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PUBLIC FORUM TO BE HELD FRIDAY

Volunteer Fire Company To Be Organized and Community Problems Discussed at Meet Sponsored by American Legion, Commander Announces.

Organization of a volunteer fire company for Springfield and an open and public discussion on any subject of community interest will take place at an open forum to be conducted Friday night at the Woodmen of the World Hall under the auspices of the local post of the American Legion. The forum will open at 8 o'clock, according to Commander John Willis of the Legion, who urges that all Springfield people interested in community progress attend.

While the American Legion is sponsoring the organization of the new fire company of 12 men, the membership in the company is not in any way exclusive to Legionnaires, declared Mr. Willis. It is the wish of the veterans' organization, he said, that the men most fitted for the fire-fighting job be made members of the company, and the organization of an efficient and able department is a matter of vital interest to every Springfield property holder.

A wage of \$1 for every call answered and \$2 for every time a fire is fought is to be paid to the volunteer firemen. A working company of 14 men is to be provided, to them, including Chief Jess Smitson, to be regularly paid, and the remainder volunteers. The organization is authorized in action of the council taken at this week's session.

Any other subject of community interest may be discussed at the Legion's public forum, said Mr. Willis, with politics and religion barred. The Legion, he said, is anxious to sponsor public meetings at which community problems may be discussed and benefits achieved.

DOGS, BOAT AND MOTOR BRING LOCAL MAN HOME

Varied methods of travel seldom encountered in these days were employed by Jess Larson of Springfield, on his return to this city from the Yukon country of Alaska. Mr. Larson, son of George Larson, arrived at his residence here Tuesday night.

In getting out of the Yukon country, Mr. Larson used dog teams to reach White Horse and from there to Skagway, and went to Seattle by boat. From Seattle he came to Eugene by stage and to Springfield by bus. He was in the Yukon country for nine months.

Short Change Expert Here

Several Springfield business houses were visited Saturday by a short change expert, who, at two of the stores, was accompanied by an accomplice. The activities of the two achieved no results in Springfield, however. Their plan was to give a \$20 bill for a small article, and before receiving change to ask for a \$10 note. Then, after getting the change, the visitor protested that he had given only a \$1 bill instead of a \$20, and in passing back the change to exchange the transaction to a \$1 affair, offered the store's \$10 bill as a part of the returned change.

Civic Club Sale

The Ladies Civic Club will hold a cooked food sale in the I. O. O. F. building at Fourth and Main streets on Saturday, the proceeds to go to the public library. Members of the club ask that all patrons of the library donate to the sale, and state that any one having new books they may wish to donate to the library may do so conveniently at this time.

Dance Proves Success

Approximately \$85 was cleared by members of the Neighbors of Woodcraft lodge at the dance sponsored at the Midway pavilion this week, and so successful was the affair that the lodge will conduct another dance at the same place Saturday night and on succeeding week-ends. The dances will furnish funds for sending the local drill team to the national convention to be held at Riverside, California this year.

At Wednesday night's meeting of the lodge, two will be initiated. The quartet composed of members of the lodge will sing the new song composed by Mrs. Stella Blackaby, district manager.

Worked and Climbed



Seventeen years ago Lily M. Hansen obtained a position as stenographer at \$10 per week in the Kimbell Trust Co. of Chicago. Working by day, studying by night, her reward came last week when she was made vice-president.

ADDITIONS MADE TO MUNICIPAL FIRE HALL

Carpenters are working this week on an addition to the Springfield fire hall which will provide additional sleeping quarters for firemen. Two more beds will be installed in the fire department building when the addition is complete, according to plans made by Fire Chief Jess Smitson.

The building program is in accordance with a general plan for increasing the Springfield fire department to an efficient working organization. Of 14 men in the department, it is the plan to have two sleeping each night at the fire hall, thus insuring protection in case of emergency at night.

CHURCH CONFERENCE TO BE HELD HERE FRIDAY

Lane county workers of the Christian church will gather in Springfield for an all-day conference Friday, it was announced today by officials of the Springfield Christian church. The program for the conference is in charge of Rev. E. V. Stivers, pastor of the First Christian church of Eugene, and includes inspirational addresses, music, and discussion of problems.

The conference will open at 10 o'clock in the morning. Luncheon will be served by women of the local church at noon, and an afternoon session will be conducted. In the evening the visitors and members of the Springfield church will enjoy a banquet at the church.

JOHN ELMER ELLISON KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Funeral services are being held this afternoon at the Walker chapel for John Elmer Ellison, 42, almost a life resident of Springfield district, who was killed on Tuesday while working for the Snellstrom Brothers Lumber company at Vaughn, three miles from Noti.

Mr. Ellison was almost instantly killed when a chocker came loose from a log near the place he was working and struck a dead tree. The top fell out of the tree, striking Mr. Ellison and crushing his skull. Medical aid was rushed to him, but he died before help reached him.

The case was investigated by Coroner W. W. Branstetter. The body was brought to Springfield shortly after the accident and examined by Dr. W. C. Rebhan. Funeral arrangements were made by W. F. Walker, and Rev. Gabriel Sykes, pastor of the Methodist church here, has charge of the services. Interment is at Laurel Hill cemetery.

Mr. Ellison is the father of seven children, all of whom survive, as well as his widow, his father, Frank Ellison of West Springfield and his mother, Mrs. Alice Ellison and a brother, Earl, both of Portland.

Library Board Elects

Mrs. N. W. Emery was re-elected president of the Springfield Public library board at a meeting last night. Mrs. Fred Hinson was named vice-president and Mrs. L. K. Page secretary. Miss Mary Roberts was re-elected librarian, and Mrs. Lydia McGowan was named as a new member of the board.

Plans for new books for the library were made. Mrs. Page entertained the members at the Bell Theatre.

Auditors Report City Debt Is Less

City More Than \$34,000 Better Off Than In 1925 Books Show

The net indebtedness of the city of Springfield was reduced from \$142,411.42 to \$107,738.79 during 1926 according to the annual report of the auditors, Tyson & Horton, submitted to the council. The auditors report "This indicates a healthy condition, proving the efficient manner in which the affairs have been handled during the past year by city authorities."

The auditors report shows the city's assets over last year as \$12,853.65 including equipment and supplies \$2,376.87, fire department \$7,536.47 and real estate \$2,940.31. The report also shows a reduction of \$21,818.98 taking into consideration the above assets, or a total of the two amounting to \$34,672.63.

MRS LENA ELLIOTT DIES AT AGE OF 70

Mrs. Lena Leulla Elliott died at the age of 70 years and nine months at her Springfield residence Sunday. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Veatch chapel in Eugene, with Rev. E. V. Stivers of the Eugene Christian church in charge.

Survivors of Mrs. Elliott, who lived in the state for 25 years, are: her husband, L. W. Elliott; a son, L. E. Elliott, Springfield; daughters, Mrs. W. C. Grove and Mrs. M. L. Elliott of Eugene; stepchildren, Mrs. Beale Holland, Portland; Mrs. Phoebe Howe, Salt Lake; Harry W. Elliott, Eugene; and W. B. Elliott, Globe.

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK AT EBBERT M. E. CHURCH

Mrs. Springer, a returned missionary of Africa, will speak at the Ebbert Memorial Methodist church next Sunday evening. It was announced today. "Pioneering Missionary Work" is the topic of Mrs. Springer's talk, which will be given at 7:30 o'clock. Special music will be a feature of the church choir.

Alterations to the church auditorium, improving the acoustics, have just been completed. These including the partitioning off of the balconies with velvet curtains, an improvement carried out with the advice of the school of architecture of the University of Oregon.

POLE FLIER WILL BE HEARD BY LIONS CLUB

Lieut. Commander Richard E. Byrd, who became famous by a flight to the north pole on May 9, 1926, will be heard by members of the Springfield Lions Club at a Lions luncheon in Eugene Friday. The Springfield club will attend the Eugene meeting instead of holding the regular weekly luncheon here.

Lions of Junction City, Cottage Grove also will hear Commander Byrd, who is a member of the luncheon organization.

Mrs. Fisher Honored

Mrs. Carl Fisher was honored at a delightful surprise party at her Eugene home on Wednesday, the occasion of her birthday. Several Springfield ladies were present.

Mrs. Fisher was taken down town by her daughter, while the visitors went into her home and prepared dinner. Those present when she returned were:

Mrs. Harry Stewart, Mrs. Frank Hamlin, Mrs. Alec McKenzie, Mrs. W. H. Pollard, Mrs. Ethel Miller, Mrs. Jean Ward, Mrs. Cogswell Campbell, Mrs. J. Ely.

Chrysanthemum Club Meeting

The Chrysanthemum club was entertained by Mrs. W. J. Scott yesterday at an enjoyable luncheon at the Anchorage.

Among guests were Mrs. Mary Lindsay, Mrs. C. O. Wilson, Mrs. J. F. Ketels, Mrs. William Riddell, Mrs. George Hobson, Mrs. Grace Roberts, Mrs. N. W. Emery, Mrs. Meda Catching and Mrs. S. C. Wright.

Nine of the club members were present.

Auxiliary To Meet

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet Friday night at the residence of Mrs. M. B. Huntly, president of the organization. Mrs. Huntly has urged that all members be present.

17 Eighth Graders Graduate in City

New Freshman Class Formed At Senior High School By Neophytes

Seventeen eighth grade pupils of the Springfield Junior High school received senior high school rank by successfully passing state examinations conducted in January, it was announced this week by Otto Burchum, principal of the junior school.

The 17 will form a new class at the high school, along with new students coming in for the second semester.

The list of eighth grade graduates includes several with exceedingly high marks and the average is very good, Mr. Burchum said.

The new high school freshmen are: Alvin Cantrell, Harry Wilson, Read Hemenway, Theodore Lajoie, Clifford Murphy, Peyton Oederkirk, Jessie Beals, Evetta Brockman, Bernice Klein, May Fisher, Nellie Hickman, Bessie Stewart, Edna Shidler, Hattie Trinka, Maxine Wheeler, Carl Wagner and Clara Johns.

Geography examinations given out by the state were successfully passed by 15 members of the seventh grade. The list follows:

Jupe Clover, William Huestealte, Carl Adams, Ray Armitage, Merle Carr, Franklin Drury, Lane Fisher, Earl McFarland, George Smith, Alma Baker, Rosie Hrynchuk, Laura Hunter, Velma Moskop, Alleen Rue and Daisy Tomseth.

State examinations will be given again May 12 and 13, and again in June.

ST. MARY'S HIGH IS WINNER OVER LOCALS

Although the Springfield High school basketball team showed considerable improvement over recent demonstrations, they were unable to capture a victory from the St. Mary's high school team of Eugene last night. When the whistle sounded Springfield had chalked up 22 markers, while the Catholic players cleaned 30.

Pollard and Squires showed basket-shooting improvement and each marked up nine points for Springfield. Nico was responsible for the other four.

JANUARY POSTOFFICE FIGURES HAVE GAIN

Nineteen twenty-seven postal receipts took a good stride in advance of 1926 during the first month. January figures released by Postmaster F. B. Hamlin show a gain of 6 1/2 per cent is reported in comparison with figures for the corresponding month of last year.

Postal receipts for the last month were \$770.73, those for January, 1926, \$721.82.

Pole Removal Delayed

Removal of telephone and power line poles from Main street, as planned by the Mountain States Power Company and city officials, is being delayed by right-of-way matters through certain alleys, it was learned this week. Cleaning up of the questions regarding use of the property for the lines will probably result in early carrying out of the project to improve the appearance of Main street.

Five Hundred Club Meets

The Five Hundred club enjoyed a delightful evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adrian last Friday evening.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Leland Ewbank, guests. Members who enjoyed the evening of cards were Mr. and Mrs. Adrian, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. DePue, Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Dippel, Mr. and Mrs. William Dawson, Mrs. Maude Bryan, Miss Crystal Bryan, Fred Clingan, Welby Stevens, Ike Larimer, Mrs. Grace Roberts.

Gone to Portland

A. J. Perkins and Welby Stevens left yesterday for a few days in Portland on business. While away they expect to visit Wm. Blaikie, manager of the Brownsville Woolen Mills, and inspect the plant at Brownsville. Mr. Blaikie will hold a similar capacity in the mill proposed for Springfield.

Improving Second Street

Improvement of Second street has been under way this week, with results pleasing to motorists and bus-riders. The street has been scraped from Main street to the bridge.

Took "Ma's" Place



The youngest governor Texas ever had now sits in the seat which Ma Ferguson has held for two years. The youthful Dan Moody took office January 18.

\$9000 BONDS ORDERED SOLD BY CITY COUNCIL

The sale of \$9,050.56 of city of Springfield improvement bonds to take care of sidewalk and streets built under the Bancroft act this last summer, were authorized by the council at the Monday night's meeting. The bonds cover the cement sidewalks, laid, the paving of the alley between Main and A. street in the business section and the improvement of A. Street between 9th and 10th streets.

The council discussed the failure of the charter to pass but agreed to wait until the next meeting to decide whether the charter would be re-submitted to the people in altered form or the money for the fire truck be raised in some other manner.

LEBANON GAME IS NEXT; JUNIORS WIN HILL GAME

Springfield High school's basketball team will continue its schedule Friday when the Lebanon High school team will be played. Lebanon is understood to have a fairly strong aggregation, and a hard tussle is predicted for the local quintet. The next game will be with the University High school, Eugene, February 15.

Victory was brought to Springfield by the Junior High school basketball team Friday night when it whipped the Pleasant Hill eighth and ninth grade teams in a hard battle, 10 to 6. Two overtime periods were required to finish the game, which was played at Pleasant Hill. A tie of 6 all remained unbroken for well over 10 minutes.

Members of the Springfield Junior high team are McFarland, center; Lansberry and Mattison, forwards; Laselle and Nystrom, guards.

SOLDIERS MAY BORROW ON CERTIFICATES

Announcement that the Commercial State Bank can now make loans on veterans war compensation certificates was made today by C. E. Kenyon, cashier of the local bank.

Loans will be made according to the loan value on the certificates, approximately 8 1/2 per cent of the total value. An arrangement is made by the local bank whereby loans are made on a year's basis at 6 per cent interest, and at the end of the year the bank either will take up the loan, or will take up the year's increase of 33.3 per cent, taking out the interest and remitting the balance to the holder of the certificate.

Loans will be made on certificates dated January 1, 1925, or earlier. The announcement by the local bank is greeted with interest by veterans of the World War, as, due to the red tape involved, few institutions heretofore have been willing to handle loans on the certificates.

Dentists Meet Soon

Dr. S. R. Dippel, of Springfield, president of the Southern Willamette Dental Association, announced today that his organization will conduct its monthly meeting at the Osburn hotel on February 19. Springfield dentists will attend.

Priscilla Meeting

The Priscilla club met last Friday at the residence of Mrs. J. C. Parker and enjoyed a delightful and busy afternoon. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

WOOLEN MILL PLAN GIVE ENDOSEMENT

Large Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Approves Stock Sale and Agreement of Springfield to Furnish \$100,000 and Site Provided Promoters Bring in \$650,000.

Springfield's part in locating the Oregon-California Woolen Mills and Tannery on the industrial tract was started at an enthusiastic meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last Friday evening when an agreement was voted providing that the promoters of the enterprise were to bring \$650,000 in stock signed up and local men would subscribe \$100,000 to the stock and give a free site. The meeting was the best attended in months and there seemed to be no doubt but that Springfield could carry through her end of the contract if the promoters could do what they say they can.

Those representing eastern Oregon sheepmen and backers of the woolen mills, who appeared here, included D. S. Shiel, Klamath Falls, Wm. Blaikie, Brownsville, C. N. Coseboom, Klamath Falls, and Glen Ford, Portland. A wire of regret for failure to be present was received from D. H. Bunnell, county judge of Klamath county, who is acting treasurer of the temporary organization. Judge Bunnell wired he had been called to San Francisco on urgent business.

The delegation came from Klamath Falls Thursday evening and were met at a dinner at the Osburn hotel in Eugene, by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce committee including Welby Stevens, W. G. Hughes, C. E. Kenyon, H. J. Cox, E. E. Morrison, G. G. Bushman, A. J. Perkins and H. E. Maxey. Friday morning the site was inspected and a location picked out for the new mill south of the railroad tracks and on the Booth-Kelly mill race just east of the log pond.

After the meeting Friday evening when the endorsement of the Chamber of Commerce was secured President Cox appointed four committees to circulate the subscription lists. These committees consist of A. J. Perkins, Welby Stevens and E. E. Morrison; L. K. Page, S. C. Wright and G. G. Bushman; W. M. Long, Charles Eggmann and George Perkins; Jess Seavey, Mark Perry and Harry Stewart.

The proposed new mill will have large floor space. Ten acres of ground will be included in the site. The first unit of building will require 600 foot frontage on the railroad and will be 350 feet in depth. One story English type construction with saw-tooth roof to provide light is the plan of Architect Coseboom.

The most modern machinery, much of which will be automatic, will be installed and the best known arrangement will be employed in the layout of the plant, according to Mr. Blaikie, the man elected as the manager of the new plant. Mr. Blaikie is the present superintendent of the Brownsville Woolen Mills.

YEARLY CIRCULATION OF LIBRARY 12,444

The total circulation of the Springfield public library during 1926 was 12,444, and two-thirds of the books lent to adults were fiction, according to the library report compiled by the board. Only 5 per cent of children's books were fiction, the report shows.

The annual meeting of the library board will be held at the regular February session.

The average daily circulation of the library is 101. During the year, 263 new borrowers were added.

School Board To Meet

The Springfield board of education will conduct its February meeting on Monday night at the office of the Clerk, R. W. Smith on Fourth street.

Among matters to be considered will be the granting of a contract to teach to Mrs. Paul Basford, who has been substituting for Miss Hazel Stevens, whose contract was forfeited on account of her illness. Several other business matters are to be considered at Monday's meeting.

Plan Evangelistic Meeting

Evangelistic meetings will be conducted at the Christian church here for three weeks in March, it was announced today by church officials. An evangelist in the West from Kansas will have charge of the services.