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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

Interest Aroused Among Alumni. Chapel Attractions

Last Friday morning at 8 o'clock a large and enthusiastic crowd had gathered in the auditorium to greet the distinguished Canadian officers who were to speak—Lieutenant-Colonel MacMillan, Major Edwards and Captain Gook. The meeting was presided over by President Ackerman who introduced Mr. Bruce Dennis of the State Council of Defense in charge of the speaking tour. He in turn presented the officers who were most warmly received. Colonel MacMillan spoke briefly on "Women's Work in the War", Major Edwards expressed the pleasure of the party in being in Monmouth, while Captain Gook, in a more extended talk made clear some of the reasons of the war and interpreted its spirit as felt by the English and the Canadians. The fine spirit of these officers, their high purposes, and back-ground of thrilling experiences, made them significant figures of one of the most stirring patriotic meetings Monmouth has had. The auditorium was crowded by students and by people of Monmouth and the surrounding vicinity. Special patriotic music was directed by Miss Hoham.

The faculty was represented Wednesday in Chapel by Miss Kennon, who chose for her subject "The Democratization of Recreation". The democratic attitude and spirit that should prevail in a community in the matter of recreation were thoughtfully presented. Perhaps the most noticeable feature of the address was the faultless diction of the speaker. It was a splendid illustration of the properly selected word or phrase used to convey the speaker's thought. The students and faculty were much interested in Miss Kennon's views on the subject presented.

Friday evening the lecture course committee of the Normal exhibited a film "For the Freedom of the World" to see which were invited the students and public of Monmouth. The picture was enjoyed by a very large number who were delighted with the new machine being tried out by the Normal.

President Ackerman addressed the local teachers' meeting last Saturday at LaFayette, and reports that it was one of the most interesting meetings that he has attended for a long time. He had the pleasure of meeting many of the alumni.

Miss Elvira Anderson gave a very interesting departmental talk on spelling. One would have thought she was giving a model lesson at the Normal.

Preparations are being made for the beginning of the third term, February 9th. Quite a few new students are expected at that time.

President Ackerman reports that the alumni are taking great interest in each one securing it least one new student for next year. He is sending out a circular letter today which says in part:

"Knowing your kindly feeling for

our Alma Mater, I feel free to write as follows:

"In this hour of stress every one, from President Wilson down to the humblest citizen, feels it a patriotic duty to do his best to secure as large an attendance as possible at the higher educational institutions. This is one of the reasons why we are pushing the campaign for an increased attendance at the Normal for the year 1918-1919. The larger our membership, the stronger will be the O. N. S. in fighting the battles for democracy and the teaching profession. Individuals can do much, but the biggest things of this age are accomplished by means of combined effort.

"The O. N. S. office will endeavor to do its part, but why not begin at both ends at the same time? Let every graduate of the O. N. S. make an effort to secure one or two new students. If this is done, I feel sure that our beloved school will have 500 students during the year 1918-1919."

Miss Parrott was in Portland, Friday, attending a meeting of the Oregon Commission on Moral Instruction. This Commission which consists of nine members, appointed from the various educational institutions of the state, is to prepare a Course in Moral Instruction in competition with committees from the other states of the Union. A prize of \$20,000 is to be awarded the winners.

Training School Facts and Fancies

The past week at the Training School has been enlivened—or darkened, depending on your point of view—by several very interesting observation lessons.

While many of the youngsters look to these lessons with something of dread, they are usually as proud as their teachers when all goes well and occasionally offer to put on another "to show the Normal students", that they can. As far as possible demonstration lessons are taken from the regular work being done, so as to disrupt the program as little as possible and to demonstrate pedagogy in connection with ordinary pieces of subject matter.

There may be a shaky voice for a while but the children soon learn to give a report or carry on an argument before their large audiences. There are a number of benefits to them besides that of talking before a critical audience.

The normal students who observe, are, on the other hand eager to see these lessons and appreciate every chance the children give them.

Miss Radabaugh's Sixth Grade appeared early in the week in such a lesson, when they worked out the problem, "Let us see why Australia is able to ship so much wheat to England?" This lesson involved a discussion of the conditions necessary to wheat growing, of the conditions in Australia, of trade routes, world geography, relations between the allied countries, and considerable knowledge of current events. This grade earned the hearty applause that greeted them at the

PARAGRAPHS OF POLK COUNTY

Events of Interest Condensed for Benefit of Herald Readers

A one day teachers' institute will be held in Dallas on Saturday of this week.

The Polk County Sunday School Union will be held at Falls City, February 1, 2 and 3.

C. J. Pugh of Falls City is planning to build a new fire proof moving picture building.

Rev. W. T. Tapscott, formerly of Independence and Dallas has gone to Alberta, Canada, where he will have charge of a Baptist church.

J. E. Larsen the new agricultural agent for Polk county has arrived and begun the active discharge of his duties with headquarters in Dallas.

The town of Willamina is without a doctor and is seeking to find an available M. D. to locate there.

W. V. Fuller, F. J. Coad and R. U. Steelquist have been reelected directors of the Polk county fair.

Corporals Laird Woods and Grover Hinkle and private Lloyd Plaster who were left behind at the time of the sailing of Company L took boat from New York last week to join their comrades in France.

Brigadier General J. T. Wigan of the British Army, who in civil life is a member of the firm of Wigan, Richardson & Co., who owns hop yards near Independence, was seriously wounded in the taking of Jerusalem. General Wigan has been three times wounded and promoted to his present rank for valiant services.

The vacant cannery building near the S. P. depot in Independence is to be the site of the condensery which is to be established in Independence, according to the Enterprise. The lesson and showed a wide knowledge of events of the war.

On Tuesday Miss McIntosh demonstrated a rather difficult kind of teaching, the "study-assignment" with her Seventh Grade and her efforts together with those of the children resulted in one of the best pieces of teaching seen here in many a week. The problem for the children was the highly practical one "Let us find out if it would be profitable to grow sugar beets near Monmouth and Independence." The children showed considerable knowledge of how to go at this problem and worked out an outline of sources of information and method of attack which was most interesting.

The Normal students are again eyeing Mr. Gentle's little questionnaire with much the same expression that many of our boys looked at their army booklets. The end of the quarter approaches once again and with it the draft for teachers to fill the practice rooms during the next ten weeks. Several of those who have been teaching will keep on for another quarter but there are enough vacancies to keep several seniors on the anxious seat until they are drafted or exempted.

prise. The building has a floor space 60x100 feet with an addition large enough to accommodate the two-hundred power boilers which will be required to furnish power and steam. B. C. Rockwell, formerly of Independence, is to return to the city and share in the management of the new enterprise. Mr. Rockwell has recently been in the hotel business in San Francisco but is disposing of his interests there. K. C. Eldridge will share with Mr. Rockwell the ownership of the new business which is capitalized at \$75,000.

There is a well defined report afloat in the county that the paving of the West Side Highway from Independence through Monmouth to Dallas is to be done during the coming summer. This is interesting news to Monmouth as the stretch of highway within the city will have to be paved in order that there be no break in the paved surface for that distance. The highway commission it is reported, were inclined to postpone the work until more favorable times because it was thought too difficult a thing to dispose of sufficient bonds to pay for the work. R. E. Williams, premier citizen of the county seat, however, is reported to have offered to see that the money is raised and this will guarantee action on the work.

Farmers' Creamery Re-elects Officers

Main street displayed an unusual number of automobiles parked along its course, Saturday afternoon, it being the time of the annual meeting of the Co-operative creamery which called many farmers to town. The meeting was held in the Norm theater. All of the old officers were reelected to serve for the ensuing year except that W. A. Wood succeeds J. R. Loy as director. The officers are: Frank Loughary, pres.; Jacob Smith, secy.; P. O. Powell, treas. and manager; directors—for three years, Ed Rogers; T. H. Gentle; for two years, G. G. Hewitt, H. D. Iliff; for one year, Jacob Smith and W. A. Wood.

An amendment to the by-laws providing for the alternating of terms of directors in three year terms, instead of all one year terms, was carried.

The annual report showed that 229,140 pounds of butter were made during the year which was sold for \$90,149.09. During the year \$1,898.20 was expended for a new boiler and buttermaking machinery. With the exception of one month during the first half of the year, more than the market price for butter fat was paid. Of late the butter fat price has been four cents and more, higher than the butter fat price so that it has required careful management to pay the quoted price for butter fat.

The creamery, facing war conditions has had a trying year but appears amply able to hold its own.

Monmouth Odd Fellows are getting nicely settled down to their winter's work, taking in four candidates and giving them the initiatory degree Monday night. The four are: R. W. Tavenner, Clarence Walker, M. M. Harvey and Jasper Thompson.

NEW QUARTERS FOR WORKERS

Red Cross Gets Use of Room in Training School for Work

The Monmouth branch of the Red Cross has secured new quarters in the Normal Training School. The workers will meet in the new rooms on Tuesday next instead of meeting at Mrs. Boche's as heretofore. The increase in the number of workers made it necessary to secure larger rooms. The organization expresses its appreciation of Mrs. Boche's services in furnishing a work room for their use in the past.

When larger quarters became necessary to provide adequately for the increased work, Pres. Ackerman and Mr. Gentle responded promptly to the call and offered rooms, at present unused, on the upper floor of the Training School.

These rooms are well suited to the work, commodious and comfortable, and Pres. Ackerman and Mr. Gentle have the sincere thanks of all the Red Cross workers for their timely and ready service.

There is ample room now for a larger number of workers, so all those who have helped in the past are urged to be on hand; and there ought to be a marked increase in new workers. The need for Red Cross supplies is growing daily. We must do our part to meet this need. Membership alone in the Red Cross does not meet the obligation—there is work to do. Come to the Red Cross rooms—room No. 25 in the Training School next Tuesday afternoon, supplied with scissors, thimble, and needles, and be ready for work.

The following are the new Red Cross members: E. W. Staats, E. R. Ostrom, Walter Brown, L. W. Waller, Fred Hurner, Mrs. Fred Hurner, Miss Lizzie Hurner, C. Lorence, Mrs. C. Lorence, J. J. Antwerp, Mrs. Ruby Portwood, Catherine Allen Pittman, Jacob Smith, Geo. La France, E. A. Rice, and Mrs. E. A. Rice.

Notes from Music Department

Leading musicians and musical organizations all over the United States have united on a plan for the week beginning February 18th called "The National Week of Song." All churches, lodges, schools, etc., are asked to give special attention to singing patriotic and other music during this week. "Community Sings" will be held in every town, city or village of the nation. The Music Department of the Normal has been asked to take the lead in the doing of this delightful "bit". Plans will be announced later. Look out for them.

On February 5th will occur the annual concert of the Music Department. All will want to hear the children's orchestra play the "I. and M. Limited Express", to say nothing of the Normal Orchestra's selections and the rendition of "King Rene's Daughter" by the Glee Club. Plan to be there.

Mrs. E. B. Hamilton received a telegram from the war department Monday stating that her husband who is first lieutenant in the forestry engineers had landed safely in France.