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NORMAL ENJOYS WEEK OF SONG

Students Participate in National Chorus. Other Normal Events

The annual National Week of Song at the Oregon Normal School under the direction of Miss Schuette, Head of the Music Department, closed on Friday evening with a Community Sing at which the Oregon Normal School orchestra assisted. Patriotic, College, Folk Songs and Hymns made up the program which had been arranged by the director. The chorus work had been stressed during the entire week and a certain class of songs featured each day. On Monday, the time was given to American Folk Songs; on Tuesday, songs of other nations; on Wednesday, hymns; on Thursday, the O. N. S. orchestra entertained with Gustav Hinrick's arrangement of college songs; and, as an encore, the Student Body sang them to orchestral accompaniment; at Friday's chapel patriotic songs were featured. During the chorus practices the aim of the National Week of Song was reviewed by Mr. Buell in a very interesting talk and the Misses Ferrin and Calbreath told of the work of Stephen Foster, the American writer of folk songs and of Thomas Moore. The week was instructive and enjoyable to Faculty, student body and citizens.

Hopkins Jenkins, Principal of the Portland Jefferson High School, was the Chapel speaker on Friday morning. Mr. Jenkins took for his subject the "Power and Influence of American Ideals." The ideals of liberty, nationality, manifest destiny and sacrifice and service were stressed by the speaker. In a carefully thought-out address he showed how each of these had been the dominant idea of the nation at some period of her existence and the sum of these ideals made the America of today. Mr. Jenkins is a convincing speaker and the address was enthusiastically received by the students. The Jefferson High students who are at the Normal entertained at dinner at the Dormitory on Thursday evening in honor of Mr. Jenkins. Beside the students and guest of honor, President and Mrs. Ackerman, Dean Todd and Mrs. Curran were present.

On last Wednesday Miss Houx, Critic of the Fifth and Sixth grades at Independence, entertained during the Chapel period. The members of the Fifth grade staged an interpretation of the "Cause of the Trojan War" that was greatly enjoyed by Faculty, student body and visitors. Miss Houx in a brief introductory talk explained that the dramatization was the out-growth of the regular class room work conducted by the student teachers. This is in harmony with the modern pedagogic idea of school entertainments which holds that they should shadow forth the work of the school and not be something entirely divorced from what is done in the class room and when the regular work can be made as interesting and entertaining as was done on Friday there will be no objection from the audience. Miss Houx and the student teachers are to be commended upon the excellence of the work.

Mr. Butler, Head of the History Department, took the Chapel periods on Monday and Tuesday to elucidate the terms of the League of Nations Treaty. Mr. Butler's thorough knowledge of the present situation and his broad background of historical facts made the discussion especially interesting and informational.

Miss Ethel Calkins who graduated

in November from the Oregon Normal is doing some splendid work as Club Supervisor of Multnomah County as evidenced by special recognition in last Sunday's "Oregonian."

The week of song was observed in each of the rural training schools; one day's exercises being given over to patriotic songs. Mountain View observed Washington's birthday with an evening program. President Ackerman was the chief speaker. His topic of discussion was the "League of Nations", a particularly appropriate subject for such an occasion. Songs, recitations and essays taken from the regular school work made up the rest of a delightful and instructive evening's entertainment. Oak Point and Elkins had their exercises on Friday afternoon.

On Friday afternoon of February 21st the students of the Normal gave a program suitable to the day and adaptable to use in school work. Typifying the time and custom of the day of George Washington the scene was a post-prandial wherein toasts were proposed and responses were given covering his life, work and character. Miss Strauss presided with most becoming dignity and the responses were given by the Misses Halverson, Kennedy, Hanson, Kinnaird, Pettifinger and Mrs. Brown, each acquitting herself in a most acceptable manner. The toasts were befittingly brief but exceptionally well done. Miss Havelly sang Mount Vernon Bells in a very pleasing voice; she was accompanied by Miss Anderson on the piano and Miss Ferrin on the violin. The covers were laid in the form of a crescent; the rich candelabras with the burning candles, the cut glass and ferns, with the background of patriotic colors all blended to make the situation realistic. Stuart's portrait of Washington, the steel engraving, was presented to the Normal by Mr. Butler. President Ackerman responded in his usual clear and happy way. Miss Parrott gave a short biography of the Author detailing his life work and study, affording all a much better appreciation of the real value of this work of art. Miss Ferrin won the audience by a well-executed number on the violin. Following this the address of the day was made by Circuit Judge H. H. Belt. After a brief, concise resume of the character of Washington the Judge made a most forceful application of this to the citizen of today showing the urgent need of a full realization of all the duties of an American incident to world affairs as now pending; that a sane solution of these was to be found in following the teaching of this great man. The Judge has many warm friends here and his splendid address was thoroughly enjoyed.

The Normal Glee Club under the direction of Miss Schuette rendered a very appropriate selection which was well-received. The program was opened and closed with appropriate assembly music under the direction of Miss Schuette.

On Friday the appearance of twenty-two Normal students wearing blue and gold ribbons announced the fact that the semi-yearly initiation of the Delphian Society was at hand. The many and unique forms of persecution inflicted upon the new members by Miss Sumner and her committee were observed with great enjoyment by the society and its visitors. The Delphians were represented on the joint program by Miss Sodie Havelly and Miss Rosabelle Smith who rendered a duet which preceded a graceful minuet executed by eight girls prettily costumed as Colonial lads and lasses. The formal installation ceremony

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\$100,000 for New Normal Buildings

\$5,000,000,00 Reconstruction Measure to be Voted on in June

One of the closing acts of the legislature was the passage of what is known as the \$5,000,000 reconstruction act which, among other measures will be submitted to the people for approval at a special election in June.

Approximately half of the money is to be expended in drainage and reclamation projects and that part which affects the upper Willamette valley will if put into execution add thousands of dollars to the value of its land, very greatly increase its producing capacity and result in a greater density of population.

One half of the money is to be spent in building projects, the aim being to concentrate work of this kind during the period of dullness in industrial conditions between adjustment from a war to a peace basis. It included a new and much needed penitentiary building and new work in Portland, Astoria, Bend, Marshfield, Pendleton, at the university, the agricultural college and last but not least carries an appropriation of \$100,000 for the Monmouth Normal.

Just what form the proposed improvements at the Normal will take have not been announced and probably will not be until the act is approved but there are numerous

ways in which the money can be put to good purpose. Considering the way the bill is arranged the prospects for passage are deemed good.

For Straight Road

It is reported from what appears authoritative sources that at the next meeting of the highway commissioners, the route of the West Side Highway in Polk county will be laid out and that it will pass directly through Rieckreall and Monmouth to Corvallis leaving both Dallas and Independence on branch lines.

The fact that pump repairs are expensive was again called to the attention of the council Tuesday night when bills were presented for lifting the pump to repair a break which occurred within the week. Claims allowed were: General fund, Power Co., \$39.62; Monmouth Herald, \$6.75; Gravel Co., \$3.35; marshal's salary, \$15; recorder fees, \$7.10. Water fund: O. C. Zook, \$1; supt. salary, \$60; recorder, \$10.59; Power Co., \$61.02; Ed Moreland, \$6.50; Chas. Newman, \$6. In the absence of Mayor Wolvert, the council spent the evening going over details of proposed gravity water system.

Training School Facts and Fancies

Unusual fervor of patriotic sentiment marked the celebration of February Red Letter days this year. This was quite to be expected, inasmuch as the events of the year, transcendent in their significance, have inspired each and all with a finer appreciation of those ennobling influences of the past which have brought about and which have helped to maintain the true American ideal.

February 11th: Hail to the chief of modern scientists who is giving to the world eighteen or more hours a day of efficient and unparalleled service; and this at the age of seventy-two—Thomas A. Edison. In the years to come we shall remember this day and bow our heads in grateful acknowledgement of your benefits to mankind.

February 12th: "This man whose homely face you look upon was one of nature's great miracles." We study the picture before us, and we recount the events in the life of the man that made possible the laying of the foundation of the great American principle, The Brotherhood of Man. Now we form a procession headed by the primary grades with the other grades in line and march out into the hall to stand before the Lincoln statue, that wonderful life like representation of the "Great Benefactor of the Race." The primary grades recall in most pleasing manner incidents in the life of Lincoln. Other grades follow. Merle Wilson recites that masterpiece of concise, but forceful literature, The Gettysburg Address. Then Vera Dodson steps before the group and with these words: "Lincoln, for what thou hast done, we would honor thee," places a wreath upon the statue. We then pledge our allegiance to our flag and quietly depart to our respective rooms.

February 14th: In a lighter vein we do homage to St Valentine, the love god. And such unique and appropriate expressions of sentiment as the valentine boxes reveal, from tiniest tot to great big—well, we won't mention names—who may have been responsible for the valentine depicting the little boy just

cramping with the most delicious doughnuts and inscribed as follows: "Be sure to stuff us for the 8th grade exams."

February 22: This program was given in the children's assembly room which had been appropriately decorated for the occasion. The first number on the program was a patriotic medley by the training school orchestra. As this was their initial appearance, not a little interest was manifested when Miss Schuette, the director, raised her baton. The effort was most commendatory and Miss Schuette is certainly to be congratulated upon the result, for her work had been greatly handicapped not only by transitional change in instructors, but also because of the absence of former pupils who have long been connected with the orchestra, and because of the long enforced vacations. Since music is universally becoming recognized as a necessary part of one's education, it is to be hoped that our pupils will be encouraged in this work. Following this part of the program: were exercises by the lower grades. However, the main feature of the rest of the exercises was the stunt program put on by the 7th grade pupils who were contesting with the eighth grade in effort along this line. They selected a patriotic play, descriptive of scenes at Valley Forge. The executive ability displayed was quite unusual for such immature players. They acted wholly upon their own initiative in the choice of play, the selection of characters, the stage setting, costuming and "make up". Much credit is due the coach, Dorothy Clark for the success of the play. The decorating and clean up committees deserve honorable mention also. Not a little heroism was displayed in the grades in the contributing of vocal and instrumental solos.

P. S. And now to close with a little joke at the expense of the teacher of Agriculture. "And what is the topic today?"

"Bright Boy: Root tuberculosis." (Root tubercles.)

P. S. No. 2. We must offer an apology for this lengthy write up. Here it is There was much to tell and we haven't appeared in these columns for some time.

P. S. No. 3. Do you read these articles?

A Change of C. C.'s.

C. C. Mulkey has concluded to become a permanent resident of Monmouth once more and to this end has bought the Model grocery which for the past two years has been owned by C. C. Lightfoot. We understand he is to take possession next Monday. Mr. Mulkey was born and brought up in this vicinity, is a favorite with all and business men and people of the city in general will welcome him back to our midst. Mr. and Mrs. Lightfoot have conducted a good store and have the best wishes of all in new enterprises.

Club Plans A Boost Banquet

It is proposed to hold a booster meeting under the auspices of the Commercial club in I. O. O. F. hall Friday night, March 7. This will take the form of a basket banquet which adult citizens of Monmouth, who are interested in the welfare of the town are invited to attend.

As a feature of this meeting it is proposed to take up the Memorial Hall idea and ascertain if the sentiment of the city is for or against it.

President G. T. Boothby of the club will preside as toast master at the conclusion of the meal and among those who will respond are President Ackerman to "Reconstruction", Prof. Gentle to "The Memorial", Rev. E. B. Pace to "The Building", Ira C. Powell to "How can it be Financed." There will also be responses to the query "Do you want it?" to be responded to by representatives of the city, the Commercial club, the churches, the fraternal and other organizations. Persons attending are requested to provide their share of the dinner and also to contribute 5 cents each to pay for table serving and cleaning up.

A number of interesting facts will be brought out, it will be the sort of a meeting to do one's soul good and no public spirited citizen of Monmouth should miss it.

It is necessary to know in advance the number who will attend and if you plan to do so, kindly leave your name at the Herald office before Wednesday night, March 5.

Another Miller Store

The Miller Mercantile Co., that operates a chain of stores in the Willamette Valley, closed a deal last week for the purchase of the King-Smith Department Store of Sheridan. This makes the sixth in the chain of stores operated by the Miller Mercantile Co. The Head office of the Company is at Newberg. The other stores are at McMinnville, Yamhill and Dayton in Yamhill county and Monmouth in Polk county.

Monmouth members of the Eastern Star, some twentyfive in number invaded Independence Tuesday night and entertained the Independence members of the order. This included not only refreshments but a program with musical and literary features. A fine time is reported.

We notice that the county court of Coos county which has started to sue L. A. Cates and others for \$9,000, is to be recalled if certain moves which have been started are successful. C. A. Wade of Bandon has accepted the recall candidacy for county judge of the county.

Mabel Ground Johnson gave a party for her piano pupils Monday evening in the high school building. Music and games were the order of the evening. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and wafers were served and all enjoyed a pleasant evening.

THE FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY

Furnishes Judge Belt With Topic for Oration on Patriotism

Washington's birthday usually calls out a patriotic program at the Normal and the one last Friday afternoon was made notable by the presentation of a portrait of Washington to the student body and Normal school by the faculty. The gift, a reproduction in black and white of one of Gilbert Stuart's masterpieces, was presented by Mr. Butler with remarks fitting to the time and place as well as to the task thereof and was responded to by President Ackerman on behalf of the Board of Regents and of the student body. He said the portrait was accepted in the spirit in which it was given and would be given a place on the wall alongside the service flag as an inspiration to students and faculty.

Miss Parrott gave many interesting details of the life and work of the painter with anecdotes of his experience while a student under Benjamin West and of his ambition to paint Washington's portrait. She said he had never finished this portrait, leaving a shoulder undone, because he did not want to part with it during his life and always held as his excuse the fact that the picture was still unfinished.

Judge Belt of Dallas was introduced as orator of the day with a few apologies as to the brevity of the notice given him. Judging from the manner in which he handled it the judge does not require a great deal of notice on this particular topic. He made a strong appeal for Americanism and for a high standard in the way of admission of new citizens to the Union. He sketched the incidents of trial and test through the periods of our history by which our ideals had become fixed and expressed the opinion that a kindly providence had directed us on the pathway to our destiny. Judge Belt's oration was listened to closely, and his sentiments warmly applauded.

At the opening of the program a number of toasts were proposed to different facts connected with the career of Washington, toasts given by a group of girls about a banquet board.

Les Miserables

"Les Miserables", which will be at the Chapel on March 1 at eight o'clock and which was written in Victor Hugo's sixtieth year, is not only the greatest of all productions, but is in many respects the greatest work of fiction ever conceived. An enormous range of matter is pressed into its pages—by turn historical, philosophical, lyrical, humanitarian—but running through all the change of scene is the tragedy and comedy of life at its darkest and its brightest and of human passions at their worst and at their best. It is more than a novel—it is a magnificent plea for the outcasts of society, for those crushed by that mighty edifice known as social order. Yet, throughout it all, there is the insistent note of the final triumph of goodness in the heart of man. Admission 10 and 20 cents.

Reports of returning soldiers come thick and fast these days and within the past week a number of Company L arrived by transports that unloaded at New York. Among them were Captain Staffrin and other Dallas soldiers the only one from Monmouth being Clarence Elkins. In due course of time these soldiers will work their way to Camp Lewis and there receive discharges.