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SPRINGFIELD WILL HELP SOLDIER'S WAR LIBRARY FUND

Mrs. Berenice Van Valzah is Made Chairman in This City by Governor Withycombe

OREGON'S QUOTA \$25,000

Ladies Will Hold Meeting Tomorrow Afternoon to Perfect Organization

A meeting of the ladies of Springfield will be held tomorrow afternoon from four to five o'clock at the library building to organize and begin plans for the raising of \$125, Springfield's apportionment in the \$25,000 which is the amount Oregon has been asked to contribute toward the \$1,000,000 library war fund.

Mrs. Berenice Van Valzah has been appointed by Governor Withycombe as chairman of this organization for Springfield. All ladies interested in the welfare of our soldiers and sailors are urged to be present at the meeting tomorrow afternoon.

With Governor Withycombe as the head of the Oregon War Library Council, an energetic campaign has been begun to raise Oregon's quota for the equipment of every army camp and cantonment in America and France with libraries. Many of the most prominent men and women in Oregon have been appointed by Governor Withycombe on the Oregon Council.

Organizations are now being perfected in every city in the state leading to war library campaign week beginning September 24th, when it is hoped that Oregon will more than subscribe her quota.

The war libraries will be issued to the army Y. M. C. A.'s, the huts of the Young Men's Hebrew Association and those of the Knights of Columbus, while at the larger camps, larger central libraries will be maintained, probably in buildings to be provided by the Carnegie Library Foundation.

"Every town in Oregon has lost some of its manhood to the army and navy," said Director W. L. Brewster, "and it is our duty to keep these men in the finest mental, as well as fighting trim.

"That means library books. We must provide recreation this kind and it is the duty of every citizen in Oregon to hold this work along, to raise our \$25,000 quota will mean a very small allotment to every Oregon town, but we shall hope to see that allotment over-subscribed."

The war library fund was begun at the instance of the War Department and is in addition to the collection of books and so that there will be the widest possible range of works for the libraries. It is realized too, that the constant usage of the books will demand maintenance and replacements, hence the million-dollar fund which will provide at the outset 350,000 books for the cantonments and maintain them for three years, new books being purchased as the need arises.

"I trust that every citizen in Oregon will realize that it is his duty to subscribe to this fund," said Governor Withycombe.

Secretary of War Baker and the National War Library Council are so sure of the American people raising the \$1,000,000 required for war libraries, books and reading matter at the cantonments and camps, that contracts have been let for the construction of the 32 central libraries at the cantonments at a cost of \$320,000. Already 350,000 books have been ordered in addition to those being solicited all over the country.

A central library will be maintained at American Lake, where many Oregon troops are stationed; there will be a branch library at Camp Withycombe, Clackamas, Oregon. Construction of the library buildings will be begun this week, the funds having

been guaranteed by the National War Library Council.

So sure is the National committee of Oregon that it has announced that Oregon is certain to double its quota. For this to be done, every Oregon town will have to double its quota.

FIRE CAUSES \$3000 LOSS

Barn Belonging to Mrs. A. E. Patterson, of Pleasant Hill, Destroyed

A barn owned by Mrs. A. E. Patterson at Pleasant Hill, was destroyed by fire Sunday morning about 2:30 o'clock. When discovered the upper part of the barn was in flames which seemingly came from the hay mow. There were 12 head of cows in the barn which were saved. A calf, 35 tons of hay, 70 bushels of wheat and a number of farm implements were destroyed.

The total loss is estimated at close \$3000. There was \$400 insurance on the barn but none on the different implements inside. L. C. Engle, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Patterson's, owned one-half interest in the contents of the barn.

It is believed that the fire was caused accidentally by some one who slept in the barn. This is most probably true as some hay was found on the driveway floor as though some one had slipped hastily from the mow to the floor.

Saginaw Resident Passes Away

Henry James, Early Pioneer of West Dies at Springfield Hospital

Henry James, of Saginaw, Oregon, died at the Springfield hospital September 19 at the age of 70 years and eight months. Mr. James was one of the early pioneers in the West having lived in Oregon for 31 years.

He is survived by one brother, William James, of Trent, two sisters, Mrs. Sarah E. Wooten, of Cloverdale, and Mrs. Mary J. Lockman, of Aroo, Wisconsin. He also leaves two sons, George James of Cottage Grove, and Charles James, of Silverton, and one daughter, Mrs. Olive Rice, of Redmond, California. The services will be held from the W. F. Walker chapel in this city but further funeral arrangements will not be settled until the arrival of other relatives.

COST OF YARN ALARMING

Red Cross and Other Relief Societies Must Pay 80 Cents a Hank

The increase in the cost of yarn is a serious problem for the Red Cross and others interested in knitting wearing apparel for soldiers and sailors. Since April the price of yarn has increased from 50 cents to 80 cents a hank this being the price for which the yarn is furnished to the Red Cross and other relief organizations.

Manufacturers attribute the rise partly to the fact that the government now is using much raw wool for uniforms and to the higher wages paid mill labor. If one is knitting for either soldiers or sailors in connection with some relief organization they will not be able to obtain the reduced price which the organizations are made.

Will Hold Big Show

A big automobile and motorcycle show will be held in Eugene on the first night of window display week, September 24 to 29. The use of one of the county park squares has been secured, and it is expected that every dealer in the city will have on exhibition the latest model of the machine he handles.

Ships Fine Calves

Tom Swarts of Natron shipped four pure-bred Jersey calves to Congressman McArthur today. Mr. Swarts received \$70 apiece for the calves.

Mrs. Fred Montgomery, formerly of this city, but now a resident of Roseburg, has arrived to pack her household goods for shipment to Roseburg. Mr. Montgomery is a brakeman having a run out of Roseburg.

HE'LL GIVE US ALL CHEAPER COAL



Appointed by President Wilson as government coal adjuster, Dr. Harry A. Garfield, son of the late President Garfield, says cheaper coal is now assured at a fair price to all.

OLD PIONEER ANSWERS LAST CALL

Joe Wilson Gordon, Father of Springfield Residents Passes Away At Camas, Wash.

Another pioneer of early days passed over the Great Divide when Joe Wilson Gordon, formerly of Springfield died at his home at Camas, Washington Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock from an attack of pneumonia. He was aged 78 years, one month, and 28 days.

Mr. Gordon was born in Springfield, Kentucky where he lived until early manhood. Shortly after his marriage he answered the call of the west and the family crossed the plains settling in Idaho. This was in 1868. In 1871 they came on to Oregon settling in Springfield. While in Springfield the wife and mother died and after her death the family moved to a ranch at Cloverdale. This ranch Mr. Gordon still owned until about two years ago when he sold it and moved to Camas, Washington.

Deceased is survived by his seven children, H. F. Gordon, Mrs. Alice Hake, and Mrs. Ella Bowman, all of Springfield, Lee Gordon, of Seattle, Washington, and Mrs. Anna Caswell, Mrs. Emma Sheekey, and Mrs. Cora Wicker, all living in Camas. Two brothers and seven sisters, all living in the East also remain.

Mr. Gordon was a charter member of the Springfield Lodge I. O. O. F., No. 70, and was affiliated with this order up to the time of his death. He is one of the last of the early members, T. O. Maxwell, of this city, being thought to be the only remaining member of the original lodge.

The funeral services will be held from the W. F. Walker chapel in this city with Reverend S. A. Danford in charge of the services. Interment will be made in the Laurel Hill cemetery with Springfield lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 70, conducting the services at the grave. All of the sons and daughters and a number of the other relatives have arrived for the funeral.

May Read Home Paper at Fair

The News is in receipt of a letter from the University of Oregon, School of Journalism asking that several copies of the News be sent to the U. of O. journalism room at the State Fair grounds, Salem, Oregon. Copies of every paper in the state will be at the fair so that anyone may read their home paper while attending the fair.

SPRINGFIELD MEN KILL FOUR BUCKS

Local Hunters Say Crops Are Not Affected by Drought as in This Section

M. M. Peery, D. W. Roof, Welby Stevens and Dr. W. C. Rebban have returned from a weeks hunting trip spent near Riddle, Oregon. The party was one of the lucky ones of the season, having killed four fine bucks. The hunting, however was very poor they reported because of the great number of fires which had burned over the country. The drought does not seem to affect that section so much as it did the territory around Springfield. The fruit crop is very good and also the corn crop. "In fact," one of the hunters stated, "the crops are all fine and look much better than those in this territory. Very few bucks were seen, but there were a great number of doe and fawn.

COMING TO SPRINGFIELD

T. H. McComsey and Family Will Make This City Their Home

T. H. McComsey and family arrived last evening from Payette, Idaho and will make their home in Springfield in the future. They made the trip overland by automobile. The family has lived in Payette for 16 years and has been an active one in building up the town.

Mr. McComsey was one of the persons instrumental in bringing about the formation of Payette county. The family has been associated with the church of Christ for many years. A reception was given in their honor before their departure at which a large number of friends were present. They will move into the house vacated by Eugene Kester.

Arrested for Stealing

Fred Carruthers, of Pleasant Hill was arrested at Pleasant Hill Saturday, charged with having stolen a number of articles of jewelry and also some money from a man with whom he had been working in eastern Oregon.

Will Join Artillery

Austin Murphey, of Montague, California, left Tuesday evening for his home after spending a few days visiting with his aunt, Mrs. Hannah Hill, in this city. He expects to join the field artillery immediately upon his return home.

OFFICIALS VIEW ROADS

Improvement Made Makes Automobile Travel Possible

H. L. Bown, county judge, M. H. Harlow and E. R. Spencer, commissioners, H. W. Libby, county engineer and Clyde R. Seitz, supervisor of the Cascade National forest spent several days this week inspecting the road improvement leading from Oakridge up the old military wagon route.

The forest crew that has been engaged in the work all summer has now reached a point a short distance above Buck creek, which is about 15 miles above Oakridge. The class of improvement renders the road in good shape for automobiles that far and it is planned to continue the improvement on over the summit of the mountains when more money is appropriated. The appropriation of the forest service is now nearly exhausted.

It is proposed to cut down the grade on the Jap hill, six miles above Oakridge, and the court and engineer will view the site to ascertain how much work is necessary to do.

Will Teach at Dexter

Sadie Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Allen, of this city, has been elected to teach the Dexter school district number 82 for the coming year. Miss Allen is a Springfield high school graduate.

Forty Per Cent on Way to Camp

Men in Second Call for Oregon's Quota of Conscript Men Are Mobilizing

Forty per cent of Oregon's quota of conscript troops entrained yesterday and are moving to mobilization from various sections of the state. This is the second fraction of Oregon's quota of 717 conscripted men who have been ordered into service. The first call was on September 5, when 5 per cent of the number was taken into the draft army. The next will be on October 3, when another 40 per cent will be called.

Yesterday's call for 40 per cent placed 287 men from the various counties in Oregon the trains en route to camp. These were divided among the various counties as follows:

- Baker, 15; Clackamas, 21; Clatsop, 22; Columbia, 20; Curry, 14; Deschutes, 15; Gilliam, 12; Grant, 4; Harney, 15; Jefferson, 8; Klamath, 16; Lake, 18; Lincoln, 9; Malheur, 24; Morrow, 16; Sherman, 12; Umatilla, 17; Union, 4; Wallowa, 6; Wasco, 9; Washington, 15; Wheeler, 1. So far Lane county has not had to send any conscripted men because of the large number which she contributed before the draft.

IS AWARDED DIVORCE

Marion Young Given Custody of Two Minor Children

Marion Young of this city has been granted a divorce from Eva Young in the circuit court in Eugene and was given the custody of the two minor children, Malvern and Harriet. Mr. and Mrs. Young were married in Albany in 1905.

In his testimony Mr. Young testified that his wife called him vile names and spent most of her time running around and neglected her home. Mr. and Mrs. Young came to Springfield several months ago and since that time have been conducting the Palace of Sweets.

Eugene Will Feed Soldiers

Eugene will feed over 1000 drafted soldiers, from Southern California, as they are passing through on the way to American Lake, Washington, September 21 and 23, according to announcement of the Southern Pacific company. A committee from the Chamber of Commerce is at work on plans to furnish that many meals, for which the government pays 60 cents each.

ENTERTAINMENT IS PROVIDED FOR 216 CHURCH VISITORS

Committees Plan Meals to Be Served Conference Guests of Methodist Church

THREE HUNDRED TO COME

Music for Gathering Will Be Directed by Professor C. E. Glass of Eugene

The annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church which will be held in Springfield this year will begin next Tuesday continuing until the following Monday. While the conference is in progress there will most probably be about 300 strangers including the laymen and ministers in our town.

Entertainment is provided only for the ministers and their wives. Places have been provided for all the ministers and their wives, numbering 216 people. The people of Springfield will keep the people at night and furnish their breakfasts for them. Dinner and supper on Wednesday and Thursday will be furnished by the ladies of the Christian church and the remainder of the time by the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church. All the meals will be served in the Methodist church dining room.

Heads of the committees which will serve on Friday Saturday and Sunday are Mrs. B. Van Valzah on Friday, Mrs. M. M. Male on Saturday, and Mrs. Adeline Copenhaver on Sunday. A roast beef dinner will be served on Friday, roast pork on Saturday, and a chicken pie dinner on Sunday. Meals will be served for 25 cent to anyone who wishes to eat at the church.

Professor C. E. Glass has been secured to direct the Methodist choir and will also have charge of the music for the conference. The choir has been putting in a great deal of time practicing for the conference and it is hoped that a large number will show up for the next few rehearsals.

A great number of prominent men in Methodism will be present and deliver addresses at the conference among them being Reverend Lynn Harold Hough, D. D., of Garret Biblical Institute, Chicago, and Reverend Joshua Stansfield, D. D., of Portland.

The opening event of the conference will be the reception given Tuesday evening in the church at eight o'clock, at which time E. E. Morrison mayor of Springfield will deliver the address of welcome to the conference.

Will Organize Auxiliary

The organization of an auxiliary of the Women's Council of National Defense will be completed Friday afternoon at the public library from four to five P. M. Every woman is urged to show her patriotism by being present at the meeting. If you have not registered do so before Saturday night. Cards for registration may be obtained from Mrs. Pearl Walker at the city hall.

Arrive for Opening of School

Miss Nina Boesen and sister, Thora, arrived last week from Veneta where the family moved recently from Springfield and have taken rooms in the Sutton building on the corner of Fifth and Main streets where they will live this winter. Nina Boesen has been elected to teach in the West Springfield schools and her sister will attend the Springfield high school.

Returns to Fort Stevens

Roy Cairns, of the Third company O. C. A., at Fort Stevens returned to the fort Monday after spending a three days leave of absence with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Cairns, of West Springfield. Clinton Conley accompanied him as far as Portland,