

WENDLING STAGES NOW STOP FOR MAIL

New Regulation, Effective Wednesday, Orders Busses To Stop In Springfield For Mohawk Valley Mail Exchange; Service Improved.

The Wendling stages began stopping at Springfield for mail Wednesday morning after several months effort on the part of the Chamber of Commerce, Lions club and other local agencies to achieve the change. The new order, issued by postal authorities at Washington, became effective July 28 and will shorten the exchange of mail between Springfield and Mohawk valley towns.

Formerly the mail for Mohawk, Marcola, Mable or Wendling from Springfield was sent to Eugene and passed through Springfield on the second day on its way to the other towns. On the return mail, the same route was necessary, the mail going first to Eugene and then back to Springfield. This round about method took four days, while it is possible by the new system to end a reply back to Springfield on the same day that the letter is sent. The new routing will be a great boon to Springfield business men as well as to the towns of the Mohawk valley.

The stages will stop in Springfield on their way out at 8:30 A. M. leaving Wendling on their return at noon. The new service is a great improvement over all former methods. Up to a few years ago the mail was carried by Southern Pacific trains, and then the contract was given to the auto stages, but no provision was made for them to stop at Springfield.

The present change resulted from the action begun this spring by the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions club, the matter being taken up with Senator Stanfield at Washington, D. C. With his co-operation postal authorities were induced to make the change.

A. C. WILSON FORMER RESIDENT BURIED

The funeral services of A. C. Wilson, former resident of Springfield were held at the Presbyterian church in Lebanon, Sunday, July 25. The services at the cemetery were conducted by the Knights of Pythias, a delegation of Knights from Albany in attendance.

Mr. Wilson died at his home in Dallas July 21. He formerly lived in Springfield and was proprietor of the Variety store and the Drop Inn. He was in poor health while he lived here and went to Grants Pass in search of a better climate, then to Dallas.

DIPPLE FAMILY HAS TWO BEAUTY ENTRIES

That Dr. S. Ralph Dipple is not the only pulchritudinous member of his family is shown by the candidacies of a sister and cousin in Eugene for honors in beauty events. Miss Edna Dipple, his sister, is the American Legion candidate in the Queen Susannah contest for the "Trail To Rail" celebration next August. Miss Edna Dipple has a strong following in the neighboring city and at present is third in a field of five.

Her cousin, Miss Edith Dipple, was unanimously selected by the Legion as their candidate in the bathing beauty contest to be held at the state convention at Marshfield August 4. Over 100 members of the Eugene post are going to the convention city in support of their candidate firm in the belief that they have a winner.

Charles Hagan Has Accident

Charles Hagan had a narrow escape from death when he fell in front of a hay rake he was driving Thursday morning. As it was, Mr. Hagan was seriously cut and bruised and had to be taken to the Pacific Christian hospital for treatment.

Mr. Hagan was thrown in front of the machine when the shafts broke and was dragged on the ground for some distance before he could extract himself.

Mrs. Page Back—Mrs. Elizabeth Page returned Tuesday morning from a six weeks trip in California. Mrs. Page visited friends and relatives throughout the southern state, stopping at San Francisco, Sacramento and Lake Tahoe among other places.

STRENIIOUS TIME HAD BY GUARD IN PICTURE

"Almost like France," was the statement made by several men of the Springfield company of the National Guard who had served in the World War when they returned Sunday from Culp Creek after helping Buster Keaton film his Civil War picture, "The General." "It was as near a real battle scene as I have seen anywhere," said Trubert Henderson, who had served 22 days in the Argonne offensive in France, and his statement expressed the sentiments of all the company.

Not only did the men have to simulate the real battle, but they had to spend Saturday night and most of Sunday fighting fire which broke out in several places, caused by sparks from the engines used by Keaton.

The company drew their Union army uniforms at Cottage Grove Thursday afternoon and went on to Culp Creek that evening, arriving there at seven. Friday they started on the pictures, wrecking the engine in the big bridge scene that afternoon. This was the climax of the play, the Union forces being surprised at the bridge by the Confederates and turned back while trying to cross the stream. Saturday morning, the local troops in conjunction with the other Guard units who represented Union forces, started a retreat up Culp Creek.

That afternoon a fire broke out just above Sharp's bridge and before it was put fully under control by the Union men, three more small blazes had broken out farther up the creek. Soon after a hot blaze broke out six miles up the canyon, which required services of the engine and all the available troops before it could be subdued. This fire burned very fiercely and was not under control until seven Saturday evening. A patrol was kept at the scene until 2 P. M. the following Sunday.

Fighting fire and making pictures kept the Guard units busy, they enjoyed the work. Some of the Springfield men received a real "baptism of fire" at the wrecking of the bridge when many charges of explosives were set off to represent shells exploding. Every effort was made to make the scene as real as possible, tree tops were blown off, stumps shot up and dirt and stones were flying thickly through the air. One unit of the Springfield men were showered with the flying debris from these explosions and thought they were in a real battle.

MAN FLEES FROM CITY HALL FOLLOWING ARREST

Arrested on a charge of vagrancy Monday morning, J. Goodman turned vagrant, and ingloriously took to his heels, after being brought to the city hall for questioning in connection with the arrest of Robert Perrie on a prohibition charge. Mr. Goodman evidently thought he was too good a man to be held in the city bastille on such a charge, and watching his chance while the city recorder, R. W. Smith, had entered the city vault in search of a school warrant, slipped out the back door and made his way down the alley as fast as he could.

Goodman's arrest took place Monday morning, by George Vallier, chief of police and F. E. Taylor, sheriff. He was taken to the city hall for questioning and left there while the two officers returned to his rooms to search them. In the meantime Mr. Goodman did not wait for their return. When he reached Second street he jumped into a Ford car, driven by an unknown man and departed for parts unknown. The car is said to have turned up Main street with Mr. Goodman a passenger. Who the driver who so conveniently appeared to Mr. Goodman in his predicament is not known.

Upon the officers return to the city hall, they found Mr. Goodman gone. In his place they had their arms full of bottles, syphons, corks, funnels and all the paraphernalia of a bottling works which they had gathered from his rooms.

Rattlesnakes Killed—Several rattlesnakes have been killed by workmen on the Eugene ditch line near the river above Springfield.

The rattlesnakes are reported to be coming down to the water at this time of the year.

Power Men Here—H. W. Thomas of North Bend was in Springfield Friday at the Mountain States Power plant. He is chief engineer at the North Bend station of the company. Another power company official was in town the same day, he was George McClellan, chief engineer at Albany.

OFFICIALS MAKE TRIP OVER NATRON CUTOFF

That the Natron Cutoff is nearing completion is shown by the fact that a through train from Eugene to Klamath Falls was run over the new line last Friday. The train consisted of a party of railroad officials and their retinue, who were on an inspection and observation trip. Among the members of the party were E. L. King, superintendent of the Portland division, and T. Ahearn, assistant general manager of Sacramento.

The private cars of the railroad officials were hooked to the Oakridge train early Friday morning. From Oakridge the party proceeded by a special train over the new right of way. After inspecting the work now in progress, they expected to reach Klamath Falls on the new line, thus completing the first complete run over the Natron Cutoff.

Tunnel Floor Raises
The cutoff rails are now connected and one locomotive has been over the rails. Trouble in one of the long tunnels, however, has interrupted further traffic. The bottom floor of the tunnel keeps raising and is a problem to the engineers. It is said to have raised as much as two feet in one night. Pressure from above is thought to be forcing the floor upward filling the tunnel.

TESTS OF NEW OIL MADE AT POWER PLANT

Tests of a new oil were being carried out this week at the Mountain States Power plant by E. W. Hutten, engineer for the Union Oil company. The oil was given a practical test under working conditions at the plant by being used in the big turbine and generators, and was compared with the old oil used by the power company at present.

The temperature of the old oil while the turbine was running was taken and compared with that of the new oil under the same conditions. In this way the value of the new oil as a lubricant can be determined. These tests can then be compared with the laboratory tests, and if they are satisfactory, the oil will be put on the market.

BIRTHDAY PARTY GIVEN MRS. L. E. THOMPSON

The annual party, honoring Mrs. L. E. Thompson on her birthday was held at Myers-Park Sunday with a large attendance of relatives present. The day was spent in games and an informal good time, starting with a picnic lunch at noon.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thompson, Mrs. Grace Roberts and son Earl and grandson Paul Bicknell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Gay, Mrs. Maude Bryan and daughter Crystal, Mr. and Mrs. Earl N. Thompson and children, Lawrence and Kathryn, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Thompson and daughter, Hester Jean, Mrs. K. V. Barrett and children, Kenneth Jr. and Avis Marie, Crystal Rush, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Signor and children, Adna, Virgil, Elbe and Rhea, Ernest Conley and children, Ernest Jr. and Earl.

In addition to the relatives of Mrs. Thompson there were several guests present; Victor Fogle, Welby Stevens, Mary Roberts, Mary McKelvey, Marguerite Hurd and Erma Gilversleeve.

BIDS FOR NEW WALK ORDERED BY COUNCIL

An ordinance was passed at the special council meeting last night authorizing the building of over two miles of sidewalk and calling for bids on the same. The bids will be opened at the next regular meeting of the council on August 9.

The new walk will be built at various places all over town, the principal stretches being from Main and D. the east side of Mill, south to A, the east side of Ninth from Main to F, from Ninth to Tenth on A, B, and C, and on Seventh from G. to K. streets.

Smooths Lot—Two men were at work Monday leveling off the lot on the corner of Second and Main streets, belonging to Simon Klodahl, city engineer. The men were spreading dirt over the lot that had been brought from the alley when it was paved. The spreading of the dirt raised the level of the lot considerably.

Operated On—Thelma Carter had a major operation Tuesday afternoon at the Pacific Christian hospital, going to the hospital from Winberry.

Many Changes in Local Yards

The Springfield railroad yards will be modern in every respect when the work now in progress by the Southern Pacific crews is finished. Drain tiles along the tracks were laid this week to carry off surplus water and make the tracks solid so as to carry the heavy traffic of the main line trains.

A cement curbing is being laid between the two main tracks for the convenience of passengers and for the use of baggage trucks. The depot and freight shed will soon be raised to conform to the new level of the tracks which have been raised over a foot.

A tool shed for the signal crew is under construction near the present section house. The shed is to take care of the tools of the signal crew which will be stationed at Springfield. The signal gang now at work has nearly finished putting up the large signal towers along the right of way. A few more towers remain to be erected in the neighborhood of Springfield Junction.

Work on the new steel bridge to replace the old one is in full swing. The steel gang under Jack Conley has taken down the first span of the old bridge and will have all of the bridge down by the middle of August. Work on the new bridge will then be pushed to completion.

All the main line track is now up to grade except a switch opposite the Booth-Kelly mill and a stretch beyond the tool houses, according to Southern Pacific foreman in charge of the track crew. Monday, traffic was diverted from Second street to M's street to allow the new ballast to be put on the crossing and a new plank crossing to be laid.

The crew will be busy for some time yet spreading the new ballast on various parts of the tracks, and in raising the track beyond the tool house. This section has to be raised six or seven inches yet. Two kinds of ballast are being used on the track; the first of coarse crushed rock, and the top layer of fine rock.

POULTRY DEMONSTRATION TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK

A series of six poultry culling demonstrations will be held August 3, 4, 5 at Lane county farms. H. E. Cosby of the Oregon Agriculture College will demonstrate how to cull out low producing hens and will discuss other poultry management problems.

Wednesday, August 4 a demonstration will be held at 9:30 A. M. at the farm of R. V. Rogers on the river loop 3, lower Santa Clara, and at 2:00 P. M. a demonstration will be held at the E. D. Conley farm, one-half mile east of Lower Camp creek school house. A similar meeting will be held Thursday at the Perry farm one and a half miles southeast of Creswell on Thursday, August 5 at 2 P. M.

CARLTON MAN CHARGED WITH LEAVING FIRE

A. C. Garland of Carlton, Oregon will appear in Justice court this week on a charge of failing to put out a camp fire, lodged against him by A. T. Moses, fire warden. Mr. Garland is charged with leaving his camp fire near Oakridge without properly extinguishing it. He appeared in court last Friday before the complaint had been lodged against him and was released until the papers had been filed. Mr. Garland will now have to be located and appear before the justice of the peace for trial.

LABOR DAY COMMITTEE SELECTED AT 4L MEET

A. C. Peddicord, George Cox and R. C. Richardson were appointed on a committee to meet all the other committees of the Booth-Kelly operations to arrange for the annual Labor Day celebration to be held at Wendling at the monthly meeting of the 4L last Saturday night at the W. O. W. hall. It was announced that final acceptance of the new hospital contract will be made at the next meeting of all of the committees which will take place in the near future. George Cox is chairman of this committee.

Back From Conention—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wright returned from San Francisco where the men were delegates from Springfield to the Lions club convention. Shopping and visiting occupied the ladies time while the men attended the five day convention.

EASTERN STAR HOLDS INSTALLATION SATURDAY

Impressive ceremonies marked the installation of Eastern Star lodge number 155 of Springfield last Saturday night with a large number of out of town guests present to witness and assist at the installation, among them J. Howard Rankin of Portland, grand patron; Mrs. Mendenhall, grand lecturer, and past grand matron; Mrs. Alberta McMurphy of Eugene, past grand matron; and Fredrick S. Dunn of Eugene, past grand patron.

The officers for the installation ceremonies were; Mr. Rankin, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. McMurphy, Mr. Dunn, Mrs. White, grand marshal; Mrs. Nellie McKinley, grand secretary; and Miss Dyer, grand organist. Mrs. Rose Powell, past grand warden; and Mrs. Cole, past grand marshal were present to witness the installation.

The lodge room was beautifully decorated with baskets of flowers and corsage bouquets, presented by the local chapter, were worn by the grand officers. The worthy patron and matron, Mr. and Mrs. John Ketels presented the twenty chapter members of the chapter with gorgette handkerchiefs in pastel shades. After the ceremonies, a tasty lunch was served in the banquet room of the lodge hall by the ladies of the chapter.

Mrs. Allene Basford played a piano solo during the evening.

The newly installed officers of the lodge are: Mrs. John Ketels, worthy matron; Mr. John Ketels, worthy patron; Mrs. Bertha Rouse, associate matron; Mrs. Mary Abrams, secretary; Mrs. Edna Dippel, treasurer; Mrs. Jane Cruzan, chaplain; Mrs. Ida Swartz, conductress; Mrs. Opal Roberts, associate conductress; Mrs. Grace Henderer, Ada; Mrs. Merle McMurray, Ruth; Mrs. Gertrude Wilson, Esther; Mrs. Ida Holverson, Martha; Mrs. Anna Oldham, Ejecta; Mrs. Abbie Wheaton, marshal; Mrs. Civility McKlin, warden; R. B. Oldham, sentinel; and Mrs. Allene Basford, organist. The three other chapter members are: Mrs. Dora Neet, Miss Ann Gorrie, and Miss Margaret Gorrie.

Mrs. Wheaton, Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Neet were the committee in charge of the flowers, and Mrs. Swartz was in charge of the dining room.

BELL THEATER IS BEING REMODELED

Extensive improvements in the Bell Theater, both in the equipment and in the seating arrangements are being made by Jack Larson, manager. The stage is being set back toward the rear of the building about twenty feet to allow more seats to be installed. The two rooms at the back of the building, formerly used as offices, have been torn out to make way for the stage and to provide room for two exits which will be built, one on each side of the stage.

Before he is through, Mr. Larson plans to have as modern and comfortable a theater as possible. He intends to buy 200 upholstered chairs and will put them in at the back of the theater removing the veneered chairs to the front and taking the folding chairs, now in front, entirely out.

When finished, the front of the theater will have a runway on each side of the stage, and two exits leading to the outside, in place of the one at present. Grille work will be built on the sides of the stage to render an arbor-like effect.

Mr. Larson is considering the installation of an Arctic-Nu-Air system which is the most modern device to regulate the temperature of theaters, keeping them cool in summer and warm in winter. If he installs the Nu-Air system, he will also put in a new heating plant, according to present plans.

Along with the other improvements, Mr. Larson is putting in a rest room for the ladies, and an office for himself to replace the old one torn down at the back of the building.

When he is through with his remodeling, the theater will have room for fifty more people than at present and will be equipped with the latest devices for the comfort of the audience.

Here From Lodi—Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Hendricks of Lodi, California have been visiting friends and relatives in the vicinity of Springfield the last week. They are old residents of the McKenzie valley, formerly living at Hendricks bridge.

Back From Portland—Mrs. A. J. Perkins returned Tuesday from a stay of several days in Portland.

NEW FIRE ENGINE TO BE PURCHASED

Bonds Carry Providing \$7,500; Fire Chief to be Chief of Police and Have Charge of Flushing Hydrants; Other Fireman Also Speed Cop.

The fire engine bonds for \$7,500 carried at Tuesday election 76 for and 26 against. The council met Wednesday night, canvassed the vote and made plans for purchasing the equipment. Plans are to buy a modern 350 gallon pump of a standard make, hose and equipment, and to remodel the fire hall to accommodate the new rig and provide sleeping quarters for the two paid firemen to be employed.

Councilmen have agreed to the appointment of Jess Smitson, present fire chief, to the position as paid chief and to combine with his job that of chief of police and hydrant flusher. His salary will probably be \$135 a month. The other extra man will be fireman and traffic officer. Arrangement of hours will be made so that one man will be with the fire engine at all times.

The fire and water committee, L. L. May, M. J. McKlin and H. J. Cox, will go to Portland Saturday to inspect a LaFrance engine and also several other makes. They expect to visit several cities with equipment such as needed here and make their selection before returning.

The engine purchased will be tested out by engineers of the insurance underwriters association before being brought here.

SPRINGFIELD WILL HAVE TWO FLOATS IN PARADE

Two floats will be entered in the "Trail To Rail" celebration in Eugene by the Chamber of Commerce of Springfield according to a decision reached at the monthly meeting of the club last Friday night. One of the floats will be entered in the historical division of the parade and the other in the industrial section.

The committee, headed by G. O. Bushman, named to work out the details of the floats in conjunction with a committee of the Lions club, reported that no definite details had been formulated yet, but that in the opinion of the committee two floats should be entered.

The Lions club committee made no definite recommendations to the club last Friday at its regular meeting, but probably will have a report to make tomorrow. It is expected that the Lions will work in conjunction with the Chamber in the matter of the floats.

The float for the historical section of the parade will probably show the pioneers on their way over the McKenzie pass, contrasted with the present recreational facilities of the same region, according to one member of the committee. The nature of the industrial float has not been decided, but an attempt will be made to show the industrial resources of Springfield in conjunction with transportation.

Springfield will elect no princess to take part in the parade if the present decision is carried out. Springfield was asked to nominate a princess to form one of Queen Susanna's bevy in the parade.

PIERRIE LIQUOR TRIAL SET FOR TOMORROW

Robert Pierrie will be tried in the justice court here tomorrow at 10 A. M. on the charge of possession of intoxicating liquor, after being released on \$1000 bond last Monday. Pierrie was arrested Saturday night on the corner of South A and Mill streets by George Vallier, chief of police, and held in the county jail in Eugene until his appearance in court Monday.

Gordon Wells will prosecute the case tomorrow and Howard Brownell will be the defense attorney.

Lieth Buys Lots in West Springfield

J. G. Bowerman sold the three lots in West Springfield belonging to him to C. F. Lieth of Dexter last Friday. The lots transferred are in block 7 and are unimproved. Mr. Lieth intends to build a residence on his new property in the near future and to otherwise improve the place.

Mrs. Keeler in Hospital—Mrs. Ed Keeler was taken to the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene Tuesday morning from Wendling to have a major operation performed.