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NEWS NOTES OF NORMAL

375 Students Already Registered for Summer School

The summer session of the Oregon Normal School opened up very auspiciously with an enrollment at the end of the week of 375. The Normal feels very gratified that this is the enrollment, taking into consideration the war conditions.

Miss Lucile Chase, who will have charge of the Department of Household Economy next year, spent last Tuesday at the Normal looking over the equipment and conferring with Miss Butler, who has been head of the Department for the past five years.

Miss Helen Stewart, of Victoria, B. C., gave a most inspiring and interesting talk on her canteen work in France Thursday. She brought to her audience an idea of the importance of the work, the value of which we never dreamed. Her address was peculiarly fitting at this time owing to the fact that Miss Butler is thinking of taking up such work.

Mrs. A. L. Ide arrived in Monmouth last Monday evening from the University of Pennsylvania where she recently received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Mrs. Ide will be a very valuable addition to the Normal family.

Miss Rosa B. Parrott spent Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week in Eugene where she delivered a paper at the Educational Conference.

Mr. C. E. Force who has charge of the Normal grounds has been put in charge of the Training School in place of Mr. Oscar Zook who has been called to the colors by the selective draft.

New Well is Now in Use

Sunday forenoon citizens of West Monmouth might have heard the shriek of mashing cogs as the motor started the pump at work forcing water from the new city well into the reservoir as an addition to the water supply of the city. The well was drilled last fall but for one reason or another the work of making actual use of the water was not complete until recently. The well is located on a corner tract bought from the lot on which W. J. Mulkey's house is situated.

The well is 120 feet deep and is cased down to a depth of 45 feet where rock was first encountered. The water comes from under two or three separate ledges of rock and is of good quality. The addition to the city water supply is most welcome at this time as with two successive dry seasons, the original city well, although a good one, was taxed to supply the demand, even with the use of water limited by every possible means.

The upper opening of the casing of the new well is protected by a concrete base on which the pump rests and the whole is covered by an ample well house. Located in a rural

part of the city it should be a well that will be of good value to the city and one which can be depended upon to supply plenty of wholesome water.

According to a letter received by Mrs. Ostien from her husband, the latter is now in New York. He visited relatives in Nebraska and Ohio on his way east and stopped briefly with his son Tom in Camp Mead, Maryland. The latter accompanied Mr. Ostien to visit a brother of his who operates a plantation near Richmond, Va.

THE SPIRIT OF FRENCH PEOPLE

Described by Miss Stewart in Chapel Talk to Students

The spirit of the French people and the Essentials of war work might well have been the topic of the address which Miss Helen Stewart of Victoria, B. C., delivered yesterday morning in the Normal chapel. The "north country", Lorraine and the Vosges were the scenes in which Miss Stewart obtained her word pictures and graphic descriptions showed the quality of keen observation.

When the war began, she said, every man in France of military age was called to the ranks. Unfinished tasks had to be left; work in hand, of varying degrees of importance had to be abandoned. As families parted there was no time for sentiment in leave taking for work had to be done and each had a part. In thousands of cases, that parting has continued to the present day with the families divided because the former home land had been invaded. There is a paper printed in Paris, which contains in each issue long lists of names of refugees or people identified on one side of the line or the other and soldiers search through the columns issue after issue and rarely find the name of a person whom they have known to say nothing of the names for which they ardently seek.

War experiences are many, asserted Miss Stewart, but she could recall none that so absorbed the mind and imagination as the sight of an alfalfa field, with a cow standing in the middle of it. Close to the firing line in the Vosges, the rumble of artillery, with the puffs of white smoke in the blue sky where the shells passed on their deadly mission, it was an evidence of the spirit of the French.

To reclaim the land over which the tide of war had swept, Chinese went over the land holding canes before them. The end of the cane was magnetized to discover hidden or covered shells. The land was cleaned of barbed wire and shrapnel with special machines and then was plowed with huge tractors. Then the peasants, who may have been driven before the Germans, or who may have hidden from them and worked at night, came out in the open and began again to till the soil.

Summing up her experiences and those of others, Miss Stewart asserted that the work of winning the war would steadily grow heavier on America. That though heavy, it

SUGGEST RETAIL GROCERY PRICES

National Effort to Get Staple Articles on Common Basis

The idea of team work, organized and systemized to bring the force of national effort to bear in the great war is constantly developing and evolving into practical achievement. The latest is the fixing of retail prices of staple groceries recently put into practice through the efforts of the national Food Administration.

This is done through suggestion to the retailer and as the lists are to be made public it will have the virtual effect of establishing prices.

The information regarding the cost of important food commodities to the dealer is secured by price interpretation committees, who also determine and suggest the reasonable figure at which these staples should be sold to the consumer. It should be remembered that the wholesale dealers are already under license and that their margins of profit are already limited under national Food Administration regulations. It would be impossible, however to govern the profits of the retailer this way, because of the varying conditions in different localities, hence the need of the price interpretation system, which will extend in every county in the state. Each county administrator will form a committee, in the personnel of which will be represented every class of retail dealer, and the wholesale or jobbing industry who supplies the retailer, as well as the consumer to whom the retailer sells. These committees will make weekly investigations and give out their schedule of price interpretations through the local newspapers. It should be understood clearly that these prices however will not be definite or absolute, but are merely suggestive prices that will be reasonable for both consumer and dealer at the time and in the locality where published.

Polk County price list from June 20 to 27. First is the jobbers price and second the retailer's price.

Barley flour (bulk) 6½-7c 8-9c
Cornmeal, 5 lbs. and over (bulk) 6½-7½c 8-9c
Oatmeal or rolled oats (bulk), 7½c 9-10c
Rice flour, 10-11c 12-13c
Rice Blue Rose quality, 10½-11½c 13-14½c
Corn starch, 10-11c 12½-14c
Hominy or hominy grits, 7-8c 9-10c
Potatoes, white or Irish (old, new) 15c pk 20c pk
Beans, white, navy or pea (not lima), 10-12c 12-15c
Beans, colored, 10-12c 12-15c
Onions, 2½c 3-4c
Canned tomatoes, standard grade (no 2½), 16-17c 20-22½c
Canned corn, standard grade (no 2) 13-14c 16-18c
Canned corn the same;
Canned peas, the same;
Canned Salmon, tall pink Alaska (no 1), 16-17c 20-22½c
Canned Salmon, tall red Alaska (no 1), 29-30c 37-40c
Evaporated milk (unsweetened) 6 oz, 5c 6c
Evaporated milk (unsweetened) 16 oz, 10-11c 12½-13c

Butter, creamery, 43-45c 50-55c;
Oleomargarine, 35-37c 40-45c;
Lard substitute in bulk, 23c 27-28c;
Crisco, 35c 40c;
Eggs (fresh, stored), 36-37c 37-40c;
Lard, pure leaf, 28c 33-35c;
Sugar, granulated, 8c 9c;
Coffee (bulk), 14-25c 20-35c;
Tea (bulk) 27-60c 50-85c.

NEW MAYOR IS O. A. WOLVERTON

Vacancy Still in Council by Promotion of Alderman

In the face of a dearth of outside applications for the job the council at its meeting Tuesday night determined to draft one of its own members to fill the office of mayor of the city, an office made vacant by the departure of Mr. Ostien. O. A. Wolverson was accordingly selected by his associates and will hold office until a successor is qualified to be chosen in the election next fall.

As a preliminary to the discussion the council allowed the regular grist of bills, the most important being to Glen Whiteaker \$112.67 for a compensator and other electrical apparatus incidental to installing power for the new pump; \$31.68 for Independence gravel; and \$10.25 to the Willamette Valley Lumber Co.

Nothing Overlooked By Suver Red Cross

Suver prides itself on being one of the most patriotic spots in Polk county. They are organizing a home guard down there and the local Red Cross society, organized a year ago by a delegation from Monmouth is one of the most wide awake in this section. They have so many members of the Red Cross that they have grown tired of counting them and the list includes every man, woman and child in the district and also several dogs and a pony or two. They also have a patriotic society there and plan to have this over three school districts, Suver, Fairview and Mountview with semi-monthly meetings alternating in the different districts.

A meeting of this sort was held in the Suver hall Wednesday night to boost the sale of War Savings Stamps and Prof. T. H. Gentle of Monmouth was the speaker of the occasion. Mrs. Chamberlain presided at the meeting, which was well attended and a fine showing of interest was manifested.

Mr. Gentle kept the crowd at close attention for about an hour while he discussed various phases of the war and gave personal testimony to the efficiency of German methods as observed in three years residence of Saxony. By detailing his experiences Mr. Gentle brought out the manner in which Germans are trained from childhood up, to become a part in the military machine with which the world is now struggling.

There will be a business meeting of the Red Cross society in their rooms next Tuesday at the regular meeting.

A WAR TIME JULY FOURTH

To be Observed by People at Rickreall and Hoskins

This is the text of a letter that is being sent to all Community Chairmen of the Polk County Council of National Defense: The Federal Council of Defense, at the suggestion of President Wilson, requests that a patriotic gathering be held in every community on July 4th. This does not seem practicable in our county, and at a meeting of the Executive Committee it was decided to ask the people of Polk County to gather in the grove at Rickreall on July 4th where a County Patriotic Picnic will be held. Each Community Council is invited to furnish at least one feature on the program and sports are to be arranged by the Community Chairmen after arriving at the grove.

The Home Guard Band have agreed to play without cost and the Buena Vista and Dallas Home Guards will be invited to participate and a good program is assured.

We are requested not to expend a large sum of money on any feature of the day, and the only concessions granted will be for a stand for light lunches and ice cream etc.

Will you not do your part in this? Very truly,
Polk County Council of National Defense.

Independence is preparing to take to nature for its Fourth of July celebration and a special train will be run to Hoskins and King's Valley where an old fashioned celebration is to be held.

Dr. H. C. Dunsmore as orator of the day is scheduled to make the eagle screech with exhilaration and pride and there will be the good old attractions dear to the small boy including a full program of sports not to overlook a grand calathumpian parade and a mock wedding ceremony. A list of prizes is arranged for the sports and there will be no dull moment during the day. The basket dinner will be Hooverized and there will be no fireworks.

The people of Monmouth invite the people of neighboring towns and country to participate in a Twilight Observance of Independence Day.

It is with a deeper realization of its significance that we celebrate the Fourth of July this year—when we know that American men will be fighting and dying on French soil for the Cause of Liberty.

Any observance of the day should furnish an opportunity for patriotic expression.

In Monmouth this will take the form of increasing the Canteen Service Fund for Miss Myra Butler.

The women of Monmouth are planning to serve a Cafeteria Supper—the proceeds of which will be devoted to the Canteen Fund.

The Order of Events is as follows: Cafeteria dinner in grove from 5.00 to 7:00

Patriotic program—7:00 to 8:00
Open Air Concert—8:00 to 10:00
—Polk County Patriotic Band.

An opportunity to assist in a worthy piece of war work may be the privilege of the people of Monmouth.
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