

WILLIAM LAVERT ENDS LIFE MONDAY

Funeral of Local Man Held Wednesday; Death Instantaneous As Result of Self-Inflicted Bullet; Had Been Sick For Some Time

William Lavert died Monday morning at 10:45 as a result of shooting himself in the head with a revolver. Death was instantaneous, the 30-caliber bullet entering his brain through the roof of his mouth.

Mr. Lavert had been living with a sister, Mrs. Loretta Simonson, at 635 G street. Another sister, Mrs. Emma Prince of North Bend, was at the home on a visit.

Mr. Lavert had been employed by the Booth-Kelly mills for over twelve years. He had formerly worked at Wendling until he was injured in an accident there by being hurt by a saw.

No inquest was held by the coroner as he declared it was plainly a case of suicide. The dead man wrote several farewell notes to relatives just before he died.

The funeral was held Wednesday at 2:30 from the Walker chapel. Interment was in Laurel Hill cemetery with the Rev. F. L. Moore conducting the services.

As a token of respect to the deceased, the Booth-Kelly mill ceased operations for two minutes Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. While the funeral services were being held.

DALE GRIFFITH DROWNS IN DITCH AT KLAMATH

Dale Griffith, 16-year-old son of the Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Griffith was drowned in an irrigation ditch near Klamath Falls Saturday afternoon. No one was with the boy when the accident occurred and it is not known how it happened.

The body was not found for some time as his absence was not noticed until he failed to return for the evening meal. A search was made and when he was found attempts were made to revive him.

Dale Griffith was in his second year at the Springfield high school. He is survived by his father and mother who are on a trip in eastern Oregon, and by a brother, Vern Griffith.

Another cousin, Vergil James, and Vern Griffith and Ed Robertson left for Klamath Falls to bring the body back to Springfield.

A STEWART FUNERAL HELD IN EUGENE SUNDAY

The funeral of A. L. Stewart, Lane county pioneer, was held at the Veatch chapel, Eugene, Sunday, June 27 at 2 p. m. with the Rev. E. V. Stivers conducting the services.

Mr. Stewart died at his home at Fall Creek very suddenly on the evening of Friday, June 18, age 58 years. He came of an old pioneer family of Lane county, having lived in the vicinity of Springfield and Eugene all his life.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Algie Stewart; a son, Henderson Stewart, a sister, Mrs. W. L. Matlock of Miami, Florida; and three brothers, Ira Stewart of Petaluma, California; George Stewart of Springfield, and J. V. Stewart of Jasper.

Forest Ranger Here—K. A. Kolb of Portland passed through Springfield Wednesday on his way to the Reserve ranger station. Mr. Kolb has been assigned that station for the summer.

Society

Chamber of Commerce Meets.

The chamber of commerce did little at its regular meeting last Friday night save meet and adjourn. The reports of several committees which have been appointed will be heard later in the month at a special meeting of the chamber it is stated.

The slogan committee has not yet selected an official slogan to be used in Springfield advertising but is expected to do so in a short time. The publicity committee has the pamphlets about completed and ready to print and they will be out soon.

Mourick-Buckner Wedding Saturday.

Miss Vivian Mourick became the bride of Ernest Buckner Saturday, June 26 at Eugene. Miss Mourick is the daughter of Mrs. A. L. Meyer of Springfield. Mr. Buckner lives at Shannon. The couple will make their home at Shannon where Mr. Buckner is working in the mill.

Sunday School Has Picnic.

The Annual Methodist Sunday school picnic was held Wednesday afternoon and evening along the Willamette river opposite the Frank Bailey place. Swimming and a picnic lunch were the chief attractions.

Enworth League Party.

The Enworth League had a good time at their social Friday evening at the Methodist church. The social was given to raise funds for the district convention at Cottage Grove this summer.

Go To Cushman—Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Pollard and Mrs. W. G. Hughes are planning a trip to Cushman over the fourth. They intend to leave Saturday afternoon and return Monday morning.

PROHIBITION SPOKER DRAWS LARGE CROWD

A large crowd was in attendance at the union services of Springfield churches held last Sunday in the streets of the city. The Rev. R. E. Close of Portland, head of the Anti-Saloon League in Oregon was the principal speaker.

The methods of the law enforcement officers were described by Rev. Close as well as the tactics of the law violators in eluding arrest. The course of handling a prohibition violation case was described in detail from the capture and arrest to the conviction.

SPRINGFIELD MEN RACK FROM CAMP JACKSON

The Springfield company of the National Guard returned from a successful two weeks encampment at the summer camp near Medford Tuesday afternoon. The men left Medford at 6:45 Tuesday morning and arrived home at 3:30 that afternoon after an uneventful trip by train.

Everybody had a good time at the camp, according to reports. Not all the time was taken up with instructions as the men had opportunities to visit the near-by cities of Medford and Ashland and many of them availed themselves of the chance. The southern Oregon towns were thrown open to the soldiers with shows, dances, and other entertainments in abundance.

Not all the time by any means was spent in amusement though. Each company had several regular army officers to instruct the men and they received much profitable instruction in the newest methods of warfare. A two-day hike and bivouac was held under actual conditions of warfare.

The annual camp was pronounced an entire success by both officers and men. The local company escaped the fire fighting which fell to the lot of some of the other companies at the camp, and no one was sick during the whole trip.

Celebration to Be Quiet Here

Springfield will celebrate Independence day "safely and sanely" this year by quiet family observances. There will be no official celebration staged in the town. Many people plan to spend the day away from home on picnics or on trips to near-by points of interest.

The stores and other business places have set aside Monday, July 5 as a holiday to mark the Fourth as the day itself falls on Sunday this year. The Booth-Kelly Lumber company has announced that the mill here would close on Friday, July 2, and open Monday, July 12.

The holiday will be welcomed by many people as an opportune time to take a short vacation or a few days fishing trip. The McKenzie river and its tributaries and the lakes will be the mecca of many townpeople of Springfield and vicinity.

All in all, Springfield will observe the natal day of our republic in a manner fitting to the season. There will be no strenuous, head-on parade celebration but a quiet, cool, family observation of the day.

SERVICES FOR EDWARD GRIFFIN HELD SUNDAY

Edward Griffin, for many years a resident of Springfield, was buried at the Mount Vernon cemetery Sunday, June 27 at 1:00 p. m. The Rev. Hornshuh of the Lighthouse Temple, Eugene, conducted the services.

Mr. Griffin died at his home in West Springfield 6:00 a. m. Thursday, June 24, age 63. He came from an old pioneer stock and leaves his mother, Mrs. Mary Griffin, 91, and four brothers: W. H. Griffin of West Springfield, John Griffin of Camp Creek, H. S. Griffin of Wendling, and Alexander Griffin of Salem.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOR SIGNS BY LIONS

A committee was appointed by the Lions club at their meeting Friday to arrange for the erection of the three road signs to be placed on the McKenzie highway by the club. The committee consists of John F. Ketels, Harry M. Stewart and W. C. McLagan.

The mountain lion secured by the club as an advertising feature for Springfield from the Danner-Robertson Sporting Goods store of Eugene has been placed in the cage prepared for it on the corner of Fifth and A streets.

The new officers of the Lions club will be installed July 2, the next meeting of the club.

NELSON FISHER THANKS COMMUNITY FOR AID

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Fisher expressed their thanks and appreciation for the wonderful way in which the citizens of Springfield had contributed to their welfare after the loss of their home. The many gifts they have received have all been of service.

Work on the new home to be built on the site of the old one was started Tuesday by Mr. Fisher. Lumber to commence the building is now on the grounds and he is working on the house during his spare moments.

To Bend—C. F. Barber is going to Bend Saturday evening for a visit with relatives. He will return Monday with his wife who has been visiting in the eastern Oregon city.

Two Famous Inventors Meet



While attending the National Electric Light Association's Convention at Atlantic City, N. J., two famous inventors met for the first time. They were Robert W. DeForest and Thomas Edison, electrical experts, who are interested in perfecting the new device combining the motion picture and phonograph into one unit, "talking movies."

LOCAL WOMAN INJURED IN AUTO COLLISION

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Drue of Marcola were cut by broken glass and Mrs. Hollie Bryan received a bruised leg in an automobile accident on the corner of Fifth and G streets Monday evening at 6:30 when an Oldsmobile driven by Mrs. Drue collided with a new Star touring car, driven by Hollie Bryan.

No one was seriously hurt although the cars were badly bent. The Oldsmobile had a door torn off and a fender bent in the collision.

Mr. and Mrs. Drue were hurt by the broken glass of the windshield of their car. Mrs. Bryan received her injury from the shock of the collision. Both drivers claimed the right-of-way. The Oldsmobile was going north on Fifth and the Star west on G street when the accident occurred.

TWO MEN ARE FINED ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Two men were arrested Thursday night and fined \$25 each for drunken and disorderly conduct by R. W. Smith, city recorder, and then taken to the county jail at Eugene on a charge of possession of intoxicating liquor. The men were S. G. Benton and Fred Oberall. Saturday they were returned to the justice court, Springfield and fined \$100 and costs each on the possession charge.

The men were arrested in Kline's restaurant by Nightwatchman Fred Hinson at 11:30 p. m. and lodged in the city jail. Friday morning they were fined on the charge of disorderly conduct and then arranged on a charge of possession before the justice court.

A Maxwell touring car, driven by Oberall was held by city officials as security for the payment of his fine, which he could not raise at the time. Saturday Oberall's drivers license was suspended by Justice R. W. Smith for a period of three months. The men when arrested were inclined to argue with the officer and one threw a bottle, which the officers claimed held liquor, across the street, breaking it. Hinson secured some of the contents of the bottle by soaking his handkerchief in the fluid and used it as evidence in the trial.

SPRINGFIELD LOSES 11 INNING GAME TO EUGENE

Springfield lost to Eugene in an eleven inning contest by the score of 11 to 12 in the next to the last game to be played by the teams of the Upper Willamette Valley league. The game was marked by many boots by both sides of the line-up.

Springfield took first blood by scoring two runs in the second, but was snowed under in the second half of the same frame when Eugene tallied six. Four more in the third seemed to make the game safe for the University city team, even with two more for Springfield in the fourth, until the local boys bated the Eugene pitcher out of the box and scored five runs in the seventh, making it ten all.

The score remained at this figure until the first of the extra inning, when a Springfield man crossed the plate. When Eugene came to bat they evened the score and won the game by sending two men across the home plate, making the final score 11 to 12. Delp and Sankey were batteries for Springfield and Bilas and Skinner and Koepke for Eugene.

The last game of the season will be played next Sunday, July 4 against Cottage Grove at Cottage Grove. No further games will be played by the teams of the league it was decided at a meeting in Eugene last Sunday. There had been some talk of extending the schedule.

Manager Jack Larson of the local team stated that a post season game or two will probably be played with an Eugene team, but the place and date is not yet definitely decided.

Three Men Fined—Three men were fined in the local court Wednesday they were: Gus Neeley, Jack Nickum, and Eldon Henry Leek. Each one was fined \$10 by R. W. Smith, local recorder.

Rebuilding House—John Winzenreid is remodeling the house belonging to him on Second and B streets this week. The house will have a new roof, new floors, and a new coat of paint and paper.

Fine for Parking—J. R. Davidson of Motor Route B was fined Tuesday morning Recorder R. W. Smith for parking too close to the hydrant.

Burns Grass—A crew of men were burning the dry grass Saturday along the railroad track near the Cascade Lumber company and the Anderson Manufacturing companies' mills. The grass was being burnt as a fire protection to the mills during the summer.

COUNCIL MEETS FRIDAY TO SIGN LIGHT CONTRACT

The city council called a special meeting for Friday night to consider the making of a contract with the Mountain States Power company for the erection of the new ornamental lights on Main street. At the last meeting of the council the contract was tentatively agreed upon and at this meeting it will probably be signed.

HORSESHOE CLUB GIVES EXHIBITION FRIDAY

The Springfield horseshoe team will give a public exhibition of horseshoe pitching Friday evening at 7:00 at the grounds on the corner of Sixth and Main streets. A cash prize of a dollar is being offered to the shoe tapper who makes the most points out of 50 shoes. A second and third prize will also be offered. All horseshoe fans are invited to attend the meet and compete for the prize.

Ditch Employee Cut Face

P. A. Cottich, an employee of the Eugene Water board was injured yesterday afternoon in loading some pipe near the new pipe line. The lever used in tightening the load slipped and struck him in the face. His lower lip was cut through into the mouth for about two and a half inches. After receiving first aid at the office of a local physician, he was taken to the Pacific Christian hospital where several stitches were taken in the cut.

McNutt Given Mail Carrying Job.

Earl McNutt of Eugene was awarded the contract to handle the mail between Eugene and Mohawk valley points, succeeding Charles F. Croner who has been carrying the mail for the last two years. Mr. McNutt obtained the contract with a bid of \$1400 and will do general freighting business in connection with the mail carrying job. The mail will leave Eugene at 8 a. m. and arrive at 5 p. m. daily.

SIX MONTHS SHOWS MANY ACTIVITIES

New Bridge Plans Underway; Ornamental Street Lights To Be Installed; Other Improvements Mark Development For First Half Of Year

Steady and progressive development marked the first half of the year's activities in Springfield. A continued increase in business and in new improvements was noted with bright prospects for future advancement.

Signs of vigorous life were manifested by many agencies concerned with the welfare of the town. The program mapped out at the beginning of the year by the chamber of commerce is being rapidly carried out.

A new steel highway bridge across the Willamette river was one of the major projects. The consent of the highway commission for the construction of the bridge has been secured, the Southern Pacific company has deeded the piers, and the next step will be taken this fall when Lane county voters will be asked to provide its share of the cost of the bridge.

Springfield streets will resemble those of a large city in the near future as a result of the recent council action in arranging with the Mountain States Power company for the erection of an ornamental lighting system. These lights will be installed before fall.

The dedication of the new city park marked the culmination of a campaign to provide Springfield with an up-to-date recreational park. With the formal dedication, steady improvement of the park's facilities is to be expected.

Several methods to further advertise the advantages of Springfield as an industrial and recreational center have been devised.

Advertising the city's 250-acre free industrial site tract, a large sign has been erected. This sign is so placed as to be visible from both the highway and the new main line track of the Southern Pacific. A pamphlet, telling of the location, resources, and industries of Springfield is on the press, and will be given wide circulation to help attract people to the city.

In addition to backing the chamber of commerce in its program concerning the new highway bridge and the lighting system, the Lions club has pushed its own individual projects. As a result of the club's efforts a producer's public market has been built. The Boy Scouts have been organized and put on a permanent basis with two troops in existence. Last January troop 1 was organized and three months later troop 2. The Lions have also advertised the city by securing a live mountain lion as the club's mascot and placing it in a cage on exhibition at the corner of Fifth and A streets.

Varied improvement has been made by the Southern Pacific company in the local yards and vicinity in preparation for the heavy traffic over the Natron cut off which, when completed, will place Springfield on the main line between Portland and San Francisco. New passing tracks have been laid, old rails placed, and ballast spread, and work of replacing the old bridge across the Willamette river with a new one is well along.

The mills of the town have been bustling with activity. Full time work has kept many men busy. A new plant, that of the Cascade Manufacturing company has been built, and has recently started manufacturing sash and door materials.

The granting of a charter in the Eastern Star to the local organization indicates the faith the local officers have in the future of Springfield. Another organization of permanent character, recently formed in Springfield, is the First Battalion Headquarters company of the 162 Infantry, Oregon National Guard which returned Tuesday from its first summer camp. This company was organized last April.

One of the most striking instances of the community spirit existing in Springfield was given last week by the way in which the people of the community went to the relief of one of their number who had lost all his possessions by fire. Voluntary contributions in money, amounting to more than \$500 were given and, in addition, supplies of household goods (Continued on Page 6)