

likely escape being killed. In many cases the stored food rots or is abandoned during the winter because of the water in the runways, and the poison is untouched. The pest escapes and the person trying the method votes it a failure. Cut your bait at least one and one-half inches long and one-fourth inch square. It is the only sure method of making Mr. Gopher take his medicine.

The bait should be handled with great care in the field, especially when it is placed in pastures where stock is at large. Bury or destroy unused bait. The person placing the poison should bear in mind the fact that a small amount of poisoned bait, placed in a burrow in such a manner that the gopher will be certain to get it, is more effective than is a large amount of bait placed in a hit-or-miss fashion. A place in the main runway several feet back from the latest work should be selected. By means of an iron prod made by sharpening an iron rod which should be about four feet long, the main runway can be easily located in the region of a mound. After this has been located enlarge the opening, drop in two or three pieces of bait and place a sod over the hole. Do not leave the opening uncovered, the gopher will close it with a load of dirt and bury the bait or push it out. Be careful not to fill the runway with dirt or otherwise leave any signs of interfering with the runway. Visit the field a week later and if new work is visible, poison on the remaining gophers.

Gophers may be poisoned at any season of the year, the sooner the work is started the quicker will the county be rid of the pest. The best time is during the months when the fall or spring sowing is being done. Some people carry poison bait while plowing and drop the bait in runways found in the furrow. New burrows are more easily recognized after a heavy rain, experience has shown that the most effective time to start a campaign is on the first clear day after a rain.

From the way the boys and girls in the schools are going after the gophers and moles in the fields and meadows in all parts of the county it is evident that there will be considerable rivalry in the contest for the prize money amounting to \$35, being offered by the Polk County Agricultural Council to be distributed about Christmas time.

Already reports are coming into the county agent's office of boys who are catching an average of nearly one mole a day, and before the contest is over, it is expected that they will be trapping more than this number. Every boy and girl in the county has an equal opportunity of winning a district prize as well as the County prize. It is not too late to enter the contest now. Boys who have not already secured their traps are urged to get them immediately as the supply in the hardware stores is limited. The first reports of the contest will appear in next week's issue.

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ticed others into buying more of our wares. And now that it is all over and we have earned a net profit of seventy-five dollars, we realize that it was largely due to the donations and patronage of the citizens of Monmouth. That an enterprise of this sort could be successfully launched in a town of this size speaks well for the community spirit.

The Mountain View Grange held its Harvest Home Festival last Saturday; an all day meeting was begun with community dinner. The dinner consisted of all the good things to eat for which Mountain View dinners are famous. The after dinner program consisted of

the consideration of after war needs in education and agriculture. The chief speakers were Mrs. Margaret Curran of the Oregon Normal School, Mr. McDonald of the Oregon Agricultural College and Mrs. Inez Miller of the Mountain View School. Mrs. Reicherd, formerly Miss Guthrie of Monmouth, delighted every one with her songs. Songs and recitations by the children of the school and a report by Mrs. George Lampert on "Letters from the boys over there" completed an enjoyable afternoon.

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most notable Thanksgiving Day for America and the world, that they have ever had, or perhaps ever will have, let all the people show their gratitude to Almighty God and Father of All Mankind by their presence and participation in this service. 10 o'clock sharp next Thursday morning in the Normal chapel.

### Juniors Win in Basketball

On Saturday evening, the first in the series of Girls' Basket Ball games was played in the Normal Gymnasium. The game came as a fitting climax to the Merger Campaign Week and by an admission fee aided materially in "over the top" ping the Normal School quota. A new departure was made by having the game played in quarters, thus affording a greater number of students who have been out for practice an opportunity to participate.

The two teams were so wonderfully well matched that there was no chance of naming the winners at any time during the game, thus keeping the players and the audience of enthusiastic rooters, constantly on the qui vive. When time was finally called the score stood 21 to 18 in favor of the Juniors.

### More Time for Parcels

By order of the war and post-office departments of the national government the time for sending Christmas parcels to the boys in France has been extended from November 15 to 30. Parcels may be mailed at your local postoffice up to the last receipt of mail for November 30. Any individual who has received a label for a Christmas parcel and who has lost or destroyed it, or the nearest relative to a soldier from whom no label has been received may send a parcel not earlier than Nov. 21 by making proper application at any Red Cross Christmas Parcel station.

### Burn Your Shells

Collection centers have been notified by the Bureau of Conservation to stop all shipments of fruit pits and nut shells and to discontinue their further accumulation. At the same time chapters and others with any of these materials on hand are requested to dispose of them in any way they may desire. It has been suggested that a ton of peach pits almost equals a ton of coal in fuel value. If this be true there should be no difficulty in disposing of any stocks on hand to particularly good advantage.

### Moon on the Job

The brisk breezes of the Pacific invaded the valley last Thursday night and rocked things a bit for us, the most notable effect being injury to our power lines which put out the city lights. The trouble was not located until Saturday and in the interval the moon did service for people who had to travel at night. House lights and the power wire were not affected.

J. C. Hayter of Dallas was a visitor in Monmouth Monday and the Herald acknowledges a brief visit.

## STILL ADDING TO WAR FUND

### Indifference Among Well-to-do is Shown in Totals Collected

The drive for the War Work is about completed now. While the result is somewhat disappointing, yet considering everything the outcome is gratifying. This being preceded by so many other drives naturally came in for the leavings. Then people generally were not so well posted on the work of the organizations represented in this campaign and as a consequence did not feel the urgency. And the fact of the armistice with promise of peace took away what of zest there might otherwise have been in the campaign as many could not see the further need of these lines of war work, not considering that need really intensified during the period of demobilization.

The result for this district stands as follows: Monmouth, N. W., \$146.25; S. W., \$134; S. E., \$119.50; N. E., \$236.70; Sunny Slope, \$13.75; Elkins, \$102.73; Cochrane, \$130; Antioch, \$41; Mistletoe, \$25; Fairview, \$73.50; High School, \$106.21; Commercial Club, \$75; Total, \$1203.64. Apportionment \$1400.

In addition to the above the Normal School gave \$1000.

### Items of Interest

D. C. Walker of Buell had business in Monmouth Monday and Tuesday.

School was resumed in Independence Monday.

Roy Clark and family have moved into the Goodman house recently occupied by M. S. Pittman.

Miss Neta Waller returned Wednesday to Coos Bay to take up school work at Bunker Hill and Miss Kramer who is teaching in Marshfield left on the same day.

C. P. Wilson of McMinnville is working at the hardware store in place of C. Stewart who is running Meeker's tractor and plowing outfit.

The annual meeting of the Polk County Agricultural Council will be held on December 2. Election of officers, adoption of the report of the Program of Work Committee, and changes in the Constitution will be the principal business of the meeting.

It is not every year, even in the Willamette valley that roses bloom out of doors during the latter part of November, but a fine bouquet brought in to the Herald office by Mrs. J. H. Ackerman, Monday, testifies that in 1918 at least we may have roses at Thanksgiving time.

A delegation of Monmouth people, Messrs. Ackerman, Powell, Wolverton, Boothby and Morlan waited on the county court in Dallas yesterday in an effort to have the road from Monmouth to Independence smoothed up a little.

Writing from Camp Mead, Maryland, Howard Morlan states that the soldiers there are still receiving their over seas outfits although he does not believe they are to be sent across. He sends regards to Monmouth people.

Mrs. H. C. Ostien was elected a member of the executive committee of Willamette Chapter at the meeting held in Salem Wednesday. In addition to Mrs. Ostien, Mrs. C. Lorence and Mrs. Harriet Richards attended from Monmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pollan came up from the Siletz country Wednesday and departed for a visit with relatives in Linn county.

## Monmouth Highways

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Written and Edited by Students of Monmouth High School

(By Eric Swenson)

To all the readers of the Monmouth Highways, greetings.

This number marks the beginning of volume three of the Highways, the second year it has been published in the Monmouth Herald. We have been somewhat slow in starting our publication this year, but are resolved to make it bigger and better for that reason.

The boys of the High School organized for basket ball last week. Dell Tedrow was appointed manager; James Partridge, treasurer and Manley Arant, caretaker of the basket ball.

The following is the first team as organized at this time:

Winegar and Van Loan—Guards  
Evans, Captain—Center  
Powell and Bell—Forwards.

On Saturday evening of last week there was a basket ball game between the boys' First and Second teams. An admission fee of five cents was charged to help pay for a new basket ball. The Firsts triumphed with a score of 36 to 6.

The girls have also organized for basket ball and are practicing three times a week after school is out in the afternoon. They have, as yet, not organized a team.

M. H. S. raised \$106.21 in the United War Work Drive last week. This makes an over subscription of \$31.21. This is a record of which we are justly proud.

Because of the fact that there is still some danger from the "Flu" the students have been requested to keep away from the building at noon. During the noon hour all the windows are opened and the building thoroughly aired. The epidemic has also prevented any gatherings of a social sort among the students.

The High School library has been opened in the hall adjoining Miss Doughty's room, with a stock of current periodicals. A librarian is always in attendance and the students have free use of the magazines and papers.

Because of the fact that Thanksgiving day comes on the Herald's printing day, contributors are requested to get in their copy a day early next week.

Henry Ebbert of Philomath was a visitor with his mother and brother in Monmouth Wednesday.

People who have been spinning stories about their spud crop are on the anxious seat just at present for C. E. Herron is digging his crop this week and when the work is completed will have something to talk about.

H. M. Richardson, the new manager of the Independence Telephone Co. was a visitor in Monmouth Tuesday. He was formerly manager of the Home Telephone Co. of Castle Rock Wash., and his services were secured by the local company to succeed Alfred Spratley who died of influenza.

### CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR

will mean more than ever to thoughtful people, but it will not be a season for extravagance; only worth-while Christmas presents will be given.

For nearly one hundred years The Youth's Companion has been the popular Christmas present. It always has been the best present for so little money, because the paper

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Agricultural production of food-stuffs is America's biggest single industry; improvement in this field should lead all others.

Making two blades of grass grow where one grew before becomes the duty of the American farmer: the Polk County farmer.

Begin now to put in tile drainage which will produce that second blade of grass on your wet ground.

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