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NEWS NOTES OF NORMAL

Farewell Reception to Miss Parrott. Music Program Planned

A social event of more than usual interest at the Oregon Normal School was the Rose Luncheon given by the Faculty in Normal Hall, at which Miss Rosa B. Parrott was the honor guest.

The spacious living rooms and the charmingly appointed tables were most delightfully decorated with baskets of Lady Gay roses from the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Ostien.

The luncheon was occasioned by the recent resignation of Miss Parrott from the position of Head of the English Department which she has filled so successfully for a number of years and was arranged to afford an opportunity to express to Miss Parrott appreciation for her work and influence and regret for the severing of her connection with the Normal School.

Prof. J. B. Horner of O. A. C. gave at Thursday's Chapel a most informational illustrated lecture on Oregon. Professor Horner has published a book on "Oregon Literature" and another on "Oregon History" so speaks with authority. The entire lecture was intensely interesting but the climax was reached when, in conclusion, he threw on the screen the illustrations of Sam Simpson's "Beautiful Willamette" and recited that most perfect eulogistic poem.

On Friday, July 25th, the annual Summer School Musical, under the direction of Miss Schuette, Music Supervisor, will be given. In order to make the work more practical, Miss Schuette is staging two operettas, "The Toy Shop" and "The Western Girl", both of which can be used by the students in the public school. Between the operettas, Miss Schuette will conduct a Community Sing.

Superintendent Kirk of the Oregon City Schools, was at the Normal this week interviewing teachers.

Mr. Woodward, of Woodward and Clarke's, Portland, President of the State Council of Defense, talked at Tuesday's Chapel, on "The Crisis in American History". Mr. Woodward is a convincing speaker and gave a thought provoking address.

The Misses Martha and Dorothy Andrews, Alumni of the Normal, are spending their vacations in the forest service. Miss Martha is on Horsepasture Mountain in Lane County and Miss Dorothy is at Frizel Point.

Superintendent A. C. Strange of the Baker City Schools, was at the Normal this week, selecting teachers for the ensuing year.

Mr. Lancaster who, under the auspices of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, has been touring the East "boosting" Oregon, is scheduled to give his illustrated lecture at the Normal on Tuesday, July 22, at eight o'clock. All are invited.

The tennis courts are furnishing exercise and amusement for many of the Summer School students and some hotly contested games are witnessed by the tennis fans.

Miss Chase, Domestic Science and Art Instructor, who has been seriously ill for the past several weeks, hopes to leave soon for her home in Salem.

Miss Lexie Strachan, Principal at Joseph and an alumni of the Normal, has been elected President of a club organized for social and educational purposes at the University

RIDING CAPITAL STEPS WINS POSTER POSE



Wyoming girls won—when they sent Mrs. Jack Elliott riding up the state capitol steps with a message to Governor Carey, requesting that a Wyoming girl be selected as model for the "Frontier Days" poster. Miss Helen Bonham of Cheyenne was chosen—Here she is with the poster.

of Oregon Summer School. Among the officers are also the Misses Myrtle and Lucy Copenhaver and Mossie Mettles all of whom are members of the Oregon Normal Alumni.

Miss DeVore, Critic of the First and Second Grades of the Independence Training School, will, by request, repeat at Tuesday's Chapel, her talk on the "Psychology of Drawing" which she gave during the winter session.

The silk flag, which is to be given to the Group putting on the best stunt at the Stunt Program on July 30th, is displayed in the Chapel. It is so beautiful that it will inspire the groups to heroic endeavor and an evening of unusual pleasure can be looked forward to.

Miss Parrott, Head of the English Department, has completed the revision of the Story-Telling List for the new State Course of Study which will be issued in September. The teachers will be pleased to learn that a list of books has been added which contain stories of the World War; and another, which will be helpful in teaching the stories and legends of Oregon.

Many of the Faculty and students have been in attendance at the Dallas Chautauqua during the week and many more are planning to hear Ida Tarbell and W. J. Bryan on Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Fillion, head of the concert party who were the musical attraction at the Chautauqua in Dallas Wednesday, was at one time a colleague of David Campbell at Walla Walla. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, who are visiting with Monmouth relatives, drove over to Dallas Wednesday to visit with him.

Something like twenty-five Monmouth people, students and residents have been attending evening Chautauqua meetings in Dallas this week.

J. W. Pulliam and family of Worland, Wyoming, were visitors last week end with Ira C. Powell and family. Mr. Pulliam is a cattle raiser on the large scale peculiar to the mountain states but thinks seriously of coming to Oregon to settle down. Wyoming, Montana and Idaho are having a dry season this year with bad prospects for the dry farmers.

Mrs. M. E. Percival and "Aunt Jane" Powell attended all the sessions of the annual conference of the Christian church at Turner, camping out during the ten days which the meeting lasted.

Mr. Faulkner, an accountant of Portland, was in Monmouth last week going over the books of the Creamery and reports all in good shape.

The Central Route In Summer Weather

The Herald family all answers "here" to the roll call this week. Mrs. Swenson the one absent member having returned safely from her eastern trip last Saturday evening. She was absent six weeks and one day visiting relatives in the southeastern corner of Wisconsin and left that country now jubilant in its anticipation of one of the most bountiful crops it ever harvested. Business prospects there were never better. Here are a few notes taken on incidents of the return journey which was over the Union Pacific. "Left Chicago Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. for the west. Traffic was very heavy and it was fortunate I secured a berth some days ahead. Many made the trip in the chair car because they were unable to get berths. Some women who had reserved tickets for lower berths were unable to get them because the conductor sold them to some one else, evidently being not averse to making a little profit on the side.

The car I was in had very few women and about a dozen soldier boys with their first and second lieutenants, enroute for Cheyenne where they were to receive their discharge. They were a nice lot of boys. When they left us another group joined us, some going home and some re-enlisted boys, who looked about 18 or 19 were going to Alaska for guard duty.

At every large stopping place a delegation of Red Cross women served lunches to the soldier boys, who seemed to thoroughly appreciate it all. I overheard one on his return say he was going to give \$5 a year to the Red Cross for the remainder of his life.

I told one young man on his way out to a canteen that it seemed a fine thing to be a soldier, and he answered quickly, "It will be a fine thing to be a civilian again." Another said they couldn't get off their uniforms too soon. All seemed to feel they had had enough soldiering.

We had thunder showers through Illinois and Iowa. Crops there looked good. Grain was cut in many places. Wyoming and Idaho were typical desert country, hot and dusty. But it looked prosperous where irrigation was carried on. The country began to look better as we neared Pendleton, and from The Dalles to Portland the beauty of the landscape and the delightful sea breeze made up for many previous discomforts.

Stanley Evans, referred to in another place in the Herald, arrived in Monmouth Wednesday and is now recounting his experiences to relatives and friends. He arrived in New York in June, having been nineteen months in France. On his way west he visited New York, Washington, Chicago, Glacier Park and other points.

When the Hickmans returned from Lincoln county they found their house had been broken into and small articles taken.

Small boys of the neighborhood were suspected and through the instrumentality of Sheriff Orr the boys confessed and made haste to return articles taken.

Miss Viola LaFever of Dayton has been making an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. R. M. Andrus. While here she has been having her eyes treated by Dr. F. G. Hewitt of Independence. She returned to her home Tuesday.

T. J. Edwards and family motored to Turner Sunday to attend the Christian convention now in session there.

All Travel the Long Way Around

Travelers over the highways in this section of Polk county have taken to the hills in good earnest. The main traveled roads between this city and Independence and Dallas are in a good measure blocked to traffic by the workers who are grading and paving the same. The unaccustomed traffic on the by-roads has cut them deeply into dust, a cloud of which follows the passing automobiles, distributing itself impartially on everything it comes in contact with. The distance by road to Independence is five miles now instead of the usual two and people who have attended the sessions of the Chautauqua in Dallas this week have traveled over divers round about ways.

The placing of crushed rock on the Independence-Monmouth road was completed last Sunday and this week the trucks have been hauling to the north on the way to Rickreall. Laying of the hot stuff on the road out of Independence also proceeds although there have been several delays, due to break down in machinery. The burning out of a motor used in the mixing made one such delay this week.

Monmouth Grange met Saturday with a fair attendance considering the very busy season. The usual good dinner was enjoyed at noon after which a very interesting program was rendered. Ladies responded to roll call with a favorite recipe for canning or otherwise preserving fruit or vegetables for winter use. The men folks who are expected to pay the bills, responded by detailing their pet notion relative to the cause of the high cost of living. County School Superintendent Josiah Wills was present and made a talk urging the Grange to again take up the work of preparing an exhibit for the County Fair. The question was carried over for the August meeting.

Stanley Evans who has been doing clerical work at Camp Mills, writes his parents under date of July 5th, that his work there would be completed about the 19th, at which time he expected to receive his discharge. The journey across continent he expected would last about a week as he intended to visit a friend at Harvard college.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hickman are back from a long residence at Taft and will thaw out for a while at their home in Monmouth. Mr. Hickman says they like the coast country and find it not only pleasant but economical as a place to live.

Engineer Hugh M. Rogers of Salem, who is conducting paving and

sidewalk work in Dallas, was in Monmouth Monday looking up the data necessary to preparing specifications for the proposed local paving.

The Misses Neta Harvey, Una Winegar and Beth Partridge, who are assisting in the loganberry harvest in the Salem vicinity, came home to spend the week end with their respective families.

Details Concerning Dastardly Deed

A fiendish affair was pulled off at McMinnville about 3 o'clock Sunday morning when one of a party of four persons in a grey automobile fired twelve or fourteen shots at Jeff Clark, the night watchman, from the effects of which it was necessary to amputate Clark's hand. The car drew up to the curb near the city hall at McMinnville and one of the occupants got out and inquired the way to Tillamook by the way of Sheridan. Clark started to give them the directions when he was ordered to throw up his hands. As he complied to the order the man on the pavement began shooting, some of the shots taking effect in Clark's wrist and so nearly severing the hand that amputation was necessary. Clark started to run toward the city hall and was again shot at and his hat and clothing pierced. The auto then hurriedly left, crossing the Yamhill bridge it is supposed and going toward Dayton. Phone calls were immediately sent out by Sheriff Henderson as soon as the facts were known and a reward of \$500 offered by the city of McMinnville for the arrest of the parties. The man doing the shooting is said to have been dressed in a brown suit but aside from a meager description little is left for the officer to work upon. The object of the shooting is clouded in mystery, but the most plausible one is that the parties were transporting liquor and feared detection. This, however, would seem unreasonable as they might easily have gotten away before calling to the night watchman.

An additional reward of \$500 has been offered by the county. It is said a slight clue to the identity of the man doing the shooting has been secured in Portland.—Sheridan Sun.

Dallas will hold a special election Sept. 9 to vote on the question of \$5,149 in bonds to construct a storm sewer on the south side of the city.

A letter from Miss Radabaugh indicates that she is at present spending her vacation in Canada.

Mrs. R. M. Andrus is spending a few days this week visiting a brother at McMinnville.

BORING FOR OIL IN AMITY HILLS

Portland Men Venture a Test Well Seeking for Petroleum

George E. Scott, the gentleman who took up the casing from the oil wells on the Whiteaker farm last year, and who stopped in Monmouth for a time during the winter months, is now engaged in drilling for oil in the vicinity of Amity. The well is being put down as a speculation by a group of Portland men, Drake C. O'Reilly, H. L. Corbett and others who say the purpose of the enterprise is an absolute gamble. They have organized no stock company but each has made a contribution and is prepared to lose it if nothing results from the venture.

Some of the encouraging indications are, some years ago a well drilled for water nearby brought out a large flow of natural gas. Although filled with water this well still yields gas which is used for household purposes near by. Wells near by have produced gas and salt-water, both good indications of the presence of petroleum.

Geologists who have examined say the well is drilled into what is the crown of the strata which is like an inverted bowl and where an accumulation of oil, if there is any such, may be expected. Several thousand acres are held under lease in the vicinity of the Newman farm where the test is being made.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Farrington and daughter Laura, accompanied by Miss Ida Overby, all of Columbia Falls, Montana, arrived Saturday afternoon for an extended visit with the Van Loan's. The party made the trip by automobile and were on the road about eight days. Mr. Farrington is a brother of Mrs. Van Loan and the two had not seen each other for twenty two years.

Misses Margery and Lois Boothby of Portland are spending their school vacation in Monmouth with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Boothby.

Varnum Kuhn and wife of Salem and Chas. Allard and wife of Pullman, Wash., were Sunday visitors with the Butler and Boothby families.

Wallace Steinberg of Pally, Canada, has been visiting with his brother, Wm. Steinberg.

Dwight Sellers and sister, Mrs. Lee Irvin of Banks visited at A. N. Halleck's Sunday. Mrs. Irvin stayed over for the week.

Please notice McLean and Bynard's advertisement in this issue of The Herald, relative to a change of their firm name. See last page.

