

ERECTION OF ARCH ON HIGHWAY BEGINS

Large Concrete Structure at Entrance to City on Pacific Highway Started Today by the Chamber of Commerce; Many Donations.

Construction work begins today on the concrete arch to be erected by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce at the entrance to the town from the Pacific highway. Estimates by the contractors have been placed at around \$500 as the cost, according to J. F. Ketels and G. G. Bushman, members of the arch committee of the chamber.

The purpose of the arch is to tell tourists that Springfield is on the map as they go on the Pacific highway, according to Mr. Ketels. And incidentally they should know that the McKenzie highway goes through the town. This will be made possible by a further sign hung in the arch by chains.

The arch will be set back from the Pacific highway 125 feet toward the bridge. It will be 46 feet wide, spanning the road, with supporting pillars 6 by 6 feet at the base, leaving a 34-foot driveway. The whole front of the structure facing toward the Pacific highway will be one mass of light at night. Across the top near the roof which is 30 feet high, will be the word "Springfield" in raised, gilded letters. Reflectors will be used to give the words additional prominence.

Below the curve of the arch itself will be a sign board with "McKenzie Highway" conspicuously inscribed on the west side and "Pacific Highway" on the east approach. The work will probably take a month to complete, it is thought by George Perkins, the contractor. This is because the pillars of solid concrete will have to be given time to harden and set before the top of the structure is built on. The 6 by 6 pillars will be 8 feet high, and the upper pillars on top of them will be 4 by 4 feet. On this base will be built the top of the arch and a slightly concave roof. The roof is a special feature, since its concave surface will make possible a drainage hole, with drainage tubes running inside the structure and letting the water out at the sides.

Concrete and stucco will be used, the concrete of white, and stucco panels set in both pillars and above in dark gray. Mr. Ketels, Mr. Walker and Mr. Bushman have been working on the matter of the arch for some months past. The present plan comes after a consideration of all types of signs, from wire to wood.

Mrs. Redfield Recovering

It is thought that Mrs. M. E. Redfield, who took lysol in an attempt to suicide Sunday morning about 9 o'clock at her home, will recover. She has been receiving medical treatment at the Springfield hospital for her burned mouth and throat.

Mrs. Redfield has been nervous and despondent for some time, since she has been suffering from ill health. Her youngest child is three and a half months old. She took the poison while her husband and father were at home, but at first they only believed she was suffering from hysteria. Finally, however, they smelled the lysol, and a physician was summoned.

Traffic Violations

The U. of O. taxi was fined \$10 for speeding in Springfield this week, as was also W. J. Lloyd of West Springfield, C. L. Barge of Eugene and D. C. Nelson of Eugene. Edwina Parsons was fined \$5 for passing a street car while it was unloading passengers.

CHAMBER MEETS MONDAY

The regular meeting of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce has been called for Monday evening in the rooms at the Commercial bank building. The erection of the new arch, publicity for the coming year and general civic improvement will be among topics discussed.

70 CARLOADS OF POLES TO BE CREOSOTED HERE

Seventy carloads of poles will be creosoted at the Carbolic Wood-Preserving plant, according to Manager C. O. Wilson, who has just returned from Portland where he made arrangements for the order. The poles will vary in length from 30 to 75 feet and will be shipped from Springfield by the middle of June to Southern California, Arizona, Nebraska and other places.

CLEAR LAKE WATER MEET ATTENDED BY LOCAL MEN

Three Members City Council, Engineers, Surveyor, Chamber of Commerce Delegates Hear Plans

Seven men represented Springfield at the Albany meeting on the Clear Lake \$7,000,000 pipe proposition the past week. They were: W. N. Long, Leonard Lepley and M. J. McKlin of the city council, J. F. Ketels and W. H. Adrian of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, E. O. Potter, city attorney, and Simon Klovedahl, city surveyor. The meeting was only a preliminary one, according to Mr. Ketels, who was appointed to the executive committee at the general meeting. This committee will meet at Salem in the course of two weeks to decide ways and means. W. F. Walker, president of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, has been appointed to the finance committee.

If the water is piped from Clear Lake as the engineering plan provides, Springfield will be the first town to tap the supply on the 179 miles of the pipe line. The towns concerned who sent representatives will come in the following order on the line: Springfield, Eugene, Junction City, Harisburg, Halsey, Brownsville, Labanon, Tangent, Corvallis, Albany, Jefferson, Monmouth and Salem.

Simon Klovedahl, city surveyor, was appointed to work on the preliminary survey under the leadership of State Surveyor Looper. The state of Oregon is so much interested in the proposition because of the state institutions at Eugene, Corvallis, Monmouth and Salem, that it is willing to share the expense even of the preliminary survey, Mr. Ketels said. The town representation is with the plan of one representative having a vote on the executive committee from towns of under 3000 population, and two from towns over 3000.

HIGH SCHOOL TO OBSERVE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Washington's birthday will be observed tomorrow at the high school by a special program at 10 o'clock in the morning in the auditorium, at which time James Pointer, pastor of the Christian church, will be the speaker of the day. Rev. Thomas D. Yarnes, pastor of the Methodist church, will give the invocation. The program will be a mixed one, with patriotic music by the glee clubs, and the junior high school joining with the high school in paying honor to the nation's first president.

A contest is being arranged today at the high school to supplement the student body funds. Under the two leaders, Charlotte Stewart and Paul Nice, the entire high school is divided into two sides to obtain subscriptions for the "Country Gentleman," half of the subscription price to go to the fund to supplement the amount obtained by subscriptions to the "Go-Getter," the high school paper. This course has been determined upon so that the paper may continue to be published, according to J. E. Torbet, principal of the high school. The winning side will be given a party or a picnic.

About \$80 was raised by the presentation of "All A Mistake," a three act comedy, at the high school on February 15. The dramatic club put on the play to help raise money for the high school annual and to help meet the expenses of the baseball season. The cast included Abbie Tomseth, Paul Nice, Alice Tomseth, Wayne Hawke, Thelma Layson, Ralph Cline and Clifford Pritchard. A full house witnessed the performance.

A double-header game of basketball will be played at the high school gymnasium tonight at 7:30.

Board Meets Teachers

The school board met with the teachers for a joint meeting at the high school on Tuesday evening. Following a discussion of problems they adjourned to the domestic science room where refreshments were served by Miss Pauline McClintock, domestic science instructor.

Surveyors Work On Shop Tract

W. W. Winn Checks Shop Site During Last Few Days; Surveying at Westfir Also

Much speculation regarding the building of the Southern Pacific car shops for the Natron cutoff has been aroused during the past week by the presence in the city of W. W. Winn, assistant division engineer for the company in Portland. He has been accompanied by an assistant, and together they have been doing surveying on the company's land in Springfield.

"We don't know what the nature of the engineer's business is," said Carl Olson, station agent when interviewed. "The company did not notify us as to its plans."

Several surveyors have checked and surveyed portions of the railroad company's land in Springfield recently. A policy of secrecy has been maintained by each engineer that has been here. Railroad men declare that it is to avoid a lot of the clamor of other cities for the shops that this policy is being pursued. Likely no definite announcement about the shops will be forthcoming until actual work of construction is begun here, it is believed.

The laying of a side track, the installation of a switch line, and the building of a logging railroad at Westfir for the Western Lumber company is now imperative, and Mr. Winn made the trip today to look after the surveying.

Although information cannot be secured as to his activities in Springfield, rumor has it that he may be surveying for a possible drainage and sewage system to the river, made necessary by the planning of the shops.

WASHINGTON'S 192ND BIRTHDAY

The 192nd birthday of George Washington, "the father of our country," will be observed tomorrow through the American land. Great deeds he performed in history as well as incidents of his boyhood, especially the cherry tree and the hatchet, will be told to the young and retold to the old in many cities, towns and countrysides.

Springfield will observe Washington's birthday with a holiday and a program at the schools.

A brief review of Washington's life is interesting on his birthday.

George Washington, the first president of the United States, was born on the banks of the Potomac in Westmoreland County, Virginia, February 22, 1732. He died at Mount Vernon, December 14, 1799.

In the time of Cromwell the Washingtons were English Royalists, and two of that name, Lawrence and John, emigrated to America after the failure of the king's cause at home. John Washington was the grandfather of George. He built the old plantation house in which our hero was born. The house was burned down soon after George's birth. The place of Washington's birth is marked now by a slab. George's father, Augustine Washington, removed to a new

County Timber Cruise to Be Started Immediately

Cruising of 100,000 acres of timber land in Lane county under the terms of the contract signed several weeks ago with the county court will be started at once, according to M. G. Nease, who will do the work. Mr. Nease is now busy listing the timber that the court and county assessor is designating and announces he will take the field soon.

Packers Hired

A crew of camp tenders, packers and other help has been hired and cruisers will be brought to the county from the outside. Mr. Nease says local people will be hired for all the work except cruising. His experiences is that a more fair and impartial cruise can be gotten with cruisers who are not acquainted with the owners of the timber tracts being checked on.

Nease scoffs the idea that his contract can be broken in court and says it is very similar to others which have stood the test of the law. "In nearly every county where a timber cruise is undertaken the timber interests have attacked the contract," explained Mr. Nease.

Will Cruise Heavy Timber

When questioned on the chance of his likelihood of cruising burned-over or logged-off lands he declared he was bound to cruise the timber picked out by the county court. "I hope they get the heaviest timber in the county," said the contractor. He emphatically denied the county

Spong Restaurant Sold to W. B. Cole

Experienced Restaurant Man of Klamath Falls Takes Charge of Eating Place

The fixtures in the Spong restaurant, owned by Thomas Thomas and Mrs. Bell Spong, were sold Friday to W. B. Cole, formerly of Portland, who came here from Klamath Falls. The first meal under the new ownership was Friday night dinner. Mr. Cole has rented the entire building and he and his family will take up their residence in the upstairs.

Mr. Cole is an old hand at the restaurant business, having been engaged in the work at Portland for a number of years, and also for three years in California. He plans to make a few changes, remodeling the place a little later.

Mrs. Cole and their daughter, Opal Kathryn, accompanied Mr. Cole from Klamath Falls, stopping first at Ashland. Their elder daughter is attending school at the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis, where she is a sophomore. She is a member of the Phi Beta Phi sorority.

"We intend to give the people of Springfield the best quality of service possible," said Mr. Cole when interviewed.

Rickett Funeral Tuesday

Private funeral services were held at the Walker chapel yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Brock Rickett, 55 years old, who died at the Springfield hospital on the morning of Tuesday, February 19, 1924. Interment was made at Aurel Hill cemetery.

Mr. Rickett had been ill for some time. He is survived by one son who resides at Roseburg.

BUILDING TELEGRAPH LINE ON NATRON CUTOFF

To construct six miles of telegraph line from Oakridge to the end of the Natron cutoff rails near McCredie Springs eight outfit cars and a crew of men with supplies were in Springfield Monday. They left for Oakridge where the work will be started at once. The Western Union will string wires over the Cascades as fast as the Natron cutoff is completed. An eight wire line is planned.

4L PRESIDENT TALKS TO SPRINGFIELD LOCAL

Norman F. Coleman Discusses Wage Question Handled Inside and Outside of Organization

An address to the local L. L. L. at the Booth-Kelly mill was made by Norman F. Coleman, of Portland, president of the central organization, on Tuesday at 12:45 p. m. He gave a 30-minute talk, counting 15 minutes off the time of the employers, and 15 off the time of the employees. His theme was the difference between the way the wage question is handled inside the 4L and outside it.

Under the 4L method, he pointed out, the wage question is handled together and considered fairness of the wage after looking over the facts of the market, by mutual consent. He cited cases, however, where there were no such organizations, in which the employees had issued a notice of strike for higher pay, and others in which the employers had given notice of a wage-cut without consulting the men. There is no reason why differences cannot be settled to the mutual good of employer and employee, he declared, if co-operation is used.

Mr. Coleman went on from here to Wendling where he spoke at the Booth-Kelly lumber concern there.

CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE ORGANIZED HERE SUNDAY

Will Take Up Law Enforcement in Regard to Children; Meet Again March 9

"The Child Welfare League" was organized and a chairman and secretary elected at the meeting Sunday, February 17, of delegates from the various fraternal and civic organizations of the town. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Ora Hemenway who expressed her thanks for the response. F. B. Hamlin was elected chairman and H. B. Freeland, secretary.

On motion made by Rev. Pointer a committee of five was appointed to plan an educational campaign to acquaint the parents with the necessity of law enforcement as regards the children. The committee appointed with: Rev. J. A. Pointer, L. K. Page, A. J. Cowart, R. L. Snodgrass and Mrs. W. A. Hemenway.

The following organizations were represented: 4 L, three members; Baptist, four; M. W. A., two; American Legion, five; M. E. Brotherhood, Chamber of Commerce, two; Parent-Teachers Association, three; Baptist Aid, two; City Council, one; School Board, two.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on March 9 at the W. O. W. hall.

TRENT FARMERS UNION GIVES CHURCH PROGRAM

The Trent local of the Farmers Union gave a program Tuesday, February 12, at the Christian church at Pleasant Hill. The program was as follows:

1. Flag salute—Grade school.
2. Duet—Lucille Bennett, Mrs. Carruthers.
3. Lincoln's Hatred of the Slave Trade—Paul Harden.
4. Violin solo—Mrs. Wimmer.
5. Some Poisoned Darts Shot at Lincoln—Verlin Hallgas.
6. A Boy's Thoughts about Lincoln—Marion Linton.
7. Piano solo—Mary Harden.
8. Abraham Lincoln—Emma Olson.
9. Duet—Lucille and Merrill Bennett.
10. Playlet—Pleasant Hill high school.
11. Dialogue and drill—little folks of Mrs. Wintrey's room.
12. Piano solo—Mrs. Wimmer.
13. Lincoln's Greatest Test—Carl Linton.
14. Vocal solo—Albert Wimmer (5 years old).
15. Piano Duet—Mary Harlen and Mrs. Wimmer.
16. Violin solo—Mrs. Wimmer.
17. America—All.

ELECTION ON \$3000 SCHOOL BOND ISSUE

Board Submits Proposition to Build Manual Training Shed to Make More Room in High School; No Ground to be Purchased.

A special election to vote on a question of contracting \$3,000 in bonds to build a new manual training building on the high school grounds has been called for March 25 by the school board. The election was arranged for at the recent meeting of the board which changed previous plans of voting \$9,000.

The election previously called had to be cancelled because it was not advertised according to law in a newspaper. In the meantime the board has reconsidered and decided not to buy the remainder of the block east of the high school building but to build a manual training shed on the land which it has already. Additional ground may be acquired later after the district is in better financial shape, it is said.

The building of a manual training shed will forestall for several years the erection of a new school building, it is believed, and also make conditions more conducive for study at the high school. The manual training department is now located in the basement and with hand saws and motors running it makes the high school building very noisy.

After the manual training equipment is moved the basement of the high school building will be fitted up for the junior high school and this department moved from the Lincoln school. This will give more room at the Lincoln building and relieve congestion generally next year.

Polls for the special election will be opened at the city hall from 2 until 7 o'clock on March 15, the day of election. The election is advertised in other columns of today's News.

BENEFIT PROGRAM TO BE HELD AT HIGH SCHOOL

A program for the benefit of the Lincoln school playshed fund will be given at the Springfield high school February 29 by Mr. Hemenway of Cottage Grove. Mr. Hemenway is said to be an impersonator of unusual ability and his program would be entertaining.

Mr. Hemenway was formerly on the chautauqua platform as a comedian, and during the war was engaged in Y. M. C. A. work as a professional entertainer. At present he is living on a berry ranch near Cottage Grove.

The Parent-Teacher association will hold a candy sale in connection with the program.

LOCAL LEGION REHEARSES NEW MINSTREL SHOW

Rehearsals are going forward on the American Legion minstrel show, the second one to be put on in the last few months. Some of the parts and songs were assigned last night at a rehearsal in Stevens hall, but not all the cast is as yet chosen. The present plan, Legion officers say, is to present the show twice at the Bell theatre in Springfield, dividing the proceeds between the Legion and the Parent-Teacher association. The Parent-Teacher share will go toward the playshed, while the Legion money will be put in a special fund for the new clubhouse now being planned.

If the 4L hall at Wendling can be secured, the cast will put on one performance at that place. Wigs and costumes will be obtained from a Portland costumer.

There will be no cake walk in this second minstrel show as in the previous one, but fancy dancing is promised. About 20 will take part.

Mrs. B. B. Beckett went to Portland Saturday to spend a few days.

J. B. Overton was in from Brownsville Monday morning.

VOTE OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the Ladies' Civic Improvement club of Springfield for their hearty support of our work and also for the financial assistance they so recently rendered us. LINCOLN PARENT-TEACHER ASSN. Lincoln Parent-Teacher Assn. By Ida Swartz, President