

NEW SNAGS HIT IN BIG BRIDGE PLANS

Fill Approach Opposed by West Springfield People; Southsiders Sign Petition on Closing Street; State Commission to Act.

More snags have appeared as obstacles to the plans of Lane county and the state highway commission for early construction of a \$168,000 bridge across the Willamette river at Springfield, and local men interested in the project are looking with apprehension upon new developments and difficulties which may involve retarding of progress on the enterprise, it was learned today.

The latest report of opposition to projected phases of the development came today from West Springfield, where it was reported a petition is being circulated seeking a revamping of the plans for the approach to the new span on that side of the river to conform with a flood prevention program being urged by residents of that district.

In the meantime, residents of the south end of Springfield have been pushing their effort to prevent the closing of Second street—suggested as a means of getting \$35,000 from the Southern Pacific for the new development—and it was announced today by D. W. McKinnon that an opposing petition has 59 signers.

Fill is Disapproved

West Springfield people are interested in the substitution of some sort of trestle to hold up the approach to the bridge rather than a fill as it is understood is proposed in the highway commission's plans. It is thought by the local residents that the fill would serve as an obstruction in case of high water such as occurred last spring and would prevent the water from running off the land.

The same people have suggested that the Southern Pacific substitute such a trestle for the fill which carried the rails to the new railroad bridge from the Pacific highway west.

What the result of the last petition will be is doubtful. It is understood that virtually all the technical details of the commission's plans for the highway bridge are completed, and any change would necessitate a further slowing up, which is already a source of much anxiety among local people anxious to see the new span in and the dangers and inconveniences of the old bridge eliminated.

Southsiders Busy

The southsiders opposed to Second street crossing have addressed their petition to the city council, asking that body to lay the matter before the highway commission and the state public service commission. It is held by some that the petition will be of little force addressed to the council, but should have been addressed directly to the public service commission.

The slogan, "Remember the shops," appears at the end of the petition of the southsiders, recalling the disappointment suffered by Springfield when the proposed car shops of the Southern Pacific were taken to Eugene.

The petition cites among reasons for keeping the crossing open the following: inconvenience to pedestrians and school children; failure of the crossing to show itself a dangerous one because of the few accidents which have occurred there; doubt that the Southern Pacific would contribute the proposed sum to the new bridge; disfavor on southside motorists to driving "through the hole" on Mill street. The southsiders add that they are paying taxes but are getting inadequate improvements as compared with other parts of the city.

Petition Copy Here

In the meantime, the highway commission, acting on endorsement of the Springfield council and the Lane county court, has drawn up a petition to the public service geeking the elimination of what is termed one of the most dangerous grades crossings in this district. A copy of the petition has been received at the office of Recorder I. M. Peterson.

It begins with a picture of the future development of the McKenzie highway, giving illuminating reports as to what the state officials hope for this important thoroughfare which has West Springfield as its western terminus. It is pointed out that from that point the road extends through Springfield, the McKenzie Pass, to Redmond where it connects with The Dalles-California highway. From there, it extends on east, and by virtue of connections with an Idaho road system becomes both an interstate and a transcontinental system link.

General betterment of the highway is planned by the state commission

DEVELOPMENT OF WELLS SOME TIME IN FUTURE IS SEEN BY W. C. McLAGAN

While there is no immediate need for the water supply revealed in recent wells sunk in the vicinity of the industrial tract near Springfield, local people may have the satisfaction of knowing that there is a good supply available in some time in the future, the need develops according to W. C. McLagan, superintendent of the Mountain States Power company properties.

Mr. McLagan holds that the first test of the wells may have shown more contamination than should have been revealed, perhaps due to carelessness in obtaining the samples, or errors in the test. Further tests are to be made and it is expected that they will show the supply to be as pure as the regular city supply now in use.

FIVE ARE HURT IN AUTOMOBILE CRASH

Five persons were more or less seriously hurt in an automobile accident at the outskirts of Marcola Saturday night when cars driven by Walter Boggs and Paul Schell collided.

Boggs sustained a broken arm. His wife and two children were badly bruised and shocked.

Schell was bruised and otherwise injured. A passenger in his car, W. A. Koons, received serious injuries and on Monday was taken to the Pacific Christian hospital for treatment.

Efforts are being made by county authorities to fix responsibility for the accident.

FIRE CHIEF GOES TO PORTLAND CONVENTION

Fire Chief Jess Smitson left yesterday for Portland where he will attend the sessions of the state and north-west fire chief's convention. The convention starts in the northern city today. It will continue for eight days.

Chief Smitson probably will not remain throughout the session, as he is attending as a part of his annual two-weeks' vacation. He has not decided where he will spend the remainder of the time.

During his absence, Traffic Officer Elmer Smith will handle his duties.

NEBRASKANS TO PICNIC NEAR CORVALLIS SUNDAY

Nebraskans now in this part of the state will hold their annual picnic at Colorado lake, three miles east of Corvallis, on Sunday, August 7, according to announcement by H. W. Hand, Corvallis, secretary. Lane county ex-Nebraskans are expected to attend.

The picnic has been held at this place for the past two years.

CRAIGER PROPERTY IS SOLD TO MRS. ANDERSON

Through the real estate agency of W. W. Walker, the Frank Craiger property in Glenwood park addition, West Springfield, has been sold to Mrs. Louis Anderson of Springfield. The property consists of four acres.

Mrs. Anderson already is moving to the place and intends to operate a small chicken ranch.

Visit At Hobson Home

Mr and Mrs. W. T. McDonald, of Redmond, Oregon, were week-end guests at the G. W. Hobson home near Springfield. Mr. McDonald is county agent of Deschutes county. Miss Dorothy Hobson accompanied Mr. and Mrs. McDonald home for a visit.

as the traffic increases. New alignment, widening of the right-of-way, elimination of curves, are among the plans now made. Eventually, there will be 8000 cars a day passing over this route, while 2700 is the daily vehicular count at present.

The commission then points out that there are three possible ways of eliminating the Second Street crossing. A viaduct would cost \$51,300; overhead crossing, \$110,176; bridge, \$168,000.

By eliminating the crossing, the Southern Pacific should be required to pay \$35,000 toward the bridge, it is stated. Finally, the commission asks that arrangements be made for caring for pedestrian traffic across the Second street intersection with the tracks.

Springfield Boy Hurt In Diving

Gerald Morrison Hits Rock in Bottom of Willamette Injuring Head

His head crashing into a rock at the bottom of the river, Gerald Morrison son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Morrison of this city, was painfully injured while diving at the "sand banks" a half mile above the highway bridge across the Willamette river last night shortly after 5 o'clock.

Virtually stunned by the blow on his head, the boy was able to call for help to his swimming companion, Billy Knox, who helped him out of the river.

Despite his injuries, the Morrison youth mounted his wheel and unaided rode back to town and to a physician's office. Blood was streaming down his face and he was suffering seriously from lacerations which penetrated to the skull as he rode his wheel here.

It was necessary for the physician to take ten stitches before closing up the abrasions received by the Morrison boy in the diving accident. He was reported improving this morning.

Gerald and the Knox boy were swimming alone at the time. Gerald dove from the diving board his body entering the water unusually close to the bank. He was headed for a deep dive and almost immediately hit the huge rock.

CHANEY TO SPEAK AT UNION SERVICE SUNDAY

Rev. S. J. Chaney, district superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal church, is scheduled to preach at the Springfield union services at the Baptist church Sunday evening. His subject has not yet been announced.

On Sunday morning at the Methodist church the program will be in charge of deaconesses from the Northwest training school at Seattle, here on their way to the Epworth League convention at Cascade resort.

To Name Committee

The official board of the Christian church met Monday night and decided to appoint a finance committee to work out the financial schedule for the remainder of the year. Some changes are planned for the present financial system. The committee will be appointed shortly.

New Fountain Is n

new ice-water drinking fountain has been installed by the Springfield Service Station at the corner of Fifth and Main streets. The fountain is giving much service during the present hot weather, and is the first public fountain of this kind to be established in Springfield.

New Indicator Installed

For the benefit of the motoring public, a new air indicator has been installed at the Springfield Garage. The device is a great convenience to local autoists.

SPRINGFIELD FOLK OUTDOOR PICNIC AT SWIMMER'S DELIGHT

About 60 Springfield folk enjoyed a picnic at Swimmers' Delight last Thursday night. Following the lunch and other diversions a dance was held in the pavilion with the Bell theatre musicians furnishing the music.

Those who went included the following families: Levi Neet, Dean Woolsey, Walter Gossler, Paul Basford, H. W. Whitney, Robertson, Carl Olson, Harold Williams, Sidney Ward, Grant Beeson, Dr. Carl Phetteplace, H. M. Stewart, Elvin May, Dr. W. C. Rebban, A. J. Morgan, J. F. Ketels, Dr. S. R. Dippel, W. C. Wright, J. C. McMurray, Ivan Male, and others.

HOP PICKING EASIER; WORKERS SHOULD SIGN

Hop picking will be easier this year as they are cleaner and have less foliage is the opinion of Jess Seavey, who is running the Seavey Hop Island ranch across the river near Goshen. Early picking will start the latter part of this month. Of the 140 acres of hops on this ranch about 42 acres are early hops. Nearly 200 pickers will be needed to harvest this crop.

Hop men say that pickers should begin signing up at once to be sure of their jobs this year. They are especially anxious that their old pickers sign up so they will not have to turn them away when picking begins. The pay is expected to be about the same as last year although the growers are not getting very good prices for their hops. Most of the high priced contracts have expired and hops are not expected to bring but about 18 or 20 cents a pound this year.

EPWORTH LEAGUE HAS MEETING AT RESORT

Members of the Epworth Leagues of this district are holding an annual convention at the Cascade Resort this week, the delegates camping there and attending the daily sessions.

Delegates from here are Mrs. Willis Bertsch, Miss Jule Pollard, Miss Thiel Bartholemew, Ralph Hughes and Evan Hughes. Mrs. W. G. Hughes also visited the camp.

TRAFFIC SITUATION IS SEEN AS SATISFACTORY

Whether or not a radio announcer made Springfield the target of a "wise crack" about its traffic regulations, there is little doubt that the situation here this summer, as regards this city's consideration of the passing motorist, is seldom to be equalled, city authorities said today.

As a matter of fact, it has been several weeks—perhaps months—since the last traffic arrest. A liberal attitude has been taken by the authorities, and when motorists drive sensibly they are allowed to drive faster. It was said. There are no traffic traps kept in this city, although Traffic Officer Elmer Smith has been keeping an eye out for reckless drivers.

Man Injured Here In Auto Collision

Cars Driven by H. C. Dippel and Herbert Roberts Hit at Seventh and C

Colliding at Seventh and C streets at 7 o'clock last night, automobiles of H. C. Dippel, 1250 Ferry street, Eugene, and Herbert Roberts of 1143 Seventh street, Springfield, careened across the intersection and came to rest on the parking at the corner.

Mr. Roberts was knocked from his automobile by the force of the impact, falling on his shoulder. He was taken to a physician's office suffering from sprained shoulder, lacerations over one eye, and bruises. Mr. Dippel, father of Dr. S. R. Dippel of Springfield, was unhurt.

Mr. Dippel in a Maxwell sedan, was going east on C street, while Mr. Roberts was driving his Overland north on Seventh street. They came together almost at the center of the intersection, the Roberts car smashing squarely into the side of the other machine.

In their reports filed with the police department, Roberts claims he was traveling no more than 30 miles an hour and Dippel places his speed at 15 miles.

A large crowd was attracted to the intersection following the collision.

BOOTLEGGER'S TRAIL HIT BY REALTY MAN IN W. SPRINGFIELD

The scented trail of a Lane county bootlegger was struck by W. W. Walker, Springfield real estate man, on a West Springfield property this week. But long since the bootlegger had gone, perhaps to continue in other fields, or to spend his regrets in the county jail.

Early in the week Frank Craiger of Wendling called on Mr. Walker with regard to the sale of a 4-acre tract in the Glenwood park addition, located on the highland back of Glenwood. Mr. Craiger said the tract had not been occupied in two years.

The next day Mr. Walker accompanied a prospective buyer to the property. From all outward appearance, it had been completely deserted for two years or more.

But an investigation revealed other things. In an outbuilding the real estate man suddenly happened onto several bushels of malted grain, undoubtedly used for but one purpose in the days of Volstead rule. There were other signs of a once thriving business.

On the same trip, Mr. Walker had occasion to go to a field not far distant. His detective sense appeared to be working exceptionally well, for his steps led him directly to a huge fireplace, erected in the field to carry on the erstwhile distillation activities.

INDUSTRIAL TRACT NOT TAX EXEMPT

Attorney General Rules That City of Eugene and Terminal Company Should Pay Taxes on 247-Acre Industrial Tract and Park Leased Springfield.

The 247-Acre industrial tract and park site, leased to Springfield for 49 years by the city of Eugene must remain on the tax rolls, according to a ruling of Attorney General Van Winkle just received by County Assessor Ben F. Keeney, who had asked the state tax commission to make a decision in the matter.

The attorney general's opinion set forth that the land was not purchased by Eugene in her \$175,000 bond issue for municipal purposes and even if it had been it was not being used for municipal purposes by that city. He held that Eugene could not lease the land and at the same time use it for municipal purposes. Even the five-acre park site must be included on the tax roll according to him.

Nothing about taxes was mentioned in the 49-year lease given the city of Springfield in 1925 and the City of Eugene being the owner it follows she must pay the taxes. Officials of both cities had expected the land would be exempt from taxation.

The matter of taxing the land came before the assessor when he charged it to the Southern Pacific company for 1925 taxes. There had been no deed recorded when the assessor proceeded to assess it on March 1, 1925, but the railroad company reported it had sold the land to the Eugene Terminal company. Consequently the land was assessed to the terminal company. Later title passed to the city of Eugene and it was for a decision as to whether Eugene should pay taxes on the property that the decision was rendered by the attorney general. Taxes to the amount of about \$600 stand against the terminal company.

Several unusual transactions are noted in the handling of the transfer from the railroad company to Eugene and the subsequent leasing of the land to Springfield. One is that the Eugene council leased the land to Springfield several months before the city actually had a deed to it.

KLASSIE KIDS TO GIVE PROGRAM AT WENDLING

"How's Your Liver," described as a "one act scream," will be presented by the Klassie Kids Kompany of Springfield at the 4-L hall, Wendling, Friday night, August 5. It is to be a benefit program, followed by a dance with a six-piece orchestra.

In addition to the comedy, several other feature numbers are planned. These will include numbers by Charles Nadvornik, local violinist and winner of a prize in the state high school contest; Andy Gibson, Lane county champion harmonica player; Eleanor Graves, described as the "youngest Charleston dancer; Walter Lee's Hawaiian trio, and the "Charleston dance trio."

SVARVERUD RESIGNS AS CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF

Van Svarverud, whose trip to Los Angeles to bring back an escaped prisoner when Albert Brownlee and Dewey Russell were still at large started the effort to recall Sheriff Frank Taylor, has resigned his post as chief deputy sheriff. He will leave September 3 for Paris, where he will attend the national convention of the American Legion.

Earl Luckey, for more than 10 years in the service of the Sheriff's office and the tax office was promoted to chief deputy. Frank Rogers, formerly with the Southern Pacific's investigating department, was appointed to the sheriff's staff by Sheriff Taylor, and will make criminal investigation a specialty.

Nadvorniks Move

The tailor shop of J. F. Nadvornik has been moved from the Fourth street location in the Perkins building to the Commercial state bank quarters formerly occupied by R. W. Smith, justice of the peace. The bank building quarters have been divided between the tailor and the offices of the Lorens Timber and Milling company.

Tonsils Removed—Florence, daughter of E. E. May, underwent a tonsil operation at the office of a local surgeon yesterday. Four children, daughters of Mrs. Pearl Wallace, of Jasper, also had their tonsils removed here yesterday.

"The Trouble With This Dog Catching Business" By Albert T. Reid

