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RURAL CENTERS SHOW ACTIVITY

Institutes Call Faculty. Committee Plans Normal Memorial

Friday afternoon the Elkins Parent-Teacher Association met at the school to listen to a lecture by Miss Laura Taylor of the Oregon Normal School Faculty. Miss Taylor introduced the subject, The National Health Campaign, by quoting draft statistics that emphasized the need of immediate action toward improving health conditions throughout the country. "Before the war, in 1916, 70 per cent of all men who applied for entrance to the army and 78 per cent of those who applied for entrance into the navy were rejected because of physical unfitness." She then took up the discussion of what was being done to remedy this condition in various communities. She stated that in the city of Portland an investigation in the Shattuck school had disclosed the fact that 28 per cent of the children had no milk in their diet and that it was these children that they found to be not doing well in their school work. As a result the Oregon Dairy Association has voted to supply milk for these children of the Shattuck school. The Legislature of the State of Washington has recognized the responsibility of the state for the physical welfare of the boys and girls by passing a law providing that every school district in the state must furnish milk for every school child's lunch. As a remedial measure Miss Taylor urged the need for a system of medical inspection and school nurses for the county schools. At the close of Miss Taylor's address Lieut. Laughary was called upon to speak. He carried his discussion into the field of army life and the needs there for physical fitness. He stated that even the remaining 30 per cent that the army had accepted were not physically perfect but that many things had to be done for them. He emphasized the need of proper standing and sitting posture for physical well being and that carelessness in fitting children's shoes causes much of the foot trouble among adults. The time for establishing habits of posture is undoubtedly during the years of growth.

One of the Benton County local institutes was held at Mountain View on Saturday. Districts Number 6 and 45 joined with Mountain View in providing a program and lunch for the visiting guests and speakers. The patrons of the three communities were present and helped to make a very inspiring audience. President Ackerman urged the boys and girls to look forward to completing three things as a preparation for Oregon citizenship: First, completing the eighth grade; second, completing a high school course; third, completing a college course. He emphasized the fact that conditions have so changed that now an education has become an essential element of success. He gave a very inspirational talk and ended by saying that Oregon boys and girls should attend Oregon institutions of education to learn to be citizens of Oregon and gave as a slogan "Oregon Schools for Oregon boys and girls."

Board meetings are becoming very popular with President Ackerman and Mrs. Curran, Head of the Rural Department of the Normal. A week ago the domestic science class of the Mountain View center served lunch for the board. They did it so nicely that Mrs. Curran complimented them on it when visiting Oak Point. When a meeting was called at Oak Point the boys and girls of that school promptly

invited the School Board, Mr. Wolfe, Mr. Rex and President Ackerman to have luncheon March 11 with them. The children, none of whom are more than fourteen years of age, prepared the entire luncheon and served it. The menu consisted of mashed potatoes, creamed chicken with egg dressing, bread and butter, jello with whipped cream, cake and coffee. Every part of the luncheon was a great success, the food, the laying of the table, and the serving. [The cake was baked by a seven year old girl and the bread was made by an eleven year old boy. President Ackerman said it was the best board meeting he had ever attended.]

Miss Dunham, Critic for the Third and Fourth grades in Monmouth Training School, was the Faculty representative on Wednesday. She gave an illustrated talk on Kindergartens. The talk was most informational and supplemented by the pictures was such convincing proof of the value of the kindergarten that it silenced the most skeptical objectors.

Superintendent Alderson, of Multnomah, discussed Senate Bill Number 45 of which he is the father, in Chapel on last Friday. The bill provides for a central school board for Multnomah County, outside of Portland, and an equal distribution throughout the county of the taxes levied for school purposes. Mr. Alderson illustrated the inequality of the tax levy by naming two districts in Multnomah County; one, very wealthy, which paid a little more than one mill; another, poverty stricken, which was taxed over twelve mills. The bill equalizes this by distributing the tax throughout the county. The central board for the county and the equal distribution of the taxes for educational purposes spell progress and those interested in the educational betterment of Oregon are looking forward to the adoption of this bill, not only in Multnomah County but in the near future throughout the entire state.

Normal Instructors were in demand last week for Institute work. President Ackerman, Mr. Gilmore, Head of the Science Department, Miss Arbuthnot, Principal of the Independence Training School, and Mrs. Curran, Head of the Rural Department were at Mountain View; Miss McIntosh, Principal of the Monmouth Training School, and Miss De Vore, Critic of the First and Second grades in the Independence Training School, were at Salem; Miss Taylor, Head of the Physical Education Department was at Elkins; Mr. Butler, Head of the History Department was at Springfield.

A committee consisting of Miss Parrott, Mr. Gentle and Mr. Butler has been appointed by the President to cooperate with a committee already selected by the Student Body and one to be appointed by the Board of Regents and another from the Alumni to decide upon a fitting memorial to be erected upon the Normal Campus honoring the boys who were in the Service. The committees have nothing definite in mind as yet but plan to be ready to have the Dedicatory Exercises during Commencement week at which time it is hoped that the boys who enlisted will return as well as the Alumni who are planning to be on the Campus en masse, making this truly a home-coming time for all.

Miss Schuette, Head of the Music Department and Miss Anderson, Head of the Art Department were in Portland on Saturday to hear Mr. Casals the noted cellist.

The Library Bulletin Board and Special Reserve Table are featuring birds this week. The poster is unusually attractive and the list of

SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNTY MEET

Workers Enjoy Three Day Annual Conference This Week

Sunday School leaders and superintendents are convening in Monmouth this week with the sessions distributed among the different churches of the city. Wednesday the opening session was held in the Christian church, yesterday the convention moved to the Baptist church and today it is holding sessions in the Evangelical church.

Speaking of the attendance, President Frank Brown says it is the largest of any convention in the last four years, or since he has headed the organization. Visiting members are being entertained here in the city, with Mrs. C. E. Stewart as chairman of the entertainment committee.

The feature of the Wednesday evening program was the interpretative reading of Henry Van Dyke's "The Lost Word" by Mrs. Leland W. Porter. Mrs. Porter who is the wife of the resident minister of the Christian church in Salem, demonstrated herself possessed of talent of a high order. The story of a man who for ease and wealth gave up the memory and knowledge of a word was told with imaginative fidelity and the incidents by which the lost word became imperative to his existence and how he came to know it again were equally well presented. Mrs. Peterson of Salem filled out the program with two splendid solos and Miss Havelly on the piano and Helen Cornelius on the violin were both excellent in their offerings.

Last night, Dr. Doney of Willamette university was the feature of the program and tonight Harold Humbert, state secretary, will speak on "The Torch of Flanders."

Rebekahs Entertain State President

Monmouth Rebekahs were out in full force last Saturday night to welcome the state president of the order, Mrs. Jeanie Burke of Portland. It was an official visit, and the degree staff of the local lodge, Agate Rebekah, No. 177, exemplified the work of the degree as a special event of the evening. At the close of the work the president gave a most excellent talk which was very helpful to all of the members present. After the session was concluded refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed by all.

Miss McIntosh took four of the boys of her eighth grade class in the Training School to demonstrate methods before the Teachers' Institute in Salem last Saturday.

Mrs. Curran, Head of the Rural Department, left on Thursday to attend the Rural School Conference at Bellingham, Washington. At this meeting she discusses "Health Betterment in the Rural Schools." Mrs. Curran is going to base her talk on the work done along this line in our own Rural Centers, as the results have been almost phenomenal.

Miss Parrott was in Portland last week-end to see the celebrated actors, Maxine Elliot and William Faversham, in the charming little English comedy "Lord and Lady Algy."

President Ackerman was a business visitor to Salem on Tuesday.

The following officers were elected at the house election at the Dormitory: President Clara Scharpf; Vice-President Meda Angell; Secretary-Treasurer Shannon Pettinger; Song Leader Helen Coe. Reporter Edith Sumner.

VICTORY LOAN DATES NAMED

Local Quotas to be Larger Than for Previous Liberty Loans

Plans for the Victory Loan campaign are now being perfected. The campaign will last three weeks, from April 21 to May 10 and the amount asked for is five billion but may reach seven billion. Judge E. C. Kirkpatrick is to have charge in Polk county and the county's quota is to be somewhat larger than in the last loan. The state is asked to raise \$30,000,000.

In many quarters there is an inclination to assume the \$5,000,000 bonding project has no show whatever for popular approval at the polls. This is probably true, but nevertheless it has a number of attractive features. Every year shows the greater need for the new penitentiary which it would provide and the drainage features for the Willamette valley should recommend it to everyone who lives in it. It would add a great deal to the agricultural possibilities of the wet sections of the valley, increase its population and add to the actual value of all the property in it.

SAW SEVERED FIDDLE FINGERS

Brother of J. W. Howell Seriously Injured in Mill Accident

A brother of John Howell who lives in Bandon, met with a serious and painful accident recently as will be gleaned from the following from the Western World of that city.

Oliver O. Howell, benchman at the Acme Planing mill, cut off the four fingers of his left hand in an accident Monday afternoon. He was trimming a board on the joining table when the knife jerked the board and threw his hand against the revolving blade, severing the digits completely. The thumb was uninjured.

The loss of the fingers will prove a terrible handicap to Mr. Howell in his work. Being a violinist of exceptional ability it is doubly sad as it will no doubt prevent him from playing.

The employees of the Acme plant are protected under the compensation act and Mr. Howell will likely receive an insurance allotment from the state.

While speaking at a recent meeting of the grange Senator Patterson took occasion to commend the Memorial hall and recreation center plan. "It's the finest thing of the sort of which I have heard" said he "and when you get it started I want to take out a membership in it."

P. H. Johnson believes in the plan of raising money for the memorial by selling stock and by a small bond issue. He thinks control of the hall should be vested according to the amount of money subscribed. He recalled the days when the normal had to be financed locally, when there was no prospective state appropriations to care for it. At one time \$3,500 was raised in a short time to carry on the work and with the present conditions he thinks we can handle the present proposal without difficulty.

After July 1st the former rates of first class postage of 2 cents for letters and one cent for post cards will be restored. Some time during the interval the department plans to issue a special souvenir 3 cent stamp.

Quick Trip from France

James Hinkle, who arrived in Monmouth last Wednesday from an experience with the army in France states that he was in that country one year and two months. He left France about the middle of February and arrived in Monmouth about five weeks later which is fairly good time for the distance traveled. Mr. Hinkle says that at no time was he in the front trenches being situated about one hundred miles away. He was in two training camps, at Neviers and Contres, and his special duty was that of supply sergeant. He had charge of stores used by the men. He embarked on the transport for the return voyage from Brest and says the portion of that famous camp in which his company was located was high and drained but that many of the soldiers were stationed on lower levels where the mud was knee deep. At first the tents were pitched in this mud but board floors have long since been laid under allowing all soldiers to have dry quarters. Mr. Hinkle says the sentiment in the army toward General Pershing is very favorable. He has done a great deal to advance the comfort of the soldiers and all appreciate it.

Committee Meeting

At a meeting of the sub-committee in the matter of the Memorial hall and recreation center held Tuesday night it was decided to call a meeting of the larger committee in I. O. O. F. hall Sunday afternoon at 2:30 when plans and ways and means will be discussed and an active campaign planned.

A Rural Financier

A young man giving his name as Joe Gray passed a check at Morlan's store last Wednesday which turned out to be spurious. He is reported to have performed the same trick twice in Independence Saturday. Sheriff Orr has been out of the county but the young financier is apt to find his career abruptly halted when he returns.

MAY COMPEL GOPHER DRIVE

Legislature Makes Change in Rodent Destruction Law

At the last session of the legislature the law granting a bounty of 5 cents on each gopher scalp, was repealed and in its place each county is permitted on the signed request of one hundred or more taxpayers, to appropriate \$500 or more from the county funds and declare for compulsory rodent extermination. The county will then purchase and prepare poison which is to be sold at cost to the land owner. Two weeks notice is to be given in two county papers and any one who fails to begin the work of extermination within 30 days shall have the work done by an appointed agent of the court, and the expenses, on approval of the court, shall be considered as a lien against the property and so indicated on the assessment roll. Where there is a county agent he shall direct this work, otherwise by an appointee of the court.

Falls City is to have a cannery which is to be located in the building where C. J. Pugh has been manufacturing loganberry juice. Mr. Pugh is to direct the new institution.

O. Floyd, shoe repair man of Independence has bought a prune ranch at Vancouver and plans to retire from business.

Rev. Skaggs, recently of Tennessee is conducting revivals in the Independence Baptist church.

GREET FRIENDS WITH A FEED

Christian Sunday School Entertains in Attractive Manner

The Christian Sunday School staged what might be called a square meal potlatch in the dining room of that church last Saturday evening. All of their friends were invited, everything connected with the event from the sumptuous dinner to the program and social time was a free gift and as an event it set a mark that will be the standard of comparison for some time to come. Twice the tables in the dining room of the church were crowded to capacity and a third time they were spread with fresh eatables to supply all that applied. Under the direction of Mrs. W. J. Evans and Mrs. Waller the tables and room were most prettily decorated and the tables spread with the abundance offered and glowing under the soft light of numerous candles were most attractive to look upon.

As preliminary to the dinner Mrs. Mack appeared and stated that in behalf of the school she desired to do honor to one who, although a member was also the honor guest of the evening. "Aunt Jane" Powell had been a member of the Bible school since 1875 and her industry, her faithfulness and her optimism had served them so well that at this time they felt impelled to present her with a special decoration, a bow of lavender, white and blue; lavender for age, white for purity, and blue for loyalty, to testify to their good will and appreciation of her years of service. Rev. Morris pinned the decoration on Mrs. Powell.

After the dinner there was a brief program upstairs and in the smaller rooms the children congregated and played games. It was a delightful affair and much enjoyed by all who attended.

Elmer Rake who was here from Carlton to spend the week end with relatives, returned Monday with his family who had been visiting here. Elmer who was in the butcher business with his brother in Carlton, is now working on the section for the S. P., his brother having sold the market. Elmer thinks the spelling of "God's Country" is a mistake if it begins with anything else than a capital N, the rest of it being ebraska, which is his native state and to which he hopes to be able to return during the coming spring or summer.

Don't overlook the lecture by Dr. Boyd in the Normal chapel this afternoon at 1:30. Dr. Boyd is one of the pulpit orators of the west and is in demand as a public speaker.

There is still another chance for those who have not filed their income tax returns. Income Tax Officer H. C. Barber will be in the court house in Dallas, April 10, 11 and 12, and those who are still troubled as to the working of the law can consult with him. An extensive drive to round up delinquents is planned shortly thereafter.

There was a meeting of the directors of the Monmouth Cooperative Shipping Association in G. W. Chesebro's office last Saturday afternoon and the following officers were elected: W. Riddell, Jr., president; A. E. Tetherow, vice-president; E. A. Tedrow, secretary and treasurer; G. T. Boothby, manager. There are over thirty members of the association at present.

M. W. Mix has charge of the ferry in Independence.