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NEWS NOTES OF NORMAL

Dr. Boyd of Portland to Lecture in Chapel, Friday, November 8

Superintendent Todd of Salem was interviewing President Ackerman last Friday. With him were the Misses Cosper, Byrd, Sterling and Willett, all of the Salem schools.

All activities of the Normal not directly connected with regular work have been postponed on account of the influenza. At present time there are only four cases among the students and one among the Faculty, yet every precaution is being taken to inhibit the spread of the disease.

Some of the students aside from giving the hour each week to the regular Red Cross work have been giving additional time and assisting in the sewing department in order to hasten the completion of the Belgian garments. Others have offered their aid to harvest the Dormitory potato crop.

Miss Sullivan, Music Supervisor of the Eugene Schools, who had charge of the Normal Music Department during the summer of 1916, was a chapel visitor Monday.

Mrs. Curran, Rural Supervisor and Institute Instructor, has returned to the campus for a few weeks because of the canceling of the Institutes on account of the prevalence of the epidemic throughout the state.

Miss Burrow who has been the house guest of Miss De Vore, Primary Critic of Independence Schools during the past week, returned to her home in Portland Monday.

Some of the student teachers who have a wealth of time during their enforced vacation are assisting Miss Parrott in cataloguing the material for patriotic programs which is to be found in our own library. This will be available to all students in the near future. The need of such suggestions is keenly felt by students out in the field and the need is not always satisfactorily supplied but we hope that this collection will meet the want.

Miss Schuette, Music Supervisor, gave an illustrative Recital at Wednesday's chapel. The program included the recitative and aria "My Heart Is Weary" from the opera "Nadeshda" by Goring-Thomas; the recitative and aria "But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own" from Mendelssohn's oratorio, "St. Paul"; the folk song "Come Lassies and Lads"; the art song, "Ishtar" by Spross; and the ballad, "Oh, No, John!" The numbers were selected so as to give the students the widest range of information concerning the different forms of musical composition. Miss Schuette's interesting explanations of the various types of music and her charming interpretation of the numbers made the hour one that was keenly enjoyed by both Faculty and students.

The spread of the influenza epidemic closed the Elkins' Rural Center last week. Mountain View and Oak Point are still in session but are not using student teachers as the danger from traveling is too

great for the Normal to permit the students to take the risk.

Doctor Boyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Portland, will speak at the Normal on November 8th. His subject "The Deeper Causes of the War" is timely as the causes will necessarily figure prominently in the peace movements which are under discussion at the present time. If the embargo upon entertainments is lifted before that date, the public is invited; if not, it will be for the Faculty and students only.

Applying the Lime

The county agent has received several orders for Agricultural lime during the past week for Polk County for use on this fall's crops, and at the rate they are coming it is expected that several carloads will be shipped within the next two weeks. According to latest information the freight rate is \$2.26 per ton to Dallas and not \$1.56, formerly quoted.

Many inquiries have also been received at the office as to the amount of lime needed by the land and when to apply it. In response to these inquiries it might be stated that every piece of land that is not producing good crops should first be tested for acidity. Send samples of one or two pounds to the County Agent's office for testing. Reports will be sent out the same day the samples are received. If found to be acid, some form of lime, properly ground limestone, should be applied. If not acid, some other condition is wrong; it may be lack in organic matter and in poor physical condition.

Much of the soil of Willamette valley is acid, and will usually require an application of from 1 to 2 tons per acre of finely ground limestone. After the first application, a two ton dose should be given about every five or six years.

The best time to apply lime is when preparing the seed bed for a crop and it may be at any time of the year, fall or spring, so long as it can be thoroughly worked into the surface soil. The plowing in of lime is not good practice, however, it may be put on the soil after the crops are in, especially may this be done if the soil was well worked before the crop was sown. In general, the best practice is to scatter the lime after plowing and then work it in by thorough disk ing. It is occasionally recommended that lime be applied to the soil by hand, much as one would sow grain by hand. Unless gloves are used, lime is very likely to irritate the hands.

A very satisfactory way is to distribute the material in piles two rods apart each way, and then later each pile can be spread with a shovel over an area extending about one rod in all directions from the pile—each pile is spread so as to cover four square rods of area.

The most marked effects of liming will be shown on clover and similar legumes. In many cases lime has been the means of starting clover after years of failure. Results should not be looked for the first year on any crop. It requires at least one season to get the lime thoroughly mixed in the soil, hence should be applied at least a full year before a legume is to be planted.

ENTERTAINING THE SOLDIERS

Prof. Ostien Writes of Experiences in Y Work in France

Prof. Ostien finds a few interruptions to regularity in letter writing in France. He says in a recent letter: "I now resume. A little interruption of a boche plane using his machine gun and dropping bombs rather carelessly suggested that I'd better leave my room on an upper floor and go below by way of precaution. For the past week or so most of my time has been given to the movies. We have four machines that I am trying to keep busy. Most of the shows are given out in the open—gave one in an orchard last night—nice, among the trees where the boys could sit or lie on the grass and smoke, sing, talk while the show is going on. It was a beautiful moonlight night and the drive back of 15 kilometers after the show, was fine—most of the way along an avenue of trees that cast the clearest of shadows in the moonlight. The order of "no light" on the car was no hardship. But when it's dark and rainy it is not so pleasant by a long ways."

From a later letter: "This is Sunday and has been a busy day.

We are moving somewhere and I don't know where. The warehouseman, a preacher from Iowa and a good scout, and I have orders to look after the stuff until we reach our destination wherever that may be. Seems odd to start off somewhere and to have no idea of our destination. I spent most of the day packing and nailing up boxes. I must get out at 4 in the morning. I met a Y man from Portland today. He has been at Camp Lewis.

They sell wood by the pound here and how much it would amount to by the cord I can not even guess. Peasants gather up bundles of twigs like sheaves of wheat and sell them as fuel."

From a later letter:

"I've been at this place waiting until we have settled on the location of some sort of headquarters where we can place our supplies for distribution among the troops we are serving. Tomorrow we move to that location and begin our distribution, using Fords. We have four of them and one truck in our outfit. The location is some 15 or 20 kilometers from where we have our stuff stored in a Y warehouse.

Something doing here now all the time. You are reading of it in the papers. It is raining and rather cold for this time of the year. I've been cutting wood for the stove in the Y here today. They have a comfortable place as comfort is measured here: a rude, frame structure about 30x70; a platform at one end; the canteen at the other; rough benches and tables; a stove; the phonograph is going now; room for 50 or 75 boys in the room; three of us writing at this table; others reading; as part of the hut environment I forgot to mention the piano, an old one and badly out of tune, of course. The phonograph is playing, "Where do we go from here". We have the luxury of electric lights

All the reading matter the boys have is old magazines, some that we sent, maybe, and the daily papers from Paris, that reach us the same day in the evening. Had a movie here last night; having electric power they can use a large machine and not one of the small portable ones with the light furnished by storage batteries, such as I have to use out in the woods.

AN OUT DOOR CONVENTION

Names Candidates for Municipal Election. Few Attend

The usual nominating convention to name candidates for the various city offices was held this year in an unusual manner. In harmony with the ban on public gatherings because of the influenza scare nothing could have been more sanitary than to have held the meeting in the open air and this was accordingly done. Because there were no light connections for the Normal theater where these gatherings are usually held, it was determined to hold this year's meeting in the day time.

Less than twenty voters answered the call and chairs were brought out and the meeting held on the sidewalk before the hall. There was a scarcity of candidates and old officials had expressed a disinclination to serve but they were drafted in for the occasion and the new ticket is practically the same as the old; the only exception being E. M. Ebbert who was named to succeed Darrel Stump who retires from the duties of councilman.

Monmouth people will have a chance to vote twice in two polling places on election day. At the four county precinct places the regular ballot will be cast and at the city election place in the city hall from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. the municipal ticket will be voted.

Following is the regular ticket named: Mayor, O. A. Wolverton; Councilmen for two years, J. A. Riddell and E. M. Ebbert; councilmen for one year, G. W. Chesebro and D. M. Hampton; Recorder, R. B. Swenson; Treasurer, Emma Parker; Marshal, J. F. Moreland.

Red Cross Notes

There is urgent need of sweaters and any one who is willing to knit can obtain yarn to knit sweaters by applying to Mrs. Lorence.

The chain letter fiend is at it again! This time we are asked to repeat a prayer imploring victory for our lies and send it on to some one for nine days. The person receiving the letter is cautioned not to break the chain or he is likely to meet with some misfortune, while great joy awaits him on the ninth day who carefully follows instructions. The government has repeatedly disapproved of chain letters and the Red Cross is particularly interested in putting a stop to this one which bears the caption—"The Red Cross Chain."

It is suggested that boys in the training school who wish to help in Red Cross work might make some wooden sock ironing forms. Upon application, Frank C. Vincent,

PLANNING A RUN ON THE RODENTS

County Agent Gregory Prepares for Big Drive. Prizes Offered

A county-wide rodent extermination campaign has been started in Polk County by the County Agent in order to destroy the moles and gophers which have increased in large numbers since the war started. That the rodents are over running the country in many places and destroying thousands of dollars worth of food that should swell the supply being sent to Europe is a well known fact.

Much damage has been done to young orchards as well as field crops by the pocket gopher. Instances have been cited where entire acreages of considerable extent have suffered the loss of almost every tree as a result of the roots being gnawed off. Nursery stock in the field is also at times seriously damaged in a similar way.

Mr. Fuller, county chairman of the Council of Defense says in regard to the situation, "Beyond doubt more food can be saved by killing off these pests than by the Food Conservation program, effective as it is. Every person in the county should back the county agent to the fullest in this important work."

P. O. Powell, president of the Pomona Grange in commenting along the same line states, "The gopher and squirrel problem is one of the most serious in the county. We should lose no time in getting rid of the gophers and moles if we are to keep up our end of increased food production."

Mr. Theodore Scheffer of the Bureau of Biological Survey has been secured by the county agent to give series of demonstrations in the county in the poisoning of gophers and the trapping of moles and the curing of mole skins. Mr. Scheffer will be assisted by Mr. John McCaleb of Monmouth.

In order to stimulate interest and to make work more effective cash prizes will be given to the school boys who catch the largest number of rodents during the campaign which ends December 21.

Details will be announced in next week's paper.

Any farmer may by care and industry free his own premises of harmful rodents, but he is helpless to prevent an early recurrence of the trouble unless he can secure the active cooperation of his neighbors. Only by unity of effort can Polk County be freed from any kind of rodent that inflict such heavy losses on our crops. By combining efforts and working together in group the cost of treatment can be materially reduced, and when permanence of results is considered, there can be no question of the economy of such cooperation. It is urged, therefore, that in this drive against the rodents everybody, adults as well as children, join in the work.

supervisor of boys' work, Northwest Division, Bellingham, Wash., will furnish drawings for the forms.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Staats were up from Airlie on business Monday.