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Rural Life Week Awakens Lively Interest at Elkins

Saturday at Elkins, the closing day of Rural Week in the Normal rural department, was a fitting close to a successful week. The week opened at Mountain View with programs Monday and Tuesday, which were continued at Oak Point Wednesdayand Thursday and with the last two days of the week at Elkins.

A number of Monmouth people attended on this occasion and short addresses were made, incidental to the regular schedule, by President Ackerman and Prof. Ide.

It was an all day program and as was the case during the other days of the week the presiding officers were eighth grade pupils; Frank McEldowney and Margaret Tedrow doing the honors on Saturday.

An incident of the day was the awarding of prizes for landscape plans for the beautification of the Elkins grounds. These had been prepared by the pupils under the stimulus of competition and showed a practical understanding of the work attempted. First honors were awarded to Carl Tetherow, second to Margaret Tedrow, third to Carl Dodson, excellent plans being also entered by Harold Price and Gordon Matthews. Miss Carson, the teacher, gave the incoming visitors a welcome and at the stroke of the bell, visitors and pupils who had gone out doors for the summons, filed in and took their seats, to music of the organ. The children put on a program in the morning, which included a dramatization of that child's classic "Chicken Little" and an exhibition of art work of the great artists of nature.

J. E. Larson, county agriculturist, appeared in two addresses, the "Farmer's Garden" giving advice as to fertilization, cultivation and selection of seed, and on "Drainage". At noon he gathered the men of the crowd on the hill back of the school house and gave a practical demonstration in mole trapping.

A cafeteria lunch was served, abundant in quantity and excellent in quality, and among those who partook was a group of people from Mountain View, who arrived to pay back a visit, made recently by the Elkins school to that district.

At noon, Wm. Riddell, Jr. also gave a talk on wool and sheep growing which thoroughly interested all present.

In the afternoon there was another children's program consisting mainly of a debate on the question of the relative importance of Manufacturer and Farmer. The former, championed by Harold Price and Frank McEldowney, was given the decision by the judges over the farmer, who was championed by Carl Tetherow.

Miss Mills of McMinnville gave an interesting talk on Family Food, speaking of the quantity and kinds of food required by the body and of the best ways to prepare the same.

During the day there was singing by the school of songs complimentary to Oregon, the Elkins school and the life of the farmer which did not fail to awaken much applause.

Mrs. M. L. Fulkerson of Salem closedthe program with some witty remarks on "What I Think". She said that as a Normal student, twenty seven years ago she made a visit to Elkins seeking an engagement as schoolma'am. She met two of the board who said they would hire her and notify her when they had seen the other member of the board. During the time that had elapsed since, she had been waiting to hear from the remaining member of the board and the present invitation, being the only invitaition she had received to return to Elkins in all that time she had eagerly accepted it.

Prof. M. S. Pittman, through whose energetic mind the idea of a rural week was received and who boosts in season and out of season for the rural school, hovered over all during the whole day like a guardian angel, keeping events moving according to schedule.

A vote of endorsement of the Rural Week idea was taken and surely one was never more enthusiastically given. Nearly every family in Elkins was represented in the gathering and with most of them the representation was complete, all members of the family being there.

Mountain View "Resoloots"

Whereas,the Rural Department of the Oregon Normal School under the direction of M. S. Pittman, is using the Mt. View School as one of the training centers for rural teachers for the state of Oregon; and whereas the week of February 17 to 23 designated by the Rural Department of said school as Rural Life Week; and whereas the program which was rendered at the Mt. View School during the 18 and 19 of February has proved such a decided success and has served such an inspiring and enlightening influence both educationally to all the people of this community, the adults as well as the children,

Therefore, be it resolved that we the citizens of the Mt. View District and patrons of the Mt. View School do hereby unanimously and enthusiastically extend our appreciation: First to the Oregon Normal School and particularly the Rural Department for conceiving the idea and putting it into effect; Second to our progressive School Board who encouraged and cooperated in making the Rural program a success; Third to Mrs. Nellie G. Tirrill under whose able supervision the children's part of the work was done, and to the six young lady student-teachers who so ably assisted her; Fourth, the Oregon Agricultural College which cooperated with the Normal School by providing some of the ablest instructers and field agents to participate in the program; Fifth to the State Department of Education and County School Superintendent and all others who in any way participated in, or helped to make this Rural Life program such a distinct success.

Be it further resolved that the week of Washington's Birthday be permanently established as the Rural Life Week for the Mt. View School District and that we give our unqualified support to make the Rural Department of the Normal School in its efforts for the training of rural teachers and the general improvement of service to the rural schools of Oregon.

Signed Mrs. S. L. Coleman
Mrs. I. A. Asbury
Mr. Walter Locke

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" Corvallis 6.45, a m .....Independence 7:35.... Arrive Monmouth 7:45
" " 1.15, p m " 2:14 " 2:30
" Dallas 7.00, a m, Arrive Monmouth 7:25
' Airlie 8.30, a m and 3:45, p m. Arrives Monmouth 9:05 a m and 4:13 p m
Leave Independence, 6.50 a m, 7.35, 8.45, 10.35, 12.20, 1.30, p m, 2.20, 3.50, 4.40, 7.00

Trains out of Monmouth

L've Monmouth 7:05 a m, Independence 7:35, Gerlinger 7:49, Ar Salem 8:30
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