

DUNN WILL SPEAK AT COMMENCEMENT

University Professor Will Give Address To Class June 2; Rev. Blom Will Preach Baccalaureate Sermon On May 22; Senior Play May 27.

Frederic S. Dunn, professor of Latin at the University of Oregon, will make the commencement address at the Springfield High school this year, according to announcement today by Vern D. Bain, superintendent.

Commencement day is June 2. The usual events are scheduled for that day, although all plans are not complete. It is expected that 25 or 26 seniors will graduate from the high school at that time.

Professor Dunn is known as an unusually good speaker. He is a student of history, and has spoken in this city recently on the origin of various religious rites practiced at the present time. The topic of his commencement address has not been announced.

Baccalaureate day is May 22. It is expected that the services will be conducted at the J. H. Ebbert Memorial Methodist church, and that Rev. L. E. Blom, pastor of the Springfield Baptist church, will give the baccalaureate sermon. Seniors of the high school will sit in a body at the services.

Another important event of commencement week will be the senior play, which will be presented at the high school auditorium on the night of May 27. Rehearsals for the presentation are getting under way. The senior play takes the place of class night at the Springfield school.

PROPOSES NEW ROAD TO SKIRT FOOTHILLS

Shortening the distance between Portland and Eastern Oregon via the McKinzie river highway by 19 miles, and providing of a potential relief for increasing traffic on the Pacific highway are two arguments advanced by proponents of a new valley thoroughfare which would skirt the Cascade Mountains between Springfield and Gresham.

S. C. (Van) Armitage, owner of a farm near the new site of the Coburg bridge, has evolved the idea and the movement is gaining headway up and down the valley. This proposed east-side highway would connect with Springfield by way of the Coburg road, out Mill street, and would be fed by Eugene traffic from the Ferry street bridge.

Many small but important centers not now on the main through highways would be touched by the proposed thoroughfare. In exact count, the distance from Portland to Eugene and Springfield would be 19 miles less than it is now by way of the Pacific highway. It is also pointed out that some day the traffic on the Pacific highway will be too great, and the new road would solve the problem. In addition, the road would be a veritable "foothill boulevard," similar to that in California, and would present to the motorists scenery unexcelled.

S. E. Armitage is a brother of Frank Armitage, Eugene employment agent. Both men own Coburg farms, over which the right-of-way for the new bridge will pass.

The Brownville Times and Silverton Appeal have had articles on the proposed new road in recent issues.

P. T. A. HAS SURPRISE PLAN FOR EVENT MAY 20

A surprise program is in store for Springfield residents who attend the community get-together and justification planned by the Parent Teachers Association for May 20 at the Bratton school.

The slogan for the affair is: Twentieth of May; Save that day. For the P. T. A. Why? Surprise! While details of the program are being kept dark, a good time is promised those who attend, according to P. T. A. members. All Springfield residents are invited.

Neighbors Meet

The Royal Neighbors met yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Fred Clime. Plans for the coming convention at Cottage Grove were discussed.

Repair Streets

Repair of local streets has been started by Street Commissioner George Vallier. The holes in the pavement at Fifth and Main street were filled yesterday.

SPRINGFIELD ENTRIES PLACE IN STATE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC CONTEST

Springfield musicians again won credit at the state high school music contest conducted annually at Forest Grove when two of the local high school entries placed in the results of judging.

The male quartet received second place in that classification, being defeated only by Woodburn. The Springfield quartet received 176 points, and the winners 178, indicating the nearness of the competition. Members of the quartet are Paul Potter, tenor; Charles Nadvornik, second tenor; William Pollard, baritone, and Paul Frese, basso.

Charles Nadvornik received third place in the violin solo contest. Washington and Franklin school at Portland placed first and second.

MRS. A. MITCHELL IS DEAD AT AGE OF 90

Almost 90 years of age, Mrs. A. Mitchell died here Monday morning at the home of her son, H. T. Mitchell, with whom she has been making her home for a year. The body was shipped to Enterprise by W. F. Walker, and will be buried there by the grave of her son, Henry.

Mrs. Mitchell had two children surviving, H. T. Mitchell of Springfield and Mrs. Tom Bunnell, Bend. Her grandchildren include Mrs. Dallas Murphy, Springfield, Miss Hattie Mitchell, Christian missionary to Africa, and James and Delbert Mitchell, who now are in Oakland, Calif.

Mrs. Mitchell was affectionately called "Grandma Mitchell" by her many friends.

MOTORISTS WARNED TO PREPARE FOR NEW LAW

Motorists are warned by Traffic Officer E. L. Smith to prepare for the enforcement of the new state traffic law which goes into effect on May 26 and will bring to Springfield a curtailment of motoring freedom enjoyed here as regards heavy loading and open mufflers.

Under the new regulations, it will be unlawful for more than three persons to ride in the front seat of an automobile, or the single seat of a coupe or a roadster. Such a rule has been in effect in Eugene for a long time, but Springfield has been without this regulation. The state law, however, will bring this regulation to Springfield.

Open mufflers on the state highways also are forbidden under the new law. Traffic officer Smith expects rigidly to enforce these regulations within his jurisdiction.

One feature of the new bill will be welcomed by many motorists. That is the clause changing the speed limit on state highways from 30 to 35 miles an hour.

STUDENTS TO PICNIC WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Springfield High school students will enjoy a picnic at Riverside park next Wednesday, May 13. The affair is sponsored by the Girls League, and invitations have been extended to all students and faculty members.

The picnickers will leave at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Swimming, baseball and picnic games will be enjoyed, with Leonard Mayfield, director of athletics, in charge.

Kensington Meeting

The Kensington club met with Mrs. Fred Walker for a 1 o'clock luncheon Friday. Mrs. W. C. Wright and Mrs. Walker were hostesses.

The house was pleasantly decorated for the occasion.

Members present were Mesdames S. C. Wright, A. J. Morgan, Levi Neet, S. R. Dippel, C. E. Kenyon, L. L. May, L. E. Basford, C. E. Swartz, Mary Kessey, J. C. McMurray, Dallas Murphy, Jack Henderer, W. C. Rehhan, H. W. Whitney, Anna Knox and Miss Edna Swartz.

Guests included Mrs. H. E. Elder, Mrs. Kate Kester, Mrs. Anna Kessey, Miss Anna Wright. The next meeting will be at the residence of Mrs. Rehhan, with Mrs. Whitney acting as joint hostess.

AGED JASPER MAN IS DEAD AFTER ILLNESS

John Milton Conard, affectionately known as Jasper as "Grandpa" Conard, died at the home of his son, J. R. Conard, Jasper, late Tuesday. He was nearly 90 years of age.

The body was shipped by W. F. Walker to Grant City, Mo., the old home of Mr. Conard. Three sons, and daughters survive.

Nation To Relief Of Mississippi Homeless



More than 300 dead and 200,000 homeless are in the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio valleys as waters recede on the most destructive river-flood the nation has ever known. Secretary of Interior Herbert Hoover has been assigned by the President to personally direct all relief work as the nation contributes funds. Upper photo is an airplane view of Greenville, Miss., under 20 feet of water. Lower photo a typical tent city which now dot the highlands, St. Louis to New Orleans.

Bain Resigns As Superintendent

The Springfield school board came unexpectedly against a new problem this week when Vern D. Bain, superintendent of the city schools and employed for another year, handed over his resignation to take a similar but better-paying position at Woodburn.

The action came as a surprise to the local board, and a meeting held Monday night left the position still vacant. There are half a dozen or so applications, and the board is investigating the candidates while waiting for more to come in. The job paid \$2400 last year, the first year of the re-established superintendency.

Mr. Bain, a graduate of the Willamette University, has been in the Springfield school system for two years, coming here first as high school principal but receiving promotion when the superintendency was established. It was understood here that he was to return this year and he had signed his contract. But the Woodburn position came up suddenly, and he used his right in resigning within a few days after signing up for another year.

At Monday night's meeting the school board filled two vacancies in high school teaching positions resulting from resignations.

Grace Potter of Eugene was selected as teacher of music and English, and Miss Bertha Orvetta Bodine of Newport was given the position of Commercial teacher. Salaries of Miss Sylvia Veatch and Miss Hodges were raised to \$1215 and \$1200.

10 APPLICANTS AFTER CITY SUPERINTENDENCY

Announcement that Vern Bain will not return as superintendent of Springfield schools has resulted in a flood of applications at the office of School Clerk Smith. Here are the names of 10 men seeking the local job:

Edward W. Oliver, Rouge River, O. C. Harley, Athena; L. H. Wellman, Index, Wash.; Lee Byers, Ashland; C. S. Van Vleet, Ranier, Wash.; J. F. Schenck, Gervais; L. L. Gooding, Dayton; W. M. Kent, Reedsport; Joseph Lyon, Adna, Wash.; DeFore Cramblitt, McMinnville.

GIRL SCOUTS QUIZZED BY CITY FIRE CHIEF

The Girl Scouts were quizzed on fire prevention by fire Chief Jess Smitson, several of the girls passing the test. They are: Louella Williams, Meluta Read, Doris Chase, Audrey Daniels, Dale Daniels, Jewel Hiltbrand, Faye Stratton and Elizabeth Hemenway. Chief Smitson explained the use of fire extinguishers.

The girls were drilled on formation by Mrs. Ralph Martin of Eugene. A court of awards will be conducted in Eugene May 13, when Jewel Hiltbrand, Doris Chase, Louella Williams will receive awards.

Mrs. Bally Here—Mrs. Ray Bally and son of Westport were Springfield visitors yesterday.

Harold MacGrath



From the pen of Harold MacGrath famous American author, comes "Bound to the North," new serial story which The Springfield News will publish exclusively in this territory, beginning today. There are adventure, romance and thrills in this story of a courageous and Winsome Virginia maiden, who, when father and brothers are killed, carries on. Don't miss a single chapter.

MEMORIAL DAY PLANS FURTHERED AT MEET

Plans for observance of Memorial Day were furthered at a meeting of committeemen in charge last night, and tentative arrangements for the entire event were developed. At a meeting on May 17, all plans will be discussed by the general committee under M. B. Huntly.

Zack Kintzely again was named named marshal of the day. His aids will be M. B. Huntly, John Wills and F. B. Hamlin.

In charge of flowers are the Rebekahs, Neighbors of Woodcraft, Civic club and Eastern Star. The 4-L and the W. O. W. will clear the Ladies of the G. A. R. plot at Laurel Hill cemetery for services there. Taps and firing squads will be furnished by the National Guard, and F. B. Hamlin will get the speakers. The I. O. O. F. band of Eugene will play.

W. P. Tyson and R. E. Mosher have charge of the singing, and Mr. Hamlin and Mr. Wills will arrange the program printing. Vern Bain will have charge of the school observance.

MERORIAL BENEFIT IS PLANNED BY G. A. R.

A silver tea will be conducted at the Eggmann parlors tomorrow afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock for the purpose of raising funds to purchase flags for Memorial Day. The affair is in charge of the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Features will be fortune telling, old-time music, and a 4-piece orchestra. A light lunch will be served. In charge will be Mesdames Eggmann, Doane, Richmond and Laxton.

M. E. LEAGUERS HAVE SUCCESSFUL MEET IN CITY OVER WEEK-END

What was termed one of the most successful of the northern division of the Southern District of Epworth Leagues was conducted in Springfield Friday, Saturday and Sunday of last week. Nearly a score of communities were represented in the attendance of several hundred.

The election of officers held Saturday resulted in the choice of Rev. John A. Linn of Cottage Grove as president of the district; Kenneth Vannice, Halsey, William Pollard, Springfield, and James Spencer, Eugene, vice-presidents.

Toledo was chosen as the meeting place for the next convention at the final session of the convence Sunday night. At that time, also, resolutions were adopted which voiced the appreciation of the visitors for the hospitality shown by Springfield in entertaining the convention.

Inspirational talks, convention business, and special music were features of the three day's sessions. Prominent ministers from Western Oregon churches had parts in the program. The Methodist church of Springfield was convention headquarters.

The attendance at the convention was far above expectation. Registered from this city were: Lawrence Roof, Thayer McMurray, Arthur Potter, Herbert Horning, Jean Scott, Doris Miles, Jule Roden, Jule Pollard, Beth Jones, Ethel Spencer, Edgar Louk, Dorothy Bailey, Evelyn Manley, Evan Hughes, Ola Sales, Norval Foss, Norval Orr, Theo Bartholemew, Violet Mustoe, Mary Voris, Elizabeth Platt, Ralph Hughes, Elizabeth Hughes, Howard Hughes, Clare Spencer.

LUMBER WORKERS INJURED AT CAMPS

The usual run of timber accidents was reported by local physicians this week.

Among the most serious mishaps was that at the Fischer Lumber company at Marcola, when Jack Queen, 20, was badly injured. Queen was tossed 40 feet in the air by a cable, and hurled to the earth head downward. He suffered a fractured skull, chest, shoulder and hip injuries. He is in the Pacific Christian hospital.

Bert Gaspey was injured at Lowell where he was employed by the Porter and Davis Lumber company. He was struck by the tongue of a slab wagon, with the result that his chest was badly contused.

Nile Sankey, worker at the Booth-Kelly Lumber company camp above Wendling, received a severe cut above the eye when struck by a piece of steel Monday. Sankey was brought to Wendling on a speeder, bleeding profusely throughout the trip, and from there was rushed to Eugene by ambulance.

SMITH NAMED REGISTRAR FOR COMING ELECTIONS

R. W. Smith has been named registrar of voters for the coming election by County Clerk Dillard. Mr. Smith's office is on Fourth street near the postoffice.

Voters have until June 18 to register to vote in the election June 28. Many Lane county residents' names have been taken off the registration books by reason of their failure to vote last year, and these are urged to register as soon as possible.

MRS. PATRICK CONLEY TO BE BURIED TODAY

After a lingering illness, Mrs. Patrick Conley died Monday morning at the home of her sons, Harvey and John Conley. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Christian church with Rev. S. E. Childers in charge.

She is survived by her husband, four sons, Harvey, John, Ernest and Clinton, one daughter, Mrs. Silas Gay, and seven grandchildren.

MOTHER'S DAY TO BE OBSERVED AT CHURCH

A special Mother's Day observance is planned for the Baptist church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The program follows:

My Mother's Songs, by the choir. Duet, "My Mother," Myrtle Harvey, Naomi Carlton. Quartet, "My Mother's Prayer." Solo and chorus, "My Mother's Song," Mrs. A. Pengra.

At the morning services the quartet will sing, "This Holy Hour," and Norton Pengra will sing a Mother's day solo.

STOCK IN WOOLEN MILL BEING SOLD

Springfield Committee Finds Progress Being Made In Eastern Oregon Towards Financing Big Mill In Springfield; Backers Are Confident.

Sale of stock to eastern Oregon sheepmen in the Oregon-California Woolen Mill has reached \$100,000 and prospects are good for the completion of the financing, according to Welby Stevens and E. R. Danner, who returned from Klamath Falls Sunday where they interviewed the promoters. Mr. Stevens and Mr. Danner were sent by the Chamber of Commerce to eastern Oregon to check up on the mill which is to be built in Springfield.

The backers of the new enterprise are still optimistic and declare they will start building a mill in Springfield just as soon as sufficient stock is pledged to incorporate, reports the local men. It is expected that from four to six months will be necessary to complete the financing the Springfield men were told. Sheepmen who are expected to buy the major part of the stock in the woolen mill have been under heavy expense in lambing season and sheering time and it is not until money begins to come to them from their wool clip that the heaviest sale of stock can be made, it is pointed out.

The plan of the proposed Springfield mill is said to be popular with the sheep men and many of them have taken small blocks of stock with the promise that they would increase their purchases after selling their wool.

Meetings of sheep men have been held at Lakeview, Paisley, Burns and other places by D. S. Shiel and William Blaikie of the Woolen Mill organization. Northern California sheepmen will hear the mill plans at a meeting at Alturas in a few days.

Bad weather and sickness have also interfered with the progress of the sale of woolen mill stock but the promoters are as confident as they were in the beginning and have already spent \$2000 of their own money to carry on the work, it is reported. While articles have appeared in newspapers that the woolen mills would be built somewhere else besides Springfield the promoters declare there is no foundation for them and that provided Springfield carries through her part of the agreement to raise \$100,000 the mill will be built here.

ROWENA MINE COMPANY ELECTS OFFICERS. HAS ADDITIONAL PROPERTY

Officers of the Rowena Mining company, Springfield concern which is to develop a gold diggings in the Blue River region, were named at a meeting of the newly incorporated firm last Friday.

George Cox, old-time miner, was named president and manager of the company; N. J. Nelson, vice-president, and Lawrence May, secretary-treasurer. These men will also serve as directors. Judge E. O. Potter has been retained as legal advisor.

The Rowena company, it is reported, recently purchased additional property in the Blue River region. The company is incorporated at \$200,000. Yesterday, members of the concern appeared before the corporation commissioner at Salem in connection with their new organization, and these books will be open within a week.

COMMUNITY HOUSE TO BE MEETING SUBJECT

Committees in charge of the plans for establishing a community house in Springfield will meet at the Chamber of Commerce tonight. This is the second meeting of the committees, and definite steps toward actual accomplishment of the object are expected to be taken.

Various civic organizations have appointed committees to work on the project.

SCOUTS MEET TUESDAY NIGHT FOR INSPECTION

Springfield Boys Scouts of Troop 11, the Lions club troop, will meet on Tuesday night next week instead of Monday as announced.

Inspection will be the chief feature of the meeting. Dr. W. C. Rehhan, Scout Commissioner, will have general charge, and the troop will be inspected for attendance, cleanliness, condition, and activity.