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FAMOUS BAND HERE SUNDAY

Fun and Music Specialists Will Put On Program—Please Order Good Weather.

The Marine Marines, a company of 60 marines carrying a band of 31 pieces, will give a concert in Springfield next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

If the weather is favorable the concert will be on Fourth and Main streets. In case of bad weather the marines will hold forth in the Majestic theatre. In any event admission is to be gratuitous and everyone is invited to the program.

It is planned by the officers of Company F, U. S. M. C., to be in Eugene Saturday and bring the band with them. A concert from the band, and a drill by the company will be given. The marines are to be at the new armory in Eugene at 1:30 p. m.

"This is the famous Marine Island Marine band and is noted as the best military band on the West Coast," says Sgt. 1st Class Marine recruiting officer at Eugene, who was instrumental in securing a concert for Springfield, and who knows some of the men in the troop.

Besides the band there are several feature entertainers, consisting of a quartet, saxophone quintet, a Jewish monologist, buglers, acrobats and comedians.

The purpose of the party is to aid publicity, to introduce the marine uniform to the public and allow the public to judge what sort of men the grand old corps has in its ranks.

"The marine corps is doing its best to turn out men at the close of their enlistment period, who are qualified to successfully meet life's battles," says Sgt. Berryman. "If the public understands this they will not discourage young men from entering the service. The Roving Marines are endeavoring to emphasize this point."

Lieutenant Elmer E. Hall, who is advance agent for the marines, was here the first of the week. He is a graduate of University of Oregon where he was well known as a football player. In 1917 he enlisted in the marine corps as a private, working his way to the grade of lieutenant.

The marines will give a street parade in Eugene Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Saturday and Sunday evenings they will put on entertainments and concerts in the armory. Although these are being advertised as smokers, it is said that no smoking will be allowed and nothing but clean amusements will be given. All ex-service men and everyone is invited to attend.

GASOLINE UP 2 CENTS GALLON

On Wednesday the price of gasoline was boosted 2 cents per gallon, now retailing at 28½ cents. This was announced by the Standard Oil district sales manager at Eugene, on telegraphic advice from the Standard Oil company of California.

All Standard Oil filling stations are selling at 28½ cents, while some garages sell at 28 cents.

The differential of 2½ cents per gallon against Oregon motorists, one cent of which is due to the state tax and the other 1½ cents to the antiquated state law requiring that all gasoline sold in the state must be of 56 specific gravity, still remains.

Creswell Has American Legion

A post of the American Legion was formed at Creswell Friday evening when about 30 charter members were signed. Temporary officers were elected.

LANE COUNTY REPRESENTED SALVATION ARMY BOARD

At a convention in Portland yesterday members of the advisory of the Salvation Army home service program for 1920. Lane county was represented by four members. The convention made business-like plans for extending the work of the Salvation Army beyond the larger cities to even the remotest rural district.

REBEKAH LODGE SECURES MANY NEW MEMBERS

New Candidates Initiated and Banquet Served Monday Night. Other Lodges Visit.

Twenty-three candidates were taken into the membership of the Rebekah lodge Monday night as the result of a special membership campaign conducted by that order which closed March 1. Thirty-one new members were secured in the campaign, the remaining five to be initiated at the meeting on the third Monday in April.

About 75 visitors from the Eugene lodges were present in addition to several from the branch at Marcola. Following the initiation a banquet was served to the members and guests.

The new members are:

[illegible] Mrs. William Beery, Mrs. Clay Parker, Frances Travis, [illegible], Inez Crawford, Mary [illegible], Chloe Wood, [illegible] Thomas, Edna Sawyer, [illegible] E. B. Reynolds, Amanda Barnes, [illegible] Ellen Grant, Beatrice Roberts, [illegible] Mrs. E. A. Woodley, [illegible] Joe Walker, J. V. [illegible], W. H. Clark and C. V. Clark.

Kessey Testifies in Portland

O. B. Kessey of the Commercial State bank was called to Portland Wednesday to testify in the case of Charles Edwards, alias E. L. Kelley, alias Roy George, who is charged with forging a check over Verdon May's name on the Commercial State bank of this city. At present it is unknown where he obtained the checks or information about Verdon May as Mr. May had been in Portland only about a week when the checks were passed on Portland merchants. May also states that he had not taken any blank checks with him to Portland. The checks were delivered to Portland. The fake checks were detected by the local bank and were not cashed.

War Risk Insurance Book Here

An interesting and comprehensive book on the government's war risk insurance has been received by the local American Legion. The book is a valuable guide and help for those who have the government insurance and for ex-service men who contemplate being reinstated. A number of copies have been received and those desiring can easily secure it of Fred Lemley, or H. B. Freeland at the News office.

WILL EX-SOLDIERS RETURN TO FARM

Local Grange to Discuss Important Question — New Lecturer Elected.

At the meeting of the Springfield grange Saturday the members held a general discussion on the bills that are to come before the voters at the primaries May 21. The value of silos on the farm also came in for some discussion.

Squire Innis was elected as lecturer for the ensuing year. One of the topics to be taken up at the next meeting of the grange will be "Are the soldiers who went to war from the farms going to return to the farm? If not, why not?"

The divorce problem will be taken up from the angle, "Are the married people between the ages of 25 to 30 living together happily and congenially?"

Auto Won't Run Without Gas

L. E. Danks, one of the popular employes of the Mt. States Power company recently bought a "baby" Overland. He started to take a spin in the country the other day, but had not gone far when the car suddenly halted. He looked everything over but could find nothing wrong. Soon W. C. McLagan, who has a reputation as a mechanic, happened along, but neither one could solve the difficulty. Finally L. A. Smith, father-in-law of Mr. McLagan drove up. Hearing their story he suggested they look at their gasoline tank. It was empty.

BAILEY MOVES TO CARLTON, ORE.

Makes Record as Student and Pastor—First Sermon Delivered at Age of 18.

Walter L. Bailey, pastor of the First Baptist church, was advised Monday by telegram that he had been elected to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Carlton, Oregon, which is about eight miles from McMinnville. The change will take place the first of the month.

The church at Carlton is considerably larger than the one over which Mr. Bailey now has charge. Quite recently a new church building has been completed.

For a year and a half Mr. Bailey has been pastor of the Springfield church. Previous to that he had charge for two years at Norwegian, which time he was instrumental in offering a successful church organization and later supervised the building of a church edifice there.

It is interesting to know that the church over which he at present has charge is the one in which he was converted when he was 13 years old. Later, the day before he was 18 years old, he preached his first sermon in the same church, and in 1917 was

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METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY IS ORGANIZED

Thank Offering on Sunday Morning $75—Men May Enroll as Honorary Members.

Mrs. Mary Bliss, national secretary for the Womens Home Missionary society of the Methodist church, is in Eugene and Springfield this week organizing home missionary circles among the women and girls.

At a meeting of the women Monday night at the Methodist parsonage a local branch of the society was organized and the following officers elected: President, Mrs. H. Bachelder; vice president, Mrs. L. May; secretary, Mrs. S. S. Potter; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. J. Reynolds; treasurer, Mrs. R. E. David; secretary for supplies for Old Peoples' Home at Salem, Mrs. Wm. Lindesmyr; secretary for Portland Industrial center, Mrs. Melvin Fenwick.

The Queen Esther circle, composed of girls of high school age, was organized at a meeting at the home of Mrs. Minnie Hoffman Tuesday night.

Seventy-five dollars was raised in the thank offering collection Sunday morning for the work of the society.

Mrs. Bliss, whose home was formerly in California, is devoting her entire time to the work of home missions. She is a great worker of anti-Mormonism. She is at present on a tour of the United States in the interests of the missionary society which she represents.

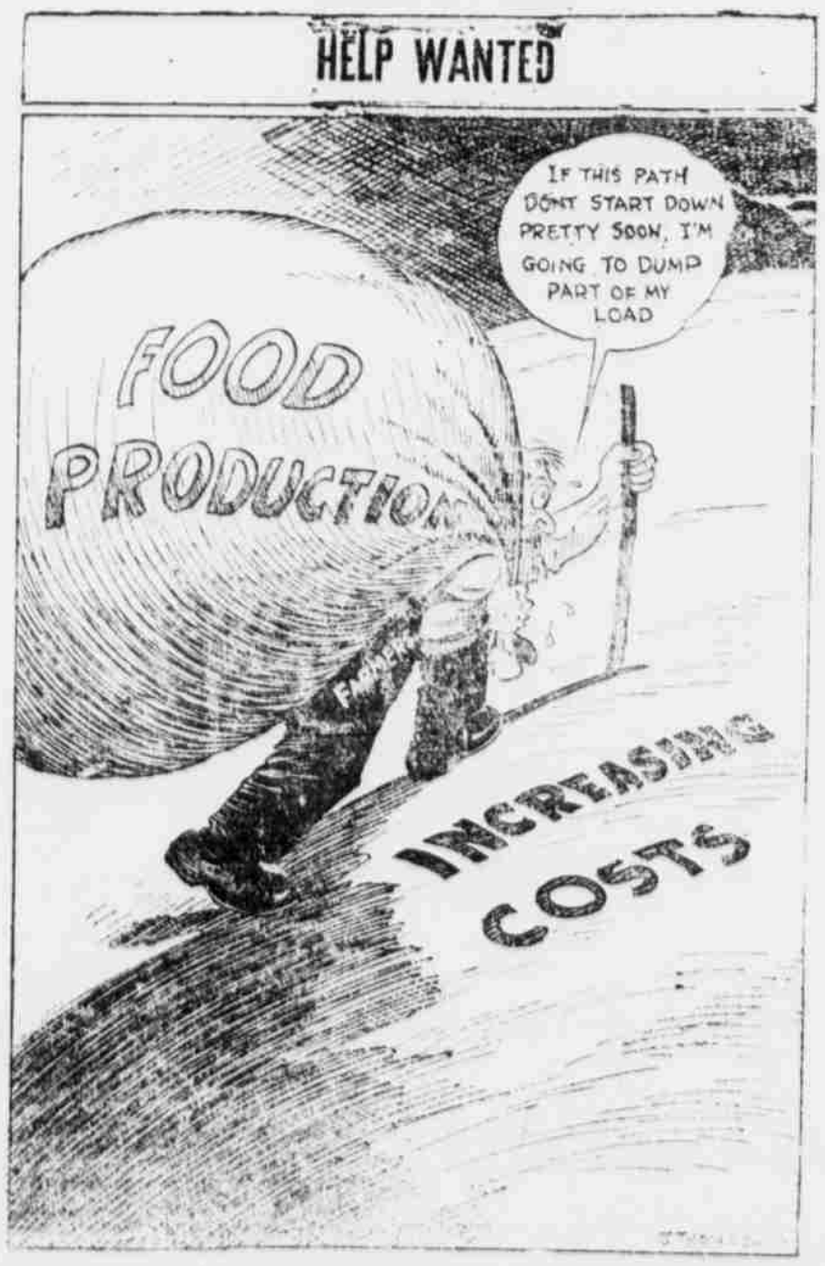
"FELIX'S OLE MOTERCYCLE"

By Our Printer's Devil.

Germany puts me in mind uv an ole mutercycle that hez bin rid to peeces; the wheels is looce, the connectin rods nocks, the pistins haz slap in them, the transmittion is on the blink, the clutch slips an the gas tank leeks. Prof. Kapp wuz tryin to run it on its reputation an he wuz doin' fairly well until Bill kizer sic'd his wild crew on him. Bill sez that this democratic government has played with the toy loni enuff an now its time for the "real" owner to play with it again.

Yes, I'll say Bill Kizer an hiz gang wuz wise, Oh, wunderus wize. He slid when the allies had jes cross't the boundry on Germany an terned his toy over to the new republic fellers an then waited fer things to settle down agin. The time hez come, U. S. is quarr'lin over the peece treaty an thinkin in political terms only, an while Prof. Kapp wuz ridin his new old toy (the mutercycle) down the world's hyway; Bill's crew wuz dashin' thru the trees on each side of the hyway an when the center of intresh wuz taken almost off of this contrapshun, by the I. W. W.'s and bulsheveeks in this country, which I'd say is some uv Bill's crew; then Bill an his gang grabbed this republic bunch an now the ole militaryism crowd is back agin.

Now its ours an the allies business to get busy an tell these square-heds where to head in at, peece treaty or no peece treaty because we didn't finish the job a couple years ago an we gotta finish it now. Bill an hiz kids is waitin' jes across the boundry in Holland, fer his ole crew to give the hy sign fer him to come back an if we don't look out our first fite will have bin all in vain an we'll have to do it over agin.



SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS GATHER

Delegates Will Study Important Religious Questions and Plan Work.

Representatives from every Sunday school in Lane county are expected to attend the convention to be held in this city at the Methodist church Friday. Each of the three local Sunday schools will be represented by two delegates. An all day session will be held, convening at 9:45 in the morning with the last session at 7:30 p. m.

Prominent Sunday school workers of the state are to be in attendance, among them being Dr. W. T. McElveen of Portland, who recently came to the west from New York, and Harold F. Humbert of Portland.

Following is the program:

9:45—Song service, led by Ted Goodwin; Scripture reading and prayer, Rev. C. E. Dunham, Eugene.

10:15—Address: "The Child in the Midst," Miss Georgia Parker, Portland.

10:45—Address: "A Church School Goal," Harold F. Humbert.

11:20—Special music.

11:25 — Keynote message: "The Task of Religious Education," Rev. W. M. Case, Eugene.

1:30—Divisional Conferences:

(1) Children's division workers: "Education Through Expression," by Miss Georgia Parker.

(2) Young people's division workers: "The Winning of Youth," Harold F. Humbert.

2:45—Convention assembly.

3:00—Symposium: "The Best Thing Our Sunday School Has Done This Year," delegates.

3:30—"What the Lane County Sunday School Association Can Accomplish."

Reports of officers, and election of officers.

7:30—Song service; "Religious Education and the New Age," Harold F. Humbert; "The Challenge of Youth"

BONDS VS. TAX SYSTEM EXPLAINED

(By FRED FISK)

"Just to the extent that the citizens of a community take an active interest in the public and civic problems which confront them will that community proper and advance."

One great problem confronting the people of Lane county today is the road problem. I shall not herein waste time and space on the advantages of good roads, as I believe a majority of the people understand and appreciate their value.

This road problem should be given serious attention, frank and honest discussion, that all may understand the facts of the situation and a majority decide what is best to be done. We must deal in figures and facts and not prejudices and personalities. Under the existing laws and the present method of raising taxes, Lane county with a valuation of $35,000,000 can raise approximately $165,000 each year for roads and bridges. This amount can be increased by 6 per cent each year under the 6 per cent limitation law. During the year 1920 this amount is to be expended as follows: Retiring warrants $20,000; bridges, $30,000; Pacific highway, $40,000; road districts, $53,000; scarifying and resurfacing, $5,000; equipment and repairs, $5,000; rock crusher, $4,000; weak districts, $4,000; Harrisburg ferry, $1,400; roadmaster, $2,600. However, the above amounts for bridges, road districts, rock crushers, weak districts, scarifying and resurfacing and equipment and repairs, were this year seriously cut and efficiency hampered in order to pay the $20,000 retiring warrants and the $40,000 indebtedness incurred in building the Pacific highway.

Funds Must Be Kept Up.

Of this available fund of $165,000, two and one-half mills, or about $63,000 should go back to the individual road districts for local expenditures. At least $10,000 should go back to the weak district fund. Lane county has averaged $7533 toward this fund during the past four years. Thirty-five thousand dollars should go back to the bridge fund; Lane county has averaged $35,695 toward this fund

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