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CIRCUS GIVEN LAST SATURDAY NIGHT FOR RED CROSS

Benefit Proves to Be Huge Success for Springfield Auxiliary Funds

STORES CLOSE AT 9 P. M.

Big Parade and Show Draws Crowd Which is Pleased by the Program Given

For the first time in years Springfield saw a real honest to goodness circus last Saturday night for the benefit of the Red Cross. A few minutes past eight the big parade marched through Main street headed by the band. After the parade the main show was held in the old garage at the corner of Mill and Main. This consisted of a main show and various side-shows and the band which played at one side of the main room.

A few minutes past eight the parade headed by the band and followed by the Goddess of Liberty and Uncle Sam standing aloft in a car, there were Red Cross nurses and clowns galore. The Gypsy fortune teller was Mrs. Van Valzah. That awful Russian bear is beyond description and was indeed the most ferocious thing that has ever been seen in this town for a long time. Miss Ethel Kingswell had a very charming little patriotic float, with a group of little children beneath a canopy of the national colors and drawn by Miss Kingswell's Shetland pony. Then there was the darky with the stolen chicken. Earl Moore made the finest darky that anyone ever saw and his little colt did look like a zebra all painted up in stripes. The W. S. S. was well spoken for by two people in the parade. They rode in an old hack which was nearly in pieces and when viewed from the rear the following sign was seen, "We wuz goin' ter by a outermobil but we bot war savin stamps insted." Little Mary Elizabeth Whitney was the most industrious knitter anyone can imagine. She made the sweetest little old lady for anything. The way she looked over her extra sized spectacles and that mammoth ball of yarn held the attention of all. Bill Hill was the dullest dude that has ever seen in this community and Harold Peery the blackest nigger in the world with the biggest nose on earth. There were niggers galore and Jerry Van Valzah the real one you ever saw. Edessa Cox made the most picturesque little Mother Goose in all the world. With her hand of little fairy children and her Mother Goose gown it looked like she had just stepped out of a fairy tale book for our special benefit. Springfield Sipleton Band made a hit, such a bunch of nuts was enough to make one anywhere. It was sure some band and some lookers. "The Latest Styles From Eugene," such plumes, such wonderful gowns and what a beautiful and mammoth lorgnette one woman carried. There were even musical Hawaiians in their dresses of raffia and brilliant cloth and playing their ukuleles. Jerry helped to push the Sutton Transfer with a broom that had seen better days and inside they had an organ which rendered music words cannot describe.

After the parade the big show in the old garage was held. Harold Peery called your attention to the fact that you could get in for the sum of ten cents and before you went in you were confronted by and ice-cream stand where you could get an ice cream cone for five cents and you got one to be a good sport. Inside you found yourself in a mass of people and on one side the band was playing noisy songs of the day while on the other side was the entrance to the snake charmer. Mrs. Zella Cantrell was some snake charmer and those were just awful snakes two great big poisonous things that sent the chills up and down your

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A. C. DIXON RESIGNS OFFICE

F. M. Wilkins is Now Food Administrator of Lane County

F. M. Wilkins has succeeded A. C. Dixon as the Lane County food administrator, having been appointed by W. A. Ayer, state food administrator after A. C. Dixon had handed in his resignation.

Mr. Dixon who is manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, says that his duties at the lumber office are so pressing that he will be unable to give the time to the food administration work that he would like to have for the work. Mr. Wilkins is a retired business man of Eugene and will be able to give practically all of his time to his work.

Horse Races to Be Held

Those who enjoy horse races will be pleased to know that there will be racing at the fair grounds in Eugene at the celebration. The committee has prepared a good program to be held at the county fair grounds at 2:30 o'clock. The following well known horses will take part in the trotting, pacing and running races: Jimmie Lee, Bell Tangent, Grandad Hal, Topsy Peery, Bullywell, Storm-Lovelace, Carrie Lovelace, Jerry Russell, Judia Neal. The event promises to be in good hands and those who enjoy that kind of sport can spend a good couple of hours there.

Men Leave Eugene For Army Camp

Sixteen Called in the Draft Left Last Saturday for Vancouver

Sixteen men left Eugene last Sunday to be inducted into the army and next Saturday 68 more will leave for camp. The following men were chosen by the draft board to go to Vancouver Barracks, Washington for limited service, they being unqualified in certain physical ways for general military service. Those from this community were: Herbert Calvin Adams, Wendling; and Adna H. Signor, Springfield. Those who will go to Fort McDowell, California on Saturday from this community are: Henry Earl Powell, Loran; Alfred Ernest Elmer, Wendling; Robert Samuel Cox, Mabel; John B. Walsh, Jasper; James Weaver Cole, Springfield; Dale Beeson, Coburg; Henry Stewart Schade, Walton; Vitek J. Juha, Elmira; Norris Orlo Nettleton, Springfield; LeRoy Admiral Irvin, Springfield; Virgil Nowrader, Leaburg; Frank Lesta Smith, Goshen; Jasper William Dial, Marcola; Fred Lee Whitsett, Goshen; Rudolph Reichenbach, Marcola; Substitutes: William Floyd Webb, Dexter; and Victor Carlton Davis, Walton.

Dr. Pollard Home

Dr. W. H. Pollard returned home on a ten days furlough, last Monday evening from Fort Riley, Kansas where he has been stationed. He is enroute to Camp Lewis, American Lake, Washington from Fort Riley now. He will remain here with his family during his leave. The doctor is indeed glad to be back on the coast and is well pleased with his new location. He left here several months ago with the medical corps detailed from Portland. Dr. Pollard has been a local doctor for many years in Springfield.

Springfield Editor Leaves

John C. Dimm who has been editor of the Springfield News the local paper since 1916 has gone to Oregon City where he is in charge of the Banner, the paper in this city. Mrs. Dimm and John Dimm, Jr. will leave in a few days for Oregon City where John will work on the paper also.

Ferrol Perkins Sends Paper

Ferrol Perkins, formerly a Springfield boy, who is now in France sent a paper from France which has just been received here by C. E. Wheaton and was dated May 31 when printed. It is called, "Stars and Stripes" and is made up of material from the American boys such as poems and articles written by them and cartoons.

LANE COUNTY TO HOLD CELEBRATION

Greatest Birthday Ever Known To the Nation Will Be Observed Today

Springfield will join in the big Lane County celebration to be held at Eugene this year instead of having a celebration here as most of the people would very likely go to Eugene anyway.

The big feature parade will be held at 10:30. Every organization will be required to be in line no later than 10 o'clock and the parade will move promptly at 10:30. The parade was made up by W. W. Branstetter and he announces that the parade will pass through Willamette street only while it is in the down town district, and is will march to the University field out 13th street, where the different companies will hold their competitive drill.

The order of the parade will be: Grand marshal and staff; Governor's escort of deputy sheriffs; Governor James Withycombe and aides; Colonel John Leader and staff; Municipal band; University of Oregon summer school companies.

Major Ray Babb and staff; State Militia battalion; Lane county home guard; Joan of Arc; Company of United States minute men.

Lane County men called to colors; City officials; County officials; Salem Cherrian band; Goddess of Liberty; Red Cross; Uncle Sam; Grand Army; Republic; Columbia; Relief corps and Ladies of G. A. R.; General Lawton Camp United Spanish War Veterans; Goddess of Justice; Floats; Citizens.

Lieutenant John Bell will serve as a special aide to Governor James Withycombe during his presence in the city.

The program for the day has been made out and is as follows:

- Sunrise—13 guns
- 10:00—Selected patriotic music along Willamette street
- 10:30—Grand patriotic parade
- 11:00—Military review by Governor Withycombe and staff on Kincaid field
- 11:30—Competitive military drills on Kincaid field
- 2:00—Patriotic exercises at courthouse square
 - (a) Band selection
 - (b) "Declaration of Independence," J. S. Medley.
 - (c) Liberty chorus and band accompaniment.
 - (d) "Tribute to the Service Flag," E. J. Adams.
 - (e) Band selection.
- 2:30 Patriotic address, Hon. C. M. Thomas.
- Liberty chorus and band.
- 4:00 to 5:00 Band concert.
- 7:00 to 8:30 Liberty chorus and band selections (mass band).

Entertainment and Sports July 3.

- 8:00 Dancing at the Armory, July 4.
- 3:00 Free base ball game at University field, Cottage Grove vs. Mabel.
- 3:00 Horse racing at the fair grounds
- 8:30 Grand march at the Armory led by Governor Withycombe.
- Dancing all afternoon and evening at Armory.
- Prizes will go offered by the committee for the best decorated automobiles along patriotic lines in the parade. The first prize will be \$25 the second \$15 and the third will be \$5. The committee asks the owners of cars to have all the cars decorated that are going to be in the parade whether they are to compete for a prize or not.

RAY BALLY LIKES THE ARMY LIFE

Former Local Boy is in the Intense Heat of North Carolina at Camp Green

The following letter was received from Ray Bally, better known as Bing among the high school students and young people here. He is in the aviation service of the United States now and is at Camp Green in North Carolina. He joined about a year ago and until recently has been in Texas with the 23rd squadron. Bing was very well known here having been raised here and an honor student of the graduating class this June, and received a diploma with his class mates.

Charlotte, N. C. June 14, 1918.

Dear Mother; I received your letter yesterday and was going to write to you last night but we had such an electric storm that it put the lights out and as we are allowed to use other lights than electric, we were left lightless and consequently I could not write then. Believe me there was some storm. The rain came down in carloads, it was the hardest rain I ever saw, by far.

The army is a mighty good place for a fellow. It teaches him to obey and be clean, for we have inspection of tents every morning and inspection of person every Sunday. If a man is caught with one button (and there sure are a lot of buttons on a uniform) unbuttoned, well he is liable to suffer K. P. or confinement to his company street for a while. Believe me they are strict but it is the making of a man. When a man associates with officers (as in my position) gets out of the army he would make a good butler because he is so used to saluting and saying "No sir" and "Yes sir." I think that I will try the profession when I get out of the army.

This camp is very strictly guarded now. The other day kids were selling pies here in camp and come to find out the pies were poisoned and several men were very sick. I ate one but I guess I was lucky enough to get a good one. I'm going to be careful what I eat from now on. They had ground glass and poison in them. Now no civilian can come into camp without a pass. There are sure a lot of German spies in the East. They don't care how they get rid of the enemy's soldiers. They ought to shoot every spy they catch and it would be a lesson to the others.

So you think it is hot here. Well I never saw it the least bit warm in Oregon compared with here. It is so hot here that sometimes I think that I am surely going to melt. Gee there are a lot of niggers here. They haven't any rights here at all. They take off their hats and get clear off the walk in the road to let you pass. One thinks he is a king to walk through a bunch of darkies from the way they act.

So Fischer's mill burned down. Did some one set it afire? There is a lot of that going on now to keep the mills from putting out lumber.

I have the papers you sent and I have read every word of the News and there seems to be a lot of news in the Springfield paper this week, and Jean the reporter too.

This intense heat has taken some of the fat off of me but I still weigh 160 at that and am all muscle. When I joined I joined I weighed only 134 and the most I ever weighed before was 143. Oh army life sure make a man of me.

Love to you and Joe,
Your son,
RAY.

Flour Back on 50-50 Basis

After July 5 wheat flour may be sold in this state on the 50-50 basis, according to a letter received by the county food administrator. An equal amount of wheat flour may be bought with the substitutes.

TAXES FOR 1917 TURNED IN

Collection of First Half is About Finished

The last half of the 1917 taxes was probably turned in by Sheriff Elkins last week to County Treasurer Taylor. No more is expected to be turned over until the fall collections begin. The amount collected is divided into the following:

State and County	\$6,698.01
Cities	2,997.75
School districts	2,541.39
Union school districts	94.32
Road districts	511.48
Port of Sluslaw	207.20
Forest fire patrol	34.91
Total	\$13,985.12

Oakridge Will Celebrate

Oakridge will have a Fourth of July celebration this year and proceeds of the day will go to the Red Cross. Present plans for the day consists of a parade in the morning followed by a basket dinner at the noon hour. The baskets are to be decorated and auctioned off for the Red Cross. After the basket dinner there will be a program. The evening entertainment will be in form of a dance at the McCredie Hot Springs. It is hoped by the committee in charge that the affair will swell the Red Cross budget.

Local Rifle Club Able to Get Guns

Club Organized Last March May Get Krag-Jorgensen Rifles and Ammunition Soon

Prof. R. L. Kirk, secretary of the local Rifle Club organized last March, has just been notified by the Secretary of the National Rifle Association that Krag-Jorgensen rifles and ammunition will be issued to the local club at an early date.

The government will loan one Krag rifle to each five members of the club and also loan two 22 cal. muskets for general club use. Each member of the club will be given 120 rounds of Krag ammunition and 200 rounds of 22 cal ammunition. This ammunition is the gift of the government.

The local club now has 55 members and requisitions are now being forwarded for arms and ammunition for that number.

Members of the club who have not paid the annual fee are requested to see Mr. Kirk at once that their names may be included in the requisition.

Red Cross Auxiliaries to Appear

At least 40 cars representing different auxiliaries of the Red Cross of Lane County will appear in the parade to be held at Eugene the Fourth of July. The first car will be the directors of the Lane County Red Cross and the remaining will represent different auxiliaries. There are over 90 auxiliaries in this county, but some are so far away that it will be impossible for them to be represented. The only decoration on the cars will be the name of the auxiliary on a banner on the wind shield. The occupants of the cars will be in Red Cross costumes.

Elmira to Celebrate

The people of Elmira and Veneta will celebrate the Fourth this year together at Elmira. It is to be given under the auspices of the Elmira grange and is for those who do not care to come to Eugene, where the only big celebration in the county is to be held. The music is to be furnished by M. L. Glass orchestra and prizes will be offered in the different athletic and other contests. There is to be a good program consisting of a flag drill, races, recitations and a base-ball game. Attorney Howard M. Brownell of Eugene will be the orator of the day.

Bounties Are Given

Bounties this week were given to Earl Neet of Fall Creek, on 28 diggers Alda Brasfield, of Springfield on two gophers and four moles.

PROF. DUNN OF THE U. OF O. SPEAKS IN TOWN FOR W. S. S.

Speech is for Continuation of Purchase of War Saving Stamps Here

LITTLE MAJOR SINGS

Speaker is Introduced by B. A. Washburne; Donal Caswell of Eugene Sings Patriotic Songs

Last Friday night, Professor Dunn of the University of Oregon gave a short speech on the War Saving Stamp question at the corner of Main and 4th streets to the people of Springfield. He was introduced by B. A. Washburne, a citizen of this city and Donal Caswell, called the Little Major, was introduced and sang a song to the tune of The Battle Cry of Freedom with words written by Professor Dunn.

Professor Dunn gave a very short talk on the reason why we should buy war saving stamps and what they meant to us. "Thursday morning will be celebrated the birthday of the nation. There has never been one before that will be like the one that we are to celebrate this year. Always before we have celebrated alone but this year there will be at least three crowned heads and one foreign president that will celebrate over the sea the birthday of our nation.

"It is the custom of the ships when passing Washington's tomb to ring the bells of the ship and for the band to play America no matter what song they have been playing. That is to show patriotism and love of the father of the land. A few years ago we entered in this great war and since that our patriotism has meant a great deal more to us than ever before. We honor the father of our country and the country that does not honor its father will not live long.

"Because you cannot go into the army do not think that you are not at war. Do what you can do and what you may do and the biggest of these things now is to buy War Savings Stamps. We don't like the word taxation. How different to buy these stamps from being taxed. We give what we can afford and not have it demanded. Not giving either but lending and we receive it back with its fruitage. This system has been long used in France under a different name. Instead of being kept this money will be distributed.

"The very poorest can give this way gradually until soon their amount will be equivalent to a bond. Don't be discouraged if you don't get your quota. Don't judge by the past but go on until we get to Berlin."

The Little Major sang another song, and a short talk was given by B. A. Washburne. "We have not reached our quota but we will keep on until we do. Springfield has never been a slacker and never will be.

Do Not Hoard Sugar

We are allowed an extra amount of sugar now for canning purposes. Do not let this privilege tempt you to do wrong. Do not hoard sugar but buy it as you need it and keep your canning supply separate from your table supply, keep the latter strictly within the three pound per person limit, or even cutting down this limit if you can.

Mill is Being Rebuilt

The Fischer Bros. mill in the woods above Marcola which was totally destroyed by fire a few weeks ago is being rebuilt. The mill will be some what larger than it was before and will be on a better scale than before. Before it was destroyed it had the record of having run the steadiest and longest of any mill in the country.