

MONMOUTH HIGHWAYS

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The new semester began Monday with several changes in the program and several new courses offered.

The chorus period has been changed from 1:10 to 9:00. Almost the entire student body is enrolled for the work.

The seniors who have completed their work this semester are, Winnie Lake, Lola Morgan, Mabel Smith and Ellis Fisher. The girls are enrolled as students of the Normal. Fisher is working in the ship yards in Portland.

Measles continue to interfere with the work of the school. Ermine Gentle, Helen Moore, Myrtle How-

man and Myrl Mulkey are out this week.

The Cantata being directed by Miss Lyrel Morris is progressing nicely and promises to be one of the major attractions of the year. It will be given February 19.

Wednesday evening a basket ball game between the Eighth grade and the High School Freshmen was played in the Gymnasium. It resulted in a 16 to 13 victory for the Training school.

Sergeant J. C. Bell of the U. S. Sanitary Corps now stationed at Camp Lewis paid the High school a brief visit last Monday.

Organizing the Ship Industry

Very recent advice from Chairman Hurley of the U. S. Shipping Board contains the following excerpts: "Our shipbuilding program contemplates the construction of six million tons annually, but owing to the want of the necessary skilled men, we are not under present conditions in a position to turn out that tonnage."

The shipping board has the money. It has the yards. It has the material. The housing question is being rapidly cleared up. All that is needed is to obtain the necessary efficient labor.

It should be brought home to employers and to the employees of the industries of the nation that their own future depends on the construction of these ships. The fact that the recent order issued by Fuel Administrator Garfield, closing the factories of the whole country, and the more recent freight embargo issued by Secretary McAdoo, tying up all the freight with the exception of food and fuel, came not because of a falling down on the part of the carriers themselves, but because of the lack of ships. The reason for this is plain. The speeding up of the American factories piled up the eastern seaports, and packed into every railway siding outside of the seaboard cities, thousands of loaded cars of materials for the war zone. The result was that even the coal required for the ships in harbor could not get through, and even the few ships which we now possess were held in harbor by empty bunkers and could not sail.

Until we have ships to clear the Atlantic ports of manufactured goods, for which our Army in France and our Allies are in need, these enforced holidays and embargoes must recur, with the result that no factory in America can be assured of running full time and no workman can count on continuous employment.

It is as much to the interest of the manufacturer to send his best men to the ship yards as it is to the interest of the man himself to go.

From the foregoing letter we can readily see that every loyal citizen who is skilled in any of the work necessary to carry on this shipbuilding program should at once make application for membership in the U. S. Public Service Reserve.

Enrollment clerks have been appointed in the different communities as follows: Dallas—Mrs. Winnie Braden; Independence—C. W. Irvine; Falls City—Ira Merling; Monmouth—Ira Powell; Airlie—C. V. Johnson; Rickreall—A. R. Cadle; Perrydale—H. J. Elliott; Hoskins and Siletz Basin district—Walter Inch; Ballston—Geo. Ball.

Enrollment does not necessarily mean immediate employment, neither does enrollment obligate the applicant to accept any position which may be tendered. The qualifications of the men will first be examined, and in many cases the men themselves. Only those qualified or believed capable of learning will be called. They will not be called so long as the needs can be filled from the unemployed. The purpose of the Reserve is, as its name accurately implies, to create a well-manned and carefully studied reservoir of men who are not looking for jobs but are ready to go when the coun-

try needs them. No one can tell just when any individual may be needed.

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grades are preparing a fine program for Washington's birthday.

The grammar grades will honor Longfellow on the twenty-seventh, and as an initial step in the preparation, the girls have carefully washed the Longfellow bust in their room, in order that its beauty may grace the occasion.

Last Monday the pupils gave their second recital which was up to the accustomed standard of excellence. The grammar grades are preparing for the program next Monday. They will sing the Concord Hymn, and Elmer Green will give the description.

The grammar grade boys are looking for other fields of conquest, and are trying to arrange a game with the high school.

And how is this for the grammar department? Almost 90 per cent investors in Thrift stamps. The following have pledged themselves to buy or sell Fifty dollars worth of stamps—

Neal Edwards Phillip Partridge
Dorsey Edwards Irving Swenson
Joe Staats Leonard Wharton
Teddy Graham Elmer Green
Neale Moreland Reeves Coats
Raymond Mason Floyd McCellan
John Ostrom.

Dorsey, Neal and Joe were the first to redeem their pledges.

Following the plan outlined for the Society Work of the year, the joint program of last Friday evening was given by the classes in Professional English and was one of the best programs we have had this year. Every number showed much talent and careful preparation.

The first number, a piano solo by Ida Hayes, was enjoyed by all. The story of Joseph, dramatized by the Story Telling and Dramatization class of Third and Fourth grades, was intensely interesting. The students portrayed their historic training in the presentation of the various scenes and the connecting links told by Miss Krieg evinced her powers as a story teller.

A double trio directed by Miss Selling followed this number. This was well received and we hope to hear them again in the near future.

The audience was delighted with the numbers given by the "Symphony Orchestra", under the direction of Olga Wickberg. The first appearance of this musical organization was heartily applauded and we hope they may continue to delight Normal audiences.

The living Pictures presented by the Language classes of the Second, Fifth and Sixth grades were very effective and wonderfully well portrayed. The pictures shown were Hecker's The Girl with the Cat, Breton's, The Lark, and Willard's The Spirit of '76.

The closing number was Edward Everett Hale's Man Without a Country, told by Helen Strauser. This beautiful story was most effectively and fittingly closed by the entire audience joining in "America".

Mrs. Sarah Boots entertained her brother, John Smith of Elkton and her niece, Miss Amy Huddleston of Sheridan last week.

Glenn Work who is employed in the S. P. depot in Corvallis is having a vacation this week and is spending it with relatives in Monmouth.

Local Brevities

Floyd Williams of Portland was a Monmouth visitor Sunday.

J. S. Prime and family arrived from Bay City Saturday night and have been domiciled with Walter Brown in his bungalow while their own house on Broad street was being made ready.

W. M. Bennett visited with relatives in Yamhill county Monday.

Vance Butler came over from Marion county to visit with Monmouth relatives Monday.

Milt McGowan of American Bottoms was in Monmouth on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Jason Byers of Independence visited Saturday with her daughter Mrs. John Doughty.

Porn—Saturday, Feb. 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pollan, an eight pound girl.

C. P. Bevins was up from Lewisville on business Monday.

James Garwin was here from Pelee on a business trip Monday.

Gordon Bowman who has been working during the past year for G. G. Hewitt has moved to Douglass county near Gardiner where he has a job as a cream tester.

The War Stamp Committee of Polk county has determined to publish weekly a list of the sales of Thrift stamps in the different centers of the county. Total amount to be raised, \$321,160. Stamps sold to date, \$13,406. Balance to be sold, \$307,754. Stamps sold for week ending February 12, 1918: Airlie \$222, Dallas \$1803, Falls City \$742, McCoy \$107, Monmouth \$257, Perrydale \$165, Suver \$20. Total \$13,406.

Clares Powell is among the latest aspirants for the aviation department of Uncle Sam's war service. He was in Portland Monday taking the preliminary tests.

Mrs. Cornelius went to Portland Tuesday morning to attend the opening of the season there and lay in a supply of Spring millinery.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Boothby attended a birthday celebration at the farm Sunday, the natal day being a joint one for C. H. Boothby and Clarence Grund.

Mr. McCreadie of Corvallis, recently operated on for enlarged tonsils is recovering nicely and will soon be around again.

Mrs. C. M. Tetherow of Elkins has been seriously sick with diabetes for a week past.

There was a large turnout at the Norm theater last Saturday night where the comedy-drama "He Took a Chance" held the interest of all. It was an unusually good film, filled with interest and fun. The improvements which have been made on the picture machine at the Norm are now very much in evidence, the pictures being given steadily and clearly, which adds much to the attraction of the show for patrons.

Dr. Matthis is here from Willamina helping his family get ready for moving.

Mrs. Jones of Baker, is a visitor with Mrs. W. J. Evans.

Ye editor and son Eric were visitors in Independence Saturday afternoon, inspecting the progress of the craft in that town where both newspapers have type casting machines and are consequently in the fore front of progress.

Dr. and Mrs. Matthis and family left on Thursday, the Dr. for their new home and Mrs. Matthis and children for a few days visit in Amity while things were being made ready for them in Willamina.

D. M. Hampton enjoyed a chicken dinner in Independence on Tuesday given by the Relief Corps in honor of Lincoln's birthday.

Robert Steele has returned to his home at Suver after several months stay at San Diego.

The girl students of the High School gave the boy students a party in the gymnasium on Friday night as a means of celebrating the end of the semester and the completion of the examinations. All enjoyed a pleasant evening.

J. W. Stevens of Harden, Oregon, one of J. F. Moreland's friends in his Eastern Oregon days, was a visitor in Monmouth with the latter, on Tuesday of this week.

The Social Hour Club met with

Mrs. Craven and Mrs. Gilmore at the Gilmore home, February 6. A good attendance was present, altho the weather was bad. Sewing and conversation kept every one busy thruout the afternoon. Several musical numbers were enjoyed. Club will meet February 20, at the home of Mrs. Cletus Butler.

Geo. W. Chesebro is moving his insurance equipment into the office which Thos. Boulden has recently fitted up for him.

Mrs. Sarah Boots was at Dilley this week visiting with her daughter.

Morris Fowle of Lewisville was here Monday on business.

Red Cross memberships reported this week are Mrs. Hartwell Crosby, Mrs. Dora Hall, Mrs. F. E. Davidson.

Mrs. Neal has returned to her home in Turner after a visit with her daughters, Mrs. T. J. Edwards and Mrs. Palmer.

The residents of East street south of the Evangelical church want that part of the street graveled so badly that they made an offer to the council Tuesday night to haul the gravel free of cost if the city would pay for the gravel. The offer looked good to the city fathers and they agreed to the proposition, provided that the street was properly graded.

The Priscilla Club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Ira C. Powell. There was a fair attendance in spite of the stormy weather. Sewing and conversation made the time pass only too quickly.

The next meeting of the Club will be with Mrs. W. E. Smith on February 27.

Rev. Elkins is home for a few

days getting acquainted with the latest addition to his family.

Tomorrow and Sunday are planned to be busy days at the Evangelical Church. The special meetings are in progress, and Rev. Culver is proving himself to be an able preacher and expositor of Bible truth.

At the close of the service tomorrow night, the Fourth Quarterly Conference will meet in business session. Sunday, the Sunday School meets at 10 A. M. At 11 A. M. Rev. Culver preaches the sermon. At 7 P. M. the evening service opens with a half hour of Praise. At 7:30 the regular Quarterly Communion Service will be held. At 8 P. M. Rev. Culver will again preach. The meetings are to continue during the coming week. Sermon topics for the day are as follows:

A. M. "Soul Satisfaction".
P. M. "The Great Restoration".

Dressmaking—Miss Hurner

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