

\$25,000 Gift Starts Project

SPRINGFIELD—W. E. James, chairman of the Willamalane Park and Recreation District board of directors, announced Thursday that the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co. has made a donation of \$25,000 for development of the fifteen acre Willamalane Park site here.

The donation will be placed in the park board's newly established development fund.

The park board has agreed that the money will be used as follows:

- 1—Grade and fence the park site.
- 2—Construct a wading pool.
- 3—Build a baseball backstop.
- 4—Extend a needed sewer.
- 5—Build a comfort station.
- 6—Purchase and install little kids playground equipment.
- 7—Purchase and plant certain trees.

To Start At Once

E. H. Silke, member of the park board of directors, said work on the projects made possible by the Booth-Kelly gift will start immediately and should be completed early in the fall.

James explained that the park development fund has been set-up by the park board to receive the donations of all persons or firms interested in the park site development. He said a detailed development program for the Park site has been worked out by the board, showing the cost of each of the proposed projects in the park program.

Booth-Kelly officials stated that the need for immediate development of the park site is of primary importance and inasmuch as this is the company's fiftieth anniversary in Springfield, it seemed fitting to mark the occasion with this donation.

Money earmarked for surveys, construction and land improvement totaled \$5500 in Park district's \$27,174 budget for 1947-48.

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Ending 43 years of service with the Southern Pacific this week, O. E. McLane had two of his sons as firemen on his last run Wednesday. McLane brought No. 20 into the Eugene yards with son Wallace, 21, (shown here with his dad) riding as fireman. Another son, Howard, 26, fired on the run from Klamath Falls to Crescent Lake where Wallace took over. Another of McLane's sons, Ray, 36, is fireman for the Great Northern road. (Willshire engraving.)

Engineer Has Sons as His Firemen on Final Run

O. E. (Owney) McLane worked on his Oak Hill chicken farm Thursday without having to listen for the telephone calling him back to the S. P. yards to pick up his "flimsies" and highball out on another run. After 43 years, McLane made his last trip as an engineer on the Southern Pacific Wednesday.

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day when he settled No. 20 down under the water tank near Charleston St. and retired to the farm he bought three months ago.

But McLane will still follow his old profession as he watches his three sons buck the boards on their way toward piloting their own locomotives. Two of them fired for him on his last run. The other is a Great Northern fireman, and as all good engineers knew, it takes a long time as a fireman, before a man moves over alongside the throttle.

He moved to Eugene from Klamath Falls about four years ago but was already well acquainted with the Eugene railroad men because although engineers live in towns at the end of their run they spend most of their time "on the road."

Wednesday night about 30 self-styled "pensioners," the other local men who have completed their years behind the throttle gathered around the head end of McLane's train to greet him as he climbed out of the cab.

The first Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy to conduct divine services for Navy personnel was the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, who officiated in the absence of a chaplain at Easter Sunday services aboard the yacht Nourmahal in 1934 with the crew of the USS Ellis present.

Although world-famous Enrico Caruso once sang for \$70.38—he didn't even get the money. On a street corner in Cobourg, Ontario, he joined a little band of Salvation Army officers who did not know his identity until the tambourine was passed and filled with large contributions.



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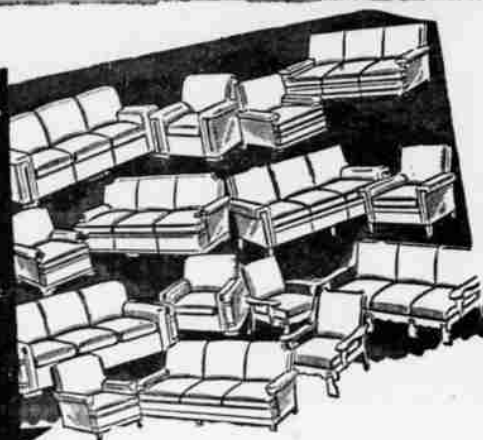
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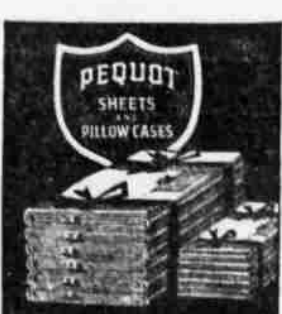
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