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## NINE GUNS STOLEN FROM LOCAL STORE

### Thieves Use Bar on Front Door of Wright and Son Hardware; Steal \$400 Worth of Guns from Rack and Make Get-away.

After jimmying the front door of the Wright and Son's Hardware store, a burglar removed five large calibre rifles, three repeating shot-guns and one double barreled shotgun from the store Tuesday night. The work was done sometime between 3:00 and 3:40 in the morning. The loss is estimated by owners at the store to be between \$300 and \$400. Nothing else in the store was taken, and several dollars left in the cash register was left undisturbed. Fred Hinson, night patrolman reported seeing a large car without lights come into town from the west, just before the robbery is thought to have occurred. Mr. Hinson called to the occupants of the car to switch on their lights, but they disregarded him and drove east on Main street. A few minutes later, while making his rounds of the town, Mr. Hinson found the door of the store standing open.

## MAZAMA PARTY CLIMBS SOUTH SISTER SUNDAY

A party of sixteen Portland and Eugene people, under the auspices of the Mazama club and lead by H. E. Maxey of Springfield, climbed the South Sister Sunday. Three other Mazamas, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNeill of Portland and Miss Celeste Campbell of Eugene climbed the Middle Sister Sunday and stayed over to climb the South Sister Tuesday. They plan to go down the Skyline trail to Crater Lake. Eugene members of the party were Mozelle Hair, E. E. Chadwick, Willetta Moore, Fred Terrell, Lester McDonald, J. F. Bovard, F. D. Voigt, Arthur Rogers, Jr., Franklin Hall and Miss Celeste Campbell, and those from Portland were Benjamin Woodbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNeill, R. F. Arragon, Col. Forrester, Merle Moore, J. Read, and Mr. Arnold. A. E. Britton with three boys also climbed the South Sister Sunday, and Monday Mr. Britton took a group of Eugene Boy Scouts up the Middle Sister. Twenty-four of the twenty-five who started made the top. A party from Bend and several other parties made the South Sister climb. A rain storm, and several severe snow flurries interrupted the hikers, but the storms were of short duration and between the gusts the visibility was said to be good.

## JOHN WINDHAM, AGE 79 DIED A TMABEL SUNDAY

John Windham died Sunday at his home in Mabel at the age of 79 years. Funeral services, in charge of the W. F. Walker, were held at the Mabel church Tuesday morning burial at the cemetery there. Mr. Windham is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Windham, four sons, George E. and J. R. Windham of Mabel, T. O. Windham of Kikittat, Washington, and J. C. Windham of Portland; and two daughters, Mrs. James Groat of Astoria, and Mrs. R. V. Riggs of Mabel.

### Returning from Congo, Africa.

Miss Hattie Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Mitchell, writes from her mission, at the most distant point of civilization on the Congo, that after attending a church conference in October, she will leave on November 5 for the United States on her first years furlow, and if nothing prevents she will be at home in Springfield for Christmas. Miss Mitchell left New York on September 28, 1924 for mission work in Africa, and has had some very interesting experiences in the wildest and most distant point of christian civilization, in the Congo region. Elephants and hippopotami are frequent night prowlers around their habitations. Miss Mitchell will spend eight months with her parents here before returning to her work in Africa.

Here from Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kaddery of Portland was in town yesterday.

## MANY ATTEND FUNERAL OF ORVILLE B. KESSEY

### Banker Laid to Rest by Hundreds of Townspeople; Services at Methodist Church; Large Floral Offerings.

Gathering to pay a final tribute to O. B. Kessey, president of the Commercial State bank, who died last Thursday morning, hundreds of people crowded the Methodist church at the funeral Monday afternoon.

Pallbearers were C. E. Swarts, B. A. Washburne, D. W. Roof, Harry Whitney, Forrest Fritts and E. E. Morrison. Honary pallbearers, all members of the bank staff were M. M. Peery, Welby Stevens, Al Montgomery, Al Perkins, and Herbert Clark.

Mr. Kessey was 52 years of age, and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Kessey, one son, Dwight, a father, C. Kessey of Milford, Iowa, a sister, Mrs. Ruth Hall of Seattle and a brother, H. C. Kessey of Victor, Colorado. Mrs. Hall and Mr. H. C. Kessey were here for the services.

Coming here twelve years ago from Iowa, Mr. Kessey organized the bank of which he was first cashier, and later president.

## MRS. CONLEY PASSES AT CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Lulo Conley, aged 33, died yesterday afternoon at the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene. Funeral services will be held from the Walker chapel Saturday afternoon at 2:00. Rev. E. V. Stivers of Eugene reading the service.

Mrs. Conley, a resident of Camp Creek, is survived by her husband, Ernest Day Conley; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson A. Signor; a grand-mother, Mrs. Alma Signor; four children, Pauline, Ernest Day Jr., Francis Earl and William D.; six brothers, Andy H. Claude B. Basil W. Virgil Elbe L. and George Signor; and one sister, Rhea Mae Signor. The deceased was born in Eugene and passed her life in this vicinity.

## CARNIVAL WILL APPEAR UNDER LEGION AUSPICES

The Dixon Carnival company, having four special shows, a merry-go-round and a ferris wheel will be in town September 17, 18, and 19, under the auspices of the Springfield American Legion. The show will be on the empty lot west of the Legion pavilion at 2nd and Main streets. Jitney dances will be given at the pavilion on the evenings of the 18th and 19th as a further attraction. All concessions will be handled by the carnival company.

No more smokers will be held by the Legion this summer, it was decided at a meeting Wednesday evening. Although the possibility of giving a smoker one evening of the carnival was discussed, this action was taken because support of the smokers has not justified giving more of them. C. A. Swarts, Legion commander, stated after the carnival, the pavilion will be torn down and sold. Final arrangements for the show will be made at another Legion meeting next Wednesday evening.

Here from Portland—Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Sauser of Portland arrived in Springfield Sunday. Mr. Sauser is taking his vacation and continued his trip to North Bend, while his wife visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stewart. On their return home they were accompanied by Mr. Sauser's brother and two sisters, who were entertained at dinner at the Stewart home before leaving for Portland.

Guests at Luncheon—Mrs. C. E. Fischer of Eugene had as luncheon guests last Thursday Mrs. T. B. Sauser of Portland, Mrs. Harry Stewart of Springfield, and Miss Virginia Fuller of Eugene.

Will Visit Here—Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Meyers and Mrs. Izzie Meyers of Salem are expected here tomorrow to visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adrian, before going on to California.

Returns to Portland—Mrs. Nellie Bissette left yesterday for Portland after spending several days with her brother, E. G. Sutton.

Here from Dexter—Frank Smith of Dexter was a business visitor in town this morning.

## PLAN TO COMPLETE ROADS AND GIVE THEM TO STATE

### County Will Levy 2 Mill Tax for Coast and McKenzie Highways; To Build Willamette Road.

A special road tax of 2 mills to complete the Willamette valley-coast highway and the McKenzie highway that they may be taken over by the state will be placed on next years budget, according to C. P. Barnard, county judge. The section of the coast highway from Rainrock to Florence and several pieces of the McKenzie highway are not completed to state specifications yet. When the state takes these roads over entirely it will not be necessary for the county to take care of expensive maintenance.

Next year it is the plan of the county court to improve the Willamette highway from Lowell to Oakridge. There is \$265,000 of the bond money allotted to this road. The bureau of public roads will match this money as soon as its funds are available. As the Willamette highway is much traveled the county court has decided to improve it as soon as possible, says Judge Barnard. The Willamette will also be a state highway when completed.

## COBURG SCHOOLS WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 21ST

The Coburg Public schools will open on September 21. A good enrollment is expected, including a number of new students both in the high school and in the grades. The corps of teachers is as follows: Professor T. C. Mountain, Superintendent; Miss Ruby Speer and Miss Mary Chisholm, assistants in the high school; Mrs. Pirtle, seventh and eighth grades; Miss Stevens, fifth and sixth grades; Miss Brisbane, third and fourth; Mrs. Henagon, first and second.

Coburg is looking forward to a splendid school year. The heating plant is being reorganized so as to provide a more adequate heating system. Mr. Ihnsperger has been employed as caretaker of the building, and is engaged in putting everything in splendid order for the opening of school. A manual arts department is being equipped for the coming year.

## MAIN BOUT DRAW AT LEGION SMOKER

Eddie Hathaway and "Slow" York, both of Eugene, fought to a draw in the main event of the American Legion smoker Friday evening. The decision was unpopular with the crowd, for although York was faster and more indiscreet fighter, Hathaway's good sportsmanship made him the favorite.

Ike Beason of Coburg lost to Bob Scott by a decision in a four-round fight. Bill Swane of Springfield was given the decision over Russell Ohls of Cottage Grove after Ohls fouled Swane in the second round of their fight.

Ken Bettis of Springfield won a decision from Billy Semrock of Eugene in their four-round scrap. Kid Lewis and Ted Blackwell, both of Eugene, and Andy Tomseth and Bert Tomseth, of Springfield, furnished the curtain raisers. Both bouts won a large hand from the crowd. Jim Lawson of Eugene acted as referee.

Go Hunting—Mr. and Mrs. Riey Snodgrass left yesterday on a hunting trip. Mrs. Snodgrass was the first woman in Lane county to take out a hunting license this year.

Breaks Bone in Hand—Allan Wetzel broke a bone in his hand yesterday while he was working at the mill when a piece of lumber struck him.

Visits Stewart Home—Frank Boutin of Portland, and formerly of Minneapolis, visited at the Harry Stewart home Friday on his way to Bend.

Have Son—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powers of Mable are the parents of a nine-pound son, born at the Frank Powers home in Springfield, September 9, 1925.

Tonsils Removed—Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gray of Landax, had his tonsils and adenoids removed this morning.

In from Jasper—J. M. Shelly was in town from Jasper Wednesday.

## Grief and Joy



A coincident carrying a moral, was the suspending of "Babe" Ruth from baseball and a fine of \$5,000 for failure to observe training rules—the same week in which Detroit citizens staged a great celebration for Ty Cobb, marking his 20 years there—the greatest player the game has ever produced. Presents and cash amounting to \$10,000 were showered upon him.

## CIVIC CLUB REPORTS RESPONSE IN TRADE AT HOME CAMPAIGN HERE

Merchants are enlarging their stocks and coopting with the Civic club in the "Try Springfield Merchants First" campaign, the program committee of the club reported at the regular meeting held Tuesday evening in the Chamber of Commerce.

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PROSPECTS LOOK GOOD

With only two players, Cox and McMullen, lost through graduation, prospects for the Springfield high school football team look bright. Two other players, Casteel and Makinson may not return to school. The first practice of the season will be September 17, registration day. Marguth and McPherson of the backfield will return, and Lewis, Bates H. Cowart, Moon, C. Thompson, Hastings, J. Thompson and Pollard of the linemen are expected to report.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES FOR WEEK

During the last week the county clerk has issued marriage licenses to the following: John W. Lawson, Oakridge, and Marguerite Gonzigain, Eugene; Alhido Solorio and Sarah Valderama, both of Rice Hill; Glendon H. Dotson and Clara Erickson, both of Eugene; Alfred Bayne and Matilda Sykes, both of Eugene; Franklin T. Green, Springfield, and Doris R. Parott, Thurston; Arthur M. Stolle and Vesta Liles, both of Eugene; Edward Earl Byron, Eugene, and Marie Hopson, Portland; Franklin James Gibbs and Marion Rousseau, both of Eugene; Anders S. Nielsen and Anna Madsen, both of Eugene; Paul R. Klopster, Dexter, and Verna Bryant, Mobawk; Joseph Emerson Barnes, Robinsonville, California, and Louise Hanson, Junction City.

## BIKE TO BE SOLD

After being unclaimed for over a month, a bicycle found several weeks ago by a member of the police force will be sold at auction in front of the city hall Saturday afternoon at 1:00.

## DRIVE TO ALBANY

Mrs. W. F. Walker and Mrs. Clara Pawser are visiting in Albany today.

## STEVENS NEW PRESIDENT COMMERCIAL STATE BANK

### Succeeds O. B. Kessey, (Deceased); Bank Will Have Same Policy.

Welby Stevens was chosen president of the Commercial State bank at a meeting of the directors Tuesday evening. Mr. Stevens will succeed O. E. Kessey, who died last Thursday. Mrs. Kessey was chosen as a director at the meeting. Mr. Stevens was one of the original stockholders of the bank when it was organized twelve years ago. Although he will be the executive head of the organization, Herbert Clark, cashier, will have active charge of the bank. The new management of the bank plans to follow as exactly as possible the policies established by Mr. Kessey as founder of the bank, and to maintain the same relations with customers which Mr. Kessey has cultivated.

## LABOR DAY PROGRAM SUCCESS DESPITE RAIN

Despite the rain, which stopped several of the afternoon events scheduled for the Wendling Labor day celebration, a large crowd, estimated to be twice as large as the one last year, visited the mill town. Motion pictures taken there will be shown at the Bell theater this evening. The log backing and tree topping and other events scheduled for the morning went off smoothly. Norman Coleman, president of Reed college, failed to appear to speak at noon, and H. I. Lamson, a Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen field officer, took his place. The barbecue meal failed to stand the rush and the supply ran out after the first onslaughts. Wendling's baseball nine defeated the locals 5-1 in a six-inning game that was stopped early because of the rain. Wendling's pencil artists also defeated the combined Springfield-Eugene pencil pushers 3-1 in a five-inning battle. A. C. Dixon, general manager of the Booth-Kelly mills scoring the only counter for the losers. The foot races and swimming contests were called off because of the rain. Ralph Hand won two out of the three falls from Ray Castle in a wrestling match. This was scheduled to be an outdoor event but because of the rain it was staged on a temporary platform in the 4L hall. Three boxing matches preceded the match.

## STREET OPEN

After being closed two days while members of the county road crew scraped and graded south 2nd street and south D, these streets are open to traffic today.

## CITY SCHOOLS WILL OPEN NEXT WEEK

### Registration on Thursday; List of Teachers and Assignment of Grades to Different Buildings Made by Principals.

All the city schools will open Thursday, September 17 at 9 a. m. It is strongly urged by the board of directors that all who expect to attend register on the opening day, and a larger first day enrollment than last year is expected. Work on the new Brattain school is progressing rapidly and it will be ready for occupation by the September 17, according to Mr. V. D. Bain, principal of the high school. All students will be required to choose a major subject from among the following group: mathematics, science, history, foreign language and commerce. The work will then be organized around the major subject selected. English is, of course, a required part of any course. In addition to the departments above, manual training and domestic science will be taught as last year, except a third year domestic science course will be offered.

Besides Mr. Bain, who will be in charge of physical education, there will be four other teachers from last year's staff and five new instructors. They are: A. J. Morgan, manual training; Miss Anne Hill, English; Mrs. Virginia Rice, commercial; Mrs. Pauline Bain, domestic science and art; D. C. Taylor, history; F. C. Whitaker, language; Miss Fay Spaulding, English and music; Miss Sylvia Veatch, mathematics; Miss Frances Hodge, science.

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The following comprise the corps of grade teachers: Mrs. Elizabeth Page, first A and B; and Mrs. Opal Roberts, second A and B; in the high school. Mrs. Crystal Male and Mrs. Paul Basford, third B; Miss Mary Voris, third and fourth A, and Miss Edna Platt, fourth B, in the Lincoln school. Miss Marjorie Tracy, first B; Miss Hazel Stephens, first A; Miss Altie Manning, second A and B; Miss Ann Gorrie, fifth A; Miss Nina Boesen, fifth B; Mrs. Eula Montgomery, sixth B; and Mr. Virgil McPherson, sixth A; in the Brattain school. Mrs. Male will give half time to public school music and a high school orchestra work.

## CHANGE IN VAUDEVILLE

The Hellig association vaudeville which has appeared heretofore on Wednesday has been changed to Thursday evening. A rearrangement of the circuit has taken place which gives the Hellig a different dating. The change takes effect next week. The full program is carried in other columns of this paper each week.

## BUILDING READY FOR SCHOOL

Finnie's plumbing shop is finishing the last of the plumbing in the new Brattain school this week. The cabinet work in the interior is being gone over, and will be finished in time for school Monday, September 21.

## GOES TO INDEPENDENCE

B. J. Sankey left yesterday for Independence where he will spend his vacation.