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PAVED ENTRANCE TO CITY BEING PUSHED

Lions Club Committee Working on Mill Street Paving Property Owners on Second Petition Highway Commission to Make it a State Road

A paved entrance to Springfield from the Pacific highway seems to be nearer at hand now with committees working for the improvement of both Mill and Second street. A committee of the Lions club has started to sign the required amount of footage on Mill street while property owners on Second have a petition out asking the state highway commission to take over the street from Main street to the Pacific highway.

After the failure of the Lions club this spring to secure sufficient signatures for the Second street pavement plan the club has switched its efforts to the paving of Mill street taking up the petition where the Chamber of Commerce left off a year ago. Business men of the town have taken the attitude that it was absolutely necessary to have one thoroughfare improved immediately.

All property owners on Mill street have signed the petition for pavement excepting the Booth-Kelly company and last week the petition, together with estimates and profile, was submitted to the officers of the company. As soon as the matter is taken up with the Booth-Kelly board of directors a decision was promised on the pavement. Booth-Kelly own about 60 per cent of the adjoining property.

Following the meeting of the Lions club committee, consisting of Mayor G. G. Bushman, W. F. Walker and H. E. Maxey, with A. C. Dixon, manager of the Booth-Kelly company, the Springfield council met and arranged to build a bridge over the Mill race to cost approximately \$3000. This will leave the expense of pavement only to the property owners, which has been estimated at about \$10,500 for a 20 foot pavement, \$11,000 for a 24 foot and \$12,000 for a 30 foot. The expense of building a substantial wooden bridge over the Mill race will be taken care of out of the general fund from money now coming into it from delinquent interest on property.

NO TYPHOID CASES ARE REPORTED IN SPRINGFIELD

Contrary to a report which has gained circulation through the Eugene press there are, and have been no typhoid fever cases in Springfield, according to physicians here. The city water, and the water from many wells in the city has been repeatedly tested, and found pure. All the typhoid cases reported so far near this vicinity have been west of the river, usually in Glenwood, although several of the cases have manifestly been contracted elsewhere.

TWO NEW TEACHERS ARE CHOSEN FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Fred Whitaker of Eugene was elected instructor in foreign languages and Frances Hodge, of Salem, and a graduate of Willamette University, was elected to teach science in the high school at a special meeting of the school board last Thursday evening. O. F. Waller was elected janitor of the Brattain school at the meeting.

Beauty Parlor to Open.

The Clover Beauty parlor will be opened Saturday in the Stevens-Perkins building, over the Anderson garage. W. W. Clover, the owner, will do the barbering. Miss B. Berg will man the shop and Mrs. Clover will assist at the shop.

Stop at Hotel—R. C. Penn and W. F. Kern of Albany and V. McInturf of Pullman at the Spong hotel Tuesday.

Has Many Visitors.

House guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Lenhart during the week included Mr. E. E. Oakes and daughter, Gladys, of Bandon; W. H. Horne and sister, Susan of Bend; Mrs. Clara Walters and Miss Bessie Cease of Pleasant Unity, Pennsylvania; and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Roselle, of Bandon. Monday Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and daughter, Evelyn, and Miss Louise Strowbridge, of Bandon, visited at the Lenhart home.

MANY PRIZES OFFERED FOR LABOR DAY EVENTS

Merchants of Springfield, Eugene and Portland Contribute for Celebration at Wendling.

Many valuable prizes have been donated by Springfield, Eugene and Portland merchants as awards for contests at this Labor day celebration at Wendling Sunday. Final arrangements for the day were made by committee chairmen at a meeting at Wendling Monday evening.

Only a part of the Springfield stores have yet been solicited, and those wishing to give a prize are asked to call D. W. McKinnon at the Booth-Kelly office. These prizes already donated include a \$7.50 electric stand lamp from Wright and Sons, a \$5 toilet set from Ketels drug store, a \$7.50 sweater coat from the Farmers' Exchange, a \$4 box of cigars from Clover and Cox, cigar dealers, a \$3.50 spotlight from the Springfield garage, \$5 in trade from Hall's Cash store, and a \$5 fish pole from Jack Henderer.

Eugene's prizes given by various merchants include two Bakelite cigarette holders from the Club cigar store, a \$3 merchandise order from Creasey's, a \$5 hat from Wade Brothers, an electric waffle iron from the Eugene Hardware company, an agate ring from J. A. Hoffman, \$5 in merchandise from Danner-Robertson, \$5 in merchandise from R. A. Babb Hardware store, \$5 in merchandise from the Johnson furniture company, \$10 in merchandise from McMorran and Washburne, two boxes of cigars from Mason, Ehrman and company, a mirror from the Standard furniture company, \$2.50 in trade from E. Hanson, one silk pillow from Wetherbee-Powers, \$10 in trade from Schaefer Brothers, \$5 in trade from Hendershot's gun store, one case of mixed canned goods from the Eugene Fruit Growers Association, \$10 in merchandise from the J. C. Penny company.

From Portland, the Bergeman Shoe company has given one pair of hi-top loggers shoes, the West Coast Shoe company will also give one pair of hi-top loggers shoes, the Black Steel and Wise company will give a Winchester rifle, the Simonds Saw company will give one hand saw and two cross cut saws, F. B. Malloy company and the American Steel and Wire company will give prizes which will be announced later.

Many other prizes from Portland and Eugene, as well as Springfield will be sent before the celebration. It is expected by the committees in charge.

PENCIL PUSHER NINE PREPARE FOR LABOR DAY

With Dr. N. E. Winnard added to the Eugene-Springfield Booth-Kelly pencil pusher's nine, the locals are looking forward to winning the game from the Wendling pencil artists Monday. Dr. Winnard, who has played on many business men's teams, will play center field.

A. C. Dixon of Eugene will play the right field and E. R. Endicott will hold down left field. Pink Rambau will pitch, but a catcher has not yet been selected. Other members of the nine will be Edgar Martin, first base; Ralph Martin, second base; Clayton Barber, shortstop; and Winfred May, third base.

MELLON THIEVES DRAW \$15 FINE IN J. P. COURT

Jack Shilling and Lloyd Swanson, both of Cottage Grove, were fined \$15 each, and costs, when they appeared before Justice R. W. Smith this morning on a charge of stealing melons from the E. E. Fletcher ranch between here and Goshen.

The boys drove to Albany yesterday, and on their way there they spotted the patch and planned to revisit it on their return last evening. They did so at 2:00 this morning, but were caught by Mr. Fletcher after they had picked eight melons. They plead guilty at the trial.

BULLET CRASHES INTO OLSON HOME SUNDAY

A bullet from a high powered gun entered the front window of the Carl Olson home Sunday morning and fell to the floor only three feet from Mrs. Olson, who was sitting at the piano. The bullet came from north of the house, and was almost spent. Members of the police force are investigating the case in an effort to apprehend the careless or criminal person.

\$250,000—Still Mends



Mrs. Annice Prinder, 54, has been mending bathing suits at Miami, Fla., for 15 years. Her savings, invested in real estate, have just netted her \$250,000. What is she going to do? "Keep on mending suits," she says. "At 54 one is too old to lose their head over a quarter million."

PLANS FOR PUBLIC MARKET IN SPRINGFIELD PROGRESS

Plans for a public market in Springfield are taking form with committees from the Lions club and Chamber of Commerce working out the details. Last night the committees of both bodies called on the Mt. Vernon Farmers' Union and received the unanimous cooperation of that body in making a public market a success here. Other farmers will be consulted soon.

It is believed that a market of 16 stalls, costing about \$200, will be the proper size to begin with. A lot has been secured on Sixth street for the market and plans and specifications prepared. Plans are to operate the market without cost to the farmer.

Members of the committees calling on the Mt. Vernon local were F. B. Hamlin, Julius Fulop, Harry Stewart and H. E. Maxey.

NEW BANK BUILDING IS NEARING COMPLETION

With the roof completed, and the first floor laid, workmen are now working on the lighting of the New First National bank building. The wiring is now completed, and plumbers are finishing piping the building. Plasters will begin work next week.

The building will be completed by the end of the month, it is expected. When ready for occupancy the new structure will be one of the best bank buildings in this part of Oregon.

In from Creswell—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wallace of Creswell were in town Thursday.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION

Chamber Considers Ways of Bringing Industry to Springfield and Backing Up Trade at Home Campaign

Building up business and industry in Springfield was the chief topic of discussion at the regular meeting of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce Friday night. Plans for bringing industries in to the city and assisting the Civic club in the trade at home campaign were made.

That made-in-Springfield products have not received the patronage from local people they should have was the prevailing opinion. Speakers lauded Springfield manufacturers and said merchants should push home products above those made elsewhere.

Good results were reported from the Civic club trade at home campaign. Merchants testified that their businesses has greatly increased. Speakers said that the Civic club should be given the utmost support in the "Try Springfield Merchants First" campaign.

County division also came in for a round of discussion. It was pointed out that the time was ripe for the forming of NeSmith county and speakers endorsed the movement in Cottage Grove toward this end. They declared Lane county was nearly as large as some eastern states and it was manifestly impossible for county officials to administer its government efficiently.

The railroad committee reported that they were carrying on negotiations with attorneys in regard to litigation of the Eugene bond issue and the retaining of the Southern Pacific shops in Springfield.

MAIL DELIVERY EXPECTED TO START SEPTEMBER 25

A tentative date of September 25 has been set by the post office department as the beginning of the free delivery service in this city, postmaster F. B. Hamlin announces. It is thought that the results of the carrier examination held here July 22 will be known before that time. If not, authority has been granted for the appointment of temporary carriers, making it almost certain that the service will at least begin by October 1.

The next survey of the city to find out who wishes the free delivery service and who provided the necessary mail boxes, will be made between September 8, to 10. All those desiring this service, and living within the free delivery limits, who have not already provided themselves with mail boxes should do so before the 8th.

On Vacation—Lloyd C. Martin, cashier of the First National bank is away on his vacation.

O. B. KESSEY, BANK PRESIDENT, DIES

HATHAWAY AND SLOW YORK TO TANGLE HERE

Winner in Last Legion Bout on Cards With Challenger; Aother Fast Program Assured.

Eddie Hathaway, winner in the main bout at the last American Legion smoker, is again scheduled for the main bout, fighting this time against Slow York, 138 pound Eugene man. This bout will be six rounds.

A feature of the evening will be a four round fight between Bill Swane of Springfield and Russell Ohls of Cottage Grove. Both men will weigh about 200 pounds, and this fight is expected to be fast and exciting. Ike Beaso of Cohurg and Bob Scott of Marcola will also fight four rounds.

Ken Bettis, 110 pounds, of Springfield, will meet Billy Semrock, 112 pounds, of Eugene in a four round battle, and two surprise features are scheduled as curtain raisers. As previously, the bouts will start at 8:15, and will be at the American Legion pavillion on the corner of Main and Second streets.

FARMERS SUFFER FROM PETTY THIEVES ON LAND

Petty thievery has reached a point in this vicinity that it is working a serious hardship on truck garden and fruit growers. People raising melons along the highway have been hit hardest this year. There are places which have not only been robbed once but a score of times. Several offenders have tasted buckshot but still there are others taking a chance.

Lane county people are worse offenders than the tourists it is said because usually they know the lay of the land and can evade the owner. "It has arrived at a point where a man must work all day and then set up with a shotgun all night to protect himself in growing melons," said E. E. Fletcher, of motor route B on the Pacific highway. "People come into our property, open gates and let stock out, overrun the land, pick blackberries and other fruits never taking the trouble to ask permission," said Ben Dorris, of the Dorris orchards. It seems that the side road farmers are hit as bad as on the main highway.

Postoffice Business Increases.

Five hundred dollars and fourteen cents was taken in postal receipts by the local post office during the month of August. This is an increase of 24 per cent over the receipts for August, 1924.

Passes Away at St. Vincent Hospital After Appendicitis Operation; Organized Commercial State Bank of Springfield 12 Years Ago.

O. B. Kessey, 52 years old, president of the Commercial State bank, died shortly before noon today at the St. Vincent hospital in Portland. A telephone message from his son, Dwight, gave word of his death at 12:15 this afternoon. The sudden death of Mr. Kessey, who was loved and respected as an inestimable business man, was a great blow to the people of this community.

Mr. Kessey went to Portland early Monday morning and was operated on for appendicitis at the St. Vincent hospital. His condition was found to be serious and little hope was held for his recovery the last two days. Mr. Kessey leaves his wife and son of Springfield, a brother in Denver, Colorado, and a father and sister at Milford, Iowa. He had returned only a few weeks ago from a visit to his relatives in Iowa and Colorado. His father, who accompanied him and Mrs. Kessey to Springfield, has just returned to his home.

Mr. Kessey came to Springfield 12 years ago and organized the Commercial State bank. He was cashier for several years and later president. Previous to coming here he was in the banking business at Ireton, Iowa.

The body will be brought back to Springfield by W. F. Walker, mortician, who left immediately today with his hearse for Portland. Funeral arrangements have not been made as yet.

Just who will succeed Mr. Kessey as president of the bank will be decided at a directors meeting. Members of the board of directors include Welby Stevens, A. J. Perkins, Mark Peery, Al Montgomery and Herbert Clark.

STRANGER SAYS HE IS S. P. DETECTIVE AND HAS PEOPLE ON JUMP

By posing as a secret service man for the Southern Pacific, a man who is probably either criminal or insane, has been gaining transportation for himself about this neighborhood.

The man first reported by Carl Fisher, who met him near the old Fisher mill Tuesday morning about 10:00. The man showed a card telling his supposed position and asked to be given a ride to the county road north of town, where he was to meet some other officers. When the man got out of the car, however, he aroused Mr. Fisher's suspicion by immediately jumping over the fence and hurrying toward the McKenzie river.

The stranger went to the home of Chester Chase, near the river, where he impressed Mrs. Chase that it was very important that he cross the river in their boat. Mrs. Chase gave him the key to the lock holding the boat, and the man went across the river to Mr. Chase, who was working there. Again he told the story about being a secret service man. He asked that Mr. Chase take him up the McKenzie highway, explaining that he was hunting criminals who had killed a sheriff in California. Mr. Chase finally consented to take the stranger, and they drove as far as Thurston, where the man got out.

At the store there, the man appeared very nervous, but again told them that he was a detective, that he had a date for that evening with Sheriff Taylor, and he pretended to talk to the Springfield police over the phone, although no such call came through. The man asked for some coffee and some clothes in which to disguise himself. Then, after again telling his story to some people up the highway a short distance, the man left the road and made toward the river.

The stranger asked Mr. Chase and the people around Thurston about the surrounding streams, islands and mountains and seemed to take a great interest in places where people might hide. The sheriff's office notified of the man and his strange behavior, but no action has been taken.

Has Infected Hand—Mrs. Steve Bowles is suffering from an infected hand caused by an injury to one finger.

THE END OF THE JOY RIDE

By A. B. CHAPIN

