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PARK SITE CHOSEN BY COMMITTEEMEN

Plot at Southeast End of City Industrial Tract Will Be Developed; Playgrounds To Be Facilitated By Swimming and Boating On Mill Race

Choice of the five acres at the southeast end of the recently acquired Springfield industrial tract for the development of a city park for use as early as next summer was made last Saturday by the City Industrial and Park committee.

The park site is shaded by trees, and lies along the mill race, forming a natural park. The city is expected to proceed with clearing brush from the site, and with a little other improvement it will be ready for use as a picnic grounds and playgrounds. The mill race will provide boating and swimming facilities, made more attractive by a good beach along the stream.

The lease by which the city acquired the industrial tract provides that five acres be devoted to park purposes, and it was the decision of the committee that the development would be best centered on a part which already has the natural advantages of a park.

Inspect Tract.

The committee, accompanied by Secretary Eugene Chadwick of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, President Herbert Cox of the Springfield chamber, and Welby Stevens, made an inspection of the entire tract for the first time Saturday.

Mr. Stevens, who purchased the land for the railroad terminal site several years ago, pointed out the corners and boundaries of the tract to the committeemen.

The Eugene Chamber of Commerce is cooperating with the local chamber and the industrial committee in giving publicity to the city's offer of free industrial sites to desirable industries. The committee has had attractive literature published pointing out the advantages of the site and the opportunities for development of prosperous industries in Springfield, and this is being spread over the state and elsewhere.

Sawmill Site Seen.

After looking over the tract, the committee was unanimous in the opinion that there is an ideal location for another sawmill at the southeast corner of the city limits on what is known as the old Bryan place. Here is a natural site for a large mill pond. The mill would be so located that the railroad would lie along one side and the pond on the other.

It was decided by the committee that only that portion of the industrial tract which lies north of the railroad will be opened for development, for the present. The part on the other side of the tract must be cleared before development can proceed.

ORGANIZE CHURCH FOR CHILDREN; AIMS TOLD

Fifty children, ranging from six to 14 years of age, were present at the first meeting of the Junior church, recently organized at the Christian church of Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kaufman are in charge of the work. The primary purpose of the Junior church, said Mr. Kaufman yesterday, is "to supplement the Bible school in Christian training and keep the children who would not otherwise attend the adult services at church. The Junior service takes place during the regular preaching hour, and in a separate department, the program following as closely as possible that of the adults."

Mr. Kaufman extended an invitation for children not attending elsewhere to meet with the Christian church Bible school and remain for the children's church service.

4L To Meet.

The next meeting of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen will be held at the Woodman hall next Monday evening, according to an announcement by Secretary D. W. McKinon. The matter of change in prices of the bulletins likely is to be considered at this session.

Builds New House.

Among building projects started recently was the construction of a new house at Ninth and A streets by M. J. McKlin. The new home, to be built in bungalow style, will be occupied by Mr. McKlin's son-in-law when it is completed.

Society

NOVEL STUNTS FEATURE LION'S LADIES NIGHT

Novel stunts by well-known Lions, other interesting program features, first class music, a good attendance, and a chicken dinner combined to make the Lions ladies' night, held Monday evening in the Woodmen of the World hall, an unqualified success. Seventy roaring Lions and their ladies enjoyed the event.

Here are some of the highlights on the Lions program:

Dancing pantomime by Dallas Murphy, ably supported by a phonograph. Mouth organ solo, Mayor G. G. Bushman.

Lion taming stunt by Lions V. D. Bain and J. C. McMurray.

Reading by Lion F. B. Hamlin. Stunt by Lion John Ketsels, Jr.

Musical numbers by the Lions quartet, composed of Lions, W. C. Rebhan, S. R. Dippel, Harry Stewart and Dallas Murphy.

H. E. Maxey, president of the Lions club, acted as toastmaster and called on all members for short talks.

Miss Hattie Mitchell, missionary to Africa, sang two selections and exhibited curios brought from the dark continent.

The Nadvornik trio gave several musical selections.

The chicken dinner was served by the ladies of the Christian church of Springfield.

Newlyweds Surprised.

More than 30 members of the local lodge of the Neighbors of Woodcraft went to Thurston yesterday where they held a surprise party for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Burch, recently married here. Mrs. Burch is one of the managers of the lodge.

The party met at Eggmann's candy shop and from there went in automobiles to the Burch home. They took with them delicious refreshments, and a lovely piece of silverware, which was presented as a wedding present to the newlyweds.

Mrs. Burch was formerly Mrs. Lillie Rhodes.

At Oratorio Society Meeting.

A number of Springfield people were present at the rehearsal of the Oratorio club, in Eugene, held Monday evening. The club is to present the oratorio, "Eljah." Those present from here included Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah, Mrs. S. S. Potter, Mrs. N. W. Emery, Mrs. Ella Lombard, Maurine Lombard, Frank Lombard, Eunice Parker, Norton Pengra, Wilfred Cook, George Signor, Walter Gossler and Elmer Halstead.

Kill Kare Meets.

Members of the Kill Kare club were delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Fred Chess in Eugene Friday afternoon. After an afternoon of bridge, refreshments were served. Present from Springfield were Mrs. Maude Bryan, Mrs. Clark Wheaton, Mrs. M. M. Peery, Mrs. A. J. Perkins, Mrs. Eugene Kester and Mrs. W. H. Adrian.

Legion Holds Meeting.

Further plans for the American Legion vaudeville night at the Bell theatre were made at a meeting of the local post held last Thursday night. It is planned to make the vaudeville program a monthly affair if it proves a financial success. Refreshments were served under the direction of M. B. Huntly.

Party at Gossler Home.

A group of young people spent an enjoyable evening at the Walter Gossler home Monday evening. Assisting Mr. and Mrs. Gossler in entertaining at the affair were Margaret and Anne Gorrie.

Those present were the Misses Nina Brown, Edna Platt, Francis Hodge, Fay Spaulding, Maurine Lombard, and Oswald Olson, Walter Fenwick and Dr. Gerald Van Valzah.

Given Surprise Party.

John Manwaring was given a delightful surprise party on the occasion of his sixty-fourth birthday at the family home Monday evening. Members of the family and close friends were present.

To Give Supper.

The Loyal Women's class will give a supper to the Loyal Men's class at the Christian church next Friday evening. This affair is the outcome of a Sunday school contest, and a delicious meal is promised the men attending.

Bryan's Widow Writes



For the first time in years Mrs. Wm. Jennings Bryan, widow of the great "Commoner" permits herself to be photographed. She is working on the diary of her late husband—assisted by her son, Wm. Jennings Bryan.

SMITH INSTALLED HEAD OF LOCAL ENCAMPMENT

R. W. Smith was installed chief patriarch at a meeting of the Springfield Encampment, I. O. O. F., held last Friday night.

H. J. Hillard, chief patriarch of the Eugene encampment was installing officers. He inducted into office, in addition to Mr. Smith, the following: Oswald Olson, scribe; J. S. Lorah, treasurer, and H. Jolliff, junior warden. Other officers are to be installed at a later date.

ASSISTANT PASTOR IS NAMED FOR CHRISTIANS

Rev. G. H. McAllister has been named assistant pastor of the Christian church of Springfield, following a decision to name a helper to Rev. S. Earl Childers made at the annual meeting.

Rev. and Mrs. McAllister will devote a large part of their time in calling in the homes. They have asked that names and addresses of people who should be called on be handed them.

FRESHMAN MAKES RECORD WALK HERE FROM EUGENE

Existing walking records between Springfield and Eugene underwent somewhat of a strain last Friday when a freshman of the University of Oregon, the victim in a fraternity house initiation, hot-footed it to this city, to obtain the signature of the superintendent of the Booth-Kelly mill here.

The frosh made the journey in record time, turning down all offers for rides, and obtained O. H. Jarrett's signature without a bit of trouble. His return trip, it was reported, was made in similar good time. The time limit allowed the initiation victim was an hour and 50 minutes. He is reported to have far outwalked this schedule.

LOCAL HEALTH BRANCH ORGANIZED AT MEETING

Organization of a Springfield branch of the Lane County Health association was accomplished at a meeting held here last Friday night. Outline of plans for work in the county schools in this district, taking up especially the matter of providing milk for undernourished children, followed the election of officers.

Those chosen for various phases of the work were: Mrs. Walter Scott, chairman; Mrs. Bernice Van Valzah, educational work; Mrs. C. E. Wheaton, publicity; Mrs. Carl Olson, nursing, and Mrs. Maude Bryan, finance.

A meeting will be held every two months to consider problems and work. Miss Beth Konkel, secretary of the county association, will meet with the local women at these meetings. The county association is a member of the State Tuberculosis association.

Here from Portland—George Downey of Portland was in town on business yesterday.

ROBERT LEE SANKEY IS KILLED AT WENDLING

Struck in the head by a log while working in logging operations at Wendling Friday, Robert Lee Sankey, 19, well-known in Springfield, sustained injuries which resulted in his death at the Eugene hospital Saturday afternoon.

Funeral services were held at the Walker chapel in Springfield Monday afternoon. Rev. E. V. Stivers, pastor of the Eugene Christian church had charge of the services.

The sudden death of the young man brought sorrow to his many friends in Springfield. He is survived by his widow, his father, B. G. Sankey of Springfield; two brothers, Elmer and Harris; three sisters, Mrs. Maude Rhinevault, Margaret, Millie and Laura.

STRAY BULLET INJURES MILL WORKER AT LOWELL

C. L. Gaspey, 39, of Lowell narrowly escaped death Monday morning when a stray bullet, fired by an unidentified person, struck him on the top of his head, inflicting a painful wound, but failing to enter the skull.

Gaspey was working at the Hill brothers mill south of Lowell. The mill had shut down and the workmen were seated, when the bullet, fired supposedly by a huntsman in the nearby forest, struck Gaspey. He was rendered unconscious.

Fellow workmen rushed Gaspey to Springfield, where he was treated by a local physician. It was found that the bullet had penetrated the soft tissue of his head, but had not entered the skull. To this fact, the physician said, Gaspey probably owes his life.

Gaspey is not known to have any enemies, and it is believed that the bullet was fired unintentionally in the direction of the mill.

ACCIDENTAL SHOT IS FATAL TO H. THIENES

Harry S. Thienes, 25, of Deernhorn, died at 11 o'clock yesterday morning at the Pacific Christian hospital as a result of gunshot wound received Friday, when a rifle was accidentally discharged in the hand of his brother, Earl.

The two men were in the woods near Deernhorn, taking up a line of traps. Earl stumbled, and the gun was discharged. The bullet passed through Mr. Thienes' intestines, puncturing them in 12 places.

It was an hour before the injured man was gotten to Deernhorn, and a Springfield physician called. He was taken immediately to Eugene, where a serious operation was performed.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Veatch undertaking parlors in Eugene. The deceased is survived by his widow, two children, his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT ON CONDITION CITY BOOKS

That the Springfield city books are in first class condition is the report of Tyson and Horton, expert accountants, who have audited the books for 1925 and submitted their findings to the city council. The accountants praised both Recorder R. W. Smith and Treasurer W. G. Hughes, for the manner in which the books were kept, and stated that a new and more uniform system is now being considered.

The accountants' report shows that \$17,950 was spent during 1925, while the budget appropriations ran to \$13,360. The balance unexpended is \$1,127.44, while overdrawn sums amounts to \$5,717.58.

Total assets of \$196,038.91 are shown in the report. The net debt now stands at \$142,411.42.

General obligation bonds total \$120,000, while local improvement bonds show an aggregate of \$51,400.

SEVERAL SEEK JOB OF TRAVELING MAIL ROUTE

Several made bids for the contract for carrying the mail on the Springfield-Foley Springs route, according to Postmaster Hamlin. While the bids were made directly to the fourth assistant postmaster general, the application blanks were obtained at the local office, and all were exhausted.

The final date for filing bids was January 19. Announcement of the lowest bidder will be made by the post-office department in a few weeks. The present contract expires on June 30.

Jasper People Here—Mr. and Mrs. Morris Hill of Jasper were visitors in Springfield yesterday.



Plan Revival Meeting.

Evangelistic meetings will start at the Baptist church here January 31, and continue for three weeks. Evangelist Laughlin of Portland will have charge of the meetings.

LEGION TO REPEAT ITS VAUDEVILLE MONTHLY

American Legion night at the Bell theatre, offering highly entertaining vaudeville stunts and a vivid western picture, proved a success and it is the plan of the veterans' organization to give vaudeville programs once a month from now on.

Musical selections were given by the Nadvornik trio. The Charleston vaudettes presented a surprise feature, including snappy songs and dances. The Vaudettes include Shirley Hemmingsway, Dorene Larimer, Sybil Carney, Hilda Ditto, Isaline Kester and Fay Driscoll. Miss Driscoll presented the Charleston, the country's newest dance, and was enthusiastically applauded.

Last night the performance was repeated, before an audience made up largely of high school students. Reduced rates to high and junior high school students for the second performance are given.

W. P. Tyson, American Legion commander, spoke, stating that the legion felt the need of good vaudeville in Springfield at least once a month and would attempt to fill that need. The legion, he said, is glad to cooperate in any worthy enterprise here.

The committee in charge of the programs is Jack Larson, Trubert Henderson and L. H. Neet.

JITNEY ENTERTAINMENT ENRICHES TREASURY

The oft-repeated adage about drops of water and grains of sand was proven again last Friday night when the Springfield Parent-teachers association conducted a social at which the "lowly nickel played king, with happy results for the treasury of the organization. More than \$75 was cleared, above expenses, at the jitney social, this sum to be used for the association's first aid work among school children.

Five cents admission was charged, coffee and cookies, home made candy, and pop corn balls could be purchased for a jitney, and admission to first class programs given repeatedly in eight rooms was obtainable by more nickels. The grade schools, junior high school, and high schools gave the program.

DAMAGE IS DONE BY WINDSTORM IN CITY

A brisk windstorm, blowing up Saturday, blew over a large billboard on Main street, damaging an automobile and did other damage in this vicinity.

Several automobiles were parked along the curb opposite the billboard when it was blown down. The fender of one of these was badly damaged, while fenders on other cars were scratched. It is considered fortunate that no one was passing the board at the time, as it fell entirely across the sidewalk.

The chimney on the Milton Cyr house was blown off by the brisk gust of winds. Several radio aerials about town were put out of commission.

Turbine Removed.

The huge turbine at the local Mountain States Power plant late last week was removed from the plant and shipped to Portland where it is to undergo a thorough overhauling. The turbine will be brought back for use here in about a week. The lull in work during the reconstruction of the transmission lines made it possible to overhaul the turbine at this time.

Spends Day Here—Mrs. Dan Winfrey of Pleasant Hill spent yesterday at the home of her mother, Mrs. John Ketsels.

NEW QUARTERS ARE LEASED BY CHAMBER

Civic Organization to Meet In Bank Building; 70 Members Obtained in Successful Drive; Directors Hold Busy Session; Meeting to be Held Friday.

Decision to lease new room for chamber of commerce headquarters in the Commercial State bank building, steps to put the organization on a substantial financial and business basis, and completion of the annual membership drive with practically 100 per cent of the business men enrolled—these are the week's chief developments in Springfield Chamber of Commerce affairs.

The arrangements for new quarters for the chamber to use exclusively, were first discussed at a meeting of the board of directors held Tuesday evening. Yesterday morning the board of trustees met with Peery and Winzenried, owners of the building to be occupied by the civic organization, and completed the arrangements for a lease of one year.

The owners of the building have agreed to make certain repairs and alterations which will make the rooms more attractive and convenient for chamber of commerce use. Chamber officials feel fortunate in obtaining the quarters, because of their convenient central location and the possibilities of arranging publicity and produce displays in them. A chamber of commerce sign is to be put at the stairs leading to the rooms.

It was the decision of the directors to invite only the Woman's Civic club, which works as a sister organization, to meet in the rooms.

To Submit Reports.

The first action of the directors at Tuesday night's meeting was to adopt a report, showing all the old financial obligations of the chamber. Arrangements were made for payment within 30 days of all debts of the organization, at the same time keeping up with current obligations.

It was with the matter of keeping on a sound business basis in mind that the directors decided to ask for monthly reports from the secretary and treasurer, showing the exact status of the finances of the chamber. These reports will be submitted and considered at director's meetings.

It was decided to send postcards previous to each meeting to all members of the organization announcing the date of the session and probably other details of the meeting. This was done as a part of an effort made for large attendance at chamber meetings.

Walter Gossler has accepted the recording secretaryship of the chamber, President H. J. Cox will have charge of all correspondence.

Meet Friday Night.

The last meeting held in the old hall, above the Morrison and Cling store, will be held tomorrow night, (Friday).

Outline of plans for making sure the construction of the highway bridge across the Willamette river at Springfield—the chamber of commerce's chief objective at the present time—is to be made at this meeting. A bridge committee has been appointed, and will be instructed at Friday night's meeting.

The bridge and the matter of locating industrial plants on the city's industrial tracts along the railroad are being pushed with vigor here. The industrial project is being exploited by means of various publicity features, including the printing of several hundred bills telling of the advantages of the offer, and stories in newspapers and civic organization magazines.

Membership Drive Success.

Success attended the efforts of the chamber in its membership drive, and as a result there are now 70 members in the organization. The campaign was carried on by a committee appointed by President H. J. Cox.

Here is a list of the new members, secured in the drive:

W. H. Adrian, O. F. Anderson, G. S. Bushman, H. F. Clarke, C. P. Clover, H. J. Cox, Clover & Anderson, H. W. Chase, J. E. Cross, D. W. Crites, E. R. Danner, S. R. Dippel, W. J. Donaldson, V. J. Daniels.

A. F. Flowers, Floyd Flanery, N. J. Fu'op, Fred Freese, J. D. Gillespie, W. A. Hall, Jack Henderer, M. B. Huntly, F. B. Hamlin, W. G. Hughes, O. H. Jarrett, E. Kester, James Laxton, J. F. Ketsels, Jr., William Long, M. J. McKlin.

J. C. McMurray, H. E. Maxey, I. May, R. P. Mortenson, Dallas Murphy,

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