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## TEACHERS HIRED BY SCHOOL BOARD

### Coach Wilcox Retained to Coach Baseball; Mrs. Page and Mrs. Moore Given Contracts; Repairs Ordered.

Lester Wilcox, University of Oregon senior who coached the Springfield high school teams through its football and basketball seasons, is to be retained for the baseball season, according to a motion passed at a meeting of the school board Tuesday in the office of Dr. W. H. Pollard, chairman. The board voted to retain him at a salary of \$50 per month. Petitions that he be induced to stay were submitted to the board by several high school students.

Mrs. L. K. Page is to get a new contract for \$110 per month, and Mrs. Moore to teach the rest of the term for \$75 per month.

Mrs. Ora Hemenway registered a complaint concerning the street crossing at Sixth and G streets, which is in bad condition in rainy weather, she said. The matter is to be referred to the city council.

Repairs are to be made to a window at the Lincoln school, and two dozen primary chairs ordered, as well as a new blackboard and one set of American history maps. Sand is to be purchased to fix the hall ground, though not more than 12 loads have been authorized for purchase by the board. J. E. Torbet, principal of the high school, was given authority to act in this case. Support was voted to the high school student body, and cooperation will be made in procuring stage scenery for the high school stage.

## WILLIAMS FUNERAL IS HELD SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The funeral of Vincent Williams, 45, was held at the Walker chapel at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Reverend Mr. Thomas D. Yarnes, pastor of the Methodist church, preached the funeral sermon. Mr. Williams was laid in his last resting place in the Odd Fellows cemetery in Eugene.

He had been ill at the Springfield hospital for some time, suffering from cancer of the bowels. He died Saturday morning at 4 o'clock, and his infant daughter was born the same evening, shortly after 8 o'clock.

Born at Harrisburg May 10, 1875, Mr. Williams lived for some years at Coburg where he married Hattie Snyder. Two children of this marriage, George Williams and Gertrude Williams Neek, both of Portland, survive. His wife died February 17, 1917.

For the past 10 years he has been a resident of Springfield, and at the time of his death resided at Second and Mill streets.

About a year ago he married Tillie Green, of Springfield, and she and his posthumous daughter, Alberta, survive him. Mr. Williams is likewise survived by his mother, Mrs. Alice Balch, and one sister, Mrs. Clive Taylor, both of Wendling.

Mr. Williams belonged to the Coburg camp of the Woodmen of the World, and the Eugene camp had charge of ceremonies at the grave.

## Club Entertained

The H. P. K. W. H. V. club was entertained at the home of Mrs. John Heiderer on Wednesday afternoon. The yellow daffodil was the motif of the decorations, also the yellow scheme was carried out in the very dainty luncheon. Mrs. Wm. Peterson, Mrs. Ralph Hicks, Mrs. Wm. Lightfoot of Eugene were special guests. The club will meet March 19 with Mrs. W. C. McLagan.

## Hospital Notes

Mrs. Vin Williams and infant daughter are doing nicely. Mrs. Joseph Mitchell of West Springfield, who has been ill at the Springfield hospital for the past three weeks, died yesterday morning. Mrs. Arthur Clark, who underwent a major operation Monday, is on the road to recovery. Andrew Edmiston was admitted to the Springfield hospital Friday for treatment.

Two carloads of cypress were shipped yesterday by the Anderson Manufacturing corporation to Memphis, Tennessee.

A carload of barley arrived this morning for the Springfield Mill and Grain company.

## MRS. VALLIER LOSES \$10,000 DAMAGE SUIT

### Jury in Hileman Furniture Larceny Case Disagree and is Dismissed by Judge Belt

The suit for \$10,000 damages of Mrs. Jane Vallier against the Western Lumber company in circuit court was lost Tuesday when the jury brought in a verdict for the defendant. Mrs. Vallier had brought suit against the company because of the death of her son, Clyde, who was killed last August while working in the lumber company camp.

A disagreement was reported by the circuit court jury last night in the case of Donald Norris, accused of stealing furniture from the residence of Mrs. L. M. Helleman of Springfield. The case went to the jury in the middle of the afternoon and Judge H. H. Belt ordered the jury dismissed at 9 o'clock in the evening.

## FENWICK FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Funeral services were held for Melvin Fenwick on Sunday afternoon in the Walker chapel, at 2:30, the Reverend J. T. Moore, retired pastor, officiating. He was assisted by the Reverend Mr. E. B. Luther, pastor of the Springfield Baptist church. Interment was in the Laurel Hill cemetery, the Springfield Odd Fellows having charge of the services at the grave.

During the funeral services at the chapel about 20 hooded figures, members of the Ku Klux Klan, filed in silently and placed a wreath of flowers on the casket. The Klan chaplain offered a prayer, and after saluting the flag they disappeared through the side door.

Mr. Fenwick died Thursday after an illness of typhoid fever. He was a prominent citizen of Lane county, having served as a member of the Oregon state legislature during the 1918 session; he was at one time a member of the city council.

He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Burns, Oregon, and of the Springfield Rebekah lodge. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jennie Fenwick.

## PRAISES PROTECTION WORK AT B.-K. MILL

The record of the Booth-Kelly mill for protecting the workmen from injury was highly commended by George ("Scotty") Aitken, of Portland, field safety engineer for the Oregon and Columbia Basin division of the National Safety council, who addressed the men at the mill at 12:45 Tuesday. In the last two months, January and February, there have been only a few minor accidents, such as bruises and cuts. The local safety council, working in cooperation with the 4L's has as a goal no injuries whatsoever through accident.

Mr. Aitken is on a speaking tour under the auspices of the Oregon state industrial accident commission. He speaks on the importance of health for alertness in avoiding accident.

He went on to Wendling in the afternoon with E. E. Martin, chief engineer in the Booth-Kelly company.

## To Buy Chair

It was decided to buy a swivel chair for the Springfield public library at a meeting of the library board in the library on Tuesday evening. A general business meeting was followed by refreshments served by Mrs. L. K. Page and Miss Mary Roberts. Those attending were: Mrs. N. W. Emery, Mrs. Jim Davis, Mrs. Leo Clark and Mrs. Vina McLean.

## Entertains Kilcare

The Kilcare club met in Eugene Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Walter McCormack. Pussy willow and daffodil decorations gave a delightful spring atmosphere. Refreshments were served. Mrs. McKnight of Eugene was a guest for the occasion. Members present were: Mrs. George Blair, Mrs. Fred Chess, Mrs. T. L. Poindexter, Mrs. Bert Vincent, Mrs. Mazie Beck, Mrs. Jim Clark, Mrs. W. C. Rebhan, Mrs. Maude Bryson, Mrs. Clark E. Wheaton, Mrs. Eugene Kester and Mrs. McCormack.

## Sues to Recover Contract

George Deffenbacher has filed suit in circuit court against Lena and Howard Gordon seeking to recover \$2700 with interest on a land sale contract. Foreclosure is asked to satisfy the claim.

## CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE CALLS MEETING SUNDAY

### Will Hear Report of Committees; Questionnaires Sent Out Regarding Law Enforcement

The Child Welfare Law-Enforcement league, made up of the joint committees from various city organizations interested in the child welfare movement, will meet in the W. O. W. hall Sunday, March 9, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The meeting is open to the public, and those interested in the subject, whether belonging to any organization or not, are cordially invited by the committee to attend. Report of the Educational committee recently appointed will be given, and other matters in connection with the organization will be brought up for consideration.

A questionnaire drawn up by the Educational committee has been given to each school child to fill out. As many as possible have also been sent to the parents, that the general sentiment of the public can be ascertained.

The questionnaire asks four questions:

- Do you believe that the cigarette law should be enforced?
- Do you favor the strict observance of the pool hall law?
- Are you in favor of the observance of a good curfew law?
- Will you lend your moral support for the strict enforcement of these laws?

It states that crime is growing among minors, and that the courts are filled with juvenile cases. Assistance is solicited from every parent to help make the town the best possible sort in which to rear a family.

The campaign for law enforcement among minors was begun by Mrs. Ora Hemenway, principal of the Lincoln school, after discovering that a number of the students were using tobacco and frequenting pool halls. She delivered a series of lectures at meetings of various organizations throughout the city.

A committee appointed by F. B. Hamlin, chairman of the league, includes: J. A. Pointer, L. K. Page, A. J. Cowart, Riley Snodgrass, R. W. Carlton and Mrs. Hemenway. He is acting with the committee, and questionnaires will be sent to him for compilation.

## LEGION SHOW TO BE STAGED ON MARCH 14

The evenings of Thursday, March 13, and Friday, March 14, have been set for the staging of the minstrel show of the Springfield post of the American Legion. Rehearsals have been held almost nightly at Stevens hall, and jokes, skits and dancing promise to be full of snap. The performance will be at the Bell theatre at 8 o'clock, the net proceeds of both nights to be divided between the American Legion for a new clubhouse, and the Parent-Teacher association for the playhouse benefit.

The director of the rehearsals has been Miss Ogan of the University of Oregon. Besides the performance here there may be one at Wendling if negotiations can be carried through and the 4L hall there obtained.

A girl chorus, chosen from the high school girls and other young ladies of the city will be a feature. The following men have been chosen for the minstrels: D. W. McKinnon, "dat black-faced boy wid dat golden voice"; Paul Brattain, Alfred Townsend, Tom Lusby, Walter Gossler, George Moon, Jess Meats, Vern Meats, Charles Scott, Oswald M. Olson, Orlo Nettleton and C. A. Swartz.

## Surprises Mother

Mrs. Edesse Cox gave a surprise party for her mother, Mrs. M. M. Peery, at the M. M. Peery home Monday night. The occasion for the affair was Mrs. Peery's birthday. Guests present included: Mrs. Maude Bryan and daughter Miss Crystal, Mr. and Mrs. Clark E. Wheaton, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Frank DePue, Mr. Welby Stevens, Mrs. C. E. Swartz and Miss Edna Swartz and Mr. and Mrs. Peery. The evening was spent in playing mah jongg and bridge whilst light refreshments were served at 11 o'clock.

## Meet at Church Parlors

The Epworth League of the Methodist church enjoyed a social and feast at the church parlors last evening. The ladies of the member ship center entertained the winning side under the direction of Charline Lambert.

## R. R. Construction Camps Started

### Railroad Builders Preparing to Start Work on West Slope of Cascades

Preparations to open construction camps above Oakridge on the Natron cutoff are now under way. Equipment, men and animals are being sent in and camps are being put in shape on this side similar to those which have been established on the east side for several months.

Eight horses, two wagons and other outfitting equipment was routed through Springfield yesterday to the Utah Construction company at Oakridge. Contractor Hurd, of Hurd Brothers, California firm, who had charge of the outfit, said that a wagon road is to be built along the railroad.

The wagon road is to take the place of the one leading to McCredie Springs and which formerly was on the railroad grade. Plans are to build roads to take tunnel construction machinery beyond the rails which are now laid to McCredie Springs, it is said.

## ASK STUDENTS TO BUY CAN CONDENSED MILK

### Solicit Help for Near East Relief; School Play Plans Being Made by Council

"Near East Relief" was the theme of a talk at the joint assembly of the high school grades by Mrs. M. M. Mabeau of Portland yesterday at 1 o'clock in the high school auditorium. In the forenoon she addressed the grades at the Lincoln school under the auspices of the Near East Relief association. Mrs. Mabeau is a social service worker of the Portland branch of the relief.

The method of helping the movement is to ask each student for 11 cents, the price of a can of milk. The total is duplicated by the Borden Milk company, New Jersey, and transportation paid to the scene of the relief work.

The committee from the high school appointed to collect the funds is: Herbert Horning, Myrtle Harvey and Lenabell Harper.

The student council has laid before the student body plans for a "Laugh-terousque" to be held on the evening of March 28. The council also recommends the purchase of a forest scene for the high school stage to do away with the practice of cluttering up the stage with inflammable material during plays. The student body plan is to pay by donating the proceeds of one play each year until the scenery would be paid for.

The work of Coach Lester Wilcox during the successful basketball season was commended in the highest terms by Principal Torbet. Both the girls' and boys' basketball teams will go to Cottage Grove Friday evening to play the Cottage Grove high school in the last game of the season. Yesterday the Springfield junior high school defeated the Monroe junior high school here with a score of 25 to 1.

A number of books have been donated to the high school library by Dr. W. M. Pollard, chairman of the school board. They are: "Essentials of English History," Walker; "High School Geography," Dryer; "Transactions of the Fourth International Sanitary Conference of the American Republic," directed by Barrett, also the report of the fifth conference as well as two volumes on "The Report of the Commissioner of Education." Principal Torbet said that all gifts of books are highly acceptable, since the library has only between 350 and 400 volumes, a very small number for the size of the high school. There is shelving room at present for twice that number.

The H-Y business meeting was held Tuesday.

Springfield high school students will compete for two prizes: one offered by the American Legion of the state for an essay on "Peace-Time Patriotism," the other by the Portland Telegram, in an oratorical competition on the subject of the constitution of the United States. The first is sponsored locally by the English department, the second by the classes in civics and sociology.

A carload of feed for the Springfield Mill and Grain company was shipped in Saturday. The company shipped a carload of feed to the Coos Bay district the same day.

## NUMEROUS CANDIDATES' HATS IN POLITICAL RING

### Brownell Candidate for District Attorney; Farmers Select Ticket For All Offices

As a candidate for district attorney for Lane county, Howard M. Brownell, a Eugene attorney, has announced himself. Mr. Brownell is widely known throughout Lane county and comes from a family closely connected with Oregon's political history. He will be a candidate at the republican primaries.

District Attorney Clyde N. Johnston and Attorney Gordon Wells are also candidates and will be voted on at the May republican primaries.

Judge Harry H. Belt, of Yamhill county, who is serving this week on Judge Skipworth's bench, has announced himself a candidate for the supreme bench.

Political circles were given renewed activity during the week by the announcement of the Farmers' Union nominating committee of candidates favored for all offices vacant.

The ticket follows:

- For county commissioner, R. O. Brady, farmer of Creswell.
- For sheriff, Hugh H. Earle, tax expert and accountant, of Eugene.
- For county clerk, R. S. Bryson, of Eugene, for re-election.
- For county treasurer, Miss Edna Ward, of Eugene, for re-election.
- For county school superintendent, E. J. Moore, of Eugene, for re-election.
- For county assessor, B. F. Keeney, of Eugene, for re-election.
- For county surveyor, P. M. Morse, of Eugene, for re-election.
- For representatives, H. C. Wheeler, of Pleasant Hill, for re-election; Ralph Laird, of Pleasant Hill; Edward F. Bailey, of Junction City, for re-election.

## NEW SPRINGFIELD ARCH WILL SOON BE FINISHED

Work on the arch for the entrance to Springfield from the Pacific highway is progressing rapidly. The concrete 6 by 6 pillars were poured by last Thursday, and this morning the wooden framework for the top of the arch was up. The pillars were allowed to set before construction went further, and work was suspended for a few days. George Perkins is in charge of the construction.

The arch, the Springfield Chamber of Commerce project for advertising the city, was designed after long deliberation and consideration of various types of materials. The \$500 cost is being contributed by the citizens of Springfield, both in work, materials and money.

## To Have New Flag

The Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen will have a new 4L flag in the near future, to replace the old one, now much tattered, that hangs below the American flag at the Booth-Kelly sawmill. Mrs. Sam Richmond is making the new one, which is 2 by 3 feet, with a 4-inch red border, a white center and L. L. L. in blue letters across the middle. Almost all mills have similar ones, according to D. W. McKinnon of the Booth-Kelly office force.

## Springfield Couple to Wed

Marriage licenses have been issued during the past week to Willard A. Groat and Frances Baker, both of Springfield; to David Frank Jones and Eliza Hubbard, both of Dorena, and to August Olsen, Wendling, and Minnie Read, Eugene.

## Genefield Club Meets

The home of Mrs. Carl Fisher of Eugene was the meeting place of the Genefield Bridge club on Thursday afternoon. Guests were Mrs. Scobert of Eugene and Mrs. Dan Crites. Members present: Mesdames Harry Stewart, S. Ralph Dippel, Paul Basford, Harry Whitney, Carl Olson, Alec McKenzie, Cogswell Campbell, John F. Ketsis, Alfred J. Morgan and Mrs. Fisher.

A carload of Ford cars for the Anderson Motor company arrived from Portland Saturday.

Three carloads of poles arrived from Washington Friday for cross-rotting by the Carboliteum Wood-preserving plant.

The Springfield Mill and Grain company shipped several loads of feed and flour to various points during the past week, and distributed 13 truck-loads around the country yesterday.

## TREE PLANTERS TO GATHER TONIGHT

### Civic Club and Chamber Call Property Owners to Make Plans for the "City Beautiful" Campaign.

The "Springfield Beautiful" campaign carried by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and the Ladies' Civic club is to have a rousing meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the Chamber rooms in Morrison hall, with all citizens invited, according to W. F. Walker, president of the Chamber, and Mrs. Maude Bryan, president of the Civic club.

"We want every street fully represented," Mr. Walker said with enthusiasm in speaking of the meeting. "The discussion will be open to everyone. Prices of trees and shrubs will be submitted, and general plans formed."

A committee of Mesdames M. J. McKinnon, William Donaldson, W. H. Stearmer, W. C. McLagan, R. G. Halsey and Clark E. Wheaton has already been appointed by Mrs. Bryan, and further committees will be appointed to go into every detail of the new crusade for the beautifying of the city.

For some time past there has been much agitation about the matter of the laying out of parkings, the planning of shade trees, and the general building up of the city. The high school cooperated with the movement by planting rose bushes and trees on its grounds with a special ceremony on arbor day. The Chamber has read and discussed articles in various periodicals relative to the subject in past meetings, and is prepared to cope with the problem from the scientific angle.

## THURSTON STUDENTS TO PLAY "SAFETY FIRST"

Thurston high school will give a play Friday evening entitled "Safety First." Students of the school have been rehearsing the play for some time and will put on a production which will be very entertaining to the public, they say.

The cast of characters follows:

- Jack Montgomery, a young business man
- Perry Price
- Jerry Arnold, friend to Jack Montgomery
- Robert Taylor
- Elmer Fianell, college student and cousin to Jack
- Frank Renale
- Turk Abou Ben Mocha
- Loren Edmiston
- Mr. McNutt, policeman, Jay Grant
- Mrs. Jack Montgomery
- Margaret Russell
- Miss Virginia Bridger, Opal Tallaferr
- Mrs. Barrington Bridger, Helen Eyer Zulleka, daughter of Abou Ben Mocha
- Paul Tallaferr
- Mary Ann, servant girl to Mrs. Montgomery.

## CHAMBER TO REGISTER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

The secretary of the Chamber of Commerce has prepared a book in which it is designed that anyone who is engaging in any specialty in the agricultural line may register his product, in some such form as this: his name; location; mail address; acreage; if live stock, kind and number of animals; if fruit, kinds and number of trees; and so as to poultry, nuts and so forth. This will ultimately form an exhibit that will show to visitors what we have in this vicinity in these lines. Come in and register and help to start it off.

## Honors Daughter's Birthday

A Sunday birthday dinner at the home of Mrs. Grace Roberts honored her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Bicknell, of Eugene. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Bicknell, there were present Mr. and Mrs. Truman Gay of Eugene, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Roberts and Miss Mary Roberts of Springfield.

**SHEAR YOUR MOSSBACK, STRANGERS IN THE COMMUNITY ARE NOT USED TO SEEING MOSS GROW ON HUMANS.**

**BE A LIVE WIRE. YOU ARE ON A SHORT CIRCUIT IF YOU DON'T BELONG TO THE SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.**

**OH, YOU THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T ELIGIBLE. ANYONE LIVING IN THIS COMMUNITY IS ELIGIBLE IF THEY ARE 100 PER CENT BOOSTERS.**