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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

Miss Arbuthnot and Independence Pupils Appear in Chapel

Private Peat's lecture on Tuesday evening was an inspiration to "carry on". It was full of human interest but as he recounted the deeds of heroism and unselfishness performed "over there" he carried his listeners with him far above the sordidness of trench and army life into a realization that there are worse things in life than war and finer things than life itself even. His characterization of the Hun was satisfying even to the most vindictive. His eulogy of the courage of the English, his touching tribute to the spirit of France and his dramatic visualization of the fearlessness of the American mark him as one who has caught the vision of "world democracy".

Miss Taylor gave the students a brief talk last week in which preventive measures were explained and extreme caution urged in order that the Oregon Normal Campus might be kept free from the Spanish influenza.

Dean Todd was in Portland last Thursday as a delegate from Polk County to the Speakers' Training Conference for the United War Work Campaign which opens November 11.

Mr. Butler returned last Thursday from the Institute at Roseburg and the Normal students teaching in Douglas County would have felt flattered could they have heard Mr. Butler's message given in his inimitable manner.

The students again evidenced their patriotism and more than were needed responded to the call for prune pickers last week end.

The Junior Class of the Oregon Normal have effected their organization and elected the following officers for the year: President, Marjory Whipple; Vice-President, Shannon Pettinger; Secretary-Treasurer, Vura Hudson; Reporter, Evadna Hager.

Miss Sullivan assisted by Miss Warner and Miss Russell has had charge of the First and Second grades in the Normal Training School during the absence of Miss Smith who has been attending Institutes in Southern and Eastern Oregon.

Miss Dinsdale, Y. W. C. A. Secretary at U. of O., was on the Campus Tuesday in the interest of the United War Work Campaign.

Miss DeVore, critic of the First and Second grades of the Independence Training School, was at the Institute at Tillamook last week. During her absence the regular student teachers, the Misses Hansen, Beekman, Hendrickson, McCann, Slate, Delk, Case and Mrs. Robbins had charge of the work.

President Ackerman at Monday's chapel gave a very interesting account of his trip to Moro and La Grande. The dominating theme in both Institutes the President said was the great educational crux of today—how to persuade young people to finish their education and be

prepared to continue the great work of democratization begun by the war. The President urged that teachers feel it their patriotic duty to remain in the school room in order that the idea for which our soldiers are fighting may be transmitted to posterity.

The Senior II's have elected the following officers for the semester: President, Miss Dugan; Vice-President, Miss Downer; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Henrietta Hendrickson; Reporter, Miss Agnes Sullivan.

The Normal Auxiliary of the Red Cross has received a supply of sweater yarn and the girls are busily at work.

Miss Arbuthnot was the Faculty Representative at Chapel on Wednesday. She gave, with the assistance of a class from the Seventh Grade of the Independence Training School a demonstration lesson on Current History. The work was made intensely interesting by the use of pictures which were presented in Miss Arbuthnot's characteristic manner. The knowledge of these children of the near yesterday and today would have done credit to a student of international history.

"The Doll's House"

"The Doll's House" one of the best known plays of Henrik Ibsen, the greatest dramatist since Shakespeare, will be at the Normal Auditorium on Friday, October 18. The theme of "The Doll's House" is one which it was thought this war had practically decided but Congress ruthlessly shattered the belief when it defeated the universal suffrage bill—the place of woman in the social system. Many authors of recognized ability have used this motive but none has made the appeal that Ibsen makes in his "Doll's House." Elsie Ferguson who plays the title role says it is one of the most arduous portrayals of her screen career and tests her dramatic ability to its fullest. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Don't Overlook This

There are a few in Monmouth who have not yet subscribed to the Fourth issue of Liberty Bonds because the solicitors have not been able to reach them. For the good name of Monmouth it is desired that each citizen of the city, able, should do his bit and Saturday is the last day in which the opportunity is offered. If you have not yet bought a bond, go to the bank before Saturday evening and sign for at least one. You will feel better for doing so and we will all take fresh pride in our community.

Committee.

Sumner Ostrom has been transferred from the coast artillery to the field artillery and is scheduled soon to start for the scene of action, either to France or Siberia. He has been quarantined with his fellows for influenza during the past week but as very little of this ailment exists at Ft. Canby, expects to start soon for further training at Ft. Worden, Wash.

Miss Mills' lecture Saturday which will be at the I. O. O. F. Hall at 2:30 as usual, will be upon the subject of Food for the Family, Conservation and Preparation.

GRIM GLIMPSES FROM FLANDERS

Private Peat Tells His Story of Experiences At The Front

The story from the trenches as Private Peat told it to a large audience in the Normal auditorium last Tuesday night, was not a personal narrative. His own exploits received but little attention, but for over an hour the Canadian private kept close attention with a narrative of soldier experiences and sensations in Flanders.

What the fighting was all about, he said, was not apparent during the first two years of the war. He with other Canadians enlisted in quest of excitement and being among the first were given a few weeks training in Canada by officers who knew very little of practical modern warfare themselves. During the two weeks his company was in England it rained so they had no opportunity for drilling and the need for men to hold the line at the front was so great that they were shoved into the gap without further ceremony.

Then it was they experienced trenches. The Germans knew about trenches and built theirs on high ground. The Canadians and British were down below on the lower ground. In retrospect he marvelled how the Allies had survived the first year of the war. With the advantage of numbers and equipment the Germans could have wiped their opponents off the map. Many times it seemed as if they were massing to do so. Peat described the plight of the soldiers after a bombardment, with slain fellows on all sides, waiting in misery for the charges which would have annihilated them, but which did not come. He ascribed their escape to a kindly Providence.

He described how the experience of opposing the peculiarly savage methods of the Germans strengthened their opposition, how the things that were designed to overawe them and daunt them with their horror, maddened them instead and drove them over the top determined to do what they could to balance matters with the perpetrators of the outrages.

Intensely dramatic at times, Private Peat related numerous incidents to throw illumination on the feelings and sensations of the soldiers. He told in detail the incidents of an imaginary poker game which proceeded during the pleasant strafing which the Germans occasionally dished out for them. The shells burst close to them, damaging the walls of the trenches, killing comrades, but still the game went on. But when the call came that the mail had arrived there was no more poker. Dropping everything, losing interest in the doings of the moment, all made a rush to see what the postman had to offer.

The private paid special attention to the political maneuvers of the Germans, a specimen of which he said was the story that the British were allowing other nations to fight for them. The statement that they pushed the Canadians into the trenches ahead of them, he characterized as a deliberate untruth.

England, he said, had suffered more casualties than Canada had contributed in its quota of soldiers.

He told stories also by way of tribute to the fine qualities of French and Americans, closing with an appeal to stick at the grim business of war until the thing was thoroughly settled; saying that the soldiers in the trenches were only anxious for a chance to finish things and hoped that no peace propaganda would do for us the ill that it had worked in Russia, Roumania and Italy.

While in no sense a pleasure performance, Private Peat's story was profoundly convincing, the sidelights on the atrocities of the German carried with them the sober conclusions of truth and aroused in his hearers a realization that a half victory over them would be in reality a defeat for civilization.

Alva Craven who was under the weather last week was operated on Wednesday in the Salem hospital for appendicitis. The appendix was not removed, as it was found to have burst and there was danger of infection, but the injury is being treated and there are good prospects of a speedy recovery.

State Health Officer, Dr. Robert Holt sends word that if influenza patients are isolated, that is separated from family, it will not be necessary to quarantine the family, or placard the house. Patient is to be kept isolated until all symptoms have subsided and cessation of discharges from nose; which is about ten days.

Agricultural Council Plans

At a meeting of the executive committee of the agricultural council of Polk county held in Monmouth Saturday a definite set of aims were adopted. Here is the list:

Rodent Control—through Boys' clubs and prizes are to be offered.

Feed Situation—through the pooling of purchases.

Cow Testing Work—through receiving work in schools. There are about fifteen testing machines in different rural schools in Polk county.

Short Course—through lectures on dairying and feeding and the formation of dairy associations.

Corn Show—through boosting and obtaining exhibits for the corn show to be held in Independence.

Organization of testing associations and culling demonstrations.

P. O. Powell has word from his son, Wilmer Powell, who has been training at Camp Taylor, in Kentucky, that he has been appointed 2nd lieutenant in the light artillery.

All the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blackstone in Monmouth and vicinity are invited to a reception to be given in their honor in the Christian church, Friday evening, October 18, at 8 o'clock.

H. K. Sickafosse was the first man in Monmouth to join in the crusade to send the home paper to the boys in France. Through his generosity the Herald is to go to a brother Odd Fellow over seas. The idea is one that must appeal to many, being the equivalent of a letter sent each week at the cost of the stamp thereon.

GRANGE TAKES FRESH START

Plans With County Representatives for Season of 1918-19

The Grange meeting of Saturday, the first all day meeting of the new year was in a sense a meeting for the re-organization of work for the coming year. With the harvest's past, preparation for the new seeding is in order and the whole line of agricultural work begins anew. Mr. Gregory, the new county agent, Miss Mills, county home demonstration agent, and Mr. Katterly, O. A. C. supervisor of county agents, were present and all united in a round of description relative to their respective work.

Mr. Gregory declared that the function of his office was to serve not to dictate, that he was at the disposal of the agricultural interests of Polk county and the more work the said interests piled on him the better he would like it. Much value to the grower, he said, came from experiences of others within the county. Many things peculiarly pertinent to agriculture in Polk county had been discovered by practical experience and one of the functions of the county agent was to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas. He described a number of instances where county agents had helped to promote the business interests of the farmers they served. Mr. Katterly followed with a talk along the same line.

Miss Mills talk was also along the same line. She said information at hand showed there were 12,000 quarts of tin canned goods used in Polk county which was all the more lamentable as there was plenty and to spare within the domain of the county from which this want could have been supplied at home and the money spent for the same saved.

L. P. Gilmore acted as master of ceremonies.

Resolutions

Monmouth, Oregon,
October 12, 1918.

Sir: The following is a copy of resolutions passed at the October meeting of the Monmouth Grange and is passed to you with a request to publish the same in your paper.

Whereas there is an increased demand upon the resources of our nation to supply wool to be used by the army, navy and other branches of the service, and,

Whereas from present indications the supply appears inadequate, and there seems to be no immediate hope of relieving this shortage,

Be it Resolved that we respectfully petition our government through our representatives to make a ruling prohibiting the use of wool in the manufacturing of clothing for civilians until such time as the shortage be remedied.

Resolved further that copies of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, sent to our state representatives and senators at Washington, D. C., and for purposes of publicity to each of the papers in the county.

Signed, Mrs. T. J. Edwards.

Mrs. H. C. Ostien was a visitor in Portland several days last week.