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BOARD CONSIDERS UNION HIGH PLAN

Combining of Several School Districts Which Send High School Students Here Talked As Possibility, With Further Consideration Promised.

Establishment of a union high school district to include the Springfield and immediately surrounding school districts was discussed as a definite possibility at a meeting of the Springfield school board Monday night. A complicated situation grows out of attendance of students from districts at the Springfield high school would be cleared up by establishment of the proposed union district, members of the school board believe.

While the matter got no further than discussion Monday night, the board decided to definitely consider the plan, and further discussion is expected at forthcoming sessions. If it is decided to attempt the combination of the districts, members of the various school boards probably will be called into consultation with the Springfield board, and the whole matter will be put up to the people of the districts.

Several Districts Near
Half a dozen surrounding districts could be conveniently combined with Springfield in the union high school division, and under such a plan the entire Springfield high school building could be turned over to high school work. Among districts now sending students to the local high school are Glenwood, Maple, Hayden Bridge and Chase Gardens.

Economy of carrying out such a plan was discussed at length at Monday's session. It was pointed out that at present the tuition paid by the county for out-of-district pupils is not sufficient to compensate the district for the accommodations and service it gives these students. Figures submitted showed that the per capita cost of operating the high school is approximately \$10, but it was pointed out that the charging of that amount for tuition would be met with disfavor by parents of the students attending. With a union district established, sufficient money would come directly in the usual manner for the operation of the school, and the Springfield high school as a whole could be improved, it is believed.

Spring Vacation Certain
Springfield school children are promised a Spring vacation this year. The board, upon request of several teachers, voted to set aside March 24 and 25 as Spring vacation, thus postponing the dismissal of school for the year to June 2 instead of May 27.

Mrs. Paul Basford was given a contract to teach in the Brattian school. Mrs. Basford has been substituting for Miss Hazel Stevens, who gave up her position on account of health.

Needlecraft Meeting

Valentines furnished the motif for decorations at the home of Mrs. Harry Stewart when the Needlecraft club met there late last week. The afternoon was spent in making valentines, with Mrs. C. E. Fisher winning credit for making the most original and Mrs. Larson Wright the prettiest.

Members present were Mrs. W. J. Scott, Mrs. R. P. Mortensen, Mrs. D. W. Crites, Mrs. Carl Olson, Mrs. Flanery, Mrs. G. W. Hobson, Mrs. William Dawson, Mrs. W. H. Pollard, Mrs. E. E. May, Mrs. Larson Wright, Mrs. J. F. Ketels, Mrs. W. F. Walker, Mrs. Carl Phetteplace, Mrs. O. H. Jarrett, Mrs. S. R. Dippel, Mrs. Floyd Westerfield and Mrs. Stewart.

Among guests were Mrs. C. E. Fisher, Mrs. A. T. McKenzie, Mrs. Julius Fulop, Mrs. Mary Lindsay, Mrs. Fred Fisher and Mrs. B. A. Washburne.

CLINGAN TO FARM AT KLAMATH FALLS

Fred Clingan will leave some time this month for Klamath Falls, where he has acquired a large farm on which he plans to raise potatoes and alfalfa. Mr. Clingan will put in 80 acres of alfalfa, and 60 acres of potatoes, it is expected. Mr. Clingan has been a resident of Springfield for many years, and has been connected with the Farmers Union store here.

Kill Kare To Meet

The Kill Kare club will meet at the residence of Mrs. C. E. Wheaton today, with Mrs. W. H. Adrian acting as hostess. Cards will furnish the diversion.

PETTY CRIME WAVE IS ABROAD IN SPRINGFIELD

Several cases of thievery or house-breaking were reported to Springfield police headquarters during the last week-end by irate citizens.

Among the complainants was V. D. Bain, superintendent of the Springfield high school, who finds himself with one less suit of clothes as a result of a visit paid his residence by an unidentified man February 5. The burglar entered the house through the rear door while the Bains were out of the city, made away with the garments, but took nothing else of value.

F. H. Chase reported to police that a cross cut saw and brace were stolen from his gravel plant Saturday.

Chicken thievery is continuing here. Ira Young told Police Chief Smitson that 15 Rhode Island red chickens were stolen from his poultry yard late last week. The case is the second to be reported recently.

SPRINGFIELD CAR IS FOUND IN CALIFORNIA

Authorities at San Luis Obispo, California, telegraphed Police Chief Jess Smitson this week that they have located an automobile stolen here from M. W. Edmiston. An insurance company is returning the machine to its Springfield owner.

The car was stolen from Mr. Edmiston from A street two weeks ago Saturday. The condition of the machine after its hurried trip south was not reported here.

DR. JAYNES IS BACK AFTER TRIP TO L. A.

Optimistic over the possibilities of developing a glove factory here following the establishment of a tannery this spring on the industrial site. Dr. S. R. Jaynes is back this week from Los Angeles where he interviewed business men with regard to the industrial development here.

Dr. Jaynes is now ready to take up the details of the tannery establishment, and will open the business in the spring. The new tannery is one of the first industries to go in on the free industrial tract here.

H. M. PEERY IS BACK AFTER EUROPE TRIP

H. M. Peery is back after a trip to Europe during which he visited in Vienna and Rome and spent some time in medical study. Dr. and Mrs. Peery are staying at the home of his father, M. M. Peery of Springfield, and will remain here for a month before resuming his practice at Marshfield.

The Peerys made the trip by way of Portland and the Panama canal, and were for two days in the Cuban hurricane.

During their absence, M. M. Peery traded in their old car for a new Buick and has been breaking the new auto in for his son.

LIONS LADIES NIGHT TO BE HELD FEB. 24

Ladies night, annual affair of the Springfield Lions club, will be held on the night of February 24. Many interesting features are being planned by the clubmen for the entertainment of their fair visitors on the night of the event.

Tomorrow's meeting, according to President J. F. Ketels, will be spent in making plans for the event.

Woodcraft Meeting

Two were initiated into the Neighbors of Woodcraft lodge and six were elected to membership when the lodge met last night. The two initiated were Mrs. Nellie Tibbetts and Mrs. Sadie Baldwin.

Following the initiation, supper was served. A minstrel number was given by the Woodcraft quartet.

The guard team, which is holding a series of dances to raise funds for attendance at the national convention at Riverside, California, announced a carnival dance to be held at Midway hall Saturday night.

Druggist On Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Flanery and children, Dorothy and Richard, and Miss Erna Weber, left this week on a two-weeks motor trip to California. No definite destination was planned by the local druggist, although he expected to reach Los Angeles before beginning the return trip to Springfield. M. M. Peery is substituting in the drug store during the absence of Mr. Flanery.

Family Has Grippe—The George Davenport family of West Springfield is reported to be down with a siege of la grippe.

12 VOLUNTEERS ON NEW FIRE COMPANY

Re-organization of Department Gives Springfield Best Protection of Its History; Company To Drill Twice Each Month.

Springfield now has the best fire protection of its history with the establishment of a volunteer fire-fighting organization this week under the direction of Fire Chief Jess Smitson.

As a result of a forum meeting called last week by the American Legion, twelve men have signed up as volunteer firemen and will serve on call with pay for actual service to the department.

The new firemen are William Vasby, J. H. Hill, Charles Scott, Tom Sharman, Paul Scafe, D. C. Taylor, M. Allen, Frank Bennett, Eugene Walker, Delbert McBe, Cecil Mulligan, and Ralph Sweeney. In addition to these, A. S. Currie serves as assistant to the fire chief.

Chief Smitson is getting his improved department into working order, and has plans for two drill nights a month. Absence from two drills automatically dismisses a fireman from the company. Four men are to sleep in the remodeled quarters above the city hall, thus providing a night patrol for emergency calls. Sounding of the whistle will be the signal for all volunteer firemen to rally.

An additional room has been added to the city hall second story, and two beds installed there. A sliding bar has been installed which will carry the firemen from the upper story to the engine room in the space of a few seconds.

Considerable satisfaction has been expressed about town over the re-amping of the fire department, and a decrease in local insurance rates is a hoped-for result. The plan was recommended to Chief Smitson by a representative of the Portland insurance rating house. The department is in possession of an efficient new engine, purchased last summer, and water conditions are said to be ideal for fire-fighting purposes.

PATRIOTIC PROGRAM TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 22

Elementary schools of Springfield will give a patriotic program on the morning of February 22, beginning at 9 o'clock, to which the public is invited. A general assembly will be held at the Brattian school, and each room will have its particular part in the program. Memories of both Washington and Lincoln will be honored.

This week history and language work has been largely devoted to the life and work of Lincoln, whose birthday anniversary is Feb. 12, Saturday.

On Monday, Valentine's day, valentine boxes will be opened in each of the rooms and informal programs given.

PUPILS TO ATTEND LEGISLATURE SESSION

As a reward for their efforts four students of the Junior high school will be taken to Salem tomorrow to attend the day's session of the legislature. Principal J. O. Burcham made the offer some time ago to reward the pupils with the best records.

Wednesday the winners were announced. They were Dorothy Fisher and Leona Fay Parsons, first division, and Harold Geiger and Barbara Adams, second division, of the Junior high school. Lloyd Mattison and Courtney Laselle also are expected to make the trip.

Troop 12 Swims

Walter Gossler and Kenneth Dillard had charge of the swim for troop 12, Springfield Boy Scouts, Tuesday night. The swim was held in the men's gymnasium at the University of Oregon, and the trip was made by the local youths in Bosserman's truck.

Rebekahs Plan Social

A "red and white party" will be held by the Rebekah lodge at the I. O. O. F. hall Monday night. All members will wear either red or white or both to the affair. The committee in charge promises a good time.

Banks to Close

Springfield banks will be closed Saturday in observance of Lincoln's birthday, it was announced today. The banks also will be closed on February 22, Washington's birthday, it is expected.

Former Presidents Wives Exploring Go



The spirit of adventure has called to two wives of former presidents and both are sailing the seas to meet in South America—there to trip together. On the left Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, widow of "Teddy" and, right, Mrs. T. J. Preston, widow of Grover Cleveland.

BRIDGE SITE BEING SURVEYED BY STATE

Surveys of the approach and site of the new Springfield highway bridge, to be built early in the spring, are being made this week by a crew of men working under the state engineer. Lines have been run from the foot of Main street, from which the approach to the bridge is to be built to the span itself.

The crew has been working on both sides of the river, and may be here for several days. Although the work has been progressing, E. E. Morrison, head of the Springfield bridge committee handling the right-of-way plan for the new span, has not been informed as yet of the exact location of the right-of-way.

Construction of the new bridge is certain to start early in the spring. Local interests have been informed.

SCOUT FINANCE PLAN TO BE MEETING TOPIC

Scouting officials of Springfield and others interested will meet tomorrow night to outline plans for raising Springfield's \$300 quota of the Lane County Boy Scout Council's financial budget, it was announced today.

The 1927 county council budget proposes expenditure of \$5,730, an increase of 10 per cent over the \$5,200 appropriated last year. The largest item in this schedule is for administration, to \$1,320.

Growth of Scouting in Lane county is shown in the council's annual report. It shows that there are 152 Scouts pledged to advanced scouting in Springfield, Eugene, Junction City, Mapleton and Oakridge. The number of troops increased from six in 1925 to 14 in 1926. In the 1927 achievement roundup 110 new members were pledged.

NEW BAKERY GOES IN OLD BANK BUILDING

Virgil Moon will establish a new bakery in the old First National bank building at Second and Main streets, it was announced this week. Date of opening the new concern has not been definitely decided yet.

Mr. Moon is an experienced baker, and has been employed for some time by a Eugene baking concern. Previous to that, he operated a bakery here in connection with the Eggmann candy kitchen.

RADIO FANS PLEASED AS GLEE CLUBS BROADCAST

Expressions of pleasure were received from all parts of the district by radio fans who heard the Springfield high school glee clubs broadcast the cantata, "The Mound Builders," at the Eugene broadcast station last night.

The presentation was directed by Miss Fay Spaulding, who had charge of its preparation and presentation here two weeks ago.

Girl Breaks Arm

Falling on the pavement while roller skating, Maxine Swarts, 12-year old daughter of C. A. Swarts, sustained a broken arm. She was treated by a local physician, and the fracture was found not to be a serious one.

G. A. R. Ladies Meet

Ladies of the G. A. R. will meet at Eggmann's hall tomorrow afternoon in regular session.

RESORT TO BE SCENE OF NATIONAL YEOMEN MEET

Yeomen from all parts of the United States will gather here for the national convention to be conducted in June at the Cascade resort, located 45 miles up the McKenzie river from Springfield, it was announced this week by Sloan and Kuhn, proprietors of the resort.

Reservations are pouring in from all sections of the country and hundreds are expected to attend the national conclave of the lodge. The Yeomen will be in the mountains for ten days, and many features are being planned for the entertainment of the lodgemen during their period of "roughing it."

An important feature of the convention will be a great initiation, in which 500 will be inducted into the organization. This ceremony will be held in a grove near the resort. The initiation, it is said, will be the largest ever held by the Yeomen.

Much value from the publicity standpoint is expected to be received as a result of the visit of hundreds of lodgemen.

REV. CHILDERS WILL RETURN TO PULPIT

Rev. S. Earl Childers, who has been prevented from preaching at the First Christian church for two Sundays by illness, will return to the local pulpit Sunday. In his absence last Sunday, Rev. Rex Davis, pastor of the First Christian church of Albany, preached.

Ben Chingren has been employed by the local church to take charge of the music. Mr. Chingren comes to Springfield with high recommendations.

More than 50 young people from all parts of the county attended the worker's conference held at the church last Friday. Santa Clara, Thurston, Eugene, Pleasant Hill and Fairmont were among the churches represented. A banquet was served by women of the Springfield church in the evening.

LAUGHTERESQUE TO BE GIVEN ON FEBRUARY 21

Laughteresque, annual high school stunt fest, will be presented on February 21, it was announced at the high school today.

Features of the program are in charge of the various classes, each presenting a stunt in competition. Competent judges award places to each class, and the results count in interclass rivalry.

The classes already are working on their stunts, and pleasing entertainment is promised.

Class Plan Social

The Live Wire class of the First Christian church will hold a social at the church tomorrow night. The class is taught by N. L. Pollard.

Has Accident—Wallace Sharkey, employed on the monorail at the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, sustained a cut lip in a slight accident yesterday. He was treated at a local physician's office.

Go To Waltherville—Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Eggmann went to Waltherville Tuesday where they visited Mrs. May Craft at the D. C. Trotter residence.

Redecorating Office—Offices of Dr. Eugene Kester are being redecorated this week, with pleasing results.

WOOLEN MILL DRIVE TO GO FULL BLAST

Committeemen Plan to Work Hard Following Receipt of Stock Sale Agreement from Klamath Falls; Over \$20,000 Now Signed.

The campaign to sell \$100,000 worth of Oregon-California Woolen Mill stock will start full swing tomorrow in Springfield and Eugene according to plans of the committeemen. C. N. Coseboom, acting secretary of the temporary new woolen mill organization, has phoned to the committee that he will arrive in Springfield this evening with the signed agreement by which his group is to raise \$650,000 and Springfield \$100,000 in stock sales.

Some subscription money has already been signed up by the committeemen. Between \$20,000 and \$30,000 has already been volunteered or pledged. As soon as the signed agreement is in the hands of the committee plans are for all four solicitation committees to start a canvass of Springfield and Eugene. It is hoped to get about \$50,000 from each place and the committeemen are confident that it can be accomplished.

All the money, it is expected can be raised during February. On February 28 the windup of the campaign will take place at a mass meeting at the Eugene Chamber of Commerce when the plans for the new mill will be thoroughly explained to the Eugene people in open meeting.

Tract Becoming Advertised
The Springfield industrial tract is beginning to get wide publicity as the result of the projected S. R. Jaynes tannery and the new woolen mill. This week the committee received an inquiry from a shoe factory concern in Washington wanting to know about the proposed tannery and expressing a desire to locate near it.

ATTEND SCOUT BANQUET IN EUGENE LAST NIGHT

Committeemen and scout masters of Springfield troops 11 and 12 were present at the county wide meeting held Wednesday night at the Osburn hotel in Eugene. The event was in observance of national scout week. Nearly 100 men were present.

Those attending from Springfield included John Will, Levi Neet, Walter Gossler, Kenneth Dillard, Clayton Barber and H. E. Maxey. Earl Immet, John Bovard, Frank Jenkins and Dr. Burnett were speakers of the evening.

SPRINGFIELD GROVE TEAMS TANGLE FRIDAY

The non-win record of either the Cottage Grove or Springfield high school basketball teams is to be broken tomorrow night when the two quintets engage in a hoop-tossing struggle on the Grove floor.

Although both teams have gained a reputation as losers this season, tomorrow night's game is to be no give-away affair, according to supporters of the two aggregations. At any rate, it is certain one of the teams is to have a victory to its record when the struggle is over.

Tuesday night, Springfield team lost to St. Mary's high school, 18 to 28, and last Friday Lebanon captured a tussle with the locals, 14 to 7.

Plan Chicken Dinner

For the benefit of the American Legion treasury, the Legion auxiliary will serve a chicken dinner at the Woodmen hall on March 11. The public is invited to the dinner, at which chicken a la king will be served.

The Legion auxiliary held a meeting last Friday night. Business transacted included the resignation of Mrs. M. B. Huntly as president and of the secretary, Mrs. H. E. Maxey. She agreed to serve until the place is filled.

Mrs. Bernice Van Valzah was made successor to Mrs. Huntly.

Speaker at Baptist Church
M. D. Eubanks a medical missionary, who has spent years in China, will speak at the Baptist church Friday night at 7:30. The public is invited.

Baby Son Born—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Easton of Waltherville are the happy parents of a baby son, born early yesterday morning. The boy tipped the scales at nine pounds.

Visits in Town—Mrs. Ella Kenney of Motor Route B was a business visitor here yesterday.