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## SPRINGFIELD WILL HONOR DEAD HEROES

All is Ready For Solemn Memorial Day Services To Be Conducted Next Monday; Whole City To Join In Tribute To Country's Dead.

A call for automobiles and trucks to provide conveyance to the Laurel Hill cemetery Memorial Day was made today by Dr. S. R. Dippel. All machines should be on Second street between the tracks and Main by 10 o'clock Monday morning. They will be free again by 12 after the trip to the cemetery.

Springfield once more is ready to pay reverent tribute to those who have died for their country. In this one event of the year—the Memorial Day observance—all elements of the community join hands with a single sentiment march in solemn parade to participate in patriotic programs honoring soldier and sailor dead.

Nothing has been left undone to make this year's observance one of the most impressive in the city's history. Under the direction of Major M. B. Huntly, a war veteran, committees representing all organizations of the city have been making preparations.

Monday, May 30, is Memorial day. The arranged program consists of two parts, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. The forenoon program consists of a parade through the city from Sixth and Main streets to Second and South D, where all who wish will take automobiles for Laurel Hill cemetery. There a short memorial address will be given, and other ceremonies listed in the program. In the afternoon there will be an assembly at the bandstand, Second and Main streets, where another program will take place and water ceremonies.

## CHURCHES TO JOIN IN MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Rev. Gabriel Sykes of the J. H. Ebbert Methodist Episcopal church will deliver the sermon at a union meeting of Springfield churches to be conducted at the Christian church Sunday evening in observance of memorial day, which comes the following day.

In general charge of the services will be Rev. S. E. Childers of the Christian church. Special music is planned.

Another event of interest to local church circles this week was the trip of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Blom of the Baptist church, who went to Chicago to attend the Northern Baptist convention. They will return late in July.

## BAIN WILL GO TO NEW POST EARLY IN SUMMER

To get acquainted with the details of his new position and with the community, V. D. Bain, recently elected superintendent of the schools at Woodburn will move to that city in July. Mr. Bain is leaving the Springfield schools after two years service as principal and superintendent.

Mr. Bain recently has been taking work at the University of Oregon looking toward a higher degree than that received at Willamette University, but will put off work on this temporarily.

A special meeting of the school board Monday night was all that was required to put the stamp of approval on an announced intention of the board to drop the superintendency position here. Mr. Bain's resignation was followed by this decision.

## Rebekahs Have Feed

A waffle feed was a surprise feature of a meeting of the Rebekahs Monday night. After the regular lodge meeting, members were invited into the dining room and seated at a table, after which several women in charge began dispensing waffles.

Those who served were Mrs. O. H. Jarrett, Mrs. Sam Richmond, Mrs. Stella Finley, Mrs. Clarine Putnam, Mrs. Alice Lorah.

## Miss Nelson Returns

Pearl Nelson has returned after a visit to Seattle. While in the northern city she witnessed the graduation of two of her girl chums from the General Hospital, where they have been under-graduate nurses. The girls are Florence Resor and Lottie Buley, whom Miss Nelson knew in Minnesota.

## HODGE SPEAKS; LIONS BACK THREE SISTERS NATIONAL PARK PLAN

Public sentiment is the only power that will cause congress to create a national park in the Three Sisters area in eastern Lane county and that must be started in Eugene and Springfield, the cities most benefited, Dr. E. T. Hodge, professor of geology at the University of Oregon, told the Lions club at its noon luncheon Thursday. Mr. Hodge has made an exhaustive study of the region and pointed out the features that will make this an attractive park provided congress will act on the matter.

After the talk the Lions club went on record as endorsing the Three Sisters National Park movement and pledging its support in bringing it about.

Mr. Hodge said that it was not taking this land out of taxation but merely changing it from one sort of governmental control to another. Only in this way he said could national advertising of the area and the proper development be secured. Comparing Oregon with California in the tourist business he pointed that California had five national parks and Oregon but one. California's tourist business last year excelled the total business of any six of her industries, he said. The large number of tourists attracted here by a Three Sisters national park would be of immense benefit to the country.

A comparison of the Three Sisters area, according to Mr. Hodge, will show it equal or excelling most national parks. The Three Sisters meadows are green the year round while other parks are very dusty in mid-summer. The glaciers are "friendly" or can be actually reached by automobile when the park is developed while glaciers in other national parks can be reached only after a long arduous climb on foot. The crater lake on the top of the South Sister, 10,300 feet high, is the highest crater lake in the world. The lava flow is one of the largest and most recent in the world. The number of flowers and fauna is among the greatest in any given area in the United States. These and many other features will make this region a mecca for tourists when once the park is established believed Dr. Hodge.

## MOVE ON FOOT TO FORM BASEBALL TEAM IN CITY

Fans and players who are interested in baseball have started a movement to organize a team in Springfield. It is believed that there is a plenty of material here to turn out a first class organization which would be strictly home talent.

Nearly all of the larger communities and some of the smaller ones as well have teams and plenty of games are in sight once a nine is organized here. Wm. Vasby is busy lining up players and he says that any whom have been overlooked will be signed if they will call on him at his shop. A tryout for places will be held soon, the best players showing up to make the team.

## 4-L MAY PICNIC WITH OTHER UNITS AT BEACH

The local 4-L unit on Monday night talked plans for a picnic with other units of Districts 1, 2 and 3 at Newport, Labor Day. The suggestion has been made by other locals and Springfield has been invited to join. The matter was postponed until the next meeting, when a decision will be made.

W. D. Smith addressed the post on general activities of the organization.

## SENIORS START EXAMS AT HIGH SCHOOL TODAY

Seniors begin taking examinations at the Springfield high school today. Members of other classes will take tests next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Exemption lists were read at the high school yesterday. All seniors but two are exempt in both English and history.

## New Features Added

New features have been added to the program to be given by the Neighbors of Woodcraft June 1. Rehearsals for the affair are proving successful, and a good entertainment is promised by members of the lodge. Receipts will go toward giving Springfield a good representation at the national convention this year at Riverside, California.

## Lots Sold

Lots 7, 8 and 9 of Block 10 of Sunnyside addition were sold yesterday by the city to O. L. Stratton.

## Don't You Want to Help?



Here is a typical group of Mississippi flood victims—a family of white tenants—driven to the levees from the lowlands. They are awaiting the arrival of a Red Cross relief boat to take them to a camp on the highlands. The Red Cross is still asking for funds.

## POLICE MATRON OFFICE ABOLISHED BY ACTION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The office of Police Matron, held here for a long time by Mrs. Paul Brattain, was abolished definitely by the action of the city council and mayor last Saturday, according to statements made today by Mayor G. G. Bushman. Although the power to do away with the office lay with him, he waited for the council's recommendation at Saturday's special meeting, Mayor Bushman said.

The officials hold that the work can be better handled by the police chief and that there is no need for a police matron here.

According to Mayor Bushman, he understood Saturday that Mrs. Brattain had agreed to resign. However, according to the officials, a resignation is unnecessary as the action of the mayor has eliminated the office.

## Students Honor Burchum

Otto Burchum, principal of the Lincoln school who will not return next year, was honored by school children at a picnic at Riverside Park Monday night. Courtney Lasselle, a member of the eighth grade, presented Mr. Burchum a jeweled emblem on behalf of the pupils whose educational work he has supervised during his service here.

Mr. Burchum is going into the gas station business at Cottage Grove.

## FASTER SPEED ON EAST MAIN MAY BE ALLOWED BY NEW CITY RULING

Faster speed on East Main street may be allowed by action of the city council of the police commission, according to reports at the city hall today. Loosening of the state speed limit laws this month and a general belief that carefulness, rather than inconvenient slow speed, is the prime requisite of safe motoring, are causes of the contemplated action.

Lawrence May, head of the police commission, has been asked to consider the matter of allowing the motorists 30 miles on this section of Springfield's main street, which, in reality, is a part of the McKenzie highway. Traffic Officer Smith, to whom speeding is a thing to be looked at at all times with a cold eye, also is said to be favorable to the more liberal policy toward motorists.

Whether the council will take action changing its speeding ordinance, or the police commission will merely outline a more liberal policy to be carried out by the officer, has not yet been determined. Early consideration and decision is expected.

It is held by those favoring the plan that East Main street does not provide a great deal of danger as no important intersections supply side-traffic. It is also believed that a higher speed limit will be considered favorably by motorists who drive through Springfield using the McKenzie highway.

## WEST SPRINGFIELD IS OUT TO PREVENT MORE DAMAGE BY WILLAMETTE

"Making hay while the sun shines," is an old and well-worn adage that West Springfield have adopted as their slogan in an effort to bring about county cooperation in a plan for preventing, while the river is low, a recurrence of the flood that devastated that district last February when the Willamette river broke loose.

A petition is being circulated which asks the county, the city of Eugene and the Southern Pacific to cooperate in an extensive program, modeled after recommendations made by Simon Klovrabl, Springfield city engineer.

The petition, addressed to the county court, would have the mill race extended from Judkins Point to McVeigh Point, running along the railroad grade, at the same time eliminating the present mill race dam and head. It is also proposed that the rock in the river be blasted from McVeigh's Point to Judkins Point, and that the Southern Pacific replace its fill with a trestle, to allow the flood waters free flow.

## POLICE CHIEF OUTLINES IMPORTANT AUTO RULES

Important traffic rules contained in the state law which goes into effect Saturday were outlined this week by Police Chief Jess Smitson for the information of Springfield motorists. The drastic changes, Chief Smitson said, make it necessary for officers of law to use discretion in enforcing the new regulations; and he asked that Springfield residents cooperate to the best of their ability in bringing about a general observance here of the rules.

The following rules were outlined as of being of especial importance to motorists here:

Speed limits, 35 miles in country, 20 miles in cities, 15 miles by schools during school hours.

Autos must stop and draw to the curb when fire trucks and police cars are traveling on the streets with sirens or bells sounding.

In signaling to stop, start, or turn, the hand must be held out horizontally.

Passengers in drivers seat are limited to two.

Cutouts are prohibited.

Stickers on windshield or rear windows, save state permits, are prohibited.

## MEASLES EPIDEMIC ON AT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL

An epidemic of measles has caused irregular attendance at the Springfield high school this week. Among those who have been afflicted are Julie Pollard, Asa Roblee, Adeline Perkins, Mildred Gates and Juanita Cranter.

Nadine McMurray, another high school student, has been suffering from a severe attack of poison oak, and Dora Pederson also has been on the sick list.

Paul Frese sustained a fractured rib this week while practicing jumping at high school. Shortly after he had jumped the stick Thayer McMurray jumped and fell on Frese's back, causing the injury.

## NEW PIPE IS CUT IN AT MOUNTAIN STATES PLANT

A new 24-inch wood stave pipe was cut in at the Mountain States Power Company's plant here last night as the end of six weeks work on the tube, which is to provide the cooling condenser with water from the Booth-Kelley mill pond.

The new pipe replaces an old flume and represents a great improvement, according to Superintendent W. C. McLagan.

## FLOOD CONTROL PLAN FEASIBLE, SAYS SCOTT

That the West Springfield flood control plan is feasible is the assertion of Rev. J. Scott, member of the committee circulating petitions to get the matter before the county court.

Rev. Scott declared that he knows an engineer that will survey the river and the mill race for \$125. He said the mill race has the right-of-way from Judkins Point. Cost of blasting ledges in the Willamette will be from \$5000 to \$10,000, and it will cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000 to scrub the gravel to one side. He suggests that a road be made out of this gravel which would be above high water.

## Kensington Club Meeting

The Kensington club will meet tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. J. Morgan, Springfield.

## NEW BUILDING TO BE CITY AUDITORIUM

Campaign For Community Structure Gets Under Way Under Direction Of W. F. Walker And Committee; Another Meeting Wednesday.

Municipal auditorium is the name given the proposed new community building by the officers of the organization formed by delegates from the various clubs of the city, according to W. F. Walker, chairman. A campaign for the new building, to be constructed by city bonds and the city reimbursed by the rentals derived from it, will be started so that the measure can be voted on at the special election June 23.

Leases conditional upon the building being built have been drawn and are being signed by various organizations. It is believed that \$150 a month will be gotten from leases and \$100 from rentals arising from sources outside the established organizations of the city.

The next meeting of the building committee will be held with the Mt. Vernon Farmers union Wednesday evening in the Chamber of Commerce room. At this time reports of the committee on leases will be heard and plans made for the circulation of petitions to put the measure on the ballot.

The Municipal auditorium as planned will cost between \$20,000 and \$25,000 architects say. It will contain quarters for the library and a ladies rest room in the front down stairs. A club room for organizations to meet in and a dining hall will also be on the first floor. The second floor will contain a large auditorium with a stage in one end. The building will be of concrete and finished in handsome style.

## COMMUNITY HOUSE TO BE CHAMBER SUBJECT

The plans for Springfield's community house probably will be the main topic at a meeting of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce at the chamber rooms tomorrow night. President H. J. Cox has urged that all members be present.

The chamber officials view with gratitude the response of Springfield people in purchasing the signs for automobile radiators purchased through the organization. Mr. Cox said, A good bit of publicity is being received as a result.

## PARK IN SHAPE FOR USE THIS SUMMER

Scouts of Lions club troop cleaned up the city park on the industrial tract a mile east of the city Tuesday night. Brush and drift wood from the race were piled in a large pile and burned. The park is now in good condition for picnics and other outings. The foliage on the trees and the grass is growing rapidly.

Someone has been hauling dirt from the park and barking the trees with rings. Anyone having information in regards to depredations in the park should turn it over to the park board and the guilty persons will be prosecuted.

## W. DONALDSON SELLS STORE TO W. LUBKE

W. Lubke, Eugene, has purchased the Wm. Donaldson second hand store here and has taken charge of the establishment. The deal was handled by the Vasby real estate office.

Mr. Lubke has been in business in Salem, Oregon City and other Oregon towns. If the business warrants, he will put new furniture on sale at the local store, he said.

Another real estate deal closed by Vasby this week was the sale of L. G. Ewbank's five-acre property near here to P. Harrington of Eugene. Harrington is a contractor and builder and will erect a new home on the property.

## Needlecraft Meeting

Members of the Needlecraft club held the last meeting until next fall last Thursday at Mrs. Dan Crites, Eugene. A picnic luncheon was enjoyed. Members present included Mesdames Walter Scott, O. H. Jarrett, S. R. Dippel, C. Wilson, C. O. Wilson, J. F. Ketels, Floyd Westerfield, Walter Gosler, G. W. Hobson, Carl Olson, W. N. Long, D. W. Crites. Guests were Mrs. C. R. Morrison of Eugene and Miss Jean Scott.