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SENIORS TO HOLD GRADUATION EXERCISES NEXT WEEK

Commencement to Be at the M. E. Church Friday Night Which Ends School Year

JUNIORS TO BE IN CHARGE

Twenty-five in Class Which is Leaving High School; Four Boys in Service of Country

The senior class of Springfield High school has made plans and preparations for their graduation week which starts next Sunday night with the Baccalaureate exercises and continues through the week with the Class Day exercises on Tuesday and ending with the commencement exercises Friday night.

A few rules in regard to finance are to be observed this year which were not considered in the past. The graduating dresses of the girls are not to exceed ten dollars in price and the number of dresses for all the exercises is not to go beyond two, which allows for a new party dress or a suit. Some of the boys do not expect to have new suits for the affair as they intend to go into service soon and thus obtain a suit of more significance.

The class roll holds twenty-five prospective members namely: Bernice Cagley, Mary Harding, Ellen Lambert, Wanna McKinney, Dutee Fischer, Iva Barbre, Ella Boesen, Thora Boesen, Ann Gorrie, Nellie Copenhaver, Beatrice Holbrook, Gladys Lepley, Edna Duryee, Iva Hill, Lula Hampton, Flora Lindley, Dorris Sikes, Hazel Dean, Lena Brewer, Avis Thompson, Gerald Van Valzah, William Hill, Ernest Moe, Floyd Kester and Lynn Grandy.

Sunday night the Baccalaureate service will be held at the Christian church. Reverend Walter Bailey will deliver the address of the evening. The Juniors are in charge of the decorating and ushering.

Class Day will be observed Thursday evening at the high school on Mill and D streets. The program committee consisting of Dutee Fischer, chairman, Bill Hill, Beatrice Holbrook and Iva Hill have made out a program which may undergo a few slight changes before the exercises take place. The program now stands as follows:

1. Song "America" Audience
2. Class history.
3. Song "Litoria" Class
4. Poem "To Our Soldiers."
5. Piano duet. Dutee Fischer, Iva Hill
6. Reading. Bernice Cagley
7. Class Poem.
8. Piano Solo. Dorris Sikes
9. Class Will
10. Class Prophecy

The Juniors will be in charge of the decorating of the high school.

The commencement exercises will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church, Friday evening May 14, at 8:00 P. M. The program has not yet been arranged. Dr. Gilbert of the University of Oregon will give the address of the evening and Professor R. L. Kirk will present the class. The diplomas will probably be presented to the graduates by B. A. Washburne, chairman of the school board.

The music will be in charge of a committee of two girls Avis Thompson and Hazel Dean and the Juniors will be in general charge. The Juniors girls will be flower girls and ushers during the evening.

Flowers for the graduates will be given to the girls in the hall who will take them to the front of the church where they will be arranged in order. A request has been made that no presents be brought to the church as the flower-girls will not be able to deliver them.

The poem "To Our Soldiers" which

MRS. C. L. LARIMER DIES

Mother of Local Business Man Passes Away; Funeral Yesterday

Mrs. Caroline L. Larimer, mother of I. D. Larimer of this city passed away Monday evening at her home in Eugene, at the age of 82 years. She was a member of the Baptist church in that place.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 from the Gordon and Veatch chapel. Rev. C. E. Dunham, Baptist minister, had charge of the services. Interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mrs. Larimer leaves five daughters and one son to mourn her loss: Mrs. W. H. Andrews, Mrs. H. L. Trever, Miss Mary Larimer, of Eugene, Mrs. H. A. Armitage, Mrs. Ada McPherson and I. D. Larimer, of this city.

Springfield Boy Enlists in Army

Verdon May, Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. May Enters Field Artillery Corps

Verdon May, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence May of this city enlisted last Saturday in the light field artillery division of the U. S. army, and left Monday forenoon for Vancouver, Washington.

The young man expects to train for a short time at Vancouver but does not know where he will be sent for further training.

This is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. May who is in the service of his country, the other son Winifred May is with Battery B, 6 F. A., American Expeditionary Forces.

Verdon is a member of the Junior class in Springfield high school. He is below draft age and would not have had to go into the service had he not enlisted.

His mother, Mrs. Lawrence May, accompanied him as far as Oregon City where she will visit relatives for some time.

Bounties Are Awarded

Bounties were awarded Saturday to Lester Meal of Fall Creek, on 22 diggers and two moles; and to R. Montgomery of Leaburg, on two bob cats.

STORE HAS NEW LOCATION

Nice and Donaldson Move Thursday to Old Bakery Building

Nice and Donaldson local grocers, Thursday moved their business to the building between third and fourth streets formerly occupied by the Springfield Bakery.

They have completed the building of shelving along the full length of the retail room, on both sides. These make a neat and attractive display. One partition has also been removed to enlarge the business room.

The firm now has an up-to-date place of business and are prepared to serve their patrons to a much better advantage than in the old location.

Enlists in Army

Waldo S. Hardie of this city, who lives in the Pruseville district enlisted in the army Tuesday afternoon. He is one of those who enlisted in reply to the call for 15 men, by volunteer enlistment from Lane county. He expects to leave soon for a training camp.

will be given at the Class Day program in honor of the former members of the class who have gone into the service and cannot graduate with their classmates. Only one of the boys who have gone into the National service from the class has gone across the water yet. Lester Hill, Somewhere in France, Glenn Woolley, and Albert Beare are at Fort Stevent and Ray Bally is in Carolina in aerial service.

Roll of Honor

Rey Bally
Lester Hill
Glenn Woolley
Albert Beare

SERVICES AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Will Continue For Fourth Week; High School Baccalaureate Sunday Evening

The series of meetings at the Christian church, conducted by Rev. and Mrs. M. H. Fagan, will continue for another week.

The meetings have been very satisfactory and words of appreciation for their success and for the work done by Mr. and Mrs. Fagan are heard on every hand. Word of the decision of the church to continue the services until the end of the fourth week will be welcomed by the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fagan, who have been attending the services from night to night.

Saturday evening Mr. Fagan will deliver a sermon-lecture which will be of special interest to men, although the ladies are all invited. The subject will be "Wanted—A Man." This sermon-lecture is a special attraction and is of vital interest to all. It will deal partly with the problems of today. Mrs. Fagan contralto soloist will render the beautiful hymn "Going Down to the Grave."

The theme for Sunday morning will be "Watchers at the Cross" and it is one of the strongest messages Mr. Fagan has to offer. Mrs. Fagan will sing that beautiful, pathetic hymn "Bearing His Cross." A large audience is expected. The attendance has been exceptionally throughout the meetings, the house being filled to capacity almost every evening.

Sunday evening the church will be willingly turned over to the high school students for the annual baccalaureate sermon for the senior class. This will be delivered by Rev. Walter Bailey, pastor of the Baptist church here. The members of the church are very glad to be able to give way with the regular services to accommodate the high school students, for the school is a community affair in which every one is vitally interested.

Springfield Boy Writes to Brother

Has Just Received Box of Candy Sent to France in December

D. S. Beals of this city received a letter from his brother Oliver Beals, formerly of Springfield but now with Battery A, 17 Field Artillery A. E. F., in France. Mr. Beals enlisted a year ago in September and went across in January. The letter dated April 28 which speaks about receiving some candy mailed before Christmas, follows:

I received the box of candy about ten days ago. Thank you very much. The candy was just fine and was in good condition too. All the boys were praising that candy.

We have been having pretty rotten weather lately for spring weather; I believe it rains more here than it does in Oregon. The days must be pretty nice there now.

I think that the more one sees of France the more he appreciates the good old U. S. The people though are very polite and considerate to every one especially the American. A little French man who can speak some English drops in here several times a day and we are beginning to pick up a little French.

Loses Three Fingers

Agnes Mozens, a Creswell man, was the victim of an accident Thursday when a gopher gun he was loading exploded taking off his third and little fingers and the thumb of his left hand. He was working on his farm at the time of the accident.

WRITES LETTER FROM FRANCE

Springfield Soldier Tells of Customs and Conditions Over Seas

Russell Dimm, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dimm of this city who is with the 65th regiment in France writes as follows:

We are now in the heart of the country we have been waiting and longing to see. There is not much difference between this country at this time of year than Oregon as it rains most of the time with the sun shining once in a great while. The flowers have begun blooming and the trees are in blossom. You see the French peasants in the fields from morning until dark either taking care of crops, planting or cultivating them. In the towns you meet all varieties of people from the little boys and girls wearing wooden shoes to the old men and women carrying heavy loads of wood or coal.

About three fourths of the men you meet are soldiers, wounded, or back from the front on furlough, or in training ready to go up. Their ages range anywhere from 16 to 60 and all of them seem to be happy.

All of the boys from Springfield are well and working hard and they all seem to like it over here. The boys are Lester Hill, Ivan McKinney, Dell Hinson and myself. They all say they are glad to hear from the people at home as letters are few and far between. A letter is appreciated more than anything that we receive from our home folks.

The language here is a hard thing for us to get used to, although we are getting so we can ask for things we want and understand a few simple sentences.

The people treat us better than any place we have been yet and we have traveled a long way. The boys all join me in sending their best regards and love.

Oswald Olson to Train in South

Local Boy Called in Last Draft Leaves for Fort McDowell Sunday Morning

Oswald Olson, son of Mrs. Emma Olson of this city, was called in the last draft and left Sunday morning at one o'clock for Fort McDowell, California where he will train.

Mr. Olson was employed in the Southern Pacific depot as company scaler, which position he accepted last July. Before that time he was engaged as a workman in the company warehouse at the depot.

Mr. Olson is a member of the local Methodist Episcopal church and is president of the Ephworth League. His host of friends here wish him Godspeed in his service for his country.

He has a brother Edwin Olson who is also in the service. The last heard from him he was recovering from a siege of pneumonia in the Magdalene hospital, American Rest Camp, England. He is with the 145 F. A. Hdq. Co 41st Division, 66 Brigade.

Local Boy at Pittsburg

Earl S. Powell of this city is now stationed in the U. S. A. military training school at Pittsburg Pennsylvania. He writes that he enjoys the training and expects to be located there for six weeks.

Receives Souvenirs

Mrs. E. F. Herbst of this city has just received several beautiful souvenirs from her brother who is now serving with the American army in France. They are silk handkerchiefs embroidered in allied colors by French girls, and she prizes them highly.

BENEFIT DINNER SUCCESS

Rebekahs and Friends Feast on Chicken Friday Evening

The members of the Juanita Rebekah lodge here gave a Red Cross benefit dinner last Friday evening in the banquet room of the I. O. O. F. hall.

Beginning at 5:30 and lasting until eight o'clock the delicious creamed chicken, with all its accompanying goodies, was served to the hungry throng. A big crowd was in attendance.

The tables were tastfully decorated with blue bachelor buttons and red and white roses. The sum of \$50. was realized, and the members of the lodge wish to thank their friends for their patronage in making it possible for such a good amount to be raised. The proceeds will be turned over to the Red Cross.

Meetings Come to Successful Close

Rev. Guy Fitch Phelps Receives Call to Colors and Leaves at Once

The two week's series of meetings conducted at the Methodist church by the Rev. Guy Fitch Phelps closed Sunday evening. Much interest and large attendance has been manifested during the meetings.

During the second week of Mr. Phelps' stay here he received his commission from the government notifying him of an early departure for France where he will serve as chaplain in the Y. M. C. A. work.

Mr. Phelps left Monday for his home in Salem where he will visit for a short time before sailing for France. His call came sooner than he expected compelling him to close the series of meetings here a week sooner than schedule.

The meetings were highly successful, arousing the enthusiasm of the people gaining some new converts, and putting new life into the machinery of the church and Sunday school. Rev. H. B. Dorks, united Brethren United Brethren minister from Eugene helped a great deal by taking charge of the singing during most of the revival.

COUNTY TO BE WHEATLESS

Merchants and People Agree Not to Sell or Use Wheat Flour

All of Lane county will be wheatless from now until the harvest is over. No wheat will be sold by any county dealer until after harvest is over or unless released by the state food administrator, except to bakeries, logging camps and saw mills which operate under government license.

The flour which the merchants now hold will be shipped to Portland and then East where it will eventually find its way to the soldiers in France. The dealers will be paid cost price for the flour.

All seem willing to make this sacrifice, but an understanding seemed necessary. The dealers of the county will be notified by letter of the move which has been taken so that no one will be ignorant of the patriotic duty.

Boys Get Bounties

Several of the community boys have been getting bounties on grey diggers gophers, and moles. Five cents is given for them. The following collected money on hides: Glen Martin, of Creswell, on four gophers and one mole. Harold Hart of Springfield R. F. D. 2, on 10 diggers, seven gophers and one mole. Charlie Gardner, of Springfield, on 20 diggers. Arthur Kelly, of Leaburg, on five diggers.

Goshen Gives Benefit

The dance and supper given Saturday night by the Goshen Red Cross was well attended several people from this city going. The banquet room and dance hall were beautifully decorated in ferns, flowers, and flags. The sum of \$100 was realized, which will be turned over to the Red Cross.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED THURSDAY BY LOCAL PEOPLE

Howard Brownell of Eugene Delivers Interesting Address For National Celebration

LADIES OF G. A. R. PRESIDE

Floral Offerings Thrown on Water of Mill Race Pay Tribute to Soldier Dead

The memorial exercises directed by the ladies of the G. A. R. of this city presided over by Mrs. Al Montgomery were successfully carried out Thursday afternoon.

The crowd sang the "Star Spangled Banner" led by Miss Marion Richmond after which prayer was offered by Rev. H. C. Eibel and an address by Howard Brownell of Eugene. The high school girls trio sang a selection after which Professor R. L. Kirk gave a talk and read Lincoln's Gettysburg address. They then adjourned to the mill race where the crowd paid tribute to the naval and marine dead with beautiful floral offerings scattered on the waters.

After the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," Howard M. Brownell made the address of the day. He said: "It is indeed a pleasure to me to address you to-day. It is always helpful and refreshing to me to assemble with ladies and gentlemen who are trying to make the most of their lives and I appeal to the boys and girls that they might grow up to be useful men and women. It is my prayer that these boys and girls when they have spent their allotment and when the evening time has come that they may not have lived in vain. This is my prayer for the boys and girls to which I am glad to have this honor to meet with them and with these people to-day."

"I would like to tell you why I love this day, but every day is important, yes it is a sacred inheritance if we do all the good we can do, be sweet and kind to all mankind for each day has its blessings, but this day like the mountain tops is nearest and dearest to heart and why do I love this day not alone because of its beauty but because of its sacred suggestions. They look down upon us from the tree-tops from the grass beneath, every vacant chair, every turn in the road, every mound that covers loved ones, suggest precious memories.

"If I had the brush of an artist I would paint a picture on the sky, upon the earth, the sacrifice, the blood and the tears that it cost to make this country free for you and me. I think of the time when seven states were struggling for freedom, when they started out to unfurl a new flag. I remember when Old Glory was penetrated for the first time; when the immortal Lincoln called for men to defend this flag as it had never been defended before. The boys came forth what for, for pleasure, no, for the defense of the stars and stripes that this country might be free. The best citizens went forth to do and to die for you and for me, to save the flag and to perpetuate the nation. These are some of the suggestions to come forth and make this day sacred for you and for me.

"I love this country because it is the only country under the canopy of heaven that has given the people the right to live as God intended a people to live. I thank God that the workmen who toil in the factories and shops have the right to own their own homes.

"Women in this country are respected, are revered and have the right the same as are enjoyed by men. Under this banner, the name mother is loved and respected and there is not a boy (Continued on page two)