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CIVIC PROGRESS IS MADE DURING YEAR

1926 Ends With Springfield Reaping Dividends From Time and Effort Devoted to Community Activities; Bankers Optimistic about 1927.

Springfield slaps its seal across the closed accounts of 1926 with a realization of generous dividends from time and effort devoted to various phases of civic progress. Definite forward steps have been taken in many lines of activity, ranging from school, church and club work to business and industrial development.

This was pointed out by various local men who today surveyed the year's activities and discussed the prospects for the future. Not only was the year viewed as a successful one, but confidence was expressed in another and better year in 1927.

"The general business situation during 1926 has been gratifying," said C. E. Kenyon, cashier of the Commercial State Bank. "The agricultural situation, especially with regards to cattle, has been unusually good, and I sense a feeling of optimism and prosperity among the farmers."

Real Estate Moves

"There has also been a stir in real estate, and promise of more of this activity soon. The incoming of men intending to invest good-sized sums in auto parks and similar developments speaks of faith that is being put in the future of this district. On the whole, I think the year has been entirely satisfactory, but I believe that 1927 is to be an even better year."

Similar opinions were expressed by W. G. Hughes, president of the First National Bank, who said that Main street business in Springfield this year has exceeded that of many years past. This, he said, could be accounted for by the presence of many workmen here during railroad and water works development. That further development, such as the Springfield bridge, is to go ahead next year gives promise of a continuation of good business here, said Mr. Hughes.

Cox Optimistic

H. J. Cox, president of the Chamber of Commerce and councilman during the past year, made the following statement:

"It is gratifying to realize that Springfield is making civic, commercial and industrial progress, and with backbone as well as wishbone this can continue indefinitely."

"The citizens who have and are giving their time and effort in our community's behalf fully warrant our sincere appreciation and support."

"Before we go to bed tonight, let's ask ourselves if Springfield is any better off because of our having lived another year."

Support to the assertions of the bankers and Mr. Cox concerning the city's business prosperity is seen in figures on postal receipts for the year, which show an increase of 10 per cent over those of 1925.

Reports of municipal officials show that collections have exceeded all other years here. Many collections on old and almost obsolete assessments have been made, or the property sold and the matter cleared up. Here is a table of city collections for the year up to Dec. 1.

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| January | 922.84 |
| February | 1755.66 |
| March | 1536.39 |
| April | 3313.05 |
| May | 19,714.81 |
| June | 7019.68 |
| July | 2815.48 |
| August | 419.70 |
| September | 1105.25 |
| October | 3454.29 |
| November | 9151.19 |

Improvements Noted

Among noteworthy improvements accomplished in 1926 were the new railroad bridge, removal of the car tracks from Main street, installation of an ornamental lighting system, carrying on of an extensive sidewalk building program, extension of water mains, and similar activities. Two new industries have been definitely located on the Springfield industrial site, and industrial concerns already here have had a year of prosperity. The Springfield bridge bond issue proposal received the best vote any measure was given in the fall election, and plans for the new span are definitely made.

Church, school and club work has advanced, and Boy Scout activities have become firmly established in

NEW OFFICERS WILL TAKE OATH TOMORROW

New city officers will be sworn in at a special meeting of the city council to be conducted tomorrow night. Recorder Ira M. Peterson and Councilmen W. P. Tyson and George Stewart will begin regular service to the city on January 2.

R. W. Smith, who has been serving as recorder, will open offices in the rooms which have been occupied by the law offices of Mr. Peterson. In the Commercial bank building adjoining the postoffice. Mr. Smith will continue as justice of the peace, and will handle insurance and real estate, according to announcement today.

W. G. Hughes will be sworn in as city treasurer, for his new term to which he was elected in November.

the community. The Chamber of Commerce has had an active year, and has issued an attractive booklet. A National Guard unit has been established. The town officials have made a definite move toward revision of the old charter, and Springfield will soon be the City of Springfield. A bond issue providing for the purchase of new firefighting equipment was carried, and the fire and police departments are on a more efficient basis than ever before.

McBEE HOME SCENE OF HAPPY REUNION SUNDAY

For the first time in 16 years, all ten children of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McBee of Douglas Gardens were home when a happy reunion was held at the residence last Sunday. Twenty-seven sons and daughters, members of their families crowded the home, and a photograph of the group was taken in the afternoon.

A turkey dinner was enjoyed at noon. The remainder of the day was spent in talking over old times.

The ten children of Mr. and Mrs. McBee who were present with their husbands or wives and children were: Mr. and Mrs. C. O. McBee of Goshen with their son, Floyd; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McBee, of Goshen; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McBee of Glendale; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McBee of Oregon City; Melvin McBee of Calgary, Canada; Lorix McBee, who has recently returned to Oregon from Canada to live; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Faul of Springfield with their three sons, Kermit, Robert and Donald; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cline of Springfield with their daughter, Bernice; Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart of Springfield with their three children, Harold, Lucille and Gessie; and Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Kimball of Oakridge.

MRS. REBECCA GRAWL DIES AT BEND HOME

Death came early Sunday morning to Mrs. Rebecca Grawl, former resident of Eugene, Marcola, Wendling, who has been living for some time at Bend. Mrs. Grawl was 82 years of age, and the grandmother of Clayton F. Barber, accountant in the local Booth-Kelly offices, and Thad Barber, also a Springfield resident.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock on Wednesday at the Walker parlors.

Mrs. Grawl came to Lane county 20 years ago, and is well-known here. She is survived by three children: Cal Grawl of Arlington, Mill Grawl of Wihobita, Kansas, and Ida Bell Barber of Bend.

PASSING OF YEAR TO BE WATCHED BY CHURCHMEN

Watchnight services will be conducted New Year's eve at the Springfield Baptist church, and will replace the usual midweek services. The meeting will start at 8 o'clock, and continue until after midnight.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church will hold a party which will continue until the old year passes. A general social time is planned by the young people's organization.

Other watchnight parties are to be conducted in various parts of the city, and a general round of noise-making is expected to split the air at the stroke of 12 tomorrow night.

Leave For Oakland—D. K. Mitchell and Curtis Parker, who have been working at Westfir, left Monday by automobile for Oakland, California, where they expect to work during the remainder of the winter.

Stock Here—Alton Stock of Westfir was a visitor here this morning...

ON THE STROKE OF TWELVE



THIS NEW YEAR OF OUR LORD

Let bygones be bygones,
Wha's huffed at anther
Dinna cloot the auld days
And the new anes thegither;
Wi' the fauts and the failings
O' past years be done,
Wi' a grip o' fresh freen'ship
A New Year begin.

So sang a Scot. Beneath the burr of his Highland tongue the meaning of some of the words may be obstructed, but the meaning of the verse as a whole is plain enough.

Let bygones be bygones. The year 1926 goes to join in history the years that have gone before. Throw away the hatchet along with the 1926 calendar.

With the faults and the failings of past years be done. This is another year.

Begin it with a grip of fresh friendship.

JOHN BUSHMAN CAR IN COLLISION AT POINT

Automobiles driven by John Bushman of the Springfield Mill and Grain Company and Paul Smith of Medford were badly damaged in a collision at Judkins Point last Thursday night. Smith, who was traveling to Portland for the holidays, was surprised by ice on the pavement at the point and his car went into a tail spin. At that moment Bushman rounded the curve, and was unable to keep his machine from crashing into the whirling Medford car.

Smith took all the blame for the accident. A wheel was broken, a tire blown out and other damage done to the Bushman car.

On Tuesday, Wayne Elliott of Creswell reported to the police that he drove his automobile into another machine on Main street near Second. He declared that he had just rounded the corner from Second street, and glanced back when the collision came.

Start Junior Church

Junior church will be inaugurated at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday. The children's services will be held at the regular church hour, with Mrs. W. H. Pollard in charge. First assistant is Miss Elizabeth Hughes. The service will be similar to the senior meeting.

Children from eight to thirteen years of age, or all above the primary, are eligible to attend the services. Worship, memory work and music will characterize the meetings. The first quarterly conference of the year of the Methodist church will be conducted by Rev. S. R. Chaney, the superintendent, tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Visit at Corvallis—Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Flanery spent the holiday weekend at Corvallis. Mr. Flanery's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Flanery, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their Corvallis residence Christmas day.

Visitors From Kansas—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Leonard of Goodland, Kansas, who are touring the coast, are visitors this week at the Swarts residence. The Swarts and Leonards have been acquaintances for 20 years.

BRIDGE GROUP WORKING ON RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAN

Acquirement of a right-of-way for the approaches to the new Willamette river bridge at Springfield is demanding the attention of the bridge committee of the Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club. The committee is working in this connection for the state highway commission, which last week decided to build the new span across the river at the foot of Main street.

Members of the committee will interview property-holders with regard to the prices asked for the rights-of-way within the next few days, it is understood. It is pointed out that the less money spent on the right-of-way, the more can be put into the bridge.

WATER TURNED OFF AS WORKMEN REPAIR LEAK

Water in the central part of the city was turned off yesterday while employes of the Mountain States Power Company repaired a serious leak which had developed in the Main street main in front of the Huntly Delicatessen.

The supply was off for several hours. It was necessary to cut a hole through the pavement in order to reach the leaking tube.

Gratitude Expressed

Gratitude to Springfield members of the American Legion Auxiliary was expressed by patients at the Veterans Hospital, No. 77 of Portland, during a visit to the institution made by Mrs. M. B. Huntly, president of the auxiliary. The veterans were especially appreciative, she said, of the wheel chair given to the second floor. Mrs. Huntly visited at St. Helen's, Hillsboro, Astoria and Portland during her holiday trip. She was accompanied by M. A. Pohl and Mrs. Marie Brezael.

Girls Have Party

Celebrating the Yuletide birthdays of Ruth Carlton and Nellie Stuart, Mrs. R. W. Carlton and Mrs. E. C. Stuart entertained a group of Springfield girls at the Carlton home Friday. Games and refreshments combined to make a pleasant afternoon.

PINNED UNDER CAR, HE BLOWS HORN FOR HELP

Pinned under his overturned automobile on the highway between here and Thurston early Sunday morning, Elmer Shelley resorted to blowing the horn of his car at each passing automobile until finally his call was answered and relief was brought.

Shelley was crowded off the road by an automobile which continued on its way after the accident. The driver discovered that he was unable to extract himself from his wrecked car, and thought for a while that he would be forced to spend the night there. Experimenting, he found that he could reach the horn and began blowing it until relief came.

One of Shelly's knees was badly cut. It was found when he was brought to Springfield at 1:30 A. M. for treatment.

SPRINGFIELD TEAM TO PLAY NEW YEAR'S EVE

Springfield basketball fans will see the high school team in action for the first time in a New Year's eve basket-shooting jamboree to be played on the gym floor with the alumni. The high school basketweavers have practiced throughout the holidays to be in shape for the first game.

Coach Fenwick expects a hard tussle. The alumni team is made up of several crack players of years past, and the high school team is green as grass. He says the game should be an interesting one to fans.

The probable line-up of the alumni team is: John Cox, Howard Hughes, forwards; Merie McMullan, Jeff Brattain and Paul Nice, guards and B. Perkins center. With the exceptions of one, these are all two-year men of Springfield high's former teams.

DOG LICENSES TO BE ISSUED AFTER JAN. 1

Like automobiles, Springfield dogs are awaiting new licenses to be issued January 1.

Application for license No. 1 has been made by Mrs. Maude Bryaa, who seeks the first tag for her alre-dale. The license tags have not yet arrived, but are expected within the next few days. Springfield canine owners are expected to apply for licenses as soon after the first of the year as possible.

Last year 50 tags were purchased, but not all were issued. There are said to many more than 50 dogs in Springfield, however. A drive on unlicensed dogs was conducted by police last year.

VASBY GOES INTO REAL ESTATE BUSINESS HERE

William Vasby, Springfield business man, has purchased the realty business of A. F. Flowers and will take possession on January 1. Mr. Vasby will continue realty business in the same office, which adjoins his paint shop.

Last year 50 tags were purchased by Mr. Vasby, among them the construction of a new front on the building which he leased from Mrs. Chas. Fisher of Eugene. Mr. and Mrs. Flowers will move to their summer resort tract near Coburg bridge.

BERT SNOOK BREAKS ARM CRANKING ENGINE

While cranking a gasoline engine yesterday Bert Snook, of Springfield, sustained a broken arm. Both bones were fractured.

Snook has been back from the veterans hospital at Portland only a short time after a confinement of six months. He has been employed at the Head Construction company, contractors for Eugene's new water system, and it was while working for that concern that the accident occurred.

At Thompson Home

The L. E. Thompson residence was the scene of a happy re-union Christmas day. Children of the couple present were Mrs. Grace Roberts, Mrs. Maude Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thompson. Grandchildren who enjoyed the event were Arthur L. Roberts and wife, Mrs. Truman Gay and her husband, Crystal Bryan, Earl Roberts, Lawrence and Katherine Alice Thompson, and Hester Jean Thompson.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thompson, Miss Marguerite Hurd, Victor Vogle and Miss Mary Roberts.

COX IS CANDIDATE FOR CHAMBER HEAD

Re-election Will be Accepted, Says 1926 President; Officers To Be Named at Meeting Tomorrow Night at Chamber Headquarters.

Chamber of Commerce officials for 1927 will be named at a meeting to be conducted at the Commercial bank quarters Friday night at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced today. President, vice-president, and five directors will be selected and installed.

H. J. Cox, president of the Chamber during the past year, said to be one of the most successful years in the history of the civic organization, today announced that he will accept renomination and election if it is the wish of the membership.

Cox recently has installed offices of the Lorane Lumber Company, of which he is president, in the Chamber of Commerce quarters, and is thus able to maintain open offices of the Chamber. No other names have been mentioned for the Chamber presidency.

F. B. Hamlin is vice-president, and Walter Gossler holds the appointive office of secretary. It is likely that if Cox is reelected, he will again name Gossler to fill the secretary's position.

The election was to have been conducted last Friday night, but the meeting was postponed. The Chamber elects and installs officers the last meeting night of each year.

Among activities in which the Chamber was prominent during the year was the successful campaign for the Springfield Bridge bond issue.

SCHOOL RESUMES NEXT WEEK AFTER VACATION

Public schools of the city will be some work next Monday following a vacation of a week and a half. Three weeks remain in this semester, the last of which will be spent in examinations and closing the half-year's work.

The public school board will conduct its regular meeting at the city hall on Monday night. Several matters of interest are to be discussed, according to V. D. Bain, superintendent.

During vacation Judgment was given on the essays submitted in the Christmas essay contest for inter-class rivalry. Margaret Swarts was awarded first prize, winning for the sophomore class five points in the American Legion cup competition.

Hannah Shidler, senior, was awarded second place and Audrey Shultz, freshman, won third.

12 YOUTHS APPEAR IN COURT TODAY; LECTURED

Accused of trespassing on property rented by Forest Fritts, 12 Springfield youths underwent a severe lecture in Justice R. W. Smith's court today and were dismissed after signing promises to the effect that they would keep off Fritt's property henceforth.

The 12 lads were halled into court when Fritts charged them with going onto his rented property east of Springfield and riding valuable horses without permission. He said that all efforts to keep the boys off heretofore had been futile. Justice Smith told the boys of the evil of their ways, and demanded reform. He said that on notice of further offense he would find it necessary to turn the matter over to the juvenile court.

POSTAL RECEIPTS JUMP TO RECORD FOR YEARS

Postal receipts for the year mounted to \$8315.28 at Christmas time, according to figures compiled unofficially by Postmaster F. B. Hamlin. A survey of the entire year by months and quarters is being made by Postmaster Hamlin, and shows that 1926 has outclassed 1925 throughout its length in the barometer of business.

December receipts which have another day to run, promise to be the largest in the postoffice's history. They are now well over \$700. The Christmas mailing was the heaviest on record here.

Visit from Thurston—Charles Taylor and George Platt were visitors from Thurston yesterday.