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TODAY IS THE JUNIORS'

Dr. Boyd's Fine Address. Cyril Richardson Tells of France

Dr. John H. Boyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Portland, addressed the Chapel on "Americanism and Citizenship." The fact that it is a privilege to be an American citizen was stressed by the speaker who significantly said that each should take a solemn oath to do nothing that would jeopardize that privilege. He divided Americans into four classes—the actively destructive, the parasites, the inert and the actively constructive. The last, unfortunately, is the smallest group; it is the group, however, said the speaker, that all should aspire to and the group that must include those who are to teach if America's form of government, which is still in its experimental stage, is to become permanent for as he conclusively proved, democracy is not a gift but an achievement; and no peoples are ready for a democratic form of government who are not educated—educated in an educational system that has a soul. The lecture was thought-provoking as well as information-giving and delivered in Dr. Boyd's convincing manner, enforced by his striking illustrations and phrased in his faultless style made an appeal for Americanism that was irresistible. The delegates to the Polk County Sunday School convention who were in session in the city were the special guests of the Normal for the occasion.

The Faculty Representative on Wednesday was Miss De Vore, Critic of the First and Second Grades, in the Independence Training School, who discussed interestingly and entertainingly the "Psychology of Drawing." By means of a series of experiments in attempting to illustrate a poem, which she had conducted in the first six grades, she exposed how accurately and inaccurately—chiefly inaccurately—is visualized what is heard and read; despite the fact that good memories are the result of the power to visualize and poor memories from a lack of that power. Miss De Vore's talk illustrated by the children's drawings will be one of the interesting memories of the 1919 Chapels.

In pursuance of a campaign adopted by the Monmouth Commercial Club, Mr. Gentle at Friday's Chapel made a one-minute speech favoring the Community Memorial Hall.

Miss Brown, Y. W. C. A. Student Secretary of the Colleges of the Northwest, was at the Normal recently and gave a brief talk in the Chapel and in the evening addressed the members of the Y. W. C. A. in the Association Room. Miss Brown who is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College and of the National Y. W. Training School in New York, has been permanently assigned to the Northwest Colleges which have been without a Traveling Secretary since the war.

Miss Lida Brown and Miss Turnidge, members of the alumni who have been teaching for the past several years in the Blind School in Salem, were guests at the Dormitory during the week-end.

The grounds at the Normal which, on account of the scarcity of help, have had to be neglected, are again to receive their share of attention. A caretaker is to be permanently installed and large quantities of shrubs and flowers which have been ordered are to be placed immediately.

President and Mrs. Ackerman are leaving on Saturday for the Inland Empire Association at Spokane. The meeting does not convene until Wednesday. En route President and Mrs. Ackerman will visit the normals at Ellensburg and Cheney. Doctor Strayer, one of the leading educators of Columbia Teachers' College and the one whom Mr. Evenden is assisting, will be the principal speaker of the Spokane meeting. Miss Taylor, Head of the Physical Education Department, and Mrs. Curran, Head of the Rural Department, will also be at Spokane, Miss Taylor going direct from Monmouth and Mrs. Curran

going by way of Cheney where she has been asked to speak to the Normal Faculty and Students on "Rural Health, Standards and Attainments."

Miss Smith, Critic of the First and Second grades of the Monmouth Training School, and Mr. Gilmore, Head of the Science Department, spoke at the Forest Grove Institute last week-end.

Cyril Richardson, a former student of the Oregon Normal and a member of Company L was a Chapel visitor on Monday. Mr. Richardson saw some of the hardest fighting and was severely wounded at the battle of the Argonne. The Faculty and students were much interested in Mr. Richardson's experiences at the front which were thrilling enough to satisfy the most avaricious. After Chapel Mr. Richardson at Miss Radabaugh's invitation talked to the pupils of the Fifth and Sixth grades.

Jos. F. Bogynska, of the class of '13, who was attending the University of Chicago when he enlisted, writes that he has been selected to attend an English University to take up the study of law. This is a signal honor and the Normal congratulates Mr. Bogynska upon his good fortune.

St. Patrick's Day furnished the occasion for the program which the losing side in the Health Contest at Elkins gave to the winning side on Friday last. Games and refreshments were suggestive of the day. Everyone reported a splendid time. Friday next is to be Arbor Day at Elkins school. The afternoon will be given over to an Arbor Day program: Prof. C. E. Almack of the University of Oregon and Mrs. Margaret Curran of the Normal will speak.

The Vespertine Society was represented in the Joint Meeting, March 21, by Ethel Ackerson who "elocuted" while washing dishes. A St. Patrick's program followed the Joint Meeting. Miss Clara Sales, costumed as an Irish cook, entertained the audience by reading an Irish story. The Irish farce, given by Misses Goldie Everest, Goldie Hufford, Myrtle Hoffman, Nan Hunter, Mable Shortridge, Fern Daily, Gussie Branbury, Grace McCann and Mr. Guy Lee was intensely exciting. The young man rashly wagers but ingeniously wins his bet. At O. N. S. it seems to befall that the women costume as men; and in this instance the masculine aunt deceived the audience. The climax came when his "pal" realized he was "sold" and the hatless aunt appeared.

Junior Day, an annual event which holds all sorts of anticipations for the Faculty, Seniors and Guests, is being staged at the Normal today. The afternoon's program which will begin at 2 o'clock and to which all are invited, will be given in the Normal Chapel. In the evening there will be a Student Body Party, under the auspices of the Juniors, at the Normal Gymnasium. All who attend the Normal Social Functions are invited to be present.

GILMORE IS NEW COUNTY LEADER

Chosen President of Sunday School Workers of Polk Co.

The Sunday School Convention held in Monmouth on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week, was one of the most enthusiastic ever held by the organization. At Thursday evening's program, President Carl Doney of Willamette University was the principal speaker, taking for his subject "Jack Horner and his Pie." Dr. Doney developed a humorous vein and kept his audience convulsed throughout the discourse but managed to give the recipe for a pie as a foundation of character that would stand any kind of a comparative test. Dorcas Conklin, Dell Tedrow and Harold Price made some very interesting addresses during the same evening. Harold Price described an organized Sunday School class at Elkins, patterned after the boy scouts. This class has a club room with a fireplace and equipped with athletic apparatus and manage to take an interest in youthful sports in combination with the study of the scripture.

Harold Humbert, state secretary, was the principal speaker Friday evening at the closing session, giving an eloquent address on "The Torch of Flanders."

At the business meeting of the Convention, L. P. Gilmore was elected president for the ensuing year and Mrs. Holman of Dallas, secretary and treasurer.

Rev. W. A. Elkins, who some time ago was given a call as pastor of the Christian church in Dallas and accepted, has sent in his resignation to the church board. Mr. Elkins for nearly two years has been a captain in the coast artillery, stationed at Ft. Stevens. At the time of selection as pastor he had expected to be discharged soon, but he is being held in service with no immediate prospect of release, hence his resignation as pastor.—Itemizer.

G. A. Burkhead who was discharged recently from the navy, has been appointed reconstruction aide in the Medical Department in the army and left for American Lake Wednesday to report for duty.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hampton are now in their own home, Mrs. Huber having taken charge of the Huber house to take care of the girls while they are going to school. Fred Huber is at the farm, having secured a man and woman tenant to help in the work.

The case of Oscar Hayter of Dallas who was operated on recently for hernia, took a serious turn through complications incident to the operation and for a time it was doubted whether he would recover. But he has passed the crisis and is now reported as getting along nicely.

A NEW AMERICAN LONG RANGE GUN



Grange Program

The session of the local Grange to be held on the second Saturday of April will be a dairyman's day and all persons interested in this important avocation are invited to attend the program in the afternoon. P. M. Brandt of the Department of Dairying of the agricultural college will be present as will also J. D. Mickle of the Dairy and Food Commission. A community sing is also to be staged that afternoon.

Although the council chamber was graced with the presence of several representative citizens Tuesday night but very little business of an official nature was accomplished. The marshal was instructed to serve notice on T. R. Kelsay relative to a certain fence, and a movement was started to determine the status of the city road money now in the hands of the county court. The water system proposition was talked over with a view of determining a plan of action to follow.

W. J. Mulkey, Jr., J. B. V. Butler, Jr., George Walker and Laurel Canning came home from the U. of O. to spend the ten day spring vacation with friends and relatives. Mrs. W. A. Elkins left Friday evening for Portland where she spent the week-end with Mr. Elkins and her sister, Miss Anna Wood and brother, Ivan Wood.

INCORPORATE THE PROJECT

Memorial Association Decide to Seek Funds on \$7500 Basis

Affairs on the proposed Memorial hall were given a few boosts during the past week. On Sunday afternoon a full committee meeting was held in I. O. O. F. hall and on Tuesday afternoon the sub-committee held a follow-up conference in Prof. Gentle's office in the Training school. Present plans are about as follows.

The project is to be incorporated under the name of the Monmouth Memorial Association. Stock is to be held at \$25 a share, the stock to have complete direction of the spending of the money raised. Subscriptions are to be asked on the guarantee basis that \$7,500 is to be raised in this manner. It is hoped that fifty persons can be found who will give \$100 each which with the larger and lesser amounts will make the goal. Voluntary subscriptions are to be taken up to April 14 when a three day drive will be undertaken to complete the amount.

While the minimum is placed at \$7,500, the maximum is left open. In other words unless \$7,500 can be raised by subscription the building will not be undertaken, but more may be devoted to it. Voluntary subscriptions are in order and it is hoped to have a nice list of subscribers ready for publication next week.

Greatest English Actor to be Shown Saturday Night

Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, who takes his famous role of The Stranger in Herbert Brenon's production of the "Passing of the Third Floor Back," which comes to the Normal Auditorium Saturday, March 29, is beyond doubt the greatest living English actor. After an active career of some forty years on the speaking stage, Sir Johnston formally retired from the footlights two seasons ago, and was only persuaded to enact his characterization of the mysterious lodger in Jerome K. Jerome's play after considerable diplomatic effort on the part of Herbert Brenon.

It is, in fact, safe to say that Brenon would not have succeeded in getting the dean of British dramatic art to forego his well-earned retirement if the fact had not been pointed out to Sir Johnston that a screen version of the "Passing of the Third Floor Back" would be a permanent record of his own favorite role.

N. P. Rasmussen and daughter of Dallas and M. W. Terrill of Portland were guests at Walter Rasmussen's Sunday.

Commission Decides For Direct Highway

Straight Route Between McMinnville and Amity Adopted. Choice Means Big Boost for Monmouth. Our Citizens are Jubilant

Wm. Himes, back from the battle front and sporting a mustache of exquisite grace and ample proportions was a visitor in Monmouth Wednesday, shaking hands with friends. Wm. says that he is of French ancestry and was able to get the lingo in good shape but could not convince the natives that he was the simon pure article until he grew the mustache which convinced the most skeptical, and the combination of mustache and lingo was always potent to bring out the "vin" when William visited in the best homes among the frog eaters.

W. A. Wood reports a prosperous sale at his place March 20 and he is well satisfied with the outcome thereof. He was fortunate in a fine day, following a period of stormy weather and a large crowd attended. Everything sold well.

W. W. Miller plans to move from the Kurze house on Main street to the Kurze house on Monmouth avenue.

POLK PIONEERS ARE SUMMONED

James Scrafford Dies in Salem and Samuel Orr in Portland

Another pioneer citizen of this vicinity has answered the roll call. James Scrafford, one of the early pioneers of this county, died at the Salem Hospital Saturday, March 15, following an operation and other complications. James Butler Scrafford at the time of his death, was 77 years old, being born August 19, 1841, in New York state. In later years when yet a young man he migrated to Ohio, thence to Wisconsin, where he lived until the breaking out of the Civil War, when he volunteered in the Infantry and served three months, later re-enlisting in 1862 and saw service and hard fighting until the surrender of General Lee, being stationed at the time in South Carolina. He was with General Sherman when he made his famous march to the sea and later was taken prisoner and served three months in the Libby prison where an exchange of prisoners was made, he being included. He was in the grand review when the war terminated at Washington, D. C., when President Johnson and cabinet viewed the returning armies. After receiving his discharge he came to Oregon in 1870 and for many years conducted a hotel in this city, and later at Corvallis and was also owner of the St. Charles at Albany. Later he retired from the hotel business and went onto a farm. He was married in 1880 to Miss Ann Gore who died August 17, 1901. To this union were born four children as follows: M. Scrafford, O. B. Scrafford, W. G. Scrafford and Mrs. Wm. Duffy, who survive him and also his present wife, Mrs. Mina Scrafford. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon, the Grand Army Post having charge, Dr. Dunsmore officiating. Interment was at Odd Fellows' cemetery.—Enterprise.

Samuel Orr, father of Sheriff Orr, died at his home in Portland on Wednesday, March 19, of pneumonia. Short funeral services were held in Portland on Friday after which the body was taken to Rickreall where funeral services were held Saturday morning, with interment in the Thielson cemetery.

Mr. Orr was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, May 12, 1845. About 1875 he came to America. He lived in Portland for a time, then bought a farm near Rickreall. In 1905 he retired from farming and with Mrs. Orr moved to Portland.

He is survived by his widow and the following children: Mrs. James B. Nesmith, of Portland; Mrs. E. A. Stinson and Mrs. Otis Wait of Rickreall; and Sheriff John W. Orr of Dallas.

Did we get it? We did. Broad smiles were quite the rage in Monmouth Thursday morning with G. T. Boothby and Mayor Wolverton setting the pace for the less jubilant to pattern after. The morning paper contained details of the location of the west side highway and as hinted in these columns before Monmouth appears to be located thereon with both feet.

There was some depression in our midst after the official visit of the commissioners here last Tuesday afternoon. The visitors were the three commissioners, Messrs. Benson, Booth and Thompson and Highway Engineer Nunn and they consulted with some of the prominent representatives of the community. After the interview a decidedly pessimistic view was current locally. The hopes in which we have indulged for the past month took on an aspect of gloom the impression being the highway would run by Brunk's corner through Independence.

But reports of the commissioners meeting settled things in our favor. While the contention of the commissioners that a direct road is needed is a hard thing to get around and proved our salvation, it is also true the present solution will appeal best to all parts of the county for if Dallas can not get the main line, it will be better reconciled to the fact with Independence in the same plight.

Here is what the Oregonian said of the decision.

One of the most important decisions of the commission yesterday was the location of the west side route of the Pacific highway, over which there has been a controversy for nearly two years. The commission went over the ground for two days this week and arrived at a determination yesterday.

The policy of the commission has been to run the state roads along a straight line, avoiding detours, and this policy was the factor in arriving at the decision. The location is from Newberg to McMinnville, via Lafayette, instead of via Dayton, and from McMinnville south through Homes Gap and Amity to Rickreall and Monmouth, straight through to the Benton county line and direct to Corvallis. [Between McMinnville and Forest Grove the location is via Carlton, North Yamhill and Gaston. On this latter section, the road after leaving Forest Grove and going through Gaston, passes through Wapato and follows the west side of the railroad track to Carlton, where it crosses to the east side of the track, thence to St. Joseph and on to McMinnville.]

The effect of this routing decided on places Independence and Dallas on stubs or spurs. The commission next extended the post road project out of Salem, now seven miles, to Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wood will visit for some time with their daughters here and at Hood River before going to their new home in Washington.

Mrs. E. R. Ostrom returned Friday from Portland where she visited her daughter Daphne, Mr. and Mrs. George Craw, and Mrs. Gorge Bethers. Mrs. Ostrom also visited her son, Sumner and family at Ft. Columbia, Washington, and her friend, Mrs. Ida Baker in her new home at Multnomah.

Miss Bertha Ziesle of Parker spent a few days last week with her friend, Peth Ostrom.