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## HUNDREDS OF CITIZENS CONSIDER UTILIZING OF WASTE PLACES

Mass Meeting Held Thursday Night Marks the Beginning of Organized Work

3 COMMITTEES APPOINTED

County Agent, County School Superintendent, Successful Farmer, Mayor and Many Citizens Speak

Much enthusiasm was exhibited by the hundred or more citizens who attended a mass meeting in the assembly hall of the Lincoln school Thursday evening, to consider the matter of cultivating every available foot of ground in this city and vicinity. The appeal was "Help Springfield do her share for the Nation's food supply in the oncoming crisis." The theme of the meeting was expressed by Frank Chase of the Chase Gardens on the River Road, when he said: "Everybody who has a little time, should link himself up with a little ground, and thoroughly cultivate it." J. C. Mullen was made chairman of a committee to list the lots in the city by ascertaining the ownership. Mr. Mullen is to select the other members. M. M. Peery, J. P. Fry, and Mrs. D. M. Gore are members of another committee which is to investigate the seed question. Mayor E. E. Morrison, Mrs. Lucina Richardson, and Miss Effie Rhodes as a general committee will keep the matter moving and work out a definite plan.

Contrary to the usual result of meetings of this kind, much real usable information was gained, and a fairly definite plan of procedure was worked out. Councilman M. M. Peery suggested that the City employ someone to plow and cultivate lots for persons who are not able to pay the initial cost. This amount can be repaid the city later. Mr. Peery, as well as other speakers, urged that lot owners be very reasonable in the matter of asking rent for their unused plots.

Instead of saying, "Anyone can raise a garden," many speakers admitted that the job was a hard one and needed a good deal of work and time and intelligent planning. Councilman M. C. Bressler stated, however, that from \$50 to \$75 worth of food can be grown on a single lot by proper attention to planting and cultivating.

County Agent N. S. Robb offered some valuable suggestions. He said he believed the vacant lots should be given to those who could use them, free, and that the boys and girls should manage in whole or part, the cultivating of the plot. He said there was a great future for Lane county in the production of beans, and that peas were also profitable. He said a bulletin on lot gardening which is just off the press could be procured at his office.

Many speakers said we, as a people, were using too much meat, and suggested the raising of our own vegetables at a smaller cost and using vegetables to a greater degree than we do now, would materially reduce the cost of meat and flour.

The part that the boys and girls can play in this matter, was touched upon by Mrs. Lucina Richardson, who said in part: "The boys are being encouraged to do the chores at home, to spade the garden, feed the chickens, and so on. We are encouraging the lessons of thrift, and advocate the idea of beginning school a little earlier and closing earlier, in order to give the children more time to work the ground at home."

"Boys and girls lose interest very easily, and the work must be made interesting, or you cannot keep them at it," advised Superintendent R. L. Kirk, who said that without the cooperation of the parents, children will never have gardens. "We depend too much on the butcher and the grocer, and must revise our methods of living," was one of Mr. Kirk's conclusions.

"Economy" might well have been the title of Miss Anne McCormick's (domestic science instructor) talk. Miss McCormick spoke of canning peas, beans, and other vegetables, suggesting ways of using corn meal, touched on the care of food in the home, and told about the preserving of eggs in water glass. Mayor E. E. Morrison gave some

good pointers on the raising of potatoes, on the conserving of the waste in peeling, and advised prospective growers not to try to raise cabbage for the market, as he did not think it would be a profitable crop.

Not only was the utilizing of waste lands advocated to help pull down the high cost of living for Springfield people; the movement has a bigger significance. Attorney J. C. Mullen put his finger on it when he said, "We must produce the food if we would win the battle." By raising food stuffs on an intensive scale, the American people will make it impossible that they shall ever need fear the famine which has stared practically every European nation in the face.

County School Superintendent E. J. Moore said we must consider this matter in a practical way. We must use plenty of water, and with proper cultivation, results will be assured.

Recorder H. E. Walker spoke along the same line, adding a few words about the richness of the soil of Springfield. "It will grow anything," he said, "but it must be cultivated."

At the end of the meeting, which was presided over by Mrs. W. G. Hill, president of the Parent-Teachers' association, there was some lively questioning and answering on matters pertaining to gardening and to raising chickens when the price of wheat is so high, and other things relating to economic living.

**Donkey Engine Breaks Down**  
Glen Anderson broke the main shaft of his logging engine which he is now operating at the gravel pit near Natron for the Fischer-Boutin Lumber company, and his crew were forced to shut down from Friday morning until this morning when it was thought the damage could be repaired. The crew of about twelve men passed through Springfield early Friday morning.

## Drafting Law Not to Affect Oregon Owing to Well-Filled Condition of Military Units, First Draft Won't Apply

Oregon's apportionment under the proposed draft system will be 4000 men, but owing to the well filled condition of the military units of the state the first draft will probably not affect the men of the state.

Already in three branches of the state military system are more than enough men to fill the quota demanded by the government. Under the plan of the war department, the organized military units will be counted in the first draft.

The 3d Infantry has been recruited to its full war strength of 2002 men less 11 rejected because they have dependants. The coast artillery corps has been recruited to 1300 men and enough names are on the reserve list to bring it to its full war strength of 1911 men. Two hundred and twenty-five men have been recruited already for the squadron of cavalry, which numbers 400 men. The Oregon naval militia has a full complement of 260 men and the field artillery, battery A, has a strength of 133 men and can easily reach its war strength of 190 men.

**Gets \$52 in Bounties**  
The sum of \$52 in bounties on the hides of predatory animals was collected Friday afternoon by Harry G. Hayes, well-known guide and trapper of McKenzie Bridge. Mr. Hayes took to the office of the county clerk two cougar hides for which he received from the state \$10 each, four coyote hides at \$1.50 each and 13 bob cat hides for which he was paid \$2 each. Mr. Hayes says some of the hides have been sold for rugs. One of the cougars weighed nearly 200 pounds.

**\$10,000 Deal Pending**  
A deal is pending whereby C. H. Shontz of Payette, Idaho, will acquire the Springfield rock crusher, and the J. W. Machen residence on Valley View in exchange for J. W. Machen for 80 acres of alfalfa land at Payette. Mr. Shontz was here two weeks ago in connection with the trade, and will return in about 10 days. The consideration is \$10,000.

**Will Begin Full Time Soon**  
According to information given out at the local Booth-Kelly Lumber company's office Saturday, the mill here will begin running on full time some time this week. This means that there will be 10 working hours instead of eight as has been the case since the beginning of the stormy weather on February 19.

## FORE AND AFT GUNS ON ROCHAMBEAU LEGAL

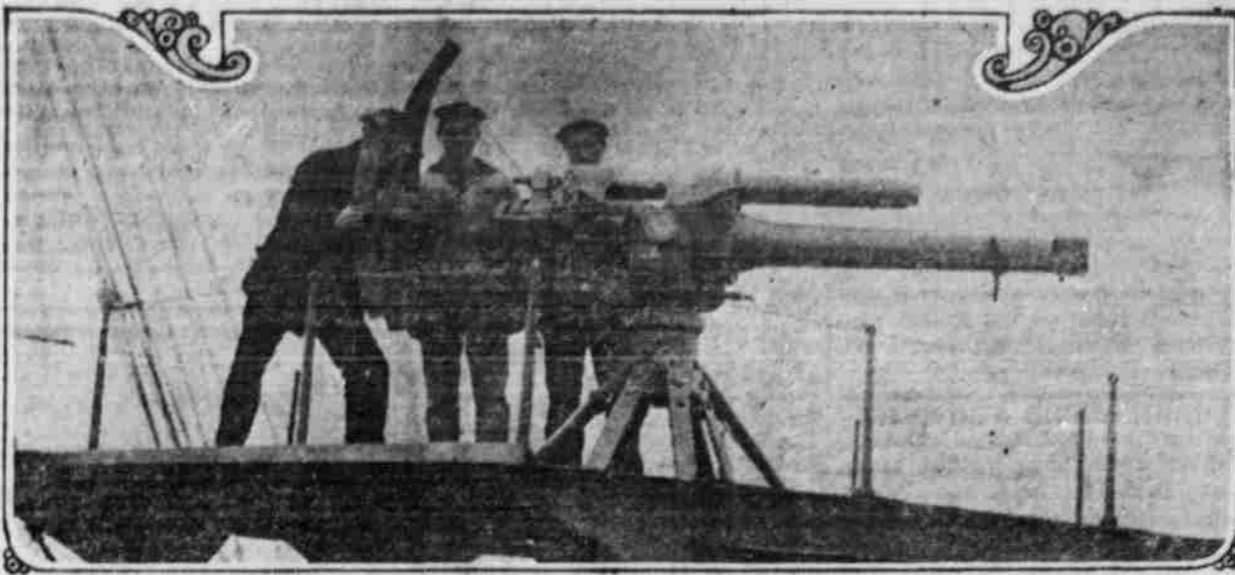


Photo by American Press Association. The French liner Rochambeau arrived in America with the above and another gun fore and aft and was believed to be arming contrary to international law, but the government permitted her to make her port at New York.

## ENTIRE CITY PAYS TRIBUTE TO FRIEND

Milton G. Bally "A Man Without An Enemy," Interred in Last Resting Place

Probably the most impressive funeral cortege ever seen in this city was that which followed the casket bearing the remains of one of the most beloved citizens, Milton G. Bally, called "A man without an enemy," who was placed in his last resting place in the Masonic cemetery at Eugene yesterday. The procession which followed the hearse consisted of 24 automobiles bearing relatives and friends, while two special street cars bore his fraternal brothers and sisters and fellow-members of the Firemen organization.

Preceding the procession to the burial place, a service was held in the Methodist church, which was filled to overflowing. The gray casket which reposed at the front of the church was covered with lilies, the symbol of resurrection. Behind it were draped two flags with the President's picture. Along the chancel rail in front a great mass of flowers was heaped up, while other bouquets filled several small tables. Among the floral pieces were two of especial beauty, one spelling out the words, "At Rest," and the other bearing the symbolic three links of Friendship, Love, and Truth of the organizations to which Mr. Bally belonged.

The choir was composed of Mrs. Bernice Van Valzah's class of 22 girls. Mrs. Van Valzah at the piano. The service was begun at two o'clock by an anthem from the girls, following which Dr. S. A. Danford offered a prayer. The choir rendered "Face to Face," after which Reverend James T. Moore preached the funeral sermon taking his text from Psalms 17:15: "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied when I awake, with thy likeness." Following a prayer by Rev. J. T. Moore, Mrs. J. E. Richmond sang "The Lord Knows Best." The service ended with a piano solo which Mrs. Van Valzah played while the casket was uncovered and those left behind were given an opportunity for a last look at the beloved face.

**Natron Youth Dies**  
Bryon Smith, aged 21 years, died at his home at Natron at 5:30 o'clock last evening, pneumonia being the cause of death. The young man is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, and two sisters, Retta Smith, and Mrs. Lena Taliaferro. Interment will be made in the Mt. Vernon cemetery at 11 o'clock tomorrow. Reverend J. W. Perkins is in charge of funeral arrangements.

**Interesting Lecture Coming**  
Tomorrow evening, beginning at 8 o'clock at the local M. E. church Reverend and Mrs. G. H. Parkinson of Eugene will give an illustrated lecture on a "Missionary trip around the world." With their 70 colored slides the visitors will show some of the missionary progress of the M. E. church in the last 70 years. There is no admission charge, but a collection will be taken.

**Real Estate Transfers**  
Jas. C. Parker Sheriff to A. C. Woodcock—lot 1 blk. 10 Springfield. \$24.64.  
A. C. Woodcock to Albert S. Weaver—lot 1 blk. 10 Springfield. \$1.

## SALIENT POINTS OF GOOD TALK GIVEN

Mrs. Mary B. Campbell's Paper on Cigarettes Shows Time and Thought

Following are salient points of a masterful address delivered at the recent all-day W. C. T. U. meeting in this city by Mrs. Mary B. Campbell, president of the Lane County Women's Christian Temperance Union.

**Physical and Mental danger of the Cigarette.**  
The London Lancet (perhaps the foremost medical journal of the world,) has this to say, "The furfural formed in one Virginia Cigarette may amount to as much as that found in two fluid ounces of whiskey and furfural is stated to be about 50 times as poisonous as ordinary alcohol, and in small doses causes symptoms of transient irritation such as tremors and twitching, while in adequate quantities it causes epileptic fits or convulsions, and general muscular paralysis."

Here is what Dr. David Paulson has to say for nicotine in the cigarette. "I smoked enough tobacco to make an ordinary cigarette in water. Then I injected under a cat's skin, a hypodermic syringe full of this tobacco juice, in a few minutes the cat began to quiver, then tremble, then it had cramps, and in less than 20 minutes it died in violent convulsions. Thousands of boys are trying this experiment upon themselves with just as sure, the less immediate results."

Now those poisons weaken the heart action and ruin the nerves, of which the brain is the central station, harden the arteries and cause stomach and bowel trouble, stunt the boy's growth and makes a dullard out of him. He can not keep his mind on his work, nor can he memorize. He is a problem to his teacher, a heart-break to his parents, and a loss to the state.

**Why a boy should not smoke.**  
1 Cigarettes in any form hinder the growth and injure the nerves and health.

2 Cigarettes foster the tobacco habit and may make him a slave to it.

3 The cigarette habit does not help a boy in life work, and may prevent him from obtaining a good position in business.

4 Almost all reliable business houses refuse to employ boys who smoke cigarettes.

5 The following are among the poisons and drugs used in the manufacture of the cigarette: arsenic, creosote, nicotine, opium, saltpetre, toba. flavoring and rum, all of which are harmful.

6 Cigarette smoking makes a boy dull and stupid, impairs his memory and prevents his advance in school.

7 Smoking creates an unnatural thirst which may lead to the drinking of intoxicating liquor.

8 Smoking is a selfish habit which may cause annoyance, discomfort, and distress to others.

9 Tobacco affects the eye, ear, nose, and also the heart.

10 It costs more than most boys can afford to pay to have their nerves and health ruined.

11 Smoking is a useless and expensive habit, and always does harm in a greater or lesser degree.

12 It is also a filthy habit and defiles the body, and anything that defiles the body is a sin against God who created man in His own image.

## MINISTER IS INSTRUCTOR

Chris H. Jensen Will Lead U.O. Boys in Signal Practice

Reverend Chris H. Jensen, pastor of the Christian church of this city will be the instructor of the seventh course installed at the University of Oregon to equip students mentally and physically for war service. The course in signal practicing and instruction will be given one period each week. Mr. Jensen, who is himself a special student at the University, has had five year's training in the United States navy, and one and one half years in the California militia.

The course is to be a supplement to the work in military science, for which the registrar reports a large number of students have enrolled. Regular credit is to be given.

## N. S. Robb to Help Labor Situation

Office of Lane County Agent is Made Branch of Portland Employment Bureau

The labor situation on the farms is becoming serious in many sections of the state. In some localities the supply will be inadequate to plant the normal acreage of crops this season, especially if the enlistment to the army continues, which is altogether probable.

To meet the situation and to assist in obtaining farm help for Lane County, the office of the County Agent has been designated as a branch office of the Public Employment bureau of Portland. The office will assist in obtaining help for farms where ever possible.

Persons desiring employment should make their wants known to N. S. Robb, Lane County Agricultural Agent, Eugene, Oregon. These requests will be transmitted to the Portland office which will give all assistance possible to the matter. Parties desiring help now or in the future should let their wants be known by communicating the same to the office of the County Agent in Eugene.

The office of the public employment bureau of Portland is working in close cooperation with the various chambers of commerce, state school officials and the Governor of the state in giving assistance to this problem.

### Notice to Organizations

In the future, the News will adopt the policy of asking payment for notices which are signed at the bottom and read like an advertisement. Notices are still welcome in the columns of the paper, but it is only desired that they be written more as news items, than as advertisements. This will be of advantage to organizations as well as to the paper, since such notices in a news form can be placed in a more conspicuous place in the paper.

### Taken to Hospital

A tramp whose name is unknown was taken to the Springfield hospital Saturday for treatment for pneumonia. He was found at Cottage Grove in a bad condition and was sent to Eugene on the afternoon train. Dr. W. L. Cheshire, county physician, took charge of him and brought him to the local hospital at the expense of the county.

### Operated Upon at Eugene Hospital

Mrs. J. D. Boardley, of Eugene, and Mrs. C. H. Marrow, a resident of Marcola, were operated upon at the Eugene hospital Friday, and are convalescing.

## LOCAL RED CROSS CHAPTER BECOMING WELL ORGANIZED

At First Regular Meeting Held Last Saturday, Definite Plans Are Made

MEMBERSHIP IS CRY NOW

National Headquarters Are Rushed, So Branches Can Do Little But Organize at Present

A great deal of interest in all phases of the movement was manifested at the first regular meeting of the Springfield auxiliary to the National Red Cross association, which was held in the Woodmen hall, beginning at three o'clock last Saturday afternoon. At this time, four new members, Miss Edna B. Swartz, Mrs. Vina McLean, Mrs. H. E. Walker, Reverend Henry C. Ethel, were taken in, making the total local membership 27 up to date.

The object of the Saturday meeting was merely to become further organized, to solicit members, and like the soldier boys to stand ready for orders when they come. Because of the hasty organization of chapters in so many cities, the Pacific coast headquarters at San Francisco are overwhelmed with work, and it will take some time to get supplies to the various county headquarters. Meanwhile, the latter are organizing, and the slogan just now is "Get New Members." Until they can help in other ways, each person will be aiding simply by paying his dollar to become a member.

It has been decided that meetings shall be held hereafter at the W. O. W. hall each Saturday afternoon, beginning at three o'clock. Probably physicians and nurses will address future meetings. Dr. W. C. Rehban has already offered his services for instructing a class in Red Cross training.

Mrs. Bernice Van Valzah, who as chairman of the local organization presided, gave a paper on "Why Everyone Should Join the Red Cross," and Mrs. J. C. Dimm, secretary, reported on the Red Cross mass meeting held in Eugene, the county headquarters, Monday night.

At the Saturday meeting the following committees were appointed: Entertainment, Miss Edna Swartz, chairman, with the teachers as her assistants; Executive, Mrs. Clark Wheaton, chairman, Mrs. George Catching, Mrs. N. W. Emery, and Mrs. J. C. Holbrook; and a committee on membership which is to visit all the different clubs and organizations of the city in the next two weeks to solicit members, is composed of Miss Nora Sorenson, chairman, Miss Esther Campbell, Miss Vera Williams, Miss Effie Rhodes, and Reverend Henry C. Ethel.

### Divorce Suit Contested

Divorce suit of Ono A. Traver, of Springfield, against Ruben Traver was heard by Judge Skipworth in the circuit court Friday afternoon and morning. In her complaint, Mrs. Traver alleges cruel and inhuman treatment. She asks that her name, Ono Sorber, be restored and that she be granted \$10 a month alimony. Mr. Traver contests the case denying all charges of cruelty.

### Norman Byrne Enlists

Norman Byrne, son of Mr and Mrs L. J. Byrne of Glenwood, a freshman in the University of Oregon and president of the C. F. C's, a class of boys in the M. E. Sunday School, has enlisted in the marine service, leaves in the morning for Portland, from where he will go to Mare Island for a 12 weeks' training course.

### Woodmen Plan Big Time

Quite a time is being planned by local Woodmen for next Tuesday night, when they will entertain members and their families with a program to be followed by refreshments. District Superintendent Kennedy will attend the meeting. The committee in charge consists of H. E. Walker, Arthur Clark, and Harry Bird.

### Has 14 Candidates

At present, there are 14 candidates for membership into the Springfield Woodmen of the World lodge. These are to be initiated on the eighth of May with any others who may be eligible by that time.