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PARKER ACCIDENT IS INVESTIGATED

Board of Southern Pacific Officials And Two Local Men Claim Railroad Company Not Responsible For Crash of Feb. 12, Fatal to Local Boy.

Employees of the Southern Pacific were absolved of responsibility in the accident on February 12, which proved fatal to Errol Parker, Springfield youth, by a board composed of officials of the railroad company and J. F. Ketsels, druggist, and C. E. Kenyon, bank cashier, in an inquiry sponsored by the Southern Pacific Tuesday morning.

The inquiry was conducted by the railroad company in compliance with its rules, with L. C. Gram, assistant superintendent, presiding. Several local people were called to describe the accident as they witnessed it, members of the Southern Pacific crew on the train which struck the Parker automobile were examined.

Trainmen who told their version of the accident were Engineer H. L. Parker, Fireman C. A. Vaughn, Conductor M. C. Hamilton and Brakeman G. R. Shoush. All claimed that they had had legal rest before going on duty.

The report, in part follows:

"Investigation develops that the engine whistle sounded one-fourth of a mile west of this crossing and again when within 400 feet of the crossing and engine bell was ringing by automatic ringer. An automobile approached from the left on Second street which crosses the Southern Pacific track at an angle of 115 degrees. Crossing is planked and in good condition, protected by a standard crossing sign and automatic wig-wag bell which was working as train approached crossing.

"When engine was within approximately 50 feet of crossing, the fireman observed the automobile approaching from his side of the track at a speed estimated by him as 25 miles an hour. He immediately called to the engineer, who applied brakes in emergency at once, and brought the train to a stop at a distance of approximately 300 feet after striking the automobile. There was nothing to prevent driver of automobile from seeing and hearing approaching train and warning signals.

"It is the opinion of this board that responsibility for the accident rests entirely with the driver of automobile for failure to use ordinary care in approaching railroad crossing at grade. No responsibility on part of Southern Pacific or its employees."

FEBRUARY POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS SHOW JUMP

February postal receipts showed a gain of 14 per cent over those of the corresponding period a year ago, an unusually high increase, according to Postmaster F. B. Hamlin. Receipts for the last month were \$601.58; those for February, 1926, \$524.39.

The January receipts showed a gain of 6 1/2 per cent over January, 1926. A substantial increase over the figures for the quarter is anticipated.

School Board To Meet

The Springfield school board will meet Monday night at the office of Clerk R. W. Smith. Further discussion of the union district plan, suggested some time ago, is scheduled for Monday's meeting. The board is considering a plan for consolidation of several surrounding districts into a union high school district to solve financial problems growing out of attendance of students from these districts at the local high school.

Priscilla Meeting

The Priscilla club meet Friday at the residence of Mrs. Trubert Henderson, spending the afternoon in sewing. The next meeting will be on March 11 at the residence of Mrs. Jack Larson.

Those present were Mrs. Leland Ewbank, Mrs. Trubert Henderson, Ewbank, Mrs. Trubert Henderson, Mrs. Riley Snodgrass, Mrs. Norman Howard, Mrs. Howard Freeland, Mrs. William Curtis, Mrs. John Tomseth and Mrs. J. C. McKey.

Visiting at Wendling—Miss Blanche Hornback is spending the week visiting her sister, Mrs. M. A. Dorsey, of Wendling.

Visit Henderer Home—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henderer were visited over the week-end by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson of Portland.

FOUR-L HAS PROGRAM VOTES SCOUT MONEY

An appropriation of \$25 for Springfield Boy Scout work was voted by the local unit of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen at a business session which preceded a public entertainment at the W. O. W. hall Monday night.

Paul Freese, Margaret Skavian, Naomi and Ruth Carlton and Charles Nadvornik were responsible for musical selections presented during the program. The Mask and Dagger club, dramatic organization of the Eugene High school, gave a short skit "Not Quite Such a Goose," and the Eugeneans presented other features of the program.

Refreshments were served at the close of the program with Mrs. D. W. McKinnon and Mrs. M. A. Neet in charge. In the absence of Chairman E. N. Dillard, George Cox presided at the session.

LOCAL RESIDENTS AT ALBANY CONFERENCE

Reports of the Springfield delegates to the Albany conference of the American Legion auxiliary will be heard at a meeting to be conducted Friday night, according to Mrs. M. B. Huntly, chairman.

Mrs. Huntly drove to the convention, taking with her Miss Pearl Snook, Mrs. Emma Olson, and Mrs. D. W. McKinnon. The report for Springfield was made by Mrs. Huntly.

Among prominent Legion and auxiliary workers present at the conference were Mrs. Hershener, departmental president, of Hood River, Mrs. Mable McInturf, secretary-treasurer from Marshfield, Mrs. Garlock, district committeewoman from Medford, Kenneth Kooper, head of the veterans bureau in this section, and Department Commander Murphy of Portland.

NEED OF DEFINITE GOAL TOPIC OF EVANGELIST

"God put eternity into the heart. Man was made for immortality," declared Rev. James Small of Kansas, evangelist, in his sermon Monday night at the Christian church, where he is conducting a special service.

Evangelist Small is being greeted with good crowds. His topic Monday was "The Journey of Life and My Ford."

"Every man should know where he is going," he declared, "for the road is not easy and it is full of curves. School is one curve, marriage is another, and trade or profession another. They must all be watched."

"Every highway is marked and mapped. Keep to the right! To do otherwise leads to danger and death. There are detours—sickness, disappointments and trials. There are filling stations. There are others besides prayer, but this is the most important."

"Above all watch your breaks. Put a break on your hell-born impulses. Poor breaks are responsible for most wrecks."

JUNIOR SKIT WINNER IN "LAUGHTERESQUE"

The Reign of the Royal Ghost, a take-off of Shakespeare's Hamlet, captured first honors at Laughteresque, Springfield high school's annual laugh provoker, presented last Friday night. The winning skit was presented by the junior class, and will count in the interclass rivalry scores.

Other awards were given as follows: Second, Seniors, Romance of Pitt-Puff Lane; Sophomore, "The Pictorial Review," and Freshmen, "To Be or Not to Be."

The glee clubs and high school students gave special selections between acts.

OLD RESIDENTS PASS AT SPRINGFIELD HOMES

Funeral services are to be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock for Mrs. Amelia Smith, 86, Lane pioneer and resident of Springfield for 64 years, who died Monday night. She was the youngest and last surviving member of the Paul Brattain family, which moved here 60 odd years ago. Several relatives survive.

Another old resident passed when William Vincent, civil war veteran, died. Mr. Vincent was one of the first to answer Lincoln's call for volunteers. He is survived by many relatives in this district. The funeral was held last week.

Move to Eugene—Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Shannon have moved to Eugene into their new home at 1648 East 24th street.

Flood Sufferers Are Given Help

Springfield Giving Generously In Relief Work; Damage Being Repaired

With at least ten families needing immediate assistance, the flood relief work has been pushed steadily this week by the Red Cross, represented in Springfield by Mrs. M. B. Huntly. Most of the relief work has been done in West Springfield, where the flood was at its worst, and needy families are still being supplied with clothing and furnishings for their damaged homes.

Five beds, food, dishes, cooking utensils, brooms, and clothing make up most of the articles turned in so far for the flood sufferers. Springfield people have given generously, and the home of Mrs. Roberts in West Springfield has been made a distributing point where flood sufferers can come and look over the donated articles.

Repairs of the damage to West Springfield property are being pushed this week, and highway and road work in this district is well under way. Buildings are again on their old foundations, and most of the service stations and roadside groceries on the Pacific Highway are again doing business.

J. W. Seaver of Seaver's auto camp, whose large camp store went careening down the Pacific highway, has decided that the new site chosen by the flood waters is more advantageous than the old. The flood left the store standing approximately at the point where the McKenzie highway is to branch off from the Pacific when the new bridge is built. All necessary now is for Seaver to turn the store about, and build up the foundations.

The surface was badly washed on the western approach to the Springfield bridge, and this roadway still is in bad condition. The railroad bridge has been inspected by Southern Pacific officials, and neither bridge nor trestle suffered damage by the flood.

MERRY MAID MARCH TO BE GIVEN MARCH 23

Preparations are under way for the Merry Maid March, to be presented by the Girls League of the Springfield High School on March 23.

This is an annual event and much interest is being taken by the girls in the plans. Only mothers of the members of the league will be invited to attend the affair, which will consist of special stunts and skits with exclusively feminine casts. A march is a principal feature.

Baby Daughter Born

A baby daughter was born to Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Rebhan yesterday at noon, weighing 7 1/2 pounds. The newcomer was born at the Pacific Christian hospital. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Believe It or Not—Teaches Sun. School



Francis Mildren, of Zeigfeld's new chorus, dances during the week but every Sunday morning teaches a boys Sunday School class in New York. She admits her favorite friend is a young minister.

LEGION TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT; PLAN DINNER

Plans for a chicken dinner to be given at the Woodmen of the World hall March 11 will be completed at a meeting of the American Legion Friday night of this week, according to announcement of Commander John Will. The meeting will be held at the W. O. W. hall at 7:30 o'clock.

The public is to be invited to the Legion dinner, and the funds will be used for replenishing the Legion treasury. Chicken a la king will be served by members of the auxiliary.

TWO ARE INJURED IN ACCIDENTS AT MARCOLA

Falling limbs caused painful injuries to two employees of the Fisher Lumber company at Marcola Saturday, it was learned at a local physician's office where they were treated.

The most serious injury was sustained by Myron Craig. Craig was hurt while working in the woods, the limb falling from the top of a tree and striking his head. A gash six inches long was sewed up here.

Henry Landers sustained a severe bruise to his left shoulder in a similar accident.

Both men returned to their Marcola homes.

Bryson Resigns; Dillard Is Clerk

County Clerk To Go Into Abstract Business Purchased By Him

R. S. Bryson has resigned his position as county clerk to go into business for himself and the county court has appointed Walter Dillard to fill out the unexpired term. Mr. Bryson has purchased the Lane County Abstract company business from John Bell, state senator from Lane county, who has been conducting the business for a number of years.

For some time Mr. Bryson has felt that the pay of county officers is too low and he takes this step because he expects to better himself. He is now serving his third term which would expire in 1928. Mr. Dillard is an experienced clerical man and has lived in Eugene many years.

In retiring from the office of county clerk Mr. Bryson said:

"I regret very much to give up the work as county clerk, as it has been agreeable in every way, and I have enjoyed my relations with the county court and the other county officials," said Mr. Bryson last night. "But I have felt that sooner or later I would have to begin to look out for my own personal interests. I have been considering for some time the matter of getting into business for myself."

"I greatly appreciate the confidence the people of Lane county have reposed in me in continuing me in office and I have always sought to show this appreciation in conducting the office in as careful a manner as I would my own business," he continued.

"I am acquiring the business of Lane County Abstract company which I will continue under the same name. I hope to retain the business and good will of all the company's former patrons and assure the public careful attention to all details of the business. I feel that my experience in various lines of public work and legal training qualify me to give to the public excellent service in the abstract business and by reason of my confidence in the prosperity and continued growth of this county I am entering in this business with pleasurable anticipation at the thought of being personally identified with active business in the community."

CONFERENCE OFFICIAL TO SPEAK AT METHODIST

Rev. J. B. Coan, superintendent of hospital work in the Oregon conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, will preach at the local church on Sunday morning, according to announcement by Rev. Gabriel Sykes.

At the evening services, Rev. Sykes will preach on "The Truth as It Is in Jesus."

Special evangelistic services are to start on March 31, with the Rev. Thomas C. Henderson of Oberlin, Ohio, in charge.

IN THE WAKE OF THE NEWS

By A. B. CHAPIN



WODLEN MILL LIST SHOWS PROGRESS

Stock Sold Passes \$25,000 Mark; Eugene Chamber of Commerce Gives Authorization to project; Emil Kopps generous.

With an endorsement of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce supporting their efforts, Welby Stevens and Al Perkins are engaged canvassing Eugene for subscriptions to the \$100,000 stock quota to be raised in Lane county for establishment at Springfield of the Oregon-California Co-operative woolen mills.

Additional subscriptions this week showed that Springfield has raised over \$25,000 toward the fund, and the committees here are still working. A partial list of the new subscribers is given in The News this week, and the complete list will be added later.

Springfield interests believe that the capacity here is for \$50,000 of the fund, and the other half is to be raised in Eugene, the committee hopes. The endorsement given by the chamber of commerce at Eugene Monday night was in effect an authorization to the Springfield committee to canvass Eugene for additional stock-buyers.

Upon their return, the Springfield delegation expressed their appreciation of the courtesy and gratitude for the interest of the Eugene business men.

Of especial interest was the talk given by Emil Koppe, of the Eugene Woolen mill, who declared that he would welcome another woolen mill in this district. Among others who spoke were D. S. Shiel, Klamath Falls and Glenn Ford, Portland, woolen mill promoters, C. F. Eggmann, Mayor G. G. Bushman, H. E. Maxey, Al Perkins, Welby Stevens and Charles Kenyon.

President Marion Veatch of the Eugene chamber of commerce presided at the session.

All speakers emphasized the fact that the woolen mill is in reality a Springfield-Eugene project, and if established will be a valuable benefit to both communities.

The subscription list now includes the following:

J. Sankey	\$ 200
W. Hancock	100
E. E. Kester	100
Danner Motor Company	500
H. Burgher	100
Lee Burgher	100
F. E. Clayton, Vida	400
H. E. Pitts	100
Huntly Delicatessen	200
E. E. Pyne	100
N. A. Rowe	100
Lulu McPherson	100
Carl Olson	100
W. H. Pollard	200
John W. Will	100
C. P. Clover	100
A. L. Roberts	100
Phillip Saul	100
R. P. Mortensen	500
Wright & Sons	500
W. H. Stearmer	100
Mrs. L. K. Page	500
Wm. Thurman	100

C. F. Eggmann	1000.00
L. F. Anderson	500.00
Wm. McDonald	200.00
J. E. Cross	300.00
W. H. Adrian	200.00
Geo. Vallier	200.00
D. B. Murphy	500.00
C. E. Swarts	500.00
B. A. Washburne	500.00
J. B. Young	500.00
M. J. McKlin	200.00
M. R. Adams	100.00
J. L. Lorah	100.00
I. M. Peterson	100.00
Wm. F. Walker	500.00
Thos. McKinnis	100.00
A. A. Anderson	100.00
W. W. Clover	100.00
F. B. Flanery	200.00
B. O. Smith	100.00
J. A. Neher	100.00
J. C. McMurray	100.00
Mrs. L. May	100.00
S. I. & Ella Ogden	200.00
C. A. Swarts	100.00
B. G. Sankey	100.00
C. W. Hamlin	100.00
F. B. Hamlin	100.00
Geo. J. Gerlach	500.00
J. Fulop	1500.00
W. C. McLagan	100.00
Wm. Vasby	100.00
M. A. Premier	300.00
T. V. Ogden	100.00
W. A. Taylor	100.00
W. C. Rebhan	500.00
Eugene Kester	500.00
John Handerer	100.00
R. Vasby	100.00
Frank Logan	100.00
S. Ralph Dippel	200.00

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