

There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

President and Mrs. Landers have invited the members of the faculty to a dinner party on Friday evening March 16.

The Vespertines will give their last program for the term next Friday evening in the chapel at seven-thirty. Townspeople are very welcome to this entertainment.

The program of classes for the spring term was distributed on Thursday. This had been eagerly awaited by the students as the recent changes in the course of study are provided for in it. The hour basis of credit is one of the features of the new arrangement as well as some additional course in each department.

Several students and members of the faculty attended the Salvi concert in Salem on Tuesday evening.

A most enthusiastic group of friends and well-wishers accompanied Miss Joyce Wood, the orator for the Normal, to Albany last Friday evening where she spoke in the state oratorical contest. Miss Wood did an excellent piece of work there, presenting her speech forcefully and artistically. The first and second places were won by Linfield and Pacific College respectively.

At the banquet tendered all orators and delegates by Albany College, Miss Elizabeth Johnson responded most cleverly to the toast "Education—a Social Institution".

Miss Maurine Brown of the class of '24 was elected vice president of the State Oratorical League at the business meeting.

The Grange at its regular meeting honored Miss Maggie Butler, secretary of the local society, by commemorating her birthday. They saw a chance also to express appreciation of twelve years of faithful service as secretary. There was a birthday cake, some very cordial congratulatory remarks and a nice Eversharp pencil presented to her.

The Grange program for the afternoon was largely impromptu but was very good and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

The Mothers' Club will be entertained by Mrs. Pace at the Community house this afternoon. All mothers are cordially invited to attend.

Starts at Benton Co. Line

At a meeting in Salem Monday the highway commission agreed to go ahead with the laying of the hard surface on the road south from this city. Work is to start at the Benton county line where there is a stretch of a mile and a half with undisputed location. When this is finished it is calculated there will be a supreme court decision on location. If the commission wins the graded route will be finished through to Monmouth this fall. If Independence wins, hard surface will of course be delayed for some time and the commission has agreed to protect the contractors against loss.

This decision was hastened by a communication from an agent of the government insisting that this road be finished or federal aid will be withdrawn from the state.

There was a big time at the meeting of Model Encampment in Independence last Tuesday evening. Visitors from neighbor encampments were present and a part of the refreshments was a fine cake baked by E. B. Arnold.

HIGH SCHOOL

This week affairs have been going on as usual at the High School. The attendance has been much better than the week previous as the epidemic of colds seems to be about checked.

There will be a local institute at Rickreall this Saturday, at which time the subject of spring athletics will be discussed. It will be decided whether there will be a track and field meet between the High Schools. The subject of a tennis and typing contest will be discussed also. If held, these two contests will be in Monmouth the latter part of May.

The results for our basket ball season are as follows: Game won, 7. Games lost, 7. Points won, Monmouth 411; opponent 324.

Field baskets	Foul throws	Hit	Miss
Smith 51	11	4	7
Arnold 45	77	39	38
Wilson 38	0	0	0
Partridge 23	1	0	1
Egleston 17	0	0	0
Chapin 4	0	0	0
Total 178	89	43	46

The contest for the State championship in basket ball will be held in the Salem Armory Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, under the auspices of the Willamette University. Reba Powers.

Civic Club Lays Plan For a Clean-up Week

At a meeting of the committee on Clean-up week, called by the chairman, Mrs. Boothby last Friday afternoon, the following committees for the different sections of the city were appointed: N. E. Monmouth, Mrs. Arant and Mrs. Swenson; N. W. Monmouth, Mrs. Gentle, Mrs. Pace and Miss Taylor; S. E. Monmouth, Mrs. Merlan and Mrs. O'Rourke; S. W. Monmouth, Mrs. Boothby and Mrs. Pember. The city is divided for work in the usual manner: according to voting precincts.

Mrs. Bowersox was appointed general advertising. It was decided to have Clean-up week the week of April 18-25 and the committee visited the president of the city council, to have the matter brought before the council. The last two days of the week will be given over to hauling away, so all cleaning up should be done on the first five days and rubbish and placed in a convenient spot. If all work together in this matter a great deal can be accomplished. Let us start out the summer with a clean, tidy city.

The following is a list of the charter members of the Monmouth Civic club: Mesdames A. M. Arant, W. G. Beattie, G. T. Boothby, F. R. Bowersox, A. L. Boynton, L. R. Burkhead, F. E. Chambers, C. E. Co'e, M. Cornelius, G. A. Crofoot, T. H. Gentle, J. S. Landers, J. W. Leask, A. B. Morlan, J. L. Murdock, F. O'Rourke, H. C. Ostien, J. W. Pember, Elizabeth Percival, C. F. Snell, E. W. Staats, R. B. Swenson, J. J. Williams, O. A. Wolverton, E. B. Pace. Misses Laura Taylor, Maggie Butler and Alice Butler.

The Polk county library is once more back on the map. A state law says the library can only be discontinued after two successive rejections at the budget meeting and owing to this fact the books can be obtained again this year at branch libraries as usual. Last year Monmouth library in 11 months loaned 1,256 volumes. A number of new books have been added to the local library, a list of which will be published next week.

The County Odd Fellows' Visiting Association goes to McCoy Saturday night.

Early Morning Fire Takes Mayor's Home

The residence of Mayor Swope on East Main street was destroyed by fire early Monday morning. The house, one of the largest in the city, caught on the east end of the roof and it is thought the origin of the flames was in defective wiring in the attic, although the cause may have been otherwise. Owing to the hour of the alarm, 4 A.M., it was some time before people were roused and fire fighting apparatus applied and it was impossible to save anything but the shell of the structure.

Mrs. C. E. Herron, who lives two doors to the east, was first to see the flames and put in a request for the alarm. She was awakened by the light shining through her bedroom window. Flames were coming through the ridgeboards on the east of the upright. She called up the telephone office from which the new siren is operated and its weird shrieks soon were filling the morning air. The neighbors were out first. From the Lewis, Staats, Huber, Williams, Herren and other homes came the men folks. The mayor slept on the lower floor and they pounded on the door to awaken him. While the hose carts were coming they proceeded to remove furniture from the lower floor. There were just enough of them to do the work efficiently and they soon had the first floor cleared. Everything was taken out except the telephone and kitchen range. The stuff which included dishes and canned fruit, was piled neatly out of the way. Then they invaded the upper floor. But the flames there had become too close and only a few small articles were saved. In the meantime the hose carts arrived and two streams of water were playing on the fire. There was good pressure and the water spurted over the top of the house, yet the fire had the advantage. It was on the inside and protected by roof and walls. The roof fell in and the fire started on the lower story. There the water could work to better advantage and gradually the flames grew less and finally were overcome. So gradual was the heat below that the kitchen range was found in good order, damaged more by water than by fire.

The destroyed house was a landmark in the city. It was built in

1891 by Solomon Stump at a cost of \$4500, which considering the prices of those times indicates it was a well built house. Recent owners are H. S. Portwood who traded it to G. Nelson for a fruit ranch in the Mistletoe district; G. W. Chesebro then acquired it and he sold it to Mr. Swope last year.

The house was insured for \$3000 with \$1000 on household furniture. Mrs. Swope was not at home at the time of the fire, having been called to Vancouver to assist in the welcome of a seven pound grand daughter born to Mrs. Bessie Forsythe on the 9th. Mrs. Swope is expected here Friday to help adjust the amount of loss on furniture.

Mr. Swope has had his furniture moved into the Wattenburg house and will live there until he decides on what future course to take.

AIRLIE

After an illness of many months, Mr. Frank Lewis passed away at his Lewisville home on Friday and services were held on Sunday with interment at the cemetery close to his old home. Mr. Lewis was a pioneer of these parts, his parents removing here from Missouri many years ago and were among the first settlers in Polk county. A brother, Alex Lewis passed away a few months ago. Besides his wife, Mr. Lewis is survived by several brothers and sisters.

It is to be hoped that something will soon be done by the county towards repairing the road from Airlie to Saver, it being in a most miserable condition for a few hundred yards near the Withrow place.

During the flood in January, trucks, buses and all vehicular travel from Corvallis to Salem was routed over this road which had no foundation for heavy traffic. This left the condition of the road a pest to those having to use it. There are from four to ten cars stalled in this particular place every day and it is about time the people demand that the county court repair this main artery of travel.

Otto Fleishman and family leave Saturday morning for Gooding, Idaho, their future home. The sons, Harold and Leland, will be greatly missed in the Christian Endeavor and Sunday School work, as they have taken such an active part. The entire family have helped for all good things in the community and good wishes of their many friends go with them.

Road Patrolmen Are Appointed by Court

County court appointed all but three of the Road Patrolmen for the various road districts at its session last Tuesday. Several changes have been made and no doubt will prove for the best interests of the people. Wm. Riddell, Jr. was called upon many times to decide who the man should be as Commissioner Hart and Robinson were frequently opposing each other, but "Billy" realizing that you can't please them all, made his choice without hesitation and at all times considered the best interests of the greater number of people concerned. The following patrolmen were appointed in the road districts of Polk for 1923. District 1, J. H. Patterson, Willamina; 2, Geo. Woods, Dallas, R. 1; 3, Chas. Bratcher, Perrydale; 4, W. Frank Crawford, Salem, R. 1; 5, W. J. Estabrook, Rickreall; 6, John Coville, Rickreall; 8, Joe Tetherow, Monmouth, 9, M. N. Prather, Buena Vista and Peter Peterson, Independence, R. 2; 10, Glen Hiltbrand, Airlie, 16, J. M. Walker, Independence, R. 1; 17, Wm. Reddekopp, Dallas, R. 1 and I. G. McBee, Dallas, R. 3; 18, Frank Wilson, Salem, R. 1; 19, Troy Turner, Airlie; 20, T. J. Alsip, Monmouth; 21, Eldon R. Frink, Dallas; 22, Geo. Stewart, Sheridan; 25, G. N. Newton, Monmouth.

Grange Meeting

The Pomona Grange will be held in the new I. O. O. F. hall March 24th. The following program, to which all are invited, will be given in the afternoon beginning at 1:30. Piano and violin duet—Perry and Eldon Kiddell; Vocal duet, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Arant of Eugene; Address—Nutrition—Miss Margery Smith, Extension Service, O. A. C.; Discussion by—P. O. Powell and Ed Rogers; Vocal solo—Mrs. Arthur Utley, Salem; Farm Crops and their Economical Production—Prof. G. R. Hislop, O. A. C.; Vocal solo—Sunrise and You—Arthur A. Penn; Family Orchards—Willard Bartlet, Oak Grove, A. R. Ewing, Salem; Nut Culture—Dr. J. M. Powell; Reading—Miss Arbuthnot, Independence; Violin solo—Miss Gertrude Rogers.

W. B. Egleston took the initiatory degree at the hands of the Odd Fellows Monday night.

More New Goods

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Our Saturday Grocery Specials

No. 4 open splint shopping baskets each	11c	White Star sardines, oval can, either mustard or tomato sauce per can	10c	2 1/2 gal. keg sour pickles, medium size, finest quality	\$1.25
Corono brass wash boards—just right for washing small articles each	35c	These are of excellent quality.		Gem Nut Margarine, a fine butter substitute, per lb	20c
Citrus washing Powder 15 and 29c	29c	Kingsford gloss or corn starch 3 pkg for	25c	With each two pounds of Gem Nut we give a 10c loaf of Butternut 6c or Holsum bread	
Palm Olive soap 5 bars for	25c	Camel Dates, fresh stock, while they last per pkg		Crescent Baking Powder per lb,	23c
Creme oil soap 5 bars for	25c	Springville tomatoes 2 1/2 lb tin	14c	M. J. B. and Hill Bros. Red Can or Preferred Stock	
Swift's Classic Laundry soap 7 bars for	25c	Pacific Brand Hominy, lg can	12c	Coffee per lb	34c
Libby's lg can Pork and Beans, regular 20c size, special	10c	Florida Grape Fruit 3 for	25c		
		Cane sugar per sack	\$9.90		

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