

VOTE \$50,000 BONDS AT CITY ELECTION

Vote is 60 to 3 to Amend the Charter in Order that Refund Bonds Could be Sold and Tax Levied to Principal

The people of Springfield voted the \$50,000 refund bonds by 60 to 13 at the special election held at the city hall Monday.

The city's bonded indebtedness is in the neighborhood of \$200,000 but the \$50,000 block are the only ones coming due soon.

The charter amendment authorizes the sale of the bonds and provides for a levy of a special tax to pay the principal and interest thereon.

The election board was: C. N. Dority, chairman; John Ketels, judge; Abbie F. Wheaton, judge; Rosa Montgomery, clerk; and Vina McLean, clerk.

MASONS HELD PUBLIC INSTALLATION TUESDAY

New Officers Given Chairs and Jewels Are Presented to Veterans of Lodge; Program Given

Public installation of officers of Liberty Lodge Number 171 A. F. and A. M. followed a 7:00 o'clock dinner in the Masonic hall Tuesday night.

C. A. Swarts, newly elected master, was the installing officer, the other new officers being Dr. S. Ralph Dippel, senior warden; Herbert J. Cox, junior warden; B. A. Washburne, treasurer; and C. E. Wheaton, secretary.

Jewels were presented by the lodge to the five past masters, with F. M. Roth making the presentation speech, and C. E. Swarts, first master of the Springfield lodge, making the response.

C. M. Stevens, Eugene attorney, gave the address of the evening on the meaning and benefits of Masonry.

Vocal duet—Mary Elizabeth Whitney and Charlotte Stewart. Piano duet—Mrs. Paul Basford and Mrs. L. H. Neet.

Vocal solo—Mrs. C. A. Swarts. Vocal solo—Mrs. J. F. Ketels. Reading—W. L. Rouse.

The banquet was in charge of C. F. Eggmann, chairman, C. A. Swarts and H. M. Stewart. Table decorations were in keeping with the Christmas season, being holly and mistletoe, with baskets of fruit as centerpieces.

Legion to Elect

Annual election of officers will be conducted by the Springfield post of the American Legion at a meeting Friday night in the W. O. W. hall.

The nominating at the last meeting included the following: H. B. Freeland for commander, C. A. Swarts for vice-commander, Jess Meats for second vice-commander, Verdon May for adjutant, J. M. Larson and C. B. Senseny for finance officers.

Deserter Leaves Hospital

Julius Buster, a deserter from the United States navy, who was transferred from the Eugene hospital to the Springfield hospital on Tuesday to receive treatment for tuberculosis, left on Wednesday without anyone yet discovering his whereabouts.

Mrs. Jack Farly was discharged from the Springfield hospital on Sunday.

Allene Collier will leave Friday to spend Christmas with her parents near Albany.

W. C. McLagan, plant superintendent for the Mountain States Power company, went to Albany on business.

H. S. CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FRIDAY; GRADES AVERAGED

Basketball Team to Play Monroe; H-Y Club Holds Initiation and Supper at High School

Grades for the second six weeks of school have been averaged at the Springfield high school, closing up the term before the Christmas vacation.

The play will be followed by a program arranged by Mrs. Hemenway, principal of the Lincoln school, and Christmas presents will be given out.

The boys' basketball team plays its first association game with the Union high school at Monroe this week, and the return game will be here on January 11.

A supper and initiation of new members was held by the H-Y club on Tuesday night. Edward Kirtley, a senior from the University of Oregon at Eugene, addressed the boys.

Ten electric plates are now installed in the domestic science department following their purchase by the school board.

Lenore Stubberfield, a new student from Enterprise, Oregon, registered in the Springfield high school this week.

Thomas R. Powers Jr., Gordon I. Ridings, J. Lloyd Mattson, D. DeVer Hempey and LeRoy Porter Jr., were visitors in the Springfield high school Thursday from the University high school in Eugene.

Yesterday was dress-up day at Springfield high school, the boys coming to school in patched overalls, and the like, and the girls with their hair down in braids.

ANDERSON MFG. CO. INSTALLS NEW MACHINE

A new up-to-date fast feeding molder was installed and running on Saturday at the Anderson Manufacturing company. The molder concern formerly known as the Loud Manufacturing company is progressing under the new ownership with O. F. Anderson as chief stockholder and corporation president.

The five men in the corporation are all men who have worked in the plant for some time; besides Mr. Anderson, who was foreman and assistant manager. They are Clifford Fandrem, Merrill Manley, Malford Knowlton and C. M. Wicks.

The mill has been running at its full capacity of 6000 feet of sanded finish per day, and working two shifts for the past week. A carload of the sanded finish was shipped yesterday to California, and another will be sent the last of this week.

Funeral Held

The funeral of Mrs. Katherine Gordon who died at Carter on December 13, 1923 was held December 16 at the Walker Chapel. Mrs. Gordon was the widow of William Gordon, and had resided in this city for some time.

Report on P-T Meeting

A report from the state Parent-Teacher association was made by Mrs. Stetson and Mrs. F. L. Poindester of Eugene at a meeting of the Springfield organization on Friday at the Lincoln school.

One new work that the different associations are taking up is the nutrition clinic. Following a definite program each child is weighed and measured carefully.

Poindester presented the local association with a charter which will be issued by the association.

Lincoln School to Give 3-Act Play

To Be Held at High School Friday Afternoon and Evening for Playshed Fund

To assist toward the Lincoln school playshed fund the school children will give a three-act play, "Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry Yard," Friday afternoon and evening at the high school auditorium.

The playshed was built at a cost of \$450 and is being paid for by the Parent-Teachers association and pupils. A candy sale was held last Friday at the Lincoln building and the committee reports \$10.73 was added to the fund.

The cast of the Lincoln school play follows: Mrs. Briggs, a woman of business, Margaret Hemenway; Ralph, her son, Ed Bates; Jim, also her son, Lester Knouse; Alvira, her daughter, Ione Rhodes; Melissa, also her daughter, Evelyn Jacobson.

Mr. Lee, a wealthy neighbor, Willard Carney; Virginia, his daughter, Winifred Tyson; Daisy Thornton, Virginia's friend, Mildred Jacobson.

Mrs. O'Connor, with no liking for goats, Zola Smith; Mandy Bates, whose tongue will stumble, Della Clark.

300 DELEGATES ATTEND FARMERS UNION MEETING

Convention in Eugene Very Successful; Many Farm Problems Discussed and Acted Upon

With more than 300 delegates in attendance the state convention of the Farmers union, which includes Oregon and Southern Idaho, are concluding a three days session in Eugene today.

Governor Walter M. Pierce was the principle speaker at Wednesday evening's session at the chamber of commerce. Pierce, as chairman of the taxation committee, introduced a resolution calling for a severance tax on timber and natural resources and it was adopted.

Cooperation among the farmers to market their products was urged by Governor Pierce who said in his speech:

"It is absolutely necessary that all farm products be marketed co-operatively. We simply cannot continue to produce the articles the world must eat and allow ourselves to be continually exploited by the numerous middlemen. Transportation—in fact—every line of business except the producers is organized. It is stated by the department of agriculture that the producers on the average gets only one dollar out of three dollars paid by those who consume the farmers' products—two-thirds of the price paid by the consumer is decidedly too large a share to pay for the cost of distribution."

Red Cross to Elect

The annual meeting of the Lane county chapter American Red Cross will be held Friday afternoon at the offices of the chairman, Judge G. F. Skipworth. A complete board of directors is to be elected. Mrs. M. J. Macklin is the director at present from Springfield.

Bridge Club Meets

The Genevieve Bridge club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. C. Rebhan. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Harry M. Stewart. Special guests on that day were Mesdames I. D. Larimer, Jess Seavey and E. G. Sutton. Club members present were Mesdames Harry M. Stewart, S. Ralph Dippel, Levi Neet, Carl Fisher, Cogswell Campbell, Harry Whitney, Carl Olson and J. F. Ketels.

W. F. Walker went to Ashland yesterday morning to be gone for a couple of days. His office is in charge of J. S. Lorah in his absence.

METHODIST BROTHERHOOD ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Lawrence May, President; Program Follows Father and Son Banquet

Election of officers of the Methodist brotherhood followed the father and son dinner given by the men to their sons and young friends at which 53 persons were present.

Preceding the dinner the following program was given: Song, America, by the audience. Address of welcome, Dr. W. H. Pollard. Response, Randall Scott.

Reading, Lawrence Yarnes. Piano solo, William Pollard. Recitation, Freeman Torbett. Vocal solo, George Signor. Recitation, Evan Hughes. Violin duet, Paul and Arthur Cotter. The dinner was served by a committee from the Ladies' Aid under the leadership of Mrs. Fred Louk.

SHERIFF TO SELL TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY

A blanket order directing the sheriff to sell all tax delinquent property of 1916 and 1917 has been signed by the county court, according to Commissioner Emmett Sharp, who says the proceeds will be used to retire outstanding county warrants.

AFTER 55 YEARS APART THREE BROTHERS MEET

After being separated for more than fifty-five years three brothers, George, Dan and Jim Dean are together here in Springfield for a Christmas reunion. George I. Dean who has been a resident of Springfield for the last fifteen years had not seen either of his brothers since he was less than a year old.

Tuesday evening Jim Dean arrived from Hornbrook, California. During the last forty years the three brothers had continually been trying to locate the other two.

Receive Railroad Supplies

A train of 32 cars passed through Springfield on its way to Oakridge Sunday. A number of laborers were on it, and a considerable amount of equipment was included.

Church of Christ

The Bible school will meet at "Morrison's hall" at 9:30 and march to the new church home. Help us have 200 in Bible school. Rev. Mr. Pointer preaches at 11:00. Subject: "Jesus Christ or Man, The Bible or Infidelity."

Car Not Stolen

The Overland touring car of Frank Lenhart which was taken from its parking place on 10th street in Eugene this week was not stolen, as was first believed.

Wife Wants Divorce

Matilda E. Pearson has filed suit in circuit court for divorce from her husband, Stanton B. Pearson, on grounds of non-support.

Organized Gang Rob Stores

PIECE OF FIRST RAIL ON CUTOFF RECEIVED

Paper Weight Made of Section Sent by S. P. Engineer to Springfield Chamber of Commerce

A paper weight made of a cross section of the first steel rail laid on the Natron cutoff line at Kirk was received this week by W. F. Walker, president of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

The weight is engraved with the date October 13, 1923, the place, and the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Walker also announces that there will be no meeting of the Chamber on Monday night since it is Christmas eve, but a meeting will be held on Friday night, December 28.

THIEF SENDS LOOT BACK AS CHRISTMAS PRESENT

A small package received through the mail on Saturday by G. G. Bushman proved to be \$90 in gas books and \$10 in stamps and stamped envelopes, part of the loot taken when the Springfield Mill and Grain company's safe was robbed a month ago.

The package was addressed to his home in Willamette Heights, so Mr. Bushman feels that the robber was perhaps not a total stranger to him and to this part of the country.

MR. AND MRS. CARL OLSON CELEBRATE WEDDING DAY

A number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olson joined with them Friday night to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Kessey, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Cyr, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Neet, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Basford, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Rebhan, Dr. and Mrs. S. Ralph Dippel, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ketels, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Crites, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Snodgrass, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Jarrett, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Roth.

Refreshments were served late in the evening. Teachers Taking Examinations. Seventy-five teachers are taking the semi-annual teachers examinations being conducted this week in the county court room by School Superintendent E. J. Moore.

Marriage Licenses Issued

Marriage license issued during the past week by the county clerk include the following: James L. Naylor, 19, and Echo Stanley, 17, both of Blachly; Marvin Cox, 22, Goldson, and Lela Syphers, 18, Blachly; Andrew Coombs, 23, Eugene, and Angie Watson, 21, Eugene; Frank Patterson, 21, Eugene, and Catherine Marie Weber, 18, Eugene.

\$1200 Dog Tax

Lane county collected \$1,294 in dog taxes during 1923, according to report of the county clerk. While there are thousands of dogs in Lane county only 1144 dogs were reported. The dogs were 985 males and 159 females.

THREE YOUTHS HELD FOR LOCAL ROBBERY

Flanery's Drug Store and Bowling Alley in Springfield and Roney Brothers Store in Goshen Entered Monday Night

Confessed to taking part in the robbery of three stores, Steve Edwards and Ray Bryan, who live east of Springfield, and Hazellette McKelvey, who resides in West Springfield, are in the county jail. The confessions came after an all night session at the Springfield city hall where they were grilled by a federal postoffice inspector and deputy sheriffs.

Not only are they interested in these crimes but they will be found to have taken part in other recent robberies in Springfield and vicinity, said Sheriff Fred Stickle's this morning. Sheriff Stickle has been watching a gang of young fellows living in this vicinity and declares the robberies the efforts of an organized gang.

A long term in the federal penitentiary faces Bryan and McKelvey, say the officers, who declare they have confessed. The Goshen store was robbed first, then the bowling alley. When Bryan and McKelvey came out of the latter place they are said to have gotten Edwards to enter the Flanery drug store with them.

That 20 letters in the United States mail had been opened and the packages stolen was communicated to Federal officials. The goods from the stock of the Goshen store included mostly cigars, cigarettes and candy. The mail littered the floor when the store was opened in the morning. The burglars entered through the rear door.

A hole was cut in the back door of the Flanery drug store with a bracing bit and pocket knife. It was thought to have been done about 2:00 a. m. since numerous articles were found laid out which were not taken, and it is thought that the night watchman making the rounds shortly after that hour frightened the thieves, who ran out the front door. The loss included rings, necklaces, automatic pencils, and toilet sets. Matches were found around the back door, indicating that the men did not use the usual flashlight. Women on night duty in the telephone office remembered having heard someone run down the alley at about 2:00.

A package left by J. F. Ketels on the outside of the postoffice stamped and addressed for the mail was opened but not stolen, which indicated that the thieves were prowling around the Springfield postoffice.

M. L. Bartlett, proprietor of the bowling alley, believes the revolvers to have been taken by someone familiar with the place.

Wilhelm Store Robbed

Robbers made a big haul Wednesday night when they cleaned out the big Wilhelm Department store at Monroe. Hundreds of dollars worth of silverware, guns, rifles, silver pencils and expensive Christmas goods were taken. The loot was evidently carried away in trucks or automobiles believes the sheriff's office. The store has been broken into many times before but this is the largest haul reported. No arrests had been made at noon today.