

**Merchants Told
On Checks**

SPRINGFIELD—W. C. Romaine, deputy sheriff, Friday told the Rotary Club here that the law groups had made the law groups bad in three classifications—bank funds, unable to locate bank account, and, for the first time, he said, there was no prosecution, unless the guilty party fails to make the check good in 48 hours.

Romaine, who illustrated his talk with several cases that have come to the attention of his department, declared that the merchant was the most important cog in helping the law catch bad check writers.

The merchant, he said, should get an accurate description of the guilty party and have detailed information on the articles purchased and how much change was given, if any.

Rush Hours

Romaine said check artists usually operate during rush hours, after the banks close on Saturdays, and just prior to long holidays when they can "skip" before the check is cleared.

He said merchants should scrutinize checks closely and ask lots of questions. A good thing to do, Romaine said, is to check the endorsement with the writing on the face of the check.

He told Rotarians that between \$2500 and \$3000 worth of bad checks are passed in this county each month.

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School Merger Vote Planned

SPRINGFIELD—A proposal to consolidate Thurston Grade School District 106 with Springfield District 19 will be brought before voters in the two districts Thursday, Feb. 5.

Polls for District 19 voters will be at the old Maple School on the McKenzie Highway and at the city library, 124 North Fourth St. Polls will be open from 2 to 7 p.m.

Thurston Polls

Voters in the Thurston district will cast their ballots at the school house. The polls will be open for only one hour—8 to 9 p.m.

Those persons in each of the districts who were on the last assessment rolls are eligible to vote.

High School

Thurston is already a part of the Springfield Union High School district and the present proposal if carried would bring Thurston entirely within the greater Springfield system.

If the proposal carries, there will be no immediate changes in either location, but next fall, school officials have indicated that seventh and eighth graders at Thurston will attend the Junior High School in Springfield. The first six grades would continue at the Thurston school.



SPEAKING on "Problems of International Understanding" to Masons Thursday will be Dr. Harry K. Newburn, president of the University of Oregon. Interested lodge members are invited to the 6:30 p.m. stag dinner in the Fourteenth Ave. Masonic hall which will precede the 7:30 p.m. talk.

Bank Damage Cases Delayed

The 11 damage actions against Richard Shore Smith, and the directors of the First National Bank of Eugene (named only in one suit), brought by a group of former minority stockholders in the bank, have been "continued indefinitely" through agreement with attorneys for both sides, Circuit Judge G. F. Skipworth said last week.

Previously the suits were on the preliminary motion docket for the ensuing term of court. Demurrers filed in 10 of the suits have not been acted on by the court.

In the actions, the minority stockholders allege, that defendants did not inform them of the best price which could be obtained for their stock.

Stock of the bank was sold to Transamerica Corp. in 1945.

A species of perch found in the Nile river grows to weigh as much as 600 pounds.

Middle Fork Goes Through Lowlands

SPRINGFIELD—H. E. Maxey, vice-chairman of the Willamette Basin Commission, reports that the Middle Fork of the Willamette River changed its course near Natron by nearly half a mile and now is in lowland where there are no banks.

Following an inspection of the \$39,000 Natron drift barrier by Maxey and R. S. Nicholson, secretary of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, Maxey said the river in occupying a new course farther north is where it will be difficult to control.

He said their inspection showed the possibility that the river may empty into the Booth-Kelly mill-race during high water.

Maxey said the drift barrier—completed only the day before the flood last month—"performed its work well."

Three Seminars Set By Math Department

The University of Oregon's mathematics department has scheduled three seminars, two of them on the campus and one at Oregon State college.

Richard Link, mathematics student, will speak on "Low Movements of Small Samples" at a statistics seminar Monday, Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. in 159 Emerald Hall.

Mrs. Helen Clucas, graduate assistant in the mathematics department, will talk on "Orthogonal Polynomials and Polynomials in General" on Feb. 5 at 4 p.m. in 258 Emerald Hall. Mrs. Clucas' talk was originally scheduled for Feb. 3.

Members of the mathematics department faculty and graduate

students will attend an exchange seminar Feb. 3 at Oregon State college to hear a talk by W. M. Stone, an assistant professor of mathematics in Oregon State College.

Spring Opening Due In Early March

Eugene merchants will celebrate their annual "spring opening" sometime during the first part of March, William N. Russell, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce retail merchants division announced Saturday.

Preparations for the event have begun under the direction of Mrs. Pauline Burris, who will serve as the first woman to be in charge of the event held each year as the city's stores unveil their spring merchandise.

WAA Cites Its Overhead

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The cost of selling war surplus now amounts to about half the receipts, the War Assets Administration reported Saturday.

Administrator Jess Larson told Congress he still has to get rid of goods which cost the government about \$7,472,000,000 new. He expects the job to be pretty well finished about June 30.

Disposal costs, which amounted to 25.7 per cent of the money taken in during 1947, rose to 49 per cent in the final quarter.

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