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EARLY HEARING ON CROSSING PROMISE

Chairman Bean of Public Service Commission Says Calendar will be Cleared Today for Taking Up Second Street Proposal; Judge at Salem.

The state public service commission immediately will set a date for the hearing on the proposed closing of Second street in order that this important step in the Springfield bridge-building program may be gotten out of the way immediately, according to a telephone message received by The News today from L. E. Bean, chairman of the commission.

"I shall have the clerk go over the calendar today and arrange a date immediately," said Mr. Bean, after inquiring about the need felt here for immediate action on the matter. "It is probable that the hearing will be held in Springfield. I cannot say until we have gone over the calendar just how soon it will be, but it is certain to come in the near future."

Feeling that further delays must be eliminated if possible, County Judge C. P. Barnard went to Salem today to interview the highway commission and the public service commission regarding immediate action on the hearing. The rapid approach of fall weather is viewed with apprehension by those interested in seeing the bridge program go through this year.

The feeling here that immediate action must be taken was explained to Mr. Bean today. But 10 days will be necessary after the hearing date is set before the hearing will be held. That fact would indicate that it will be a little more than two weeks before the hearing is held if the date is set today or tomorrow.

A group of Southside residents are opposing the closing, which is favored by the city council, the county court and the highway commission on the ground that the Southern Pacific would give \$35,000 toward the bridge if the dangerous crossing is eliminated.

Speaking of the arguments of the opponents that it would require a longer trip for school children living on the southside, Judge Barnard said yesterday that there is no doubt that arrangements will be made for a turnstile to handle pedestrian traffic. Such has been in the plans from the first, he said. The judge expressed surprise at the seeming feeling against using the Mill street under-grade crossing.

"The most desirable things in the way of highway arrangements are under-grade or over-grade crossings," said the judge. "But here we have opposition to use of this very thing. The merits of the two crossings as regards safety are not to be compared."

SPRINGFIELD COUPLE MARRIED AT EUGENE

Miss Sara Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Davis of Springfield, and Melford Allen, were married in a quiet ceremony in Eugene last night at the home of Rev. S. Earl Childers, pastor of the Springfield Christian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen left today for Stayton, where they will visit his mother. They will then take a short honeymoon trip, returning to the McGinnis apartments here in about a week.

Mrs. Allen has been employed in an abstract office of Eugene for some time, and Mr. Allen is assistant to W. F. Walker, Springfield mortician.

HOSE CART RACE TO BE PICNIC FEATURE

A hose-cart race between the Wendling saw mill local and the Springfield local will be a feature of the 4-L picnic to be held at Wendling on labor day, September 5. Preparations for the picnic are proceeding rapidly.

E. May is in charge of the preparations of the local team for the race. Eight men are two volunteer for the team.

SEWER WORK RUSHED BY SIMON KLOVDALH

Simon Klovdahl is busy constructing a new sewer through the alley between E, F, Ninth and Tenth streets. The sewer will be a valuable improvement to that district. The work will be completed rapidly.

Sidewalk work is progressing satisfactorily. Street work is experiencing a lull while Commissioner George Vallier is on his vacation.

WIRE IN MOUTH OF BABY CAUSES SHOCK AND SERIOUS BURNS

What the attending physician said might have proved a fatal accident occurred to Ernest, 15-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Danner, at the family home Saturday night, when the baby put the end of an electric curling iron cord in its mouth.

Prayed ends of the wire, baring the copper, came in contact with the inside of the child's mouth, knocking him over, and rendering him in such a condition that he was unable to call for help.

His sister, Audrey, was in the room at the time, but probably would not have realized what was happening in time had she not heard the wire sizzling as it burned the inside of the mouth. She turned and found the baby lying on the floor.

She jerked the wire from his mouth, and a doctor was called. The baby suffered bad burns to his mouth, and his lips were seared. Reports this week were to the effect that he was improving rapidly after his experience.

MINISTER TO RETURN AFTER HIS VACATION

Rev. Gabriel Sykes will again fill the pulpit at the Springfield Methodist church next Sunday, following a 6-week's vacation. He has spent a large part of the time at Hood River, accompanied by Mrs. Sykes.

Rev. Sykes will speak at the church in the morning, and will be the speaker in the evening at the union services to be held at the Christian church.

Last Sunday Rev. S. J. Chaney spoke at the evening union meeting. In the morning at the Methodist church, Marie Church, of Corvallis, returned missionary, told of her experiences in Korea.

MANY ARE INJURED IN ACCIDENTS HERE

Accidents took a toll of injuries of various kinds here this week.

The 2-year old daughter of R. C. Kelsey of Oakridge, fell and broke her arm while playing in the house.

Lee McKenney, employed by Gustina brothers at Dexter, suffered a severe scalp wound when a bolt fell from a block and struck him on the head.

Beatrice Smith of West D street broke her collar bone when she fell on the sidewalk.

Austin Mathews sustained lacerations about the face when the truck he was driving collided with an automobile at Eugene. Mathews was driving the truck for the A. C. Mathews gravel company.

King on Vacation—Jhon King of the Booth-Kelly lumber company office, is away from the office on a vacation. Harry Holt.

SUCCESSOR FOR MISS VEATCH STILL SOUGHT BY EDUCATION BOARD

Still without a successor for Miss Sylvia Veatch, high school teacher who is seeking to break her contract for the coming year, the Springfield school board is determined to hold the teacher to her promise until the position has been filled, according to Chairman W. G. Hughes.

Mr. Hughes said, however, that he expects that the board will be able to fill the position before long. If so, Miss Veatch will be released from her contract.

"We feel that it is our right to hold teachers under such circumstances until their successor has been found," said Mr. Hughes. "For example, when Miss Veatch announced her intention of resigning, we got in touch with a young woman who has a North Dakota school, but who had applied previously for the Springfield job held by Miss Veatch."

"She was anxious to take the position, and attempted to sever her connections with the North Dakota school. Her board refused to release her."

It appears that the board finally has been successful in finding a commercial teacher. Miss S. Wagoner, who was given the position at the last board meeting, has indicated her intention of accepting. Miss Wagoner is a resident of Corvallis, and comes here well recommended.

Principal A. J. Morgan announced this morning that Miss Wagner had signed her contract.

B LEAGUE CHAMPS HAVE GOOD PROSPECTS AGAIN

Prospects for putting out another strong basketball team this year are seen by E. E. Kilpatrick, coach of the Pleasant Hill high school, winners of the B league championship in Lane county last year.

Nearly all of the veterans will be back in the line-up for the new season, and with Kilpatrick coaching for his second year it appears that even a smoother-working aggregation is in prospect. Pleasant Hill attempts no football, and for that reason the interest in basketball develops early in the fall with much more chance for early practice.

Kilpatrick does not expect to win the championship without strong competition from other schools in the B league. There are several schools that promise to put out better teams this year than last, and it is not at all impossible that the championship cup will come down off Pleasant Hill this year. But the hill players are going to do their best to keep it at home.

Spends Vacation Here—Wayne Hawke, returned to Salem Monday after a vacation spent with his parents here. He was accompanied by his sister, Bernice, who will visit in the capital city with her sister, Mrs. McLagan.

Flying School' Marm



Where Is She?

At a late hour this morning, Miss Mildred Doran, Michigan's "flying school marm," (above) had not arrived at the Isle of Oahu to complete her trip in the Dole air derby. Grave fears were felt lest she and the two aviators who accompanied her in the biplane, "Miss Doran," may have met with an accident en route and either are floating about on the ocean or have met with more serious fate.

LANE COUNTY FAIR AUG. 30 TO SEPT. 2

The Lane County Fair has been placed on dates which it is believed will insure good weather this year, August 30 to September 2. This date will be late enough however to allow for a good display of most agricultural products. Much interest is being shown in the fair this year and the exhibits will probably be more complete than usual.

One of the biggest departments will be that of Boys and Girls Club work. There are over 1,200 members of the various clubs in the county and the greater part of this membership has been interested in one way or another in fair exhibits.

The program of free attractions is to be greater than ever before, including numerous features. The racing will be limited to running events but in this line will be full of interest. Inducements are being offered especially to untracked horses of Lane county.

Hostess to Visitor—Mrs. W. C. McLagan was hostess at a luncheon last Friday noon at her home for Mrs. Edith Olson of Marshfield. The table was set with a beautiful centerpiece of gladiolas. Covers were for Mrs. Olson, Mrs. W. K. Bonwell, Miss Ellen Tomseth, Miss Oneta Smith, Mrs. N. L. Hiltbrand, Mrs. Glae Lyons of Eugene and Mrs. McLagan.

ELECTRIC INSPECTION UNDER NEW ORDINANCE STARTS IMMEDIATELY

With the appointment of C. A. Wyman, local insurance man, as electric inspector for the city, Mayor Bushman announced today that the operation of the new emergency ordinance passed by the city council at the last session is to start immediately.

Mr. Wyman's work will be to give a thorough inspection to every electrical installation made here, and see that it conforms to the rules set down in the state code. If not, he will demand that the installation be taken out and the work started over again.

City officials say that the new ordinance fills a need here for safety in electrical installations, and is in line with action taken by nearly all modern communities. Springfield, it is pointed out, has been unusually lucky in freedom from fires during the past several months, and the city government is desirous of keeping up this good record.

SPRINGFIELD SWELTERS IN RECORD SEASON HEAT

Record season heat has been experienced this week by Springfield residents.

The mercury climbed steadily during the early part of the week, registering in the neighborhood of 99 and 100 here.

One prostration resulted. Chester Williams, 25, was given treatment by a local physician for sunstroke, received while he was working on a tractor near Goshen. Williams was found lying beside the tractor in an unconscious condition. He is reported improved.

The Willamette river has proved a popular place for younger folk seeking relief from the warm weather. The "sand banks" and the place beneath the highway bridge have proved most popular during the past few weeks.

GRAIN HARVEST NOW IS IN FULL SWING

With bumper crops, the grain harvest is in full swing in this district, according to G. G. Bushman, head of the Springfield Mill and Grain company.

The company is getting well started in its annual rush accompanying the grain harvest, new supplies of grain being hauled in daily from surrounding agricultural districts. Additional trucks have been hired to handle the hauling, and many farmers are hauling their own produce to the plant.

Wheat is received at the plant on the mill race, while oats are taken to the warehouse on the tracks.

Farmers are anxious to get their grain to the mill as soon as possible, many of them hauling it out while harvest is still going on. One reason for this, said Mr. Bushman, is the fear of thievery, one farmer having reported the theft of 30 bushels of fine Hubank wheat saved for seed.

The Springfield Mill and Grain company is in good shape to handle the harvest this year. A new cleaner has been installed for receiving the wheat.

HERBERT MOORE NAMED NEW TRAFFIC OFFICER

Herbert Moore of Springfield was named traffic officer shortly after the resignation last Thursday of Elmer Smith. Smith quit after four month's service saying that his leniency with the motoring public seemed to be against him in his job.

Moore has made several minor arrests since beginning his office after appointment by Police Chief Jessa Smitson. He warns motorists that despite the liberal attitude Springfield is taking toward automobile driving here, infractions of the law will be noted and prosecuted.

MAN'S FACE GASHED BY WIRE IN HOPYARD

Henry Whittell, employed at the Seavey hop yard, received a long gash on his face Tuesday when he was struck by a hop wire while driving through the yard.

Mr. Whittell was brought to Springfield for treatment. The wire struck him in the mouth, jerking his head back, and gashing his face from the mouth across one cheek.

Taylor Attempts Session—Daniel Taylor, former teacher of science in the Springfield high school, is attending post session at the University of Oregon. Otto Burchum, Cottage Grove, formerly principal of the Lincoln school, also is attending the session.

LOCAL OPERATORS START SAWMILL

Saws Begin Whirring at Plant of Lorane Timber and Milling Company; Sales Connections Complete and Logging Under Way.

Saws are whirring at the new plant of the Lorane Timber and Milling company, a Springfield concern, and production for commercial disposal is to start as soon as the lumber needed for finishing construction work about the plant is gotten out, it was announced today by Herbert Cox, president.

What is described as one of the most modern and complete small plants in the country has been built by the company at Gillespie corners. Although completed 60 days ago, the plant has not been operated because of seasonal conditions in the lumber market, but all is now in readiness for running at full capacity, Mr. Cox said.

Sales connections for the new company are complete, and arrangements for disposing of the entire output have been made. The timber manufactured at the plant will go to the east and middle west. The sales offices are located in Springfield.

The plant has a capacity of 40,000 feet a day. No pains were spared in making it modern and complete, veteran mill men bringing their experience to aid in planning the plant.

It is equipped with steam feed, steam operation, Hill nigger, live rolls, transfers and other mechanical devices installed wherever possible to eliminate labor.

Logging has started already. The company has acquired or has available enough timber to supply the mill at its present capacity for 20 years. The logging costs are cheap.

The lumber will be trucked to Veneta, 12 miles distant over a macadam highway, and loaded at the railroad at that point.

QUANTITY TEST WELL IS NOW BEING SUNK

An 8-inch well to test the quantity of a possible underground water supply above the Springfield plant is being sunk by the Mountain States Power company. Three small wells already have been sunk by the company to obtain samples of the water for tests.

The well now being drilled is about half a mile above the plant, and is sufficiently large for actual use if it is ever decided to utilize the underground supply there. W. A. Slate of Tangent is drilling the well.

The purpose of the drilling program is to determine the quality and quantity of the supply, with possible prospects of its use at some future time.

ROBERT NELSON NOW HAS 2500 CHICKENS

Robert Nelson, crack Springfield poultryman, now has 2500 head of chickens on his ranch near here. This is the largest number he has had on his farm, which is gaining wide attention through the high records and prizes won by Nelson hens.

Mr. Nelson has several hens who are making high records this year. He has not decided whether he will exhibit at the International Livestock meeting at Portland, due to the trouble and expense of making the trip with the poultry.

The demand for his baby chicks has been so great that he already has about two-thirds of them arranged for next year.

PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL IS NEARING COMPLETION

Remodeling and enlargement of the Pleasant Hill Union high school is nearing completion and the school will be ready for occupancy in the fall.

Additional class rooms and an assembly hall will be provided in the enlarged building. The interior is being plastered and attractively finished.

SPRINGFIELD BOYS AT HOTCHKISS, COLORADO

Three Springfield boys, Oral Neet, Edgar Lonk and Joe Thompson, are at Hotchkiss, Colorado, and probably will remain there all winter, according to word received by their parents here.

The boys have found work at Hotchkiss and are loathe to leave their jobs, they said. Hotchkiss is in the extreme western end of Colorado.

Big Hogs from Little Piggies Grow! — By Albert T. Reid

