

XMAS CAMPAIGN NETS 678 MEMBERS FOR SPRINGFIELD

Forty-Five Names Secured in
Special Red Cross Drive
Saturday

QUOTA EXCEEDED BY 250

Thirty-One Business Houses Receive
100 Efficiency
Cards

The Red Cross Christmas Membership campaign closed in Springfield Saturday night, a street drive having been conducted during the day. About forty-five members were secured by the solicitors on the streets. In all 119 members have been secured since the beginning of the special drive Saturday morning.

Mrs. J. C. Dimm, manager of the campaign, together with the aid of six girls conducted two booths, one at the post office and the other at the corner of Main and Fourth streets, catching those who had not been seen by the solicitors. In the evening a booth was set up at the Bell theatre and the girls solicited memberships there. The girls who helped in the drive were: Beatrice Holbrook, Maude Gorrie, Esther Brattain, Inza Crabtree, Opal Holverson, and Wanna McKinney. Dressed in white and wearing caps worn by the ladies in the sewing classes the girls accosted everyone as they passed on the streets and it was with difficulty that anyone got away from them unless able to produce the evidence that they were already members.

Every employe in thirty-one business houses in Springfield is a member and each of these places have been supplied with 100% Efficiency cards.

Springfield's total number of members secured during this campaign is 678. During the entire contest Cottage Grove and Springfield have been contesting for second place in the county. Besides the \$678 secured for membership dues, subscriptions amounting to \$12.80 have been received.

The men at both of the lumber mills have responded nobly. At the Fischer Boutin plant every man is now a member.

The following are some names not heretofore published:

Mrs. Wm. Donaldson, Solicitor
Mrs. Ida Morelock, Mrs. Anne Shea, Mrs. Kate Bidwell, Mrs. Leona Gore, Mrs. Grace Harbit, Mrs. June Korf, Henry A. Korf, Mrs. Rosa Renne, Mrs. Adelaide M. Martin, Mrs. Mary E. Bressler, Mrs. Emma F. Williams, Mrs. Alice Olsin, Mrs. F. P. McGrew, Mrs. Laura J. Sidwell, Mrs. Ben Skinner, Mrs. Earnest Skinner, Mrs. Lortia Simonsen, Timothy Howard, Mrs. B. F. Andrews, Miss Bess Palmer, Miss Harriett Vilas, Mrs. Ida Holverson, Pratt Holverson, Miss Mattie Reynolds, Mrs. Leelle Mack, Mrs. M. O. Fuller, Mrs. Thomas Sikes, Miss Ardis Cox, J. B. Young, Mrs. M. B. Noble.

Mrs. J. S. Lusby, Solicitor
Harry W. Whitney, J. C. Holbrook, John H. Seavey, Mrs. F. M. Mulligan, Mrs. M. W. Webber, Mrs. Chas. Sutes, Mrs. M. E. Davis, Mrs. Frank Sidwell, Mrs. E. G. Perkins, Will Bishop, Mrs. Will Bishop, Mrs. Sarah Elliott, Mrs. W. L. Dunlap, Miss Ruth Danford, Mrs. Jeannette Richardson, Miss Alleen Armstrong, Mr. J. J. Bryan, Mrs. E. N. Dillard, Mr. Geo. Settle, Mr. R. W. Smith, Mrs. Audrey Parker, John F. Ketels, Miss Gertrude Williams, O. D. Metcalf, Dr. W. C. Rebhan.

Mrs. H. E. Walker, Solicitor
Charles Kupkufse, Mrs. Ed. Wilson, Mrs. Rosa Montgomery, Fred Stock, Mr. John E. Edwards, I. A. Nice, Ransom Miller, D. S. Beals, W. J. White, Mrs. Ronald Roberts, Robert Van Valzah, Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart, Mrs. J. E. Richmond, Mrs. Earnest Lyon, Earnest Lyon, Mrs. Harry Stewart, Mrs. Nelson Kester, Wm. F. Walker, Mrs. Jennie Smith, Mrs. Walter Bailey, Walter Bailey, Mrs. Margaret Lepley, Mrs. Della Peterson, Mrs. J. E. Stewart, Mrs. H. B. Woods.

FREIGHT SERVICE WANTED

Citizens of Donna Petition Oregon
Public Service Commission

A petition signed by 19 citizens of Donna, and vicinity has been sent to the Oregon public service commission, asking an investigation of Donna as a source for freight and an order directing the Southern Pacific company to provide means for loading car load freight at that place.

The petitioners present as argument the fact that a small sawmill is located at Donna which has timber sufficient to cut from 50 to 75 carloads of ties if shipping facilities are furnished. The mill is said to be operated almost entirely by labor from the vicinity, thereby adding to the lumber output of the county without taking labor from other sections.

The signers of the petition are: J. H. Hammitt, F. C. Ranne, C. C. Hammitt, J. D. Adams, M. D. Weatherman, R. G. Hammitt, E. C. Nicholson, J. B. Robertson, S. C. Sunderson, W. C. Seavey, Alexander Lewis, J. R. McGee, D. A. Conley, M. S. Cassill, Joseph Bettiny, Max O. Green, Frank Spons, and George W. Hill.

Potato Growers Establish Grades

E. E. Morrison, Local Dealer and
Producer, Is Member of
Committee

Tentative grades were agreed upon inspection charges were fixed and rules and regulations formulated by a committee of potato growers, dealers and shippers Saturday in Portland for the consideration of the Public Service Commission in officially establishing grades and providing for the inspection of this product. The report and recommendations of the committee have been submitted to the Commission.

E. E. Morrison of this city was a member of the committee. The committee recommended the establishment of four grades of potatoes as follows: Oregon Fancy, Oregon U. S. Grade No. 1, Oregon U. S. grade No. 2, and Oregon small seed.

An inspector will be appointed in each principal potato shipping district. These inspectors will be men experienced in the handling of potatoes and shall not be actively engaged in any phase of the potato business while engaged in inspection work. The duty of the inspector is to keep a record of each lot or car inspected showing the name of the persons furnishing the potatoes, the name of the shipper, the actual number of sacks opened, the grade established and the name and number of the car and seal.

B. B. TEAM IS VICTORIOUS

Will Play Mapleton Team Here This
Evening

The Springfield Basket Ball team met the Goshen team Thursday night at the Goshen hall, winning from them with a score of 23 to 13. Springfield's line-up was: Gerald Van Valzah, center; John Dimm and Lucine Fegles, forwards; Creed Brattain and William Hill, guards; and Hallie Bryan, sub.

The team will play Mapleton High tonight at the Basket Ball hall in this city. The Mapleton team is making a tour of this section and has already met defeat at the hands of the Monroe team.

Geological Engineer Visits Here
Chester Washburne, a nephew of B. A. Washburne, visited with his uncle Friday. Mr. Washburne is a geological engineer with offices located in New York city. During the past year four oil fields have been opened up through his office, two in Kentucky one in South America, and one in South Africa.

Will Not Open for Couple of Weeks
The Springfield Mill and Elevator company will not begin grinding for two or three weeks, but grain is now being received at the mill all of the time. As planned the mill was to open the first of the year but the repair work has not been completed yet.



RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW.

We Wish All Our Patrons a Prosperous New Year

BENNETT RESIGNS AS PRINCIPAL

Walter J. Moore, Teacher in
Springfield High, Will
Go to Coburg

E. Allen Bennett, principal of the Coburg public schools, has resigned his position because of much criticism on account of his alleged pacifist tendencies. Walter J. Moore, teacher of science and mathematics in the Springfield High school has been elected to take Mr. Bennett's place. Mr. Moore has already been released from his contract with the Springfield board and will take up his new position at the close of the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Bennett, it is alleged, has always refused to discuss with the pupils in the school matters pertaining to the war, and has repeatedly declared that he does not read the newspapers, stating that it is not best to become "stirred up" and that the people should be "calm and serene" over the conflict. It is said that he has failed to endeavor to instill patriotism in the minds of the children of the schools, and as a result when Mrs. Jennie Kemp, employed by the food administration, addressed the school children of that town some time ago, she found less interest in the question of conservation of food than at any other point in the state which she visited. She made such a report to the state headquarters of the food administration.

As yet no teacher has been secured to fill Mr. Moore's place.

Will T. Emery Dies

Will T. Emery, of Roseburg, died at Clovis, a suburb of Fresno, California December 26. He was a son-in-law of the late E. P. Withers, of Thurston. He was the owner of the famous "Tip Top Prune Ranch" in Douglas county.

Company Buys New Hood Tractor

The Booth-Kelly Lumber company has purchased a new Hood tractor for use at the Springfield mill. Two of the machines are now being used at the mill at this place.

Special Meeting of Council

Council meets tonight to select a night watchman to take the place of W. H. James who has resigned to take effect January 1.

Sister Dies in Holt, Missouri

Mrs. J. W. Baker has received the news of the death of her sister, Mrs. M. D. Henson, at Holt, Missouri, December 23.

LANE PIONEER PASSES AWAY

H. D. Edwards, County Commissioner for 12 Years, Dies
at Home in Eugene

H. D. Edwards, Lane county pioneer died at his home in Eugene Friday at the age of 69 years. Mr. Edwards was born at Oakaloosa, Iowa, April 28, 1848 and crossed the plains to Oregon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Edwards, in 1854. Soon after coming to this state the family settled on a donation claim three miles east of Springfield.

For 12 years Mr. Edwards served as county commissioner of Lane county. He is survived by four sisters and two brothers, also by one son and three daughters, two of whom, C. D. Edwards and Mrs. T. J. Eweeny, Jr., live near Springfield. His wife also survives him.

Funeral services were held at the Booth-Kelly mill on Saturday at 2 o'clock, Reverend A. L. Crim, being in charge of the services at the chapel. Interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Eugene.

Red Cross Will Sew on Thursday

The Red Cross surgical dressings, sewing and knitting classes will meet on Thursday afternoon at the domestic art room of the Lincoln school building. The time of meeting has been changed on account of Christmas and the New Year coming on Tuesday the regular meeting day.

The classes will be held on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening after this week.

Booth-Kelly Resumes Operations

The Booth-Kelly mill resumed operations again this morning after a week's vacation. As planned at first the mill was to begin work Thursday morning but as they were unable to get logs they could not start until this morning.

Buy Ford Cars

W. T. Chandler, Victor Hammitt, both of Springfield, G. W. Kinbal and R. C. Stroud, both of Trent, and Ray Wallace, of Jasper, purchased Ford automobiles through the Vick Brothers garage in Eugene during the past few days.

Christian Congregation Meets

The officers and members of the Christian church will meet tomorrow at 3:30 o'clock in their annual business session for the election of officers and at 6:30 will have a banquet and social gathering.

FATHER DIES IN EUGENE

Resident of Lane County for 65 Years
Passes Away

Charles Walker Young, father of Baxter Young, of Springfield, died at his home near Eugene Friday night at the age of 87 years. Mr. Young has been a resident of Lane county for 65 years, having crossed the plains in 1853.

Arriving in Eugene Mr. Young took up a donation land claim, about three miles north of Eugene, which today is considered one of the richest farms in the entire state. Mrs. Young passed away a number of years ago.

Word Received from Nurse in France
Florence Coffin, book-keeper at the First National bank today received a card from Miss Lulu Gell, who is in France doing Red Cross hospital work. Miss Gell says, "We are treated very nicely here but it is a sad, sad sight to see so many men crippled for life." Every six months the nurses are given a two weeks leave but Miss Gell plans to wait a year and then take a four weeks trip to Scotland and Ireland.

Rebekahs Have Children's Night

Santa Claus and Christmas Tree
Afford Much Enjoyment

About 35 children were guests of the Rebekah lodge at a "Children's Night" Friday night. Each member of the lodge brought a child to entertain for the evening. The hall was decorated with greens and in the middle of the room stood a large Christmas tree decorated with tinsel and strings of pop-corn. A short program was rendered and a social evening followed.

Following is the program:
Reading, Joe Bally,
Vocal Trio, Doris Smith, Genevieve Copenhaver and Hazel Jones.
Reading, Wilbur Hayden
Song, Donna and Virginia Richmond
Song, Dorothy Richmond
Piano Solo, Alice Reynolds
Piano Solo, Doris Sikes.

After the program the children joined hands around the large Christmas tree in the center of the room and then Santa Claus appeared on the scene. When he had distributed the sacks of candy which were on the tree among the children, everyone present was treated to candy, pop corn balls, candy and punch. Games were played and a social evening was enjoyed.

Arrives from American Lake

Glen LeVeé arrived this morning from American Lake, Washington, where he is stationed with the Ambulance company for a 21 day leave of absence to be spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. LeVeé, of Hayden Bridge. His leave will be cut to about 10 days however, as he must join his company in Portland January 10th to leave for new quarters.

Will Hold Special Meeting

The school board will hold a special meeting this evening to elect a teacher to fill the position made vacant by the resignation of Walter J. Moore teacher of science and mathematics at Springfield High school who goes to Coburg.

District attorney	1,119.00
Election and registration	14,000.00
Fruit inspector	1,500.00
Health officer	200.00
Insane	500.00
Indigent soldiers	1,100.00
Juvenile court	650.00
Justice court	600.00
Roads, bridges supervision, etc	180,000.00
Retiring warrants	5,034.40
Slaughtered animals	300.00
School superintendent	5,000.00
Sheriff	11,000.00
Surveyor	4,650.00
Seals weights and measures	500.00
Treasurer	2,254.00
Tax rebate	1,000.00
Emergency	1,200.00
Widows' pension	10,000.00
Veterinarian	100.00
Total	\$283,067.40

LANE COUNTY TAX LEVY FOR 1917 IS TO BE 14.5 MILLS

Difference Between 1916 Is Due
to Increased Assessed Valuation of Property

REDUCTIONS TOTAL \$11,860

County School Superintendent's Plea
Brings Results; Will Get
\$5000

According to an order made by the county court Thursday, Lane county's tax levy for 1917 taxes will be 14.5 mills. This is a reduction of 3 mills from the 1916 levy, the reduction being due largely to the increased assessed valuation of nearly all property in the county. However a number of the items in the county budget were reduced considerably, which accounts in a measure for the reduced levy.

The county court accepted the report of the taxpayers' meeting almost in its entirety, the exception being in the case of the county school superintendent's expenses and in the item for the retiring of warrants. The court in its original estimate allowed the superintendent the sum of \$5035, but the budget committee cut it to \$4500. Superintendent Moore appeared before the court one day last week and stated that it was absolutely impossible to get along with such a small amount and the court placed the final amount at an even \$5000. The committee struck out entirely the item of \$6034.40 for retiring warrants, but the court replaced it.

The estimated total valuation of all property in the county, including that of the corporations, as stated in the published budget, was \$33,000,000, but when the figures on the corporations came in the total was increased to \$34,899,516, which increase made an appreciable decrease in the levy.

The reductions suggested by the taxpayers' budget committee, and which were adopted largely by the court in making up the final budget, had little to do with the reduction in the levy. The reduction made at the instance of this committee was \$11,866.60, which would cause a reduction in the levy of but a third of a mill or thereabouts. However, the work of the budget committee has been commended and even such a small reduction is appreciated by the taxpayers in these days of high taxes.

Levy is Segregated

The levy for various purposes of the county government, according to the order of the court Thursday, follows:

For general fund, for county purposes, \$283,067.40, requiring a levy of 8.134 mills.

For county high school purposes, \$15,033.82, requiring a levy of .432 of a mill.

For county school purposes, \$85,887.67, requiring a levy of 2.468 mills.

For county school library purposes, \$1044.02, requiring a levy of .03 of a mill.

For school district maintenance fund in cases where the amount proportioned from the county school fund of Lane county, to any district, together with the special district school tax levy for maintenance tax, authorized by law, does not equal \$300 is \$2088.03, requiring a levy of .06 of a mill.

General Fund Apportioned

The general fund of the county as apportioned by the court in the final budget will be distributed as follows:

Advertising	\$ 2,400.00
Auditing	400.00
Assessor	8,500.00
Bounty	1,000.00
Care of poor	12,000.00
Circuit court	10,000.00
County court	4,250.00
County fairs	3,000.00
Courthouse	5,500.00
Coroner	500.00
County clerk	12,500.00
County agriculturist	2,000.00