

# THE SPRINGFIELD NEWS

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## W. S. S. CAMPAIGN STARTS OUT HERE IN GOOD SHAPE

Under Supervision of School District Number 19 of Springfield.

LANE'S QUOTA IS \$500,000

Metropolitan Boys Volunteer Services And Help in Drive; Four Are at Work.

Good progress in the War Savings Stamp campaign has already been reported, and still better results are hoped for.

The town has been divided into five districts under the supervision of the school district No. 19 board, composed of B. A. Washburne, chairman; Welby Stevens, Dr. J. E. Richmond and J. E. Edwards, clerk.

Those on the committees are Mrs. E. E. Morrison, captain; Mrs. Robert Drury, Mrs. M. V. Endicott and Mrs. F. A. Clingan. Mrs. Harry Whitney, captain; Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Arne Nelson and Miss Grace Walker. Mrs. F. E. Lenhart, captain; Mrs. L. May, Mrs. William Rouse and Mrs. Curtis Hayden. Mrs. Fred Walker, captain; and Mrs. Hanna Hill. The Metropolitan agents volunteer their services and have taken up the work too, and have formed with C. B. Kinkaid, captain, and the remainder are Homer Carson, H. D. Carson and Ray Hyland.

The quota of the county is \$500,000, and the Springfield quota is \$27,326. The amount is somewhat large for the town, as the school census only shows 1,320 population in school district No. 19.

### Fishing Trip Eventful.

A small party of campers went up the Willamette river last week-end to fish and met with all kinds of mishaps and bad fortune. The fish were not very good, and they didn't even bite. The water was too warm and they had been too long in it, making them a very poor quality. Bad luck was with the poor unfortunate people all of the time, because it was one thing after another. The worst thing was that one of the men nearly got drowned because it rained very hard during one night and he slept with his mouth open and got the full benefit of the long-hoped-for shower, which came at the wrong time. They even ran over farmer Williams, but it was only a shock to the unfortunate rural resident and meant much more to the frightened occupants of the car. Those who were in the luckless party were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Drury and two children, Catherine and DeeEtta, and Angeline Fischer.

### SERVICE FLAG DEDICATED

Royal Neighbors Have Unveiling for Lula Gile, Now in France.

The unveiling services of the service flag for Miss Lula Gile, now in the war territory, was held last Thursday evening by the Royal Neighbors and the Modern Woodmen of Springfield. The evening was begun by the singing of "America," followed by the unveiling of the service flag dedicated to Miss Gile, who is now "Some where in France." The flag was unveiled by Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Robert Drury. They then sang "God Save Our Women," and Rev. Walter Bailey gave a patriotic address, after which they sang the "Star Spangled Banner." Ice cream and cake were served and an enjoyable evening was spent. There was a good crowd out for the services. Mrs. Sue Gile, mother of Miss Gile, was the honor guest of the evening, and Rev. and Mrs. Walter Bailey were guests for the evening also.

### 1915 TAXES TURNED OVER

Long Delinquent Sum is Deposited With Treasurer.

Last Tuesday the 1915 taxes were turned over by Sheric Elkins to Edna Ward, deputy treasurer. The sheriff collects these taxes as he can and when he has accumulated quite a sum he turns it over to the treasurer. He expects to turn over the 1916 taxes soon. The amount turned in Tuesday was as follows:

State and county	\$ 836.44
Cities	227.15
School districts	171.16
Union high districts	10.81
Road districts	20.22
Port of Bluslaw	70.94
Forest fire control	.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,327.20</b>

### Mayor Puts Ban On Firecrackers

Proclamation Calls for Sane Fourth of July for Springfield.

For the protection of food supplies, war materials, and other necessities necessary to support our boys in France, and because of the advantage some persons might be disposed to take of this opportunity under guise of a patriotic demonstration to inflict untold damage on property by explosives resulting in disastrous fires, I take this means of informing the citizens of Springfield that it will be unlawful for anyone to buy firecrackers or other explosives for the purpose of firing or exploding them within the city limits. In observing the Fourth of July I ask the co-operation of every citizen of Springfield to assist in making it a safe and sane celebration of this Independence Day.

E. E. MORRISON, Mayor.

### Meat Restrictions Off.

All of the meat restrictions in Oregon have been temporarily removed according to an announcement made by the State Food administration last Thursday, at Portland.

### Springfield Has new Tailor

A. D. Moe and son Ernest left the latter part of last week for Astoria, where Ernest will learn mechanical engineering, having graduated from high school this spring. The tailor shop formerly owned and operated by Mr. Moe has been taken over by L. H. Ramsey of San Francisco. Mr. Ramsey is experienced in the business, having been employed in the occupation for fifty years. The family of Mr. Moe will remain here until his return in the fall.

### SPRINGFIELD BOY JOINS

Jack Gorrie, Well Known Here, Has Gone Into the Army.

Jack Gorrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Gorrie, who reside on a farm in the Douglas Gardens district in the east part of Springfield, has enlisted in the mechanical department of the U. S. army, and will leave about the first of July for San Francisco. Mr. Gorrie has lived in this community all of his life and is very well known here. He has one brother in France now.

### Auto Has Accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Huskey met with an auto accident on the Natron road, last Sunday when the car turned over as they were turning a sharp corner. Mrs. Huskey was quite badly bruised, but neither of the occupants of the car were fatally injured. It was a very narrow escape, however.

### Has Good Luck Fishing.

Miss Ellen Lambert went to Walterville to fish yesterday and came home with nine good-sized fish. Most of the fish now are not good because of the warm weather, which makes the water too warm for the fish and makes them unfit for use, but Ellen seems to have had good luck.

## RETAIL PRICES TO BE FIXED

Food Administration to Regulate Prices of All Staple Commodities.

A "Price Interpretation" system, through which the public will be given full information regarding the cost to retailers of all staple food commodities, together with a suggested price at which such commodities should reasonably be offered for sale by the retail dealer to the consumer, is now being inaugurated in Oregon, in accordance with a Food Administration plan which is nation-wide in scope.

Assistant Federal Food Administrator Newell, in announcing the inauguration of the system said: "The information regarding the cost of important food commodities to the dealer will be secured by price interpretation committees, who will also determine and suggest the reasonable figure at which these staples should be sold to the consumer. It should be remembered that the wholesale dealers are already under license and that their margins are already limited under National Food Administration regulations. It would be impossible, however, to govern the profits of the retailer this way, because of the varying conditions in different localities, hence the need of the price interpretation system, which will extend in every county in the State. Each county administrator will form a committee, in the personnel of which will be represented every class of retail dealer, and the wholesale or jobbing industry who supplies the retailer, as well as the consumer to whom the retailer sells. These committees will make weekly investigations and give out their schedule of price interpretations through the local newspapers. It should be understood clearly that these prices, however, will not be definite or absolute, but are merely suggestive prices that will be reasonable for both consumer and dealer at the time and in the locality where published."

### RED CROSS REPORT GIVEN

Secretary Mrs. J. C. Dimm Hands in Resignation to Auxiliary.

The monthly meeting of the Springfield auxiliary of the Red Cross met Tuesday night at which time Mrs. J. C. Dimm, secretary of the auxiliary, handed in her resignation and reports of the month's work were given. Three new members were taken in at that time and personal donations amounting to \$10.75 were presented. The monthly report was sent in to the headquarters of the Lane County Red Cross.

Donations this month from organizations were as follows:

Neighbors of Woodcraft	\$ 17.30
Rebekah Lodge	50.00
Christian church	85.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$153.15</b>

Personal donations Tuesday night amounted to 75c.

The report on surgical dressings and hospital garments was made.

Surgical dressings: 291 4-8 compressors, 78 5-yard rolls. Hospital garments: 50 pads, 10 bedsheets, 5 operating robes, 99 caps.

The successor to Mrs. Dimm will later be appointed by the chairman and executive committee.

### Former Springfield Boy Enlists.

Albert Soleim, formerly of this city, who has been living in Richmond, Calif., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Soleim, has joined the army. He enlisted in the signal corps some time ago and is now stationed in Chicago as company clerk. Albert was very well known here, having graduated from the Springfield high school, and he worked in several of the local stores. He has a great many friends among the young people here, having been raised in this city.

## FLOYD THOMPSON JOINS SERVICE

Both Boys in the Family Are in United States Army; Family Has Military History.

Floyd Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thompson of this city, has joined in the ranks with the American fighters. He is very well known here, having been born and raised in Springfield. The spruce service claims this Springfield boy now, and he is located at Vancouver barracks, where he expects to be located permanently. Floyd was a student at the Springfield high school about four years ago and then went to Grand Junction, Colorado, where he was in the Government reclamation service. In the spruce department he has gone in as a surveyor.

His only brother, Earl Thompson, is now at Fort J. Governors Island, in the quartermaster's corps and is overseeing the concrete work being done there.

The Thompson family has been involved in every fight for the United States from the Revolutionary war to the present struggle, the principle ones being the Revolutionary war, the war of 1812, the Spanish-American war and the European war that we are now in.

### Thurston Auxiliary Elects.

The Thurston auxiliary of the Red Cross met June 20th and elected officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. Walter Edmiston was elected chairman, Mrs. C. C. Miller vice-chairman, Mrs. Olive Taylor secretary and treasurer, and Miss Edna Bertsch as a correspondent for the auxiliary. Mrs. Ethel Yarnell has charge of the surgical work, assisted by Mrs. Lizzie Gray and Mrs. Homer Phetteplace has charge of the sewing. The Red Cross ladies served ice cream last Friday evening to the Home Guards and their neighbor friends, and afterwards a social dance was enjoyed. Captain Thatcher and wife of Eugene were present.

### HOMING PIGEON IS FOUND

Bird is Exhausted and Appears at Home on Mohawk.

A homing pigeon that had apparently lost its way appeared at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Conley on the Mohawk and the bird seems to want to stay there.

The pigeon seemed to be all worn out when it arrived at the house, and it is quite tame. It enters the house at every possible opportunity and has a desire to go to a certain corner under the kitchen table.

The bird has a band with the letters "A" and "U" combined with the numerals "16," and also the letter "C" on one foot and on the other there is a brass band with two initials on the inside of the band.

The bird is thought to belong to some club in Portland or some coast city sent on a flight. Mr. Conley's address is Mohawk, Oregon.

### River is Very Low.

The Willamette river is very low here at the present time. Lee Goetschius, federal river observer in this community, reports it at a height of one and seven-tenths feet above low water mark. The rainfall this month has only been .02 of an inch, which is far from normal. There being no snow in the mountains it is thought that the river will go still lower. Unless heavy rains fall in the near future there will be still a greater reduction in the depth and water of the Willamette river here and in the other streams of the community.

### Receives Letter From Son.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ditto received a letter from their son Glenn, who enlisted in the truck drivers' division, L. M. C. He is now at Jacksonville, Florida, with lots of mosquitos and hot weather, but is feeling fine.

### LANE MEN ARE CALLED

Ten Men Are Chosen to Train at San Francisco School.

Ten Lane county men who are called in the last draft have been chosen to train at the San Francisco school of mechanical arts July 1. The men are to report at the office of the county clerk, Stacy Russell, June 29 at 4 p. m., and entrain for San Francisco, where they will get orders to leave the next morning at 4:30 a. m. The trades that will be taught these men are blacksmithing, auto driving, gas engine work, carpentering and plumbing. Among those chosen were Leland Emmett Parsons and Jack Stone Gorrie, both of this city.

## Fake Soldier Is in Country

People Are Warned to Look Out for Imposter Who is Raising Money Dishonestly.

There are all kinds of fakirs in the world, but perhaps the worst yet is the man who has been obtaining money with the help of the United States uniform. The officers in this locality have been notified of him from Sheriff William B. Walker, of Weiser, Idaho. The man is wanted for obtaining money under false pretenses from the Red Cross. He has plenty of money, but is trying to get all he can at the game. He also solicits young girls, saying that he is broke and must get back to duty. This man may change his name but will probably keep at his game. He is described as being rather a young man wearing a soldier's uniform and gives his name as James J. Murphy. He claims to be on a furlough from the 31st engineers, stationed at Fort Douglas, Utah. He is an imposter and is not a member of the United States army. He wears khaki uniform, is about twenty-three years old, height about five feet six inches, weight about 150 pounds, brown hair and eyes, rather a long face and a very prominent chin, body long and legs rather short.

### Home From Navy.

Forrest Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reed of this city, arrived home last Friday noon for a short visit with his friends and relatives. He has been in the navy for a year on a transport in New York. Mr. Reed just got an eighteen day furlough, but the trip home and back limits his time home to three days, and he had to leave here last Monday for New York.

### BENEFIT CIRCUS COMING

Springfield Will Raise Money for the Red Cross.

On Saturday night there will be a regular circus. Parade, side shows and a loud time in general all over the city for the benefit of the Red Cross. The side shows and program will be in the old garage at the corner of Mill and Main. One of the chief events of the show will be the big parade on Main street which will form at 7:30 and march the length of Main street. Clowns and all sorts of gaily dressed people are promised and it is said that it will be the funniest parade ever held in Springfield. A real band will lead the parade.

Those in charge of the affair are Mrs. Percy Tyson, Mrs. Silas Gay, Mrs. D. W. Roof, Mrs. N. L. Howard, Miss Edna Swartz and Miss Florence Coffin.

### Man Injures Eye.

Morgan Workman of Mabel had his eye injured in the mill at Mabel last Saturday. It is thought that he will lose the sight of his eye and will be totally blind, having lost the sight of his other eye in a similar accident two years ago in the mill there.

is Recovering From Operation. Mr. J. Cox, who is recovering from his operation in Portland, is much better, but it will be some time before he will be able to return home.

## DRAFTED MEN FROM LANE COUNTY LEFT LAST MONDAY A. M.

Leave for Camp Lewis Where They Will Receive Military Training.

### LIEUTENANT LAIRD SPEAKS

Many Bid Them Good-bye at Train; Some Young Brides Are Left Behind; One Man Late.

The largest number of drafted men to be sent from Lane county was sent from Eugene last Monday forenoon, where a great crowd had gathered to see them off. Ninety-five men left. Some of them left brides of a few days, mothers and sisters. Many realized that perhaps that this would be the last time that they would see their husband, son or brother, as there will be few furloughs from now on.

The men gathered at the armory at 3 o'clock and after roll call marched to the station. The leader, Charles Preston Hart, was appointed, and it was his duty to see that the boys did not stray away until it was time to entrain. When the train was ready to start all but one man was present. It was John King, and he did not arrive until three hours after the train had pulled out for Camp Lewis. He came in on the Coos Bay train and left immediately for the north. He had not gotten his instructions to report until it was too late to take the train for Eugene last Sunday and had to remain there another day.

Lieutenant Laird of the national army, and who is ill and has to be at home at Pleasant Hill, spoke to the men during the half hour before the departure of the Roseburg local on the army and what they were to expect. He gave them some very valuable advice and notes on what was expected of them.

Those of this community who were called in the draft were: Elmer Marvin, Mabel; Frank Joseph Emmerich, Waltherville; Robert Samuel Cox, Mabel; William Howard, Wendling; William Franklin Ware, Springfield; Robert Coaster Reeding, Springfield; Arley Edward Saxley, Springfield; Roe Chester Stevens, Springfield; John Howard Volgamore, Marcola; Roy Adams, Coburg; Frank Everett Miller, Landau; Boyce Appleby Young, Wendling; George Gibson, Fall Creek; Guy Cassill, Springfield; Melvin Andrew Renfro, Winberry; Andrew W. Goddard, Springfield; Merle Beeson, Coburg; and Percy Robert Rossman, Waltherville. Substitutes were Elmer E. Mason, Jasper, and Robert Franklin Stephens. The latter was taken.

### County Charge Dies.

Mrs. Jennie Parmenter, a county patient, died last Friday morning at the Springfield hospital. She was 70 years old and formerly lived near Cottage Grove. The funeral was held from the Walker chapel last Saturday. Mrs. Parmenter was not known at Springfield.

### Complaint Made About Picketing Cows

There has been much complaint of late concerning the putting of cows out to feed and letting them reach the sidewalk. If the owners would picket them so that they could not get on the walks nothing would be said about allowing them to be put out.

### Broke Bones in Leg.

Mrs. E. V. Sneed fell from a ladder while picking cherries last Monday and broke both of the bones in her right leg. She fell about ten feet.

### Conducting Services at Junction City.

Rev. Howard Fagan is now conducting services at Junction City, having discontinued the services at the Christian Church last week.