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Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

A most enjoyable Hallowe'en party was given by the student body Saturday evening in the gymnasium. The building, admittedly difficult to decorate, was made very attractive with autumn leaves and symbols of Hallowe'en. Games appropriate to the occasion and fortune-telling were the chief amusements. It was all in all a pleasant occasion.

Mr. L. P. Gilmore gave an instructive and interesting talk in chapel Wednesday.

The regular meetings of the Literary Societies were held Friday evening. The programs, with the central idea of Hallowe'en, consisted of ghost and witch dances, readings appropriate to the occasion and a playlet entitled "A Hallowe'en Dream," written by the members of the Delphian Society.

Mrs. Margaret C. Curran will leave at the end of this quarter to take up her work in Montana at the Normal at Dillon. We are very sorry to lose Mrs. Curran but, of course, rejoice with her that she has received a better position both as regards work and salary. Mrs. Curran is to receive \$3000 a year. We wish her all success.

The schedules for next quarter are being prepared and students are deciding just what work they wish to take.

A basket ball game between the teams representing Juniors and Seniors respectively is to be played Friday evening in the gymnasium. This is the first of a series of games and class spirit is greatly in evidence.

By arranging to schedule on Saturday, November 15, the students have "earned" themselves an extra day for the Thanksgiving recess. Work will close on Tuesday evening, November 25, and begin Monday morning, December 1.

The picture show for Saturday, November 8, is an attractive one—Zane Gray's "Riders of the Purple Sage." This story which deals with early days in Utah and vicinity holds the audience's attention from beginning to end.

Mrs. Curran is speaking in the County Institute at McMinnville this week. She will spend Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week at Lakeview.

President Ackerman will speak in the Institute at McMinnville on Friday, Nov. 7.

An interesting feature of the picture show Saturday evening

will be a series of pictures entitled "New Ways for Old." It should be a popular film in this vicinity for it shows the various ways of farming with tractors.

Sunday School Activities

A Sunday School convention will be held in the Perrydale district next Sunday. L. P. Gilmore, county president of the association, will appear on the program and Miss Hill of Elkins will tell stories and teach Bible games. The convention will be at 10 o'clock with regular preaching services at 11. In the afternoon there will be a workers conference and a question box to be handled by Mr. Gilmore. Basket dinner at noon. This district comprises: Perrydale, Ballston, McCoy, Bethel, Smithfield, Bultier and Buell.

Work of organizing the county is in progress at present and from December 5 to 7, Rev. Harold Humbert, state secretary, will bring a corps faculty of four experts in Sunday School work to Monmouth and hold a school on Sunday School methods. Meetings are to be held at Grant's Pass and Medford November 16 and the same day Miss Parker, one of the state workers, will appear on the program of the convention at Lewisville.

Two Alarms To One Fire

An alarm of fire called out one of the hose carts Tuesday noon. The large pump was at the time laid up for repairs and the prospect for fire fighting was not good. There was a small supply in the reservoir but it would not have stood any great drain. Luckily the alarm turned out to be a choked flu in the Mulkey house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Stewart and while it made a great deal of smoke both inside and outside of the house, burned itself out in due time without serious consequences.

A second call for the cart came later in the afternoon when the chimney which still hung to the fire, started a blaze on the roof. This was speedily put out by hand. The flues in this house have been defective and a similar fire caught two years ago. Now repairs are to be made seeking to prevent further mishap.

Grange Program

Regular Grange session will be held next Saturday. There is lodge work for the forenoon which includes the initiation of five candidates. At 1:30 there will be a community sing followed by a question box and a tractor experience meeting. All are cordially invited to the afternoon program.

Woman Injured In Automobile Accident

A local automobile driven by Miss Althea Evans figured in an unfortunate accident in Independence one day last week and the Independence Enterprise gives the incident the following description:

"Mrs. Frank Bush while attempting to cross the street near Conkey & Walker's store about five o'clock last evening was run over by a car driven by a young lady from Monmouth, and so badly injured that she will be disfigured for life. It seems from what we are able to learn, that Mrs. Bush was standing still while waiting for an auto truck to pass and as she attempted to cross the street the car driven by the young lady came suddenly upon her, knocking her under the car, the front and back wheels passing over her neck. The young lady at the wheel became so excited that she failed to put the brake on, which she could had she had presence of mind, and avoided the accident. Before the car could be stopped Mrs. Bush was dragged several feet with the big car on the pavement. One of her ears was nearly torn away besides sustaining other injuries. Dr. Hewitt who happened to be close, carried her upstairs to his office and with the assistance of Dr. Hanson, did everything possible to relieve her. She was arranging to leave for Portland, having received word that her brother had passed away, and the funeral was to have been held tomorrow. Mrs. Bush was taken to her home and the doctors have hopes of her recovery."

It is Engineer Jones

Robert W. Jones of McMinnville was formally engaged as engineer of the new gravity water system by the common council at a special meeting held last Thursday evening. In company with Mayor Wollerton and Councilman Chesebro, Mr. Jones went over the route in advance of the meeting and found plenty of water in the stream and prospects for a suitable route to the intake were good. He also stated he believed the work can be done within the limit of sixty thousand dollars expenditure. While a young man, Mr. Jones has had considerable experience in this kind of work. At present he is finishing the installation of a gravity system for Yamhill. Last year he put in a line for Amity. He has also worked in this particular line in McMinnville and Seattle.

Walter Scott is working with A. N. Poole in the construction of a house near Airline.

What is a Farm? Ask Census Man

Washington, November 3—What is a farm? Seems a foolish question to ask, doesn't it? Almost anyone can tell off-hand just what a farm is and knows one when he sees it. But do you happen to know the interpretation Uncle Sam places on the word "farm" for census purposes? No? Then read how his Bureau of the Census defines the word:

"A farm for census purposes is all the land which is directly farmed by one person conducting agricultural operations, either by his own labor or with the assistance of members of his household or hired employees."

In further explanation of this definition the Census Bureau points out that the term "agricultural operations" is used as a general term referring to the work of growing crops, producing other agricultural products and raising domestic animals, poultry or bees.

From this definition it will be seen that a farm may consist of a single tract of land or of a number of separate and distinct tracts. And these several tracts may be held under different tenures as, for instance, when one tract is owned by the farmer and another is rented by him. Thus if a man who owns 100 acres rents an additional ten acres from some one else and operates both the 100 acres and the ten acres, then his "farm" includes both tracts of land comprising 110 acres.

By the same token when a landowner has one or more tenants, renters, croppers or managers, each different tract of land operated by any such tenant, renter, cropper or manager is considered a separate and distinct farm by the Census Bureau. Or, to give an example, if a man owning 120 acres of land rents 40 acres to a tenant and farms the remaining 80 acres himself, his farm is the 80 acres which he operates, not the 120 acres which he owns, while the 40 acre tract which he rents to tenant comprises a separate farm to be reported in the name of the tenant.

Another question to be determined is how important does an agricultural enterprise have to be in order to secure recognition in the census as a farm? A small vegetable garden or a chicken yard accommodating a few busy hens will not be allowed to qualify as a "farm" in the census no matter with what pardonable pride and satisfaction the proprietor may view his agricultural enterprise. But if the garden or chicken yard expands until it covers not less than three acres of ground, or until it requires for its care the continuous services of at least one person, or yields products annually to the value of \$250 or more, it comes within the census definition of a farm and will be recognized as such and counted.

The agricultural schedule contains many questions regarding farm values, expenses and live stock as well as the acreage and quantity of crops raised in the year 1919. Census Bureau officials are urging farmers everywhere to prepare for the census enumerator by looking over their books and records so that accurate answers can be furnished to questions.

In this connection the Bureau of the Census emphasizes the fact that the information furnished to census takers is absolutely confidential, made so by Act of Congress, and that under no circumstances can any such information be used as a basis for taxation.

"Co-operation between farmers and the census officials next January is more necessary and vital than

ever before," declares Director of the Census Sam L. Rogers. "The world war and the part that the farmer played in it and will continue to play in the rehabilitation of Europe serve to make the agriculture section of the Fourteenth Decennial Census the most important in the Nation's history. Absolute accuracy and completeness in the census returns is the goal toward which every citizen should strive."

Current Events At High School

Two more days and the first six weeks will be a thing of the past. On Friday of last week we went to Independence in response to a baseball challenge and showed them what it is to have a good school spirit. We started with Comstock in the box and Koup behind the bat. The first inning we made one run and Independence made six. At the end of the second inning Henry and Partridge were substituted for Comstock and Koup. When the fifth inning opened the score stood eight to two in favor of Independence. Then our boys virtually ran around the bases and got eight runs. The game ended with the score ten to nine in our favor.

On Monday we opened the basketball season with games between the Junior-Senior boys, Sophomore-Freshmen boys and Junior-Freshmen girls.

The victorious teams were Sophomore and Junior boys and Junior girls. Wednesday night the finals for the school championship are to be played. Wilbur Underhill.

A "Good English" campaign is being held at the high school this week. The boys are "pitted" against the girls to ascertain which uses the better language. Good English week is being observed in many of the schools of the state. Portland, especially, is taking an active stand in the matter and surely, the example set is one worthy to be followed. Let us all adopt then Portland's slogan, "Good English, Good American."

Marion Merrill. The most successful social affair so far this year was held at the gym last Friday night in the form of a Hallowe'en masquerade. The gym was decorated to fit the occasion with a fire and black kettle in the center of the room. Red lights gave a very "spooky" atmosphere. Prizes were given to Alma Bliss as the one wearing the prettiest costume and to the Green boys, Robert and John, who were the hardest to distinguish.

Hallowe'en games were played and apples donated by Miss Dougherty were eaten. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Velma Johnson.

Flooded Willamette

High water prevails along the Willamette because of the snow in the Cascades which has melted during a week of warm weather. At Salem Wednesday the water was 16 feet above the low water mark. Independence is also feeling the rise. The ferry had to be temporarily abandoned and the water company has been handicapped by the high water in working its pumps. Unless unusual weather sets in the flood however, is expected to recede quickly.

E. L. Comstock, saw mill man, at present operating near Silverton, but whose family resides in Monmouth, sold this week his Cooper Hollow farm. The farm, located four and a half miles west of Monmouth, consists of 170 acres and was sold to G. N. Newton of Pedee. Bootby and Chesebro handled the deal.

Bird Shot Ends Hallowe'en Prank

Two Dallas boys, Roy Watts and Ben Jones were seriously injured Friday night while playing Hallowe'en pranks. They tried their jokes on E. Fritz a householder of that city who possesses so little a sense of humor that he shot the boys in the legs with bird shot.

Fritz was taken in tow by the sheriff and stated that he had chased the boys away once before earlier in the evening and later when he was again aroused he found the boys attempting to turn over one of his out building and wreck his property, he thought it time to use desperate measures. At that he claims he meant only to scare the boys. One boy has sixty shots in his right hip and the other about forty in his right leg, forearm and hand. Both boys had to be carried away from the premises and a physician was called to dress their wounds. It is feared blood poison might set in. Fritz was bound over to the grand jury on \$1,000 bail.

Elkins Rural Center

Among the social events of the past week, the box social which was held Hallowe'en night stands foremost. In spite of the stormy night about seventy five people of the neighborhood gathered to enjoy the evening. The school rooms were beautifully decorated with autumn leaves, from the depths of which peeped jack-o-lanterns on every hand. Ghosts and witches were also there to enchant the Hallowe'en atmosphere. The program was a pleasant feature of the evening, at which Miss Arbuthnot delighted her hearers with several readings. The sale of the boxes netted about \$65, which is to be used for play ground apparatus for the school.

The Elkins Farmers Union will hold an all day meeting Saturday, November 8th. The topic for discussion will be, Greater production or more intensive farming, which is primarily a question of more population on the farm. Mr. Brown the state president is expected to attend the meeting.

While motoring to Independence Friday evening, Carl Tetherow was run into by an Independence car. The larger car was coming at a lively rate and did not dim their lights. The Tetherow car was on its side of the road and was nearly stopped when the other car struck. Nobody was injured but the car which Carl Tetherow was driving was smashed up some. Carl was going to Independence to get Miss Arbuthnot who was to take part in the program at the Hallowe'en box social at the Elkins School House.

Lloyd Nelson is back in school again this week. He has been out for three weeks because of mumps. No one else has taken them as yet.

Mr. A. N. Nelson has rented the Pioneer Dell farm from Mrs. Haggard. Mr. Nelson has four children who will start to school here soon.

The Elkins Literary Society will have a meeting Friday. The subject for Roll Call: Some improvement I should like to see in our playground.

Debate: Resolved, That playground work is more important to school children than the study of text books. Affirmative: Carl Tetherow, Frank Loughary, Dell Harman; Negative, Marjorie Tedrow, Maud McEldowney, Frank McEldowney.

The following student teachers from the Normal are now doing practice work at Elkins: Anne Hendrickson of Astoria, Elsie Snidow of Willamette, and Elma Cox of Albany.

Camera Clicks Off News Pictures of the Day



Camera clicks showing news events of the day. The "circus wagon" is the realization of that idea the world held for many weary hours—it is "moving day" for the ex-kaiser. On the country roads between Ziehl and Doorn, 51 of these big truck vans hauled the ex-kaiser's furniture to his home in Doorn. The three men in conference shows Uncle Sam's effort

to avert the big coal strike. It is Secretary of Labor Wilson (center) in conference with T. T. Brewster (left) of the Coal Operators, and John T. Lewis (right), president of the Coal Miners' Union. The man at the clock shows the nation going back to "old time"—setting the official clock in the U. S. Naval Laboratory back one hour on Oct. 26.

E. H. Huston who has occupied Mrs. Simpson's house, is moving this week to a ranch on the Luckiamute where he plans to do the slaughtering for the local market.