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NEWS NOTES OF NORMAL

Junior Red Cross Work Organized for the Coming Year

The Chapel period has been given over to the outlining of the Junior Red Cross Course which will begin next week. Miss McIntosh on Monday surveyed the excellent work done last year by the Juniors in the Training School and explained in detail the organization. In order to visualize the work the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades, who were in attendance, organized their auxiliary. The officers elected were: Chairman, Bernice Stewart; Vice-chairman, Hazel Butler; Secretary, Nellie Hinkle; Treasurer, Dorothy Clarke. The manner in which this organization was effected would have done credit to practiced parliamentarians. On Tuesday Miss West continued the course and took up the "Publicity Work". She advocated letting the world know what you were doing and told of many ways in which the organization could get its work before the public. She directed particular attention to the books, magazines and announcements concerning this work that were being published and sent out from headquarters. A recent letter from headquarters giving a detailed account of a soldier's induction into army life, which was read by Miss West, was very illuminating. Miss Chase was the speaker on Wednesday and outlined the course that the Home Economics Department will give for those who wish to prepare themselves to do the Junior Red Cross Work in their schools. The hand work that can be done by the lower grades is limited but that much assistance can be given the Senior Red Cross by the students in the upper grades was made plain by the speaker. On Thursday Miss Taylor discussed the courses that will be given by the Physical Education Department. One of the important phases of Red Cross Work for the saving of life and the relieving of suffering in times of peace or of war has been the training in rendering First Aid. This work should be one of the activities of every Junior Red Cross Auxiliary. Opportunity will be given the students to prepare to give the training. Another feature of Red Cross Work is the furthering of the betterment of children through the organization known as the Knights of Health. Students will be made familiar with this important work also. Miss Taylor closed with an interesting demonstration of the application of First Aid. Miss Parrott closed the series with a talk "Patriotic Literature and Programs" which is a very important part of the course. Miss Parrott emphasized the need of inculcating into the youth of America, American ideals and standards and made clear that this could be done through the teaching of patriotic literature and the putting on of patriotic programs. She closed her talk with a very effective presentation of the history of the American flag in which she was assisted by eight students. This is the first definite war course that has been added to

the curriculum but as the need arises the Normal is expecting to add others.

If you want to know what to send the boys and what not to send the boys over in France; if you want to know just what the boys are doing at the front; if you want to know how military life is affecting the boys; if you want to know who started this war and who is going to end it hear Private Peat, the cheery young Canadian, at the Normal Auditorium on October 15. Tickets will be on sale at Morlan's on October 12. Admission, Adults, 50 cents. Children, 25 cents.

On account of the shortage of teachers throughout the state caused by the demand to help in war activities, the Oregon Normal, beginning next term, will offer a War Emergency Course of twenty weeks. The completion of this course will allow a student to teach in the schools of the state for one year. The Normal hopes by the addition of this course to materially assist in relieving the shortage of teachers and maintaining the schools at a high standard of efficiency.

The Normal Auxiliary of the Red Cross held its annual election of officers on Monday. Miss Chase, of the Home Economics Department, was elected chairman; Mrs. Brown, vice-chairman; Miss Parrott, secretary; Miss Huddleston, treasurer; and Miss Taylor, chairman of finance. Many new members have been added during the week. In addition to the canvas for new members the making of Belgian garments and the linen drive have motivated the week's work.

The Vespertine and Delphian societies held their first regular meeting on last Friday evening. The joint program consisted of musical numbers by Miss Schuette, Head of the Music Department, Miss Dugan and Misses Kendall and Kirkpatrick. Short talks were made by President Ackerman, Mr. Butler, Miss Parrott and Miss Boise of the Public Speaking Department who will be the critic of the societies for the ensuing year. After the joint program, the societies adjourned to their respective meeting places where the officers for the year were installed, the new members initiated and entertained at an informal reception. Both societies have started auspiciously and are looking forward to an enjoyable and profitable year.

President Ackerman is attending the institute at Medford this week. Miss Smith, critic of the first and second grades in the Monmouth Training School, is doing institute work at Medford also.

Monmouth Not Yet Over The Top

While Polk county has gone over the top on the Liberty Loan, Monmouth has not as yet done so. \$24,000 is the amount to be raised and by Thursday the amount subscribed locally was \$20,000.

G. H. Perkins of Gold Hill, brother of Mrs. Kelsay, arrived this week and expects to make his home in Monmouth.

ROY JOHNSON AMONG KILLED

Monmouth Heights Boy Meets Fate of Soldier on July 18

At least two soldiers killed in action are reported in Polk county this week. Mrs. Belle Johnson of Monmouth Heights received a telegram Monday stating that her son, Roy Johnson had been killed in action July 18. A telegram had been received the week previous stating that young Johnson was missing. The dead soldier was a member of Company L, which left Polk county early in the war but arriving on foreign soil he was put into another company and regiment. He was about 27 years of age, was born in Nebraska and is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lafa Johnson and by three brothers and four sisters. They are Frank, Walter and Jess Johnson and Mrs. Winnie Grooms, Mrs. Bernie Ogle, Mrs. Hazel Fishback and Miss Fern Johnson.

A special from Dallas announces the death of Orley Chase, son of the ex-marshal of Dallas, the young soldier being killed in action July 22. At the request of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Chase, Rev. Howard McConnell held memorial services in the Dallas Christian church Monday afternoon. Orley Chase would have been 22 years of age, November 16. He was born at Granton, Wisconsin, and came to Oregon in 1901. He enlisted with Company L in time to accompany them to the Mexican border. He was killed by shell fire.

It is reported also that Captain Staffrin was slightly wounded in the arm by shrapnel. Privates Otis Hays and Hugh Coulson are reported wounded, the latter with a machine bullet in his thigh.

Armine Young of North Independence, previously reported missing in action is in a hospital with a wound in his right arm. This information was confirmed in a letter received this week from his father.

P. H. Johnson Is Again a Merchant

By a deal made this week, P. H. Johnson once more appears as a merchant on Main street in Monmouth. He bought Walker Brothers' stock and thus resumes business at the stand he formerly occupied. Walker Bros., the retiring proprietors are to help in the job of licking the kaiser. Clarence is already in the navy, stationed at Bremerton, and George starts in this week in the S. A. T. C. at Eugene. It is reported that the deal was in part a trade in which some real estate in Monmouth passes from Mr. Johnson to the Walkers. Both new and old proprietors have the best wishes of Monmouth people.

The local prune crop is so large that the equipment available is insufficient to handle it, and a considerable quantity has been spoiled. Some of it is being taken to Dallas and elsewhere seeking accommodations.

Student Army Calls Many

This is the week when the student army training courses in the Eugene and Corvallis attract the eligible young men and Monmouth is well represented in both places. At Eugene are Ermine and Hjalmar Gentle, J. B. V. Butler, Jr., Donald Portwood, Robert Hendren and George Walker. At the O. A. C. are Denzel Moore, Wm. Crabtree, Willie Harvey, Burton Bell, Delbert Skeen and Maxwell Bowersox.

New Auto Stage Now At Work

Irvin Stewart has donned a new suit of clothes this week in harmony with the new auto bus on the Graham line which was received from the makers in Salem Sunday. The bus is built on a Ford chassis and has a nobby appearance in its coat of khaki paint. It will accommodate eighteen and a trailer is attached behind to care for the mail and small articles of baggage. The S. P. is working out a plan at present by which baggage is to be transferred through Dallas and tickets will be sold to Monmouth from outside points good either through Independence or Dallas and by the latter way to include bus fare to Monmouth. A time card of the bus line appears in another column of this paper.

A letter from M. S. Pittman states that himself and family are now domiciled in New York. They live in the same apartment house as the Evendens. He writes there are a number of Oregonians in the Teachers' College of Columbia among them being Miss Campbell of Monmouth. There are several members of the O. A. C. faculty and some city superintendents.

Mrs. Ostien reports letters from her husband to the effect that he has taken up certain educational work in connection with the army.

Under the Y. M. C. A. and according to the wishes of General Pershing certain forms of education are to be taken up for the leisure of the soldier and Mr. Ostien has been appointed to make a survey in the various cantonments of soldiers, from the rear to the front lines and expects to visit the Eastern front and report on conditions as he finds them.

Tom Ostien, after a brief experience in several lines of work has now been diverted into the gas service and will first attend a school of instruction before taking up active warfare again.

Miss Mills' class in Home Demonstration work will meet tomorrow at 2 P. M. at Lodge Hall. A permanent organization it is hoped will be established. Miss Mill will speak especially upon, Care and Renovation of Clothing, Adaptation of Patterns, etc. Any one having a special problem may inquire of Miss Mills how best to solve it. Bring along your problem.

The Misses Butler were visitors in Salem Thursday and Friday, visiting friends and attending the fair.

RECREATION AFTER WORK

Birchard VanLoan Writes of Scenes Where He is Billeted

"Somewhere in France", August 20, 1918. Dear Mother—It has seemed as though I never would get another chance to write you. Have been so busy doing this and that, moving, etc. We made quite a long move again, now are somewhere in Eastern part of France. Located in a quiet, peaceful little village and living in our little tents under the orchard trees. It's fine. I am sitting in the shade of a veteran of Napoleon's time, apple tree. There the band "has started up" playing a French piece, a new one. It's a dandy, can you hear it? We are in a rest camp after so long a time at the Front. We were at Chateau Thierry and thereabouts. Possibly will get a furlough now. Glad to hear from home again and hope you have some of the much needed moisture by now. Crops here are fair, this is harvest time. The French are, where the fields are large enough, using the Deering reapers and binders instead of the "cradle". But where the fields are small or the crops light you can see the natives swinging the faithful old cradle. An old man has been cutting his oats with one just over the fence from here this afternoon. He looked and worked so easily with it that it looked as though he were built to fit it. Then just down the hill from here is the barn in which they have an old horse power threshing machine, possibly you saw them when you were a girl. We can get plums from the French people but they have but few. One old lady made one of the boys a pie today, Plum pie! It surely was good.

Yes, the 23rd Engineers are near here and I asked one of the boys yesterday if he knew Lt. Hamilton and he did and I will make a "bee line" for him tomorrow. Then there are some Independence "guys" that used to play foot ball too. Have had many souvenirs, helmets, caps and other pieces of German equipment but it's nearly impossible to get them sent home, for it's even a surprise party sometimes on the front if your mail goes and comes quickly, you know why—so many things more important.

Dr. Doney sure made a flying trip. I no more than listened to his speech, that memorable evening in the little public square of Contres, over here, than he is again in Oregon and "going to speak in Salem!"

Well, I am O. K. and hope all is well at home.

Good by, Love and best wishes,
Your son, Birchard Van Loan,
151st F. A. Supply Co.

The Monmouth canning team won first place at the county fair and third place at the state fair at which they competed with twelve teams. The team was made up of Beth Ostrom, Fanny Steinberg and Una Winegar. Beth Ostrom won first place in the sewing contest at the state fair.

Reuben Hastings of Pedee called on Mrs. Sophia Hastings Monday.