

# THE SPRINGFIELD NEWS

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## ALUMNI RECEPTION TO THE CLASS OF 1919

The Alumni gave a reception to the class of 1919 at Stevens Hall Tuesday evening, the hall being beautifully decorated for the occasion in ivy and pink roses, and the lights shaded with pink crepe paper.

The entertainment committee, composed of Edna Platt, Kate Lansbery and Lucile Smith, planned some lively games which were thoroughly enjoyed by the guests. Light refreshments were served.

Officers of the Alumni Association were elected for the coming year as follows: President, Bill Hill; vice-president, Frances Travis; secretary and treasurer, Anne Gorrie.

Those present were: Seniors—Clarence Kester, Ferno Travis, Ivan Male, Odin Olson, David Bidwell, Maude Gorrie Vera Senseney, Elbe Signor, James Lewis and Harold Wynd.

Alumni—Walter Bailey, Myrtle Copenhaver, Ida Larson, Grace Male, Lena Brewer, Ruth Scott, Margaret Gorrie, Bob VanValzah, Edna Platt, Frances Travis, Louis Grandy, Jerry VanValzah, Kate Lansbery, Gladys Leplog, Ruth Lansbery, Lucile Smith, Bill Hill, Edna Duryee and Nellie Copenhaver.

## CHILDREN'S DAY EXERCISES AT METHODIST CHURCH

A patriotic pageant will be the feature of the Children's Day exercises to be held at the Methodist church next Sunday. About 20 children will take part, and all will be dressed in appropriate costumes. Some will represent the allied nations, and others flower girls, etc.

The exercises will begin at 11 o'clock, and will take the place of regular service. The public is invited to attend.

## SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL NEWS

J. C. Phelps, of Creswell, was admitted Monday.

Lester Irwin, of Douglas Gardens, was admitted Wednesday.

The Hallin children are convalescent.

Sherman Simpson, an aged man of Junction City, who was admitted for treatment about six months ago, passed away Saturday. He had no known relatives and was buried here.

Dr. Emery has received word from his adopted soldier, George Chase, who has been in France 18 months, stating he was about to leave for the United States and would arrive home in about three weeks.

## STRAHORN SAYS NATRON CUT-OFF MAY WAIT

The following dispatch is taken from the Oregonian of this date:

**KLAMATH FALLS, Or., June 19.**—(Special.)—There is very little chance for the completion of the Natron cut-off to Springfield, or any other railroad construction in the neighborhood of Klamath Falls in the near future, except the Strahorn railroad, which the people are assisting to finance, says Robert E. Strahorn, who left recently for Portland, after a brief business visit here.

There has been much agitation over the building of the Natron cutoff, which would place Klamath Falls on the main line of the Southern Pacific between Portland and San Francisco, but Mr. Strahorn says that this work at present would mean an outlay of \$25,000,000, with little new territory opened up to justify the construction.

Mr. Strahorn is going ahead with his plans for the building of his line north to Sprague river from Dairy, this year, trusting that the city will do its part promised when the road was launched.

Mrs. W. R. Hamilton, of Portland, was in town on business Friday.

## DO YOU ENJOY LIFE.

A man in good physical condition is always certain to enjoy life, while the bilious and dyspeptic are despondent, do not enjoy their meals and feel miserable a good share of the time. This ill feeling is nearly always unnecessary. A few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets to tone up the stomach, improve the digestion and regulate the bowels is all that is needed. Try it.

## JOHN ASHWORTH'S DEATH CONFIRMED

Mrs. N. A. Ashworth received a telegram Tuesday confirming her son's death and burial in France. Until this time several reports had reached the family concerning the young man, but none were considered final until Tuesday's message was received.

Mr. Ashworth was a member of the Marines, having enlisted in the early months of the war. He was wounded last June, and was at that time reported missing in action, but this was contradicted later when he was found wounded on the battlefield.

Another son, Ray, who has been with the hospital corps, San Francisco, has been discharged from the service and is expected to arrive home next week.

## LOCAL 4 L'S ORGANIZE BAND FOR SPRINGFIELD

The local lodge Loyal Legion Loggers and Linemen have organized a band which will take part in the celebration of the order at Eugene July 4 and 5.

About 20 members have been secured, among whom are several well known musicians. Albert Perfect has been engaged as leader, and the first practice was held Thursday evening. The organization will be permanent and Springfield will soon have band concerts every week.

## ODD FELLOWS GIVE FRED WALKER BIG RECEPTION

About 200 Rebekahs and Odd Fellows attended the reception in the I. O. O. F. hall Wednesday night in honor of Fred Walker, Past Grand Master of the State of Oregon.

The usual lodge session which opened early was hurried through in order to finish in good time. The doors were then thrown open and open house declared.

In the opening address, M. C. Bressler, Noble Grand of the local chapter, emphasized the fact that Springfield, and the Springfield chapter, is proud to have a Past Grand Master in her midst, and one that she can say rightfully belongs to her, for the Past Grand Master, Fred Walker, was initiated here, and his name has been on the books ever since. His father, the late Albert Walker, was one of the charter members, and helped to organize the first lodge in this neighborhood.

In the response, Mr. Walker gave reasons for being an Odd Fellow, what it is, what it stands for, what it has accomplished, and of the pleasure, as well as the benefit derived.

Dr. J. E. Richmond of Eugene, formerly of Springfield told in a brief summary of the work carried on by the Past Grand Master and some of the things accomplished under his leadership.

Other numbers on the program were vocal solos by Mrs. Richmond; instrumental selections by Miss Jaunita Barnes; vocal solo by Joy Walker, and song by the audience, Auld Lang Syne.

At the banquet which followed the program, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves in real Odd Fellowship, and who wouldn't in front of a feed such as only the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs know how to prepare?

Mr. Bressler acted as toastmaster and called upon Mr. Bond, one of the oldest members in this part of the state and author of the song "100 Years of Odd Fellowship"; S. L. McBea, who has worn the three links for the past 28 years; Mrs. Richmond, Noble Grand of the Rebekahs; Herbert Walker, brother to the Past Grand Master; Mrs. Fred Walker; and Mrs. S. A. Walker, mother of the Past Grand Master.

A Mr. Zimmerman, of Eugene drove over for the meeting, and while enjoying the time of his life someone took his car and had a joy ride, leaving it in the north part of town where it was found and returned Thursday morning.

F. E. Churchill, professor of music, of Salem, came down for the reception, returning home Thursday.

A Mr. Bryan and family are moving into the apartment recently vacated by Walter Wilmot and wife over the Bell Theatre.

## HOW TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY AND US

People both in the towns and rural districts can help us out wonderfully in the way of printing a live newspaper by either phoning, dropping a note or telling someone connected with The News the happenings in their districts. Here is what E. W. Allen, head of the department of journalism of the University of Oregon says:

"It is not enough for a live community that advertising should be correctly used to promote general prosperity. The home newspaper is a social and intellectual thing as well as a medium of business. One can not serve the community better than by seeing that interesting items get to the editor."

"The editor is no mind reader. Call him up and tell him. To do so is the neighborly thing, the kind-hearted thing—a courtesy not to the publisher alone but to everyone in the district who might be interested in your little item."

"If you can once get all your people in the way of voluntarily pouring these interesting scraps of news into the weekly paper you will add immensely to the general friendliness of the community. You will be helping to make your town the kind of place where people want to stay and to which former residents want to come back."

"So try to get ideas into the paper. Write a little for it once in a while. Don't let the editor do all the thinking for the town. If you publish ideas you will start others to think and thus raise by just so much the general level of intelligence."

"Encourage the home paper to be a business, social and intellectual center of the community. It will richly repay."

## SPRINGFIELD IRRIGATION JUBILEE IS BIG SUCCESS DESPITE RAIN

Springfield has proven her ability to pull off a real celebration, even if Old Man Heaven did try his best to disconcert the efforts of her citizens to provide a program full of entertainment for her guests.

The opening day program, which was set for Thursday morning at 10:30, the feature of which was a trip in automobiles to the headwaters of the Benham Irrigation company, near the city, where appropriate exercises were to be given to honor the turning of water into the newly constructed ditches which have recently been completed, was abandoned owing to the wet condition of the ground where the crowd would have been compelled to stand. Otherwise, however, the program for the day was carried out, although the rain interfered to some extent with the street sports and other amusements. The Arnold Show attractions were well liked, and these, together with the many concessions, did a big business all day. In the evening, owing to the poor condition of the floor in the open-air dancing pavilion, an impromptu dance was given in Stevens' Hall, which was taxed to capacity by a happy throng.

Friday morning the lowering skies continued threatening and at times heavy showers occurred, but during the afternoon the sun appeared, which put new life in the large crowd of visitors, and the streets were thronged with merry-makers. At 3 o'clock a program of addresses was held in the Bell Theatre, where after a well-played overture by the band, Mayor Morrison welcomed Springfield's visitors, and spoke of Springfield's interest in the new irrigation project which has been inaugurated in the valley. There have been several irrigation projects started in the valley before, said Mr. Morrison, but the promoters always wanted the farmer to put up all the money and take all the risk. The Benham project is an entirely different proposition, as it is being handled by men who are willing to spend their money in the enterprise until it is completed on the chance of being able to sell water to the land owner when he wants it.

Mr. Morrison then introduced Frank Jenkins, of Eugene, who said the Willamette valley's attitude toward irrigation had changed greatly in recent years, and cited the growth of clover and corn after predictions a dozen years ago that neither could be grown in this state. Similar development in irrigation, which formerly was scouted may be expected in the near future, he said. The Willamette valley, has a reasonably heavy rainfall for the entire season, but during the crop maturing months of June, July and August has less rainfall than Idaho, Colorado or even New Mexico.

L. C. Ables was then introduced. Mr. Ables has recently bought a farm close to Springfield for which he paid \$22,000. This tract will be irrigated

from the new project and is a tangible illustration of what an experienced farmer thinks of the possibilities of irrigation. Mr. Ables said he was more than pleased with the prospects of the valley in the vicinity of Springfield—in fact, thought it was the best part of the Willamette valley, and that the new irrigation project would make it the most productive and most talked of portion of the state. He said he liked Springfield and her people and would do everything in his power to boost the city and the irrigation project in particular.

The High School Glee Club then rendered a number which was so well liked, an encore was given.

Percy L. Cupper, state engineer, was the next speaker. He said, "It pleases me more than I can say to see the active interest that is manifest in the subject by the jubilee. Irrigation will double, on the average, the crops of Western Oregon, and greatly increased prosperity will follow irrigation development. The Willamette valley is ideally adapted by nature to irrigation development. The silt-laden rivers run almost flush with the level of the valley floor and taking out water for irrigation purposes is a comparatively inexpensive undertaking."

He predicted a rapid spread of artificial watering once its benefits are demonstrated.

"Farmer" C. L. Smith, agriculturist of the O. W. R. & N. Railroad company, was the next speaker introduced. Mr. Smith is well known for his congenial and confidence-inspiring smile and homely wit, and he drove home some hard knocks on the need for irrigation in Western Oregon. He said:

"The Willamette valley has deep, rich soil, abundant rainfall for nine months of the year and the finest climate in the world, but the trouble with your durned old climate is that it doesn't function to completion. You come up to June with the loveliest crop prospects on earth, and then the dry weather hits you and knocks you into a cocked hat."

"You're just like a relative of mine. He's the finest promise maker on earth, but in 30 years of hard work I haven't been able to make a farm-er out of him because he doesn't finish what he starts. That's the way with your climate. It starts a beautiful crop, and then it lies down on the moisture and doesn't finish it. You have lots of rain in the winter but lack the small amount needed to mature crops fully."

"Irrigation is the simplest thing in the world. What it is is a substitute for rainfall that is lacking and if you supply it and use it right you'll get abundant crops, just as you will if you have the right amount of rainfall. What you need to do in the Willamette valley is to remedy by irrigation your lack of summer rainfall, for given good soil, plenty of sunshine

and air and the right amount of water you are certain to have good crops if you use horse sense."

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At 1 o'clock the street sports were again resumed, and continued until the baseball game took place. About 4 o'clock the remaining airplanes were in sight, and after an interesting exhibition landed in the field which had been prepared for them. The crowd, which was immense, surged around the machines for some time while the mechanics went carefully over the wires, struts and other thingamajigs, to see that they were in perfect condition. After this had been accomplished the crowd was urged to give room so the machines could be started. This was soon accomplished and the birdmen rose gracefully from the ground and sailed away to the south bound for home.

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WINNERS OF PRIZES IN JUBILEE CONTESTS

**Fat Man's Race**  
First prize—Mr. Corn; second prize S. A. Hughes.

**50-Yard Dash**  
First prize—Leland Walker; second prize, Merton Bristow.

**Bicycle Race**  
First prize—Geo. Williams; second prize, Harry Hughes.

**Bicycle Race for Boys**  
First prize—Douglas Renne; second prize, Ralph Cline.

**Bicycle Race for Small Boys**  
First prize—Louis Steward; second prize, Kenneth Mulligan.

**Sack Race**  
First prize—Morton Bristow; second prize, Stewart Mitchell.

**Potato Race**  
First prize—Thomas Johnson; second prize, Art Spores.

**Boys' Race**  
First prize—Master Sutton; second prize, Thomas Johnson.

**Three-Legged Race**  
First prize—Estergard and Johnson; second prize, Johnson and Martin.

**Girls' Race**  
First prize—Viola Lee; second prize, Lucile Dilley.

**Baseball Game**  
The baseball game between the Springfield 4 L team and Cottage Grove, played Saturday, for a purse of \$15, was won by Cottage Grove. The game Sunday by the same teams, also resulted in a victory for Cottage Grove.

**Tug-of-War**  
The tug-of-war was one of the most interesting features of the contests Saturday afternoon. Each team consisted of 25 men. Harry Martin captained the Farmers' team, and Earl Dillard led the Mill Men. The contest was evenly divided for several minutes, but the superior leadership of the Farmers' team finally told, and the mill men went down to defeat. The prize for this contest was \$55.

Miss Bessie Palmer and Miss Amie Young, former teacher in the Springfield schools, have been visiting Miss Edna Swarts at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Swarts. They will return to Portland in a few days.

Salvation Army, June 22nd to 30th.

## TWO NEW MEMBERS ARE ELECTED ON SCHOOL BOARD

The annual school election was held Monday night in the High School building, and the following directors were elected:

For three year term M. W. Weber was elected to succeed B. A. Washburne.

C. E. Fischer was unanimously elected to fill the unexpired two-year term of Dr. J. E. Richmond, who recently moved to Eugene.

For the office of clerk, H. E. Walker won over J. E. Edwards. Mr. Walker served in the same capacity several years ago.

A total of 77 votes were cast.

Mr. Weber and Mr. Fischer both state they are in favor of reinstating the courses in manual training, domestic science and domestic art in the high school and grammar school grades. These courses, together with a few others were dropped by the present board as a matter of economy, but it is now felt the conditions are such that they can be taken up again probably next year.

## YOUNG PEOPLE CHARIVARI MR. AND MRS. "TED" LEAVITT

A number of young people gave Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Leavitt a very pleasant surprise, Monday evening in the form of a charivari. After a short repast of musical instruments such as cow bells, tin cans, carnival horns, tom toms, etc., the jolly merry-makers were invited inside where games and music occupied the time it took Ted to make a rush call on the nearest candy store. One of the main features of the evening was a contest between the mayor and Ted, who is pastor of the Christian church—Down on the floor pitching candy in the other's mouth.

## MARRIED

H. D. Neff, of Portland, and Miss Lulu Nye, of Springfield, were married at Albany June 14th, by the Rev. George H. Bennett, at the M. E. Church. Mrs. Neff is a Springfield girl and it came as a great surprise to her many friends and acquaintances. They will reside in Portland in the near future.

## DANCE IN OPEN-AIR PAVILION POSTPONED

The dance announced for Thursday evening in the open-air pavilion, has been postponed to Saturday evening, on account of the Elks dance in Eugene, given for the benefit of the Salvation Army drive.

Manager Clark announces the pavilion will be entirely covered by canvas Saturday night, nearly 4000 square feet, or 500 yards having been ordered which will arrive today.

## SALVATION ARMY DRIVE WILL BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY

Everything is in readiness for the Home Service Campaign of the Salvation Army in Oregon, to be conducted under the auspices of the Oregon State Elks association. The drive will open Sunday, June 23, and continue until June 30. The state quota is \$250,000, of which one-half, or \$125,000, is to be raised in Multnomah county and Portland.

The money which Oregon is asked to give to this organization is to be used exclusively in the work of the organization in this state. The army is not requesting any money for itself, but instead is seeking to obtain sufficient funds in this one drive to enable it to serve humanity for one year without making continual solicitation upon the public for funds every few months.

The son of F. A. Worley, Fifth and K streets met with a severe injury Sunday while watching the baseball game. A ball came his way, and while running to catch it, stumbled and fell, fracturing his arm at the elbow.

Mildred Ward, of Springfield spent the week-end with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ans. Ward, at Donna.

Among those from across the river who attended the celebration on Saturday were the Sanders, and Aubrey families.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Springfield Irrigation Jubilee Finance Committee wishes to thank the many merchants and others who contributed funds for the purpose of defraying the expense of the Jubilee, and who so loyally supported the committee in helping make it a success; also those who so generously gave their time in distributing publicity matter throughout surrounding towns.

C. E. SWARTS,  
Chairman.