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## KESTERS OBSERVE 66TH ANNIVERSARY

Married for 66 Years Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Kester Observe Event with Family Reunion December 26; Five Generations Present.

Married for 66 years is the record of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Kester of 4th and B streets, whose wedding anniversary was December 26. Mr. Kester was 91 years old on October 16, and Mrs. Kester was 86 on October 8. There are five generations in their family. They are the parents of eight living children, and one son and two daughters, deceased. They have nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Kester were born near London, Canada, where one son, Aaron Kester now lives. Previous to their coming to Oregon Mr. and Mrs. Kester lived at Petrolia, Canada, where Mr. Kester was an oil distiller. In 1903 they came to Oregon, staying a few months at Wendling, and in 1904 settling in Springfield.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Kester are: Dr. Eugene Kester, Edgar Kester, Mrs. W. Fred Walker, and Mrs. Jess Lorah, all of Springfield; Michael Kester of Buffalo, New York, Aaron Kester of London, Canada, Lowell Kester and Hugh Kester of Portland. Michael Kester has five children, Fred, Gertrude, Elizabeth, Sarah and Pearl. Elizabeth Kester is Elizabeth Kester Grant, the mother of one daughter, and a grandmother. Gertrude Kester is Mrs. Henry Jentz, who has two daughters, each of whom is married and has one child.

Edgar Kester has three children, Floyd, Clarence and Phyllis. Hugh Kester has one daughter, Isaline. Mr. and Mrs. Kester are in excellent health, considering their advanced ages. Mr. Kester still picks out his children's Christmas presents, and Mrs. Kester, although she suffered a slight stroke some time ago, has an active interest in the affairs of her household.

## HIGH WATER CUTS OFF INTER-CITY HIGHWAY

High water has caused considerable inconvenience to the residents of Springfield this week. On Tuesday the highway between Springfield and Eugene was practically impassable, due to the overflow of the Willamette river. Those going to the taxpayers' meeting in Eugene were either forced to take the street-car or go from Pleasant Hill to Jasper and in by the other route.

Water was very deep in some places between Springfield and Eugene, and a few instances coming above the mail boxes. Cars had to be pulled out by teams, and several men were forced to use rafts to reach their barns and other out-lying buildings.

The Springfield Mill and Grain company was unable to operate its flour-milling department, beginning Monday, due to the high water reaching the turbines. The feed-milling department is still operating, however. The plant is expected to start up again some time today.

The high water lacked 2 1/2 feet of being as high as it was in January two years ago, according to gauges used by George Davenport, but there is no doubt about it, it was too high for comfort.

**Fined this Week**—George Matter was fined \$2 this week for parking beside a fire hydrant.

**To Dine at Eugene**—Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Emery will take New Year's dinner in Eugene at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Lightfoot.

**Entertained at Dinner**—Mr. and Mrs. Elvris Taylor entertained Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harrison, and her brother, Russell Harrison, at Christmas dinner.

**Here from Oakland**—James, uncle of Mrs. Bert Harper, came from his home at Oakland, Oregon, in time to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Harper. He plans to stay for a week or ten days after New Year's Day.

**To Entertain Today**—Dinner guests at the John Nelson home today will be Mrs. T. Berg and daughter Hilda, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Berg, Telmer Berg and Miss Lindley of Eugene.

## LEAVITT WILL CONDUCT EVANGELISTIC SERVICE

Former Pastor of Springfield Christian Church Returns to Hold Series of Meetings Here

Teddy Leavitt, evangelist and former pastor of the Springfield Christian church, and family will return to this city and fill his former pulpit in a series of evangelistic services starting on January 4. Mr. Leavitt was pastor of the church here for two years and is widely known in the community. Since leaving this city he has had splendid success as an evangelist and the officers of the Springfield church are pleased to have him return.

The plan of Mr. Leavitt in conducting meetings is different from most evangelists in that wherever possible he seeks out communities where the gospel is seldom if ever preached. Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt and team have a Gospel car and a large tent which they carry from place to place when the weather will permit holding meetings in the open and many are the logging camps and isolated communities in the Northwest that have heard him and his co-workers. The evangelist and his workers ask no stipulated salary but only for free will offerings. Their entire work is financed by individual friends, churches and organizations who desire to help.

Mr. Leavitt and his wife are ably assisted by Claude Neely, song leader, and his wife who is a pianist. The people of the Church of Christ feel thankful that they were able to obtain the evangelists and extend an invitation for everybody to attend. The meetings beginning Sunday, January 4, are scheduled to last four weeks.

## GEORGE DAVENPORT WILL BUILD SERVICE STATION

A new service station, of concrete and steel construction, an equipment estimated at \$2,500, is to be built by George Davenport, Booth-Kelly employee and chairman of the 4L, on his property at Midway Park, on the Pacific highway between Springfield and Eugene. Work on the new structure will begin April 1.

The new service station will have a concrete base and floors, with frame of steel and glass. The ground measurements of 24 feet by 24 feet includes the ladies' restroom as well as the station itself.

Four brands of gasoline will be handled: Union, Standard, Shell and General. Mr. Davenport will begin business with two men in charge of the general work of the station. He plans to have the structure done in time for the spring tourist trade. Besides a 5-acre tract in that vicinity, Mr. Davenport owns from 15 to 20 lots.

## FAMILY REUNION HELD AT LANSBERRY HOME

Mr. and Mrs. William Lansberry enjoyed a family reunion and homecoming of their children and grandchildren on Christmas Day at their home on G street.

Attending the dinner and festivities were: Mr. and Mrs. Claud J. Lansberry and children, Coy, Elma, Edith, Aren, Henry and Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Lansberry and son Arbie; Hugh Lansberry; Mr. and Mrs. Coy Lansberry of Deerhorn, and their children, Naomi and Carl; Mr. and Mrs. George Hershney of Canada, and daughter Emmy Lou; Mr. and Mrs. Drury Morse of Westfir; Mark D. Lansberry of Roosevelt Beach, Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lansberry of Portland.

**Attended Family Reunion**—Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Rowe of this city attended a family reunion in Albany on Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lamberty. Accompanying them to Albany were Mrs. Rowe's two sons, Francis Lamberty of Los Angeles, California, who has been visiting in Springfield for some time, and Nick Lamberty, of Portland, who has been here for two or three days. The Rows returned to Springfield Christmas night.

**Leaves for Marshfield**—Mrs. Clara Fawver leaves today for Marshfield to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Collins. She will remain away until Sunday. While in Marshfield Mrs. Fawver will also visit other relatives.

**Were Diner Guests**—Mr. and Mrs. Pratt Holverson and family were dinner guests on Christmas day at the home of Mrs. Holverson's mother, Mrs. Mary Platt.

## 80 ATTEND MASONIC OFFICERS INSTALLATION

Banquet Held Friday Night When New Officers Take Chairs for En-suing Term.

A total of 80 persons from Springfield and neighboring towns attended the banquet and public installation of officers in the Springfield Masonic hall Friday night, beginning at 6:30 o'clock. The affair was given by the members of the Springfield lodge number 171 for Masons, their wives and sisters.

Officers installed were: S. Ralph Dippel, worshipful master; Theron Cogill, senior warden; Oswald M. Olson, junior warden; Clark E. Wheaton, Secretary; Charles F. Eggmann, treasurer; O. H. Jarrett, trustee; At Fred J. Morgan, senior deacon; Win-fred May, junior deacon; Sidney V. Ward, senior steward; D. W. McKinnon, junior steward and C. A. Swartz, retiring master, tiler.

A past master's jewel was presented to C. A. Swartz, retiring head of the lodge. The presentation speech was made by William Roush, past master.

An elaborate program arranged for the event included music by the Murphy-Moshier quartette, made up of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas B. Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. Roland E. Moshier, who sang several selections. Charles Nadvornik played Schubert's "Serenade" on the violin, accompanied by Mary Elizabeth Whitney. Miss Whitney sang a vocal solo, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Paul Basford. D. W. McKinnon sang, accompanied by Mrs. McKinnon, followed by a vocal duet by Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon. A special feature of the program was a one-act play, "Enter the Hero," given by Mrs. John F. Ketels, in which she impersonated four characters, mother, daughter, sister and young man.

The address of the evening was given by Frederick S. Dunn, professor of Latin at the University of Oregon, and a district deputy of the Oregon Grand Lodge.

## FAMILY REUNION HELD AT OLSON'S CHRISTMAS

The home of Mrs. Emma Olson and her son, Oswald M. Olson was the scene of a family reunion on Christmas Day. It was the first time in 34 years that Mrs. Olson and her brothers had been together for Christmas, the last time being in Bayfield, Wisconsin. A total of 17 persons sat down to the turkey dinner.

Guests were: John Hallin of Westfir, brother of Mrs. Olson; Hugo Hallin of Eugene, who is another brother, his wife and six children, Frank, Dorothy, Ralph, Genevieve, Rose and George; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce E. Lansberry, son-in-law and daughter of Mrs. Olson, and their three children, Bruce Jr., Maxine and Pryllis.

Odin Olson, younger son of Mrs. Olson, was home from Bridal Veil for the festivities. He returned to Bridal Veil Wednesday morning but will be back again and remain for a longer visit with his mother and brother. John Hallin returned to Westfir on Saturday.

The event was celebrated not only on the Christmas occasion and reunion day, but was the birthday of Odin Olson as well.

**Entertained with Large Dinner**—A total of 21 persons enjoyed a turkey dinner on Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney V. Ward. Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ward were: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Tomseth, Arnold Tomseth, Henry Tomseth, Alice Tomseth, Abbie Tomseth, Eddie Tomseth, Bert Tomseth, Percy Tomseth, Daisy Tomseth, Echo Tomseth, Mr. and Mrs. John Tomseth, Ellen Tomseth, John Tomseth Jr., William Shriver of Spokane, Washington, and small daughter May Ellen Shriver, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Nysten.

**Left for Albany**—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burnett left Wednesday for Albany, Oregon, to visit Mrs. Burnett's parents over New Year's Day.

**Went to Cottage Grove**—Miss Hattie Nadvornik went to Cottage Grove Monday where she spent the day with Miss Evelyn DeVore, a former Springfield young lady.

**Returned from Halsey**—Charles Platt returned Tuesday from Halsey where he spent the week end.

**Stearmers Had Guests**—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stearmer entertained Mr. and Mrs. Riley Snodgrass and daughter Maxine on Christmas Day.

## Labor's Head



Wm. Green, of Ohio Mine Workers, is now president of the American Federation of Labor to succeed the late Samuel Gompers. Green's election, at a special called session of the Executive Committee, deposed Acting Pres. James Duncan, First Vice-President.

## NEW CITY OFFICIALS SWORN INTO OFFICE

Springfield's new mayor, G. G. Gushman, president of the Springfield Mill and Grain company, was sworn into office by retiring mayor Charles Eggmann at a meeting last night at 7:30 o'clock in the city hall. William G. Hughes, president of the First National bank city treasurer, Herbert J. Cox and Lawrence L. May, both Booth-Kelly employees, the new councilmen and Lynn Lansberry, new city recorder, also took their oaths of office.

George Vallier as city street commissioner, Charles Nolf as marshal and Fred Hinson as night watch are the appointments announced by the Mayor.

## 12 LONELY OLD MEN ARE MADE HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Santa Claus remembered the 12 lonely old men who are county patients at the Springfield hospital. He arrived early in the week with a sack of chocolate fudge. He came again later with a basket of canned fruit and jelly. He paid another visit, bringing a large sack of popcorn, oranges, apples and candy, and a huge bundle of magazines for them to read. A great many gifts and delicacies were bestowed upon them.

On Christmas Eve a group of young girls from the Fairmont Presbyterian church in Eugene came over to Springfield to sing Christmas carols to them and on Christmas Day the hospital force carried the victrola up the stairs and played for them.

**Here from Blue River**—Bart Tate, brother of Mrs. L. E. Danks of Springfield Junction, arrived here Monday to visit his sister. He left for home again on Tuesday.

**Returned to Portland**—Mr. and Mrs. Allison S. Jellison and two children Bernice and Tom, returned to their home in Portland Sunday after spending Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McKinnon. Mrs. Jellison is a sister of Mrs. McKinnon.

**Inspector Here**—Inspector Anderson, representative of the Nicolai Door-Manufacturing company of Portland, was in Springfield Tuesday inspecting two carloads of lumber to be shipped to his company.

**Visiting at Myers Home**—Mr. and Mrs. George Burton of Chicago are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myers. They arrived Tuesday night, and will be here until after New Year's. Mrs. Burton was formerly Miss Edna Myers. Her marriage to Mr. Burton took place recently at Louisville, Kentucky. She is a sister of Charles Myers.

**Returned Home**—Grant Tate returned Saturday to McKenzie bridge after spending Christmas with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dank, at their home at Springfield Junction. His brother John Tate returned home to Eugene on Thursday evening, as did Mrs. Danks' nephews, Buel and Cecil Byerlin of Vida. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stewart and two children, Roland and Ermine, returned home to Fall Creek Christmas night after taking dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Danks.

## SPRINGFIELD PLAYS YUREKA FRIDAY NIGHT

Barnstorming Tour of Oregon Being Made by California Quittet of Basketball Players

Springfield High School will meet the strong Yreka, California team in a game of basket ball to be played in the High School Gymnasium Friday evening January 2 at 7:30 o'clock. Yreka has been barnstorming the Willamette valley and southern Oregon during the holiday season, playing among the many games, Dallas, Roseburg, and Franklin High of Portland. The Southern have a fast aggregation and the local boys expect one of the hardest games of the season when they meet them. The Springfield line up is not sure but the following men will probably have a chance to meet the invaders: Cox, H. Cowart, H. Hughes and Griffin, forwards; Bates and Nice, centers; Lewis, Nice and McMullen, guards.

The Alumni and High School are planning a benefit game for Wayne Hawke who was injured some time ago in a motor cycle wreck and later lost his leg. It will be played January 6 at 7:30 P. M. The Alumni are practicing and getting in good shape to give the high school a hard game.

## NYSTROM FUNERAL IS HELD DECEMBER 27

Funeral services for Mrs. Emily Catherine Nystrom, who dies at her home on west E street December 25, were held December 27, 1924 at 2:30 o'clock in the Walker chapel, conducted by Rev. F. L. Moore, pastor of the Methodist church. The remains were shipped to Myrtle Point for burial.

Mrs. Nystrom had been an invalid from paralysis for two years preceding her death. She was 49 years, 5 months and 14 days old. She was born in California, but had been a resident of Springfield for the past 16 years.

Survivors include her children, Mrs. George Lloyd of Seldovia, Alaska, Adrain, Floyd, Claud, Earl, Marvin, Herman and Gladys, all of Springfield; her mother, Mrs. L. Prey of Myrtle Point; her sister, Mrs. D. Braden, also of Myrtle Point, and another sister, Mrs. Fred Garrett of Aurora, Oregon; three brothers, Herman and Frank Prey of Marshfield, and Otto Prey of Reedsport; besides three grandchildren.

## Attorney Arrives

Attorney W. A. Gressman and family arrived Wednesday from Vernonia and will take up their residence here. Mr. Gressman has opened his office over the Commercial State bank building.

**Library to Have Longer Hours**—The Springfield library will be open to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays in the afternoons beginning with next Monday, instead of only two days a week, on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

**Visits Parents**—Hubert Travis left for his home in Sacramento, California on Wednesday, after visiting over Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Travis.

**Married in Vancouver**—Mrs. Ethel Hadley and Orson Vaughn were united in marriage in Vancouver, Washington, on Christmas day, according to a report received. Mr. Vaughn is the son of John Vaughn of this city. He is an employ of the Booth-Kelly lumber company.

**Shipments Made**—The Springfield Mill and Grain company shipped a car of flour and feed to Mapleton on Tuesday. J. W. Seavey shipped a carload of hops to Albany, New York on the same day. Morrison and Clingan, feed dealers, received a carload of flour and feed from Portland Tuesday.

**Enjoyed Christmas Dinner**—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Travis were hosts at a large Christmas dinner on that day. Those present besides the immediate family were: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morrow of Portland and two sons Eugene and Merritt; Mr. and Mrs. Lynn W. Zumwalt and children, Catherine, Robert and Warner, all of Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wing of Eugene; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wing and children Wilma and Gullbert.

Andy Stevens of Waterville was a business visitor in Springfield Friday. Richard Easton was in from Walterville Saturday.

## GAY CROWD SEES PASSING OLD YEAR

Gathering at Chamber of Commerce Watch Coming of 1925; Program of Fun Followed by Basket Social at Midnight.

Bedecked in colorful attire a gay crowd gathered at the Springfield Chamber of Commerce last evening and ushered the old year out and the new one in. More than one hundred people were present and listened to a program of music, songs, readings and speaking, following which a basket social was held at midnight.

Prizes were offered for the best costumes. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olson carried off first prize for the best sustained characters winning the sweater coat offered by the Farmers Exchange. They represented "hay-seeds" in from the backward country. D. W. McKinnon, the Booth-Kelly Caruso, carried away a new shirt from the Farmers Exchange for the most ridiculous character. He represented a "neat Irish Swell." John Ketels won a pair of suspenders offered by Halls Cash store for being the tallest man present. Walter Gossler, dressed as a negro clown, won the prize for the ugliest, a bottle of toilet water given by Ketels Drug Store; Mrs. Harry Whitney was awarded a bottle of toilet water for being the funniest; Mrs. John Ketels carried away the sack of Featherflake flour for being the fattest and Mrs. Julius Fulop another for being the shortest.

The Springfield band was present and played during the evening. The program of the affair follows:

Speech of welcome, President Walker. Speeches, Detiring Mayor Charles Eggmann, Mayor elect G. G. Bushman and Councilman L. L. May.

Drill, Neighbors of Woodcraft. Impersonation, D. W. McKinnon. Song, Mrs. John Ketels.

Speech, "Evidence of Springfield's Growth," Postmaster Hamlin.

Solo, Miss Parker.

Violin Solo, Mr. Nadvornik.

Speech, Rev. Moore.

Solo, Walter Gossler.

Song, Murryphy-Moshier Quartette.

Auctioneering of baskets, Julius Fulop and John Ketels, auctioneers.

**Attend Star Installation**

A number of Springfield ladies attended the installation of officers and banquet of the Order of the Eastern Star on Friday evening of last week in Eugene. Mrs. Charles F. Eggmann was installed warden and Mrs. W. Fred Walker as associate conductress.

Mrs. Clark E. Wheaton is the past worthy matron.

Those attending from here were: Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Eggmann, Mrs. Wheaton, Mrs. Cliff Abrams, Mrs. John F. Ketels, Mrs. S. Ralph Dippel and Mrs. Levi H. Neet.

**Here from California**—Miss Beatrice Davis of Merced, California, came Tuesday to Springfield to visit her sister, Mrs. B. Valenzuela, head of the Springfield general hospital.

**Legion to Meet**—Installation of officers in the Springfield post of the American Legion and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Legion will be held at the regular meeting Friday night in the W. O. W. hall. The meeting will start promptly at 8 o'clock, and will be followed by supper.

**Going to Portland**—Mrs. Louie J. Sinner will go to Portland Friday on a combined pleasure and business trip. She will visit Miss Lena and Miss Marie Sinner while there. Mrs. Sinner will be accompanied by her daughter, Louise May.

**Visiting Parents**—Mrs. H. D. Neff of St. Helens, Oregon, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nye. She came for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

**Dined in Eugene**—Clayton Barber was a dinner guest on Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert McCurry of Eugene.

**Dined with Mrs. Spencer**—Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald were dinner guests on Christmas day at the home of Mrs. Hattie Spencer.

**Entertained Friends**—Mrs. Lida MacGowan entertained a few friends informally on Tuesday evening.