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BRATTAIN BLOCK NEW SCHOOL SITE

Board to Pay \$2,000 for Piece of Property Valued at \$5,600 on Condition that New School Be Named "Brattain School."

Members of the Brattain Land Co. met with the city school board Friday night, offering, as a sight for the new grade school building, a block between C and D streets, just east of 10th street.

The block contains twenty-eight lots, which, at the prevailing market of \$200, apiece, would amount to \$5,600. The Brattain Land Co. offers the plot for \$2,000, donating the rest providing the school is called "Brattain School." The board accepted the offer.

The work of surveying the property, and draining it will be started very soon, according to R. W. Smith, clerk of the school board.

KENSINGTON CLUB MEETS FRIDAY AT WHITNEY HOME

The Kensington Club was entertained Friday at the home of Mrs. Harry Whitney, with Mrs. Whitney and Mrs. Alfred Morgan as point hostesses.

Daffodils and St. Patrick's day decorations were used about the house. A luncheon was served by the hostesses. Mrs. Donald Young of Eugene and Mrs. W. H. Pollard of Springfield were guests of the club for the afternoon.

Members attending the meeting were: Mrs. O. B. Kessey, Mrs. Sam Wright, Mrs. C. E. Swartz, Mrs. Herbert Moore, Mrs. Korf, Mrs. W. C. Rebhan, Miss Edna Swartz, Mrs. Whitney and Mrs. Morgan.

The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. C. E. Swartz, Friday, March 20.

Have St. Patrick's Party

Mrs. Lee W. Clark and Mrs. T. C. Barker, entertained the P. N. G. club Tuesday evening, March 17, at the former's home, at Third and Broadway. The spirit of St. Patrick's day reigned in the decorations and refreshments. At the close of the business meeting, a delicious two course luncheon was served on small tables, followed by music and games.

Members present were: Mesdames, Freeland, Hinson, Bernard, Louk, Korf, Fenwick, Brumette, Lansbery, Barker, Clark, Miss Mary Roberts, Knox, Barnes, Davy, Putnam and Little Miss Bobby Putnam.

Fined for Parking at Hydrant

Two men were arrested Sunday for parking too close to a fire hydrant. Both declined to give their names. A \$2 fine was paid by one Monday morning, while the other forfeited bail.

Speaks on Scouts

Delbert Obersteuffer, physical instructor at the University of Oregon, was the speaker at the Lions Club luncheon Friday. Mr. Obersteuffer spoke on the Boy Scout movement, having had several years experience in that line.

Fined for Parking Without Lights

Among those paying fines for parking without lights during the past week were Ben Davidson, Mrs. Frank F. Bartholomew, and Welby Stevens. The violators were caught under the new ordinance regulating light on parked cars at night on Fifth street.

Many Out of Town People Here

Many from out of town were business visitors in Springfield Saturday. Among them were Mrs. Burley Williams of Vida, W. H. Sanders of Jasper, Mrs. Sam Fawar and daughter from Harrisburg, Harry Powers of Mabel, T. W. Carney of Watervills, Mrs. Martha Vining of Camp Creek, and Phillip Gossler of Marcola.

Rents Houses in City

James McDonald, who came here recently from Washington, has rented the T. A. Livesley building on south 8th street, near the railroad.

William Vasby, formerly of Salem, rented the house of Mrs. C. J. Steinhauer, on the corner of 7th and F streets. He plans to move in immediately.

Here on Business—Dr. M. G. Evans of Portland, a former resident of Springfield is in town for a few days on business.

Off His Perch



Putnam Borglum, American sculptor, employed to carve a great Confederate Memorial on Stone Mountain, Atlanta, Ga., has been discharged by the committee. He is charged with destroying models after being discharged.

NEEDLECRAFT ENTERTAINS ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The Needlecraft entertained the husbands of the members with a house party Tuesday evening at the home of Dr. R. P. Mortensen. A dinner was held at 6:30 o'clock after which a radio concert was enjoyed. The decorations were St. Patrick's day colors.

Those present were Messrs and Mesdames C. O. Wilson, A. C. Wilson, John Ketels, Carl Olson, A. E. May, O. H. Jarrett, Alex McKeney, W. D. Crites, W. J. Scott, W. H. Pollard, H. M. Stewart, W. A. Long, W. H. Adrain, Robert Drury and R. P. Mortensen, and Dr. S. Ralph Dippel.

The next meeting will be April 1 at the home of Mrs. Drury. Mrs. May will assist Mrs. Drury as hostess.

INCREASE IN POSTAL RATES IN EFFECT SOON

Increased postal rates provided in the act passed by congress February 28 has reached the local post-office. Post cards will be two cents instead of one as heretofore after the act goes into effect April 15. Government postal cards will not be increased.

The classification of third and fourth class mail will be changed under the new act. The third class mail will be packages under tight ounces while fourth class will be those in excess of eight ounces. The rate will be 1 1/2 cents for each two ounces in third class and by zone in fourth class.

Several other rate changes will be made including the cost of money orders. Also money orders will no longer be issued in amounts exceeding \$100.

Marriage Licenses Issued

Marriage licenses have been issued during the last week to the following by the county clerk: Frank G. Edwards and Dora Gentry, both of Marcola; F. W. Hawk and Ruby Gaster, both of Springfield; Dale B. McCoy and Myrtle Preece, both of Cottage Grove; Clarence M. Lowe and Lily Fays Pruett, both of Noti; Buel W. Beyerlin, Leaburg, and Bessie Inez Winter, of Vida; Harry Alquist and Mary E. Kirtley, both of Eugene; and Owen Spurlock and Genevieve McPherson, both of Eugene.

Parent-Teacher to Meet

The parent-teachers association will meet Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Lincoln school. This is the regular meeting. Plans for a "daddy's night," will be discussed.

McKenzie Guide in Town

Harry Hayes, trapper and guide of McKenzie bridge, was a business visitor in the city Tuesday. He is erecting a garage on his property at McKenzie bridge to take care of cars of motorists this summer.

SPRINGFIELD BAND CONCERT IN ENJOYED

Good Attendance Hears Band, Orchestra, Instrumental and Vocal Selections Last Night

The Springfield band concert held last night in the Christian church was well attended and the varied program given was much enjoyed. The band concert was interspersed with selections by the orchestra as well as instrumental and vocal solos. The character of the program showed that the Springfield band is becoming an accomplished musical organization.

Following is the program: March, Majestic, Orchestra; Vocal Solo, Walter Gossler Selection, Kiss me, Caress me Orchestra; Song, Murphy, Moshier quartette; Loves Telephone, Orchestra; Violin Duet, Arthur and Paul Potter Selection, In After Years, Orchestra; Vocal Solo, Eunice Parker; Waltz, Indiana Moon, Orchestra; March, Victory or a Nation, Band; Charectic, Trombonum, Band; Violin Solo, W. D. King Selection, Hearts and Flowers, Band; Star Spangled Banner, Band; D. W. King and Glenn Veeder of Eugene assisted the local band in their entertainment last evening.

TWENTY PLAYERS OUT FOR FIRST BASEBALL PRACTICE

About twenty boys turned out for the first baseball practice of the season at the high school Monday. Arrangements are being made to have the first game against Marcola on March 27.

Six letter men reported to practice. All the basemen are back, with Paul Rice at first, John Cox at second, and Ray Casteel, third. Merl McMullen, pitcher, and Lotice Cole and Howard Hughes, outfield letter men also reported.

243 AT CHRISTIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL HERE

The Christian church Sunday school had an attendance of 243 last Sunday. Those present committed to memory 95 verses of the new Testament. The Sunday school has enjoyed a steady growth and increased interest according to the teachers.

The primary department under the superintendency of Mrs. Roland Moshier has 50 enrolled. The program of the Sunday school has been augmented by a horn quartet composed of Dallas Murphy, D. J. Beals and Oliver and Donald Wilder.

PRESIDENT STATE WOMAN S CLUBS TO ADDRESS CLUB

Every member of the Civic club is urged by their president, Mrs. Paul Brattain to attend a meeting Tuesday evening, March 24 in the Chamber of Commerce when the affiliation of the local club with the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs will be discussed.

Mrs. Saldie Orr-Dunbar, president of the state federation, is much interested in the local group as are other neighboring clubs which belong to the state organization. Members of the Springfield group feel that it will be a distinct advantage to them to ally themselves with the Oregon federation, according to their president. Membership in the state federation is held by all the larger and more important club groups in all of the cities of Oregon.

Entertains Genefield

Mrs. Carl Olson entertained the Genefield bride club at her home last Thursday afternoon. Three guests were present, and the afternoon was spent at card games. The hostess served a luncheon late in the afternoon.

Guests for the afternoon were: Mrs. John Henderer, Mrs. D. W. Crites, and Mrs. Alfred Morgan. Members of the club present were: Mrs. C. E. Fisher, Mrs. John F. Ketels, Mrs. A. P. McKenzie, Mrs. Harry Whitney, Mrs. Paul Basford, Mrs. L. Neet, Mrs. W. C. Rebhan, Mrs. Cogswell Campbell and Mrs. Olson.

The club will meet next Thursday at the home of Mrs. Whitney.

Buys Lots

W. E. Fritta, living in West Springfield, has bought two lots adjoining his property from Mrs. Mary Maxwell of Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cullen of Salem have rented a house on 9th and L streets, moving in today. They expect to make Springfield their permanent home.

Legion Adjutant



James Barton of Fort Dodge and Des Moines, Ia., has been made adjutant of the National American Legion. An effort is being made to make the appointment for his lifetime.

PROGRAM GRADE SCHOOL OPPERETTA ANNOUNCED

An operetta, "The Grief of the Fairies," will be staged by the Lincoln school pupils in the high school auditorium Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. About 200 children will take part. Mrs. Ora Reed Hemenway, principal of the grade school, arranged the Operetta and composed the speaking parts.

The program is as follows:

- Opening chorus and grand review. (Curtain)
Love Song to the Flowers Third Grade
Pretty Golden Sunbeams Second Grade
The Rain Chorus Fifth Grade
Song—Queen of Fairies Fourth Grade
Dialogue Fairies
Song—Come Dance with Me Fairies
Brownie Chorus Second Grade
Sunbonnet Babies are We Third Grade
Overall Boys are We Third Grade (Curtain)
Appearance of Flowers First Grade
Dialogue Fairies and Flowers
Dance of Bees and Butterflies First Grade
Blossoms Fair Third Grade
Bugs Appear First Grade
Dialogue Fairies (Curtain)
Pianologue Sunbonnet Babies and Overall Boys
Dialogue Brownies and Fairies
Drill Brownies
Dance Fairies
Brownies Return
Dialogue, King and Queen, Maxine Hemenway, Milton Doam.
Flowers Return
Finale Chorus

PROGRAM OF 4L'S MUSICAL IS ANNOUNCED

A tentative program for the 4L musicale, to be given Monday night at 8:00 in the woodman hall has been made out, although it is not yet complete. It is expected that there will be several additions made yet this week.

The program sponsored by the 4L, and is free to everyone. The Eugene office force of the Booth-Kelly lumber company has been invited to attend.

The Springfield band has promised to give a selection, as will also an orchestra under the direction of J. C. Parker. A juvenile orchestra is also expected to play. Several vocal solos and duets are planned. Mrs. Dallas Murphy and Mrs. Roland Moshier will sing a duet, and Walter Gossler, baritone, Miss Eunice Parker, Mrs. R. R. Harbert, and D. W. McKinnon, tenor, will each sing solos, Naomi and Iowa Carlton, and Mrs. D. W. McKinnon an duets. C. E. Swartz will sing duets also. Several more instrumental numbers are being planned but the committee in charge is not yet sure of them.

The regular 4L meeting will be held after the program. The semi-annual election of officers will take place at the next meeting.

Entertains "500" Club

The 500 club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Zella Cantrell Friday evening. The evening was spent playing cards, and a light luncheon was served. Attending the meeting were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adrain, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Seavey, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clark, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Larimer, Mr. and Mrs. L. Eubanks, M. M. Peery, E. G. Sutton, Welby Stevens, F. A. Clingan, Mrs. Maude T. Bryan, Crystal Bryan and Mrs. Cantrell.

Audit Shows Town \$120,517 in Debt

Liabilities Placed at \$209,694 and Assets at \$89,177; \$38,718 Overdue from Property Assessments as is also \$30,000 in Interest; If Property Owners Should Meet Obligations City Would be in Fair Condition.

Showing the net indebtedness of the town of Springfield to be \$120,517.37 and that there is now overdue principal and interest amounting to nearly \$69,000 and the audit of the municipal books has been practically completed by Gilbert Tyson and C. A. Horton, certified public accountants. While the auditors have not completed their work of untangling years of bad bookkeeping a statement as of December 31 has been rendered before the work of analyzing the different funds was started. The hardest part of the auditing is to reconcile funds which have borrowed from other funds, one item carried for years as \$23,000 in "bills receivable" has been completely wiped off the books and must be accounted for.

The audit show total bonds outstanding as \$186,400 and warrants \$2,836.30.

Not in Bad Condition

The city would not be in bad financial condition if the overdue assessments were met by property owners. There is now overdue some \$38,453 which has accumulated estimated interest of \$30,000. If these two amounts were taken care of the city's indebtedness would be materially reduced.

Following is the financial statement of the Town of Springfield, on December 31, 1924:

Financial Statement Town of Springfield, Oregon Dec. 31, 1924.

LIABILITIES:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Bonds Outstanding, Gen'l Impr. 1st Issue, Gen'l Impr. 2nd Issue, Gen'l Ref'd. due Feb 1, 1932, A-4-5-6-7 St. Imp. "refunding", Sewer Bonds of July 15 1924.

Total bonds outstanding \$186,400.90

Fund Balances:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes A-4-5-6-7 St. Paving, Bond sinking fund, First St. Impr., General Fund, Gen'l Impr. sinking fund, Gen'l Impr. Interest fund, B St. Impr., Library Fund, Sewer No. 2, Street Impr. Fund.

Total Credit \$40,912.32

Less Fund Overdrafts as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes A-4-5-6-7 St. Int. overdrawn, Main St. sinking, overdrawn, Main St. Int. overdrawn, Sewer fund overdrawn, Total overdraft, Net Fund Balance Credit, Warrants Outstanding, Total Liabilities.

Net Fund Balance Credit, 20,458.59

Warrants Outstanding, 2,836.30

Total Liabilities, \$209,694.89

Assets

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Cash on Hand, Lein Docket Unpaid, Lein Docket due and payable, (Estimated), Total Assets, Net Indebtedness Town of Springfield, Total.

Net Indebtedness Town of Springfield, \$120,517.52

Total, \$209,694.89

Chairman Cox of the Finance Committee makes the following statement in regard to the auditors figures:

"The above Financial Statement covers the condition of the Town of Springfield as at December 31, 1924, before the new bookkeeping system was installed and before an auditing account of the condition was made.

"The following outline of accounting procedure recommended by the Auditors has been accepted by the Council, after careful study, as an effective means of establishing standards, which will contribute to permanently stabilizing the economic control of the Town.

"An important feature upon which any municipality should gauge their resources and liability problem is largely represented in the lein docket and the proper keeping of this record constitutes a definite responsibility upon the Council and officers. It has been a difficult matter to check the present lein docket, which however, been eliminated by securing a new and properly ruled book, into which all unpaid leins have been carried forward.

"The installing and maintaining of an accounting system in a small town, designed to embrace the requisites of the larger places, is always a problem faced by authorities in the matter of keeping up such system after installing. Inasmuch as the Charter provides that the Recorder shall be the bookkeeper of the town and with the remunerative attraction to the elective position, men are frequently placed in

office whose training is entirely inadequate in the keeping up efficiently of coordinated control records designed to furnish reliable statements of the financial and operating results to the Council and Finance Committee. The auditors, with this in mind, have outlined the following, which will be set up in simple form and furnish such detailed information as might be desired, viz. Budgetary Comparisons of Actual Revenues with Estimated Budget Receipts, Analysis of Budget Income and Expense to Actual Income for the purpose of Expenditure Control within the prescribed limitations.

"The above installation together with modern ledger necessary subsidiary books and records kept in accordance with standard instructions, under the direct supervision of the Council and Finance Committee will eliminate the confusion and conglomeration of town affairs as have been evidenced by the necessity to check the past ten years or more in many instances to reconcile accounts.

"However within the next few days, the Town of Springfield will have a first class and up to date accounting system and set of books and records comparing favorably with those necessary in the successful conduct of any private business and from which the Town officers should be enabled to render their service to the Town in a businesslike manner."

H. J. COX, Chairman, Finance Committee.

FATHER OF LOCAL DOCTOR PASSES AT BROWNVILLE

John H. Rebhan, father of Dr. W. C. Rebhan, and a pioneer resident of Brownsville died at his home last Thursday evening. Mr. Rebhan died while doing chores about his farm. He had been bothered by heart trouble for several years.

Mr. Rebhan was born in Quincy, Illinois 73 years ago. He came to Oregon with an ox team in 1862, and settled on a homestead near Brownsville. He married Miss Rosanna Herring, who died in 1919, and was the father of five children, four of whom survive him. They are: Dr. W. C. Rebhan of this city, Mrs. W. C. Templeton of Albany, Miss Mellicie Rebhan of Seattle, and Mrs. A. L. Wendon, also of Seattle. The funeral was held in Brownsville Sunday.

St. Patrick's Day Party Held

St. Patrick's day emblems decorated the home of Mrs. Sam Wright, who entertained a new social club Tuesday. As yet the club has no name. Green shamrocks decorated the luncheon served during the afternoon. Mrs. Wright was assisted by Mrs. W. C. Wright.

Members of the club at the meeting were Mrs. M. J. McKlin, Mrs. C. E. Swartz, Mrs. George Katching, Mrs. N. W. Emery, Mrs. F. L. Moore, Mrs. W. N. Williams, Mrs. Benjamin, and the hostesses. Guests for the afternoon were Mrs. Anna Knox and Mrs. O. B. Kessey.

Buys Lots to Build On

Theodore J. McCracken has purchased two lots on the northeast corner of 9th and F streets from Mrs. Mary Pironie, of Eugene. The lots are numbers 9 and 10 of block 86. Mr. McCracken plans to build there some time this summer.

Mrs. Henry Chase has donated eleven books to the Springfield library which will be ready for circulation next week. Lamb's "Tales of Shakespeare" was added to the shelves this week.