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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

Community Christmas Proposed. New Chapel Used

The addition is so nearly completed that it was possible to hold chapel exercises for the first time in the new chapel, last Monday. I presume that there never was a happier body of people than was the Faculty and Student Body at that time.

The Oregon Normal School is deeply indebted to the members of the Legislature, and especially the Polk County Delegation, for making it possible for it to have such commodious quarters for chapel exercises, additional class rooms and locker space.

The changing of the chapel from the gymnasium makes it possible for Miss Taylor to do her usual gymnasium work, for which she and her classes are very grateful.

Mr. Gentle, Principal of the Training Schools, has been very busy during the last week arranging for student teachers for Independence and Monmouth, and has finally secured a sufficient number. One can scarcely realize the changed training school facilities compared with one year ago. With the Training School at Independence and the Rural Centers every person now is able to secure the minimum amount of teaching practice required, whereas a year ago it was hard for all of them to secure that amount.

Mr. Gentle expresses his gratification for the splendid reception given by the Independence people to the critics and students who worked in their school last term. Both the critics and students give the highest praise to both the pupils and people of Independence. Mr. Gentle says that he has every reason to believe that the present term will be as successful if not more so than the last one.

Mr. Pittman, Head of the Rural Department, has also been busy arranging for practice teachers for the rural centers, and has now a sufficient number. The critics and the student teachers of the rural centers have only the highest praise for the treatment received at the hands of the pupils and people of the rural centers.

Monday morning was the first morning that chapel exercises have been held in the new auditorium. After the usual flag salute and patriotic song, President Ackerman made a friendly little talk on the new auditorium as the center of the school activities and the source of many pleasant things to remember.

The spirit of the first chapel exercises was characteristically the fine one of the Normal.

Last week a group of Monmouth citizens and a committee from the Normal School faculty met to discuss the question of a community Christmas for Mon-

mouth. The project was fully and enthusiastically discussed with the result that a definite working committee was appointed to work out the plan. These persons are members of the committee: Miss Parrott, Mr. Wolvert, Mr. A. B. Morlan, Mr. Joseph Craven, Mr. Hedrick, Mr. Ostien and Mr. Poole. The tentative plans are to have a fine community tree, to hold a program about the tree as a center of interest, to feature community singing and in general to characterize the affair by a real community spirit of good cheer. Further plans of the committee will be published later.

The Red Cross Benefit performance which was announced last week for this Friday has been indefinitely postponed because of the lack of a proper moving picture machine. As soon as this difficulty is overcome arrangements to give the performance will be made and a definite date announced.

Across the Seas

"Somewhere in the Old World" is the way Chad Newhouse heads a letter to Miss Maggie Butler, dated Nov. 4. "I suspect you received my card announcing my safe arrival" he writes. "I am quite well; was not sea sick, only had a spell of tonsillitis and was in the hospital six days. I have had many new experiences." This letter is censored and of course it is forbidden to give definite information. Chad wants his friends to write to him. Address 167 Field Hospital Unit, 117 Sanitary Train, U. S. Expeditionary Forces.

Social Hour Club

The Social Hour club held a pleasant meeting Nov. 21 with Miss Kramer and Mrs. W. J. Mulkey as hostesses. A large attendance was present and a motion prevailed that refreshments be dispensed with at future meetings. At the conclusion of the business meeting the hostess held an interesting geographical contest. A number of Victrola selections also contributed to the pleasure of the afternoon. Delicious refreshments concluded the meeting and club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Gentle and Mrs. O. D. Butler December 5.

It happens that the most destructive mole on the Pacific coast is the one which is most valuable for its pelt. This is the Townsend mole. It is claimed that men and boys, especially the latter can earn a considerable revenue trapping these moles and to help them Prof. T. H. Scheffer has prepared a bulletin telling how to recognize the different kinds of moles, how to trap them how to skin and prepare their pelts for market and what tools were needed. This bulletin can be obtained from the Division of Publications, S. S. department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Ed Griffa writes from Bremerton that he is making \$33 per week which includes some overtime and alternate Sundays.

MEN COOKS PLAN MEAL

Male Grangers in Aprons to Prepare Meatless Dinner

True to the announcement of two weeks past, the Saturday dinner of the Grange will be prepared and served by the men of that organization in true Hoover style. The meal will be without pork, but the beans will be in evidence; it will be lacking in sugar but prunes and whipped cream will serve as the substitute; white bread may be there but if so, for ornament only. For once in twelve months mere man is to demonstrate his culinary ability, and if, perchance, he makes a slip, none but the honored invited guests, who will be sworn to secrecy, will be any the wiser. P. O. Powell will preside as usual, and at 12:15 will wave the magic wand which will set one Herbert Hoover rejoicing. Grangers take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

The men believe in being "different" so have selected the following to respond to ten minute talks during the lecture hour, which begins at 1:45, and to which all are invited: "Feeding the Dairy Cow" by Braxton Powell; "Keeping books against Archibald" by Wendall VanLoan; "How Red grew to be a Hog" by Hugh Bell; "Prunes, Stewed and Otherwise from the Producer's Standpoint" by W. J. Stockholm; "Making the Hen pay her Way" by E. R. Ostrom; "Apple Culture at my Ranch" by M. M. Harvey; and "Grinding out the Grist" by Ed. Rodgers. In addition the meeting will be favored by vocal solos by Bruce Rodgers and Paul Blackstone.

This program has been arranged with the idea of having those who excel in a particular line, pass their knowledge on to others. In this way it is hoped that the general efficiency of the farming around our little town may be improved. Next month's program will take up other problems dealing with farm management. A most cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend the lecture hour.

L. P. Gilmore.

Annual Bank Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the shareholders of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Monmouth, Oregon will meet at the banking house in Monmouth, January 8th, 1918, at 1:30, P. M. for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

W. E. SMITH, Cashier

Red Cross memberships reported: By Mrs. Ostrom, E. R. Ostrom; by Mrs. Waller, L. W. Waller; by Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Chas. Bowman, Paul Riley; by Mrs. Stengel, Mrs. G. M. Harvey; by Paul Riley, John Pitzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lightfoot spent Thanksgiving day at W. J. Stockholm's.

Nothing in It

Various reports gain credence that the government will confiscate money or canned goods or provisions held by small producers. Of course such reports are untrue and in a recent statement the secretary of the treasury makes the following announcement relative to the seizure of money.

"The absurdity of the statement is obvious on its face, but I have received letters from several parts of the country which indicate that this rumor is being circulated for evil purposes. Of course such rumors are wholly without foundation. In fact, the government has no power to confiscate the money of depositors in banks."

No Big Tent

J. Leon Williams of Washington, D. C. and Charlotte, N. C., failed to make connections in his effort to get a three day Chautauqua signed up for Monmouth next summer. Community Cooperation was the announced subject, a bit of camouflage that proved effective in gaining a hearing for the entertainment from a group of business men Monday morning. Mr. Williams represented the Radcliffe company whose tent Chautauquas have a wide popularity in the South. It was proposed to interest the Normal and the citizens of the city in a combination but when it came to investigation of attractions, they did not appear adapted to the demand and the matter was dropped.

A decade ago the president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway, E. P. Ripley, said: "I am thoroughly convinced that I shall live to see the railroads of the country in the control of the government." He was then sixty-two. "The signs may not be plain to you, but they are to me."

This remark was made to "Boersianer," who in his article on the subject of the future of the railroads, which appears in Hearst's magazine for December, draws significant conclusions based on a searching analysis of the whole range of events, affecting the financial status of railroads of the United States since the beginning of the war in Europe.

The following is taken from the Oregonian of Monday. The bride is a niece of Mrs. Mary Stine and the young couple were in Monmouth this week spending a few days with relatives:

The wedding of Miss Lucy Gladys Fuller of this city and Lewis M. Rasmussen of Missoula Montana, was solemnized on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Westminster Presbyterian manse, the Rev. Edward H. Pence officiating. The attendants were Miss Ernestine Billingsley, of Ontario, Or., and Harry Stine, of Monmouth, Or. Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen will make their home in Missoula.

C. P. Cornwell is working in McNeil's blacksmith shop.

FRATERNAL BLOW OUT

Odd Fellows Invite Friends Entertain Grand Master

G. W. Trefron of Ashland, Grand Master of the I. O. O. F. of Oregon was a guest of Normal lodge of Odd Fellows last Monday night and honoring the presence of the distinguished guest the occasion was made a special event. Following the regular meeting, company made its appearance, friends, the Rebekahs, and including a number from Independence. The lodge room was especially decorated for the occasion. There were about 100 present when K. H. Sickafoose as master of ceremonies took charge of the evening's program. The program, given below, was exceptionally good and a number of encores were demanded.

Mr. Trefron in a short address paid his respects to the enterprise of the Monmouth lodge and eulogized the fraternal spirit prevalent in the ranks of Odd Fellows in the state. He urged the cultivation of cheerfulness, the need of which in these times of war responsibilities and endeavors was especially apparent. It made, he said, the work that is necessary, more readily accomplished. He related numerous anecdotes of his experience in various parts of the state.

A fine lunch was served at the conclusion of the program, bringing to a close a very successful evening. The program:

Song—"America"
Prayer—K. H. Sickafoose
Reading—Fanny Steinberg
Vocal solo—Bruce Rogers
Reading—Helen Cornelius
Vocal solo—Grace Graham
Reading—Velma Johnson
Trio—Miss Rogers, Miss Richards, Miss McDonald
Solo—Mr. Blackstone

Postponed Two Weeks

The program committee of the Parent Teachers' association found it impossible to hold the session planned for Tuesday evening and the meeting was postponed to Tuesday night, Dec. 18.

Priscilla Club

The Priscilla Club met on November 28th at the home of the Misses Maggie and Alice Butler, with a good attendance. The afternoon was spent in Red Cross sewing interspersed with social converse. No refreshments were served and all decided that a club can be a success without them. The next meeting will be on Wednesday the 12th at the home of Mrs. Ackerman.

Ed Hurner and wife of Carlton and the latter's cousin, Mrs. Reeves of McMinnville were visitors at Fred Hurner's Sunday as were also Miss Emma Hurner and her brother Frank of Corvallis. Mr. and Mrs. Mack and Mrs. Alderson and son Dick helped to make the party complete for the Sunday dinner.