

MUSICAL CONCERT AT M. E. CHURCH REAL SUCCESS

Proceeds Are to Go to the Philaetha Sunday School Class

"COMMUNITY SING" TRIED

All Individual Numbers Given by the Youngest Students of Charles E. Glass

Last evening some of the members of Charles E. Glass' music class in Springfield and several students from Eugene gave a concert at the Methodist church. The entertainment was given under the direction of Professor Glass for the benefit of the Philaetha Sunday school class.

Though the crowd was not so large as was expected the girls are very well satisfied with the returns. The first four individual numbers on the program were all played by the youngest students of Mr. Glass. All of the students showed good and thorough training and in all it was a very pleasing program. Ralph Danfield, of Eugene, read the two choruses which the ladies were to sing and also gave a patriotic reading.

Mrs. J. E. Richmond sang "Mona," which was much appreciated and as an encore sang "Evening."

The movement known as the "Community Sing" which is becoming more popular in this country was a prominent feature of the evening. Several pieces were tried under that plan and very satisfactory results were received.

Following is the program which was rendered:

- Doxology
- Piano Solo, "Down the Line," Veneta Morrison
- Piano Solo, "Little Stranger," Jessie Loomis
- Piano Solo, "Learning to Waltz," Maude Loomis
- Piano Solo, "On the Run," Marjory Ruddiman
- Ladies Chorus, "Maybells," Red by Ralph Danfield
- Piano Solo, "Barcarole," Beatrice Holbrook
- Vocal Solo, "Till for Tat," Ruth Scott
- Piano Solo, "Valse Caprice," Dorris Sikes
- Vocal Solo, "The Broken Pitcher," Jean Fischer
- Piano Duet, Beatrice Holbrook, Dorothy Holbrook
- Vocal Duet, "See the Pale Moon," Ruth Scott, Jean Fischer
- Piano Solo, Dorothy Holbrook
- Vocal Solo, "Mona," Mrs. J. E. Richmond
- Ladies Chorus, "Marching Song," Read by Ralph Danfield
- Hymn No. 707
- Swanee River
- Recitation, "Our Flag," Ralph Danfield
- America, Aided by Mrs. J. E. Richmond and Ralph Danfield
- Benediction

Thurston People To Have Bridge

Court Gives Favorable Answer to Farmers' Request For New Means of Transportation

The county court granted the petition of a number of farmers living between Thurston and the McKenzie river for a bridge across a slough which they have to cross in order to reach their places, Tuesday.

This bridge was petitioned for several months ago and after a thorough investigation as to the needs, the court took favorable action.

The farmers have complained that often in the winter time the ford was so high it was impossible to cross the slough with any degree of safety, and the building of this bridge will obviate the danger.

The court will advertise for the construction of the bridge in due time. It will be a wooden structure and covered.

Rebekahs Will Entertain
The local Rebekah lodge will entertain the Wainville lodge and expect to entertain the Coburg lodge on July 23. Degree work will be put on during the evening.

ODD FELLOWS INSTALL

District Deputy Grand and Team of Workers Have Charge

Last evening the Odd Fellows held their installation ceremony. The District Deputy Grand drew and his team from Eugene had charge of the installation. The following elective officers were installed: Will Bishop, noble grand; J. W. Coffin, vice grand; and M. L. France, treasurer. Appointed light support vice grand; NCW five offices will be filled by Silas Gay, warden; J. W. Kreutz, conductor; M. C. Bressler, chaplain; Curtis Hayden, right support to noble grand; D. E. Beals, left support to noble grand; J. E. Richmond, right support vice grand; Harry Brummette, left support vice grand; R. N. Griffin, inside guard; E. C. Lyon, outside guard. After the meeting ice cream, cake, and cigars were served.

Men Must See if They Are Drafted

General White Says Notifications Will Be Mailed but Non-Receipts No Excuse

Failure to receive a mail notification will not be accepted as an excuse for not appearing for examination for the selective draft.

So says Adjutant General White. All county boards will mail notifications, he says, to the men who have been called in their respective counties. These notifications will direct the men to appear for physical examination at a date set, which must be within seven days. But each man is expected to learn his serial number without delay so he will know at a moment's notice whether he is drawn.

Complete lists of the serial numbers which are in red ink, have been posted by each county exemption board. County clerks of each county have the data and can furnish the necessary information to all men.

If every man cooperates, as he is expected to do, progress of the actual draft will be hastened.

Men are cautioned to bear in mind that the numbers on their own registration cards count for nothing now, for the numbers on all cards have been changed in the last two weeks, the new numbers being written on the cards in red ink.

The first drawing will be made at Washington within the next few days. The numbers drawn will be announced to the press and telegraphed to the adjutant general, who will then consult the files in his office for the names of the men belonging to the numbers, and notify the county boards.

POSTMASTER GETS LETTER

State-Wide Organization of Home Guard Militia to Be Considered

The following letter from the headquarters First Regiment Infantry, Oregon Reserves to Postmaster Harry M. Stewart is self explanatory.

"In order to obtain authoritative information as to the extent that Home Guard Military organization has been undertaken in Oregon, with a view of taking up the question of State-Wide organization, on a strictly military basis—combining companies in Battalions of four companies each, Battalions in Regiments of three Battalions each, and Regiments, should there be two or more, in Brigades, I am taking the liberty of writing you for request that you will be good enough to advise me whether any organization of this nature has been already accomplished in your community, and if not, whether it is contemplated."

Captain Jensen has been in touch with the Reserve Headquarters for some time, in behalf of the Home Guards. If the Springfield company becomes a part of this Regiment which is for home protection only, it will be recognized by the state at least during the war, as the state militia, and will receive government uniforms, rifles equipment etc.

Every able bodied man in Springfield should sign up on the company roster and be willing to drill an hour each Monday and Thursday evening.

According to Captain Jensen the men are now making rapid progress in company drill. Between 70 and 80 men are members of the company but a recruiting campaign is now on to make it 100 strong. See Captain Jensen, Lieutenant Larimer, Sergeant Richmond or any active member of the Guard with reference to becoming a member.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE URGES EVERY HOUSEHOLD TO CAN AND DRY SURPLUS FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Every housewife this year should restore to her home the often overlooked home industries of canning, preserving, pickling, and drying of perishable fruits or vegetables. The large number of new back-yard gardens which have been planted this year shortly will begin to yield their extra harvest of beans, peas, carrots, beets, sweet corn, and tomatoes. The regular supplies also will reach the markets and, as happens each summer, the local supply at times will exceed immediate consumption capacity. Not to conserve much of this surplusage of valuable food would be sinful waste.

The present food and labor situations are such that no household is justified in looking to others to release it wholly from individual responsibility and constructive action in saving and conserving food. All any home should expect of others is to supply those foods which can not be produced effectively by its own members. The railroads will be burdened with the transportation of staple foods and civil and military necessities from localities of production and manufacture to districts incapable of supplying their own needs. It follows that all locally produced foods, conserved by home methods, lessen the winter pressure on transportation agencies and also release similar products of factories for other purposes.

I urge every household, therefore, to can all surplus perishable products for which they have containers and to dry and keep in paper any additional surplus suitable for such preservation.

Canning calls for no special skill and for little equipment beyond a wash boiler and jars. Fresh products, cleanliness, and heat are the chief requirements, as even sugar is not essential for canning fruits under modern procedure. Fruits and vegetables, moreover, can be dried efficiently in the sun, over a range or gas stove, or before an electric fan. Homemade shallow trays of wood or heavy wire screen are the chief equipment required. Drying is a time-tried home industry; conservation of food by drying is largely a matter of restoring to the home great-grandmother's method of seeing that her family had good food in winter as a relief from a monotonous diet of root vegetables. Canning and drying can be practiced as effectively in a city house or apartment as on a farm or in a suburban dwelling.

Canning, of course, already is a profitable industry for women and children in thousands of homes and I trust will become almost universal this season. To aid the home conservation movement, the Department of Agriculture has issued a new Farmers' Bulletin on home canning and another on home drying of fruits and vegetables. These free pamphlets should be read and followed in every household which wishes to translate patriotic impulse into concrete service.

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SPRINGFIELD BOYS GO THIS MORNING

Soldiers Pass Through Eugene on Way to Fort McDowell for Further Training

Six Springfield boys all of whom have joined the medical corps of the U. S. Army and been in training at Vancouver barracks since June 5th, passed through Eugene on the 12:20 train this morning enroute to Fort McDowell at San Francisco where they will be given further training.

These boys who are: Ray Mulligan, Frank Crawford, Fern Sidwell, Vance Cagley, Roy Vincent and Frank Cassteel say they like army life and do not regret joining.

The parents and friends of the soldiers were at the train to see the boys go through. They were given pack ages and boxes of eatables by their friends to help keep them warm while on the train, although the boys say they have plenty of food served them in the army.

These boys are only a few of the many Springfield boys who are sacrificing to help the nation at this critical time.

When the companies at Eugene are called there will be close to 50 Springfield boys in different branches of the U. S. Army.

Town Has New Public Fixture

Drinking Fountain is Now Fully Installed at the Corner of Fourth and Main Street

Springfield now has a public drinking fountain. The new fixture is located at the corner of Fourth and Main streets at the Commercial State Bank. Workmen were at work from Saturday until Tuesday cutting away the pavement in front of the bank so that the water pipe might be laid along the curbing. The fountain is now installed and in full working order.

The fountain was ordered some time ago through M. C. Bressler & Son Hardware company of the Blair Granite company of Ashland. It is of gray granite, which is considered to be the best in the United States. There are two facets. Long and Cross had charge of installing the fixture.

It is certainly an improvement to Springfield and will be of great use during the hot summer months especially.

WILL LEAVE FOR IDAHO

Residents For Six Years to Move to Old Home, Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Thomas and family expect to leave Saturday for Lewiston, Idaho, where they will make their home. Mr. Thomas will be engaged in buying grain for the Vollmer Clearwater company. The Thomas family came here six years ago from Lewiston and since that time Mr. Thomas has been employed at the local flour mill. Their daughter, Grace, who is one of the 1917 graduates of Springfield high school will accompany them there but will return in December when she will begin teaching at Horton. Fred who is at present employed in the machine shop at Wendling, will not go to Idaho with his parents.

Men Physically Sound Are Wanted

War Department Indicates What Kind of Soldiers Are Desired by United States

The men in America's armies will be the most perfect physical specimens in the nation says a Washington dispatch.

In regulations outlining requirements for the draft army, issued today by the war department, rigid standards are set up.

In general, the following are the requirements:

Height, 5 feet 4 inches to 6 feet 6 inches.

Weight, between 118 and 211 pounds. However, these standards are not absolute, but men under 5 feet 4 inches must be of exceptionally good physique.

Variations in weight above 211 pounds are not disqualifying unless sufficient to constitute obesity.

The mental test is designed only to develop whether the man is of sound understanding.

Examination of the eyes and ears are made by charts and whispering tests.

Almost any disease of the lungs or heart is disqualifying.

The men must have at least four servicable molars—two above and two below.

Before the heart and lung test the drafted man is required to jump straight up, and kick the heels behind, hop around the room first on one foot and then on the other, and then make several standing jumps. After this exercise the examination is started.

The chest measurement should be between 31 and 38 1/4 inches. The pulse and respiration must be nearly normal and the skin in good condition.

Chronic rheumatism, old dislocations and badly united fractures form a disqualification. Chronic diseases of any kind will disqualify the drafted man.

The feet should be in fair condition. Pronounced flat feet also disqualify.

Draft Numbers on Bulletin Board

Ignorance Will Not Excuse Any Man for Not Reporting

Each man will be responsible for knowing his own number in the recent census. The Lane county list has been placed on the bulletin board at the county court house by the board of war registration. The name of each man is posted and opposite it the number by which he will be designated in the coming draft.

After being selected in Washington the numbers chosen will be wired to the respective boards in the United States for publication. The names and numbers are posted so that there will be no error for ignorance of one's number does not help any one. The numbers are not the same as those on the cards received registration day.

First Farm Loan Received
The first federal land loan to be completed was that of Joseph E. Field and Kate Van Duhn Field, of Coburg. The loan was received Monday morning by the secretary of the Lane County Farm Loan Association.

ONLY SMALL PER CENT ATTENDING SCHOOL GRADUATE

Teacher Says Alarming Per Cent of Children Leaves School Before 16

FILL UNSKILLED TRADES

Educator Makes Plea for Vocational Training in Both City and Rural Communities

Eighty-five per cent of the boys and girls who enter school leave before they are 16, and 50 per cent of the remaining 15 per cent do not stay long enough to graduate. Most of those that quit school crowd into the ranks of unskilled labor. If America expects to continue leadership among the nations of the world, her rural schools, as one great factor in bringing this about, must be recognized.

A strong plea for vocational training was made by Mary Schenck Woolman, of Boston, in a speech delivered at the National Educational association convention being held in Portland, who declared it is a step forward in democracy, and that democracy is not real until everyone has a chance in life. The problem of the school is now to get hold of the latent energy and direct it into worth while channels, she said.

Education is teaching a fellow to work, or it is no good.

The ranks of the unemployed are filled with those who have had no training for wage earning and who have drifted from job to job until becoming weary of the dull round of work followed by slack seasons with out occupation, gradually give up all effort. Every one has his niche in which he may become an asset and not a liability. Vocational education finds this ability, trains it, places the worker in a position where he can use it, and follows him up to see if his chance has come, or to show him how to get it.

The youth of the nation feel the urge to participate in active life. Some leave school on account of the economic condition of the family; many go because the school has ceased to attract. Only one-half of the boys and girls who enter the elementary school remain to graduate and 85 per cent of them leave before they are 12 years of age. If they go to work they crowd into the unskilled trades and find difficulty in getting ahead. Employers complain of them not only because they lack skill, but because they have not the qualities which makes for success. If they do not work, they crowd the streets, frequent the cheap amusements and soon the home sees that they are no longer of use to it.

The Smith-Hughes act for federal aid for vocational education will this year begin to give money to train the boys and girls of the nation for vocational life. The urge of war conditions makes it necessary to use every resource of the nation, and the need of boys and girls in military or civil service makes a special demand upon us at present to develop vocational education in cities and rural communities that our vast number of young people may be able to give sufficient help to the country.

PIONEER MINISTER DIES

Father of R. A. Booth Passes Away After Short Illness

Robert Booth father of R. A. Booth of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, aged 96 years died at the home of his son last evening. Mr. Booth was born in Lancaster, England. He is the last of the original ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Conference of Oregon, having come to Oregon in 1852.

Mr. Booth is the father of twelve children, three of whom live in Eugene. No exact date has been set for the funeral but the body will be shipped to Grants Pass to be placed in the Masonic cemetery there.

Mr. Booth had only been ill a few days having walked to a photographer's several days before and being in good health.