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NEW THEATRE PLANS DEVELOPING IN CITY

C. W. McKee, General Manager of Heilig Chain, and Other Officials Discuss Proposed Playhouse On Visit to City; Council Hears Plan.

Erection of a \$25,000 theatre here for operation by the Heilig theatre company looms as a practical certainty as a result of a visit paid Springfield this week by C. W. McKee, general manager of the Heilig chain, and other officials of the company.

While no definite agreement was entered into with J. A. Seavey and L. K. Page, on whose land it is proposed to build the theatre, it is understood that the Heilig representatives looked with favor on the plan and that plans for the project are going ahead. New developments in the proposed program are expected soon.

During their visit in the city, the Heilig representatives met with the city council at the city hall Tuesday night to discuss the granting of a building permit to them in the event they go ahead with the plans. They expressed their belief that a theatre such as they plan will be successful in Springfield, and told of the plans for a first class building. First class shows will be given here, if the plans go through, it was said.

F. Manson White, Portland architect, is completing the architectural drawings of the Springfield theatre. His plans show a first class, concrete structure, with a seating capacity of 1000. Provisions are made for an organ, and other features of a metropolitan play house. An attractive lobby, with four small, plate glass front shops, is included in the specifications.

The location for the proposed building lies between the Sneed department store and the Commercial State bank building.

Manager McDonald of the Heilig theatre of Eugene accompanied the general manager and others to Springfield.

President Cox today named the standing committees for the chamber, as follows:

Trade, Commerce and Industries—A. J. Perkins, Welby Stevens, Dan W. Price.

Legislation, Taxation, Highways, Fish and Game—M. M. Percy, E. E. Morrison, W. P. Tyson.

Publicity, Conventions, Civic, Educational and Social—F. B. Hamlin, Dr. W. H. Pollard, H. E. Maxey.

House—W. F. Walker, C. F. Eggmann.

Finance—W. G. Hughes, H. F. Clarke, G. G. Bushman.

The new chamber president made the following statement as to his plans for the year:

"Prevention of sectional jealousies will be one of the chief objectives of my administration of Chamber of Commerce affairs. I will use my efforts to build up the Springfield community in every way, attracting the interest of men with good business and industrial proposition, promoting the general civic interests, and taking the stand that only through cooperation among ourselves and with others can we prosper.

"I take the position with the understanding that I will be supported in these objectives."

LIBRARY PATRONAGE ON INCREASE, REPORT SHOWS

Evidence that Springfield people are reading more is shown in the monthly report of Mary Roberts, librarian of the local library, which records an increase of 53 during November in the number of library patrons. This number, it was reported at the library board meeting held Tuesday evening, marks a record. The increase in October was only 30.

Election of officers for 1926 was postponed until the meeting to be held January 5.

Plan Opening Fish Market.

Gates and Bird, formerly of Redport, plan to open a fish market in the room adjoining the Springfield creamery, between now and December 10. Everything in the way of sea food will be carried in the market, according to the owners.

Steve Owen Thomas and Eleanor Squires were married by Rev. L. E. Blom at the Baptist parsonage Wednesday afternoon.

H. J. Cox Named Head of Chamber

Plans Are Formed For Aiding In Agitation For New Springfield Bridge.

Election of officers, and formation of plans for cooperation with a Lions club committee in supporting a movement for the construction of a state-highway bridge across the Willamette river on the piers at the foot of Main street, were among important matters accomplished at a meeting of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce held Friday night.

H. J. Cox, chief accountant at the Booth-Kelly Lumber company's Springfield plant was chosen as president of the chamber, succeeding W. F. Walker, who was voted thanks for his five years of service in that capacity. F. B. Hamlin was named vice-president, and M. J. McKlin, treasurer. Directors chosen were W. F. Walker, Julius Fulop, W. G. Hughes, H. F. Clarke, and W. O. Wright.

The committee named for the purpose of cooperating in the community's efforts to bring about the bridge construction was composed of E. E. Morrison, H. E. Maxey and H. F. Clarke.

It is understood that the state highway commission is willing to stand half the expense of the construction of the proposed Springfield span, provided that Lane county will match the state appropriation for the remainder of the cost. Working on this proposition, the Lions club and chamber committees are planning to make an effort to get a special tax proposal on the ballot at the primary elections next spring, which, if voted, would provide for Lane county's share of the expense and would assure the bridge. The Eugene Chamber of Commerce is committed to support this plan. Active campaign is planned by the local committees during the coming six months.

The chamber has endorsed the street lighting proposal now being considered.

NEW BANK BUILDING IS OCCUPIED BY DOCTORS

Handsome new offices in the second story of the new First National bank building were occupied Monday by Dr. W. C. Rehban and Dr. S. Ralph Dippel, dentist. D. W. Roof, local jeweler, has removed his store to the business room on the lower floor.

An attractive and well-lighted reception room is provided in the new suite of offices in the second story. Ample room for convenient arrangement of equipment is given in the offices of the physician and the dentist. Private offices, in addition to the public reception room, also are provided.

BAKERY TO MOVE INTO NEW BUILDING

The Springfield bakery will be moved from its present location to new quarters in the new garage building now being erected at Fifth and A streets, according to announcement by Fred Fresse, proprietor. The new quarters, which will be occupied shortly after January 1, face Fifth street.

Ballot Box Presented.

A myrtlewood ballot box was presented the Cascade chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star by Alberta S. McMurphy, past grand matron Oregon, during the meeting held Tuesday night.

Members of the order unaffiliated with the local chapter were special guests at the meeting. A program and toasts were features of the event, which was held in the I. O. O. F. hall.

Rebekahs Elect Officers.

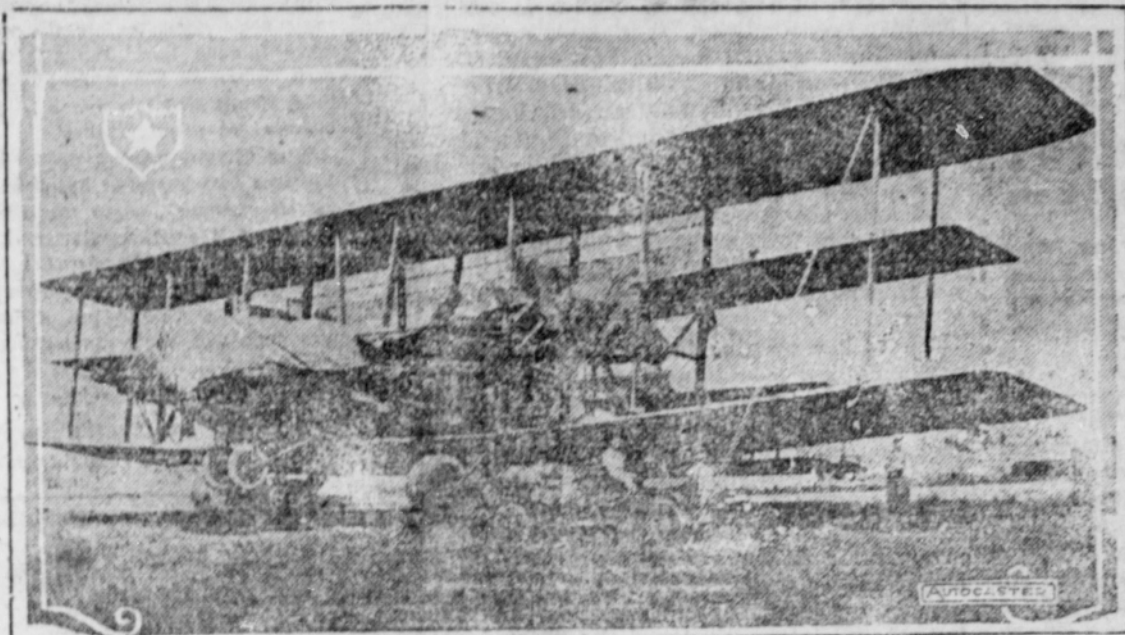
Mrs. Wanda Barnes was named noble grand of the local Rebekah lodge in meeting Tuesday night. Other officers elected were Mrs. Daniels, vice grand; Mrs. Lee Clark, recording secretary; Mrs. Mildred Anthony, musician; Mrs. A. Hadley, treasurer, and Mrs. Fred Hinson, financial secretary.

Needlecraft to Meet.

The Needlecraft club meets this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elvin May.

Gravel Train Working—A gravel train is working this week between Blair yard, in Eugene, and the Botsford gravel pits near Oakridge.

ONE OF U. S. GIANTS OF THE AIR



This Baring Bomber is the world's biggest airplane. Required two and one-half years to build, costing \$400,000. As soon as Lieut. John A. MacReady finishes experimental flight tests it will be stored at McCook Field, Dayton, Ohio.

CHEVROLET AGENCY TO OPEN IN SPRINGFIELD

Gannett Motor Company Leases Stevens Building After Ford Garage is Moved.

A new Chevrolet car agency will be opened in Springfield in the Stevens building as soon as the Danner Motor company occupies the new garage building at Fifth and A streets. The building has been leased to the Gannett Motor company of Eugene agents for this district who will conduct the agency here according to Welby Stevens owner of the property.

The Chevrolet agency has sold many cars in this field. With the new popular priced model it is expected to build up a large business here. A garage will be conducted along with the agency, it is announced.

BOY SCOUT TROOP HERE TO BE ORGANIZED SOON

Movement Revived by Lions Club Members; Tyson and Barber Volunteer Services.

Organization of a Boy Scout troop in Springfield is assured with the agreement of W. P. Tyson to accept the responsibilities of the position of scoutmaster. It was announced today. C. F. Barber has offered his services as assistant scoutmaster.

The matter will be placed before the Lions club in meeting tomorrow noon. The Lions club, through President H. E. Maxey and Herbert Cox, has sponsored the move to organize the boy's work. The local troop will be organized under the Lane County Boy Scout council.

A year ago the Lions club voted to conduct a Boy Scout troop in Springfield but at that time were unable to find a scoutmaster.

NOVEMBER POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS MAKE GAIN

An 11 per cent gain in postal receipts over the corresponding period of a year ago is shown in the November report of Postmaster F. B. Hamlin.

November receipts totaled \$645.74, against \$581.43 for November, 1924, thus showing a gain of \$64.31, or approximately 11 per cent. That the receipts for the year are practically certain to exceed the \$8000 marked up last year was the statement of Postmaster Hamlin.

With prospects for a lively holiday season, December postal receipts are expected to break all records at the local postoffice.

GIRLS CLUB WORK UNDER WAY AT BRATTAIN SCHOOL

With plans for an exhibition of the results of the work next spring, and probably competition with other clubs at the county fair, a sewing club has been organized at the Brattain school among sixth grade girls. Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway and Mrs. Eula Montgomery are instructing the club members.

The new Springfield club is one of 100 such organizations in the Lane county schools. The work is carried out under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural college. After the spring exhibition, much of the Springfield club's handiwork will be taken to the Lane county fair, and, if prizes are won, will be entered in competition at the state fair at Salem.

Society

Mrs. Dawson Entertains.

Mrs. William Dawson entertained with a covered dish supper at her home Tuesday evening. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ferrol Perkins, Mrs. Leiland Eubank, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sealefe, Paul Sealefe, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adrian.

Kensington Club to Meet.

The Kensington club will meet on the afternoon of December 11, at the home of Mrs. W. C. Rehban. Mrs. Rehban and Mrs. Paul Basford will be joint hostesses.

This meeting will take the form of a Christmas party. Each member is to bring a useful gift not exceeding 25 cents in cost and an exchange of presents will add to the spirit of the affair.

Kill Klare Klub at Eugene.

Mrs. Wilfred Beck entertained the Kill Klare club at her home in Eugene Monday evening. Those present from Springfield were Mrs. W. H. Adrian, Mrs. Maude Bryan, Mrs. Clark Wheaton. A special guest from Springfield was Mrs. John Ketels.

Attend Eugene Party.

The benefit card party held by the Spanish-American War Veterans auxiliary in Eugene last Friday evening was attended by Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Huntly, Mrs. C. F. Eggmann, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Richmond of Eugene. Mrs. G. N. Fraser won first prize at bridge, and Mrs. Samuels carried off highest honors at Five Hundred.

Enjoy Duck Dinner.

Wild duck, shot on a hunting trip to Klamath county by Riley Snodgrass and Norman Howard, was the principal dish at a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass at their home last Friday evening. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olson and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Shaw and family.

Miss Wooley Entertains.

A small group of friends enjoyed a delightful evening as the guest of Miss Chloe Wooley last Thursday evening. Guests were Mrs. Elsie Pollard, Miss Francis Travis, Mrs. Zella Cantrell, Mr. Jackson, Oswald Olson, and members of the Wooley family.

Moshiers Entertain

Guests at the R. E. Moshier home on Thanksgiving day were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Knott and son, William, of Eugene; Mrs. G. E. Griffin, and family, of Springfield, and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Moshier.

Encampment To Meet.

W. B. Pengra encampment, No. 67, I. O. O. F. will meet Friday evening. Five candidates will be given work in the golden rule degree.

Grand Officer Visits.

Mrs. Cora Heimer, grand guardian of this jurisdiction of Neighbors of Woodcraft, visited the local lodge at its meeting held last night. Degree work was exemplified.

Mrs. Adrian Entertains.

Mrs. W. H. Adrian entertained the Chrysanthemum club at her home last evening.

Visits Parents—C. L. Chase, of the

W. R. Cate Motor company of Portland, is here visiting his parents.

INDUSTRIAL BOARD IS ORGANIZED FOR WORK

Will Work With Eugene Industrial Committee in Locating Plants on Former S. P. Land.

First steps to place industries on the old Southern Pacific shop site here recently leased by the city were taken Tuesday evening when the board appointed by the council met and organized. Officers of the board will be H. E. Maxey, chairman, and H. F. Clarke, secretary. Other members are A. J. Perkins, W. G. Hughes and S. C. Wright.

The committee according to the prearranged plan expects to work with the industrial committee of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce to bring about location of industries here. Several types of industry have been considered for the land here. Literature setting forth the Springfield proposal of free sites for industries will be printed and distributed according to decision of the committee.

Because of its location on the railroad main line and adjacent to the Mountain States Power company electrical plant as well as being on the mill race the Springfield property becomes valuable for industrial sites. Few cities have such an ideal land on which to place industries.

Five acres of the 247 in the tract will be set aside for a park soon by the board.

FIRE DESTROYS REWEY'S BATTERY STATION HERE

Fire at 8 o'clock yesterday morning gutted the building which housed the battery service station belonging to Marion Rewey, on Main between Second and Third streets. Damage to building over \$1000 resulted.

The blaze, it was believed, resulted from an overheated stove. Rewey had kindled a fire in the stove, but was not in the building when the fire broke out. Going inside a few minutes after the fire was built in the stove, he discovered the entire interior of the building in flames. He rushed to a nearby house, where the alarm was turned in.

Although it was impossible to save the equipment in the interior of the building, tanks and other equipment outside were saved from the flames.

The building is the property of Frank Berger of Eugene.

CHURCH NIGHT PLANNED BY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The first of a series of "church night programs," will be given at the Christian church tomorrow evening. The first program is in charge of the women's class of the church school, and succeeding church nights, to be held once each month, will be arranged by other classes of the school. Each of the events is to be somewhat in the nature of a surprise for the church members and friends, all of whom are invited by those in charge.

Rev. S. Earl Childers last Sunday completed an interesting series of sermons on the Second coming of Christ.

Bazaar Proves Success

A total of \$145 was cleared at the bazaar and food sale held by the Catholic Women's guild last Saturday. Mrs. Norbert Aye held the lucky number for the dishes, after a drawing by W. C. Wright of Wright's hardware store.

NATIONAL GUARD UNIT IS SOUGHT

Local Young Men Are Signing Up for Service in Proposed Springfield Company; Would Make Possible Formation of Lane County Battalion.

Plans for the organization of an Oregon National Guard company in Springfield, should an order for three new companies in the state be issued as expected, are being made by local men interested. Success has attended the efforts to sign up young men in the community as members, and it is unofficially reported that 40 of the necessary 45 have been signed and promises have been obtained from the other five.

With the Springfield company signed up, it is hoped by those interested that the organization of a unit here will be authorized if the war department order is issued. Local contractors, it is understood are considering plans for an armory, with the expectation of submitting them, should the company be authorized.

Formation of a National Guard company in Springfield would make possible the organization of a battalion of four companies in Lane county under Major W. G. White of Eugene. There are now two companies at Eugene, and one at Cottage Grove, while another at Springfield would make the fourth.

It is on this fact, and the probability that the Springfield company will be entirely signed up, that the local men interested are building their hopes that the local unit will be authorized. It is understood that the organization of three companies in Oregon is to be asked.

LEGION DANCE FLOOR IS SOLD; WRECKING STARTS

Sale of the dance platform at Second and Main streets to Charles S. Leap, of Eugene, was completed this week by the local post of the American Legion.

Work of removing the platform from the corner is being started immediately by Leap, who will use the lumber in the construction of buildings on his Eugene property.

BAPTISTS WILL PRESENT CANTATA AT CHRISTMAS

Presentation of a cantata on December 22, and a program by the Sunday school on Christmas eve, are to be features of the First Baptist church observance of Christmas, according to announcement made this week. Already practice for the cantata and the program is under way.

The cantata to be given is "The Prince of Peace." Norton Pengra is in charge of the presentation, and a large chorus is practicing.

Mrs. L. E. Blom is in charge of the general preparations for the Christmas eve program by the children. She is assisted by teachers of the various church school classes.

SPRINGFIELD LOSES TO COTTAGE GROVE OUTFIT

Superior weight and speed gave Cottage Grove High school football squad a 37 to 0 victory over the Springfield grid aggregation in a one-sided game on the local field Thanksgiving day. At no time did Springfield threaten the visitors' victory.

A wet field made passing precarious, and both teams resorted to line plunges and end runs for their yardage. Springfield was easily outclassed by the Cottage Grove team, which has had a season of almost unbroken grid-iron successes.

To Overhaul Turbine.

Preparations are being made at the local plant of the Mountain States Power company to overhaul the 2000 kilowatt turbine and generator in use there. Work on repairing the plant boilers is progressing, according to Wayne McLagan, engineer.

Offices Remodelled.

Work on remodeling the offices of Dr. W. H. Pollard and Dr. N. W. Emery has been completed with successful results. New paint and wall dressing adds materially to the appearance of the offices, while the quarters of Dr. Pollard are made more convenient to patrons by the construction of a dressing room.