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TEENAGE PROBLEM, CITY BUILDING FOR AUDITORIUM AND GYM ARE DISCUSSED

Meeting of Public Spirited Citizens Goes on Record in Favor of Prompt Action

About thirty-five of the business men and women and members of the American Legion and L. L. L. gathered Wednesday evening in Stevens hall under the auspices of the local chapter of the American Legion to discuss plans for a community building for Springfield. The meeting was opened by William Hill, president of Post No. 40, American Legion, after which the following statement was made:

The purpose of the meeting tonight has already been put before the people of Springfield. It was outlined at the union service last Sunday evening, also in our weekly paper. The American Legion has called the citizens of Springfield together to see if we cannot do this thing—erect this building, as a body. The future of our young people is a big factor and means much to us all. The late war was won, not by any particular body or organization, but by everybody, by co-operation and with that spirit here tonight, we can "do anything."

Regarding the building, we have no definite plans to lay before you. We want you to make them. Our idea was a building large enough to contain an auditorium to be used as a basketball hall, a rest room, reading room, club room for the older men and a gymnasium for the boys and those who wish to exercise in that way.

We understand A. C. Dixon of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company had a plan in mind, in conjunction with the 4 L's regarding something of this sort. We regret we did not know of this in time to have a committee call on him, as we are all 4 L's, and our interests are the same toward the community.

We would be glad to have the opinion of anyone interested, to have the subject discussed from all angles, and we think with a real get-together spirit it can be done.

Then followed a general discussion by many of those present, during which the need of a community building and gymnasium was clearly set forth.

Mr. Roth, through his close association with the youth, felt that there was a keen need for a good place in which the boys and girls could have wholesome amusement and exercise.

Russell Olson, president of the high school student body, expressed the desires of the student body that they be supplied with a gym.

City Superintendent of Schools F. B. Hamlin said he understood that in the event a community building was secured, it would be in the control of the city and that it was to have adequate athletic equipment, showers and games.

W. P. Tyson said that Mr. Dixon of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company had told Mr. Jarrett, superintendent of the mill, that the lumber concern would be willing to give financial aid to the enterprise. Mr. Jarrett was then called and made the statement that the Booth-Kelly company would be willing to match dollar for dollar with money put up by the citizens or city council for the maintenance and operation of a gymnasium or community building. He understood, however, that they desired the building to be in the nature of a Y. M. C. A. in conjunction with the L. L. L.

The chairman of the school board, Carl Fischer, urged that the city erect a building to provide for an auditorium, city offices, women's rest room, library and gymnasium, because he believed it was the duty of the city to care for this problem. He said that unless some such steps were taken soon, it would be necessary to erect a new school building and that he believed the people would not approve of a new school which did not provide for a gym and other needed features. Continuing, he suggested that some revenue could be secured from a building erected by

the city, also that considerable rent could be saved on the present city hall and library. Indications also point toward the need of a new building in the near future to house the city fire apparatus.

A motion was passed to have a committee of two from the 4 L's, two from the American Legion, and two from the citizens to wait on the city council and the Booth-Kelly company to learn what can be done toward securing a building for use as a gym.

Another motion was passed to instruct the committee to have definite reports on (1) a suitable building that can be leased for athletic purposes; and (2) prospects and plans for a building to be erected and all possible funds that might be secured for same.

A motion was passed to meet at the call of the chair when the committee is ready to report.

At the close of the meeting the following resolutions were passed:

"Whereas, there is an urgent need for a building suitable for use as a gymnasium, a library and reading room, and a game room, by the young people of Springfield;

"Therefore, be it resolved that it is the sense of this meeting that we are unanimously in favor of securing and equipping such a building at the earliest possible date."

A mass meeting will be held soon, at the call of the committee and American Legion. Watch for the announcement.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Nov. 10.—Gardiner—Umpqua timber company organized and capitalized for \$250,000.

The Dalles will install cluster lights on the main business streets and change the county poor farm into a county fair grounds.

Congressman Sinnott amended coal and oil land leasing bill by increasing appropriation for reclamation work from two to six millions.

Beaverton—Starch factory enlarging plant and accumulating potatoes. The industry failed last year from lack of labor to harvest potatoes.

Water to be put on 30,000 acres in southern Wasco county from Clear lake.

Roseburg has syndicate to build new tourist hotel.

Portland—Loggers and contractors machinery firm buys 17 acres to build large plant for manufacturing supplies for northwest.

With constructive public sentiment behind a utility program, money for extensions and betterments will be readily obtainable by these companies as rapidly as community needs require, for the investor will feel that his interests are safe.

Better highway from Harrisburg to Eugene is sought.

Gresham—Burns Lumber company to erect sawmill here.

Reedsport sawmills have payrolls of approximately \$1100 per day.

Reedsport river fishing industry will pay \$600,000 to its employes this year. Bend authorizes \$133,000 sewer extension.

Eugene—Fruit company installs new refrigerating rooms to care for increased business.

Eugene Fruit Growers association sell carload apple pulp, formerly considered of no value, to Missouri concern at \$60 per ton.

Every important town in central Oregon has a highway crew and progress on the main trunk highway from Bend to Burns is rapid.

Salmon pack from Grays Harbor to Rogue river 50 per cent short.

Portland-Hillsboro concrete highway completed by November 20.

Hood River apple pack estimated to be worth \$5,000,000.

Delay in settling things that have to do with peace is meaning not only suffering among men and women and children in European countries but disruption of our own foreign and domestic trade development.

SPRINGFIELD REPRESENTED AT TELEPHONE RATE HEARING

Judge E. O. Potter is in Portland attending the telephone rate hearing before the public service commission. This is an adjourned hearing and they are continuing the discussion and investigation of the present telephone rates. The commission has worked on this question for some time and it is now felt that a decision will be reached soon.

MASTER MASON'S DEGREE GIVEN

At a meeting held Tuesday evening by Liberty Lodge No. 171, A. F. and A. M., the Master Mason's degree was conferred on two candidates. Several visitors from Eugene Lodge No. 11, A. F. and A. M., were present. The session lasted from 4 to 11 p. m., with a recess during which a banquet was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

Tuesday evening two car loads of people from the Christian church drove out to Creswell to attend the revival meetings being conducted by Evangelist Stivers. Those going were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sidwell and Clinton Sidwell, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Leavitt, Earl Lepley, Gladys Lepley, Frances Travis, Emma Travis, Fern Travis, Myrtle Lloyd, Maurine Lombard and Jaunita Lombard.

About twenty-five of the high school alumni and their friends had an old fashioned "hard times" party in the Winzenreid hall Friday evening. Old fashioned games were played and a very novel feature of the entertainment was a mock trial. Refreshments consisting of cider and doughnuts were served at a late hour and the guests departed, feeling that these parties which bring together old time friends, are events that will be eagerly awaited each year.

PROTECTING COAST

LUMBER INDUSTRY

Another chapter in the famous Anson, Gilkey & Hurd case, involving rates on sash, doors and other finished wood products from the Pacific coast to eastern destinations is to be written at a formal hearing before the interstate commerce commission in Chicago, beginning Monday, November 10.

Postmaster Stewart was unable to find out the cause of the late arrival of the mail this morning, which arrived about ten o'clock.

MEMBERSHIP IN CHAMBER GROWS

Meeting for Permanent Organization to Be Held Next Tuesday Evening.

John E. Edwards, as secretary of the meeting held November 4 to arrange for the organization of a local commercial body, has now a signed membership roll nearing a half hundred, and this he expects to largely increase within the next few days by making a general canvass of the business section of the city.

The meeting to form a permanent organization and elect officers will be held in Stevens' hall next Tuesday evening, November 18, at 7:30 o'clock, when the committee appointed at the preliminary meeting will report on constitution, by-laws, and a name for the organization. The committee, it is reported, will recommend that the body be known as "The Springfield Chamber of Commerce."

PETITION CIRCULATED TO GIVE CLARK NEW TRIAL

A subscription paper with the view of helping Martin A. Clark to appeal his case to the supreme court if a new trial is not granted, is now at the pool hall of Clover & Cox where those who desire may sign it. It is stated that there are about 200 names now on the paper.

A union meeting of the churches was conducted last Sunday evening at the Methodist church under the auspices of the American Legion. The meeting was held to foster a community spirit between the churches and the American Legion and to advance the cause of a community building for Springfield and help solve the teenage problem.

In short snappy speeches the ministers from the three churches outlined the principles and aims of the American Legion and compared them with those of the churches. It was brought out that the Legion stands for freedom, equality, better educational and social conditions. They stand squarely for 100 per cent Americanism and for the protection of the home life of this country. The speakers gave evidence that both had much in common and that the church should extend the right hand of fellowship to the American Legion.

CITY ALLOWS SALARY INCREASES

Council Elects City Physician and Makes Modest Raise in Marshals' Salaries.

All members of the council were in attendance at the regular monthly meeting of that body Monday evening.

The matter of sidewalk construction was taken up by the council and after due consideration, the recorder was instructed to advertise for bids for the building of new sidewalks in front of property where owners have heretofore been notified to rebuild their walks and have failed to comply. The city's outlay for the construction of such sidewalks, together with costs of advertising, will be assessed to the abutting property.

The council decided that the office of city physician should be reestablished and Dr. Pollard was selected for the position.

The salary of William Donaldson, day marshal, whose duties also include the operating of the water wagon in the flushing of the city's paved streets, was raised from \$85 to \$105 per month, and Night Marshal Fred Hinson's remuneration was raised from \$80 per month to \$90.

It was voted by the council that the rent of the city hall, which has heretofore been paid by City Recorder Edwards, be in future paid out of city funds. The amount of the rental is now \$6 per month, which is to be raised to \$10 with the beginning of the new year.

The usual monthly bills for salaries and supplies were allowed.

Carl Fischer, chairman of the school board, appeared before the council and reported that complaint had been made to him of numerous small boys congregating at certain places in town and there learning to smoke and becoming addicted to the use of language detrimental to them as present small boys and future men. The council instructed the peace officers to investigate and take such action as their findings called for.

NELSON ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Lee Nelson, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Nelson of Coburg, accidentally shot himself while cleaning his gun last Sunday morning at his home on a farm near Coburg. He was taken immediately to the Mercy hospital at Eugene, where he died from loss of blood late Sunday night. Miss Dora Nelson who was employed in Springfield until recently is a sister of the deceased.

URGE USE OF NATIVE WESTERN MATERIALS

In making plans for bridge construction in western states it would be proper as far as possible to use timber construction.

In the first place nearly all western states have large timber supplies and enormous sums of capital invested in timber production.

It is a demonstrable fact that that wooden bridges can be built up to even several hundred feet in length cheaper than any other way. The trouble has not been taken to compare cost of construction and to properly protect wooden bridges after they are built.

Properly housed in, roofed over and kept painted they are permanent.

One western county has its own crew of bridge builders, and saves thousands of dollars annually to the taxpayer and builds permanently. Its wooden bridges are all housed and painted and such structures last fifty to one hundred years, and should be generally employed.

It is folly for the west to give up entirely the use of its native materials in bridge construction.

Portland gets a factory from St. Joseph, Mo., to make one-piece clothing.

McMinnville business men backing a fruit and vegetable cannery.

Stayton with large excelsior industry wants a mattress factory.

It's a Poor Rule That Don't Work Both Ways

