

DEFINITE PROGRESS MADE ON SPAN PLAN

Three Sets of Tentative Plans
Already Drawn Up by Commission; Barnard Says Second Street Closing Would Benefit Project.

Closing of Second street to eliminate the dangerous rail and street intersection would assure the co-operation of the Southern Pacific with great benefit to the Springfield highway bridge building project now being definitely planned by the State Highway Commission.

This, together with definite assurance that the new span will be started as early in the spring as possible and that no delay may be expected from forthcoming changes in the personnel of the commission, was brought back by members of the county court and Al Perkins, of Springfield, from this week's session of the highway commission in Portland.

"The Southern Pacific considers a crossing just as dangerous where a few cars cross it each day as one over which the traffic is heavy," said County Judge C. P. Barnard. "If Second street could be definitely closed, the railroad company undoubtedly would be willing to contribute much to the bridge-building program. This is of significant importance and should be considered as soon as possible."

Three Plans Ready
Already the Highway commission has tentative plans for three types of bridges suitable of erection here. Definite selection of a location is necessary before one of these models may be decided upon. The Lane county representatives were assured no time will be lost in arranging details of the span-building program.

A question arose in the commission concerning the installation of another pier on the Springfield side, in line with the old street car piers which may be used to support the new bridge. Engineers will be here within a few days to give the situation a thorough investigation, and will consider the possibility of erecting all new piers.

Securing a right-of-way will be an important step in the program as soon as the bridge location is decided. E. E. Morrison, chairman of the bridge committee here, said yesterday that on the cost of this right-of-way depends to a large extent the type of the new bridge. The more money that can be put into the bridge itself, the better, said Mr. Morrison.

Although political developments will bring a new commission into office shortly Springfield interests need have no fear of delay in the bridge plans, it was stated. The proposal has reached such an advanced stage the Lane representatives were told, that no interference may be expected.

Al Perkins represented the Springfield bridge committee, which was asked to continue to cooperate with the commission in planning the new program.

RIVER RISES AS RAIN ATTAINS HIGH RECORD

A brisk wind continued to drive a cold rain across the Springfield district yesterday, although a subsiding in the storm on Tuesday resulted in lowering of water in the Willamette river. The heavy rains of late November boosted the month's rainfall total to 10.75 inches, a record of thirteen years, according to the weather observer at Eugene.

Slight damage was done by the wind and rain in this district. Yesterday afternoon glass in the door and one of the windows of the John Will shoe shop was broken when the door blew open in the brisk breeze, and similar small damage was done.

At Judkins Point, between here and Eugene, the river flooded the Pacific Highway Monday night, and a stage and several cars were stranded before the water subsided.

Gym Classes Start

Gymnasium classes for Springfield women were started at the Christian church gymnasium last night under the direction of Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway. A good attendance at the first class indicated success for the project.

All women of the city are invited to participate in the classes held each Wednesday night. Men hold a class on Monday evenings.

Society

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY TO BE PRESENTED FRIDAY

Ticket sales indicate a good attendance at the Springfield High School play, "Eliza Comes to Stay," to be presented by the Dramatic Club tomorrow night. The performance will start at 8 o'clock, in the school auditorium.

Miss Hilda Ditto and Leroy Nice having leading roles in the comedy. The presentation is directed by Miss Francis Hodge.

The Girls League will conduct a candy sale at the play, the proceeds to be used in purchasing new equipment replacing that destroyed in the recent gymnasium fire.

LEGION TO ELECT AT MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT

Election of officers will feature a meeting of the American Legion post to be conducted at the Woodmen of the World hall tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock.

John Will is in line for selection as commander, succeeding W. P. Tyson. Will is the only candidate nominated. Nominations will be conducted for adjutant tomorrow night, it is understood, as Charles Scott, previously named, will be unable to serve.

Installation of the newly named officers will follow at the next meeting.

KLAMATH FALLS YOUNG PEOPLE VISITORS HERE

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Danner was the scene of a happy visit of present and former Klamath Falls young people, during the Thanksgiving holidays. Miss Audrey Danner entertained the young people, with whom she became acquainted when the Danners were living in Klamath Falls.

Those from Klamath Falls directly were Ren Hollister, and Joy and Eva Miller. Miss Edna Dunbar, now attending the University of Oregon, and Ervin Keller, John and Della Hawkins and Chales Mack were others entertained.

The young people also were entertained at the home of John Robertson in Eugene.

Mrs. Ditto Honored

Honoring Mrs. George Ditto, who will move to Portland next week, members of the Royal Neighbors made a surprise call at the Ditto residence Monday night. Ten members of the organization called at 7:30 o'clock, remaining until 10:30. Light refreshments were served late in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ditto have been residents of Springfield for twelve years.

Cantata Scheduled

Practice is well advanced for the cantata, "Mound Builders," to be given on December 17 by the Boys and Girls Glee Clubs of the Springfield High School. Miss Fay Spaulding is in charge of the production.

Class Entertained

Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway entertained her Christian Sunday School class, "The Friends," at her residence Friday evening. Numerous clever methods of entertainment were employed in providing an enjoyable evening for the large number who were present.

Open House at New Home

Mrs. S. C. Wright will receive callers at her new home at 6th and F streets next Tuesday from 3 until 5 o'clock. The new home has been recently built and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wright.

Women Conduct Bazaar

The Methodist Ladies Aid conducted a 6 o'clock dinner and bazaar at the church basement last night. A good patronage resulted in earnings for the benefit work done by the church women's organization.

Auxiliary To Meet

Meeting of the Auxiliary of the American Legion will be conducted at the Woodmen of the World hall tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock. Election of officers will be the chief business. Mrs. M. B. Huntly, head of the organization, today urged that all members be present.

LIONS CLUB WILL GIVE DINNER TO GRID TEAM AT END OF GOOD SEASON

Captain John J. McEwen, football coach of the University of Oregon, has been invited to speak at a dinner to be given in the honor of the successful Springfield High School football team on the evening of December 10.

The Springfield Lions club is sponsoring the dinner, which will be held at the Woodmen of the World hall. Coach Walter Fenwick, who has guided the football destinies of the local high school during their most successful season, will be a guest of honor, as will be V. D. Bain, superintendent of the city schools.

The Springfield team battered its way through six victories, while but one defeat was marked up against it. This was at the hands of Lebanon, and just revenge was achieved by Springfield when it whipped the Strawberry pickers on their own field a week after the beating given Springfield.

GLEEMEN'S CLUB WILL APPEAR IN CITY SOON

Springfield residents will be given an opportunity to hear a local concert of the Eugene Gleemen's club, an organization of male singers, according to plans being perfected by a Lions Club committee.

The program, to be presented some time during November will be a benefit for Lion Club finances. The Gleemen have attained much popularity in this section, and members of the committee promise a tasteful and enjoyable entertainment.

It is probable that the concert will be held in the Methodist church. Members of the Lions club committee making the arrangements are Harry Stewart, S. R. Dippel and Dallas Murphy.

COX OPENS OFFICES IN CHAMBER ROOMS

Offices of the Lorane Milling and Lumber Company are being opened today in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, Commercial State Bank building with President Herbert J. Cox in charge. Regular office hours will be established by Mr. Cox.

The location of the offices of the newly organized lumber company in the Chamber will provide regular service of the Chamber to visitors. As Mr. Cox is president of the Chamber of Commerce, he has offered to receive visitors to the Chamber during his office hours.

The Chamber rooms are being renovated this week with pleasing results. Paintings of the McKenzie river country, taken from the McKenzie Gateway float in the Trail to Rail celebration, are being hung on the walls and other improvements made.

"Best Farm Worker"



After a national contest, Homer Sheffield, age 16, of Crosby Texas, has been declared the outstanding boy's agricultural worker of the U. S.

He has won every possible honor and scholarship in his state. Recently when cotton was \$50 per bale—he had his made into mattresses, selling them at \$25 each—realizing \$100 profit per bale.

SCOUTS HAVE JOINT MEET; COURT DEC. 7

Joint meeting of the two Springfield Boy Scout troops was conducted at the Chamber of Commerce Monday night under the direction of Scoutmasters and their assistants. The program was planned by patrol leaders of the two units.

The instruction period was divided into three parts—signaling, first aid and advanced knot-tying. Instruction also was given to those desiring to qualify for merit badges in the court of honor to be conducted December 7.

Scout master Tyson of Troop 1 said yesterday that the time and place of the court will be announced soon.

TWO PLEAD GUILTY TO FIGHT IN RESTAURANT

Accused of fighting in a local restaurant, Orval Pandrum, 20, of Springfield, and John Francis, 26, of Donna, pleaded guilty before Recorder Reuben W. Smith Monday and were fined.

Pandrum paid \$5 and Francis was assessed \$10 by the Recorder.

The pair was arrested by Police Chief Smitson Saturday night when a struggle developed in a booth of the restaurant. Smitson happened to be in the place at the time and took the opponents into custody. Each furnished \$10 bail.

Have Baby Girl

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Pierson of Mable at the Springfield residence of Mrs. Pierson's sister, Mrs. W. J. Darling, November 24. The newcomer weighed ten and a half pounds. She was named Zetta Noreen.

GROVE BEATEN IN LAST GRID GAME OF SEASON

Springfield High school, for several years the underdog at the close of football games with Cottage Grove, came on top in the first half of the Thanksgiving day game and stayed there through the rest of the tilt, ending with a score of 7-6.

The single point was marked up when Cowart, after fumbling before an attempted place-kick, picked up the ball and raced under the goal. This play followed a beautiful 35 yard run from kickoff by Bates, who scored a touchdown in the last few minutes of the first half.

Cottage Grove scored late in the second quarter when Springfield attempted to punt from behind its own line but the ball went out of bounds on the 15 yard line. Scheuffle of Cottage Grove bucked the ball across in four downs. Cottage Grove failed to convert.

The second half was less interesting (the ball being in the center of the field throughout most of both quarters).

The game ended the local grid schedule. Coach Fenwick's team won six of its games and lost one.

CONVICTED OF CHANGING LICENSE, MAN PAYS FINE

Convicted in Justice R. W. Smith's court of bringing an automobile license plate down to date, Norman Hemmitt was fined \$30 here late last week.

Odd appearance of the altered plate attracted Police Chief Smitson's attention, and he had the car brought into a local garage when he found it parked on a street.

According to the chief, the plate had been repainted to conform with 1926 plates, and the five in the year numbers punched up to resemble a six.

Man Paints After Drunk

Unable to pay a \$10 sentence imposed for being intoxicated, R. O. Breeden is working his time out at the City hall. Under the direction of Police Chief Smitson, Breeden is retouching the interior of the municipal offices, much to the improvement of their appearance.

Vacancy in Guard

A vacancy in the local company of the Oregon National Guard was announced today by Walter Gossler, recruiting officer. One or two other vacancies are expected shortly. Those wishing to enlist in the company should interview Gossler or C. A. Swarts, commander of the company.

Mrs. Davis Ill—Mrs. J. A. Davis, who has been staying at the residence of her son here, was removed to the Pacific Christian hospital this morning, gravely ill.

Ed Perkins Here—Ed Perkins was here from Roseburg to visit over the week-end.

FACTORY HEADS ARE INTERESTED IN SITE

Prospects Bright for Two Large
Enterprises Locating Here;
Will Inspect Tract in January;
Large Investments Loom.

Prospects of locating some large industrial enterprises on the 250 acres of free factory sites east of Springfield have brightened considerably during the last few weeks. Inspection of the Springfield site by officers of two large enterprises representing eastern capital has been promised next month when they will make western trips looking for locations.

One enterprise utilizing livestock products is to be capitalized for \$750,000 and another representing more than a million dollar investment using wood may locate here if conditions are found to be right. The former is a new enterprise and it is reputed will be the largest of its kind in the United States. The latter is a plant now operating near the Great Lakes and desires to move west where there is sufficient wood to continue in operation.

Both enterprises have requested that they be given no publicity because of present business connections which might be disturbed.

If either of these enterprises should locate here it would mean that the present mill race would have to be enlarged or a new raceway from the Willamette river built as both need considerable fresh water. The abundance of water in the Willamette river, the location of the Springfield site along the Southern Pacific tracks, the strategic location of Springfield as a shipping and receiving point, plenty of electrical power and the availability of the raw products are the features that seem to impress officers of these large enterprises.

It is likely both of these enterprises will be located somewhere in Oregon or northern California. Springfield would indeed be lucky to land either of them.

Hundreds of letters have been written and much printed literature sent out on the Springfield free industrial site by the chairman of the committee. Replies have been received from many parts of the country.

COAST SECTION SOIL WILL BE IMPROVED

Soil fertilization and forage crops in the coast section of Lane county will be one of the major projects of farm work done by his office, next year says O. C. Fletcher, county agent. He will work in conjunction with the state agricultural college which will carry on extension demonstrations in all the coast counties of Western Oregon.

Due to the heavy rain fall in the coast sections the soil is heavy with acid. Lime and manure fertilizer is necessary to fertilize the soil for legume crops. The conservation of manure in covered pits will be part of the demonstrations. It is expected that pits will be built in all communities. Manure loses its value as fertilizer if it lays in the rain or is put on land during the rainy period. Experimental work carried on at Astoria show the value of the use of the pits.

TAXPAYERS APPROVE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET

Approval of the school budget calling for an expenditure of \$49,900 was given by taxpayers of the Springfield district at a meeting at the High school last Friday night. The vote made legal an increase of more than 6 per cent over the budget total of last year.

Under the new financial schedule the board will extensively endeavor to decrease the warrant indebtedness of the district. It was decided by the budget committee to take up warrants before bonds, as a higher rate of interest is paid on the former.

Fire Threatens Garage

Fire of mysterious origin threatened the John Tomseth garage on the hill south of town early Sunday morning at 4:30 o'clock. The blaze was discovered by Night Policeman Hinson, who notified the fire department. The flames were extinguished with chemicals before residents of the hill were aware there had been a fire.

READY TO CARVE THE PUDDING

S. A. B. CHAPIN

WELL FOLKS, THE FEAST IS READY--!

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