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COMING OF SPRING IS HERALDED BY LADS AND LASSES

May Day Drills, Dances, Songs and Exercises by Students Are Much Enjoyed

DAY PERFECT FOR FETES

Although the Occasion is One of Happy Frolics, the thought of Patriotism is Not Lost

Today was perfect and folks must have just felt in the humor to welcome the coming of summer. At any rate the May day fetes at both the Lincoln and High school were witnessed by good crowds who thoroughly enjoyed the dainty dances, light-hearted songs, and symbolic exercises.

At the Lincoln school the youngsters were especially delightful in the dance accompanying the winding of the May pole, in the flower drill, and in the "Shepherdess" dance, although the entire program was excellently given. A patriotic theme ran through the whole, revealed in such touches as the red, white and blue streamers of the pole and in the flag salute which was given by the entire school. Miss Dorothy Ditto was queen of the May and little Master Billy Oviatt was crown-bearer. Queen Dorothy also had a bevy of pretty little maids of honor.

Following is the program which was given by the children of the first six grades of the Lincoln school and the grades of the high school building, and in which they were drilled by the teachers of the first six grades who deserve much credit:

- Grand March.
- Song, "Welcome, Sweet Springtime."
- Game, "Oh, do You Know the May Queen?"
- Crowning of Queen.
- Winding of May Pole.
- May Song, "She Comes."
- Flag Drill and Song.
- Flag Salute.
- Game, "Clap Dance."
- Game, "Oats, Peas, Beans and Batic's Grow."
- Flower Song, Girls.
- Sailor Boy's Drill and Song.
- Wreath Drill.
- Song, "Wake, Says the Sunshine."
- Windmill Song, Boys.
- Shepherdess Dance.

The program was given on the school lawn.

At the high school, the observance of May day was very pretty indeed. Here also the thought of patriotism was kept uppermost by such numbers as the songs by the school: "The Soldiers' Chorus," "The Marsaillais," and "The Star Spangled Banner." The singers also gave "I Know A Bank," and "Welcome Sweet Spring time."

The crowning exercises were unique and quite imposing with the "Procession of Royalty." The order of march was: Herald, Frank De Pue; Lord High Mayor, Bill Hill; Queen of the May, Dorris Sikes; King of the May, Jerry Van Valzah; Train Bearers, Isabel Hughes and George Williams; Crown Bearers, Maud Gorie and Ivan Male; Maids, Ruth Scott, Iva Hill, Marguerite Tomsett, and Audrey Perkins; and Attendants, Floyd Bartlett, Walter Gosler, Ernest Moe, and Clarence Chase.

The coronation was followed by the senior ovation.

Those who took part in the quaint "Danish Dance of Greeting" were Beatrice Holbrook, Florence Furuset, Lila Miller, Wanna McKinley, Lena Brewer, Gladys Lepley, and Edith Holcomb.

The flag drill was carried out very well. Those who participated were: Mary Harding, Erdine Caruthers, Alice McBea, Elsie Weddie, Gladys Lepley, Bernice Sappenfield, Bertha Lindley, Myrtle Lindley, Lila Miller, Elsie Holcomb, Hazel Brattain, Marian Clearwater, and Ellen Lambert.

Misses Vera Williams and Effie Rhodes deserve much praise in drilling for the dances, as does Miss Wether Campbell who arranged the royal procession and coronation.

Alaska Man Buys Property
William Piper of Tredwell, Alaska has purchased two lots in Valley View addition to Springfield from J. W. Machen. The deal was made through Gore and Rowe.

PLAN MAY 30 OBSERVANCE

Local Ladies of the G. A. R. Circle Will Keep Memorial Day

At a meeting of the Ladies of the G. A. R. Circle No. 28 held in the W. O. W. hall Friday afternoon, plans were made for the observance of Memorial day, May 30. Mrs. May Green, Mrs. Charles Dority, and Mrs. Anna Huntly were appointed as members of a flower committee, while Mrs. Charles F. Eggmann was appointed as a committee of one to arrange for conveyances to take the old soldiers and the school children to the cemetery in the morning. The school children will be asked to help decorate the graves. It is probable that suitable exercises will be held.

On Memorial Sunday, May 27, in one of the local churches, a memorial service under the direction of Luka Post, G. A. R., and the local Ladies of the G. A. R. Circle, will be held.

At the Friday afternoon meeting, plans were also furthered for the convention which meets in Forest Grove on June 26, 27, and 28.

Morrison Will Give Prize

Mayor E. E. Morrison has announced that he will give a special premium of \$15 for the best exhibit of merchantable potatoes made at the annual Lane county fair this year.

Is Asked to Help in Liberty Loan

W. G. McAdoo Sends Telegram to First National Bank Soliciting Subscription

The First National Bank of Springfield received the following telegram from Washington on Thursday:

"Government will receive subscriptions until June fifteenth for two billion dollars three and one half per cent liberty loan. You can render invaluable service to your country by receiving subscriptions and cooperating with federal reserve bank your district. Will you kindly do this and telegraph me government expense as soon as practicable rough estimate amount of bonds you think will be subscribed by you and your customers?"

W. G. McADOO,

Secretary of the Treasury.

The officials held a meeting Saturday night and decided upon the amount the bank will subscribe. Charles L. Scott, president, states that the bank will be very glad to take care of any subscriptions from the people of Springfield.

This is a definite way to help your country.

SEPTEMBER MORN COMING

"Fizzy" Play of Comedy and Lifting Songs to Be Shown in Eugene

"September Morn," the fun show of tunes and tangoes, book and lyrics by Arthur Gillespie and music by Aubrey Staffer, after a long run at the LaSalle Opera-House (Chicago) comes to the Eugene Theatre Monday night, May 14.

"September Morn" is one of the brightest, cleverest, wittiest, prettiest entertainments ever seen on any stage. It has humor, melody, color, spirit, and a score that holds the auditor with its swinging lifting airs. The book by Arthur Gillespie, is the kind of fooling that encourages worried people to forget their troubles. It has spice. It is not like staid soda water. The fizz is there. At the same time there is nothing to offend.

One of the striking features of "September Morn" is the remarkable chorus, these clever girls work in perfect harmony to the theatregoer. The play contains more song hits than any other musical offering presented in years. The swinging melody, "September Morn," is the vogue everywhere, while the other effective songs are: "When a Little Boy Loves a Little Girl" — "A Sparrow from the Butcher Shop of Life" — "Where is the Pleasure in Wine and Song-If the Woman is Not There?" — "The Sunshine Girl" — "Beautiful Dreams I'm Dreaming."

School Dismisses Early for Gardeners

The Springfield high school classes now convene at 8:15 o'clock each morning instead of 9:00 o'clock as was formerly the case. This lets the students out at 3:15 in the afternoon and allows the boys an extra hour to get in some good ticks on their gardens before dark.

COMMISSIONERS ALL LOOK TO BALFOUR



Photo by American Press Association. The French as well as the British commissioners at Washington generally accept the British foreign secretary, Arthur J. Balfour, seen on left with Secretary Lansing, as their spokesman in the matters of major importance under discussion.

REV. W. N. FERRIS GLOSES PASTORATE

Baptist Congregation Takes Action Yesterday and Evening Service Closes Work

The Baptist church of this city sustains its previous record for short pastorates by asking that the pastorate of Rev. W. M. Ferris be terminated at once.

In a business meeting called at the close of the pastor's morning sermon, it was requested that Rev. Ferris conclude his labors with the evening service yesterday, some having presented the message of a week ago.

The document conveying the intelligence to Rev. and Dr. Ferris read as follows:

"To Pastor Ferris and Wife: From the First Baptist Church of Springfield. We deeply and sincerely regret (owing to financial conditions of the church) the necessity of asking that your resignation take effect at once, this day rather than two months hence. We greatly appreciate your work with and among us and our prayers will go with you, and be assured we will never forget the good you have done while among us.

By order of church.

DEACON P. H. EMERY, Moderator
GILBERT MILLER, Clerk Pro Tem

This proposition to close the pastorate at once, met with considerable opposition, and only after a lengthy discussion was the above decision reached.

Pastor Ferris acquiesced in the request and in turn greatly surprised his audience at the evening service by a most kindly message, both he and Dr. Ferris spoke many kindly and helpful words of advice, commending the congregation to the love and care of God's goodness.

This sudden termination of pastorate comes also as a surprise to many friends who were not present at the business session.

The last message of the Pastor was unique, the text being "The end is better than the beginning."

Rev. and Dr. Ferris have no plans for the future as yet, except the fulfilling of an engagement made some weeks ago, for an evangelistic campaign during the month of June.

"Chamberlain's Tablets Have Done Wonders for Me."

"I have been a sufferer from stomach trouble for a number of years, and although I have used a great number of remedies recommended for this complaint, Chamberlain's Tablets is the first medicine that has given me positive and lasting relief," writes Mrs. Anna Kadis, Spencerport, N. Y. "Chamberlain's Tablets have done wonders for me and I value them very highly." Obtainable everywhere.

GRANGE SESSION DELAYED

Farmers Will Be Too Busy to Attend Now So Meeting Will Be in June

The session of the state grange scheduled to meet at Astoria on May 12 has been postponed to June 12. This is the information given members of granges throughout Lane county from the executive committee of the state grange this week.

The change is made owing to the late season and the necessity for planting just at the time the meeting was first scheduled for. Had it not been postponed, it is probable a large number of farmers would have been compelled to miss the meeting.

An excerpt from the letter follows: "The shortage of the food and forage supply in this country as well as in the whole world, is much more serious than most people realize, and it becomes our patriotic duty as patrons of husbandry, and as farmers to supply the demand for foodstuffs so far as possible."

"It is further urged that all members and grangers hold special meetings on Saturday, May 12, and cooperate with county and district agents of the agricultural college to make those meetings a success in order to insure the greatest production of necessary food for the maintenance of our army and our people."

William Howell Pioneer Is Dead

Veteran of Spanish-American War Scumbs at Age of 42 Years

William Frederick Howell, of Springfield, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, died at a Eugene hospital Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Howell was a native of Indiana and 42 years of age. He came to this state after the close of his service in the Philippines. He is survived by his wife and children.

The body is at the Gordon & Veatch undertaking parlors. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Mr. Howell lived on Mill and D streets in this city and had been here but a short time. He had been ill for some time.

Society Doings of the Season

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR "GRANDMA GRIFFIN"

On Wednesday, May 2 the children grand children and great grand children of Mrs. Mary F. Griffin, of Eugene, gathered at the home of her oldest son, John Griffin, to celebrate her 82 birthday. "Grandma" Griffin is very active and spry for her advanced age. She received a number of nice presents. The day was pleasantly spent in conversation and at noon a most bountiful dinner was served. Her sons, A. M. Griffin and U. S. Griffin, were unable to attend. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. John Griffin, Earl Drury, Manley and Merl McBea, Mr. and Mrs. McPherson, E. B. Griffin, M. H. Griffin, Thomas Malloy, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McBea, Mrs. Oscar Drury, Mrs. Roy Goff, Bert Vaughn, Keith Edwards, Miss Neva McBea, Miss Laurel Griffin.

MRS. GEORGE CATCHING ENTERTAINS NEEDLECRAFT

Mrs. George Catching entertained the members and a few invited friends of the Needlecraft club at her home last Thursday afternoon. Wood violets and orchids comprised the decorations. A social afternoon was enjoyed and dainty refreshments served. The invited guests were: Mrs. J. C. Dimm, Mrs. L. May and Mrs. Sherman Heller, of Eugene. Members of the club present were: Mrs. R. L. Kirk, Mrs. R. P. Mortensen, Mrs. O. H. Jarrett, Mrs. R. L. Drury, Mrs. J. P. Fry, Mrs. A. M. Beaver and Mrs. J. E. Richmond. The club will meet in two weeks with Mrs. R. L. Drury on Fifth street.

PRISCILLA CLUB ATTENDS MAY DAY EXERCISES

The members of the Priscilla club attended the May day exercises held at the Lincoln school grounds last Friday afternoon. At the close of the program the club members went to the home of Mrs. McKinsey, where a delightful time and delicious refreshments were enjoyed.

ANOTHER PIONEER OF OREGON LEAVES THINNING RANKS

John Sidney Montgomery Died at Home of Son Early Yesterday Morning

CAME TO OREGON IN 1853

Deceased Was Past 80 Years of Age; Was a Respected Citizen and Many Will Miss Him

Another of the pioneers of the state has finished his work and passed on. John Sidney Montgomery, who came to Oregon in '53, died at the home of his son, Al Montgomery, at 2:45 o'clock yesterday morning, after a lingering illness. Cause of death was weakness occasioned by suffering and old age.

Mr. Montgomery was born in Schuyler county, Missouri, 80 years, eight months, and 21 days ago. Coming to Oregon in the early days, he settled at Cottage Grove, and has lived in different sections of the state ever since. For the past eight years he has made his home in this city with his son Al Montgomery, proprietor of the Springfield hotel.

Mr. Montgomery is survived by three children, Al Montgomery of this city, Samuel Montgomery, who resides near Roseburg, and Mrs. Mary Wilbur of Cottage Grove.

Funeral services will be held at the W. F. Walker chapel beginning at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, Reverend S. A. Danford to be in charge. Interment will be made in the Laurel Hill cemetery.

"Grandpa" Montgomery, as he was known, will be missed by practically everyone in Springfield. He was a kindly, genial, old gentleman and a highly respected citizen. He used to sit in the lobby of the Springfield hotel and always had a pleasant greeting for anyone who entered.

freshments were very much enjoyed. Mrs. McKinsey's guests of the afternoon were: Mrs. Harry Stewart, Mrs. J. Stewart and Mrs. Gladys Stewart. The club members present were: Mrs. Paul Brattain, Mrs. William Donaldson, Mrs. James Withrow, Mrs. I. D. Larmer, Mrs. Walter Herrund, Mrs. Norman Howard, Mrs. Dilbert Beas, Mrs. W. C. Robban and the hostess Mrs. Alex McKinsey.

MISS EDNA SWARTS HOSTESS TO GIRL FRIENDS

Around a dinnertable made lovely with a centerpiece of forget-me-nots and dainty place cards, the Misses Effie Rhodes, Annie Young, Estella Martin, Florence Coffin, Bess Palmer, Lula Gile, and Merle Mimmo, and Mrs. C. E. Swarts gathered at the invitation of Miss Edna Swarts at the Swarts home on Fifth and E streets Saturday evening. A most delicious two-course dinner, as well as much jollity and "visiting" were enjoyed.

LITTLE MAID HAS PARTY

In honor of her daughter Constance's eighth birthday, Mrs. W. C. Rehban was hostess to about 30 small folks from the little girl's room at school, at her home on Sixth and C streets, Saturday afternoon. The youngsters had a delightful time from 2:30 until 5:00 playing games, and doing all the nice things a set of youngsters do when they're celebrating a birthday. At about five, ice cream, cake, and surprise candies were served.

H. S. STUDENTS PICNIC

While the Juniors, chaperoned by Misses Vera Williams, Effie Rhodes, and Nora Sorenson, enjoyed a wienie roast at Hayden Bridge Friday night, the other three classes of the high school also had an outdoor picnic on the river road toward Pruneville.

First Rose is in Bloom

Mrs. E. W. Collins has the distinction of having the first rose in bloom which has been reported in this city. The blossom is a "Cloth of Gold" and the rose is of the climbing variety.