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## SCHOOL CENSUS STARTS MONDAY

Expected to Reveal That Children in District Have Increased to Over 800; Budget Plans to be Shaped by Boards Soon.

School census to be conducted in the Springfield District next week is expected to reveal that children of school age here number over 800, thus breaking all records for years past. Last year's census showed a total of well over 700, increases in school enrollment indicate that the figure for 1926-27 will go well above that number.

Clerk Reuben W. Smith of the Springfield District will conduct the census, canvassing the entire city. Smith expects to appoint one or two assistants in order to rush the counting to completion by the end of next week, thus complying with the school laws.

Names and ages of all children who on October 25 are over four years of age and under 20 will be obtained by the census-takers. The results of the census will be kept on file at the clerk's office, and also will be sent to the County School Superintendent.

### Budget To Be Planned

The local board will use the figures in scheduling its new budget, and in compelling attendance of children of school age. Smith urged today that all parents of children be prepared to give facts to the census-takers, pointing out that the school law provides that failure to do so is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not more than \$100.

A like canvas will be conducted throughout the state next week, according to provisions of the school law.

## SCOUTS SOON TO HAVE COURT OF HONOR HERE

Plans for a court of honor to be conducted within the next two of three weeks were shaped at a meeting of the Lions club troop Monday night, which was addressed by County Executive C. R. Clark. Tests to meet qualifications are being given regularly, and many Scouts are to be ready for receiving higher ratings.

Several Springfield Scouts will attend the Lane County Council's winter camp this year. It was indicated at the meeting, McCloud's camp near Cruzette station, on the new Cascade line of the Southern Pacific, is to be used by the Scouts for winter camping this year, and is considered by the council members as ideal.

The forest service has sanctioned the use of the camp by the youths. It is said to be in proximity to all natural features which go to make up an ideal place for winter camping.

## CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS ON VISIT TO SPRINGFIELD

Newton W. Borden, democratic candidate for congress, was a visitor in Springfield this week, calling in the interests of his election.

Borden is opposing the reelection of Congressman Hawley. He asserts that he has investigated Hawley's record, and that in 900 votes only once did the Congressman vote contrary to the wish of Joe Cannon.

The candidate's motto is "equal opportunity to all and special privileges to none." His headquarters are at Medford.

## FOOTBALL TEAM PLAYS SHEDD THERE FRIDAY

Shedd High School's football aggregation will be the next team to face the undefeated Springfield footballers. Coach Fenwick's huskies are prepared to leave early tomorrow afternoon for Shedd.

The coach did not venture just what kind of game the Springfield gridgers are up against tomorrow. The team is in especially good spirits since its defeat of the reputedly strong Brownsville team last Friday, 13 to 12. Injuries and illness are slightly crippling Springfield's team.

Shedd will return the game October 29.

### Bridge Gets Paint

The new railroad bridge here is being given a coat of black paint. The painting will be the final touch to the new Southern Pacific span.

## Society

### P. T. A. WILL CONDUCT COMMUNITY RECEPTION

Community reception will be held at the High School October 27, for which an interesting program is being prepared. It is planned to have a talk by an out-of-town speaker on the importance of P. T. A. work. Refreshments will be served.

The association started the playshed at the Brattain school October 19.

### Board Members Guests

Mrs. Ida M. Peterson's domestic science class of the Springfield High school gave a dinner last Friday evening honoring members of the school board and their wives. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Burchum, R. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Louk, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Bain.

### Have Shower

Ladies of the Neighbors of Woodcraft yesterday held a shower in honor of Mrs. Harold McPherson at the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. June McPherson of Eugene. Many useful articles were presented Mrs. McPherson.

### Scouts To Entertain

The Girl Scouts are entertaining the Girl Scouts of Eugene at a Halloween party at the Springfield Chamber of Commerce October 30 from 7 to 9 o'clock. Leaders of the local troops have urged that all Girl Scouts be present.

### Carnee Club Meets

The Carnee club met Thursday in Eugene with Mrs. C. E. Fisher. New members introduced were Mrs. Harold Wagoner, Mrs. Carl Phetteplace, Mrs. Ruth Durgan, Mrs. Elkins Wright, Mrs. Rany Rugh. Miss Durgan won honors at cards. The next meeting will be conducted at the residence of Mrs. Alex McKenzie.

### Celebrate Birthday

In celebration of the birthday of Mrs. William Lightfoot, of Eugene, Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Emery, P. H. Emery and Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson visited the College Crest residence last evening. Refreshments were served at the close of an enjoyable evening.

### Many Entertained

More than 80 girls were entertained at a picnic dinner held at the high school yesterday afternoon by the Girls League in honor of the new girls of the school. The affair was held at the gymnasium.

## TO SELL LOTS FOR IMPROVEMENT LEIN

In what is said to be the first sale of property for improvements liens ever conducted by the City of Springfield, parcels of property assessed to nearly a dozen persons and involving more than \$2000 in unpaid assessments will be sold at public auction by City Marshal Jess Smitson tomorrow.

The sale will be started at 1:30 o'clock at the City Hall. The property will be sold to the bidder for cash who offers to pay the assessments, costs, interests and accruing costs, and take a redemption deed at a rate of interest not less than 15 per cent.

The largest assessment involved is \$823.93, while others run as low as \$26.02, less than the taxes. The property can be redeemed within a period of three years by the owner who pays the 15 per cent interest.

Those to whom the property to be sold is assessed to are Louise M. Bettelheim, June Beals and Grace May, Ethel Clark, C. W. Drinkard, O. M. Larson, C. M. McLain, Henry Phelan, Seth Ralstrick, Grace and Jesse Walker and Claude Signor. Much of this property has changed hands since the assessment was made.

The policy of selling property against which liens for improvements are held was inaugurated by the City Council on August 30. Heretofore, it is said, the liens have been "let ride" from year to year.

### Returns From Norway

After a four year visit in Norway, Alf Nystrom is visiting his brother, Torial Nystrom, of Springfield. Monday he went on a trip to Bend.

## Water Up; Hydro Plants Take Load

Local Power Unit Finishes Busy Season, To Generate For Mill Only During Winter Months

After one of the busiest summers in the history of the plant, the Mountain States Power company generating units here last Monday dropped down to regular schedule, and will produce only enough power during the next few months to furnish electricity to the Booth-Kelly Lumber mill.

During the summer, the local plant generated as much power as possible from fuel available, producing on an average of 1,000,000 K. W. H., and during one month generating 1,125,000 K. W. H. Seidom in the history of the plant has it generated as much power in a single month, according to Superintendent W. C. McLagan.

With fall rains and mountain snows replenishing the supply of water, the hydro-electric plants are again acquiring the load handled by the steam plants. So great is the relief given the units here, that the local plants is expected to generate only 250,000 K. W. H. during the winter.

## CHAMBER TO MEET ON TOMORROW EVENING

Bridge bond issue will form the chief topic of discussion at a meeting of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce to be conducted at the Commercial Bank building headquarters tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. The committee which is sponsoring the publicity program for the \$75,000 bridge proposition will report on progress and the sentiment of the county concerning the proposal.

President H. J. Cox will preside at the meeting. Several other matters of interest are likely to come up, in addition to the routine business, said Mr. Cox.

## HUNTING LURES MANY TO WIDE OPEN SPACES

Many Springfieldites were lured to the country fields this week in answer to the challenging call of the pheasant rooster.

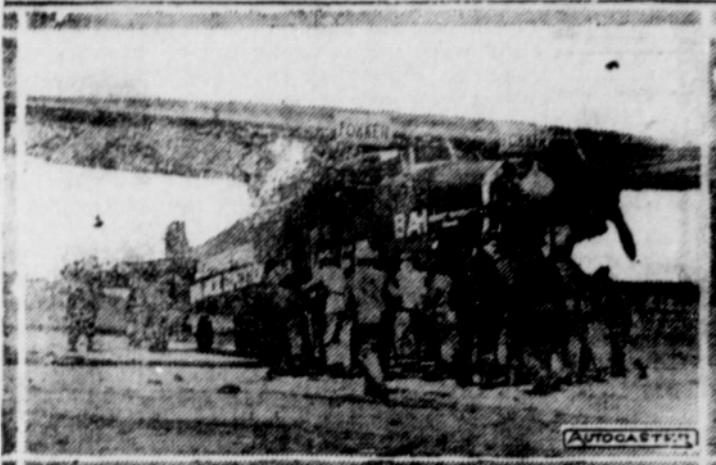
Sunday, the opening day of the season, found few shotguns on walls of local residences. Many of the hunters reported excellent luck, and game was said to be especially plentiful in the Junction City district. One party returned from that section with seven birds.

Not all hunting was good, however. A party of three which went out from here for the entire day returned with only one bird.

### Accident Reported

J. T. Myers reported to local authorities Saturday that his automobile figured in an accident a mile above Donna. Two cars collided, resulting in wheel and fender damage.

## Byrd Touring U.S. in Polar Plane



Many cities and states will have the opportunity to see the history-making plane that Commander Byrd used to fly over the North Pole. Floyd Bennet will accompany Byrd on the trip, which is backed by the Guggenheim Aviation Fund.

## Postoffice Will Break Records

Laws of average holding good, Springfield's postal receipts will jump into a substantial gain with the ending of the final quarter of 1926. It is indicated in records in the office of Postmaster F. B. Hamlin.

If the final quarter's receipts equal those of last year, and Postmaster Hamlin believes the Christmas mailing will swell them above the 1925 figures, the year's aggregate will be in the neighborhood of \$8500. Never in history has the receipts been so far ahead at this time of year as at present.

The absence of bank clearing and building permit figures makes postal receipts practically the only barometer of business here to be seen in public records. To date, the 1926 figures total \$5880.09 and if the final quarter runs to \$2600, even less than that of last year, the total will be \$8480.09.

A table of figures back to 1919 shows receipts in a steady gain up to 1925, when they experienced a slight drop. This, however, will probably be more than offset by this year.

1919	\$5,268.29
1920	5,294.15
1921	5,768.93
1922	6,365.14
1923	6,954.50
1924	8,271.79
1925	8,121.04
1926 (Est.)	8,480.09

### Three Are Arrested

Three University students, Kenton Case, M. L. Anderson and Fred Harrison, were arrested by Traffic Officer Currie Sunday and charge with speeding. Fines of \$10 each were assessed by Justice Smith. Currie reported that Sunday was one of the biggest traffic days in Springfield since fall weather began.

## NEW JEWELRY STORE OWNER BUYS HOUSE

Shortly after deciding definitely to establish a jewelry and clothing store here, W. T. Hoyt yesterday completed a deal for the purchase of the property on E. street of Miss Maude Grubb, and will move there soon from Portland.

Hoyt and his son, L. M. Hoyt, have rented the Kepner building on Main between Third and Fourth streets, formerly occupied by the Skaggs store. They are preparing to completely stock the business. They are experienced jewelers.

Walker and Calkins, local real estate firm, handled both deals.

Another Main street deal completed this week was the purchase of the service station at Fifth street by E. E. Frederick of Eugene. The place was formerly owned by Richard Sharman.

## PORCH GOES AS CITY ENFORCES SIGN RULE

The porch on the front of the Spang hotel was removed this week in compliance with the city ordinance recently unearthed by Chief of Police Jess Smitson in removing obstructions from the new ornamental lighting system. The porch will be entirely removed today.

Chief Smitson said yesterday that merchants had shown a fine spirit of cooperation in moving their signs to higher places on the buildings. Practically all signs now conform to the city ruling, he asserted.

### Petrified Wood Found

Further revelations of this district's geological history were made this week when E. Wimer, locomotive engineer of the Southern Pacific company, found a piece of petrified wood deeply imbedded in the earth and rock a mile above Natron. The specimen was discovered when a fill was cut by the big steam shovel at work there.

## NEW BRIDGE MOVE BOOSTED BY CLUBS

Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce and Eugene Lions Club Give \$75,000 Bond Issue Approval; Springfield Committees Active.

With the endorsement of the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce and Eugene Lions Club the Springfield bridge campaign took on added momentum this week. The bridge bond issue of \$75,000 for the construction of a new structure across the river here in conjunction with the state now has the endorsement of the Chambers of Commerce of Eugene, Cottage Grove, Junction City and Springfield.

A committee from the local Chamber of Commerce met with the Cottage Grove Chamber Tuesday noon at a luncheon at the hotel Bartel. The committee was composed of E. E. Morrison, H. J. Cox, G. G. Bushman, W. F. Walker and H. E. Maxey. All spoke on the importance of the passage of the bridge bonds. On motion of Elbert Bede, editor of the Cottage Grove Sentinel, the Cottage Grove Chamber passed a unanimous resolution endorsing the bridge proposal. The Springfield committee was well pleased with the hospitality shown it by the Southern Lane city.

Wednesday noon a committee composed of John Ketels, Harry Stewart and Fred Walker appeared before the Eugene Lions Club and were given unanimous approval of the bridge bonds. The Eugene Lions club appointed a committee to appear before the Kiwanis and Rotary club next week to do missionary work for the bridge. A committee from Springfield club will accompany them.

So far in the campaign the local committee have encountered no opposition to the bridge bonds. Eugene is apparently as strong for the bridge as Springfield, and the business men in Junction City and Cottage Grove recognize the need of a new bridge to replace the old one. All say it is a real opportunity to get the state to stand half the expense of the new structure.

Built 30 years ago the Springfield bridge is the single span west of the Mississippi river. During the last year or so it has shown signs of weakening and highway engineers say that the new bridge should be rushed before it is necessary to abandon the old structure. The decking will also have to be replaced if it is used longer than next season.

## PLAYSHED FOR SCHOOL GROUND IS ASSURED

Contracts for construction of a playshed on the Brattain school ground were awarded George Perkins by the Parent-Teachers Association, and work on the structure is to begin immediately. Superintendent V. D. Bain and Principal Ora Read Hemenway are conferring with Perkins relative to specifications for the shed, which will cost approximately \$500. The P. T. A. is sponsoring the construction.

To assist in raising money for the shed, the association will conduct a cooked food sale on Saturday.

The association is starting a membership campaign, offering a prize to the school with the largest number of parents enrolled. Mrs. C. E. Archer's resignation having been accepted, the association has named Mrs. William Rodenbaugh treasurer. Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah will attend the Oregon congress of patrons and teachers.

## SPRINGFIELD NIMRODS BAG DEER AND BEARS

Two deer and two bears were bagged by a quartet of Springfield hunters who have returned from a week spent in the fastness of the Upper Willamette country.

The party, Welby Stevens, Jess Seavey, Mark Perry and Arthur Roberts, camped at the mouth of Simpson Creek during their stay in the hill country. They report a pleasant outing in the mountains.

### Mrs. Pearce Dies

Mrs. Esther Anne Pearce died last Friday night at her home at Fisher's mill, aged 73 years. She was survived by Mrs. Mary Atkins, Enterprise; Bob Clayton, Portland; Albert Pierce, Marcola; Frank Pierce, Raymond, Washington; Mrs. Ida Wetzel, Marcola.

## THE DARKEST DAY IN HISTORY

By A. B. CHAPIN

