

TOWN CHARTER TO BE REVISED SOON

Civilian Committee Named to Assist in Providing Springfield With Down-to-Date Working Papers; Total Cost to Approximate \$400.

Revision of the Town of Springfield charter was decided upon at a meeting of the council Monday night, and a civilian committee provided for to assist with the work. Meetings of the council and committee are scheduled to start next Tuesday evening and continue until the new charter is drafted.

After the new charter is drawn up it will be published so that the citizens may read it before being called to a special election to vote on the new document. Sample copies of modern charters from other cities are being secured and it is proposed to take the best from these up-to-date charters and also from Springfield's old charter. Cost of the work of revising the new charter which includes publishing, special election and printing in pamphlet form will be about \$400 councilmen believe.

It is necessary that the charter be revised immediately to validate the last bond issue voted by the people for fire engine purposes. Rather than submit the bond issue again the council has decided to ask for a charter as the old charter is obsolete. The charter must be printed so that bonding houses can be furnished with copies and it was thought that it would be better to have a modern document rather than go to the expense of printing the old one. As I. M. Peterson is city attorney and recorder elect he has agreed to prepare the new charter without charging the usual legal fee for such work.

The council selected H. E. Maxey, F. B. Hamlin and W. G. Hughes as members of the citizens' committee to assist in planning the charter. If any of these refuse to serve, alternates will be asked to become members of the committee, it was stated. The proposition of building some new trunk sewers is being considered by the council and it possibly will be submitted to a vote of the people at the same time. A new trunk sewer is needed in the north and east part of town as well as on Williamette heights.

NEW OFFICIALS WILL TAKE OFFICE SOON

Their last month of service to the city before relinquishing office to successors has been started by City Recorder R. W. Smith and Councilmen M. J. McKlin and R. F. Moshier, and plans are being shaped for induction of new office-holders as soon after the first of the year as possible.

Recorder R. W. Smith probably will retain his position as justice of the peace, clerk of the school board and local representative of several insurance companies, and is expected to locate in a Main street office in order to carry on his business. Smith was called to Portland yesterday, and it is rumored that he is considering moving to that city. In such case, of course, his public positions would be filled by some one else.

Smith will be succeeded by Ira M. Peterson as city recorder. The recorder-elect said today that he plans to begin work in the new office as soon as possible after January 1. W. P. Tyson and George P. Stewart are the new councilmen, while W. G. Hughes will succeed himself as city treasurer. The charter provides that these officers be installed at the first January meeting of the council.

TWO EVENTS PLANNED BY WOODCRAFT LODGE

Annual homecoming of the Springfield organization of the Neighbors of Woodcraft will be conducted at the Woodmen of the World hall on the night of December 22, according to announcement today. A Christmas tree entertainment featuring the spirit of the Yuletide will be features of the reunion, to which all members and former members of the circle will be invited.

On January 12 new officers of the club will be installed. Invited to this meeting are the members of the circles at Drain, Cottage Grove, Junction City, Creswell, Waltherville and Coburg.

Here From Creek—Lola Crabtree was in town yesterday from Camp Creek.

Senator? Small



Frank L. Smith, altho elected to the senate from Illinois, may not be seated. It is claimed he literally bought his election. Should the senate refuse to admit him—Len Small (above), now governor, looms as the man to fill Smith's chair in Washington. Gov. Small will resign. Fred Sterling, lieutenant governor, then becomes governor and will name Mr. Small as senator.

Society

MANY VISIT NEW HOME OF MRS. S. C. WRIGHT

Many old friends called on Mrs. S. C. Wright, who was at home at her new residence at Sixth and G streets Tuesday afternoon. Assisting the hostess was her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Will Wright, and Mrs. Larson Wright.

Among out-of-town friends who called on Mrs. Wright were Mrs. C. F. Benjamin, Eugene; Mrs. Hayburn, Mrs. Dan Crites, of Eugene and Mrs. J. O. Scott of Saskatchewan, Canada. Among others who visited were:

Mrs. Frank De Pue, Mrs. M. J. McKlin, Mrs. W. C. Rebhan, Mrs. W. F. Walker, Mrs. S. R. Dippel, Mrs. J. C. McMurray, Mrs. Robert Drury, Mrs. E. E. May, Mrs. W. Williams, Mrs. B. A. Washburne, Mrs. F. B. Flanery, Mrs. L. May, Miss Edna Swarts, Mrs. C. E. Swarts, Mrs. Annie Knox, Mrs. N. W. Emery, Mrs. Ella Lombard, Mrs. Harry Whitney, Mrs. William Long, Mrs. J. T. Henderer, Mrs. C. E. Kenyon, Mrs. Carl Olson, Mrs. Dallas Murphy, and Mrs. E. J. Moore.

Needlecraft Meets

The Needlecraft club met with Mrs. S. Ralph Dippel on December 2nd, spending the afternoon in needlework and guessing games. Mrs. Floyd Flanery won the prize in the games.

The next meeting will take the form of a Christmas party at the residence of Mrs. D. W. Crites of Eugene on the evening of December 16.

Those present at the last meeting were Mesdames R. P. Mortensen, O. H. Jarrett, F. Flanery, Carl Olson, E. E. May, Robert Drury, W. N. Long, F. D. Thompson, W. H. Pollard, J. F. Ketels, D. W. Crites, Larson Wright, W. N. Gossler, C. O. Wilson, G. W. Hobson, S. R. Dippel, William Dawson. Guests were Mrs. M. J. Wilson of Salem, Mrs. Clifford O. Wilson, Mrs. Levi Neet and Mrs. B. A. Washburne.

Entertainment Postponed

The entertainment which was to have been conducted at the Methodist church December 10 has been postponed. It was announced. Plans for a Christmas entertainment are being shaped.

G. A. R. To Meet

Election of officers will take place at a meeting of the Iuka circles, Ladies of the G. A. R. to be conducted at Eggimann's hall tomorrow afternoon.

Reaches Hundreth Year

Jack Poll, of Eugene, well-known to Springfield residents, passed his 100th birthday yesterday. Open house was held at the Eugene residence. Poll is the uncle of Police Chief Jess Smitson, Frank Smitson and Mrs. Jennie Fisher, all of Springfield.

Kiddies See Deer

By arrangement with the Southern Pacific, buses ran double shift yesterday carrying Springfield school children to Eugene to see the reindeer and Santa Claus visiting the county seat.

Mrs. Craft Better—Mrs. May Craft, who has been suffering for some time from influenza, is reported to be slightly improved.

THREE WILL GLAIM BADGES OF MERIT

First Step in Advanced Scouting Work Accomplished by Members of Lions Troop; Court of Honor of Both Groups to be Conducted.

Three members of the Lions troop of Boy Scouts have made applications for merit badges to be awarded at the honor court to be planned at a session of the troop committee tomorrow night, according to announcement by W. P. Tyson, scoutmaster. Scouts of both troops will participate in the honor court.

The achievement of the three scouts marks the first step in advanced work done by the local boy organizations. Thayer McMurray has applied for a badge in pioneering, Ralph Hughes in swimming, and Evan Hughes has qualified for honors in both pioneering and swimming. Several other scouts are working on merit badge programs, and will be ready for testing by local men in charge of different activities before long.

Several members of both troops are to be promoted at the honor court, which was to have been held last Tuesday night but has been postponed. Among these are Edgar Louk, who will receive a first class rating; Billie Wheeler, first class; Clinton Sidwell, Billie Knox, Franklin Drury and Dean Anderson, second.

The troop committee meeting will be conducted at 5 o'clock, and definite place and date for the court of honor will be determined at that time according to Tyson. Mayor G. G. Bushman is chairman of the honor court, and it is likely that C. R. Clark, Lane County Scout executive, will be present at the ceremonies. The public will be invited.

Regular meetings of the troops were conducted this week, at which time work in preparation for the honor court was accomplished.

Among members of troop 2 who will receive second class rating at the court of honor are Bill Cox, Richard Lepley, Paul Schantol, Dorman Chase and Oran Mulligan.

Visit in Portland

Mr. and Mrs. John Winzenried have returned from Portland, where they spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lemons, formerly of Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Winzenried plan to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lemons in the latter's new residence now being completed. The new home is at 1475 Thirtieth street in the Westmoreland addition to Portland.

Auxiliary Elects

Mrs. M. B. Huntly was reelected president of the American Legion Auxiliary at the meeting conducted last Friday night. Others chosen were: Mrs. F. B. Hamlin, vice-president; Mrs. H. E. Maxey, secretary; Miss Pearl Snook, treasurer; Mrs. Bernice Van Valzah, chaplain, and Mrs. Snook, historian.

Attend Entertainment

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rishmond and children, Helen and Lucille, and Mrs. C. Eggimann and ward, Miss Edyth Hurd, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilson attended the Christmas entertainment at the Eugene armory Monday evening.

Royal Neighbors Meet

The Royal Neighbors conducted a meeting at the home of Mrs. Ina Scrivener in Eugene yesterday. The afternoon was spent enjoyably by many Springfield club members who attended. Mrs. Scrivener is secretary of the local club.

Neighbors Hold Meeting

Neighbors of Woodcraft initiated Mrs. Nesbith at their meeting in the W. O. W. hall last night. Members of the society whose last names have the initial letter "M" entertained last night.

Returns From Hunt—Norman Howard, superintendent of manufacturing of the local plant of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, has returned after a week and a half spent duck-hunting in the Klamath Falls region.

Rail Officials Visit—John M. Scott, assistant passenger traffic manager of the Southern Pacific company, was a Springfield visitor yesterday. Scott's office is in Portland. He was accompanied here by L. L. Graham, district freight and passenger agent.

Credits For Gym and Music Offered

Reward For Extra-curricular Activities in High School Planned

In an effort to establish, glee club and physical education activities in the high school on a more sound and more attractive basis, the district school board at Monday night's meeting authorized the requirement of 15 credits for graduation after 1930, and at the same time arranged to offer an additional credit during the four years course for one of the three activities mentioned.

The action was taken on recommendation of City Superintendent Bahj, who pointed out the necessity for offering credit for music and physical education activities if interest in these is to be sustained. The state requires that a student acquire 15 credits before graduation, but no arrangement is made for giving actual credit reward for orchestra, glee club and athletic activities.

In order to bring the new plan into action conveniently, the board decided to require 15½ credits of the seniors of the present year. In 1928 15½ credits will be asked, and 1929 the requirement will be 15¾, and the full 16 will be demanded of graduates in 1930.

It was pointed out that under the adopted plan, no more scholastic work will be required of the students, but at the same time encouragement will be given to work which will develop their physical and artistic abilities.

Adoption of bills and other routine business featured the meeting of the board Monday night.

MRS. KAST DIES IN WEST SPRINGFIELD

Mrs. Preshey Kast, a resident of West Springfield for five years, died at her residence there Tuesday. Mrs. Kast was born in Ohio sixty-five years ago.

She is survived by her husband, Norman Kast, two sons, E. B. of South Dakota and Earl of Motor Route B, Eugene, and two daughters, Mrs. D. A. Thompson, Blue Earth, Minn., and Mrs. F. W. Ralston of Brookings, S. D. Two brothers also are living. They are M. J. Miller of Exeter, Wis., and Marvin Miller of Taberia, Wis.

The funeral will be conducted at the West Springfield residence this afternoon at 2 o'clock, under the direction of W. F. Walker. Internment will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.

MILL CUTS ANOTHER DAY FROM WORK WEEK

Another day has been cut from the working week of the local plant of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company in connection with the company's plan of curtailing production during unsatisfactory market conditions.

An announcement by Superintendent O. H. Jarrett states that the plant will operate the first four days of the week until further notice. Recently it was announced that work on Saturday would be dispensed with.

LINNTON MAN FINED FOR CHANGING AUTO PLATES

Thirty dollars was added to the Springfield treasury Monday when George McCorten, resident of Linnton, paid a double fine when convicted of illegally changing the license plates to his Packard truck and of leaving the motor running unattended on a local street.

McCorten was arrested by Officer A. S. Currie. When Currie investigated the record of the license on McCorten's truck, he found that it had been issued for a Ford truck. McCorten was found guilty in subsequent trial before Recorder Smith.

School Vacation Dates

Springfield schools will close on the evening of December 23, according to announcement of Superintendent V. D. Bain, and will remain closed until January 3. The Christmas vacation will start two days before Christmas, in order to give students leaving town sufficient time to reach their destinations before the holiday.

At Hospital—L. A. Smith of Fall Creek underwent an operation at a Eugene hospital Saturday.

Undergoes Operation—Mrs. F. O. Murdock underwent an operation at the Pacific Christian hospital Monday.

TWO INDUSTRIES LOCATE ON SITES

James "Jimmie" Woods



Sincerity behind a glad-hand paid its dividends to this man—who but recently was selected in a national search by a hard-headed group of Los Angeles bankers and business men to manage the new Biltmore hotel there—and at \$50,000 per year.

First Leases Granted to Tannery and Meat Plant; Concrete Buildings to be Constructed; Woolen Mill and Paper Mill Interested in Sites

Leases for the first two factory sites on Springfield's 250-acre free industrial tract were granted this week by the committee administering the property. A site for a \$50,000 tannery and leather manufacturing plant was granted to Dr. S. R. Jaynes, who has the state patent rights for a new tanning process and a site for a slaughtering house was given Forest Fritts and Pratt Holverson. Both industries will build concrete buildings and have their plants ready to operate early next spring.

Employ 28 People

The tannery will likely be called the Springfield Tannery, according to Dr. Jaynes. It will be 150 hide capacity and when in full operation will employ about 28 people. Ten acres on the west end of the industrial tract has been set aside for this industry. A modern concrete factory building will be constructed on it.

Dr. Jaynes formerly operated a tannery at Hutchinson, Kansas, but sold it when he moved to Oregon. By his process fine leather is made ready for market in from one to 15 days while other known processes takes from 90 days to a year. He says the Kansas tannery was built from a \$2500 concern to a \$50,000 plant in two years.

Allied Factories Sought

Hides for the new plant will be bought in all parts of western Oregon and the finished leather sold to the general trade. Efforts will be made to locate a suitcase and bag factory, glove factory and shoe factory on the same site, as this has been the practical working out of the tannery business in the east. Fine furs will also be tanned and made up for the trade. Skilled leather finishers and fur makers will be brought here from the east to oversee the work and other help will be trained here.

The site for the slaughtering plant will be three acres at the south edge of the tract about a mile and one half from the city. A building with concrete floors and walls will be constructed, pens built and other substantial improvements made. Mr. Holverson formerly operate a butcher shop here and Mr. Fritts has been engaging in animal slaughtering business for some time using other market's houses. Both men are experienced stock buyers and butchers and expect to build up a substantial wholesale trade among the meat markets in this vicinity and Portland.

Others Interested in Site

A large woolen mill and a paper mill may be located on the tract here, according to the industrial committee, which has been in communication with officers of these concerns. Much information has been assembled for both and heads of both have promised inspection of the site shortly after the first of the year.

The county has been combed by the industrial committee for industries that might be located in Springfield. Prospects are now bright for considerable development here, according to the committee.

FOUR MEN ARE ADDED TO NATIONAL GUARD

Four men successfully passed examinations for entrance into the Springfield headquarters company, 162nd infantry, Oregon National Guard, according to announcement by the company commander, C. A. Swarts.

The new Guard members are Alonzo Manwarring, Eddie Tomseth, Elom Long and Gordon Lee. They will begin activities with the company immediately.

Approximately a ton of new equipment, including clothing, signaling apparatus, etc., arrived yesterday and will be put into use by the company.

Planning Bazaar

The American Legion Auxiliary will conduct a food sale and rummage sale on December 18 to complete paying for a wheel chair recently donated to Veterans Hospital No. 77 at Portland, according to announcement by the president, Mrs. M. B. Huntly.

Mrs. Huntly urged that all those having articles to contribute to the sale get them to her as soon as possible.

GIRLS GET HONORS IN SCHOLASTIC RATINGS

Boy students at Springfield High school dropped into the scholastic background when announcement was made today of the names on the honor roll for the second six weeks of school. Not only were the four highest averages the property of girl students, but 30 of the 41 names on the list are feminine.

Hannah Shidler, with an average of 97 plus retained her place at the peak of the list. Three girls, Audrey Shultz, Winnifred Tyson and Esther McPherson tie for second honors with a rating of 96.

Other names on the honor roll, which indicates an average of 90 or above, are: Ronald Adams, Elaine Archambeau, Doratha Bailey, Agatha Beals, Lucille Bonnell, Naomi Carlton, Marjorie Daniels Clifford Darr, Mary Fisher, Chester Hyden, Evan Hughes, Ralph Hughes, LeRoy Inman, Dorene Larimer, Elma Landsberry, Dorothy Masterson, Treasa Matteson, Frank Mersdoff, Margaret Mortensen, Carl McKinnon, Nadine McMurray, LeRoy Nice, Margaret Okerkirk, Bertha Paddock, Dora Pederson, Viola Penselin, William Pollard, Assa Robley, Lawrence Roof, Nellie Sankey, Ola Sales, Marjorie Smith, Maxine Snodgrass, Margaret Swarts, Hilda Wagner, Evelyn Walker and Ludelle Williams.

WILL NAMED HEAD OF LEGION AT MEETING

John Will was elected commander of the Springfield post of the American Legion at a meeting conducted at the Woodmen hall on Friday night, last. Will was the only Legionaire nominated to succeed W. P. Tyson as chief of the local unit.

J. O. Burchum was chosen adjutant of the post. Vice commanders are Vern Wooley and William Vasby. Selected on the executive committee were F. B. Hamlin, W. P. Tyson, M. B. Huntly and C. A. Swarts. H. E. Maxey and Oswald Olson compose the finance committee, while Charles Scott was selected as quartermaster and Jack Larson, finance officer.

Installation of the new officers will take place on Friday, December 17. With M. B. Huntly in charge, plans for a feed are being shaped. George Love of Eugene, district committeeman and former commander of the Eugene post, probably will be the installing officer, according to W. P. Tyson, who is planning the ceremonies.

With membership dues decreased, the Legion is in a drive for additional members and at the same time is planning an active year under the leadership of Commander Will.

Local Residents Honored

Sam Richmond of Springfield has been elected commander of the General Lawton camp, United Spanish War Veterans, of Eugene. Mrs. Eggimann has been named secretary of the auxiliary to the Eugene organization.