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EDUCATION VALUES WILL BE TESTED

Standard Tests Are To Be Applied To Springfield High School Students Under Authorization of Board; Bain Seeking Master's Degree.

Application of standard tests to Springfield High School students is an endeavor to learn the efficiency of the educating system here was authorized by the Springfield board of education at its Monday night session. The board granted an appropriation to V. D. Bain, city superintendent, to carry on the tests, and part of the financing will be handled by Mr. Bain, who will use the results in preparing a thesis for his master's degree at the University of Oregon.

Mr. Bain explained that the benefits from the plan will be more noted two or three years later. Through the tests the weak spots in the education system can be detected and means employed for their reform. It was pointed out. The testing plan will be applied to high school students only and may continue over a period of several years.

Miss Stevens Ill

The matter of the illness of Miss Hazel Stevens, teacher in the Brattain school, was discussed at length. Miss Stevens has been absent from her classes for more than 30 days and under the law the place may be declared vacant. The board authorized the superintendent to notify Miss Stevens that if she is not able to return by Friday, a regular teacher must be employed to take her place.

Miss Crystal Bryan, who was hired for four months and a half to take care of the overflow grades, was given a full-time contract for the remainder of the year with pay at \$110 a month. Regular meeting night of the board was set at the first Monday of each month at the clerk's office on Fourth street at 7:30 o'clock. Bills amounting to \$178.06 were passed by the board.

Reports of the recent robbery of the high school and Lincoln school buildings were heard.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS PLANNED BY METHODISTS

Evangelistic meetings will be conducted at the Methodist Episcopal church for two weeks, beginning March 31, and ending on Easter Sunday. Rev. Henderson, an evangelist from Ohio, will conduct the services.

The Methodist Brotherhood met Monday night of this week. The chief feature of the program was a talk on the radio, given by Prof. H. G. Tanner of the department of chemistry of the University of Oregon. Technical details of the radio were explained by the University professor.

Three new members were taken in by the Methodists at the meeting.

G. A. R. LADIES NAME OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Ladies of the G. A. R. in meeting last Friday named the following officers for the year: President, Mrs. C. F. Eggmann; senior vice president, Mrs. Bert Doane; Junior vice, Mr. Ada McPherson; Mrs. Walter Laxton, treasurer; chaplain, Mrs. Mary Platt; secretary, Mrs. Mary McGill; patriotic instructor, Mrs. Nettie Metcalf; conductor, Mrs. Mamie Richmond, musician, Pearl Metcalf. Present at the meeting were five G. A. R. veterans and several members of the Eugene auxiliary. The Civil War veterans present were T. N. Plank of Eugene, H. G. Townsend of Eugene, Daniel O'Connell of Springfield, Zach Kintzley of Springfield, and C. M. Dolety, of San Diego, California.

Dog Licenses Selling

Over 30 dog licenses have been sold and city officials estimate that about 25 per cent of the canine population of the city now carries bright tags. It is expected that 50 tags will be sold during the next few weeks, and the remainder of the city's pups will go as outlaws through the year.

Sneed Establishing Store

A. R. Sneed is establishing a feed business in Springfield in the building formerly occupied by the Long and Cross plumbing shop, on Main between Fourth and Fifth. Mr. Sneed formerly operated a department store here.

Meaning—Presidency



Said Gov. Al Smith of New York at his fourth inauguration last week: "Now I have no idea what the future has in store for me. No man would stand before this intelligent gathering and say that he was not receptive to the greatest position the world has to offer to any one."

THIEVES INVADE TWO SCHOOL BUILDINGS TO GET BLANKETS, FOOD

Forced windows gave access to thieves who over the week-end invaded the high school and Lincoln school buildings and stole blankets from the rest rooms, food from the domestic science department, and what small change could be found.

At the high school, the domestic science department was ransacked from end to end by the hungry pilfers. Nothing edible was left. Blankets on a cot in the rest room were also missing when the janitor opened the building Monday morning.

Blankets were the only spoils obtained by the marauders at the Lincoln building.

Police Chief Jess Smitson has made an investigation and is endeavoring to trace the thieves.

LIONS PLAN TO VISIT KLAMATH FALLS CLUB

Final listing of Lions club members who will make the trip to Klamath Falls by Southern Pacific excursion train January 25 will be made at the club's meeting tomorrow at Woodman hall, according to President J. F. Ketels. Lions clubs of this district are attempting to send at least 75 to the meeting, thus assuring the special excursion train over the Natron cutoff. The train is open to the general public.

The excursion will leave Eugene at 12 o'clock on January 25, and will take on passengers at Springfield at 12:15. It will arrive at Klamath Falls at 7 P. M. that night, just in time for the charter night ceremonies of the Klamath Falls club. The visitors will return to the train after the program and retire. The train will start back at 4 o'clock in the morning, arriving in Springfield about 10 on January 26.

MRS. L. RANDALL OF FALL CREEK IS DEAD

Death came Sunday evening to one of Oregon's pioneers, Mrs. L. Randall of Fall Creek. She was aged 60 years and had been a resident of Oregon since 1889.

Funeral services were held yesterday at Fall Creek in charge of W. F. Walker of Springfield, with Rev. Fred Hornshuh officiating.

Mrs. Randall was born at Gidden, Iowa. She is survived by the following children: Clark of Fall Creek, Mrs. Mima Barney of Winberry, Mrs. Edith Smith of Cottage Grove, Frank and Ray of Fall Creek. Other relatives include her mother, Mrs. J. Higgins of Eugene, Mrs. Robert Bland of Redmond, Mrs. Fred Butcher of Los Angeles, sisters, and W. F. Gibson and George Gibson of Fall Creek and C. E. Gibson of Eugene, brothers.

P. T. A. Postpones

The meeting of the Parent-Teachers association, to have been conducted tomorrow, has been postponed to Friday, January 28, because of examinations being conducted at the Lincoln school.

Has influenza—Harry Sharman of Springfield is confined to his bed with influenza.

Move to C street—J. A. McCormick and family are moving to 246 C street.

Local Woman Has Lived For Century

Mrs. Elizabeth Lyons Celebrates 100th Birthday Among Relatives.

A living link between that time when the railroad was hardly more than a dream, when much that is modern was not even thought of, and the rushing days of the present, Mrs. Elizabeth Lyons of Springfield on Tuesday celebrated her 100th birthday.

Memories of a large portion of her century of life remain with Mrs. Lyons. When on Tuesday there came to her scores of telegrams, letters and notes of congratulations, transmitted from all parts of the country by modern means of communication, she talked much of the changes in transportation that have made the world a much smaller place within the time of her memory.

It was in 1827 that Mrs. Lyons was born in Ohio. At the party held in her honor Tuesday, it was necessary that two cakes, one labeled 1827 and another 1927, be made to hold the 100 candles. A birthday dinner was held at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Grace May, with a complete family circle of her living grandchildren and great grandchildren present. She has outlived all of her children.

After living in Ohio for several years, Mrs. Lyons moved to Indiana where she was married. Her husband died in 1873. In 1894 she moved to Oregon, living for a time at Springfield and then moving to Drain. She moved back to Springfield six years ago.

The following grandchildren were present Tuesday: Mrs. Mary Beckley of Elkton, Max Lyons of Portland, Miss Dame Lyons of Reedsport, Harold Lyons of Eugene, Marshall Lyons of Eugene, Mrs. Mary Chapman of Reedsport, Mrs. Rose MacDonald of Forest Grove, Mrs. Junia Beals of Corvallis, Mrs. Lois Stroda of Junction City and Mrs. Grace May of Springfield.

Great-grandchildren present were James Dimmick Lyons of Portland, Junia and Eugene May of Springfield; Annetta, Barbara and June Stroda of Junction City; John and Norman MacDonald of Forest Grove; Myron, Grace, Kirkland, Joseph and Agnes Beals of Corvallis; Henry, Margaret, Elizabeth, Robert, Eleanor and Philip Beckley of Elkton.

AUTO AND WOOD TRUCK HIT ON MAIN STREET

A truckload of cordwood was deposited in the center of Main street, a new motor coach was badly wrecked and one person hurt in a collision between an automobile and truck at Seventh and Main streets at 4:30 o'clock yesterday.

Mrs. Marion Adams was driving the car, an Essex coach, which crashed into the rear of a wood truck owned by A. Annette. The truck was thrown sideways in the street, tipped dangerously, and the load of cordwood slid to the pavement. The front end of the coach was crushed, glass broken, and Mrs. Adams sustained injuries to her back.

Mrs. Adams was driving east on Main street and the truck was going south on Seventh.

R. W. SMITH INSTALLED N. G. OF ODD FELLOWS

R. W. Smith was installed noble grand of the Springfield Odd Fellows at ceremonies last night. Mr. Smith was elected to fill the vacancy left by W. G. Hughes, who was elected noble grand last week but on account of business was unable to take the post.

Other officers installed were: Ernest Walker, right supporter to N. G.; Zack Kintzley, left supporter to N. G.; F. H. Walker, warden and Carl Girard, treasurer.

Guard Names Officers

Ethmer Griffis has been promoted from corporal to sergeant in the Springfield National Guard troop. John Bench and Edgar Louk, first class privates, have been given the rank of corporal, according to Commanding Officer Swarts.

Missionary to Speak

Miss Minnie Argetsinger, a teacher in the Girls Union University at Chengtu, China, will speak at the Baptist church net Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited to hear her.

Charter Approval Urged By Mayor

The citizen's approval of the new charter is asked by Mayor G. G. Bushman in an open letter to the voters of Springfield. The mayor in his letter also explains the fire truck and sewer bond proposals. His letter follows:

TO THE VOTERS OF SPRINGFIELD:

I have had some enquiries about certain parts of the proposed new charter to be voted upon by the people on January 25th, and by way of explanation and for the information of the general public will say that the charter committee in getting up the new charter has followed in general the provisions of the old charter, eliminating certain parts that have become obsolete thru the 25 years of the existence of the old charter and adding some new provisions to conform with present state law. I have been asked about subdivision 25 of Section 15 of Chapter 7 which gives the council the power to regulate the keeping open on Sunday of Theatres and certain other business places. This Subdivision has been taken out of the old charter without change, word for word, and whatever powers are conferred by it are conferred by the old charter.

I have also been asked about the \$50,000.00 sewer bond issue provided by Section 12 of Chapter 11 of the proposed charter. I may say in this connection that the old charter provided for a \$20,000.00 sewer bond issue, which bonds have long since been issued, and also the old charter provided for a \$10,000.00 issue for lights and a \$15,000.00 issue for water works. Neither the lights nor water works bonds were issued and these have been eliminated from the proposed new charter, thus leaving out of the new charter \$25,000.00 in bonds that were authorized in the old. The only bonds provided for in the new charter are \$7000.00 Fire Truck which have so far been held up by a technicality, and the \$50,000.00 sewer issue. It was thought better to place provision for this sewer issue in the new charter so as to save delay and expense of another election at some time in the near future, and to give the council a chance to build sewers as demanded on the part of the public becomes sufficient to justify them. As has been the custom in the past, it is the policy of the council that the city pay for trunk line sewers only and the property owner for the lateral sewers, and it may not be necessary to issue the full amount authorized at all, as was the case with the Water and Light bonds in the old charter, but in case the demand for sewers is sufficient, the bonds would be authorized and available. Already there are petitions before the council for sewers to be provided South of the Mill race and also North of G street. The sewer system, at the present, is entirely inadequate, and is bound to come up in the future. The City Engineer has submitted plans for extensions of the sewer system as follows: The proposed plans are for trunk lines: Beginning about the West end of C street; thence North to D street; Thence East to Water street; thence North to F street; thence East one-half block on F street; thence along the alley North to K street; thence East to 10th street on K; thence South on 10th crossing Main and one Block South on Main, thence East to Industrial tract, the industrial tract will eventually have to be served.

In order to displace our present charter with a modern charter, yet following in general the same plan of city government as we have had, eliminating only old obsolete provisions and substituting in their place, up-to-date provisions, which will enable us to have a more efficient city government, I hope that the voters may see fit to vote for the proposed new charter. I feel that if the voters are fully informed on the new charter that they will vote for it. Anyone wishing any information as to the charter please apply at the City Hall and it will be freely given.

G. G. BUSHMAN, MAYOR.

What is New About New City Charter

No radical changes in city government are contained in the new charter to be voted on at the polls at a special election held next Tuesday, January 25. The principal changes found in the new charter are ones that made the document conform with modern state law, the legalizing of the \$7,000 fire truck bond issue and the proposal for a \$50,000 trunk sewer bond to be expended as emergencies for sewer exist.

Because of lack of knowledge of the old charter many of its provisions look like new ones to some citizens who in some cases have taken exceptions to provisions they have been living under for 32 years, not knowing it. Among those sections confused are the powers of the council in regard to Sunday closing, the method of foreclosing on street assessments, bonds provided for in the old charter but never issued. Neither the power of the council has been added to or taken from in regard to Sunday closing of stores and theatres nor the foreclosing on street assessments. The sections in the new charter are in the same words as the old. They will remain in full force and effect even if the new charter is voted down.

The new charter provides for the initiative, recall and referendum which citizens may exercise to make new laws or repeal ones the council have passed or recall councilmen. In fact the people exercise a great deal more authority now than when the old charter was made.

The new charter is like the old in the first chapter entirely. In the second chapter the terms of office of city officials is changed to conform with state law. Chapter three and four remain unchanged while chapter five is changed in regards to the qualifications of an elector and the date of election is made to conform with general state elections. Chapter six remains unchanged.

In chapter seven the amount of indebtedness the city council can incur is fixed at \$2,500 and providing for initiative, recall and referendum. All other provisions in this chapter are essentially the same as before.

Chapter eight is changed throughout to make it conform with the modern method of financing and collection of taxes. Chapter nine is changed in the assessing improvement of property using the provisions similar to other cities, and providing procedure for marshal sales of delinquent property. Sections 7, 10, 16, 19 and 27 of this chapter should be read thoroughly by the voter to understand fully the method laid down.

Chapter X is like the old charter but chapter eleven is changed to provide for the \$50,000 sewer bonds discussed above. Chapter twelve is changed to provide protection to the city in the

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RICHES MADE ON DRILL APPLIANCE

K. R. Andre Sells Patent on Invention to Los Angeles Firm And Is Also Given Good Position in Their Factory in California.

Spare moments turned into perfection of an oil drill appliance conceived in his own mind back in 1926 have brought prosperity to K. R. Andre, of Springfield, who has just sold his patent on the invention to the Rotary Disc Bit Company of Los Angeles and has accepted a position with that company at its plant in the southern California city.

Mr. Andre's invention is a lock for a rotary bit on the oil drill, and constitutes a long-needed improvement to this type of oil drilling machinery, it is said. The Springfield man has worked in oil fields in Southern California and elsewhere for years, and his invention soon came to the attention of the California company.

In 1923 Mr. Andre succeeded in procuring a patent for his invention. For three months he has been unable to work on account of illness. Word came recently, however, from the Rotary Disc Bit Company seeking to purchase the patent on his bit lock, and two weeks ago he went to Los Angeles to confer with officials of the company. He returned this week with a tidy sum received for the purchase of the patent, and a position with the company.

Mr. Andre has been living with his family on Second street near the bridge. He has left for Los Angeles, motoring down.

NATIVE OREGONIAN HAS SIXTY-NINTH BIRTHDAY

The romantic history of the Oregon country was recalled Sunday when James Henry Brumette, native Oregonian and one-time Indian interpreter, celebrated his sixty-ninth birthday at his residence here. Mr. Brumette was born at Oakland, lived many years at Jasper, and moved to Springfield 20 years ago. Joining with him in the celebration was his wife, relatives and friends.

Two daughters, Mrs. Sadie Minton and Mrs. Bell Makin of Portland furnished a huge cake that formed an attractive decoration in the center of the table. Sixty-nine pink candles ornamented the top of the cake.

Among other relatives present were Mrs. Owen Thompson and children, Erma, Ruby, Ralph, Hazel, Darrell of Santa Clara; Mr. and Mrs. C. Walsh and children, Virgil and Opal of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eaton and children, Orval and Edith of Springfield. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. John Ketels Sr., Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Nielsen, of Springfield, and Mrs. Fred Krews of Yoncalla.

SCOUT TROOPS ARE NOW LANE COUNTY, 11 AND 12

Change of the name of Springfield boy scout troops from Springfield Troops 1 and 2 to Lane County Troops 11 and 12, respectively, was announced today by county scout officials. The troops will be listed under the new numbers hence forth.

Troop 11, the Lions club troop, will meet on Tuesday nights from now on, with headquarters at the Christ's church gymnasium. The new program will start January 25. Meeting time is 7:30 o'clock.

With Walter Gessler in charge, both troops went on a swim at the University men's gymnasium tank Monday.

GIRL SCOUTS NAME OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Girl Scouts of Troop 1 met this week and elected the following officers; Rhododendron patrol, Adaline Perkins, leader; Elma Landsbury, corporal. Hiawatha patrol, Barbara Adams, leader; Jean Scott, corporal. Those passing the tenderfoot tests are Elma Landsbury and Clara Johns. The Scouts will meet again this Saturday.

Examination Week

Examinations are under way at the Springfield high school today. The first semester of the school year is being completed this week, and announcement of honor rolls is being watched for with interest by the high school students.