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ORDINANCE PASSED REGULATING DANCES

Statute Adopted By Council On Monday Bans Minors From Halls When Unaccompanied By Parents; License Fees and Permits Are Provided For in New Ruling

Licensing and regulating public dance halls in Springfield the city council passed an ordinance last Monday night. The measure carries a license fee of \$15 a quarter or \$60 a year and prohibits minors under 18 years of age going to public dance halls without being accompanied by their parents or legal guardians.

The council also instructed the city attorney to draw an amendment to the curfew law raising the age limit of minors on the streets from 16 to 18 years after 9:30 o'clock at night. This amendment will be introduced at the next meeting of the council.

Matron not Resigned. The police matron, reported having resigned, has not resigned and is still on duty. She will be backed up in her work councilmen said. While the present matron, Mrs. Paul Brattain, was not a seeker after the position in the beginning she will serve until a suitable woman is found to take her place councilmen said.

Start Collection of Back Liens. The city attorney reported to the council that he had started action against slow property holders who have improvement assessments against them. A number have paid but any not taking the proper attitude in the matter he declared that suit in court would be instituted against.

The Eugene Ku Klux Klan sent word to the council that the letter sent to the police matron signed with their name was a forgery and that they were trying to apprehend the guilty person.

Discuss New City Hall. A proposal to buy the old First National bank building for a city hall was discussed at the meeting. It was pointed out that the present hall was too small and that there was no room for a city jail while the bank building had a large vault and was a substantial structure with plenty of room. If the property was purchased there is room for a fire department hall either on the Main street or the Second street side it was said. It was pointed out that the library could be moved into the present building owned by the city and used as the city hall and thus save rent. The entire building remodeled would make a spacious library councilmen said. A committee was appointed to investigate the matter further.

The council adjourned to meet next Monday in special session when the passage of an ordinance authorizing about \$13,000 in Bancroft bonds to cover sidewalks built and the improvement of Kelly boulevard, Tenth street and Seventeenth street this past summer.

FREE METHODIST MEET TO BE HELD THIS WEEK

The Free Methodist district quarterly meeting will be held at the church near the Glenwood school in Springfield this week end.

The first meeting will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. W. E. Goode, district elder, and minister of the district, will be present. Meetings will be held Friday and Saturday at 2:30 p. m., according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. H. A. Hammer. On Sunday church school will be held at 9:45 o'clock, with preaching at 11 a. m., 2:30 and 7:30.

MISSIONARY RETURNS FROM CONGO REGION

After spending three years a missionary in the Congo region of Africa, Miss Hattie P. Mitchell arrived in Springfield Tuesday to visit friends and relatives here. Miss Mitchell is a missionary for the Disciples of Christ church, and has had varied and interesting experiences during her service in Africa.

Her relatives in Springfield are Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Mitchell, her parents her sister, Mrs. Dallas Murphy, and two brothers, James Mitchell, of Springfield and D. K. Mitchell of West Fir. Miss Mitchell will return to Africa in about eight months.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF CHAMBER FRIDAY NIGHT

Many important business matters are scheduled for consideration of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce members when they meet for the first time under the new officers on tomorrow night. Confirmation of the appointment of standing committees, as made by President H. J. Cox, and outlining of a program of activities for these committees, are among the most important actions to be taken, according to Mr. Cox.

The industrial committee appointed by President Cox is to cooperate with the town committee appointed to have charge of the large tract of land recently leased from the City of Eugene, and offered as free sites to desirable industrial concerns for development.

This committee, also, is to be in charge of the investigation and promotion of plans for modern and adequate hotel accommodations in Springfield.

The publicity committee probably will immediately make plans for preparing data to be submitted to the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, dealing with the Springfield industrial sites. This material will be given publicity by the state chamber, and it is in this way expected to get in the hands of men backing industrial concerns seeking a location in western Oregon.

Plans for taking up the present indebtedness of the chamber and a future financial program are to be functions of the finance committee, President Cox said.

Owing to the importance of the matters to be discussed, the chamber head urged that as many as possible of chamber members plan to be present at the session.

CITY ACTION IS RESULT OF FLOODING OF ALLEY

Flooding of the alley in the rear of Main street business houses last week resulted in the notification of all property owners by the city to connect the eaves of their buildings with the sewers. Announcement of the intention to notify the property holders was made by Recorder R. W. Smith.

Only one building in the blocks between Third and Sixth street was draining into a sewer, Recorder Smith said, and the condition of the alley was growing serious.

Plans for the paving of this alley are being discussed among business men, and it is likely that a petition asking that all three blocks of the alley be paved will be presented to the city council by property holders at an early date. It is presumed that the work, if it is authorized, will start early next spring.

TYSON CHOSEN HEAD OF AMERICAN LEGION POST

W. P. Tyson was chosen commander of the Springfield post of the American Legion at a meeting last Thursday night.

Other officers selected were John H. Will, first vice-commander; Marlon L. Rewey, second vice-commander; W. N. Gossler, adjutant; J. M. Larson, finance officer; C. A. Swartz, William Vashy, Walter J. Scott and F. G. Hamlin were named members of the executive committee and Vick Fogle and Verne D. Bain were chosen as members of the finance committee.

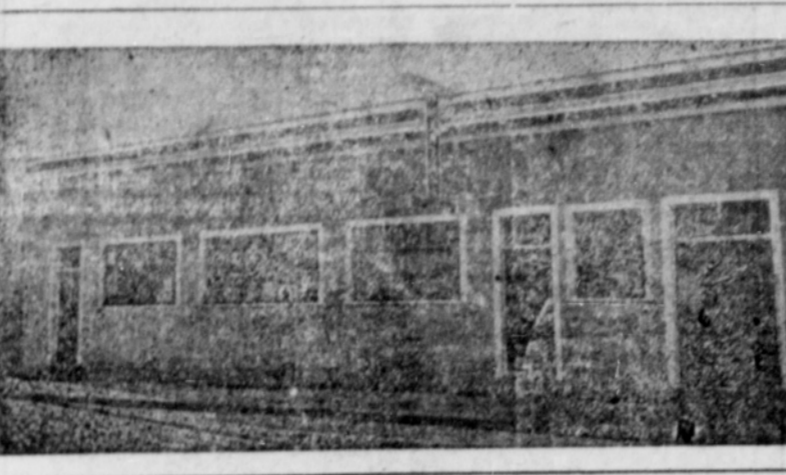
Other important business matters were discussed by the legionnaires, and plans for the activities under the new officers were talked. Following the meeting, refreshments of chili con carne and coffee were served. M. B. Huntly had charge of the refreshments.

BAPTIST CANTATA WILL BE PRESENTED TWICE

The choir of the Baptist church will present a cantata, "The Prince of Peace," Sunday evening at the church. Rehearsals for the program have been under way for several weeks, and indication are that it will be a complete success. The direction of the choir is in charge of Norton Pengra.

The program will be presented on Thursday evening, December 22, for the benefit of those not able to attend Sunday.

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Society

P.-T.-A. To Meet

A Christmas program by children of the Lincoln school will be a special feature of the meeting of the Parent-Teachers association, to be held at that school tomorrow afternoon.

The Methodist Ladies' aid has furnished a rest room at the Lincoln school.

The ways and means committee of the P.-T.-A. has postponed its activities until after the first of the year.

Plan Christmas Party

The high school Christmas party will be held Wednesday afternoon of next week, as the final school affair before the holidays.

The students will assemble in the auditorium at the high school, where a Christmas tree will be decorated. A program of Christmas music, and other features, is planned.

Chase-Wallace Nuptials Planned

Invitations are out for the wedding of Omar Chase, of Chase Gardens, and Miss Grace Wallace, of Jasper, to be solemnized at the Springfield Baptist church on the evening of December 23. Rev. L. E. Blom of the Baptist church will officiate at the ceremony.

Miss Wallace is the teacher at the Chase Gardens school. She is the daughter of Marlon Wallace, of Jasper, and is popular and well known in this district.

Mr. Chase is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Chase of Chase Gardens.

Club Party Held

Children's dresses, children's games, and children's refreshments, added much to the charm of a Christmas party enjoyed by members of the Kensington club at the home of Mrs. W. C. Rebhan last Friday afternoon.

The members found the Rebhan home decorated in holiday colors, and the affair took on the form of a children's party.

Those present were Mrs. L. E. Basford, Mrs. L. H. Neet, Mrs. Herbert Clarke, Mrs. Harry Whitney, Mrs. R. H. Parsons, Mrs. C. A. Swartz, Miss Edna Swartz, Mrs. Alfred Morgan and son, Joe, Mrs. F. L. Moore, Mrs. J. C. McMurray, Mrs. Samuel Wright, and Mrs. William Wright. Guests were Mrs. Hobson and Mrs. Dallas Murphy.

Entertain at Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Jacoby, of Jasper, entertained at dinner Sunday at their home. Dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Milton Cyr and sons, Joe, Clayton and Virgil, of Springfield, and Mrs. Henrietta Jacoby and Lester Jacoby of Jasper.

Afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Glaspie of Fall Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Palmer of Fall Creek, and Mrs. and Mrs. Guy Schonkwiler of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association.

Delightful Party Held. A number of friends were entertained by Miss Freda Fandrem and Mrs. Henry Fandrem at Mrs. Fandrem's South Second street home last Friday evening.

SCOUTS WILL ORGANIZE AT MEETING MONDAY

A meeting has been arranged to organize Springfield's first Boy Scout troop, Monday evening, according to announcements by W. P. Tyson, scoutmaster. Efforts are being made also to have Mr. C. R. Clark, scout executive for Eugene, present.

So far, the following six boys have been selected as members of the first troop: Evan Hughes, Arthur Potter, Lloyd Madison, Gerald Morrison, Thayer McMurray, and Vern Griffith. Other candidates will be selected later. Clayton Barber is first assistant scoutmaster, and Otto Brucham, principal of the Junior high school is second assistant scoutmaster. The place of the meeting will be announced later.

KLAN DENIES LETTER TO POLICE MATRON

The disparaging letter written to the police matron, Mrs. Paul Brattain, was not authorized nor is such letters condoned by the Ku Klux Klan, according to Mike Thompson, the secretary of the Eugene Klan, who called at the News this week. "We want it understood that the Klan is back of the work of the police matron so far as she is for the enforcement of law and order," said Mr. Thompson. "If we can find out who wrote this anonymous letter, signing it 'Ku Klux Klan' we will deal with him summarily, whether he is a klansman or not," said the secretary.

UNIVERSITY GIRL HAS CHARGE OF GYM WORK

Gymnasium work as sponsored by the Christian church Sunday school is getting underway. The Live Wire class, composed of girls of high school age, has obtained Miss Dorothy Evans of the University of Oregon as director of class athletics, and meets in the gymnasium every Wednesday ball.

The Pioneer club, also is doing gym work. It is planned to organize a class for women, to meet on Wednesday evenings.

Election is Held

Ladies' of the G. A. R. in meeting last Friday, reelected Mrs. C. F. Ezzi-mann as president for another year. Other officers named were Mrs. Mary Magill, senior vice-president; Mrs. Carry Humphrey, junior vice-president; Mrs. Jane M. Joy, patriot instructor; Mrs. Nettie Metcalf, treasurer, and Mrs. Sam Richmond, secretary. The president will fill out her office at the next meeting to be held on the second Friday in January.

Appoints Officers

W. P. Tyson, commander of Springfield Post No. 40, of the American Legion has announced the following new officers for the year: Chaplain, Oswald Olson, and sergeant-at-arms, Jess Meats.

The plan of activities for the coming year will be announced later, according to Mr. Tyson.

Returns from Portland

Mrs. A. J. Lynch returned from Portland Wednesday where she attended the funeral of her brother-in-law, Ed Countiss. Mrs. Countiss, who returned with Mrs. Lynch, expects to spend some time with relatives here and at Junction City.

SPRINGFIELD BEATS COBURG BASKETEERS

The Springfield high school defeated Coburg high in a fast basketball game here Wednesday night. The score, when the final whistle had sounded stood 22-14 in favor of the local quintet. The score at the end of the first half was 12-7 in favor of Springfield.

Earl "Spike" Leslie from the University of Oregon refereed.

The line-up follows: Springfield; H. Cowart, forward; Beeseon, forward; C. Whitenack, center; McPherson, guard; Lewis, guard; Coburg; Cole, forward; Fletcher, forward; Winn, center; Harrington, guard; Johns, guard.

An unusual element was the fact that neither side used a single substitute. Coach V. D. Bain announced that the above line-up would probably enter the game with Monroe at that place Saturday evening.

Gets Dance Permit

Mrs. Emma L. Beck, who operates the dance hall in the Stevens building, was the first to apply for a permit under the new dance hall ordinance adopted by the city council Monday evening. She made her application to the office of Recorder R. W. Smith Tuesday. It will be acted upon by the council.

SPRINGFIELD TAX LEVY TO BE HIGH

Tentative Total Rate For City Is 77 Mills, As Against 69.6 Mills For 1925; Increase Due to School Finances, Raised By Brattain School Erection

Springfield's total tax rate for 1926 will be 77 mills, an increase of 7.4 mills over last year, according to tentative calculations made today. Adoption by the taxpayers of the county budget figures, making the county tax 25.5 mills, will make this rate official.

A table showing comparative rates follows:

Table with columns for 1926 and 1925, and rows for City, School, County, and Total. Total for 1926 is 77 Mills, for 1925 is 69.6 Mills.

As the table shows, the increase in the total Springfield rate is due to the school tax, which has been hoisted to provide for the payment of \$12,500 on the Brattain school, and for increased running expenses. The increase in the school district rate is 9.5 mills. According to figures made public by County Assessor Ben F. Kenney, the school district assessed valuation is \$1,486,212, and the budget to be raised is \$41,555.50.

The city tax rate has been lowered six tenths of a mill, by virtue of an increase in the assessed valuation and a decrease in the estimated budget expenditures for the year. The assessed valuation for Springfield including public service property, is \$1,099,226, as compared with \$1,055,793 for last year. The budget totals are 1926, \$25,924; 1925, \$26,087.

The tentative county levy, as set by the assessor for the approval of the taxpayers in annual meeting, is 25.5 mills. This is a decrease from last year's rate.

For the purpose of comparison of Springfield's valuation with those of other county communities, the following table is given:

Coburg—\$70,912; last year, \$64,544. Cottage Grove—\$1,062,256; last year, \$937,978. Creswell—\$1,981,910; last year, \$229,010. Florence—\$121,263; last year, \$158,029. Junction City—\$429,838; last year, \$437,283. Springfield—\$1,099,226; last year, \$1,055,793. Port of Stiuslaw—\$4,118,701; last year, \$4,077,261.

BULLET STRIKES CHAIN; DOUBLE INJURY RESULTS

Before entering the right leg of C. A. Sworden, of Portland, a bullet, accidentally discharged from a fellow huntsman's rifle, struck a dog chain and sent bits of the chain into the unfortunate man's left leg. The accident occurred in the Alma district Sunday.

With Sworden leading, the party was making its way through a thicket, on a Sunday afternoon cougar hunt. The rifle of one of the men behind Sworden, caught in a vine maple, discharged.

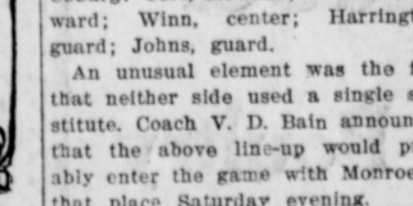
The bullet broke a chain on a dog being held in leash and thus inflicted the double wound to Sworden's legs. His companions carried him to a stream, and rowed the wounded man in a boat to the road. Several hours later he was brought into Springfield and a local physician was called from his bed to treat the severe injuries.

The bullet had cut the tendon on the right leg. The physician cut several pieces of steel chain from the left leg.

Another accident occurred in the Jasper district Monday morning. Aiden McCumber, a farmer, sustained a deep gash in his left foot when an ax with which he was cutting limbs from trees slipped. McCumber was treated by a local physician.

New Serial Author

Gladys Baker, popular southern author, has scored again with a sequel to "Salbee's Temptations" a story which thrilled many of the readers of newspaper serials. "Mr. and Mrs. Salbee" is the new story and we are pleased to announce exclusive rights to this feature in this territory. It's the confessions of a new wife—and we warn you now that you don't want to miss a single installment. Starting this week—read it every week.



Steal Butchered Hogs. Some person, as yet unidentified, sometime last night removed two butchered hogs from the delivery car of the Springfield Creamery which had been left standing before the house of M. T. Cyr. Officers are working on the case.

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HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCED BY PRINCIPAL

Dale Griffith and Esther McPherson top the list in the high school honor roll for the second six weeks of school, according to announcement yesterday by Principal V. D. Bain. The two leaders have 95 per cent averages.

Following with 93.8 per cent averages are Agatha Beas, Alma Greenwood, and Gertrude Mustoe.

Those who have averages of 90 or more are Theodore Bartholomew, Mary Fisher, Naomi Carlton, Evan Hughes, Evelyn Jacobson, Dorene Larimer, Marjorie Lindsey, Pauline Lyon, Carl McGinnis, Grace Morse, Violet Mustoe, Inez Neet, Margaret Oerkirk, Constance Rebhan, Lucille Richmond, Emma Rogers, and Maxine Snodgrass.

SEWING CLUB FORMED AT WALTERVILLE SCHOOL

A sewing club was recently organized at the Walterville school, according to an announcement from the office of Arnold D. Collier, county club leader. Following are the officers and members of the club:

Mrs. Lulu M. Burt, leader; Viola Easton, president; Ruth Wilburn, vice-president; Eva Mae Wilburn, secretary; and other members: Augusta Hanson, Margaret Tipton, Gail Easton, Zulu Kickbusch, Lucille Millikan, Elizabeth Doudy, Mary Smeed, Evelyn Kickbusch and Pearl Webster.

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