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COUNTY FAIR WILL OPEN ON TUESDAY

Annual Lane Exhibit is in Readiness; Will be Bigger and Better, Than Ever This Season; Fast Racing Program.

EUGENE, Ore., September 17.—(Special)—Everything is in readiness for Lane County's greatest event, the annual Lane County Fair, September 22, 23, 24 and 25, according to Kelly C. Branstetter, secretary. The grounds have been put in excellent shape, and additional exhibition space for the automobile show, the first annual Eugene Kennel club dog show, and other features which will be new this year.

The fastest racing card ever seen on the local track will be one of the principal features. Nearly every horse that has an outstanding record on the coast is entered, according to Chet Daniels, in charge of this event. Cinefield, who recently broke the course record at Ellensburg, Washington, and approximately 75 other entries will compete for the purses aggregating \$3000. The track is now in perfect shape for the races which are expected to break course records.

Many and varied are the attractions booked for the fair this year. A big night show, as well as a complete program in addition to the races in the afternoons, is planned by Secretary Branstetter. The Kent Rodeo, with 22 bucking horses, riding champions and trick riders, will be a main feature of the entertainment. Kent has the wildest string of horses in Oregon, and his rodeo has been the principal attraction at several fairs this season. The famous McCleve string of a score of fancy horses, will also be here. The champion high jumper of the world, fancy and trick horses and riders will be included in this act.

The Odd Fellows band of Eugene, the Elks glee club, and several other features will be staged on each day. Cortello's comedy circus will have a prominent place on the program, and this feature is expected to repeat the popularity of last year.

The Eugene Kennel club is staging a bench show that will have over 300 of the finest dogs on the coast on exhibition. Francis X Bushman, noted movie star, has entered his champion great Dane, and practically every kennel on the coast is sending up dogs that have won championships in various shows. The champion dogs in Oregon will be determined at the event, which will be judged by John A. Meadows, of Oakville, Ontario. Officers of the Eugene Kennel club in charge are Frank Hill, president; J. T. Snelson, vice-president; Kelly C. Branstetter, secretary; Clyde N. Johnston, treasurer; and George H. Godfrey publicity director.

The livestock exhibit will be the most extensive ever seen on the local grounds. The McCleve string will be displayed, and the noted Clydesdale horses of Wm Lilly will also be present. A score of milking Shorthorn cattle, from the famous Northwood dairy farm, will be a big feature.

Every automobile dealer in Eugene will display new models of cars in the automobile show. An additional space for this event has been provided, and auto men promise something new and original in the presentation of this department.

The agricultural exhibits, the women's textile department, and all other departments will be in readiness on opening day with complete displays. It is stated.

The boys' and girls' club work, under the direction of Arnold Collier, county leader, will have a special section this year, and will be one of the main attractions of the fair.

Special rates on all railroad points have been granted for the fair this year. The event is expected to draw the largest attendance in the history of the event.

Neet Funeral Friday.

Funeral services for Bernice Neet, 11-year-old Wendling girl, who died of heart trouble Friday afternoon, were held from the Walker chapel Sunday. Rev. F. L. Moore had charge of the service, and burial was at the Pleasant Hill cemetery.

Miss Neet is survived by her father, B. H. Neet, and two brothers, Vernon and Elmer.

CONSTITUTIONAL DAY PROGRAM THIS EVENING

Patriotic Exercises at the High School; Rev. Moore Will Give Address.

A Constitutional day program will be given free to the public this evening at the Springfield high school. Rev. F. L. Moore, of the Methodist church, will be the speaker of the evening and there will be a musical program also. The committee in charge invites all the townspeople to attend these patriotic exercises.

A flag and a Bible will also be presented to the new Brattain school during the evening program.

The program for the evening is as follows:
Singing America—All lead by Elmer Halestead.
Prayer—Rev. E. V. Stivers
Orchestra
Address on Constitution—Rev. F. L. Moore
Solo—Lorraine Stivers
Presentation of Bible and Flag to Brattain School—Rev. Stivers
Star Spangled Banner.

CIVIC CLUB WILL STUDY LOCAL INDUSTRIES

The first of a series of studies of Springfield industries will be made by the Civic club at the meeting Friday night. The Springfield Bakery will be reported on by Mrs. W. J. Scott and samples of the bakery products will be presented to the meeting.

The Civic club campaign to "Try Springfield Merchants First," has resulted in greatly increased business for the bakery and also for all other industries. The Civic club proposes to make a complete study of the industries to determine how best to cooperate with the proprietors in order to build a "bigger, better Springfield." A different industry will be studied at each meeting according to the women's plans.

May Play at Fair.

Springfield's baseball team may meet a Eugene team at the Lane county fair on Wednesday, September 23, Springfield day, if present negotiations are carried out. The Springfield team has agreed to play in the afternoon if the game can be scheduled.

Library Open Another Day.

Beginning October 5, the city library will be open each Monday, as well as on Wednesday and Saturday, the library board has announced. In order to get money for new books, the board is planning to give a play at the Bell theater sometime early in October.

3 New Members.

Don Gillispie, manager of the Farmers' Union store, R. H. Parsons, manager of the Springfield Lumber company and Paul Scalfefe were elected to membership in the Springfield Lions club at a meeting of that organization Friday at the Woodmen hall.

Leaves on Buying Trip.

E. E. Morrison, of Springfield, manager of the Farmers' Union warehouse, left today for the middle west on a buying trip for the warehouse. He expects to be gone for more than a month.

Returns from Visit—Mrs. M. J. Huntly, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. R. H. Rowland of Massillon, Ohio, returned to her home Saturday after visiting several days in Portland and Astoria. Mrs. Rowland returned to Astoria Wednesday to spend a few days there before returning to her home.

Return from Trip—Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Oederkirk returned Sunday from Bandon and Coquille where they spent their vacation. They reported a fine trip with the exception of the loss of a suit case holding many personal belongings.

Go to Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Larson drove to Portland and back Wednesday.

Goes to Jasper—A. F. Flowers motored to Jasper Wednesday on business.

Moving to Springfield—C. E. Chandler is moving here from Eugene today.

Go to Round-up—Eugene Walker and E. G. Black left Wednesday for Pendleton to attend the Roundup.

Council Repeals Auto Light Law

After Protests Ordinance is Annulled; Old Building Asked Condemned.

The ordinance compelling lights on cars parked on the streets at night was repealed at the regular meeting of the Springfield council Monday evening. There has been considerable opposition to the ordinance by people who claimed that it was driving farmers and tourists out of town. After the last protest Monday night from the Civic club the ordinance was repealed by unanimous vote of the council.

A petition, asking that the old building at 100-102 Main street near the laundry be condemned as a nuisance and torn down, was received and referred to the fire and water committee. Eight or 10 property holders in vicinity of the building asked its removal.

A petition for changing a street light at Eighteenth and Main was also received and referred to the fire and water committee.

An ordinance assessing the cost of grading and graveling Kelly boulevard and also one for Seventh street was passed by the city council. Both streets have been improved during the last few weeks.

A petition for lights at Tenth and B and C streets at the new Brattain school was received and referred to the fire and water committee.

Property holders on K street near Seventh desire city water and a fire hydrant the council were told. It is necessary to build three blocks of water main to serve them. The water committee will take the matter up with the Mountain States Power company.

The council was informed by members of the Civic club that minor girls were attending dances in Springfield without being accompanied by their parents. The council was asked to consider an ordinance similar to Eugene's for the regulating of public dance halls.

Will Give Picture.

A large, framed picture of Abraham Lincoln will be given to the Brattain school by Springfield members of the Ladies' of the G. A. R. A plate bearing a suitable inscription will be attached to the frame, and the picture will be presented with a short ceremony at an early date.

Future meetings of the Ladies' of the G. A. R. will be held on the second Friday of each month instead of the first, the former meeting time.

Entertains for Visitor.

Mrs. W. C. Rebhan entertained Tuesday afternoon at a bridge party for her sister-in-law and house guest, Mrs. Francis Ferris, of Spokane. Guests for the afternoon were Mrs. Harry Whitney, Mrs. Levi Neet, Mrs. Carl Olson, Mrs. Ralph Dippel, Mrs. J. A. Seavey, Mrs. I. D. Larimer, Mrs. Ferris and Mrs. Rebhan.

Entertainment at Church.

The Stiver's entertainers will appear Friday evening at the Christian church, with a program consisting of vocal, piano and saw solos, and several readings. A silver offering will be taken.

Hop Picking Finished.

Hop picking in nearly all the yards near Springfield was finished this week. Good weather made this season an especially convenient one.

Brings in First Deer—C. E. Archer of Springfield had the honor of bringing in the first deer killed in the county this season. Mr. Archer's deer was killed near the Sluslaw district.

Goes Hunting—Claude Lansberry left Wednesday evening for a hunting trip up the south fork of the McKenzie.

Hunt Near Bend—Leonard Lepley, Nyle Sankey, John Sankey and Harry Jones left here Friday to hunt mule deer near Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Winsenreid returned Monday from Marshfield where they spent a week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Elbert of Condon, Oregon, are visiting John Winsenreid home this week.

Down from Vida—Fred E. Myers of Vida was in town Tuesday.

Former Railroad Land Leased to Springfield

City of Eugene Gives Land for Industrial and Park Purposes to This City for Future Development; Eugene Promises Aid in Securing Industry.

For industrial and park site purposes the City of Eugene has leased to the City of Springfield the 250 acres of land acquired here last week through a trade with the Southern Pacific company. The lease, authorized in a resolution passed Monday night by the Eugene council, is for a term of 49 years for \$10 a year.

To Locate Industries.

The lease comes as a result of negotiations between citizens of both towns, working with sanction of the railroad committees of each, to bring about a basis of future understanding and plan for development in Springfield. As a result of the lease and a promise by the Eugene railroad committee to put forth its best efforts to locate industries on the land here, the Springfield committee has agreed to drop the suit being prepared to test the Eugene bond issue.

Suit Would Be Empty Victory.

The committee felt even though there were very reasonable grounds to defeat the bond issue the result would be an empty victory because those Eugene persons who had subscribed terminal bonds would be called upon to buy the land and it would make no difference in the S. P. shop location. It would amount to saving the people of Eugene \$175,000 when from the results of the election they did not desire to be so saved. Since the terminal company was not anxious to put up the money, grounds for a compromise were presented themselves and resulted in the present agreement.

Eugene Must Make Amends.

While Eugene is anxious for consolidation there has been no promise on the part of Springfield to consolidate. Springfield feels, in the belief of the railroad committee, that it will be necessary for Eugene to restore, in the form of new industries, assets equal to those she took away from this city when she bought the railroad shops and terminals. The leasing of the land to Springfield and the promise to go forward with the

program of industrial development is a step in the direction of consolidation. But consolidation is a question for the people of both cities to decide, and it will depend on how Eugene makes amends as to whether Springfield votes for it. It is the opinion expressed by the local railroad committee.

Conditions of Lease.

The terms of the lease require Springfield to establish a park of at least five acres on the land. The rest may be leased to industrial plants of any nature which will contribute to the welfare of the community. The land comes to Springfield without other conditions except those required by law as a result of the methods used by Eugene in its acquisition.

The following statement has been by Mayor E. B. Parks of Eugene in regard to the lease:

Mayor Parks authorized a statement on the situation as follows:

"The public is respectfully invited to a careful perusal of the resolution passed by the common council with reference to leasing the Springfield property to the city of Springfield. It is the belief of the city officials that this is a matter first of a moral obligation that must be discharged, and second that it is based on the soundest possible business policy. This property at this time could not sell for its value or anywhere near its value. The very act by which it became ours made it impossible to dispose of it at this time. Any improvements that we may place thereon become Springfield assets rather than Eugene assets.

"Turning to the other aspects of the case, we make reparation and restore good will; the property will greatly enhance in value, and cannot possibly become a loss to us; any improvements that are put on it improve its value. It is carried tax free until we see fit to use it. It is the belief of everyone in touch with the situation that the lease will never run its course. The very making of the lease will work its termination by the promotion of a singleness of feeling and purpose, and a gradual merging into a greater community. We have done what is right, and also what is profitable."

KESSEY ESTATE VALUED AT \$20,000 IN COURT

O. B. Kessey, president of the Commercial State bank who died September 3, left an estate valued at \$20,000 according to the petition to probate the will filed Tuesday in probate court.

Dwight Kessey, the son, is left 50 shares of the Commercial State bank stock, and the widow the remainder of the estate. The appraisers are Welby Stevens, M. M. Peery and B. A. Washburne.

Sues Oil Promoter.

Three damage suits have been filed in circuit court against David Eugene Olson, of the Guarantee Oil company, as a result of a collision of his automobile at Twelfth avenue and Mill street in Eugene last November. Verna H. Todd asks \$1500 damages, Susie H. Todd, \$1000 and George L. and David Todd \$175. The women also seek special damages of \$175 and \$148.

Brother Ill—Mrs. George Watson of Portland is in Springfield, called here by the illness of her brother, J. A. McHenry. Mr. McHenry is very low at the home of Mrs. R. R. Harbert.

Baby Dies—One of the twin sons born to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Clark of Marcola, Wednesday died late last evening.

Attend Round-up—Jim Harper and B. O. Smith are attending the Pendleton Round-up.

Baby Boy Born—A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lowry of Goshen this morning, at the Pacific Christian hospital.

Buy Truck—E. R. Post of Vida bought a Ford truck from the Anderson Motor company this week.

Here from Waltherville—Henry Holmes of Waltherville visited Springfield Monday.

FORMER SPRINGFIELD MAN KILLED AT NOTI MILL

Funeral services for Wilbur Burgeis, formerly of Springfield, who was killed at a Noti sawmill last Thursday, were held from the Walker chapel Sunday at 2:00. Rev. F. L. Moore was in charge.

Mr. Burgeis was killed instantly when a belt flew from a wheel, hitting him on the head and breaking his neck.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ora Burgeis, a daughter, Wilma, son, Gordon, and an infant daughter. Other survivors are his father, Joe Burgeis, also a former resident of Springfield, a sister Eva and two brothers, Ed and Don Burgeis.

Guests in Springfield—M. T. Starr of Junction City, F. Starr of Monroe and Professor J. B. Starr of Pasadena, California, all brothers and cousins of Mrs. M. M. Male were guests at her home in Springfield Tuesday.

Goes to Round-up—Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Wing are spending the week at the Pendleton Round-up. They will spend two days in Portland before returning home.

Returns to Portland—Mrs. Pearl Jordan will return to her home in Portland tomorrow, after spending several days here with her mother, Mrs. Jack Richter, who recently underwent a major operation.

Twin Boys Born—Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Stratton of this city are the parents of twin boys born Wednesday evening. Each baby weighed six pounds.

Leaves for Spokane—Mrs. Francis Ferris left today for her home in Spokane after visiting her with Mrs. W. C. Rebhan.

Returns from Navy—Errol Parker has returned to Springfield after serving an enlistment in the navy.

600 STUDENTS WILL REGISTER IN SCHOOL

Three Schools Open Today with Good Attendance; High School Has 157, Junior High over 100 and Grades about 300.

More than 600 students is expected to be registered in the Springfield schools before the end of the week, figures on the first days registrations at noon today were 661 in the three schools. Of this number the high school had 157, Lincoln school 114 and about 300 in the grade schools.

Thirty or 40 new pupils are expected to register before the end of the week. On account of many eight grade students failing to pass the examinations last year the incoming freshman class is smaller than expected. Only 47 freshmen registered this morning while there were 57 sophomores, 31 juniors and 22 seniors, according to Principal V. D. Bain.

The Lincoln school shows an increase of 25 or 30 over last year. The grade schools had a registration at noon as follows: first grade 66, second 52, third 47, fourth, 48 and fifth 52.

GIRL TELLS KIDNAPPING PLOT; TWO MEN ARRESTED

As a result of a story of kidnapping told by Miss Leota Purcell, 16, of West Springfield, two Eugene men, Leroy Smith, 21, and Walter Walker, 20, were arrested by Sheriff Taylor and deputy Van Svaverud Wednesday.

According to Miss Purcell's account part of which is doubted by police officers she was returning to her home Tuesday evening from a visit with friends here. As she neared the Glenwood school, Miss Purcell says a taxi stopped beside her and two men forced her into the car.

The taxi then drove to Eugene, Miss Purcell says, and stopped near the Anchorage on Franklin boulevard, where one man got out. After driving through the city, the car came back toward Springfield past the Anderson hop yard, according to the girl's story, where she was able to escape from the car when the man was busy putting up a window in the sedan, at her request.

Miss Purcell says she ran to a tent nearby where some hop pickers were staying, and that they took her to Eugene. She returned to her home on the street car.

Police officers are continuing an investigation of the case.

RAILROAD KEEPS OVER 50 ACRES IN THIS CITY

That the Southern Pacific Railroad company did not deed all the land it owns in this city to Eugene is revealed in the negotiations completed for the shop site trade this week. More than 50 acres in the city comprising the depot grounds has been retained by the company.

The Pengra estate property extending from Third to past Tenth street has been retained. It is said that rip tracks and car repair work will be done on part of this land and while other portions will be used as yards. The large amount of land retained here, railroaders say, makes it look like there will be sort of a sub-terminal on this side of the river for the east side line.

WALTHERVILLE FAIR WILL BE EVENT OF TOMORROW

An exceptional fine exhibit has been prepared for the Waltherville fair to be held tomorrow according to the Chairman C. W. Allen, who was in the city today. Several business men from here as well as other townspeople plan to attend the fair.

The best of the Waltherville exhibit, prepared by McKenzie valley farmers, will be taken to the Lane County fair next week. A program of speaking has also been prepared for the day.

Women Want Divorce. Claiming that her husband beat her black and blue, Minnie Potter has filed an answer to Anson Potter's suit for divorce. She asks that the decree be granted to her instead of her husband.

Clara C. Tolle has filed suit for divorce from Chester A. Tolle. They were married in Seattle, July 8, 1919. The wife alleges she has been deserted.