

TWENTY-FOURTH YEAR

SUPERINTENDENCY DROPPED BY BOARD

Resignation of Bain Brings Decision By School Trustees Which Is Expected To Cut Expenses By At Least \$2000; Principals To Be In Charge.

Solution of the problem created by the resignation of Vern D. Bain as superintendent of the city schools has been reached by the school board, which unofficially announced this week that the superintendency of Springfield schools is to be dropped from the system next year.

W. G. Hughes, member of the board, speaking for the other directors, made the statement, declaring that it is the belief of the board that the school system can be run as efficiently and more economically without a superintendent. Action to this effect is certain, he declared.

It is held by those favoring dropping the superintendency that at least \$2000 can be saved in this way. While the lack of a superintendent will entail additional instruction in the high school, this is not expected to be sufficiently costly to counter-balance the salary saved.

The superintendency was installed in the Springfield school system at the beginning of the present year, when V. D. Bain, former high school principal, was advanced to that post. Mr. Bain was re-elected recently for another year, but resigned to take over a similar position at Woodburn.

It is the opinion of board members that the sentiment of their constituents is not favorable to retention of the superintendency, now that Mr. Bain has resigned.

Under the new plan adopted, each principal will be held responsible directly for the school in his or her charge. Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway will have charge of the grades at the Brattain school building; Laurence Moffitt will direct the work at the Lincoln school, and A. J. Morgan will have general supervision of all work under way at the high school building.

CARLOAD LIME SPREAD IN MOHAWK VALLEY

For seven farmers in the Mohawk valley a carload of lime from the state lime plant was unloaded last week at Donna. Experimental work in the Mohawk valley on the J. S. Baugh and other farms shows the lack of lime in the soil which is necessary to the growing of clover and alfalfa.

Mr. Baugh took 24 tons of the 32 tons in the car for his farm. The lime cost \$7 a ton when ordered through the county agent. Other cars are to be distributed in the county.

GROVE BUSINESS IS BOUGHT BY BURCHUM

Otto Burchum, principal of the Lincoln Junior high school for several years, who resigned this year because of the board's refusal to meet his salary demands, is going into the gas business at Cottage Grove, he announced today.

Mr. Burchum is buying a gas station located on the Pacific highway at the Grove, his home city. The station he said, is doing a good business at present, and he expects a remunerative business.

ROSE SHOW WILL BE HELD AT I. O. F. HALL

The I. O. F. hall at Fourth and Main street was chosen as the place for the annual rose show of the Civic Club at a meeting of that organization Tuesday. Exact date of the flower carnival has not yet been determined.

Mrs. C. E. Wheaton was named general chairman of the rose show committee. Mrs. W. C. McLagan will have charge of lighting, and Mrs. Paul Brattain and Mrs. William Donaldson compose the ways and means committee.

Mrs. Carl Olson will represent the civic club at the state federation of women's club convention at Bend May 21.

MEMORIAL DAY GROUP TO MEET AGAIN SOON

A meeting of the memorial day committee again will be held, probably May 17 or 18, to complete plans for the observance here. M. B. Huntly, chairman, is expected to call the meeting shortly.

Little is left undone by the committeemen in arranging details for what promises to be one of the most successful observances ever held here.

SHELL OIL COMPANY IS GIVEN CONTRACT BY LOCAL COUNCIL

Contract for supplying Springfield with oil and gas for the next year was awarded the Shell Oil company at a meeting of the city council Monday night. Under the direction of Chief Jess Smitson, a tank has been installed from which city fuel will be taken as supplied by the Shell company.

The deed for the right-of-way granted to the city by the Southern Pacific company along with the old street car bridge piers was formally accepted. This right-of-way is to be turned over to the county for use in construction of the approach to the new Springfield bridge.

A petition for a sewer extension from Ninth to Tenth streets between E and F streets, Block 8, was referred to the power, light and water committee.

The council ordered a light in at Tenth and G streets.

MRS. LARSON WRIGHT HEADS NEEDLECRAFT

Members of the Needlecraft club enjoyed a luncheon at the Osborn hotel in Eugene last Thursday, afterwards going to the home of Mrs. D. W. Crites where they witnessed a pantomime.

Officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Larson Wright, president; Mrs. Carl Phetteplace, secretary; Mrs. Howard Colton, reporter. Plans were made for a picnic next Thursday.

A large basket of cut flowers formed the center piece of the table at the hotel luncheon, while a lovely corsage was placed at each plate. Those present were:

Mesdames Walter Gossler, R. S. Dipfel, G. W. Hobson, O. H. Jarrett, Floyd Westerfield, C. O. Wilson, J. F. Ketels, R. P. Mortensen, Robert Drury, Carl Olson, Walter Scott, Fred Walker, W. N. Long, D. W. Crites.

EXERCISES AT METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY, MAY 21

Baccalaureate exercises will be held in the Methodist church on Sunday, May 22 at 8 o'clock. Rev. Blom pastor of the Baptist church of Springfield, will deliver the address of the evening.

The girls and boys glee clubs will also give a selection. There will be twenty-seven seniors graduate this year.

POSTAL INSPECTION TO BE MAY 16 TO 21

Notification that postal inspection will be conducted at the Springfield Postoffice May 16 to 21 has been received by Postmaster F. B. Hamlin. W. C. Ott, chief clerk of railway mail service, will conduct the inspection.

Walter Gossler, Ira Nice, and Mrs. Hamlin will take the examination, which is required of all postal clerks each year. Accuracy and speed of the clerks will be tested.

FOUR LION TROOP SCOUTS PLAN CAMP

Four Boy Scouts of the Lions club troop plan to attend the summer camp at Blue River, along with scouts from troops from all over the county. At Tuesday night's meeting, arrangements were made for attendance at camp of Harold Adams, Dean Anderson, Ralph Hughes, and Peyton Odekkirk.

C. R. Clark, county executive, was here yesterday to purchase material at the local mill for a diving scaffold at the camp.

The Scouts on Tuesday night held a joint meeting for the purpose of preparing for the rally at Eugene May 28. Practically every event at the rally will be entered by local scouts.

Club To Elect

The Three Sisters club organization committee will meet this evening at the Eugene Chamber of Commerce to elect officers for the ensuing year. The new club has for its object the establishing of the Three Sisters region as a national park. H. E. Maxey of Springfield is chairman of the boundary committee of the proposed park.

To Attend Pythian Conclave

Mrs. H. E. Maxey will leave Saturday morning to attend the district convention of Pythian Sisters to be held at Salem. The drill team from the Eugene organization will attend in a body and exemplify drill work at the evening session.

8th Graders Take Exams Here Today

High Grades Expected from 40 Lincoln Pupils In State Tests

One of the largest eighth grades in the history of Springfield schools today begins the state eight grade examinations, and will end the toilsome process tomorrow afternoon. Forty regular pupils are in line for today's tests, and Principal Otto Burchum expects unusually high grades from his proteges.

Pupils with a superstitious turn are a little uneasy about tomorrow's quizzing, for it will be Friday, the thirteenth. But despite the jinx attached to the date, a majority of the class are facing the crucial tests with confidence.

Here is the list of pupils who will attempt to pass from the realm of grammar school to the more dignified role of high school students:

Kenneth Casteel, Dorman Chase, Harold Geiger, John Jayne, Dale Smith, Edmund Webber, Donald Wilson, Ennis Yarnell, Barbara Adams Irma Crider, Esther Frost, Gwendola Gott, Elizabeth Kenney, Viola Murray, Mina Peterson.

Jean Scott, Pauline Seamons, Francis Fuller, Courtney Lassell, John Lynch, Lloyd Mattison, Oran Mulligan, Herman Nystrom, Hercy Tomseth, Earl Wheeler, Ed Pinkley, Ruth Carlton, Merna Bartholemew.

Barbara Chandie, Dale Daniels, Dorothy Fisher, Mary Hadley, Bessie Hyde, Edith Lansberry, Irene Manly, Fay Parsons, Nellie Stewart and Hildred Wycoff. Hildred Wycoff will take the arithmetic tests and Mary Ann Louk will be tested in civil government.

All of these pupils already have taken the state quizzes in geography and hygiene.

FIRST CLASS BASEBALL MATERIAL SHOWING UP

Future high school and college baseball stars are in the making in Principal Burchum's junior high school baseball team, in the opinion of those who have watched the out-of-ball tossers in action. While the of the youngsters makes team work especially difficult, individual stars are showing up well this year, among them being Lloyd Mattison, Ed Pinkley and others.

On Monday the team goes to Wendling, where it will face the grammar school team there. Tuesday, Santa Clara comes here and on Friday the Wendling tossers will play a return game here.

Legion Has Meeting

The American Legion, at a meeting Friday night, endorsed the plans for the establishment in Springfield of a community house. This was the chief business of the regular session.

Greatest Marathoner



Clarence Demar, veteran Boston printer who has won his fifth classic and in all nearly 20 marathons is conceded to be one of the greatest of runners. Right now, he keeps fit by daily running 10 miles to and from work, as he aims for the Olympic next year.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GETTING OUT YEAR BOOK

The "Maple Leaf," Springfield high school year book, is being printed at the Willamette Press and presents an interesting 75 pages of news and features chronicling the year 1926-27 at the local school. Dorene Larimer is editing the annual and Evelyn Walker is business manager.

It is hoped to have the 118 copies out in time for distribution May 27 or 28. One hundred and fourteen copies have been subscribed for. The others will be used for exchanges and records.

Plan Cafeteria Supper

A cafeteria supper at the W. O. W. hall is planned by the Neighbors of Woodcraft drill team for Friday evening, May 13. This will be a benefit affair, the money to go toward sending the drill team to the national convention at Riverside, California. The supper starts at 6:30 o'clock.

Blom May Go East

Rev. C. H. Blom is planning to attend the Northwestern Baptist convention at Chicago which opens May 30. Whether Mrs. Blom will accompany him east has not yet been decided. Rev. Blom is pastor of the Springfield church.

WOODCRAFT LODGE HAS SUCCESSFUL INITIATION BEFORE GRAND OFFICER

What was acclaimed the most successful initiation ever conducted by Pine Circle, No. 45, Neighbors of Woodcraft, was held last night before a packed house at the W. O. W. hall, with several grand officers of the organization present from Portland.

Mrs. Minnie Heiner, grand guardian, was the principal speaker of the evening's gathering, while other grand officers present included Mrs. Martell, Portland, grand clerk.

Eighteen were initiated into the Woodcraft circle. They were Mrs. Daisy Clover, Mrs. Gladys Bromfield, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Russell, Walter Lipes, Wayne Lipes, Ida Hills, Mrs. Pearl Worley, Mrs. Pearl Smith, Mrs. Clara-bell Putnam, Ben Skinner, Mrs. Ella McCormick, Edith Eaton, Orval Eaton, Melva Mellon, Opal Carter, and Sheridan Hills, a transfer.

Seventy-seven members of the local circle attended, establishing a record. In addition, there were five present from Roseburg, 15 from Creswell, 5 from Coburg, 12 from Walterville, 3 from Jasper.

Mrs. Albert McMurphy, Eugene, past grand officer, was among the speakers. The Neighbors of Woodcraft quartet rendered several selections. Members of the quartet are Mrs. Hazel Burnett, Mrs. Rachel Thatcher, Mrs. Leota Rodenbaugh, Mrs. Alma Cowden.

The visitors were especially impressed by the work of the Springfield lodge. Mrs. Littell, who is clerk of Silver Leaf, the largest circle of Portland, invited the local drill team to attend and put on the work for that circle at an time.

SPRINGFIELD SEEKING BETTER MAIL SERVICE

Improved mail service between Springfield and points north is being sought by concerted effort of the Springfield postoffice and other offices along the affected section of the Southern Pacific, including Eugene.

At present, it is said, there is no mail north after the early morning, save a closed pouch on an afternoon train which delivers to Salem and Portland only. This makes service to smaller points between here and Portland exceedingly unsatisfactory, it is held, and an effort is being made to have train No. 18 carry mail to these points.

If the desired improvements can be made, Springfield residents will be able to send their letters to points north during the day with reasonable assurance of a reply on the next day. Postmaster F. B. Hamlin is joining other postmasters in pointing out to the proper officials the deficiencies of the present arrangements.

Undergoes Operation—Guy Stevens

operated on last Friday as a result of an injury received at the mill, is reported to be improving.

TALK HALL FINANCE WITH CITY BONDS

Prominent Citizens Suggest Issue To Be Voted On At June Election; Plans For Handsome Building Are Drawn By Architects.

Possibilities of asking the voters to authorize a bond issue of probably \$20,000 for financing the construction of a handsome community house in Springfield will be seriously considered at a meeting of representatives of interested organizations at the chamber of commerce next Wednesday night.

This became known today when it was learned that several prominent citizens have suggested that the city call for the bond issue to be voted at the election June 28, believing that building through rentals, would pay for itself in time.

While this is only a tentative proposal, a committee headed by Mayor G. G. Bushman is working on the financial problems in connection with the community hall and favor it being shown the bond issue plan. Those favoring the proposal say that if the organizations will get behind the issue and work hard enough, it will carry with the voters.

Enthusiasm Shown

Some one, it is said, must be back of the building, even if it is financed, and it is believed that the city could handle this angle as a public benefit better than any other agency.

Members of the farmers union, which holds regular meeting in Springfield are showing much interest in the hall plans and local organizations are becoming enthusiastic over the possibilities. It was shown at a meeting held last week.

At the meeting next Wednesday, a committee of the Mt. Vernon local of the farmers union will be in attendance, it is announced.

Plans for an attractive two-story building were submitted to the meeting by Smith and Hunsicker, Eugene architects, and explained by Mr. Smith. The plans have been at the chamber of commerce this week, where they may be inspected by anyone interested.

The drawings call for a building 60 x 120 feet in size, facing B street on the community hall lot at Fourth and B streets.

A tile roof, ornamental tile facing, cement floors, kitchen, and other conveniences are features of the proposed building.

Mrs. Ralph Laird and Mrs. Tyson represented the Farmers Union Auxiliary at last week's meeting, while Mr. L. Wallace, Jasper, represented the union. Representatives of various local organizations, including the Lions and Civic club, chamber of commerce, city council, and 4-L were present.

JUNE 15 IS DATE FOR SAWING AT NEW MILL

June 15 is the tentative date set for starting sawing at the new mill of the Lorane Timber and Milling company at Gillespie corners, according to statements this morning by C. E. Wheaton official of the company which is composed of Springfield men. The boiler for the mill was taken out last night, after its arrival at Eugene from Portland. Other machinery is being installed as rapidly as possible.

FREE SCHOOL CLINIC PLAN OF CIVIC CLUB

A pre-school clinic is to be conducted next Monday morning at the chamber of commerce under the auspices of the civic club. This will be absolutely free, and, while not compulsory, all parents of pre-school age children are urged to take advantage of the opportunity of examination by experts of their children.

Those interested in making appointments should call 105-J. Mrs. Carl Olson.

Darling Given Degree

William Darling, former Springfield manager for the Mountain States Power company, was a visitor here Tuesday. While here he attended a meeting of the Masonic club, where he was given a Masonic degree during ceremonies.

Jack Queen Improves—Jack Queen, workman injured at Marcola recently, is reported to be slowly improving at the Pacific Christian hospital.

He Knows From Whence Help Must Come — By Albert T. Reid

