

THE MONMOUTH HERALD

Ore. Hist. Society
Public Auditorium

Vol. XI Monmouth, Polk County, Oregon, Friday, April 4, 1919 No. 31

Monmouth is Located in the Best Section of the Best Valley of the Best State of the Best Nation on the Earth

ANNUAL CONCERT OF THE GLEE CLUB

Normal Musical Event Next Week. Lecturers in Prospect

The Annual Glee Club Concert will be the event of Thursday evening April 10 at 8 o'clock in the Normal Auditorium. The Orchestra and Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Schuette, music supervisor, have been working diligently for the past several weeks and all are looking forward to their appearance with the keenest anticipation. The orchestral numbers include Elgar's "Salut d'Amour", Herbert's "Serenade" and the "Ballet Egyptian" by Louigini. The Glee Club, with the assistance of Portland's famous dramatic baritone, John Claire Montieth, will be heard in Bliss' cantata, "The Mound Builders" and the Normal Lyric Club will render "The Garden of Flowers" a cantata by Denza. In addition to these John Claire Montieth will appear twice during the evening, giving two groups of songs. The program will be a rare treat for music lovers and all are invited to secure tickets at Morlan & Son's at 25 and 35 cents.

The "Light of the Jewel", a pageant of national ideals, which entertained the large audience assembled in the auditorium on the afternoon of Junior Day, was an inspiration both in theme and presentation. The development of our national ideals, through strife and turmoil, was vividly portrayed and their realization when all united in the support of law, liberty and service was most appropriate and fitting. Much credit is due the Junior Class and especially Miss Taylor and Mr. Gilmore, the class advisors, who assisted in making the pageant such an artistic success. The Student Body Party, under the auspices of the Juniors, which closed a perfect day, was one of the most enjoyable social functions of the year. Junior Days are always pleasant memories but that of 1919 will linger long in the minds of those who were privileged to be present.

Miss Anne Davis, who represents the government in the "Back to School" campaign, spoke in the Chapel on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Davis is a convincing speaker and set forth her arguments with no uncertainty. Her statistics as to illiteracy and delinquency would have been staggering had not their reiteration since the war made us familiar with these unbelievable conditions in our own midst. The new now, said the speaker, is to arouse ourselves to prevent a repetition of these conditions and, in order to do this, teachers and parents must cooperate in the "Back to School and the Stay in School" campaign. The movement has already been inaugurated in thirty-eight states, including New York and the District of Columbia.

The campaign is not only to get the boys back to school but to keep them there by supplying congenial and worth-while employment for both their brains and hands. H. H. Herdman, Principal of the Washington High School of Portland and President of the Portland Branch of the Drama League, spoke in Friday's Chapel on the "League of Nations". Mr. Herdman's discussion of this vital question of today was very carefully thought out and reviewed at some length, both the virtues and vices of the proposed covenant as submitted to the Paris conference.

Superintendent McLaughlin of the Corvallis Schools was on the campus on Monday interviewing teachers for the Corvallis Schools for the ensuing year.

Mr. Wills, '17, Supervisor of Polk County, was visiting classes at the Normal last week.

The Normal has had some splendid lecturers on its platform during the past few months and has others programmed of equal merit. Dr. E. A. Winship, of Boston, is scheduled to be on the campus in the near future; also Dr. Bagley of Teachers College, New York, who is one of the leading educators of the United States. Dr. Evans, the brilliant nephew of the famous Premier of England, Lloyd George, who is rated as one of the most con-

vincing platform speakers of the age, will also be heard.

Superintendent Imel of the Grants Pass School was at the Normal last week selecting teachers for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Curran, Head of the Rural Department, who was the Faculty representative on Wednesday, talked on "Rural Health, Standards and Attainments." By means of charts Mrs. Curran convincingly showed the need of attention to the health conditions in the rural schools. Her statistics, which were carefully compiled, showed conclusively that the rural communities had not kept pace with the city in developing a health consciousness. In order that this might be accomplished, she advocated medical inspection in all schools and urged that action be not delayed in order to avoid in the next generation the mistakes made in this and which have been so forcibly impressed upon us by the revelations made in the draft.

Miss Katherine Gentle, '17, who has the primary work in one of the Albany schools, was on the Campus last week-end.

"The Passing of the Third Floor Back" with the celebrated English actor, Forbes-Robertson, in the title role, which was the cinematograph shown at the Normal on Saturday evening, is the most artistically staged and perfectly interpreted of the silent dramas.

Mr. Williams, '18, principal of one of the Albany schools, spent last week-end in Monmouth.

The members of the Seventh Grade Professional Grammar Class, under the direction of Miss Parrott, have been testing their vocabularies during the past week and have been much gratified to find advancement. Their reading vocabularies, upon which the tests are based, ranged from 14,000 to 16,000 words.

Miss Mamie Radabaugh, Critic of the Fifth and Sixth grades in the Monmouth Training School, was in Eugene last week-end making arrangements to enter the University next year. The Normal has granted Miss Radabaugh a year's leave of absence during which time she will secure her degree from the University.

GUIDE POSTS



PREPARATION FOR PAVING

Polk County May Extend Scope of Work by Issue of Bonds

The state highway commission has named April 15 as the day on which bids will be opened for paving contracts for laying the highway between Rickreall and Monmouth and Monmouth and Independence.

The state highway commission followed up its action in adapting a through route from the north to the south line of Polk county by making projects for paving the road from Rickreall to Monmouth and from Monmouth to Independence. Previously they set to work the machinery for paving from Salem to Dallas and from Amity to Holmes Gap. While these are the only projects on which the machinery of preparation is started the commission announced it was prepared to do all the work in the county this year if the county will prepare the roadbed.

At a meeting of the county court held in Dallas Wednesday a delegation of citizens from Northwestern Polk county waited on the court to suggest that if a bond issue was called for the purpose of doing the state work alone they would defeat it but if the bond issue would also cover work for the different sections of the county they would support it. For this reason a mass meeting of citizens from all sections of the county will probably be held in the near future to consider the matter of the amount and scope of the bond issues to be voted on in June.

Sunshine Farm was the scene of a very pleasant surprise party Tuesday evening, April 1st, the occasion being the 61st birthday anniversary of the proprietor, E. R. Ostrom. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Van Loan and son Hugh, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Cornwall and little daughter Mary, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Davidson and daughter Eva, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Riddell Jr., and sons Percy and Eldon, Mr. and Mrs. Ostrom, Beth, John and Joy Ostrom. The evening was spent with music, games and social converse. Refreshments were served and a jolly good time enjoyed by all. Before leaving the guests all joined in wishing Mr. Ostrom many happy returns of the day and hoped that they might "fool" him again in a similar manner on some other April 1st in the not too distant future.

Mrs. J. F. McClellan is visiting relatives in Portland this week.

Guy E. Sacre has returned to U. of O. where he is freshman, after spending his ten day spring vacation at his home.

PAYING PRICE OF WORLD WAR

Some of the Ways in Which Small Luxuries are Affected

Internal Revenue Agent J. M. Rogers and Deputy Revenue Collector O. C. Davis were in Monmouth Monday checking for the tobacco floor tax and other internal revenue measures. In the course of a visit at the Herald office Mr. Rogers explained some of the working of the new internal revenue legislation and the woe it holds to people who are addicted to luxuries.

Among the taxes which go into effect May first are taxes on carpets and rugs which cost in excess of \$5 per square yard; picture frames in excess of \$10; trunks costing more than fifty dollars; also other goods costing in excess of amount listed, as follows: Valises and suit cases, \$25; hand bags, etc., \$7.50; umbrellas, parasols, \$4; fans, \$1; smoking jackets, bath robes, \$7.50; men's waistcoats, \$5; women's hats, bonnets, \$15; men's and boys' hats, \$5; men's and boys' caps, \$2; boots, shoes and slippers, \$10; neckties, \$2; men's and boys' silk hose, \$1; women's silk hose, \$2; men's shirts, \$3; pajamas and underwear, \$5; kimono, petticoats, waists, \$15.

After May 1 there will be a special tax to be paid by the consumer of soft drinks, ice cream, etc., of 1 cent a ton each 10 cents or fraction thereof; tax to be paid at time of sale.

Beginning April 1 there is a tax on all jewelry made of precious metals or imitation, on field glasses, ivory, imitation ivory, clocks, watches, etc.

These are some of the more conspicuous taxes but by no means all which are to be paid by the citizen as his part in financing the great war through which we have just passed.

PARAGRAPHS OF POLK COUNTY

And Nearby Territory in Condensed Form for Busy Readers

The Falls City Canning Company has been incorporated for \$10,000.

Corporal Uda Burk, returned soldier, was in Dallas last week to Miss Elena Clansfield.

E. J. Himes, lieutenant in the engineering service in France writes that he does not expect to leave Europe for some time yet.

Mrs. R. P. Boise, widow of a pioneer judge of Polk county died in Salem recently at the age of 91. She came to Oregon in 1860 via the isthmus of Panama.

Walter Domes of McCoy is planning to build a house on his farm which with equipment will cost from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

F. E. Davis has disposed of his residence property in Dallas and is moving to Phoenix, Arizona, because of his wife's health.

William Rand, a sixteen year old boy while playing in the Ballston school house fell on the handle of a shovel and suffered injuries of such serious consequences that he died two days afterward.

Among the jurors drawn for the April term of court are W. J. Clark, editor, Independence; T. R. Crook, H. S. Portwood, J. H. Powell, Monmouth; M. R. Black, W. I. Morrison, G. N. Sloper, E. M. Young, Independence.

The Oregon Gravel and Contracting Co. plans to erect another bunker on the north side of the road leading to the ferry in Independence, and has applied to the public service commission for permission to cross the road with a switch, which request was granted.

When Dr. Cropp, formerly of Independence was taken with influenza in the Salem hospital early in January he had in his possession a gold watch and a ring set with a diamond. When Cropp died the watch and ring were in possession of a nurse, a Miss Olson. Now Warren F. Cropp, administrator of the doctor's estate brings suit for possession of the articles. Miss Olson alleges the doctor gave her the articles previous to his death.

CALCULATING CRACKSMEN

Secrete Stolen Speeder After Burglarizing King's Valley

King's Valley is a little out of the way for ordinary traffic, but it will be marked by a red cross on the burglar's handy guide for tourists traveling for strictly business purposes, since the events of the past week. Last Saturday night the post office safe, located in the store of Tom Allen, a general merchant of that town, was forcibly opened and deprived of a considerable sum of money and war savings stamps.

Mr. Allen has a brace of dogs and the dogs heard the burglars at work in the store at a very early hour Sunday morning and after the manner of dogs they proceeded to talk about it. Mrs. Allen, sleeping near by was disturbed in her slumbers and went out to remonstrate with the dogs. Doubtless having had considerable practice in that sort of work, the dogs became quiet and the burglars kept on burgling.

In the morning the mystery which had not been a mystery up to that time, was solved. The post office safe was found with its front blown to the front and its back blown to the rear. And its contents were missing, all except some uncanceled stamps which the burglars disdained. Evidently they thought it easier to tap a post office occasionally than to set up in business for themselves.

It is reported they took about \$300 in money, the money order forms of the office, the private papers of the postmaster and an indefinite quantity of war savings stamps. It was the custom of the neighborhood to entrust their war savings stamps to the post office safe for safe keeping, an arrangement quite convenient for the burglars.

Their booty, the burglars placed in a mail pouch, hanging conveniently by. The sack contained the accumulated King's valley mail, ready to start on its journey to distant parts. The burglars pried the lock off the sack and appropriated its contents using the sack evidently as a means of carrying the spoils.

They were traced through a "speeder" which they stole from the Italian section gang just now in Monmouth, laying new steel on the Airline-Dallas road. The burglars took the speeder to King's Valley, performed a surgical operation on the post office receipts there and returned to Independence.

They exhibited all the cleverness of home talent for they did not crudely leave the speeder to be found on the track nor along side, but took it apart, placed it in a barn near the track and locked it in. The discovery was made by Hawkshaw Wood, postmaster of Independence, who when the news of the robbery transpired, set out with others to look for clues. Not finding the car, and suspecting the barn, which was invitingly close and ideally located for the purpose of shrewd and successful burglary, the postmaster concluded to investigate. The barn was apparently empty but the postmaster was not satisfied until he had opened that locked door. When it was pried open the speeder was found. They had taken the speeder apart in order to get it through the door. It is suspected that burglars came down from Salem or Portland to do the deed.

Mrs. M. E. Percival entertained four ladies for dinner Thursday, whose combined ages including the hostess were 304 years. They were Aunt Jane Powell, Mrs. A. A. Catron and Mrs. L. M. Hall. They visited the Ladies' Aid in the afternoon.

AGED RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

O. C. Zook, Civil War Veteran, Succumbs to Paralytic Stroke

The death of O. C. Zook, a well known and respected elderly resident occurred Friday night at his home in this city, following speedily on a stroke of paralysis which attacked him on the previous Wednesday evening. Mr. Zook had been in apparent good health and spirits, was about regularly and attended to his daily duties. Wednesday evening he romped with his grandchildren and seemed in excellent health. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Christian church with Rev. Victor Morris presiding. Mr. Zook had for years been a teacher in the Bible School of the church and will be greatly missed in that connection.

Odum C. Zook was born in Missouri, September 12, 1840. He was a member of a cavalry regiment serving at a fort in Nebraska during the civil war. He was married to Emma B. Hawes in 1860 who died when they were living in Nebraska. Seven children were born to them: Mrs. J. N. Coons, Belleville, Kansas; Mrs. J. H. Fowler, Portland and Mrs. J. H. Wheeler, being the three who survive. In 1881 Mr. Zook was married to Margaret Coons of Illinois and they have four children: Jesse Zook of Dallas, Fred Zook and Mrs. Jaynes of Monmouth and Oscar Zook in the U. S. service at Newport News.

The family came to Oregon in 1890, settling in Washington county. They moved to Monmouth 16 years ago.

Mrs. Douglas Parkes writes from Lewiston, Idaho, that she has completed her course in the Normal school there and will in the near future be at home in Portland, where she expects shortly to meet her husband. The latter, who enlisted with Company L has served with the 26th Yankee division and saw service at the front from July until the signing of the armistice.

T. F. Kelsay lost a valuable cow from milk fever, Tuesday.

SECRET STOLEN SPEEDER AFTER BURGULARIZING KING'S VALLEY

King's Valley is a little out of the way for ordinary traffic, but it will be marked by a red cross on the burglar's handy guide for tourists traveling for strictly business purposes, since the events of the past week.

Last Saturday night the post office safe, located in the store of Tom Allen, a general merchant of that town, was forcibly opened and deprived of a considerable sum of money and war savings stamps. Mr. Allen has a brace of dogs and the dogs heard the burglars at work in the store at a very early hour Sunday morning and after the manner of dogs they proceeded to talk about it. Mrs. Allen, sleeping near by was disturbed in her slumbers and went out to remonstrate with the dogs. Doubtless having had considerable practice in that sort of work, the dogs became quiet and the burglars kept on burgling.

In the morning the mystery which had not been a mystery up to that time, was solved. The post office safe was found with its front blown to the front and its back blown to the rear. And its contents were missing, all except some uncanceled stamps which the burglars disdained. Evidently they thought it easier to tap a post office occasionally than to set up in business for themselves.

It is reported they took about \$300 in money, the money order forms of the office, the private papers of the postmaster and an indefinite quantity of war savings stamps. It was the custom of the neighborhood to entrust their war savings stamps to the post office safe for safe keeping, an arrangement quite convenient for the burglars.

Their booty, the burglars placed in a mail pouch, hanging conveniently by. The sack contained the accumulated King's valley mail, ready to start on its journey to distant parts. The burglars pried the lock off the sack and appropriated its contents using the sack evidently as a means of carrying the spoils.

They were traced through a "speeder" which they stole from the Italian section gang just now in Monmouth, laying new steel on the Airline-Dallas road. The burglars took the speeder to King's Valley, performed a surgical operation on the post office receipts there and returned to Independence. They exhibited all the cleverness of home talent for they did not crudely leave the speeder to be found on the track nor along side, but took it apart, placed it in a barn near the track and locked it in. The discovery was made by Hawkshaw Wood, postmaster of Independence, who when the news of the robbery transpired, set out with others to look for clues. Not finding the car, and suspecting the barn, which was invitingly close and ideally located for the purpose of shrewd and successful burglary, the postmaster concluded to investigate. The barn was apparently empty but the postmaster was not satisfied until he had opened that locked door. When it was pried open the speeder was found. They had taken the speeder apart in order to get it through the door. It is suspected that burglars came down from Salem or Portland to do the deed.

Mrs. M. E. Percival Entertained Four Ladies for Dinner Thursday

whose combined ages including the hostess were 304 years. They were Aunt Jane Powell, Mrs. A. A. Catron and Mrs. L. M. Hall. They visited the Ladies' Aid in the afternoon.

Mrs. Mayda Huber gave a party to a number of her boy and girl friends Friday night at the home of her parents on East Main street. James Hinkle was the guest of honor. All present report a fine time.

J. Ottinger of Sheridan made a business trip to Monmouth Wednesday.