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EXPECT DECISION ON SPAN IN MARCH

Highway Commission Will Make Immediate Investigation Of Springfield Bridge Plan; Is Favorable to Body, Morrison Reports to Chamber

A decision as to the time for constructing the highway bridge across the Willamette river at Springfield will probably be given by the state highway commission at its March meeting, members of the chamber of commerce were told at the Friday night meeting by E. E. Morrison, head of the local delegation which presented the bridge proposition to the commission in Portland Thursday.

An immediate investigation is planned by the commission, and it is expected that reports will be in time to make possible definite decision at the next meeting. Mr. Morrison said he was told. The members of the commission, Mr. Morrison said, were favorable to the Springfield bridge proposal, and stated that it is only a matter of time until the span will be constructed.

Engineers who were interviewed with regards to the bridge said that it would cost approximately \$100,000.

Paving Project Up.

The matter of paving Fifth, Seventh, Tenth or some other street to provide a paved outlet to the county road to the north, was brought up. President Herbert J. Cox appointed as a committee to investigate the feasibility of the project: M. M. Peery, M. J. McKlin, L. May, George W. Perkins and A. J. Perkins.

It is understood that a petition is likely to be circulated urging the paving as a needed improvement. The Lions club considered the Fifth street project at their last meeting and President H. E. Maxey appointed C. F. Eggmann, E. R. Danner and John Ketsels to consider the plan.

'Paint-up' Campaign.

May 1 is the deadline on Springfield's "paint-up" campaign, and an effort is being made to have all property owners give their buildings needed coats before that date.

President Herbert J. Cox, following the meeting of the chamber Friday night in which the plan was endorsed, appointed a committee to interview property owners in an effort to get them to paint their buildings before May. The committee is composed of Elmer Keppner, chairman; Mrs. Walter J. Scott and Mrs. Clark E. Wheaton, members of the Woman's Civic club.

NEW BUNKHOUSES GOING UP FOR BRIDGE CREW

Three new bunkhouses, going up along the Southern Pacific tracks near the depot, give further indication of the approach of the time for construction of the railroad's new bridge across the Willamette river at Springfield.

Further preparation for the construction program is noticeable on the Eugene side of the present bridge, where gravel is being dumped from trains along one side of the fill. Lowering the trestle at one point on that side is expected to start soon.

Crews are expected to be here to occupy the bunkhouses this month, as the work of building the new span starts about April 1. Workmen continue to concentrate efforts on the line south of Springfield, and new and heavier rails are being laid in preparation for the use of the tracks by main line trains after the opening of the Natron cut-off.

Shipping News.

The Mountain States Power company yesterday loaded out a car of wire wheels for Montana.

The Springfield Lumber company shipped two cars of lumber east yesterday.

A carload of Fords consigned to the Danner Motor company of Springfield arrived by Southern Pacific yesterday and were being removed to the company's Fifth and A street garage.

Study Aid Work.

Boy Scouts of the Springfield Lions club troop last night heard their first lecture on first aid requirements for second class scouts, given by Dr. W. C. Rehban at his office. Practically all the scouts in the troop were present.

A patrol leaders meeting also was held last night, with Edgar Louk, acting senior patrol leader, in charge. Plans for the next meeting were made.

BOYS FIND BODY OF INFANT; DISAPPEARS

Mystery surrounds the discovery by two boys of a body of a baby, buried in a box at Stony Point between here and Jasper, last Monday morning. Sheriff's officers who went to the spot to investigate following the report of the boys to local authorities found that the body had been removed during the intervening time.

The boys who discovered the body were Martin Hurlbut of Springfield and Charley Peerson of Jasper. Walking over Stony Point Monday morning on their way from Jasper to Springfield, the youths came on a mound of freshly turned dirt.

With visions of a Captain Kidd treasure in their minds, the lads started digging up the dirt. Eventually they came to a box. Excitedly, they opened the box, and there discovered the infant's body. Without stopping to cover the box, they started hastily toward Springfield, and reported their discovery to Recorder R. W. Smith, who in turn notified the sheriff.

Officers went immediately to the scene, but someone in the meantime had removed the box and nothing further resulted from the sheriff's investigation. Several theories regarding the mysterious event have been advanced, although no further information has been obtained.

THREE CARS DAMAGED IN MAIN STREET CRASH

Three cars were more or less damaged when an automobile piloted by Berd Rose, of Eugene, careened into two other machines standing on Main street here Tuesday afternoon.

Rose's car, a Ford sedan, first struck the large sedan owned by J. L. Newland, local merchant, doing but little damage to a fender. It then cleared the Newland machine, and collided almost headlong into a Ford coupe owned by Mrs. Grace Monroe, of Eugene. Considerable damage to both coupe and sedan resulted from this crash.

The Monroe car was given a shove, and struck a Chevrolet owned by Lee Davis, which was parked in front. A little fender damage was done to the Davis car.

SCHOOL BOARD TALKS ADMINISTRATION PLAN

Matters of administration of the Springfield schools, involving the possible employment of a superintendent of all city schools in accordance with a plan adopted in many cities and towns, were the principal topic of discussion at a meeting of the Springfield school board at the city hall Tuesday evening.

No action was taken by the board, and it was decided to hold a special meeting on March 16, at which time it is expected that final decision regarding the problem will be made by the members. Other matters having to do with next year's school work are now being given the attention of the board, including the hiring of the teaching staff. Applications are already coming in from candidates for positions in the local schools.

IRA M. PETERSON, MORO ATTORNEY, TO COME HERE

Stating that a tour of all western Oregon towns had convinced him that Springfield offered the best opportunity for a location, Ira M. Peterson, an attorney of Moro, Oregon, this week announced that he would open his office here and start practice on March 15.

Mr. Peterson has obtained the Commercial State bank building office formerly occupied by the Roof Jewelry store. He has been practicing in Moro for several years, is city attorney there, but is leaving, feeling that the field is too small. He comes to Springfield with a good reputation as an attorney.

EARL McNUTT GETS MAIL CONTRACT FOR NEW TERM

Earl McNutt, of Eugene, who held the contract during the past four years, was the lowest bidder for the new contract for carrying mail to Foye Springs and way-points from the local office, it was learned unofficially today. The new contract term starts July 1 and expires after your year.

A number of persons bid for the contract against McNutt, it is understood.

Amnesia Victim in Amazing Recovery



While going to see his sick mother, John White of Bridgeport, Conn., was knocked unconscious by thugs, who stole his money and threw him into a freight car. He regained consciousness in Atlanta, Ga., but his memory was gone. Newdigate Owensby, alienist has succeeded, after weeks of patient work, in bringing White's memory back.

Society

P.-T. A. PROGRAM TO BE HELD MARCH 12

For the benefit of the Springfield Parent-Teachers association, an entertainment including a farce and a 2-act comedy will be given at the Springfield high school at 7:45 o'clock on the evening of March 12.

The program follows:
Music:
Farce, "My Aunt from California."
Cast—Mrs. Needy, Mrs. Gantz; her children, Felicia, Rosaline and Sally Needy, Myrtle Harvey, DeEtta Durycie and Kathryn Hemenway, respectively; Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Loucks; Mrs. Mary Montobourne, Mrs. Tyson.
Music.
Comedy, "The Laughing Cure."
Cast—
Dr. St. George Carey Glen Riddle
Jimmie Mason Elmer Halstead
Clark Hanson Mr. Whitaker
Laura Hanson Mrs. Glen Riddle
Gay Hanson Mrs. Alton Lasell
Kitty Clyde, stenographer.
..... Mrs. Kathrine Duncau
Dr. Whitcomb Friend Houck
Mary Ellen Perry Miss Alta Manning
Nora Mrs. Wayne Pucket

School Social Schedule Out.

The social schedule for the remainder of the school year has been made up at the Springfield high school and contains many items of interest to townspeople as well as students.

Among early events on the schedule given below is the "Laughteresque," the annual stunt program given by the school classes in competition for additional standing in the inter-school rivalry under way during the school year. Classes are already working on their stunts, and this promises to be one of the most interesting events of the calendar. The list follows:
March 5—Merry Maid March;
March 12, P.-T. A. program at high school; March 26, Laughteresque.
April 2—Junior party; April 9, sophomore picnic; April 16, Operetta; April 17, Hi-Y banquet; April 23, Mother and Daughters luncheon under auspices of Girls league; April 30, freshman party.
May 1, senior breakfast; May 7, senior play; May 14 or 21, May day; May 28, junior-senior banquet.
June 4, Commencement; June 4, final assembly of year.

To Entertain Club.

Fred Clingan and Elza Sutton will entertain the Five Hundred club at the home of Mrs. Frank DePue Friday evening.

Mrs. Tyson's class will have charge of the Christian church social night program tomorrow night.

The program numbers are: orchestra selection, trio, dialogue by Mrs. Moon and Mrs. Elliott, ladies' quartet, piano by Mrs. M. C. Adams, solo by Hattie Mitchell, playette, and a selection by the glee club.

Railroad to Ask For Bus Privilege

Mayor Bushman Is Informed Of S. P. Plans For Local Service

The Southern Pacific company will make application to the Springfield city council for a franchise to operate a bus line between here and Eugene, between now and April 1, officials of the rail company have informed Mayor G. G. Bushman. The Southern Pacific proposes to operate busses instead of street cars, which are to be taken off the local run as when the construction of the railroad bridge across the Willamette river starts.

The railroad officials told Mayor Bushman that the busses to be used on the Springfield run would carry 29 passengers, and that first class service is planned. It is the plan of the company to retain the bus service and forfeit their franchise for operation of street cars, it is understood.

In 1914, the Springfield city council passed an ordinance regulating the operation of busses to and through Springfield to protect the street cars from competition by bus service. The ordinance stipulated that all public carriers which cooperate wholly or partially within the limits of Springfield should pay to the city an occupation tax of 5 cents for each round trip made.

At this rate, the tax for busses operating on a half-hour schedule between here and Eugene, 18 hours a day, would be more than \$650 a year.

The ordinance also stipulated that terminal points be named, schedules fixed, and that violation of the ordinance would be punishable by a fine of not more than \$200.

PLANS ARE MADE FOR SCHOOL HEALTH DRIVE

Meetings in Springfield on the third Monday of every month will be held here in connection with the Lane County Health association's plans for a local health campaign among school children and elsewhere. This was decided at a meeting of local women interested in the project, held with Miss Beth Konkel, secretary of the county organization, last Friday.

A pre-school age clinic, to be held early in the spring, will start the health campaign in the school. This will be followed by an outlined program of health work.

Mrs. Scott, president of the Springfield Civic club, invited Miss Konkel and state representatives to meet with the club at its meeting on Tuesday, March 9. Representatives of each women's organization in the city have also been invited to attend this meeting.

GOSSLER AND VAUGHN TO HEAD SCOUT WORK

American Legion boy scout plans are now well shaped, with scoutmaster and his assistant appointed, a committee working, and funds ready for use, according to Scoutmaster Walter P. Gossler.

Orson L. Vaughn has accepted the position as first assistant scoutmaster. The legion committee handling scout work is composed of W. P. Tyson, John W. Will, Dr. Eugene Kester, Levi Neet, and C. A. Swartz.
Any boys wishing to join the troop should apply to Mr. Gossler or Mr. Vaughn.

REALTY ACTIVITY TO PICK UP IN SPRING

Approaching spring promises a renewal of activity in realty business of this district, in the opinion of A. F. Flowers, local property dealer, who already observes an increase in the number of inquiries regarding Springfield property.

This week numerous parties have called in Springfield seeking property suitable for investment. Both business and residence property seem to be in demand.

Power Line Rebuilt.

The electric high line between here and Albany, which has been undergoing a rebuilding program by the Mountain States Power company, is now complete and has a new capacity of 66,000 volts.

The company's big turbine, which has been removed from the local plant to Portland for some time for an overhauling, was shipped back Saturday and is being re-installed.

GUARD COMPANY HERE IS BELIEVED ASSURED

A headquarters company of the national guard is believed assured for Springfield as a result of action taken by the chamber of commerce last Friday night in agreeing to stand the expense of a meeting place until the first of next year. Establishment of a company in Springfield will make a battalion of four companies in this district under Major W. G. White of Eugene.

Work in a headquarters company consists of training men for expert service such typewriters, clerks, signal men, and so forth. Regular army officers will have charge of the training, and the company will consist of 20 men and two officers.

This work does not demand a drill hall, and the chamber of commerce rooms in the Commercial bank building will be used. What drilling will be necessary will probably be done in the high school gymnasium.

It is the plan of those behind the movement to make the headquarters company a nucleus around which to build for a regular national guard company, of which there are two at Eugene and one at Cottage Grove.

AMERICAN LEGION WILL SPONSOR SCOUT TROOP

A second boy scout troop in Springfield is to be sponsored by the American Legion, the veterans voting to go ahead with the work at the meeting held in the Woodmen of the World hall last Thursday night. Walter Gossler, legion post adjutant, has consented to take over the work of scoutmaster.

The troop will be financed by voluntary subscriptions by members of the post, and no money will be taken from the treasury for the work. The need of a second boy scout troop has been felt here for some time, since the Lions club troop has been over-run with applications for membership. From all appearances, boy scout work is to be a great success in Springfield, local men interested say.

Following the short business session, the legion and the auxiliary joined in an enjoyable social hour.

BASEBALL PRACTICE IS STARTED BY HIGH NINE

Prospects are in the dark as yet regarding the probable success of Springfield high school's baseball season, but Coach V. D. Bain is giving his men early season work-outs, while arrangements are being made for a heavy schedule of 12 games for the season.

Looking over his material, Coach Bain found that he must mould an entirely new infield for this year's nine, as a result of graduations last spring. C. Cowart, Pollard, Lewis and McPherson, veterans in the outfield, are being tried out on infield positions, and may be given births in closer territory if other material does not develop.

For mound material, Coach Bain has Hastings, who has served both in center position and at the first sack, and Beeson, who has considerable ability as a twirler. H. Cowart has done considerable pitching, and also is proficient with the big mitt behind the bat.

Whitenack, a new man in Springfield high baseball this year, shows considerable form and is like to develop into a formidable contender for a position on first base. Other material is comparatively green, but Coach Bain has hopes for developing a team which will make a showing in the high school games.

JOHN WESLEY NEET DIES AT AGE OF 75

John Wesley Neet, well-known resident of West Springfield, passed away at his home there Saturday at the age of 75 years. Funeral services were held at the Walker chapel Monday, with Rev. Hammer of the Free Methodist church of West Springfield officiating.

Mr. Neet was a native of Indiana. He had lived in this community for many years and was highly respected by many who knew him.

He is survived by his widow; five sons, Moody A. and Levi of Springfield; Ernest of Orvil, California; Orville of Portland and Elmer of Cottage Grove; two daughters, Mrs. Harry Skeels of Morgan Hill, California, and Mrs. Vergil Casteel of Springfield. He is also survived by two brothers, Joseph of Eugene, and Ellis of Bandon, California, and one sister, Mrs. Mandy Moore of Chicago.

OFFICIAL TO HELP LOCATE FACTORIES

Southern Pacific Industrial Agent Declares Local Sites and Conditions Are Ideal For Development; Lumber Plants Probably Come First

Springfield's hope to bring about the location of industrial plants on its free industrial sites west of the city approaches nearer to realization with the promise of Chester M. Biggs, industrial agent of the Southern Pacific company, to bring the sites to the attention of many concerns seeking to locate manufactories in this section.

Mr. Biggs, on a visit to Springfield Tuesday, inspected the tract, declared it to be ideal in every way from the standpoint of industrial sites, and stated that he would make an immediate effort to locate plants at Springfield. Since opening his Portland office in November, Mr. Biggs has located 11 industrial concerns, and has 37 others seeking locations in this territory. It is to these that Mr. Biggs will tell of Springfield's offer.

Need Wood Factories.

The industrial agent suggested that Springfield first go out for plants utilizing wood, such as door and sash factories, planing mills, sawmills, and so forth. The city's proximity to half of Lane county's 60,000,000 acres of standing timber is a good argument on this point.

After following this immediate plan, he suggested that an effort be made to locate plants utilizing agricultural products. In this connection he spoke of a pickle factory, beet sugar factory, mint distillery, condensery, fruit cannery, and cheese factory. He said that he was in touch with people representing all lines mentioned seeking factory locations, and would tell them of Springfield.

Location Ideal.

No more favorable location could be found for industrial development than here, said Mr. Biggs, noting the facilities for furnishing abundant power and water supply to the tract, the unusually good shipping privileges, favorable railroad rates, fine railroad facilities enhanced with the opening of the Natron cut-off of which the tract is located, and so on.

While here he inspected the Carbolium Wood Preserving plant and the Cascade Manufacturing plant.

He was accompanied by L. L. Graham, district freight and passenger agent. Local men who accompanied him in his trip over the tract were H. E. Maxey, Al Perkins, H. F. Clarke, W. G. Hughes, and Carl Qson.

FORMER TAILOR DIES IN CALIFORNIA CITY

Louis H. Ramsey, who for six years was a merchant tailor of Springfield, died on February 19 at National City, California, February 19, according to word received here this week.

Mr. Ramsey is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Ramsey and three daughters, Bessie M. Wigton of Pueblo, Colorado, Ella G. McKeishan of Denver, Colorado, and Mrs. Mabel E. Cheney of National City, California. The funeral was held Sunday and the remains shipped to Pueblo. Death was due to paralysis.

Safety Meeting Held.

A safety-first meeting was held at the Mountain States Power plant Tuesday, with E. A. Taylor of Corvallis, the company's safety engineer, in charge. He was assisted by Walter Smith, electric superintendent. Similar meetings are to be held every two weeks among the employees at the local plant.

Lloyd Edwards, district superintendent, and Carol Walter, radio expert, were also visitors at the local power plant Tuesday.

Remodelling Offices.

The real estate offices of A. F. Flowers and Vasby Brothers paint shop are undergoing a remodeling program which promises considerable improvement in appearance and convenience. The realty offices are to be papered, and the partition between them and the paint shop is to be extended to the ceiling. In the paint shop, new shelves are being installed and other improvements made. The front of the building is to be painted.