



14 GRADUATE AT HIGH SCHOOL

Independence Closes Constructive Year of Work in the Schools

Graduating one of the largest classes in the history of the school, 14, the commencement exercises of the Independence high school were held at the Methodist church last Friday night. This makes the twelfth class which has finished in this institution.

The program included violin selections by Crosby Davis and Mrs. Ellen Davis, with Mrs. Lottie H. McIntosh piano; invocation by Rev. H. L. Propper; vocal solo, Paul Scott; piano duet, Lida Bullis and Mary Lou Myers; vocal solo, Mrs. M. J. Butler.

A pleasing and very able address on "Oregon" was made by Prof. J. B. Horner of the Oregon Agricultural college. Oregon is Prof. Horner's hobby and he has a faculty of entertainingly making his hearers feel extremely proud of claiming the state as an abiding place.

The presentation of the class was made by Prof. O. D. Byers and the diplomas were presented by D. E. Fletcher, chairman of the board of education.

The program was brought to a close by a violin-piano selection by Mr. Davis, Mrs. Ellen Davis and Mrs. McIntosh.

The following pupils received diplomas: Leslie Clemo, Thelma Williams, Florence Hartman, Gertrude Stephens, Bessie Pleasinger, Velma Heffley, William Kolb, Jr., Ruth Dickenson, Wilbur Underhill, Alice Baker, Thelma Alexander, George Bulloch, Mildred Dawes, Nellie Burch.

FINE OF \$20 ASSESSED IN BATTERY CASE

Clinton J. Griffin was fined \$20 and costs in Justice R. W. Baker's court Wednesday afternoon, after having been found guilty of assault and battery, the complainant being Mrs. Ella Thorp of Monmouth.

Mr. Griffin has been attending the Normal school. He rented a small house of Mrs. Thorp. It is alleged that he became delinquent in the payment of his rent, and when Mrs. Thorp went to the place to collect the rent she was forcibly ejected from the building.

The case was handled by District Attorney Helgerson. Mr. Griffin paid the fine.

W. F. TICE HAS LEG BROKEN AT VALSETZ

W. F. Tice, in the employ of the Cobbs & Mitchell company, had his left leg fractured while working in the woods a few days ago.

A report was current here yesterday that it was W. H. Tice, a former resident of Independence, who had met with the accident, but it subsequently developed that the injured man was W. F. Tice, a young man.

TRIP TO CORVALLIS WILL BE MADE BY MANY

It is expected that quite a large number of local farmers will go to Corvallis Saturday for the demonstration which is to be made at the college and at the experiment station for the particular benefit of Polk county folks. The Polk County Farmers' Union is fathering the movement, but all are invited to participate.

The delegation will leave here shortly after 9 o'clock, arriving at the college at about 10.

SALEM PROPERTY IS TRADED FOR LOCAL PLACE

Charles H. Monsch has traded an acre of ground improved with a residence, on Seventh street, to Elmer Fry for a house and three and one-half lots in Salem, the deal being handled by the Independence Realty company. After serving in the Spanish-American war and many subsequent years in the regular army, Mr. Monsch has retired and has been living here for about a year. He is a single man and will go to Salem to occupy his new acquisition. Mr. Fry is a young man, unmarried, and is employed as night man in the Valley & Siletz yards here. He will occupy the place.

WIDOW CIVIL WAR VETERAN DIES HERE

Mrs. Amanda F. McHenry, widow of John Nelson McHenry, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Maude Fredericks, E street, Independence, Tuesday morning at 2:30, after an illness of two weeks following a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. McHenry was born at Bloomington, Ill., July 24, 1843. Mr. McHenry, who was a veteran of the Civil war, died at Spokane seven years ago, and Mrs. McHenry came to Independence with her daughter 14 months ago.

In addition to Mrs. Fredericks, Mrs. McHenry is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Quinby of Portland; two sons, Earl McHenry of Cheney, Wash., and Bert McHenry of Colorado; two sisters, Mrs. Benjamin Priest of Rogue River, Oregon and Mrs. Elizabeth McHenry of Adgenere, Idaho; two brothers, Alfred and Charles Head of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Mrs. McHenry was a member of the Methodist church. Funeral services were held from the church Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. F. S. Clemo, officiating and interment was made in the Odd Fellows cemetery, with Funeral Director A. L. Keeney in charge.

DRAINAGE IS PAYING KNOWLES BROTHERS

Extension Service News, a monthly publication by the extension service of the Oregon Agricultural college, says:

The two Knowles brothers have a farm of 230 acres five miles north of Independence, in that section of very heavy and indifferently drained soil.

On this place these men have laid 30,000 feet of drain tile, underdraining virtually the entire farm. That work has resulted in a different soil entirely. Now the Knowles' are able to get their crops in just as early as those farmers who have naturally well-drained hill lands. Not only are they able to get upon the land a month to six weeks earlier than before drainage, but the crops seem to come on fairly with a bound, the soil being warm, open, and responsive.

In draining the little runs and swales they have followed the plan of running a line of tile on either side to cut off the supply of water from the adjoining slopes, then a line up the middle to finish. This is one of the most completely drained and profitable farms in Polk county.

TAX IS COLLECTED ON CRIDER DRY GOODS STOCK

Nearly a thousand dollars—taxes levied this year—was collected by Sheriff Orr on the C. L. Crider stock of dry goods at Dallas. The stock in question was recently sold by Mr. Crider to Portland men, who subsequently disposed of it to other parties. When an attempt was made to move the stock to Eugene, Sheriff Orr, following a statutory provision, demanded the tax levied against the stock. There was some demurring on the part of the new owners, but they were compelled to come across.

JULES PINCUS IS SUMMONED

Jules Pincus, owner of two hop yards south of Independence and quite well-known here, died of heart disease Tuesday morning at his home in Portland. The announcement of his death came as a shock to a large circle of local friends as he was in the prime of life and always appeared rugged and hearty.

Mr. Pincus has owned for about five years the Taylor yard just across the road from Sloper Bros., consisting of about 60 acres, and another yard of about 40 acres in the Spring Hill district. Both yards are under the supervision of D. J. Purvine.

Mr. Pincus was a resident of Salem for many years and operated various business enterprises in partnership with Louis Lachmund. During the past few years he has made Portland his home, operating a hop brokerage business. He is survived by a widow and a four-year-old son, Jules, Jr.; and two sisters, Misses Bessie and Isabella Pincus of Portland, and a brother, Marcus Pincus of Tacoma, Wash.

HALF CENTURY MARK OBSERVED

Semi-Centennial of Christian College Is Fittingly Observed.

Monmouth—Christian College lived again Tuesday in the presence of many of the alumni who returned for the semi-centennial anniversary of the first graduating class, and in the reminiscences of the early days at the institution that laid the foundation for the establishment of the first state supported normal school in the northwest.

A number of the graduates of the first classes returned for the event and several classes had almost complete reunions.

The fiftieth anniversary address was given on the alumni program Tuesday evening by President P. L. Campbell of the state university.

The early pioneers, he said, possessed little learning, but had a great enthusiasm for learning, and in laying the foundation of the institution they builded better than they knew. He traced the history of the school from the time when four pioneers from Monmouth, Illinois, donated a square mile of land, which is now occupied by the city of Monmouth, for the establishment and support of a college, through its career under the guidance of his father, T. F. Campbell, under D. T. Stanley, and through the time when he himself was its president. The reason for the distinguished success of so many of its graduates, he said, was not to be found in its scholarship, which was good for its time, but in the fact that it was built around the idea that conduct is three-fourths of human existence.

Dean Ressler of the Oregon Agricultural college recounted the struggles of the school during the time when he was president.

The annual alumni banquet, honoring the class of '72—Mrs. Mary Stump Campbell, Rev. Bruce Wolverton, Judge Charles E. Wolverton and W. D. Fenton—was held in the domestic science rooms. Dr. J. M. Powell of the class of '73 was toastmaster and toasts were responded to as follows: Christian College, Dr. Powell '73; The class of 1882, Mrs. Clara Gard Cooper; The normal school, Ira C. Powell, '87; The New Era, Thomas H. Gentle; Memories, Muriel Paul, '21; the president and the future of school, Lenore Smith, '22.

A conspicuous fact brought out in all the talks was the persistent endeavor by those at the helm against many discouraging obstacles from the beginning of the school all along the line to the present day.

At the meeting of the alumni association, held Tuesday afternoon, the following officers were elected: President, Muriel Paul, McMinnville; first vice-president, J. B. V. Butler, Monmouth; second vice-president, Miss Clayton Burrough, Independence; secretary, Miss Florence Enschede, Elkins; treasurer, Ira C. Powell, Monmouth.

BUILDING CONCRETE PIT AT VALSETZ

A large concrete pit for burning refuse is being constructed for the Cobbs & Mitchell company sawmill plant at Valsetz by Kullander Bros.

ROAD GRADING STARTED AGAIN

Polk Court is to Sell \$40,000 of Bonds and Turn Money Over to the State.

Upon assurances from the highway department that he would receive pay for his work, Contractor Trent resumed operations Monday on his grading contract south of Monmouth. Just how long it will be before there are further developments is problematical, but it is more than probable that the matter is not settled.

The Polk county court and the state highway commission have apparently come to a working financial basis. The county court has agreed to sell and turn over to the state \$40,000 of bonds which were voted for highway purposes a few years ago, and pay the highway commission \$15,000 from the general highway fund for bridge purposes.

The decision of Judge Kelly refusing to sanction the use of market road money on state highways seems to have started something, and the highway commission has already started propaganda leading to the amendment of a law which makes any road money beyond the "touch" of the commission. In the meantime, a similar case to the Polk action, is to be carried to the supreme court.

NORMAL CLASS '82 HAS REUNION AT BUTLER HOME

A pleasant feature of the commencement week at the normal school was the reunion of the graduating class of 1882, of which Dr. O. D. Butler was a member. There were five graduates in the class, one member, Judge W. E. Richardson of the Washington supreme bench having died a few years ago.

The surviving members were entertained at luncheon Wednesday noon at the home of Dr. and Mrs. O. D. Butler. The afternoon was passed in recalling school days and school day pranks, the party separating with the wish that next year might bring another reunion of the class of '82. Members present were: Mrs. E. W. Cooper, Albany; Mrs. Stella Gabbert, Salem; Mrs. Ada Rice, Portland and Dr. Otis D. Butler.

RELATIVES ASSIST IN CELEBRATING BIRTHDAY

Dr. O. D. Butler celebrated his 60th birthday last Sunday with a birthday party preceded by a dinner. Twenty-three relatives, real and "married in" were present and the day was a most enjoyable one. Guests for the day were: Mr. and Mrs. Orville Butler, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. V. Butler, Mrs. Maurice J. Butler, Monmouth; Mr. and Mrs. C. Word Butler, Mrs. Robert E. Smith and son, Corvallis; Mrs. Nelson, Independence, Dr. Frank Butler and family, Portland; Dr. J. Dean Butler, Oregon City.

TWO ARE GRADUATED FROM OAK POINT SCHOOL

The graduates from the Oak Point school are Edna Joy and Chester Downing, both of whom passed with an average of more than 90 and both have been active in working for the welfare of the school.

MONMOUTH GIRL WED TO WASHINGTON MAN

Monmouth—A pretty wedding took place at the Christian church last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock when Miss Neta Waller became the bride of Hugh C. Olds of Camas, Wash. A beautiful form of the ring ceremony was read by Rev. H. E. Rossell, the pastor. Preceding the ceremony Miss Bess Clancy of Camas sang, "Oh Promise Me". The wedding march from "Lohengrin" was played by Mrs. Belle Beckley. The attendants were Miss Mildred Force and Dale Olds of Camas. Mildred Kennedy of Camas was flower girl, and little Bessie, her sister, was ring-bearer. The church was decorated with Ophelia roses, peonies and syringia.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Grant Olds, Gladstone; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gault, Gladstone; Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Gault and daughters Virginia and Effie, Gladstone; Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Kennedy, Camas; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ring, Camas; Miss Alveda Peterson, Portland; Rollo M. McKinney, Independence; Mrs. A. J. Winter, Portland; Mrs. A. C. Rice, Portland; Gerald Winter, Portland, Dale Rice, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Loren W. Waller, Miss Ruby Lorence, Miss Grace Parker, Mrs. C. E. Force and Mr. and Mrs. Rossell of Monmouth.

POST AND CORPS ARE ENTERTAINED BY LEGION

About 35 members of the G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps were guests of Independence Post of the American Legion at a 7 o'clock dinner served in the legion banquet room Wednesday night, which was followed by a pleasing program. A. L. Keeney officiated as master of ceremonies. The program consisted of an address by Rev. Gottlieb Schmid, short talks by Major and Mrs. T. C. Campbell of Klamath Falls, both members of Independence post, with Mrs. Campbell enjoying the distinction of being the only woman member of the post. Both were in overseas service, Mrs. Campbell serving as a nurse. Their talks were of particular interest.

Solo, "Star Spangled Banner," by Mrs. Thomas Clifford; reading by Miss Ida Arrell; short talks by Comrades Bingman and L. M. Butler. The event was an exceptionally pleasing one, both to the guests and the Legion boys who acted as hosts. The dinner was prepared by a caterer and was served by the legion members. Bliss Myers, C. C. Archibald and John G. Stevens, Jr., being in charge.

The program part of the entertainment was arranged by a committee composed of A. L. Keeney, Harry Ord, Art Black.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

The annual school meeting for district 29 (Independence) will be held at the public school building next Monday night. Owing to the board being unable to make an estimate of the amount of money necessary to operate the schools for the coming year, the budget has not been prepared and it will be necessary to submit it to the taxpayers at a subsequent meeting.

The term of D. E. Fletcher as member of the board expires at this time and the business of the meeting will be largely confined to electing his successor for a two year term and the election of a clerk of the board for a one year period.

The meeting will be called at 8 o'clock promptly.

WOLFE IS TRYING TO COLLECT DAMAGE TO CAR

Alleging that his car was injured to the extent of \$29.55 by a car driven by N. Selig of Salem, a former Falls City merchant, B. R. Wolfe, assistant cashier of the Independence National bank, has brought suit in Justice R. W. Baker's court for the collection of that amount. The accident occurred at the watering trough between Independence and Salem last March.

SETH FALK LANDS BIG ONE AT PACIFIC CITY

Seth Falk, well-known Rickreall farmer, landed a 31 pound salmon at Pacific City last Sunday.

BACK IN OR HEAD IN, IS QUESTION

City Orders Street Improvement and Sells Bonds For Alley Work.

An ordinance was introduced at Wednesday night's session of the city council, passed to the third reading and failed of adoption by a tie vote of three to three, which had for its purpose a direct change in the parking ordinance. The original ordinance, introduced by Councilman Bohannon would have required cars parking on First or Main street to head into the curb instead of backing in as is the present requirement, and was amended to include all streets in the city.

The vote was: ayes, Bohannon, Skinner, Craven; nays, Calbreath, Thomas, Walker. The vote against the measure was not in reality opposition to it, as all of the councilmen conceded that to head into a curb was better than back in, but it was felt that the change would cause much confusion. In California, almost to a town, the rule is to head into the curb, while in Oregon backing in is quite universal. The principal reason for attempting to make the change, Mr. Bohannon explained, was to prevent damage to fenders by the high curb line along main street.

An ordinance was passed ordering the improvement of Log Cabin street from Oak to William—grading the full width and the graveling of an 8 foot center with river run gravel not less than six inches in depth.

Another ordinance authorized the issuance and sale of \$1552.24 of bonds to C. W. Irvine at par and accrued interest, bonds to bear 6 percent interest. These bonds are for the improvement of the alley between B and Monmouth streets.

Claims allowed were:

Moore & Addison	\$8.25
Johnson & Coquette	435.95
Kullander & Kullander	616.43
George H. Wood, firemen	30.00
B. F. Swope	44.35
Irvine Baun	7.00
F. O. Parker	2.65
H. W. Birkholz	6.00
J. B. Chapman	6.00
L. Damon	51.00
F. O. Parker	135.00
C. E. Stewart	2.00
Halladay & Justin	22.52
Mt. States Power Co.	210.50
Oberson Transfer	1.50
W. C. Winslow	50.00
W. E. Craven Hdw.	8.13
J. D. Hibbs & Co.	1.50

The meeting was adjourned until next Wednesday night at 7 o'clock.

REFUSING TO PAY FINE; LOCAL MAN TAKEN TO JAIL

Refusing to pay a fine of \$15, which had been assessed by Justice R. W. Baker, A. C. Kleby was taken to the county jail to serve a 7 1/2 days' sentence, Wednesday. Upon complaint of J. B. Nunn, truant officer, Mr. Kleby was called upon to answer for the truancy from school of his 14 year old son. No attention was paid to a court summons and a bench warrant was then issued.

Mrs. Georgia Sayers paid a fine of \$10 after pleading guilty to the charge of having violated the compulsory education statute by not keeping her 14 year old boy in regular attendance at school. Mr. Nunn was the complainant in this case, also.

AIRLIE GIRL HAS APPENDICITIS OPERATION

Erma Williamson, daughter of George Williamson of Airlie, is recovering in the Independence hospital from the effects of a successful operation for appendicitis which was performed about a week ago, and it is expected that she can be removed to the home of E. B. Smith at the end of this week, where she will remain for a few days preceding a return to her home at Airlie.

TWO SUITS ARE FILED FOR RECOVERY OF MONEY

The Oregon Milling & Warehouse company has filed suit in Justice Baker's court for the collection of two claims against Bert Hilke. One is for \$202.94 and interest from May 17, 1920, and the other is for \$155.68 and interest from March 28, 1922.

