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17TH STREET TO BE GRAVEL SURFACED

Council Orders Improvement on Petition; Extension of Sewer at School House Ordered; Streets Also to be Opened.

Seventeenth street will be improved from Main street to the Brattain line by action of the Springfield city council Monday night on petition of a majority of the property owners. The city engineer was ordered to draw plans and the city attorney an ordinance authorizing the improvement. The street will be graded and gravelled surfaced. It has been nearly impassable this winter and spring.

The council ordered the sewer between C and D streets extended through the new Brattain school grounds. Whether the sewer was to extend to Eleventh street or just to the east side of the school building was left to the fire and water committee and the school board. Grading and graveling of Tenth street in front of the school and C. D. and Eleventh street around the school was referred to the street committee and the school board. The school board has petitioned for the improvement. The streets around the school were ordered opened by the council.

Sidewalk improvement is reported progressing in many parts of the city. Application for the Bancroft act to cover cement walks were received from the following: J. B. Male, north side of B Street between Hbird and Fourth streets; L. M. Butler, Second street between C. and D. streets; Hattie E. Mulligan, G. street between Fifth and Sixth; Mrs. Ben H. Bristol, Willamette Heights; and Mary C. McGill on Fourth street.

SWARTS DELEGATE TO LEGION CONVENTION

C. A. Swarts, commander of the Springfield post of the American Legion was elected a delegate to the state convention at Prineville June 25, 26 and 27, at the post meeting Friday evening. Ray McPherson, adjutant, will act as alternate.

Practically \$200 has been pledged in Springfield on the Legion memorial and Dorenbecker hospital drive.

TWO CARS AND TEAM IN ACCIDENT ON HIGHWAY

Two automobiles and a team figured in an accident on the Pacific highway last Saturday. George Bennett of this city was driving close behind H. Sandgathe when the latter turned out to pass a team driven by Bert Bunt. Bennett's car struck Sandgathe's skidding it into the horses. One of the horses was knocked down and the harness torn. Complaint was filed against Bennett in justice court but the damages were settled without trial.

RICKARD FAMILY HOLD REUNION ON SUNDAY

Members of the Rickard family and their friends met Sunday at the McFarland chapel for a reunion. The family came across the plains to Oregon in 1853. There were four brothers Casper, John Andra and Peter, and two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Tracer and Mrs. Christina Beck, all of whom are now dead. Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of these pioneers met, some of them for the first time at this reunion.

A committee was chosen to arrange for an annual meeting of this kind. The next meeting will be on the third Sunday of June, 1926 with Mrs. Sarah Foster of Junction City.

Paint Shop Moving to Main Street

The Vosby brothers paint and paper shop, which has been located for some months on 5th street near A, will move the first of the week to the building on Main between 3rd and 4th streets formerly occupied by the skating rink.

The front of the store has already been moved back, and the entire shop will be repaired and painted. Besides the paints and wall papers now handled by the store, auto painting will be done at the new location.

Tennis Court Improved—The wire netting for the ends of the tennis courts at the Methodist recreational grounds have been put in place, and the court will be ready as soon as the lines are marked in.

28 Seniors Given Diplomas at H.S.

Dr. U. G. Dubach Makes Graduation Address and Rev. Childers Benediction

Twenty-eight seniors graduated from the Springfield high school at exercises held last night in the auditorium. Dr. U. G. Dubach, of the Oregon Agricultural college, delivered the main address of the evening. His subject was "What Next."

The program of the evening included, invocation and benediction by Rev. S. Earl Childers, the presentation of the class by Principal V. D. Bain, and presentation of diplomas by Chairman George Ditto, of the school board. There was music by Winnifred Tyson and Charles Nadvornik.

Members of the graduation class and their pictures are published on page 8 of this issue.

Pink roses decorated the Anchorage in Eugene Tuesday evening when the Junior class of the high school entertained the seniors at a banquet and dance. Besides members of the two classes, all members of the faculty were present.

The senior girls and women faculty members were given corsages, and little place cards having photos of the guests marked the places. Charles Nadvornik played a violin solo, and Myrtle Harvey sang. A Spanish dance by Hazel Parmenter was a feature of the evening.

Members of the faculty, with members of the graduating and junior class gave short talks. After the banquet, dancing was enjoyed until 11:00. Rev. F. L. Moore delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the senior class of the high school Sunday evening at the Methodist church. "The Highway, Whence, and Whither," was the sermon topic.

Girls of the junior class acted as ushers. The church was decorated with many flowers of the class colors, crimson and white.

WALTER GOSSLER AND MISS VEDA BEAN MARRY

At a private home wedding at the home of Mrs. Ella Lombard at 9th and C. Streets, Miss Veda Bean and Walter Gosler were married Wednesday evening at 6:00. Immediate relatives of the bride and groom were present. Miss Maurine Lombard acted as bridesmaid and Frank Lombard was best man. The wedding march was played by Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah. The ring service was performed by Rev. Earl Childers.

The bride wore a traveling suit of beige crepe, with a hat of matching color. Mr and Mrs. Gosler left immediately for an auto trip to Crater lake and the Oregon caves.

Mrs. Gosler is a niece of Mrs. Lombard, and has visited in Springfield several times. Mr. Gosler attended the Springfield high school, after which he spent two years overseas with the army. He is employed at the postoffice.

MRS. LANGDON PASSES AT HOSPITAL TUESDAY

Mrs. Martha E. Langdon, 87, died Tuesday at the Eugene hospital. She is survived by two sons, Lewis W. Langdon of Portland and George W. Langdon of Colorado, and two daughters, Mrs. W. J. Baldwin of Eugene and Mrs. E. N. Shafer of Oklahoma.

The funeral services were held from the Walker chapel Wednesday. The deceased was a member of the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Senior Play Well Received

Paul Nice, as the thief in "Stop Thief," the play presented by the senior class of the high school Monday evening, was the hit of the evening. Lenabel Harper, carrying the other leading part, that of a sticky-fingered and pussyfooting maid was also very good.

Howard Hughes as Dr. Willoughby and Merle McMullen, the staid minister, took their part well, as did Bernard Holton, the absent minded Mr. Carr. The other parts were also well-played, the performance on the whole going very smoothly.

Visits From Roseburg—Mrs. J. M. Sherrill of Roseburg stopped Wednesday evening at the W. A. Taylor home for a short visit before proceeding to Mt. Vernon, Washington, where she will visit.

PROPOSE EUGENE BUY S.P. SHOP SITE

Ask Citizens to Raise \$175,000 to Purchase Site West of Eugene to Trade for Springfield Location; Believe Move Vital.

Eugene is making a definite bid for the Southern Pacific car shops and terminals by offering to purchase a site west of that city to trade for the company's site at Springfield. At meetings Monday night at the Eugene Chamber of Commerce and city council the movement to raise \$175,000 by bonding the city was launched. It is proposed to trade this land for that in Springfield purchased here, at a cost of \$100,000.

In making its plea to the people to support a bond issue the Eugene Chamber of Commerce committee states it is vitally important to that city to have the shops instead of having the railroad locate them at Springfield. W. W. Calkins, chairman of the committee says in his report, "If Eugene is to remain a junction point on the main line of the Southern Pacific railroad and not a lesser line as the result of the establishment of the center of the company's operation at Springfield and the routing of the main line trains down the east side, vigorous action must be taken. If the shops and terminals are located in Springfield as is planned by the company, it will mean that the present shops here will be closed and the work of many years in upbuilding the industrial advantages of the city will be lost."

Options of the site west of Eugene have been taken by a committee of two officials of the three banks and two newspapers and department stores. Eugene business men, composed mostly of these men express themselves as believing the Southern Pacific will accept their offer and shelve the site if it has held here for ten years. It is significant, however, that no official of the railroad has been quoted as making the definite promise or has issued a statement over his signature.

LEGION PRESENTS LOVING CUP TO SENIOR CLASS

F. B. Hamlin, representing the American Legion, presented the silver loving cup given by that organization to the Senior Class at the last weekly assembly of the year at the high school Wednesday at 1:00. The cup is to be given each year to the class making the most points in class reports, the Laughtersque, and the poetry and essay contests.

Winners for the poetry contest were also announced. Evelyn Goodell, representing the freshman class, took first place, with Lilla Zachry, senior, second and DeEtta Duryee, junior, third.

Letters for the girls' and boys' high school baseball teams were awarded, with letters for girls basketball team, eleven minute-men letters and awards for two yell leaders.

Members of the boys' baseball team receiving letters were: Merle McMullen, Paul Nice, John Cox, Howard Hughes, Byron Cowart, Hugh Cowart, William Pollard, Ray Casteel, Austin McPherson, Gilbert Marguth, Frank Lombard and Lyle Hastings.

Girls baseball players winning letters were Christy Anderson, Viola Nelson, Anna Dillard, Hazel Parmenter, Arilla Thompson and Gladys Griffiths. The basketball girls awarded were Viola Nelson, Lucy Goodell, Arilla Thompson and Ida Cox.

Eleven minute-men, John Cox, Thelma Layson, Orval Eaton, Paul Nice, Carl McInnis, Lucile Stewart, Elizabeth Hughes, Frank Lombard, Austin McPherson, Naomi Carlton and Frank Lewis. George Moon and Howard Hughes received yell leader awards.

Report cards and the Maple Leaf, the high school annual, were given out at the assembly.

Goes to Portland—Mrs. John Ketels is in Portland attending a convention of the Daughters of the Nile. She plans to attend the Rose Festival before returning to Springfield.

Returns From Oakland—Mrs. Ferrol Perkins returned Tuesday from Oakland, where she has been for some time.

Railroad Bridge to Be Built in August

OWN PEOPLE CONDEMN EUGENE MEN'S ACTION

That the move on the part of certain Eugene men to steal the car shops from Springfield is resented on moral grounds by people of that city is evidenced in petitions being circulated in that city. According to Eugene people who were here today petitions were started yesterday condemning the action of certain backers of the car shop move as using underhanded methods and acting unfairly to Springfield.

Hundreds of people are said to be hostile to the proposed bond issue not only on this grounds but that it is not a proper undertaking for the city, but that Eugene is now bonded beyond its limit to pay. Injunctions are threatened if the city council should go ahead with a bond election August 18.

SPROULE NOT ADVISED

Telegrams from President Sproule received by Mayor G. G. Bushman and others today say that he has no knowledge of the Eugene men's attempt to trade a shop site in that city for the one the Southern Pacific owns in Springfield. He also indicates that the railroad is not a party to the Eugene move and says he will have to interview certain lower officials before he could give further information in view of the fact that President Sproule picked out the Springfield site personally it is not regarded here that the railroad company would abandon it without his knowledge.

MASS MEETING JUNE 14 AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

There will be a public mass meeting held in the Springfield Christian Church June 14 at 2:30 in the interest of law enforcement and the maintenance of constitutional government, under the auspices of the Flying Squadron Foundation and in connection with the local churches and W. C. T. U.

The speaker will be Oliver W. Stewart, president of the Flying Squadron Foundation, Editor of the National Enquirer, former member of Illinois legislature and for many years associated with the late ex-governor. Mr. Stewart has often spoken in the county and his many friends will be glad of this opportunity of hearing him again. The meetings are free and open to the public.

Rev. S. E. Childers, pastor of the church will preside and introduce the speaker.

FORTY EIGHTERS WILL MEET IN CITY FRIDAY

Lane County members of the 40 and 8 society of the American Legion will meet here Friday evening for the regular monthly meeting. The volume, composed of members of six posts of the Legion in Lane county meets alternately at the different towns.

After a supper at Huntley's delicatessen shop, the society will meet at the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

FREE CLINIC TO BE HELD FOR CHILDREN TOMORROW

The free health clinic for children under the auspices of the Mercy hospital staff and nurses will be held in Springfield tomorrow at the offices of Drs. W. C. Rebhan, Eugene Koster and R. P. Mortensen. Girls will be examined at Dr. Rebhan's office under the direction of Dr. G. S. Beardsley, Eugene specialist, and boys will be received at the other two offices.

Children of grammar school age who are in any way afflicted will be examined free of charge. The Mercy hospital urges parents to take advantage of this service extended free by the hospital.

Purchases House

Frank Sharman has purchased an acre tract with a five-room house on east 16th street from W. L. Copperncl.

New Structure to be Two Feet Lower than Present Bridge; Engineer Asks City for Lower Grade on Mill and Second Streets.

The new railroad bridge over the Willamette river to replace the present structure will be started next month by the Southern Pacific railroad. Steel will be delivered here in August for the new and heavier structure which is designed to handle the heaviest traffic. The new bridge will set on the old piers but will be lower than the present bridge by two feet.

Permission to lower the railroad grade across Mill street two feet and Second street several inches to accommodate the lower bridge has been sought from the city council. Engineer Putman, of the Southern Pacific, met members of the city council last Friday evening and secured their consent to make the lower grade. A significant fact is that the bridge will be single track instead of doubled as heretofore rumored.

The new bridge will be the first railroad work in Springfield with the exception of the replacing of the rails between Springfield and Natron which was undertaken several weeks ago. Following close on the bridge development is expected on the shop site and terminals on the Southern Pacific property here.

Clearing Completed
The work of clearing the brush from the right of way between Springfield and Oakridge was finished last Saturday by the Kelly-Sullivan crew. The work has been rushed during the last several weeks so as to finish burning the brush before the fire danger season set in.

SEARCH FOR MAN WHO SLASHED TWO WITH KNIFE

The sheriff's office is still searching for John Sollopoek, a Greek, who stabbed Harry Brink and Mrs. Flossie Hurd, both of Springfield, while they were riding with him in an automobile on the road to Eugene Sunday night. Brink was driving the car and Mrs. Hurd sat at his side when Sollopoek is said to have suddenly reached over from the back seat, slashing Brink's neck and Mrs. Hurd's head. The car was turned off the road and threw the occupants out. Sollopoek ran down the highway and has not been seen since. The injured man and woman were taken to the Pacific Christian hospital, where at first it was feared Brink would not recover. Both he and Mrs. Hurd are now said to be out of danger.

Marriage Licenses Issued

Marriage licenses have been issued during the past week to Peter S. Chase and Lelia Masters, both of Eugene; Stanford C. Mathews, Canby, and Geneva M. Deming, Junction City; Walter M. Richards, Eugene, and Ferné Travis, Springfield; Andrew Fish, and Dorothy Guiley, both of Eugene; Donald Barnes and Margaret MacGregor, both of Eugene; Lawrence Van Keller and Ada Marie Hickman, both of Springfield; Harry Nelson, Eugene, and Cleo Billings, Springfield.

Sues for Divorce

Albert Adams has filed suit in circuit court for divorce from Velva Adams on grounds of adultery. The couple were married January 23, 1924, at Seymour, Texas, and have two children whom the father seeks custody of.

Go on Vacation—Mr. and Mrs. Randall Scott left the first of the week to spend a month at their cabin near McKenzie bridge.

Goes to Everett—Zelphia Sneed left Wednesday for a visit of two months at Everett, Washington.

Go to Cascade—Ernest Black, "Ding" Mulligan and Tom Sharman drove to Cascade Resort up the McKenzie Wednesday.

Stops at Hotel Tuesday—M. Noetz of Oakridge stopped at the Spong hotel Tuesday.

Returns From Business—E. R. Wing returned Wednesday evening from a two-day business trip to Portland.

FIGHT TO BE MADE AGAINST EUGENE MOVE

Efforts of Men of that City to "Steal Shops" Will be Resisted by Springfield Chamber of Commerce; Eugene's Move Not Authorized by S. P. Officials.

Springfield will not lose the Southern Pacific shops to Eugene without a fight. Plans to thwart the group of Eugene men in their attempt at persuading the Southern Pacific to abandon the Springfield site in favor of one to be purchased by the municipality, were laid at a special meeting of the chamber of commerce last night. The railroad history of this section was reviewed and committees appointed to carry on the campaign.

Move Unheard of

Information from San Francisco headquarters read at this meeting was that the move on the part of Eugene men were unknown to the head offices of the Southern Pacific. Plans of the Southern Pacific to go ahead and build the shops on the 200 acre site in Springfield are so far undisturbed, if the Eugene men have the promise they allege it is plain that someone has spoken without authority.

Speakers at the meeting branded the Eugene move as "crooked" in its workings. Opinions of disinterested business men in Cottage Grove, Creswell and Junction City were cited and it is plain public opinion in this section is against the Eugene action. Scores of letters and telephone messages have been received from people in this territory by Springfield residents condemning the action of this group of business men. Many Eugene people have expressed indignation over the move and it is very doubtful that the bond issue will carry.

Eugene Tries to Be Hog

Attention of the meeting was called to the policy of Eugene to seek to profit at the expense of neighboring cities. Eugene in the past five years has never gone out and secured a new industry for itself but has persuaded factories in other towns to move to that city under the promise of unlimited financial backing which has not materialized. This move to "steal" the car shops will unite the whole territory against Eugene and she will lose trade advantages which will offset any advantages many fold she will receive in securing the car shops, speakers said.

Sproule Approved This Site

Welby Stevens, who was mayor of Springfield in 1913, when the shops site was bought here by the Southern Pacific company reviewed the transaction at the meeting. He said he was approached by Superintendent Campbell and asked to secure the land at a reasonable figure. This he promised to do and the railroad company was guaranteed the site by people of this community who agreed to pay any excessive cost asked by property owners. The shops site was purchased for approximately \$100,000 at a time when realty values were less than they are now.

Promise Long Standing

The 70 acres where the depot and yards are now located here were deeded to the Southern Pacific 35 years ago by the Pengra estate on the expressed provision they would be used as terminal site.

President Sproule of the Southern Pacific in inspecting the site here, remarked to him, Stevens said, that God must have had the Southern Pacific and Springfield in mind when he created the site here. President Sproule and railroad engineers have always held this was the ideal location for car shops. That is the reason they came here unsolicited on the part of the people and picked this site.

Goes to Portland—W. F. Walker went to Portland Sunday to attend a meeting of the State Embalming board. He returned Tuesday.