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## NAME NEW COACH FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Leonard Mayfield, Eugene, To Direct Athletics; Superintendent Bain Back Next Year; All Principals Re-elected with Raise for Burchum.

Appointment of Leonard Mayfield, Eugene, as director of physical education succeeding Walter Fenwick, resigned, and re-appointment of the superintendent and principals were new developments this week in the plans for administration and instruction in the Springfield schools for next year.

Mayfield will begin his duties at the high school March 28, when Fenwick's resignation becomes effective. The new athletic director is a physical education major at the University of Oregon, and comes here with a good record, according to Superintendent Bain. Fenwick, who has had charge of athletics since the beginning of the present school year, plans to enter business in San Francisco.

Otto Burchum, principal of the Lincoln school, was awarded an additional \$50 on his contract, making his yearly salary \$1400. Mr. Burchum had asked for \$1500. He has not yet signified to the board his intentions. Contracts must be returned to the board by March 25.

Superintendent Bain was re-elected at \$2400 and will remain with the schools, it was said. A. J. Morgan was named high school principal at a salary of \$1800, and Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway was re-appointed principal of the Brattain school at \$1250.

The school board considered the recommendations of Superintendent V. D. Bain, and adopted his plan with a few amendments. Before taking action, however, it passed a resolution to the effect that the actions of the present board would not bind the school district for a period of more than 12 months from the close of the present school year.

Bain's plan has much to do with qualifications of teachers, among being decided upon:

All grade teachers must hold at least a standard normal diploma or its equivalent. All high school teachers must hold a standard university diploma or its equivalent. All teachers must present a certificate from a regular practicing physician indicating that they are in good health and reasonably can be expected to fill contract.

Minimum salary of grade school teacher shall be \$900 and the maximum \$1035. Minimum of high school, \$1080, with maximum of \$1260. Salaries of superintendent, principals or special teachers are not subject to this schedule, increases in these salaries being subject to special action by board.

Recommendations that each teacher attend summer school. New teachers may receive credit for experience in other schools.

## McCREADY TO SPEAK AT LEGION MEETING

Lynn McCready, Eugene banker and member of the state legislature, will be the speaker at a meeting of the Springfield post of the American Legion Friday evening in the W. O. W. hall, according to announcement of John Will, commander.

Legislation of interest to the legionaire, will be the topic enlarged upon by the Eugene banker. Mr. McCready's first hand knowledge of state legislative measures should make the talk of vital interest, legionaires say.

## Employee Have Dinner

Ten employees of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company enjoyed dinner at the Drop Inn cafe Monday night. D. W. Crites is in charge of the meeting, which was an informal affair. Similar dinners are planned for the future.

## Dies in California

Word has been received here of the death at Fresno, California, of Charles Skinner, 33, well-known here. W. F. Walker has charge of the funeral services, which will be conducted at the Lighthouse Temple in Eugene today. Among relatives of Mr. Skinner near here is J. J. Pree of Eugene.

## Fishing Season Starts

Springfield Isaac Waitons are re-opening tackle in preparation for the opening of the fishing season April 15. It is said that a good season is in prospect, and many visitors from Portland and other places are expected on the McKenzie.

## Mother of 22 Children



Mrs. Mary Walford Fultz, 56, mother of 22 children, of Martinsville, Ind., makes claim as the champion mother of the United States. Mr. Fultz is her third husband. She has lost contact with two of her children, Sallie and Oliver Wood, and would like to hear from them.

## HOSPITAL BUILDING MAY BE REMODELED AS APARTMENT HOUSE

Although it was reported from Portland this week that contracts had been let for improvement of the Springfield hospital building on F street between Eight and Ninth, A. Wilhelm, Harrisburgh, owner of the structure, declared yesterday that he had no immediate plans for development of the property.

Mr. Wilhelm said that it is his hope, however, that a hospital may be re-established there, pointing out that he believes there is a need for such an institution here, and that it would do a good business.

The Harrisburgh banker said that he would like to rent the building and that if, despairing of finding use for it as a hospital, he may decide to remodel it into an apartment house. He said that he was considering this, but still is on the outlook for parties desirous of establishing a hospital in Springfield.

The report from Portland, carried in a commercial paper there, said that both the architect's and construction contracts had been let for a concrete addition to the building here. Mr. Wilhelm said that he could not understand this report, as he has no definite plans as yet for any such improvement.

## P. A. T. TO MEET AT LINCOLN TONIGHT

The Springfield P. T. A. will hold its regular meeting at the Lincoln school building tonight at 7:30 o'clock, instead of the usual Friday evening meeting.

An excellent program has been prepared. Dr. E. T. Helms of Eugene will speak on "Character Analysis." Other features of the evening's entertainment will be songs by pupils of Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Male and Mrs. Page, and readings by pupils of Mrs. Edna Yarnell's elocution class.

The members of the P. T. A. will hold a candy sale also as a means of raising money for the play shed fund. The entertainment is free and the public is invited.

## O. F. ANDERSON IS REPORTED IMPROVED

Struck in the head by a flying piece of emery wheel, O. F. Anderson, president of the Cascade Lumber company, was seriously injured last Thursday. Reports from the Pacific Christian hospital indicate that he is improving steadily, despite the serious injury.

Mr. Anderson's skull was fractured by the blow. He was gumming a saw at the time.

## Start Baseball Soon

High school athletes are awaiting dry weather before starting baseball practice. Although the resignation of Coach Walter Fenwick leaves the matter of coaching undecided, the baseball enthusiasts at the local prep school are planning on a good year, with fair material ready for the moulding of a nine.

## Civic Club To Meet

Discussion of the plans for the community house will be a feature of a meeting of the Ladies Civic Club to be conducted at the chamber of commerce next Tuesday night, March 22. Illness of officers of the club has resulted in postponement of the last two meetings, and a good attendance is urged for Tuesday night's session in view of this fact.

## Shape Plans For Control of River

West Springfield Residents In Mass Meet Petition Court For Investigation

West Springfield's plans for preventing a recurrence of the flood which recently devastated property in that thickly-settled district to an extent of \$50,000 took definite shape Monday night at a mass meeting of flood sufferers held at Seaver's auto camp.

The group addressed a resolution to the county court asking for an investigation of ways and means of flood prevention. In so doing, the residents of the flood-susceptible district organized into an association, naming George Davenport chairman, Mrs. E. E. Glass secretary and Earl Kast assistant secretary.

The petition to the county court asks that a preliminary survey be made by the county surveyor to determine what, if any, steps can be taken to prevent flood damage in the district between Judkins Point and McVey point. Drawing attention to suggestions made by Simon Klodahl, Springfield city engineer and J. H. Bower, the petition urges that these matters be investigated thoroughly, including the cost of material for flood control dams, location and the extent of rock ledges and expense of blasting them out to enable the river to scour out a deeper course, etc.

The petitioners deem the matter of sufficient importance to warrant the county court's paying for the survey out of the general funds. Plans were shaped for circulating the petition among residents of the flood area not present at the meeting. Ben Davison, Earl Kast and W. J. Seaver were named on this committee.

To interest officials of the Southern Pacific railroad and the state highway commission, as well as the chambers of commerce of Springfield and Eugene, another committee was named as follows: W. H. Jones, W. J. Seaver, Roy Palmer and Robert Oldham.

To the petition the following names were appended at Monday night's meeting: George Davenport, T. A. Stocker, S. L. Eaton, Marlon McClain, P. W. Bucknum, C. Crawford, S. D. Cairns, Roy Jenkins, Clarence Hazen, M. G. Glass, Edith B. Jenkins, Merrill Manley, Mrs. J. C. Shanks, Mrs. George Davenport, Mrs. C. Hazen, Fred Fritts, R. B. Oldham, C. E. Hill, W. J. Seaver, Mrs. Jennie Ross, H. M. Pollock, H. Loucker, W. L. McFarland, C. A. Pryor, May B. Byrne, William Ward, Roy A. Palmer, Earl Kast, L. N. Klinefelter, J. S. Scott, O. F. BeVere, W. E. Fritts, C. F. Leith, S. V. Paasche, H. E. Lee, Frank E. Lajole, Glenn Palmer, Carl Holme, A. C. Maxwell, W. V. Briggs, W. F. Pugh, John Gates, Frank Griffin, R. C. Palmer, H. L. Mooney, E. H. Seifert, E. A. Morse, G. J. Cowling, Charles Wooley, W. H. Jones, E. R. King and A. W. Blyan.

## GLEE CLUB TO PRESENT MINSTREL ON APRIL 22

The Boys Glee club of the Springfield high school will present a minstrel show on April 22, it was announced today. The quartet will sing, and numerous interesting features for the program are being arranged. It will be given in the high school auditorium.

The club is directed by Miss Fay Spaulding. Orval Eaton is manager and LeRoy Nice has charge of advertising.

## TWO CARS STOLEN HERE, ONE LATER RECOVERED

Giving a bogus check as security, a man named Sims rented a coupe from W. Lansberry last week and failed to return the machine. Lansberry, after attempting to cash the check, turned the matter over to authorities and the car later was recovered in Eugene.

T. T. Parker reported to Police Chief Jess Smitson that his coupe had been stolen from in front of his Main street house.

## JOHN BENCH LEAVES GUARD TO JOIN U. S. N.

To join the United States Navy, Corporal John Bench of the local national guard troop was given an honorable discharge this week. Promotion to fill the vacancy is forthcoming.

The local unit was given federal inspection last Thursday night by Major Hoop of the United States Army.

## Springfield Boy Scouts Advance

More Than Score Get Credit In Gigantic Round-up On Tuesday Night

More than a score of Springfield boy scouts received advancement of merit badges in the gigantic court of honor at the Weman's building on the University campus Tuesday night, the final event in the 1927 scout "round-up." With more than 300 Scouts present, and the balconies filled the ceremony was pronounced the biggest of its kind ever held in this district.

Following are the new ratings of Springfield boys:

**Lions Troop**  
Merit badges: Ralph Hughes, life saving and firemanship; Eugene Walker, horsemanship; Evan Hughes, life-saving and bugling.

**1st Class Scout:** Peyton Oederkirk.  
**2nd Class Scout:** Carol Adams, Dean Anderson, Dennison Andrus, Billy Knox.

**Tenderfeet:** Raymond Armitage, Reese Chase, Percy Tomseth, Herman Nystrom, Gordon Wright, Henry Trinker, Winston Backus.

**Legion Troop**  
**1st Class Scout:** William Cox.  
**2nd Class Scout:** William Simpson, Chester Moon.

**Tenderfeet:** William Simpson, Fred Rue, Milton Doane, Lloyd Green. Seventy-six new Scouts were taken in at the round-up.

## FIREMEN TO START DRILLS ON APRIL 1

Volunteer firemen of the rejuvenated Springfield fire department will begin drill about April 1, and will conduct practices every fortnight thereafter, according to Fire Chief Jess Smitson, who is shaping plans for increasing the efficiency of the local department as soon as the longer, days give opportunity for evening drill.

Through authorization of the city council, Smitson asked for 12 volunteers and now has the ranks full. Since the organization of the volunteer company, however, there has not been a single blaze here and the efficiency of the new department has not yet been demonstrated.

According to Smitson, attendance at the fire drills will be compulsory if the fireman is to remain with the department. Compensation for actual service is to be paid the volunteers, who are now on call.

## WILLIAM MCBEE DEAD; WAS OREGON NATIVE

William F. McBee, Oregon pioneer, and for more than 30 years a resident of Springfield, died Saturday afternoon at his home after an illness of several months.

Born in Benton county 68 years ago, Mr. McBee spent his early days there, and, in the early nineties, moved to Springfield where he has raised his family and been a well-known and respected citizen. He is mourned by many friends throughout Lane and Benton counties.

Mr. McBee is survived by his wife, two sons, Frank and Delbert, and a daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Strange of Eugene. He leaves also three brothers, Ed McBee of Eugene, John McBee of Salem, and Frank McBee of Wenatchee, Washington.

The funeral of Mr. McBee, conducted Monday at the Walker chapel, was attended by a large number of friends and relatives of the deceased, many coming down from the McKenzie country, where he was well-known.

## FLORENCE BANK CASHIER PLEADS GUILTY IN COURT

Harriet Weatherston, cashier of the defunct Florence bank, pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzlement in circuit court this morning. She will be sentenced Friday morning.

Miss Weatherston at first pleaded not guilty. She will not alter her plea on the charge of execution of an illegal loan, claiming innocence on that charge. Henry L. Bergman, president of the Florence bank, who was charged with Miss Weatherston, pleaded guilty and was sentenced Saturday to 13 years in the state penitentiary.

It is thought that Miss Weatherston's change of plea indicates that she has hopes for a parole on the strength of the confession of Bergman, who took all blame for the crime.



Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Henderson, who will conduct evangelistic services at the Methodist Episcopal church beginning March 31 and ending April 17. Mrs. Henderson will lead the singing and Rev. Henderson will preach. They come here from a successful meeting at Roseburg.

## COUNTY COURT LEARNS S. P. HAS NO DESIRE TO CLOSE SECOND STREET

That the Southern Pacific has no desire to close Second street as proposed in connection with the construction of the new Springfield bridge was the statement received by the county court today from Superintendent E. L. King of the rail corporation. King says that the company feels that it would be impracticable to close the thoroughfare.

County Judge C. P. Barnard yesterday conferred with the highway department concerning the new bridge but no definite understanding was reached regarding the route. At a meeting of the commission on March 29, it is expected that the entire matter will be threshed out.

Engineers have given up the idea of a revetment on the new route, and it is estimated that a bridge on new piers the Main street route will cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000, as it would require four spans. Use of the old street car piers is being considered.

## \$9000 BONDS SOLD BY CITY TO TRUST CO.

The sidewalk, street and alley improvement bonds in the amount of \$9000 were ordered sold to the Lumberman's Trust company of Portland who were the only bidders at the opening of bids by the council Monday evening. Smallness of the issue is regarded as the cause there were not more bids. The Lumberman's Trust company bid \$100.67 and accrued interest for each \$100 bond and as this is approximately what other city bonds have been selling for the council ordered the bid let.

Lyda McGowan was appointed a member of the city library board upon recommendation of that board. A petition for street lights at H street and Kelly boulevard and one for Mill and L streets were received and the light committee ordered to investigate.

A complaint received by the Oregon State board of health in regard to a defective sewer on Mill street was ordered answered to the effect that the sewer was not defective.

The Chief of police reported about 40 dogs had been taken up by the city dog catcher and that more than \$100 had been realized from licenses. The Southern Pacific company was reported as willing to keep the Second street crossing in good repair. Street Commissioner Vallier said that as the company had a 100 foot right of way over Second street it should furnish the gravel to keep it in shape.

## SNOW FLURRIES VISIT SPRINGFIELD MONDAY

Cold rain and snow flurries gave Springfield a taste of chilly weather Monday. Temperature dropped to the freezing point early in the day at some points in the district.

Despite the fact that rain changed to snow two or three times during the day, none remained on the ground. In the mountains, however, considerable precipitation added to the depth of the snow, and it was reported that in some points two feet of snow fell in the high mountains early in the week.

## Neighbors Have Meet

Neighbors of Woodcraft held a meeting yesterday at the residence of Mrs. Nellie Hiltbrand, honoring Mrs. Tribbets, a recent bride. A shower for Mrs. Tribbets was given, and many useful gifts were received.

## EUGENE TO RAISE \$50,000 FOR MILL

Industrial Committee of Eugene Chamber Agrees to Sell \$50,000 in Stock When \$650,000 Is Subscribed By Eastern Oregon Sheepmen.

Assurance that Eugene would buy \$50,000 in stock provided that the backers of the Oregon-California Woolen Mill would come to Springfield with \$650,000 subscribed has been given by the Industrial Committee of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce. In a communication to the Springfield Woolen Mill committee the Eugene committee makes this promise through its chairman, Frank McAlister.

Eugene's offer to back up the Woolen Mills has been received by the local committeemen with satisfaction since that city not only agrees to buy that amount of stock but will take the responsibility of raising the money.

The subscriptions in Springfield have now passed the \$30,000 mark and solicitation will continue until \$50,000 is raised locally. Reports from Klamath Falls indicate that sheepmen are taking substantial blocks of stock in the new enterprise and that the financing of the mill will be successful.

## WOLLEN MILL PLAN IS GAINING, HORD SAYS

Reports that the Oregon-California Cooperative Woolen Mill plan is meeting with approval among prospective stock buyers in various parts of the Northwest were brought to Springfield Monday by Glen L. Hord, representative of the woolen mill concern. He said the company was having success in its efforts to raise \$650,000 for the woolen mill here.

Hord was on his way south, and conferred with Welby Stevens of the local woolen mills committee.

## NEW TRAIN SERVICE IN EFFECT APRIL 17

Springfield will in reality be on the Main line of the Southern Pacific April 17, when a new schedule switching through trains to the Cascade line will go into effect. The Cascade line will have two through trains each way, besides a local between here and Black Butte, the southern terminus of the line.

Southbound trains will pass through here at 9:20 P. M., 2 A. M. and 8:35 A. M., the last being the old Oakridge train which will go through to Black Butte. One of the northbound trains leaves San Francisco at 4:40 P. M., passing through here at about 12:15 P. M. the following day and another will leave San Francisco at 7:20 A. M. arriving here on about the same schedule.

## Lay Conference is Planned

Plans are being shaped for a lay conference of Methodist men to be conducted at Roseburg on March 24, according to announcement by Dr. W. H. Pollard, Springfield, secretary of the lay organization in this district. The conference is in accordance with a plan for getting Methodist manhood together, and has been called by Rev. S. J. Chaney, superintendent of this district.

Springfield will send several delegates to the conference.

## Mrs. Fenwick Weds

Mrs. Jennie Fenwick, for many years a resident of Springfield, was married Monday to Charles R. Russell, engineer at the pumping plant of the Eugene water system. The two were schoolmates together. They were united by Rev. J. F. Haas of the First Methodist church, Eugene, and will reside at 258 Thirteenth Avenue, East, in that city.

## Grade Second Street

Under the management of Street Superintendent George Vallier, Second street was graded this week with pleasing results to motorists using the important thoroughfare.

## Land Grant Money Coming

The O. & C. land grant money is expected by the county at any day, it was stated at the courthouse. Transcripts of the county court's proceedings in accepting the money have been sent to Washington, D. C. Lane county has claims of \$1,069,840.50.