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Bishop Sumner at the Normal

Last Thursday morning the Reverend Mr. Elvin of Salem gave a most stirring address on the war time work of the Y. M. C. A. Just fresh from a worker's conference in Portland the speaker was able to portray vividly the magnificent work of the Y. M. C. A. and to convince his audience of the actual necessity of giving generously. The Oregon Normal School, by the way, was one of the first schools to contribute its quota of over \$600. The students, after having heard the Reverend Mr. Elvin's appeal felt more than ever the true worth of their giving.

Friday morning Miss Riecker's first grade children gave the fairy tale "The Sleeping Beauty" in dramatized form for the chapel period. This work was a very good illustration, Miss Riecker said, of the recreational type of dramatization which the children all enjoy. The children's performance was interesting and their pleasure in giving the dramatization, evident.

Mrs. H. C. Ostien, chairman of the local Red Cross organization, spoke Monday at Chapel, outlining the method of organization for Red Cross work in the school. Mrs. Ostien gave a clear cut idea of the work and urged that as many students as could, join to further the work.

The Chapel period on Wednesday was at one o'clock so that students, faculty and towns people might hear Bishop Sumner of Portland who made a most thought provoking address on "The Public Schools as Humanizing Agencies". In his talk of an hour Bishop Sumner inspired his audience to a fine sense of their responsibilities as teachers who had a definite social service to perform; he outlined the responsibilities of citizenship, showing the important inter relationship between that and the school; he discussed the schools as social centers and showed the marvelous importance of such work; he urged the highest type of patriotic teaching so that the reconstruction period after the war might be sane and progressive. Through all his address there ran a thrilling undercurrent of the highest achievements possible to be made through the public schools. It was indeed a pleasure to hear Bishop Sumner who was a guest that every one wished to welcome again.

Saturday afternoon between the hours of 2:30 and 4:30 was the occasion of a delightful tea at the recently completed Senior Cottage, when the senior women of the Normal School were guests of the Dean of Women. Miss Todd was assisted in receiving by Miss Parrott, the Senior Adviser. Mrs. Ackerman and Miss Levis poured at the pretty tea tables. The affair was in the nature of a house warming and the happy young women who occupy the cottage served as joint hostesses and took delight in showing admiring guests the many attractive features of their new home.

Professor Pittman is very much

elated over the result of Professor E. H. Burnham's recent visit. Prof. Burnham, who is head of the rural department of the Kalamazoo Normal School, is visiting the Normal schools of the Union and will incorporate the results of his investigations in a Federal bulletin to be issued under the direction of the Bureau of Education. He has divided the states geographically into four sections and in each section will name one Normal as the most progressive along rural school lines. His choice for the north west section falls to the Oregon Normal.

Professor Burnham stated that he had visited all of the Normals in the northern tier of states from Maine to the Pacific Coast and found the Oregon Normal in possession of the best rural training department of any school he visited.

Thanksgiving

Contributed

What have you to be thankful for? If you are the right kind of person, this year brings to your mind more occasions for thankfulness than many a year gone by. Aren't you thankful you don't live in Belgium, or Poland, or Serbia? Aren't you glad you did not spend the last thirty six hours in the trenches? We now have 2,000,000 men under arms, and we have been called upon by our president and others to provide them with warm clothing, books, comforts of all kinds, and finally with the best provision possible to safeguard them from temptation and to make life more endurable amid the most adverse circumstances. And aren't you glad you had the opportunity to give toward their needs? If you are not glad, is it not because you did not give as you could and should?

Now our president has called upon us to set aside a day for thanksgiving for our blessings. We probably shall follow in setting aside the day as a matter of course; but if we do not offer our grateful thanks to Almighty God we have not followed! We are in so far slackers! Duty, pleasure, friends may take us and our time but in the midst of these let us not forget to pause a while to say, "Thank you".

Thanksgiving day is a national day, not a sectarian day. Therefore Monmouth will follow its usual custom in holding a Thanksgiving service for everybody in town. It will be held in the Normal gymnasium, Thursday November 29th, at 10:30 a. m. There will be special music under the direction of Miss Hoham and the sermon will be preached by Rev. Mr. Morris of the Christian church. A collection will be taken at this service and it has been decided to give it to the Y. M. C. A. war fund. Come and offer your thanks with us.

President Ackerman who returned from Bandon last week in time to take in the football game at Eugene Saturday, reports a profitable institute and a pleasant visit in the city by-the-sea.

"Around the World in Eighty Days" at the Norm Monday night exhibited some very interesting pictures, especially scenes in Suez and Bombay and on the Suez canal.

Letter From Camp Mills

Camp Mills, Long Island, Nov. 10th, 1917.

Dear Editor and People of Monmouth: Hours of leisure, does not appear on the schedule of Camp Mills regulation roster, yet the glowing candle light offers time to remember the good folks at home. Nothing would please me more than to know that some one might be interested to hear from some of the Monmouth boys with the interest of their country at heart.

We left Clackamas, Oregon, Friday, Oct. 26th, and reached Camp Mills, Long Island, New York. Our trip was one of pleasure and interest. We passed through mountains and valleys, over vast areas of barren land covered with sagebrush and sand. This past, our eyes beheld the great middle west which was once beyond the grasp of man. Someone grasped the magnitude of this great land, and overcoming obstacles and struggling thru many hardships, their dream today is a reality. Homes amidst fields of glowing, golden corn, now greet the passerby. Great cities seem overflowing with the stream of human life and events. It is to this land the many peoples of the earth come to purchase the necessities of life. Yet knowing this fact to be true, there is a land in the far away west which in time shall awaken as a giant from his sleep of the past ages and greet the world as a rising sun in its splendor and radiance.

We stopped off at Omaha for an hour and a half. The boys after several rather tiresome days on the train took advantage of this opportunity and purchased the best "eats" in town. I might add that this meal nearly came second to "mother's pies" et cetera, not because it was so good by any means, but when a man is hungry nearly everything is extra. Going on we came to Chicago, and there we were given liberty for two hours. As it happened we came into Chicago at night in the extreme southern part, 143 St., one half hours ride into the central part. People on the streets would give us full sway, and remark, "Say are not they large men. Where are they from?" Two young ladies happened to be near where I was standing and, of course in a very polite way I asked one of them, "What part of Chicago are we in?" They looked at each other and laughed, then added, "You ist come across."

We passed through a rather rough country in Pennsylvania and New York. Most of the productive valleys were passed in the night.

Friday morning, Nov. 2nd, we came into the great metropolis of America, New York City. As we passed thru the magnificent railway yards thousands of shrill engine whistles greeted us. Nothing could be more immense. People of every occupation and language scrambled to be near our cars, waving hats, flags or whatever happened to be in their possession. It is in such places that one can actually see the effect of city life and continual labor upon

the young of our large cities.

From the train we went aboard a transport which took us down South River 12 miles, under Brooklyn, Williamsburg and Manhattan bridges.

From the boat we saw the Woolworth building, Brooklyn Navy Yard, last and most inspiring, the magnificent "Statue of Liberty" at the entrance of New York harbor. It would lift any man's soul to behold the great statue extending the huge arm of welcome to the world. How could any man not love his country and die for his flag after seeing these things? How can Germany consider us a minor factor in the struggle for justice, equality and freedom when we are the greatest people on earth?

The New York Red Cross treated us to a fine lunch before we left for our camp.

The hour is late. Another day is just a few hours away so I shall close trusting this little message may be of interest to some one, and always extending our sincere best wishes to our many friends in Monmouth.

We are your own boys,

By, Corporal E. Stanley Evans
Co. L 162 U.S.N.G. Infantry
81 Brigade, 41 Division,
Long Island, N. Y.

W. J. Miller writes from Greybull, Wyoming that he is about to leave that busy location for Crawford, Nebraska. He is behind on his schedule and does not think he will be back in Monmouth before Feb. 1st. While at Greybull he went on a deer hunt with a company but was not allowed to shoot any deer, being a non-resident. He saw numerous bear tracks. The section of Wyoming he is visiting is oil producing and just at present is working hard to keep the market supplied.

Quota Surpassed

Counting the Normal, Monmouth and vicinity will contribute \$1500 to the army Y. M. C. A. fund. The Normal contributed \$661 and the high school \$282. With a quota of \$500 the rest of the territory contributed \$543, portioned as follows, Monmouth district \$376.85, Elkins \$121.50; Fairview \$44.75 with Cochran and Sunnyslope yet to report. Elkins takes the banner with 220 percent above quota.

Cleared \$100

One hundred dollars was netted from Monmouth's municipal potato and bean patches according to a report presented by head gardener, Jacob Smith at a meeting of the Commercial club Tuesday night. \$170 was the gross sum which is doing pretty well, everything considered. E. B. Hamilton resigned as secretary of the club and Jacob Smith was chosen to succeed him.

J. S. Miller plans soon to go to farming on a larger scale. By a recent deal he assumes ownership of a fine 200 acre farm in the Luckiamute valley, the Nickolas Steele farm, valued at \$12,000 and bought of J. W. Caveness of Centralia, Wash. The farm has a fine residence with piped spring water.

A. L. Tallmon entertained a brother from Portland Sunday.

City Prepares For Action

Oscar Hayter, attorney of Dallas, has been retained by the city to take care of Monmouth's paving case. At a special session of the council Tuesday night a resolution was adopted providing for advertising unpaid assessments which may be looked upon as the first gun in the skirmish. Property owners still have fifteen days in which to care for their assessments.

Petition for a street light was asked for the south end of College street and this was ordered referred to the power company.

The city budget was adopted as advertised subject to the 10 mill limitation.

Entertain Visitors

Normal lodge I. O. O. F. was host to Friendship lodge of Dallas Monday night and enjoyed a royal evening with the aid of their auxiliaries the Rebekahs.

The attendance numbered something like 150 men and women, twenty one of whom were from Dallas. F. E. Weed of Portland was also a visitor. He is Past Grand Conductor of the order and when called on in turn, gave a very interesting talk.

A fine program had been arranged which included a reading by M. S. Pittman, an exposition of negro dialect that was much enjoyed. E. A. Ostrom also gave a characteristic reading which pleased the audience. There were also some exceedingly good musical numbers on the program including a violin solo by Gertrude Rogers, a solo by Imogene Richards, a trio by the Misses Rogers, Richards and McDonald, and a quartette consisting of Bruce Rogers, Francis Arant, Burton Bell and Maxwell Bowersox.

Refreshments for the evening were strictly according to Hoover and consisted of coffee and doughnuts. H. K. Sickafoose shone as toastmaster and among those who responded for the visitors were Dr. McCallum, X. Y. Z. Snyder, Riley Craven and the noble grand.

G. M. Trefron of Ashland, Grand Master of Oregon Odd Fellows will be the guest of the local lodge December 3rd when he will pay his official visit.

The Student Body of the Oregon Normal School is to give a party in the new chapel Saturday evening at eight o'clock. All those who are on the social list are cordially invited.

Of to Duty

E. B. Hamilton, lieutenant of engineers, left for his call to duty in Washington, D. C. Thursday. He worked up interest in the 20th engineers on the part of a group of young men, among them being Ernest Morgan, Howard Morlan, Harold Haley, Arthur Miller, Irving Grund, Emerson Grove, and Mr. Henderer. They went to Portland to look the situation over from a closer view point but have not enlisted as yet. P. D. Quisenberry also plans to enlist as a pharmacist but has not signed up as yet.