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BUSHMAN ENTERS RACE FOR MAYOR

Friends Circulate Petition and Secure 38 Signers in Business District; Coffin's Death Leaves Recorder Vacancy.

G. G. Bushman, president of the Springfield Mill and Grain company, and prominent in civic affairs of the city has entered the race for mayor of Springfield at the November election. His petition was filed Tuesday afternoon with the recorder. The only other candidate so far is William Long, city councilman, whose petition has been filed for some time.

Friends have been trying to get Mr. Bushman to run for mayor for the last several weeks but he has heretofore refused suggesting other candidates. Tuesday morning a committee, unknown to him, circulated a petition in the business district securing 38 names. They then took it to Bushman and persuaded him to consent to let his name go on the ballot.

A progressive business like administration will be given the city in case of the election of Mr. Bushman, his friends declare. They point out he is one of the most successful businessmen in town and that he will exercise the same ability toward the running of city affairs. During the next few years Springfield is expected to make rapid advances and Mr. Bushman backers declare he is the sort of capable man needed at the helm.

Mr. Long has seen much service on the council and is running on his record. It is understood he will carry out the present policies of Mayor Eggmann and expects the same support as the mayor has enjoyed at election time. Prominent and substantial citizens have their names of both petitions for mayor.

W. C. McLagan, resident engineer of the Mountain States Power company, and Herbert Cox, head accountant for the Booth-Kelly company, are candidates for the council vacancies. W. G. Hughes would succeed himself as treasurer.

With the sudden death of J. W. Coffin, there is a vacancy in the recorder's office and for justice of the peace. Neither office has another candidate in the field. Mr. Coffin was also school clerk and that office will also have to be filled.

AMERICAN LEGION HOLDS INITIATION OF RECRUITS

In line with their membership drive, the Springfield post of the American Legion initiated 4 new members at their meeting Friday in the W. O. W. hall, and re-initiated eight others. As many as six other candidates were unable to attend. Initiates were R. L. Burnett, Ira Hake, Paul Meyers and Fred Knox.

An address on Defense day was made by Captain J. Wray Chase of the Mohawk, commander of the reserve company for this district, and all the men present at the meeting enlisted for one day in response to his appeal.

Following the meeting refreshments of sandwiches, coffee, ice cream and cake were served.

The new post banner and American flag were on display for the first time since their purchase. The new post banner is of blue silk with "Springfield Post Number 40 American Legion" emblazoned on it in gold letters.

Pay Traffic Fines.

B. Weeks of Waterville paid a \$5 fine in Springfield police court this week for passing a street car while it was unloading passengers at 4th and Main streets.

C. M. Cornelius of Goshen turned the corner at Main and Second streets faster than 12 miles per hour, for which he was fined \$2.50.

G. S. Strom of Junction City was fined \$5 for cutting corners.

Masons Resume Meetings.

The meetings of the Springfield Masonic lodge were resumed beginning Tuesday evening, September 9 in the I. O. O. F. hall at 7:30 o'clock, after two months vacation during July and August. Work was put on in the Fellowcraft degree.

W. H. Horne was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Gorrie, sr. Irvin Christie was in from Marsola yesterday.

MISS CONLEY, 39, KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE TUESDAY

Dies With Fractured Skull Shortly After Being Struck By Car at Second and A Streets.

Miss Ethel Conley, 39, was struck by an automobile at the corner of Second and A streets Tuesday evening and died soon afterwards. The machine was driven by Miss Carol Chase of Chase Gardens. Funeral arrangements for Miss Conley are awaiting word from Clinton Conley, brother of the deceased, who lives at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Miss Conley, who was an employee of the Springfield telephone exchange, was just going home from work about 9 o'clock and was crossing the street, when she was struck by an automobile automobile driven by Miss Chase. Miss Chase had been driving slowly, but was about to meet a car. Both cars dimmed their lights, and in the darkness she did not see Miss Conley nor know that the car had endangered anyone until the impact was felt. The corner is also heavily shaded with trees. Miss Chase halted her car immediately. A physician was called, and Miss Conley was taken to the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene. Riding with Miss Chase was a friend, Miss Myrtle Harvey of Springfield.

Death came to Miss Conley at about 10:35 o'clock. Her skull had been fractured at the base of the brain.

Miss Conley is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Conley of Springfield, a sister, Mrs. S. A. Gay of Silverton, and by four brothers, Harvey, John and Ernest of Springfield, and Clinton of Cincinnati. The body is at the Walker chapel.

Relatives of Miss Conley called up the office of Coroner W. W. Branstetter yesterday, asking that an inquest be held. He will be in Springfield this afternoon, when a decision as to whether or not it will be held is reached.

Parents of the deceased have not requested the inquest.

SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 20

A special election has been called by the school board of district 19 for the purpose of electing a new school district clerk to fill the vacancy left by J. W. Coffin, deceased. The notice of the election is signed by George H. Ditto, chairman of the board, and F. E. Louk, director.

Thomas McKinnis and John Ketels, sr., have been mentioned as possible candidates for the office of clerk.

Lee W. Clark has been appointed by the City Council to fill the office of the City Recorder, which Mr. Coffin likewise held, until the elections in November when a new recorder will be chosen.

J. O. BURCHAM WILL BE JUNIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL

J. O. Burcham will be the principal of the junior high school this year, and Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway of the Lincoln building. School opens for registration September 18.

Other junior high teachers are Elizabeth James of Eugene, Kathryn Duncan, Springfield, and Jassamine Nelson, Springfield.

Lincoln school teachers will be Ella Lombard, Crystal Male, Opal Roberts, Eula Montgomery, Elizabeth Page, Edna Platt, Mrs. Morgan all of Springfield, Mary E. S. Walker, Ella Hayden, Eugene, Marjorie Tracy, Newport, and Nina Boesen, Eugene.

Lad Knocked Down By Auto.

Clifford Murphy, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Mowth Murphy of just north of Goshen, was knocked unconscious Tuesday evening when the bicycle he was riding was run into from the rear by a car driven by a Walton resident. No bones were broken, but the lad was badly cut about the head, necessitating several stitches, and his arm and shoulder were badly bruised. He was soon restored to consciousness. The accident occurred in front of the lad's home, just as he was about to turn in the driveway.

Eye Injured—A chip off a knot off some wood he was chopping struck Roy McKnight in the right eye Wednesday morning, even passing through the cornea. His physician still has hopes that he will be able to see again.

George S. Riggs of Mable was in Springfield on business Saturday.

LEE CLARK TO FILL RECORDER VACANCY

Council Chooses Former Recorder to Fill Unexpired Term Until Election Time; Letter of Condolence Sent.

Lee Clark, who served as city recorder 12 years ago, was appointed Monday night by the city council to fill the unexpired term of Recorder J. W. Coffin, deceased. Mayor Eggmann appointed Mr. Clark and the council ratified the appointment.

Mr. Clark will act as recorder and police judge until some one is elected at the November election. He does not wish to continue in the position because of his age and ill health. Mr. Coffin was a candidate to succeed himself both as recorder and justice of the peace. So far no other candidate has sought the office.

The council sent a letter of condolence to Mrs. Coffin and the members purchased a floral piece for the funeral. Councilmen expressed their sorrow at the loss of a brother officer who had been very faithful to his duties. Death found Mr. Coffin with his official work up to date so that his successor will have no trouble in carrying on.

The council order Jess Smitson, fire chief, to have the wheels on the fire truck repaired. Several pieces of light repair work on streets was also authorized. The mayor ordered the city engineer to make a survey on Second street for the benefit of those property owners who wish to put in their own sidewalk.

HALF DOZEN COUPLES SEPARATED BY JUDGE

Liberty was given to a half dozen couples by Judge G. F. Skipworth in circuit court Tuesday. Desertion and cruelty the principal grounds alleged.

J. A. Gillespie was granted a divorce from Eva Gillespie on grounds of desertion. The couple were married August 1, 1923, and he claims the wife left him 10 days later.

Pearl W. Kaufman secured a divorce from Otto L. Kaufman on grounds of cruelty. She claims he associated with other women. They were married October 22, 1915.

Ambrose Woodward was granted a decree from Ella J. Woodward. They have been married since March 19, 1881, and have eight grown children. The husband alleges the wife accused him of adultery.

Mary L. Hand was separated from Henry Hand on grounds of desertion. The couple were married May 12, 1923.

R. C. Ellmaker was granted a divorce from Elizabeth Ellmaker on grounds of cruelty and inhuman treatment. He claimed she associated with other men.

Azalla Gilland was given a divorce from Lyle V. Gilland on grounds of cruelty. They were married October 18, 1915.

Complaint for divorce was filed Tuesday in circuit court by William Whitlatch against Ida Whitlatch. The husband claims the wife strikes him and that with the exception of the first three months of married life she has been guilty of cruel and inhuman treatment. They were married in January, 1923.

Marriage Licenses of Week.

During the past week County Clerk R. S. Bryson has granted marriage licenses to the following: Donald Newton Rickerson, Bellingham, and Fay Headrick, Eugene; Ross M. Colvert, and Florence Brooks, both of Junction City; Alvin M. Reetz and Edith Buchanan, both of Junction City; Fred Felix Melenda, Circle, Montana, and Louise Kuck, Walton; Willard Clinton Ables and Esther W. Hughes, both of Eugene; John W. Anderson, Marshfield, and Katherine J. Watson, Eugene; George W. Burke and Rena C. Kennedy, both of Eugene; Gilbert Leroy Lane and Agnes O'Brien, both of Marsola; William Webster Deadman, Alpena, Michigan, and Helen Kuykendall, Eugene; Bryan W. Wilson and Mary Guilford, both of Eugene; Ira Warren Higgins and Nellie B. Smith, both of Fall Creek; Arthur C. Smythe, Arlington, and Elizabeth Claire Yorran, Eugene; Glenn Jones and Martha Jensen, both of Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. George Spores from up the Mohawk were here yesterday on business.

George S. Riggs of Mable was in Springfield on business Saturday.

J. W. Coffin



TOWN PAYS TRIBUTE TO J. W. COFFIN'S MEMORY

Beloved Citizen Who Died Monday to be Buried at Dayton, Oregon.

Business houses in Springfield were closed yesterday from 10 to 11 o'clock honoring the memory of James Wilbur Coffin, for many years Springfield's city recorder, police judge, school clerk and justice of the peace, for whom funeral services were being conducted at that time in the Walker chapel by Rev. J. F. Moore assisted by Rev. Thomas D. Yarnes.

The Booth-Kelly sawmill, where Mr. Coffin was formerly employed, stopped all operations, and the machines were silent for three minutes. The body was shipped to Dayton, Oregon, where concluding services will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church, followed by burial in the family plot at 2 p. m.

Judge Coffin died at 11:40 o'clock Monday morning at the Pacific Christian hospital, Eugene, caused by an attack of gastro-intestinal influenza and complications. He had been taken to the hospital about 7:30 o'clock the night before and became unconscious soon after. The death came as a shock to the citizens of Springfield, who had seen him at his usual post up to the preceding Tuesday when the sudden attack came on and his physician took him to his home. The influenza affected his heart and kidneys, and death resulted.

James Wilbur Coffin was born in Portland, Oregon January 27, 1861, the son of General Stephen Coffin, one of the founders of Portland. He was married to Mona E. Cain at Dayton, Oregon March 15, 1882, and to that union five children were born. The widow, living at the family home at 922 B street, and four children survive him. Miss Florence Coffin, Herbert Coffin and Ralph Coffin are all Portland residents. Harry lives in Walowa, Washington. One son, Lester, passed away at Newberg, Oregon, in 1902. For 14 years Mr. Coffin resided in Springfield, being in the employ of the Booth-Kelly lumber company. Owing to failing health he resigned his position and for the past several years occupied the posts to which he was elected and which he held up to the time of his death.

He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of the Woodmen of the World, the Rebekahs, the I. O. O. F., which will have charge at the grave, and of the Ku Klux Klan, which appeared in a body at the Springfield services to lay a floral piece representing the fiery cross upon the casket.

Mr. Coffin's three sons and Miss Florence Coffin were all here for the funeral, and went on to Dayton with their mother to attend the services and burial of their father there. Miss Miss Florence Coffin will be with her mother for two weeks following their return from Dayton tomorrow. Ralph Coffin will be here for a few days, also.

Clark Coming to Springfield.

Herbert Clark, assistant cashier of the United States National bank of Eugene, has resigned his position and will become cashier of the Commercial State Bank of Springfield. He expects to take up his duties here about October 1.

Mr. Clark is one of the leaders among the younger business men in Eugene, and was prominently identified with civic affairs there. His friends wish him well in coming to Springfield, as he has spent a great part of his life in this vicinity and is a graduate of the University of Oregon he comes here with a knowledge of conditions.

Mrs. R. V. Riggs was in town Saturday from Mable on a shopping trip.

SKAGGS GROCERY STORE TO LOCATE IN TOWN

One of One Hundred Chain Stores to Open Up in Kepner Building on Main Street.

One of the Skaggs chain grocery stores is to be opened up in Springfield in the building formerly occupied by the Newport grocery store between Third and Fourth streets on Main. The date set for the opening is September 15, if the building is ready, according to E. F. Kepnes, owner of the building, who has just leased it. Extensive repairs are underway. The front partition has been torn out, thus throwing the large room open to make room for a bigger stock than was formerly accommodated.

The entire place will be re-papered and re-shelved, according to Mr. Kepner, who now has carpenters at work there.

The Skaggs chain stores, of which there are over a hundred, have headquarters in Portland. There is one in Eugene on Eighth and Olive streets. Manager Brandt of the Eugene store will likewise have charge of the Springfield one, and clerks will be hired.

ANDERSONS' FINISH 300,000 POUND HOP CROP PICKING

The last of the hop crop was picked yesterday at the Anderson Brothers hop ranch, totalling 300,000 pounds green hops. The crop has been sold to an English firm represented by A. M. Lawson of Portland, and this will be the first delivery on a three-year contract. There were many pickers this year, the crop is of good quality, according to Ivan Anderson, one of the proprietors.

Welby Stevens also reports a good yield of hops but a lower price than usual. He irrigated his crop and say it made a wonderful difference. The Seavey yards this year produced heavy. Hundreds of pickers leave Springfield and vicinity daily for the yards and there are many others camped at the different places.

RORER TO ADDRESS LIONS CLUB FRIDAY LUNCHEON

C. D. Rorer, president of the Eugene Bank of Commerce, will speak on the "Dawes Reparation Plans" Friday noon at the Springfield Lions club luncheon. Mr. Rorer has made a special study of the Dawes committee report and as he is a capable speaker the Lions are anxious to hear him.

Frank Jenkins, editor of the Morning Register, spoke on county development and community spirit at the last week's luncheon. He declared Eugene and Springfield would have a combined population of 100,000 people within the next 50 years. He stressed the importance of securing a paper mill for this section.

CLUB IS FORMED AT CARD PARTY TUESDAY EVE.

Mrs. C. Barnes entertained with a card party at 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening at her home. Guests were Mrs. Fred Cline and Bernice Cline, Mrs. Walter Laxton, Mrs. Troy Hulbert, Mrs. Walter Lipes and children, Mrs. Asa Peddicord, Miss Maud Sankley, Mrs. Hugh Jolliff, and Mrs. King, mother of Mrs. Barnes. The ladies present have organized themselves into a club which will meet Tuesday evenings regularly. A name has not been chosen as yet. Light refreshments were served by the hostess later in the evening.

The club met the previous week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cline. And the husbands of the ladies, who are permitted to be present at one meeting each month, honored the occasion. Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Troy Hulbert and son, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laxton and son, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jolliff and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Peddicord and daughter Velma, Mrs. Walter Lipes and daughters Thelma and Wilma, Mrs. Carr of Harrisburg. Assisting the hostess in serving the refreshment were Gladys Nystrom, Maud Sankey and G. J. Bellevue Nasbill.

Left for California—E. E. Morrison and W. J. Lopley left Sunday for California to be gone for two weeks or so. They expect to go as far south as Los Angeles.

Mrs. E. H. Maerston of near Walteville was a Springfield visitor yesterday.

DEFENSE PARADE IS FRIDAY EVENING

Enlistments for One Day Taken in Battery B, 628th Coast Artillery Which Will Report to City Hall at 6:30

- Headquarters Battery B 628th Art.
- C. A. C.
- Springfield, Ore.
- September 10th., 1924.
- 1. By direction of the President
- Battery B, 628th Art. C. A. C. is
- ordered to duty Sept. 12th., 1924.
- 2. All members of Battery B.
- 628th Art. C. A. C. will report for
- duty at the City Hall, Springfield,
- Oregon, September 12th., 1924 at
- 6:30 p. m. to Captain John W.
- Chase C. A. O. R. C.
- JOHN W. CHASE
- Capt. C. A. O. R. C. Commanding.

A parade will be the mark of observance of September 12, National Defense day, in Springfield, according to C. A. Swarts, chairman of the commemoration committee appointed by Mayor Charles F. Eggmann. A booth will be open in the Cash and Carry store all day Friday for enlistments, and those who sign up for the day with Battery B, 628th coast artillery reserve corps will parade in the evening at 7 o'clock. The parade will start at the city hall, go to Seventh and Main streets, and back again. Captain J. W. Chase of the Mohawk district is the commanding officer. Lieutenant Walter Cole, of Eugene, is second in command.

Women can enlist in the nurses' reserve corps, so they can take part as well as the men, Mr. Swarts says. "We want every man who can to enlist," he declared. "There is no age limit, and the enlistment is absolutely for no longer than the one day."

No organizations are planning to take part as units, though if the enlistments far exceed 110 required for the company the American Legion may parade as a unit, Captain Chase told the Legionaires.

The Defense Day program will be an annual affair as suggested by the Secretary of War and approved by the President. It is part of a national preparedness policy. The day selected is the anniversary of the battle of St. Mihel.

REV. YARNES TO PREACH HIS FAREWELL SERMON

The annual conference of the Methodist church will meet at Medford on Wednesday, September 17. This gathering will be comprised of all the ministers of the Methodist Episcopal church in Oregon, with the exception of a few in the northeastern corner of the state.

Next Sunday, therefore, will be the last Sunday of the present conference year. It is expected that the present pastor of the local Methodist church, Rev. T. D. Yarnes, will be assigned to some other church for the coming year. Hence next Sunday will mark the close of his four-year pastorate in Springfield. He will give his parting message on Sunday evening.

The subject of the morning discourse will be "Patriotism and Peace." Everybody is invited to both services.

Springfield Man Marries.

Word has reached Springfield of the marriage of Paul Brattain, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brattain of this city, to Miss Dulele Peterson of Paisley, which took place late in the evening of August 30 in Lakeview. The ceremony was performed by Dr. E. A. Danford of Eugene, district superintendent of the Methodist church, who was visiting in Lakeview at the home of the Methodist pastor there.

Foundation Being Laid.

Concrete is being poured this week for the concrete mat which will be the foundation for the new reserve water tank to be built by the Mountain States Power company on the hill south above the plant.

Mother and Baby Here—Mrs. P. Bishop of Mable came to Springfield to the home of her mother, Mrs. Berg, on Monday from the Pacific Christian hospital. With her is her infant daughter born at that hospital in Eugene on September 3.