilized, for men in garrisons, for men in their rest period while on the march and even for the men at the front.

A million dollars will provide for this great work—less than a dollar for each soldier and sailor in the service.

This million dollar war fund will be raised, not through large subscriptions on the part of a few people, but by every man and woman in every community in the United States doing his or her part under the leadership of the local libraries.

The amount apportioned to Monmouth is only \$30 but all towns and cities are asked to double this apportionment if possible. If every man woman and child in Monmouth would give five cents we would have more than our portion.

The following have been appointed on the local War Library Council:

Miss Mabel G. West, chairman  
Miss Loretta Smith  
H. C. Ostien  
A. Parker  
H. W. Morlan  
E. B. Hamilton  
Miss Hazel Lorence  
Mrs. R. B. Swenson  
Mrs. T. H. Gentle  
Mrs. G. T. Boothby  
Miss Emma Kramer

Governor Withycombe is state chairman of the War Library Council and W. L. Brewster, Title and Trust Building, Portland, is State campaign director. Next week (September 24-29) has been chosen as campaign week. Monmouth will be divided into districts and a house to house canvass will be made.

Let every one be ready to do his or her share.

In addition to the money for the up keep of the libraries we want gifts of books and magazines. Every one has some good book they will be glad to send to the soldiers. Adventure stories are especially acceptable but we want biography, travel, poetry, fiction, in fact anything that will be of interest to the men. Magazines sent in should not be more than three months old.

Arrangements have been made with the local book stores to have books and magazines for the soldiers left there or they may be left at Miss West's home. When a sufficient number for a shipment have been collected, they will be sent to the Portland public Library from which point they will be distributed.

L. V. Macken has disposed of the Norm picture show business

to Messrs. Moore and Bursell. It is understood that the deal was a swap in which cattle figured as a medium of exchange. Mr. Macken moved his household goods to Salem Tuesday.

Miss Arbuthnot had her tonsils removed by an operation in Salem last week and is recovering nicely. Miss Kennon submitted to a similar operation this week.

Mrs. Carlton and two sons of Salem were visitors at J. H. Ackerman's the first of the week.

Because of a scarcity of help, Frank Loughary has determined to sell his herd of famous Jerseys and G. G. Hewitt has added a consignment from his herd to make a big sale which will be held on Mr. Loughary's premises October 15th. There will be sixty registered Jerseys in the sale and a catalogue is to be issued with complete description of the record and prospects of each.

## Water and Gas

A. Maybee the man who is drilling the Monmouth wells, was the driller of a well in the northern part of the county which struck a large vein of gas and of which considerable talk was in circulation at the time the well was put down. This was two years ago, a fact that is noteworthy because of a peculiar fact in connection. The well was put down for Newman Bros. living between Amity and Perrydale and they were after water. Consequently when gas was struck they were not inclined to pay for it. They feared the gas would play out in a short time and then the well would have to be lowered if water was obtained. Maybee made an agreement with them that if the well still continued to flow gas at the end of two years he was to be paid for it. The supply of gas in the well appears to be as great as ever and now the time for settling for the well draws near it is likely that an attempt will be made to put the well to commercial use. The gas was struck in the neighborhood of 380 feet and as far as is known this is the largest gas well in this section.

This gas well attracts new attention from the fact that, acting under request of Congressman Pat McArthur the U. S. Geological Survey has agreed to send a man to Oregon to look up possibilities for striking oil or gas. The great demand for fuel oil because of the war has caused the authorities to look thoroughly in to all possibilities of increasing the supply. It is alleged that the Standard Oil company has for some time past, held options on thousands of acres in the region between here and McMinnville. Previous geological investigations of the north Pacific coast have inclined geologists to the opinion that there are no large deposits of oil to be found here. They claim that such oil as exists comes from decaying patches of seaweed and that there is no evidence that any considerable amount of timber was buried here by natural convulsions to form a supply source for coal or oil.

## Normal Notes

### Faculty and Students Gathering for Opening Monday

The campus is being cleaned up and looks very well in spite of the many weeks of drought.

It is again urged that all householders attend the householders' meeting called to meet at the Dormitory this afternoon, Friday at 2 P. M., as matters of vital importance to all concerned will be discussed at that time.

Miss Levis, assistant to the Dean of Women, arrived from Seattle last Tuesday, and reports that Miss Todd's health is rapidly improving and that she will probably be ready to take up her work at the opening of school.

Prof. A. L. Ide, the new Head of the Department of Education, arrived yesterday and is carefully studying his new field of work.

Mrs. Nellie G. Tirrill, the supervisor of the Mountain View rural center arrived Thursday, and in company with Mr. Pittman, Head of the Rural Department, is spending the day in looking over her new field.

Owing to local conditions, the Mountain View rural center will not begin school until October 1. The other centers and the Monmouth and Independence Training Schools will begin as scheduled, next Monday.

Miss Myra Butler, Head of Domestic Science Department has returned and reports a most enjoyable vacation.

Miss Philbrook, assistant in music, and her mother have arrived and have taken apartments with Mrs. K. H. Sickafosse.

The work on the addition and cottage is progressing as well as circumstances will permit. The contractor says he is hampered greatly by scarcity of labor.

Dr. Matthis received his long expected instructions to report for duty at Camp Lewis at American Lake, Monday and left promptly for that place to take up active work as a lieutenant in the U. S. medical reserves.

W. M. Bennett who has been living on one of the Riddell farms a mile west of Monmouth, will move to the city in the near future, taking up residence in the Halleck house on South street. He will have an auction sale of stock and farm machinery on Wednesday, October 3rd.

Two special meetings of the council this week were not sufficient to settle the paving work this week. On Tuesday night the work was not completed and at the Wednesday night session Mr. Hobson did not appear, he having left the city.

D. M. Hampton started Wednesday for Pendleton where he expects to attend the Round Up and visit with relatives and friends in Eastern Oregon.

H. C. Ostien took Mrs. Ostien and Mrs. Boche to Portland on a flying trip by auto Wednesday.