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SCHOOL BUDGET IS STARTED BY BOARD

Special Meeting to be Held Friday Night; Citizens' Committee Will Help Directors; No Cut Likely With Increased Enrollment.

Preparation of the Springfield school district budget is scheduled to get under way Friday night when the school board will meet in special session to consider the year's finances. It was announced by the chairman W. G. Hughes.

Friday night's business will be in the nature of preliminary work, with the directors obtaining estimates and other information from the principals and other sources.

It is possible that at the meeting the budget committee, consisting of three citizens to work with the school board on the financial schedule, will be appointed. If they are not named at this meeting, they will be named at the regular session of the board Monday evening.

Mr. Hughes said that it is impossible that much cut, if any, can be made in the budget this year. The schools here are growing rapidly, he said, pointing out that there is now an enrollment of 200 at the high school, the largest in history. Much money was spent this summer on necessary repairs to the Lincoln and other buildings.

Actual work on the budget itself is certain to get started at Monday night's meeting. As soon as the committee is ready to report, the budget will be published, and a special taxpayers meeting called to vote on the proposed schedule.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM TO MEET ALMUNI

Springfield football fans will see their first game of the season tomorrow when the local high school eleven will tackle the alumni what promises to be a grimy struggle. There is mud galore on the Brattain field, and it will be well stirred in the tussle tomorrow.

Coach Leonard Mayfield has been putting his proteges through some new tricks this week. They tried a scrimmage for the first time Tuesday night, and some real talent showed up. On the other hand, several of the men upon which Mayfield has built hopes went through a fizzling out process during the scrimmage.

On the whole, the men will be in condition. They don't know a lot about football yet, but their experienced opponents will have the handicap of poor condition. The result, according to Mayfield, is that Springfield fans can look for some interesting football if they visit Brattain field tomorrow afternoon.

FIRE AT COSSLER HOUSE QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED

Fire which broke out early yesterday morning in a clothes closet at the Kenneth Gossler home on Mill and I streets was quickly extinguished without even the need of water. The local fire department was called and made a quick run to the place, but arrived after the blaze was virtually out.

What caused the blaze is a mystery. It began on a shelf in the clothes closet, burning up into one corner of the ceiling.

LUM ANDERSON SELLS EUGENE GAS STATION

Lum Anderson of Springfield has sold the gas and service station at Thirteenth avenue east and High street, Eugene, to Ed Rogers of Springfield and Joe Spurlock of Eugene. It was announced today.

The new owners already have taken possession. Mr. Anderson, who formerly operated a service station here, stated today that he is not ready to announce further plans, but that they are shaping. He will continue to make Springfield his home.

Social Evening Planned

The Baptist church choir will hold a social evening at the home of Arthur Pengra tomorrow evening. A number of plans for a pleasant evening have been shaped.

Muster Night Thursday

Tonight is quarterly muster night for the Springfield company, Oregon National Guard. Attendance of all members of the troop is expected by company officers.

SCHOOL CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT BRATTAIN BUILDING ON OCT. 7

A colorful carnival including seven attractions is to hold forth at the Brattain school Friday afternoon October 7 from 1:30 to 4 o'clock. The affair is to be held under the auspices of the Springfield P. T. A., and the performers will be Springfield kiddies.

Mrs. Ora Real Hemenway is directing the carnival and many of the stunts and animals are here original ideas. Those in charge of the event promise a good time to all who attend.

Following is a list of the rooms in which the attractions will appear:

Mrs. Laselle's room, the band concert; Miss Mannang's room, the circus parade; Mrs. Male's room, negro minstrels; Mrs. Hemenway's, fancy dancing; Miss Voris', specialties and stunts; Miss Gorries', wild animals; Miss Bryans, Indians.

Candy, red lemonade and punch will be sold by women of the P. T. A. under the management of Mrs. Paul Brattain. The following will take tickets at the doors of the various rooms; Mrs. Maude Bryan, Mrs. N. L. Hiltbrand; Mrs. R. L. Burnett; Mrs. S. R. Dippel; Mrs. W. C. Rehhan; Mrs. J. F. Ketel, Mrs. Larson Wright, Mrs. Oran Metcalf, Mrs. Elvin May, Mrs. A. R. Sneed, Mrs. Morris Berg, Mrs. H. E. Maxey, Mrs. Reas Thatcher, and Mrs. W. K. Barnell.

Admission charges of 5 cents a room, or 25 cents for seven adult tickets, or 3 cents a room and 15 cents for 7 children's tickets, are planned. Mrs. W. C. McLagan and Mrs. Bernice Van Valzah have charge of the ticket sale at the entrance.

MAIL SERVICE HERE IS SPEEDED UP BY TRAINS

New Southern Pacific train schedules have made possible a general speeding up of Springfield mail service, the most noteworthy change being in the morning, when mail is now distributed by 8 o'clock.

A southbound train drops mail at the depot here at 6:45 o'clock in the morning, making it possible to begin distribution at an early hour. The rural carriers thus are able to get away by 8 o'clock, an hour earlier than in the past. Village delivery also starts at that hour.

The changes also have speeded up afternoon mail, although not to such a great extent.

Parcel post, coming in by the early morning mail, is also distributed at the local postoffice by 8 o'clock.

Previously, the morning mail was brought here after a change at Springfield Junction. That train has now been discontinued.

WOODCRAFT LODGE HAS LARGE NIGHT MEETING

Fifty-six members and 20 visitors were present at the meeting of the Neighbors of Woodcraft lodge held last night. Headed by Mrs. A. S. McMurphey, a score of persons were here from Eugene, and Creswell also was represented by the visitors.

Initiation of Mrs. Pearl Schantol was held. Applications for two new members were received and will be voted upon at the next meeting.

Refreshments were served at 10:30 o'clock in honor of the local drill team, just returned from a successful trip to the national convention at Los Angeles and Riverside, California.

TRESTLE REINFORCED BY ESPEE COMPANY

The West Springfield trestle of the Southern Pacific underwent reinforcement this week.

Following an examination of the trestle by engineers, a crew of men installed new timbers at various places and other methods of strengthening the bridge extension were carried out. Much of the work centered about the place where the trestle crosses the Pacific highway.

Frisco People Here—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCracken of San Francisco were here this week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Dodenbaugh.

Portland People Visit—Mr. and Mrs. Theo Rothchild of Portland spent the week-end in the McKenzie country. They stopped for a few hours to visit friends in Springfield, their former home.

Here From Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lester of Portland were here over the week-end. They brought their son, Dwight, with them and were also accompanied by Norman Liberty of Portland.

Check Swindler is Visitor Here Twice

Frank Parker Cashes Worthless Traveler's Checks in This District

Gone but not forgotten is Frank Parker, alias F. G. Pattison, who paid this district two visits within the space of three months and each time left at least one victim of swindle behind to remember him.

Parker first drew the attention of banking authorities here in July, when he dropped into a store at Waltherville and cashed a traveler's "cheque" for \$15. The check had all the appearance of a bona fide note, and was taken on good faith by the Waltherville merchant.

Cashed in Springfield, the check was sent to the First National bank of Denver, upon which it was drawn. It was returned, protested for non-payment. That was the end of that incident.

President W. G. Hughes of the First National bank, who had sent the check east for his Waltherville customer, dropped a note to the Oregon Bankers association, and learned that the man, who had signed his name Frank Parker, had operated quite extensively in other places in this fashion.

Then the other day another traveler's "cheque" was turned in at the First National bank for payment. It was printed identically like the first, with the exception of the name of the bank on which it was drawn. Instead of the Denver institution, it named a bank in Topeka, Kansas. The check was signed by F. G. Pattison, the same handwriting.

Like its predecessor, the check was returned. It had been given to a Springfield garage employe by Pattison or Parker, when he came in to buy an inner tube about 8 o'clock in the morning. Attempts to trace Parker have been fruitless.

MAYOR BUSHMAN LEAVES FOR VISIT IN KANSAS

Mayor and Mrs. G. G. Bushman left Tuesday night for Hillsborough, Kansas, where they will spend some time in visiting with relatives and old friends. Hillsborough is the old home of Mayor Bushman, and he carried back with him a packet of Springfield literature to distribute among his acquaintances there.

Returning west, Mayor and Mrs. Bushman will go directly north, cross the Great Lakes, and come back by way of Canada. They expect to be away about five weeks.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO HAVE SOCIAL FRIDAY

Members and friends of the Christian church have been invited to attend a social to be given at the church parlors Friday night of this week as a preliminary to rally day events Sunday. The affair starts at 7:30 o'clock.

A program has been arranged, which includes a duet by Agatha Beals and Winifred Tyson; reading by Mrs. Nettleton; music by Miss Beals; address by Rev. S. E. Childers; girls quartet selections, and stunts by D. B. Murphy family. Games will follow.

Separate entertainment is planned for the children. Refreshments will be served.

BIG SISTERS HELP GIRLS ENTERING UNIVERSITY

University of Oregon, Eugene, Sept. 29—(Special)—When freshmen girls arrive on the campus of the University of Oregon each one is met at the train by a "big sister," or upper class girl, who serves as the advisor of the newcomer for the opening weeks of school, and gives her any desired aid throughout the year. This system has proved popular, both for the new girls, who in this way feel more at home during the first two weeks, and for the "big sisters" themselves, who thus make friends with their fellow students.

The "big sisters" are divided into teams, each with a captain and several lieutenants. Miss Maurine Lombard of Springfield is a lieutenant on one of the teams.

Marriage Licenses Issued

Marriage licenses have been issued during the past week to the following by County Clerk W. B. Dillard: Fred Jennings, Perrydale, Rose Hawley, McCoy; William Doll, and Neva Crow, both of Dexter; Russell Gibben, Cleveland, and Dorothy Brabham, Junction City; Clifford Sumers and Irene Brown, both of Eugene.

Miss America 1927



Miss Lois Eleanor Delander, 16, high school girl of Chicago, won the annual Atlantic City beauty contest and is "Miss America" for 1927. She has long brown tresses and fair complexion.

DEAL IS UNDER WAY FOR SALE OF LOCAL LAUNDRY TO RENTFRO

Uncompleted negotiations are under way for the sale of the Springfield laundry to M. F. Rentfro, who has moved here with his family for the purpose of establishing a laundry. H. W. Hanson, present proprietor, stated today that the deal has not been closed as yet.

Mr. Rentfro, since coming here, has been engaged in a search for a new location for the laundry, and it is understood that he has agreed to purchase if a suitable situation is found.

Mr. Rentfro is a laundryman of 28 years experience. He came here directly from Reedsport, but formerly operated a laundry at Aberdeen, Washington, and other places. He brought a large amount of equipment with him, and will move it into the new place if one is found. He has investigated the possibilities of several locations.

BIG BARN GOING UP ON L. C. ABLES FARM

A huge barn, said to be the largest in this section, is being completed on the L. C. Ables ranch east of Springfield. The great structure will be used for hay and sheep, and will have capacity for an immense tonnage of hay. It is situated well back from the road, near the old and smaller house on the Ables place.

The Hobson family who have rented the place for some time, are moving out.

WALTERTVILLE FARM IS INVOLVED IN EXCHANGE

In a deal completed yesterday by W. W. Walker, local real estate man, the A. K. Jennings farm of 80 acres, two and a half miles east of Waltherville, was transferred to J. J. Prio for property in Dallas, Eugene and Cottage Grove.

Mr. Jennings as a result of the trade acquired a 5-room modern house in Eugene, a 5-acre prune ranch in Dallas, and a 5-room house and acre of land at Cottage Grove. The Waltherville farm is well improved and equipped, and will be taken over by Mr. Prio immediately.

W. C. T. U. Elects

The Springfield W. C. T. U. re-elected its official staff at a meeting held Tuesday at the home of Mrs. A. E. Bachelder, who was re-named president. Others named were: Mrs. Lizzie Rice, vice-president, first; Mrs. Albina Hastings, second; Mrs. Minnie Harris, secretary, and Mrs. Bert Mustoe, treasurer.

Baby Boy Born—A baby boy was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Finch, Mohawk. The newcomer weighs 6½ pounds.

Go To Fair—Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Pollard left for the state fair at Salem, today.

EXECUTIVE BOARD PLANS COURT OF HONOR TO BE CONDUCTED OCTOBER 24

Plans for a court of honor to be conducted October 24 when Boy Scouts of both local troops will be advanced were outlined at a meeting of the Springfield Boy Scout executive board at the Christian church gymnasium Tuesday night.

A court of honor was held Tuesday night in order to award a merit badge in swimming to Billie Wheeler of troop No. 11.

At the business meeting following C. L. Aldrich, who is employed in the office at the Booth-Kelly mill, was named assistant scoutmaster of the Lions club troop.

Those present at the meeting were County Scout Executive C. R. Clark, W. G. Hughes, F. B. Hamlin, H. E. Maxey, Rev. G. Sykes, Levi Neet, John Will, Percy Tyson, Clayton Barber, Kenneth Dillard, Walter Gossler and Mr. Aldrich.

REV. SYKES RETURNS TO HIS PASTORATE HERE

Rev. Gabriel Sykes was re-appointed to the Springfield Methodist church pastorate at the Salem annual conference of the Oregon conference this week. His return here was unanimously sought by the local church.

Rev. Sykes is now beginning his second conference year as minister at Springfield. Rev. S. J. Chaney, superintendent of the southern district, was reappointed.

HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS NAME YEAR OFFICERS

Officers for the year were named yesterday by Springfield high school glee clubs.

The girls elected Melba Mellon president; Lena Frizzell, secretary-treasurer, and Dorene Larimer, manager.

Officers for the boys club are: Paul Potter, president; Read Hemenway, secretary-treasurer; Thayer McMurray, manager.

The clubs will sing for the first time in public at assembly tomorrow.

GEORGE GODFREY WILL ADDRESS LIONS CLUB

Professor George H. Godfrey of the University of Oregon school of journalism will address the Springfield Lions club at tomorrow noon's luncheon meeting, according to announcement by W. G. Hughes of the entertainment committee.

Professor Godfrey will discuss the attractions of Hawaii, where he spent two years as a newspaper man before returning to the University of Oregon to become a member of the journalism faculty. The speaker is well-known in Springfield, as he obtained some of his first newspaper experience covering this place for Eugene newspapers. A good attendance at the meeting was urged.

ORDERS ARE TAKEN FOR LAST CAR OF PYROTOL

Orders for the last car of pyrotol, the government war explosive, to be made up for this county are now being taken by County Agent O. S. Fletcher. An allotment of 21,850 pounds is all that can be gotten by this district, and no orders on the government supply can be taken after the present shipment.

Out of this allotment, 4000 pounds already have been signed for by Lane county farmers. Orders will be taken until October 15, or until the allotment is depleted. All farmers wanting pyrotol should get in touch immediately with the county agent's office, Mr. Fletcher said.

Fourth Street Improved

Under the direction of City Street Commissioner George Vallier, Park street, and extension of Fourth street in the Willamette Heights district, is being graveled this week. The improvements extend for 4 blocks and will give a passable road to Willamette heights residents in that section this winter.

LOCAL BOYS ATTEND CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL

Three Springfield boys, Donald and Hobart Wilson and Paul Frese, are attending the University high school in Eugene.

Frese this week was made a member of the high school glee club, and also obtained a place in the male quartet as bass. His teacher has praised his voice highly. He expects to go out for basketball.

S. P. WILL OPPOSE CLOSING CROSSING

Springfield's Official Interest in Tuesday's Hearing Becomes That of Interested Outsider; Bridge Financial Aid Seems Unlikely.

Possibilities of gaining any negligible financial assistance for the new Springfield bridge through the proposed closing of Second street, to be argued at a state public service commission hearing next Tuesday, are constantly lessening in the opinions of prominent Springfield men watching the developments in the case, it was learned today.

Springfield people are now resigned to waiting for another summer before the bridge is built, and so far as official interest in the closing of Second street is concerned, this city is for the most part neutral, according to City Attorney I. M. Peterson. What Springfield wants, he said, is a bridge, and the red tape and delays which have so involved the proposition until more time must be lost before any action can be taken are becoming somewhat irksome to Springfield people.

That the Southern Pacific company has no intention of yielding \$35,000 for the new bridge as a result of the elimination of the local grade crossing without putting up a fight is shown in an answer to the state highway commission's petition for the crossing closing. The answer was received at Attorney Peterson's office this week.

Jurisdiction of the state public service commission over Second street is doubted by the Southern Pacific attorneys, Ben C. Dey and F. Farrens, in the answer. They declare that Second street is purely a city street, under the jurisdiction of Springfield, and despite the fact that it now carries McKenzie highway traffic it is in no way maintained or controlled by the highway commission. Thus, the public service commission has no right to close the street, it is argued, while the town of Springfield, which has jurisdiction over the thoroughfare, has withdrawn its approval to the closing.

The railroad attorneys also assert that to allow pedestrians to use the crossing, but closing it to vehicles, does not constitute a bona fide closing of the crossing. They also declare that it is not sufficiently shown in any way how the grade crossing elimination can be brought to apply on the amount of money which it is alleged the Southern Pacific should contribute toward the bridge.

At any rate, Springfield's official attitude at the hearing next Tuesday probably will be that of an interested outsider. This city no longer is a party to the hearing.

4-L ELECTION TO BE CONDUCTED TONIGHT

The annual election of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, Springfield local, will be conducted tonight. The election meeting was postponed from last Monday night.

The session is scheduled to start at 7:30 o'clock at the W. O. W. hall. Officers, directors, and a delegate to the district meeting will be named.

SPRINGFIELD STUDENT ON O. A. C. HONOR ROLL

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, September 29—Curtis Price Springfield, sophomore in forestry, is placed on the list of straight "A" students as the result of maintaining a perfect average for the last school term. This is Price's first time to win the coveted honor.

Only 29 other students were honored on the list, several having been on the list before. Mildred Buskum of Portland has made straight "A" for 6 terms and heads the list. Ranked according to classes the sophomores lead, with 13, seniors 6, freshmen 5, Juniors 4 and special one. The school of home economics leads with 8 and commerce and agriculture tied for second with 5 each. The total number of perfect grades last term was two short of the number of the previous term.

Man is Injured

M. Renfro, who is employed by the Fischer Lumber company at Marcola, was injured yesterday when a choker swung and struck him on the thigh. Contusion resulted which will cause him to lose about three weeks work.