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IMPROVEMENTS ON AT TOURIST CAMP

W. H. Jones of Chico, Cal., Buys Eugene-Springfield Grounds from Melvin Hansen; Has Extensive Development Plans.

With an improvement program at ready under way which will involve the expenditure of thousands of dollars, W. H. Jones has taken possession of the Eugene-Springfield Auto Camp, which he purchased recently from Melvin Hansen, Jones is a recent arrival from Chico, California, where he was engaged for years in farming.

Installation of an adequate water system, construction of at least a dozen new cabins, re-lining and re-roofing of all the old buildings on the property, and establishment of a children's playground are only a few of the features of Jones' proposed improvement program.

At a cost of hundreds of dollars, a water tower which will support a tank with a capacity of 10,000 gallons is being erected on the rear of the campground. The tower building also will contain rooms for the camp shop and other uses. The tower, which will support the tank extends a considerable distance above the main building, assuring ample pressure throughout the system.

Two-inch water mains have been laid throughout the camp during the past month, and a hot water tank has been installed which assures hot water for all purposes. What Jones has done in the way of improvement of the water system already is said to have made the local camp one of the best equipped in this particular on this section of the Pacific Highway.

Nineteen of the cabins in the camp ground have been re-roofed, and all are being re-lined and otherwise improved inside. New furniture is installed where needed. Large quantities of gravel are being dumped on the grounds to eliminate the mud. Groves in the rear of the camp are being cleared of brush to provide additional facilities for private camps.

Electric lights are being installed about the grounds, and that portion in the vicinity of the Midway dance hall, included in Jones' purchase, is especially well lighted for the convenience of patrons driving in in cars.

Jones reports that despite the weather conditions, tourist travel is holding up exceptionally well. Monday night every cabin in the grounds was occupied, and the patronage has been good throughout the last fortnight.

COLLECTING TOYS AND FOOD FOR DISTRIBUTION

Christmas baskets are to be furnished to twelve destitute families in Springfield by the Salvation Army, according to Mrs. Paul Brattain, police matron, who is cooperating with the army in planning the benefit work here at Christmas time.

Fruits and other foods, and second hand toys are wanted for the baskets for the poor, it is stated. Mrs. Brattain said that any Springfield people wishing to donate to the cause should notify her, and she will call and collect the contributions.

Hold Meeting Tonight

The city charter committee will conduct another meeting at the city hall tonight, according to announcement of Recorder R. W. Smith. Further work on the proposed new working papers of Springfield will be accomplished.

Marriage Licenses Issued

During the past week marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk to the following couples: Albert Allen and Bessie McCann, both of Portland; Frank Bloomfield and Rachel Hems, both of Eugene; Tracy Callison and Nellie Jackson, both of Eugene; Harvey Geiger and Nellie Wojnak, both of Wendling; Howard A. Robb, Cottage Grove and Nora Harvey, Jasper; Howard Keene and Margaret Cline, both of Cottage Grove; Carl Lawson and Minnie Garner, both of Eugene; Donald Schofield and Reida Davis, both of Albany.

Martin Here—Ralph Martin, sales manager of the Booth-Kelly Company, was a visitor at the company's local plant today.

McKlin to Serve on Council for 2 Years

Resignation of H. J. Cox as city councilman having been accepted, Mayor G. G. Bushman has appointed M. J. McKlin on the city body to fill out Mr. Cox's term of two years, it was announced at a meeting of the council Monday night. Cox's resignation takes effect January 1, when McKlin's term in his own right expires.

The council at Monday's meeting authorized the street committee to cooperate with the city engineer in planning the extension of three streets to run through property south of East Main to the industrial tract. These plans will be prepared as soon as possible.

CITY CHARTER REVISION NOW UNDER WAY IN CITY

Revision of the town charter so that the council may submit it to the approval of the people at a special election next month, is now under way with the committee and councilmen meeting every evening. Much of the old charter which is obsolete or has been repealed by state laws is being cut out and substitution of modern practice made. The new charter will be patterned after recent charters of cities of the state and in conformity with the committee's ideas as applied to the local situation.

The committee is composed of the mayor and councilmen and three citizens, F. B. Hamlin, W. N. Long and H. E. Maxey. City Attorney Ira M. Peterson has previously compared the charter with newer ones and made changes which he reads to the committee along with the old charter. The revision of the charter is considerable of a task.

The office of town assessor, which has long been changed by state law, will be eliminated from the new charter, the new budget law will be placed in the charter, and legislation governing saloon and hitching racks will be eliminated. Methods for voting bond issues will be clarified as will also the procedure in sale of foreclosed property.

Springfield will be called a city in the new charter instead of a town.

DANIELS BUYS INTEREST IN LOCAL CIGAR STORE

Interests held by W. J. Scott in "The Loop," local cigar store, have been sold to V. J. Daniels, it was announced this week. Mr. Scott, who has owned an interest in the store for three years, has not yet decided his future plans.

Mr. Daniels has already taken charge of his new interests in "The Loop."

Star at Tea

Honoring retiring officers of the Cascade Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. C. O. Wilson was host at a dainty afternoon tea at her residence last Saturday. Mrs. J. F. Ketel, retiring worthy matron and Mrs. W. L. Rouse, retiring associate matron, presided at the urns.

Guests bidden were Miss Straub of Portland, Mrs. Clifford Wilson of this city, and the following retiring officers of the lodge: Mrs. J. F. Ketels, Mrs. W. L. Rouse, Mrs. C. A. Swarts, Mrs. Opal Roberts, Mrs. S. R. Dippel, Mrs. Cliff Abrams, Mrs. Jane Cruzan, Mrs. C. E. Wheaton, Mrs. Jack Henderson, Mrs. J. C. McMurray, Mrs. Charles Wilson, Mrs. R. B. Oldham, Mrs. Paul Basford, Mrs. Holverson.

MRS. NELLIE DAVIS DIES AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Nellie Davis, wife of J. A. Davis, operator of a mill on the Mohawk and resident of this city, died at the Pacific Christian hospital Sunday evening. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Walker chapel, with Rev. S. Earl Childers, pastor of the Christian church, in charge.

Mrs. Davis was born in 1860 in Illinois. She is survived by three sons, O. A. and H. A. Davis of Springfield, and C. E. Davis of Ingleswood, California, and one daughter, Mrs. J. M. Millett, of Springfield. The family has resided here about three months.

Moyer Goes South—C. L. Moyer, four years with the local plant of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, has gone to California with the intention of locating at some point in that state. The move was made necessary by the condition of Mr. Moyer's health. When he has decided on a location, his family will join him in the Southland.

Beats Wall Street



Arthur W. Cutten and a half dozen other Chicago speculators have taken more than \$10,000,000 out of Wall Street in the last thirty days. They "played" Baldwin Locomotive stocks and its steady rise in value brought tremendous profits.

SPIRIT OF YULETIDE SEEN IN CITY STREET

Main street took on its Yuletide attire yesterday as a result of action of the street decoration committees of the Lions club and the Chamber of Commerce. The Gratz-Goettling sign company of Eugene was given the contract to decorate the street, and Christmas trees and bells made their appearance yesterday.

At each intersection streamers and red and green lights are to be hung and the lamp posts will be decked with green. One hundred twenty fir trees have been distributed along the streets. The whole gives an exceedingly pleasing Yuletide effect, and will remain in that fashion until after New Year's.

Members of the committees present were G. G. Bushman, Harry Stewart, E. R. Danner, H. E. Maxey, Jack Henderer, W. C. Rebhan.

P. T. A. Plans Tea

The Springfield Parent-Teachers Association will conduct a silver tea at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Lincoln school building. A good program is promised by association members, who have invited the public to attend. The proceeds from the tea will go to the play shed fund.

Special Music Planned

Special music is planned for the Christian church services next Sunday, when a representative of the denomination's missionary division will be the chief speaker. The chorus also has been arranged to give special numbers a week from Sunday.

Planning Entertainment

Christmas entertainment of the Christian church will be conducted on the night of December 23, it was announced today. Plans are in charge of Mrs. Herbert Moon, and include children's exercises and music.

Comedy Drama Tonight

The Christian Endeavor of the Christian church tonight will present a comedy drama, "Those Dreadful Twins," at the Bell theatre. This is a three-act play and will start at 7:30. John Lynch and Ralph Cole have the leadin roles as the twins.

Civic Club Meets

Approximately \$40 was cleared by the Women's Civic Club at the bazaar conducted last week, it was reported at a meeting held last night. The next meeting will take place December 28.

Invite Young People

Helen Meyers has invited the young people of the Christian church to her residence on the McKenzie river tomorrow evening for a social affair.

Postpone Cantata

The high school cantata, to have been presented December 17, will not be conducted until after the holidays, it was announced by representatives of the glee clubs this week. The date will be made public soon.

Scout Honor Court Scheduled Dec. 21

Merit Badges and Other Awards To Be Given At Public Ceremonies

The second Boy Scout, court of honor to be conducted since the organization of the boys' work in Springfield will take place at the Chamber of Commerce rooms on the night of December 21, according to announcement by G. G. Bushman, chairman of the court of honor. The public is urged to attend the ceremonies.

The court of honor was planned at a meeting of the troop committee conducted last Friday night, and subsequent arrangements are being made by the scout officials with the assistance of C. R. Clarke, Lane County executive. Clarke will be present at the ceremonies, as will other local scouting officials and visitors from Eugene.

The first merit badges given to Springfield youths will be awarded to Thayer McMurray, Ralph Hughes and Evan Hughes, all members of Troop No. 1. In this troop, also, Edgar Louk and Billie Wheeler will be given first class scout ratings, and Clinton Sidwell, Billie Knox and Franklin Drury will become second class scouts.

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

At the meeting of the Lions club troop committee, it was decided to purchase a book, the "Scouts Diary," for the youths. As a new meeting place must be obtained for this troop, Mayor Bushman has undertaken to secure the Chamber of Commerce for the use of the scouts.

MATERIAL INEXPERIENCED FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEAM

To shape a basketball team of inexperienced material without a single letterman around whom to build a working aggregation is the job facing Coach Walter Fenwick of the Springfield High School. But despite this fact, Fenwick is optimistic over the season's prospects, and expects by the end of the winter, at least, to have at least one or two victories chalked up for Springfield.

So little do the high school's basketball recruits know about the game, Fenwick has found it necessary to teach even first string aspirants the most rudimentary principles of the hoop sport. Such will be the activities of the players until after the holidays, when Fenwick will pick his first team and begin work in earnest. The first game will be played with University High School early in January. Announcement of the complete schedule will be made in a few days.

Danner, who played for a short time at Santa Clara is one of the most promising of the new men out for basketball this year. Others who are likely to make a strong bid for first team positions are Bill Cox, Bill Thomposn, Orval Eaton, Bill Pollard, Evan Hughes, Orval Redding, Thayer McMurray, E. Squires, T. Squires and Lawrence Roof.

POLICE MATRON WILL SPEAK TO BROTHERHOOD

Mrs. M. S. Ady, police matron of Eugene, will address the brotherhood of the Springfield Methodist Episcopal church at a dinner to be conducted at the church basement Monday evening. Mrs. Ady will discuss her work among delinquents and will tell of the aid that such organizations as the brotherhood may be to that cause.

The six delegates who attended the Methodist Laymen's Council in Portland will report on the convention. Waffles, coffee and bacon will be served, the proceeds going to the Methodist choir fund.

Finger Slashed Off—The 4-year old son of Elza Riddle of Donna sustained a serious injury to one of his fingers when playing with his brother Saturday. The finger was nearly severed from the hand by a blow of a hatchet.

McLagan at Marshfield—W. C. McLagan, steam superintendent of the Mountain States Power company, left yesterday for Marshfield.

Champ Husker



Fred Stanek of Fort Dodge, Iowa, shucked 28.2 bushels of corn in one hour and twenty minutes and won the championship of this year—defeating 50 of the best huskers in the country, among them Earl Williams of Nebraska who holds the world's record of 35.8 bushels. Zero weather made husking difficult this season.

CRACK NELSON POULTRY TAKE HIGHEST PRIZES

Robert Nelson's crack poultry again achieved startling success at the Pacific International Livestock show in Portland, when the Springfield birds clutched securely all prizes in the white leghorn class in which they competed, save for a single place which went to a bird from one of the foremost poultry plants in the country, at Rochester, N. Y. The results of the contest were said to indicate that Nelson's birds were the best in the Northwest, as no bird from this section was able to place even with them.

In the class of cockerels under one year, Nelson's birds placed second, third and fifth, while the bird that placed fourth came from Nelson eggs. First place in this class went to the New York rooster. First, second, third and fourth places were awarded to local pullets from the Nelson ranch.

Nelson exhibited his birds last year and received high praise from poultry experts journals. The Springfield poultryman is recognized as one of the most successful chicken raisers in this section. He has confined his competition to the International Livestock shows, and has achieved success in each of these in which he has entered birds.

LOUIS H. SMITH IS DEAD AT AGE OF 62

Death came Saturday morning to Louis H. Smith, 66 years of age, a resident of Springfield for nine years, and a relative of several local residents. Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Walker chapel with Rev. S. Earl Childers in charge.

Mr. Smith is survived by his widow and five daughters; Mrs. W. C. McLagan and Mrs. R. L. Burnett of Springfield; Mrs. Jack Thayer and Miss Oneta Smith of Fall Creek, and Mrs. Chris Wilde of Michigan; two R. Smith of Cottage Grove. A brother L. W. Smith of Eastern Oregon. Two sisters are also living, Mrs. Fred Stahlman of Detroit and Mrs. Phylla Bilyeu of Kalama, Washington.

Mr. Smith moved here from Albany and has been in the employ of the Mountain States Power Company for several years.

Among relatives and friends who attended the funeral on Monday were the following:

Mrs. J. R. Dassel of Albany, Mrs. Ella Burnett, Mrs. Roland Allen, and Mrs. Mildred Campbell of Albany; Mrs. Fred Stahlman of Detroit; Luther Smith of Homestead; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bilyeu of Kalma, Wn.; Mrs. Andrew Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cottrell, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ford of Crabtree; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gooch, Mrs. Frank Titus, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gooch, all of Philomath; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Corten of Seaside; R. A. McLagan of Tangent, Lou Fox of Summit, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Stahlman of Eugene.

Rooms Plan Entertainments

Christmas entertainments will be conducted in the roll rooms of the Springfield public schools next week, according to announcement of Superintendent V. D. Bain. It is possible that the high school also will have an entertainment, and the glee clubs are working on Christmas songs.

Mrs. Lepley Ill—Mrs. Leland Lepley is confined to her bed with illness.

THREE PLANS FOR BRIDGE PREPARED

State Engineer Tells of Tentative Specifications On Visit to Springfield; Commission To Meet Late in December; Seek Right-of-way.

Three plans for the new bridge across the Willamette river at Springfield will be put before the state highway commission at its meeting the latter part of this month, according to Bridge Engineer McCullough, who spent Friday and Saturday here going over the ground with highway engineers, the county court and members of the local bridge committee. One plan will be to use the old piers and location of the former street car bridge while the other two involve the new location at the foot of Main street. The bridge at the foot of Main street will either be built in four spans allowing the river to flow under all of it or by a revetment closing this side of the river bed and using three spans.

The estimated cost of the bridge on the old piers is about \$150,000 or the amount voted. The cost using four spans in the new location will run about \$40,000 more, but by using a revetment and three spans it is expected to cost only about \$20,000 more. While the engineers and local committee and county court as well favor the new location it will depend on the highway commission as to whether the added cost will be allowed.

Seek Right-of-way

The Springfield bridge committee, headed by E. E. Morrison, is now busy securing agreements for right of way for both locations. While the right-of-way must be purchased by the county the commission desires to know the comparative cost of right-of-way for both locations.

Some misapprehension as to how the approach to the bridge is to be built was held by the property owners on the west end. It was believed that a fill would create a lake above the bridge approach in winter. Engineers have agreed to make openings in the approach to take care of this and the matter has been settled.

A Y-shap approach to serve both the north and the south traffic is planned by the engineers. The approach will leave the Pacific highway just north of the Kingwell green houses and will necessitate buying at least part of this property as well as property on the north side where two houses must be moved.

O. M. OLSON NAMED HEAD OF MASONS HERE

Oswald M. Olson was elected worshipful master of the local Masonic lodge Tuesday evening. Installation of the officers also took place at Tuesday's meeting.

Other officers named were: C. A. Swarts, senior warden; Willis Fritz, junior warden; C. F. Egimann, treasurer; Roscoe Perkins, senior deacon; J. W. Purcell, junior deacon; C. H. Wheaton, secretary; Harry W. Whitney, senior steward; Harry W. Wright, junior steward; L. F. Anderson, tyler and J. F. Ketels, chaplain.

Play Basketball Series

The interclass basketball series was started yesterday by Springfield high school boys. Yesterday the Freshmen and Seniors played one game, and the Sophomores and Juniors engaged in another tilt. Today the Freshmen and Juniors will compete as will the Sophs and Seniors. It is expected that the hard-fought games will occur tomorrow, when the Juniors and Seniors will vie for lower division honors.

Plan Homecoming

Plans are completed for the annual homecoming of the Woodcraft lodge, to be conducted at the W. O. W. hall next Wednesday evening. A Christmas tree program is planned, and all former members of the circle have been invited to attend. The circle plans to install new officers on January 12.

Mrs. Scott Visits—Mrs. C. F. Scott is visiting for a few days at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McKinnon. Mrs. Scott is Mrs. McKinnon's mother. She has been visiting for some time in Portland at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. A. F. Jellison.