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## HONOR SOLDIERS IN COMMUNITY MEET MONDAY EVENING

Citizens Turn Out to Say Farewell to 17 Boys Who Report to Colors Next Day

### SUPPER CAFETERIA STYLE

Addresses Are Delivered and Comfort Bags Are Presented as Tokens of Remembrance

Over 200 citizens of Springfield attended the community picnic given in honor of seventeen boys who have enlisted in some department of federal military service, at the city park Monday evening, at 6:30 o'clock.

A bountiful picnic supper furnished by the people was served with the ladies of the Red Cross in charge. The good things were served cafeteria style. After the supper a program was rendered with Mayor E. E. Morrison chairman.

"The purpose of meeting this evening," Mr. Morrison said, "is to show our appreciation to the boys who have enlisted, not only these boys with us tonight but all those boys who have gone before. We don't want our boys to go to the battle front but we do think that the training will be beneficial to all of them. We honor these boys because of their loyalty to their country. It shows what the young manhood of our country is made of."

Reverend S. A. Danford made the address of the evening. In expressing his appreciation of the step the boys had taken he said, "Some just as loyal as these are not here tonight. They have slipped out unnoticed because we have not realized that we were in a state of war."

"Never have the American people been called upon to pay so much for their civilization as they are now being called upon to do. We are not called upon to give the culis but the flower of the flock, the best of the manhood of our young people that this civilization may exist. Our boys are facing this more bravely than ever before."

"This war is meant to free the world of tyranny and kingly oppression and when it is finished the Prince of Peace will come in. The only peace that can come is His peace and this is a fight for peace. When this war is over the flag of our country will also be the flag of the Prince of Peace. The American army in the present war is a cleaner a holier army than ever in history."

Following Reverend Danford's address Mrs. J. C. Dimm spoke as representative of the Red Cross organization. "The object of the Red Cross," she said, "is not to go to the front as nurses or in any other capacity but has been organized for the purpose of giving those who have to remain at home a chance to serve their country, an opportunity of 'doing their bit' by making supplies for hospitals, knitting socks for our soldiers and doing other things for their comfort, also raising money to support the hospitals, physicians, medical and Red Cross ambulance corps, and nurses."

"Just after the Red Cross chapter was organized here the members began inquiring what work they could do for the boys who were leaving until materials were furnished them by the government. Word from headquarters informed us that the government furnished the necessary articles and comforts so as a result many of our boys left and we did not have the pleasure to present them with anything. Recently we have learned that all the comforts have not been furnished so the ladies decided to make at least one article for them and that is a comfort bag for the purpose of providing a place where our boys can keep small belongings and always have them together."

"We present to the 16 boys who leave us tomorrow to go into the army service these comfort bags. Take these bags in remembrance of those left at home, accept them and their contents with the same feeling of love and best wishes not from the Red Cross alone but the citizens of Springfield."

These bags are 10 by 13 inches, made of kakai cloth with the owner's initials embroidered on it. The la-

dies of the Red Cross are responsible for the making of them and had placed in each one a small Testament and mirror.

In behalf of the boys who had enlisted Corporal Ted Stewart thanked the citizens. "We do not know where we will go further than that we are to report at the armory in Eugene tomorrow," he said. "We will probably be there until the first of August. You may all rely on it that we will do our part toward putting an end to this war. We thank you for your kind words and kind wishes."

After the program the Home Guards drilled on Main street in front of the park. The boys for whom the entertainment was given were issued special invitations to attend the Bell theatre by the new manager, C. W. Doane, that evening.

The boys in honor of whom the picnic was given are: Ted Stewart, Roy Cairns, Harold Perkins, Paul Myers, Russell Dimm, Ivan McKinney, Hallie Bryan, Russell Keenen, Norton Pengra, Lester Hill, Sherman Conrad, Allen Stewart, Arnold Tomseth, Albert Beare, Claud Signor, John Alexander, and Glen Woolley.

These Springfield boys are all stationed at the Eugene Armory with the Third company, Coast Artillery, except John Alexander who is a member of the First Band of the Coast Artillery stationed at Portland. The soldiers do not know when they will leave the armory but expect to go sometime within the next week for Fort Stevens about 12 miles west of Astoria.

Receives Government Contract The Springfield Planing Mill company has secured from the Government a contract to furnish one million tent pins. It will take about four weeks to get started to turn them out and will take about four months work with 12 men to make them.

S. P. Man Goes to New Run Harry E. Millhouse, for a number of years conductor on the Wendling and west side run of the S. P., left Tuesday for Portland to take the run between that city and Tillamook.

## Our Soldier Boys Write to the News

Express Appreciation of Hearing from Home Through Columns of Local Paper

Army and Navy Young Men's Christian Association.

San Francisco, Cal., Post Hospital, Presidio, July 24, 1917. The Springfield News.

Mr. J. C. Dimm, Dear Sir: We Springfield boys take this opportunity to express our appreciation and thanks for the papers we have received since our enlistment and especially the last issue which we received individually. When we received this evening's mail which is delivered shortly after mess, we boys assembled under a large palm tree near our camp and eagerly read the news from our home town.

After an absence of two months from our home, and living under the strange environments of army life, we can now begin to appreciate the news from home.

We also want to thank our relatives and many friends for the reception given us on our passing through Eugene, and the many packages of fruits, candies and other eats, which it is useless to say we enjoyed, for we are yet boys, you know, and we could put in half our time eating, as most of us usually did at home.

We are now located in tents at the Post Hospital, Presidio, and undergoing intensive field training, taking from 3 to 4 lecturers a day, which last from 45 to 60 minutes each, and about the same periods in field drill.

We have no idea of how long we will be here or where we go from here, but do not expect to remain here for more than a month longer, as that will complete our training here.

With best regards, S. Vance Cagley, Fern Sidwell, Frank Crawford, Alvin R. Mulligan, Roy B. Vincent, Frank Casteel.

Files Complaint in Circuit Court The circuit court Monday asking that the circuit court Monday asking that a certain mortgage given by J. E. Stanger on land in block 63 of the Springfield Investment and Power company's addition to Springfield be foreclosed. She also asks \$100 for attorneys fees and disbursements of \$50.

## TESTING NEW U. S. NAVAL BALLOON



Photo by American Press Association. Many dirigibles are being built for our navy. Here is one being tested to detect flaws in the gas envelope.

## MEN ASSEMBLE AT EUGENE ARMORY

Second and Third Companies, Coast Artillery, Report for Federal Service

The members of the headquarters staff and the Second and Third companies, coast artillery, comprising 218 men, have assembled at the armory in Eugene. Yesterday morning the first formal ceremony was the hauling of the colors to the top of the Armory.

The following Springfield boys are members of the Third company: Sherman Conrad, Ted Stewart, Arnold Tomseth, Ivan McKinney, Russell Dimm, Roy Cairns, Allen Stewart, Lester Hill, Albert Beare, Claud Signor, John Alexander, Glen Wolley, Harold Perkins, Paul Myers, Norton Pengra, Hallie Bryan, and Russell Kennen.

Following is the schedule of calls which will be the daily routine of the men while at the armory.

- Reveille, daily except Sundays and holidays, first call 5:30 a. m. Reveille 5:45 a. m. Assembly, immediately after reveille.
- Reveille, Sundays and holidays, first call, 6:30 a. m. Reveille, 6:45 a. m. No assembly, no roll call. Mess call, daily except Sundays and holidays, 6:30 a. m. Mess call, Sundays and holidays, 7:15 a. m. Fatigue call, daily except Sundays and holidays, 7:00 a. m. Guard mount, first call, 7:05 a. m. Assembly, 7:15 a. m. Adjutant's call, 7:20 a. m. Artillery and infantry drill, daily except Saturday, Sundays and holidays: drill call, 7:50 a. m. Assembly, 8:00 a. m. Recall, 11:00 a. m. Sick call, except Sundays and holidays, 11:05 a. m. Sick call, Sundays and holidays, 9:00 a. m. Officers' call, daily except Sundays and holidays, 11:35 a. m. First sergeant's call, daily except Sundays and holidays, 11:45 a. m. Recall from fatigue, daily except Sundays and holidays, 11:45 a. m. Mess call, 12:00 noon. Fatigue call, daily except Sundays and holidays, 1:00 p. m. Infantry drill, company and battalion, daily except Sundays and holidays: first call 12:50 p. m. Assembly, 1:00 p. m. Recall, 3:00 p. m. School daily except Sundays and holidays, 3:30 to 4:30 p. m. Recall from fatigue, daily except Sundays and holidays, 5:00 p. m. Mess call, 5:15 p. m. Retreat, first call, 5:50 p. m. Assembly, 6:00 p. m. Retreat at signal from officer of duty.

## CITIZEN OF JASPER DIES

Elbert Thrall, prominent man of Lane County Passes Away

Elbert Thrall a prominent citizen of Lane county died at his home at Jasper yesterday morning after a brief illness. The body was taken to the Branstadter and McLoughlin chapel the same day.

The deceased leaves beside his wife a daughter, Mrs. Florence Stickle, wife of Fred G. Stickle, city treasurer of Eugene. Funeral arrangements will be made today.

## SPRINGFIELD BOY GOES SOUTH

Hubert Travis stopped in Springfield a short time yesterday evening to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Travis. He was on his way from Vancouver to the Presidio at San Francisco. He joined the Hospital corps of the army about a month ago. While here he was presented with a comfort bag by the ladies of the Red Cross.

## BRIDGE TO BE REPAIRED

Motors and Wagons Must Use Road Entering Eugene at Ferry Street

The work of repairing the county bridge over the Willamette here began today. The bridge will probably be closed a week and will necessitate the using of the east side river road to Eugene entering that place by the Ferry street bridge. The distance is much greater than the other way but is the only other way leading to Eugene by road.

The work of repairing will consist of reflooring and repainting a portion of the bridge and also some reinforcing will be done on the upper part of the bridge.

The Booth-Kelly trucks will haul their lumber between Eugene and Springfield by the east side road crossing at the Ferry street bridge.

## Leave for Extended Camping Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bryan and daughter, Crystal left yesterday morning for an extended camping trip into Southern Oregon and California. They expect to stay a month or six weeks and will travel as far south as the hot weather will permit.

## Fair Grounds to Be Remodeled

Arthur V. West, Professional Horse Trainer, Will Train Horses Year Round

Extensive work was begun Tuesday on the county fair grounds in Eugene under the direction of Haines brothers. Two new barns for cattle and horses will be built and the one now in use will be moved to a more convenient position.

The grounds will include much more territory this year than before. The track is in excellent condition and ten horses have been in training for several weeks. A winter stable will be planned and with the services of a competent trainer for horses will be in training all the year round.

Haines brothers will also construct buildings for chickens, pigs and other small stock. All buildings are expected to be completed within the next 30 days.

The services of Arthur V. West, of Omaha, Nebraska, have been obtained by the fair board and he will be in charge of the horses the year round. He is a professional trainer of 23 years experience. An attempt will be made to bring the horses from the state fair at Salem to the county fair at Eugene as the state fair is held before the county fair.

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## YOUTH OF OREGON ASKED TO CONTINUE WORK AT SCHOOL

Governor and Superintendent Join in Writing to 7000 Students in the State

## TRAINED MINDS NEEDED

Move Follows Meeting of Heads of Colleges in East, When Effect of War Was Discussed

J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction, is sending out 7000 letters to high school graduates and college students, urging them, as a patriotic duty to continue their education. The letter is also signed by Governor Withycombe, who is chairman of the state board of education. The letter says:

"There is a strong desire among our young men and women to render some immediate service to our country. This is praiseworthy, and it is our wish to encourage the spirit which prompts such a conception of duty."

Brains Needed by U. S. "However, the world is teaching us the lesson that every person must be intensively trained for the work he intends to do. With this thought in mind, we are writing to urge you, as a patriotic duty, to continue your preparation this coming year by attending the college or university of your choice. We feel that you owe it to your country to make every sacrifice possible to do this, because, through a continuance of your training, you can render services more valuable and effective during the later years of the war and in the times of need that will follow."

"The college presidents of the United States were recently called to Washington, D. C., by the Council of National Defense. At this conference they were urged by Secretary of war Baker, in conformity with the wishes of President Wilson, to keep the work of their institutions unimpaired as a means of national defense. Patriotism Not Impaired "In accordance with the recommendations of these high officials, we, therefore urge that all boys and girls graduating from high school enter college, technical school, or normal school; that all college women remain in school until they have been graduated; and we further urge that all college men below the age of liability to selective draft, and not recommended for special service, remain in college. "At all times, but especially in our present hour of need, you should ask yourself how best you can serve your country. In deciding this question at the present time, you can do no better than to act upon the advice of those who are responsible for the future welfare and integrity of this government."

## GRADER IS ECONOMICAL

County Court Buys Caterpillar and Engine for Roads

The county court Monday purchased a caterpillar engine and grader to be used on the roads of the county. The cost of the engine was \$5,000 and of the grader \$900. The members of the court, after seeing the caterpillar and grader work feel that it is a matter of economy to buy it. On a piece of road near Beaverton, where the court recently saw one of the outfits work the lowest bid received for the team work was \$4200. The caterpillar graded it at a cost of \$900. The engine can be used almost the entire time, going from district to district, and will avoid the hiring of many teams.

## Farmers Are Cutting Wheat

Some of the farmers of Lane county are cutting their fall sown wheat, which is expected to average pretty well, but the spring sown grain all looks thin, especially on the low and poorly drained lands.