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## METHODISTS PREPARE FOR ANNUAL STATE GATHERING

Opening Meeting Will Be Reception to Bishop Hughes and Members of Conference

JUNIORS WILL BE GUIDES

Cabinet Will Occupy Rooms in Parsonage for All Business of Church

Plans for the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church are all completed and when the ministers and laymen begin to arrive tomorrow they will receive a hearty welcome from the citizens of Springfield. Entertainment has been provided for the entire number. Some who have not the room or time to entertain the ministers in their homes have consented to pay for their room and break fast while in Springfield.

Generally, the committee has had much success in finding entertainment, being disappointed in only a very few places.

The opening meeting of the conference will be the conference examinations held tomorrow morning at nine o'clock. The rest of the day is free until eight o'clock in the evening when there will be a reception for the members of the conference. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this as it will be the best chance to get acquainted with the visitors while in our town. E. E. Morrison, mayor of Springfield, will deliver the address of welcome, and Reverend G. H. Parkinson, D. D., of Eugene, will make the response. Bishop Matthews S. Hughes will deliver the address of the evening and a choir composed of the children in the Junior League will furnish music. This choir is being trained by Professor C. E. Glass, regular director of the Methodist choir. After the program a short reception will be given in the church dining room in the basement.

Bishop Hughes and the conference cabinet will take up their headquarters in the parsonage, the sun-room having been set aside and equipped for this special purpose. Each day from one to five o'clock in the afternoon the cabinet will meet with Bishop Hughes and one of the girls from Mrs. Van Valzah's Sunday school class will stay at the parsonage to answer phone and door calls for the Bishop or any member of the cabinet.

Two girls from the same class will be on duty all day every day of the conference as guides and people wishing to inquire about Springfield or the conference can be informed by these girls. These girls will wear badges so they can be easily distinguished. The Junior League will act as guides to the new arrivals taking them to the different places where they are to be entertained. The Leaguers will also wear badges.

W. F. Walker, in charge of the ushering has chosen about ten men to usher and there will always be plenty of men at the church to find places for the people. Signs have been put up at all of the doors in the church denoting the use of the room to which they form an entrance. The decorating of the church will be done by the Epworth League.

The directors' room at the Commercial State Bank has been set aside for the clerical work. Miss Bernice Cagley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Cagley, of this city, has been chosen for conference secretary and stenographer and will make her headquarters in this office.

Anyone who has an auto will be welcomed at the church tomorrow as they can be of a great deal of help in taking the ministers to the places where they are to be entertained.

Miss Olive Smith has been at the church all day today and will be there tomorrow receiving the ministers and

laymen. Anyone who has spare furnished bedrooms which they would like to rent should notify Miss Smith who will direct the laymen to them. Entertainment for the ministers however, is provided free.

## GLENWOOD SCHOOLS OPEN

Miss Grace Male, of This City Is Principal

The Glenwood district commenced their school term this morning with the following corps of instructors: Miss Grace Male, of Springfield is principal of the schools. She is a graduate of Springfield high school and also of the Oregon state normal school. For two years she taught the school at Deadmond's Ferry. Miss Nina Boesen, also a graduate of Springfield high school is teaching the intermediate grades. Miss Boesen attended the summer session of the Oregon State Normal school this summer.

Miss Clara Claffin, of Kincaid park is primary instructor.

## Son Is Surveyor in National Army

Byron Harold Smith, Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Smith, Joins 310th Engineer Corps

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Smith, of this city, have received word from their son, Byron Harold Smith, that he is now stationed at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Michigan with the 310th engineer corps. Mr. Smith was the first man to be listed from Detroit. Immediately upon leaving the train he was grabbed by the engineers and in ten minutes after entering the receiving booth was a member of the National army.

Mr. Smith left Springfield in February 1916 and at the time of enlistment under the draft was employed as an electrical engineer and surveyor by the Detroit Edison company at Detroit, Michigan. He was also head instrument man for the company.

Mr. Smith is enlisted as a surveyor a profession especially desired by the engineers.

R. W. Smith, of this city, this morning received a check for \$108.33, the amount of his son's wages for one month. The Detroit Edison company issues to each an who enlists at the time he is in their employ wages for one month in advance, guarantees him his position or one equally as good at the close of the war, and insures his life for \$500.

## CROSSING SITES VIEWED

Mohawk Lumber Company Is Granted Permission for Construction

M. H. Harlow county commissioner and Public Service Commissioner, Buchtel made a trip to Donna Friday to view the site of the two proposed railroad crossings on the logging railway which the Mohawk Lumber company is building. The railroad crosses the county road at these two points.

One crossing is located right at Donna and the other is on the main road where it turns to cross McGowan creek. Permission from the county had already been granted but a separate permit is always given by the public service commission.

## Goes to American Lake

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Palmer of Mabel, and I. C. Jackson, of Powers, Oregon, were dinner guests, Saturday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Rebban, of this city. Dr. Palmer has been called to report at American Lake where he has a commissioned officership as first lieutenant.

## Move Fixtures of Butcher Shop

The fixtures of the butcher shop formerly run by Charles Hardt in the Winzenried and Perkins building between Fourth and Fifth streets on Main street have been moved to the building on the rear of Mr. Winzenried's property on Fourth and A streets.

## HAS FINE POTATO CROP THIS YEAR

E. E. Morrison Is One of Three Successful Growers in the State of Oregon

J. E. Larson field inspector from the Oregon Agricultural College, was in Springfield Friday inspecting the certified potato fields. This is his second trip over all the state this summer. The seed from these certified fields can be sold at a price above the average seed potato price.

E. E. Morrison, the local potato dealer, whose field Mr. Larson inspected is one of three men in the state of Oregon whose potato field will pass inspection by the inspector. The other two of the three successful potato growers live in Eastern Oregon. Each of them has about two acres under potato cultivation.

Mr. Morrison has two fields making about 25 acres which he has planted to potatoes. In his certified fields he has planted nothing but the White Rose seed.

"My success is due to the care with which I selected my seed," stated Mr. Morrison. "I was also very careful in cutting them and planted no seed of which I was not sure."

This year's potato crop has been diminished nearly 50% because of verticillium wilt. This disease is found on the stem end of the potato and is yellow or light brown in appearance. From the stem end it runs down the starch line forming a light brown ring around the starch line throughout the potato.

Mr. Morrison has already had a number of offers for his seed but has decided to keep it all himself for next year's planting.

## SON MAY GO TO FRANCE

Clinton Clearwater Is Preparing to Leave for Front

Mr. and Mrs. Clearwater, who live at Mt. Vernon have received word from their son, Clinton, who is in the 12th aero squadron stationed at Dayton, Ohio that three squadrons are ready to embark for France.

Mr. Clearwater is very anxious to accompany his squadron to France but has been asked to remain in America to train new troops. The men will act as mechanics to flyers upon first arriving in France.

They have all been supplied with new equipment ready for departure. Mr. Clearwater was first in training at San Antonio, Texas, being one of a few chosen from all those at San Antonio for special training at Dayton.

## ASKS HELP OF MERCHANTS

Committee Desires Cooperation of Business Men During Conference

The publicity committee for the Methodist conference to be held in Springfield commencing tomorrow has asked each merchant or business man in Springfield to take special pains in the decoration of their windows and to keep their places very neat and clean during conference. This committee is composed of R. L. Kirk, N. W. Emery, and R. W. Smith.

Over 300 visitors are expected to be present during the week and every effort should be made to make a favorable impression upon them. Entertainment has been provided for all of the 300 laymen and ministers.

## Would Join Heavy Artillery

Olivier Beals, of Corvallis, who spent a few days last week visiting at the home of his brother, D. S. Beals, of this city left Friday for Shedd where he will visit a short time before returning home. Upon his return Mr. Beals will take the examination for entrance into the heavy artillery of the United States service.

## Home Guard Will Meet

The Home Guard will hold a special business meeting at the Armory this evening. Every member is requested to come to the meeting.

## CLEAN-UP WEEK IS BIG SUCCESS

Chicken House on Lot Belonging to E. E. Morrison Is Burned From a Rubbish Fire

Clean-up week commencing September 17th was by far the best clean-up-week the city has ever held. The week was set aside for the purpose by the city council in preparation for the annual Methodist conference which is to be held in Springfield this week, commencing tomorrow.

Everyone seemed to be willing and anxious to make the town present the best appearance possible to the 300 or more guests who will visit our town this week. The fore part of the week was allowed for the citizens to gather the trash together and on Thursday and Friday two wagons which the city had hired hauled the trash and rubbish to the city rubbish pile, on the sand bar on West D street. About one and one-half days were necessary to haul away the trash which had been piled in the alley-ways. The teams used belonged to J. E. Edwards and N. W. Gay.

While burning rubbish back of the Cox and Cox department store a chicken coop on the lot belonging to E. E. Morrison on which the rubbish was piled caught fire and was entirely destroyed. The hose carts belonging to the city fire department were brought out but no further damage was done.

## ARE MOVING TO SALEM

County Juvenile Officer Will Spend Winter in Capitol City

Reverend J. W. Perkins, for twelve years a resident of Springfield, is moving his household goods to Salem where his daughter, Theda D. Perkins will teach in the public schools this winter. They will return to Springfield at the close of the school term and spend the summer next year in Springfield.

Mr. Perkins and family came to Springfield from Hart, Michigan and for a while served the Methodist church at Marcola as pastor. During the past five years he has been associated with the juvenile department of the county as deputy sheriff. Nearly every Sunday he has conducted religious services at the county farm.

Theda Perkins has for the past five years taught in the Eugene public schools and for several years before that taught in the public schools in Arizona. Mr. Perkins' granddaughter, Carmen Harwood, who will accompany them to Salem, will enter the high school there as a senior. Miss Perkins will leave tomorrow but Mr. Perkins and granddaughter will remain for the greater part of the Methodist conference before leaving for Salem.

## BOYS ARE TRANSFERRED

Changed From Field Hospital to Base Hospital at San Antonio

Recent news from Fern Sidwell and Ray Mulligan, Springfield boys located at San Antonio, Texas, with the Hospital Corps, states that they have both been transferred from the field hospital to the base hospital. This is not so dangerous as the field hospital. Both of the boys are very much pleased with the training. However they do not believe that there is any chance whatever of their being sent to France before next spring. As soon as the drafted men arrive at the camp there will be 75,000 men in training at San Antonio.

## Three Are Left at San Francisco

Three of the six boys who left Springfield with the Hospital Corps nearly three months ago are still at San Francisco. Vance Cagley and Frank Casteel, are at the Presidio and Frank Crawford has been transferred from the Hospital Corps to a position as stenographer on the Tuberculosis board. The other three boys have been sent to San Antonio, Texas.

## PRESENTS NATIONAL FLAG

Mrs. Sarah Walker Gives Colors Purchased by Husband to M. E. Church

Very touching and highly appreciated was the act of Mrs. Sarah Walker of this city, in presenting a large American flag to the Methodist church at the evening service last evening. The flag was a large wool one and is especially dear to the members of the Methodist church because it was purchased by Mrs. Walker's husband, A. S. Walker, before his death several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker were charter members of the Springfield Methodist church and were both active in all of the church work. Mr. Walker was for many years superintendent of the Sunday school.

The flag was presented by Mrs. Walker's son, W. F. Walker, of this city, and while Mrs. Walker, Reverend S. A. Danford and W. F. Walker held the national emblem the audience arose and sang "America."

## Says Business Is Good in the East

Mrs. Daise Beckett Middleton, Instructor at U. of O., Returns from Trip in East

Mrs. Daise Beckett Middleton, wife of Ambrose Middleton, of this city, arrived Friday evening from a three months trip through the eastern states. Mrs. Middleton is a well known singer and is a teacher in voice at the University of Oregon.

While on her trip she sang on the Ohio Chautauqua circuit. She also gave five concerts in Ohio, one at each of the following places: Logan, Springfield, Newark, Columbus, and Lancaster.

Mrs. Middleton did not go on to Boston to study as she expected to do. She visited a number of the music publishing houses and brought a great deal of music home with her for her work at the University.

"Everywhere in the East business is humming," Mrs. Middleton stated, "and everyone is stirred up over the war. Why we folks out West hardly realize that there is war. In the East troop trains are coming and going all of the time to keep the people enthusiastic."

On her return trip Mrs. Middleton visited in Chicago, San Francisco, Ashland, and a number of other places. She will have charge of the Girls' glee club at the University this winter.

## WILL TEACH AT SHERIDAN

Lola Barr, 1917 U. of O. Graduate, Is Instructor in Science and German

Lola Barr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barr, who live near Springfield left today for Sheridan where she will teach in the high school during the coming term. Miss Barr is a graduate of the Springfield high school and a member of the 1917 graduating class of the University of Oregon.

She will teach science and German. While in Sheridan Miss Barr will live with her brother, Dr. J. R. Barr and family. Her school commences next Monday. The high school there is about the size of Springfield and employs three teachers.

## Sent to San Francisco

A. P. Nelson, of this city, who was injured in a speeder collision last June has been sent to San Francisco for medical treatment by Dr. William Kuykendall, physician for the Southern Pacific company. Mr. Nilson was working on the section crew at the time of the accident.

## Grows Heavily Loaded Trees

D. S. Jordan, who lives on South Second street, brought a small branch of a petite prune tree into the office last week with nearly 50 prunes on it.

## Go to Camp Green

The Third Oregon Machine Gun company passed through Springfield Junction today on their way to Camp Lewis, Charlotte, North Carolina.

## ORGANIZE WAR LIBRARY AUXILIARY IN SPRINGFIELD

Mrs. B. Van Valzah Is Made Chairman and Miss Florence Coffin Appointed Secretary

## HONOR GUARD GIRLS HELP

Springfield's Share of Oregon's \$25,000 Quota Is \$125; Desire to Double Apportionment

About a dozen women turned out to the meeting called for the organization of the Soldier's War Library movement in this city Friday afternoon. Mrs. B. Van Valzah who had been appointed chairman of the local organization by Governor James Withycombe called the meeting for Friday afternoon at four o'clock at the public library.

Before the organization of this movement was taken up officers were appointed for the Women's Council of Defense which has been organized here. Mrs. L. K. Page was appointed Chairman and Mrs. Herbert E. Walker secretary. Though the ladies were given one week, from Saturday 15 to Saturday 22 so few of them took advantage of the opportunity that it was decided to extend the time for registration for one month. It was also decided to have the Honor Guard girls distribute the registration cards to every home in the city.

There has been a great deal of misunderstanding as to the purpose of this movement. It is to organize the women in this county to help fill the positions of the men who are called to the front. If the Honor Guard girls all to supply you with a card you may get one from Mrs. Herbert E. Walker at the city hall during the day. When the cards are filled out they must be returned to her.

After this meeting the ladies organized the Library auxiliary. Mrs. Van Valzah appointed as her secretary, Miss Florence Coffin, book-keeper of the First National bank.

Springfield's quota of the \$25,000 state apportionment for the library fund has been placed at \$125. The amount to be raised by the whole nation is \$1,000,000. The money will go toward furnishing and equipping libraries in the cantonments and army both in the United States and in the camps in France. The Honor Guard girls and a few others have been asked to solicit the town beginning today for funds for this movement. Everyone should do their part and help make the soldiers happy.

It is hoped that Springfield will double her quota as other towns are doing so. At the same time the young ladies are soliciting for the library fund they will distribute the registration cards for the Women's Council of National Defense. The two organizations both ask that the people meet the girls pleasantly, and contribute as much as they can for the libraries and register to help out their country.

## Are Locating on Farm

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tryon of Smith River, California who purchased a farm last spring four miles east of Springfield from Palmer Brothers are moving on the place to make their home. Mrs. Tryon and son, Fred and daughter Laura came by auto a week ago and Mr. Tryon drove a team arriving yesterday. Previous to becoming settled on their farm the Tryons are staying with their cousin Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Lenhart.

## Is in Charge of Aviators

Captain Charles T. Waring, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Waring, of Walterville is one of the two officers in charge of the 10,000 men in the aviation camp at Dayton, Ohio. Captain Waring is a graduate of West Point and was for a number of years in the engineering corps in the Panama Canal zone.