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ANCIENT CEMETERY MAY BECOME PARK

City-Owned Property at Foot of Heights Proposed for Development; Graves May Be Removed; Rest Room at Center of City Talked.

Development of a city park on the site of the old Christian church cemetery, south of the railroad tracks and at the foot of Willamette Heights, was given favorable consideration at a joint meeting of the city council and chamber of commerce committee Monday night. Several other projects were discussed in connection with the park plan, and it appears that the enterprise is gaining headway.

Some difficulty may be experienced, it was said, in developing the park on the cemetery site due to the fact that there are still 12 graves there. It was decided immediately to investigate the possibilities of having the graves removed to another cemetery, and W. P. Tyson will interview relatives of those buried there.

The block, it was reported, is now the property of the city, and has other advantages which make it one of the most likely sites for the proposed park. There are several trees, and ground is sloping, and the surroundings are appropriate for a park. The place is now reached by crossing Willamette Heights from South Second street.

Improvements could be made cheaply, it was declared. A few benches could be installed, a roadway into the place constructed, a few more trees planted, and the park site generally renovated and cleaned up. Mayor Bushman will look into the title of the property, and as soon as other matters are cleared up will call a meeting of the council to consider the proposal.

In the meantime, word is being awaited from Southern Pacific officials regarding the possible development of a park on the railroad company's land south of Main street. These are the two sites which seem the most likely for the development program.

At Monday night's meeting it was proposed that the city set aside its two lots at Fourth and A streets for the site for a rest room and small park, as well as to assist in the other project. The rest room would be near the center of town, and would be a great convenience to visitors and others, it was said.

The plan was given favorable consideration and will be taken up at future meetings of the city council. It was believed that a rest room could be erected at a cost of between \$1000 and \$1500 on this property, and the council will consider means of financing the project.

CHILDREN EXAMINED IN SCHOOL BY PHYSICIANS

Forty-three pupils of the Brattain school were examined in a clinic held last Tuesday morning, under the sponsorship of the local health unit of the Lane County Health association. Dr. R. P. Mortensen and Dr. Carl Phetteplace conducted the examinations.

Later in the day, a meeting of the unit was held a which plans for the annual Christmas seal sale were shaped. Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway was named to handle the sale in the Brattain school. Mrs. Carl Olson in the Lincoln school and Mrs. Maude Bryan in the downtown district.

Miss Beth Konkel, executive secretary of the county group, and Miss Bessie Williams, nurse, attended the session.

LEAGUE GIRLS GIVE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Girls' League members of the Springfield high school gave a program yesterday. Numbers presented included a recitation by Ruth McIntyre; Hindu stunt, Ruth LeVee and Maxine Snodgrass; piano solo, Winifrid Tyson; recitation, Jesse Beals; vocal duet, Faye Parsons and Ruth Carlton; ukelele number, Thelma Cox, Cleo Higgins.

Bridge Party Held

An enjoyable affair was that given at the home of Mrs. John Henderer, with Mrs. Walter Gossler as joint hostess, Tuesday afternoon when a number of their friends were invited in. There were four tables of bridge, and cleverly appointed Thanksgiving tally cards added to the pleasure of the occasion.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses.

BRIDGE BIDS ASKED AFTER 2ND ST. CROSSING DECISION IS MADE

Plans and specifications for the new bridge across the Willamette at Springfield are complete and the contract can be let in thirty days, according to word brought back from Salem a few days ago by Judge C. P. Barnard. While away Judge Barnard visited the highway department and was told by Engineer Roy Klein that all was in readiness to let the contract for the structure. He said that the only thing that was holding up the letting of the contract was the decision over the second street crossing. As soon as the public service commission makes known its conclusions regarding the hearing bids will be called for it was stated. Whatever the commission may rule in regard to closing second street will not affect the letting of the contract but the decision must be rendered one way or the other before the highway commission can go ahead with the bridge. Judge Barnard was told.

CHAMBER ELECTION TO BE HELD FRIDAY NIGHT

Officers will be elected by the Springfield chamber of commerce at a meeting to be held in the Commercial bank building headquarters Friday night at 8 o'clock.

F. B. Hamlin, incumbent, may be nominated for re-election to the presidency. He has indicated his intention of refraining from becoming an active candidate, but if nominated will probably accept.

Officials of the Eugene chamber of commerce will be present to explain a county-wide cooperative progress program which they are sponsoring. The plan has been explained to several organizations in the county and appears to have attracted favorable interest.

THANKSGIVING TO BE TOPIC AT SERVICES

Thanksgiving will be the topic of at least one Springfield minister next Sunday, and the others will probably mention it in their sermons. Rev. Gabriel Sykes of the Methodist Episcopal church said that he will speak especially on a Thanksgiving topic.

The union services at first planned by the churches was for today cancelled because of the paralysis "scare" and there will be no meeting today. However, those churches which have mid-week meetings tonight will have Thanksgiving features, it was said. A special feature of this kind is planned by the Baptist church.

Rev. S. Earl Childers of the Christian church will preach next Sunday morning on "Four Things for the Christian to Do." In the evening his topic will be "The Greatest Institution in the World."

Festivities Mark Turkey Day Here

Homes to See Reunions; Many Go Elsewhere to Celebrate Autumn Holiday

Festivities in many homes, with many relatives and friends coming in from other places, will mark today's observance of Thanksgiving in Springfield. Other than the football game scheduled for 11 o'clock, there are no scheduled events, and the union church service planned has been called off.

Banks, business houses, and schools will be closed. Vacation is to extend over Friday at the schools, and many of the teachers have left for their homes.

Among those who will spend Thanksgiving out of town are Dr. and Mrs. Rebhan and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Male, who will visit relatives at Brownsville.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Peterson will have as their guest over the holiday season Miss Pearl Peterson, sister of Mr. Peterson, who is teaching at The Dalles.

At the home of Mrs. W. W. Walker for dinner will be Mrs. Elizabeth Achterman of Wren and Miss Evelyn Walker of Monmouth, their two daughters, and Mrs. Walker's mother, Mrs. E. B. Skipworth of Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Jarvis and daughter, Billie Jane arrived from Portland last evening to spend the holiday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Kester.

Mrs. Marie Brazee of Garden Way will visit her sister, Mrs. Alma Cowden of Springfield.

C. A. Brady plans to go to Brownsville today to spend the Thanksgiving with friends.

Miss Ann Gorrie went to Portland last night to spend the Thanksgiving with friends.

Another Portland visitor over Turkey day is Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah, who is there with her two sons.

Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Emery will enjoy dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Lightfoot, Eugene.

Dr. and Mrs. Carl Phetteplace and her mother, Mrs. Julia Amon, will enjoy Thanksgiving with relatives in Salem today.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Montgomery will be guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Freese today.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schiewe are with friends at Portland for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Murphy are to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Mitchell.

Dorene Larimer went to Portland Wednesday to visit with her sister, Aiene, over Thanksgiving.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Moffit today will be Mr. Moffit's brother-in-law, Arthur, Henry, and Howard Ball, all students in the University of Oregon, and Miss Jean Cannon.

Miss Frances Hodge has left for her home at Salem for the holidays. Miss Pauline Miller went to Dallas.

1621 Thanksgiving 1927



A touch of both—ye Puritan maiden of 1621 and ye market basket of 1927—symbolizing the same spirit of a true gratefulness for another year of plenty—Thanksgiving

and Miss Katherine Tinkham to Corvallis.

Mrs. Clifford Wilson and son went to Portland to spend Thanksgiving.

Relatives from Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Young and children and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Coffin; from Seattle, George Coffin and Mrs. George Burkhardt, and from Portland, Walter Morgan, will be guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Morgan today.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Howe of Willamina arrived this morning to spend the holiday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj Endicott and daughter, Betty Jane, of Willamina, arrived this morning to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Georgia Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Endicott.

CITY BUDGET SESSION IS ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Springfield taxpayers tomorrow night will decide whether the budget decided upon by the budget commission shall form the financial basis of the coming year's operations of the city government.

The taxpayers meeting will be held at the city hall, starting at 7:30 o'clock. Members of the budget commission will be present to explain the schedule they have shaped.

The budget this year calls for total expenditures of \$31,362.40, with net expenditures of \$27,382.40. This is a slight increase over last year, when gross expenditures were \$29,728.

CLOCK, STOLEN FROM ARCH. REPLACED AND LIGHTS ARE IN TIME

After an absence of a month, the result, it is said, of juvenile thievery, the clock which times the lights in the Springfield highway arch in West Springfield was replaced yesterday and the lights once more are in time.

W. K. Barnell, local Mountain States Power company manager, discovered a month ago that the clock had been stolen, and installed another which, has not given satisfactory service, he said.

Late last week a West Springfield resident called Police Chief Jess Smitson, telling him that a clock had been found in the grass in a field there. Chief Smitson found the clock, and it was installed again yesterday.

The children who are said to have stolen the clock have been traced, and their case is being handled by juvenile authorities at Eugene.

Mr. Barnell also reported this week that three spans of copper wire on the old 11,000 volt line between here and Eugene, near Judkins Point, had been stolen. The thieves have not been traced. The wire evidently was cut by pruning shears.

FOOTBALLERS TO END SEASON WITH TURKEY DAY GO WITH JUNCTION

The last and probably the hardest fought Springfield high school football game will take place at 11 o'clock this morning on the Brattain grounds as the chief scheduled event of Thanksgiving in this city. There will be, however, a great many private feasts throughout the city, and many Springfield people will be out of the city to enjoy turkey with relatives and friends.

Because the two teams are rated at about the same calibre, today's game should provide some real thrills for the fans who are willing to wait until a little after noon before imbibing turkey and trimmings. It is a holiday throughout the city, and a record crowd for the game is anticipated.

Springfield and Junction City played a scoreless tie in their first game September 7, and since then both teams have had a hard season. Both have shown considerable improvement, but the comparative scores give the Junction youths a slight edge on Springfield. For instance, Junction City in its last game with Cottage Grove was beaten, 6 to 0; Springfield, in its game with Grove, lost the game, 26 to 0.

The game today will complete Springfield's season, the first under the tutelage of Leonard Mayfield. Mayfield was badly handicapped to start with this year, with a team virtually unexperienced, and exceedingly light. In view of these facts, he has done well in developing as good a team as that which has won admiration of the fans for pluck if not for victories.

Here is a resume of Springfield's games to date:
Springfield, 19 — Brownsville, 0.
Springfield, 0 — Cottage Grove, 26.
Springfield, 0 — Harrisburg, 7.
Springfield, 0 — Lebanon, 18.
Springfield, 6 — Lebanon, 42.
Total points for 25; against 93.

LARSEN NOMINATED LEGION COMMANDER

John Larsen was nominated commander of the Springfield post of the American Legion at a meeting last Friday night. If elected at the annual balloting on December 2, Mr. Larsen will succeed John N. Will to the commandership of the post.

Other officers nominated were: first vice-commander, M. B. Huntly; second vice-commander, T. Graves; adjutant, Charles Scott; finance officer, Troubert Henderson; chaplain, F. B. Hamlin; executive committee, John H. Will, Oswald Olson, M. B. Huntly, Clarence Fandrem; finance committee, Al Pohl and W. P. Tyson. The installation will be December 8.

SCHOOL BOARD FETED BY COOKERY CLASSES

Following a custom of years past, girls of the domestic science department of Springfield high school prepared a dinner for members of the school board Tuesday evening.

Returns to California — Clarence Nelson, who has been here for some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Nelson, has returned to his home at Red Bluff, California. He was taken south this week by his father-in-law, H. Preusser. Mr. Nelson underwent an operation while here.

STATE TO BE ASKED FOR NEW HIGHWAYS

Delegations from Junction City, Eugene and Coburg Expected to Be at the Next Highway Meeting to Advance Projects on Both Sides of River.

The state highway department will be asked to make the Prairie road from Junction City to Eugene a state highway and pave the same when a delegation from these two cities call on the highway commission at its meeting next week in Portland. A delegation headed by State Senator Edward S. Bailey from Junction City and one headed by Frank Chambers of Eugene are expected to make an appearance at the meeting to present the proposition that they have been working on for some time.

Coburg people will also be present at the highway meeting seeking to have the state road go on the east side of the river according to reports reaching here. Rather than to have another paved state highway parallel the Pacific highway a few miles west of it the Coburg residents are contending that the second highway when built should be on the east side of the river and serve a new territory as well as afford a shorter route. Since the movement to make the Prairie road to Junction City a paved highway the Coburg people have been busy laying plans for one on their side of the river to connect with the Pacific highway near Muddy station, thence across the new Coburg bridge to Eugene and Springfield.

The argument being advanced for the Prairie road is that it avoids railroad crossings at both Junction City and Eugene as it runs west of the Oregon Electric line as well as the Southern Pacific road.

SPRINGFIELD MAN IS ARRESTED AS DESERTER

Raymond Billings, son of Mrs. Cleopatra Melson of Springfield, was arrested as a deserter from the United States Navy, by Police Chief Jess Smitson and Deputy Sheriff Earl Luckey Monday night.

When the officers appeared at the house, No. 218 Mill street, Billings attempted to secrete himself in the upper floor, it was said. Deputy Sheriff Luckey went into the place and found he man. He will be returned to federal authorities and a reward will be received by the local officers.

Billings assertedly deserted from the U. S. S. California at San Pedro, California.

PRISCILLA CLUB HAS THURSDAY MEETING

The Priscilla club met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Jack Larson with Mrs. Trubert Henderson as hostess. The rooms were attractively decorated with chrysanthemums and marigolds. The afternoon was spent in playing bridge and fancy work, and a two course lunch was served.

Members present were Mrs. N. L. Howard, Mrs. John Tomseth, Mrs. Howard Freeland, Mrs. Will Curtis, Mrs. John Parker, Mrs. A. J. McKy, Mrs. Riley Snodgrass, Mrs. Larson, Mrs. W. H. Stearmer and the hostess. The invited guest was Mrs. Henderson, Salem, mother of Mrs. Freeland.

LEAGUE TAKES CHARGE OF CHURCH SERVICES

The Epworth League took charge of services at the Methodist church Sunday evening, giving a short program.

Elizabeth Hughes gave a short, inspirational talk, and Miss Nehr spoke on "Oregon and Music." Gertrude Mustoe sang a solo, and Miss Horning gave a piano solo. Quartet numbers were given by William and Jule Pollard, Margaret Oederkirk and Paul Potter. Fay Parsons gave a reading.

Guard Enlists McPherson

Harold McPherson, formerly of Company C, Eugene, was enlisted by the Springfield unit, Oregon National Guard, at the weekly meeting Tuesday night. Mr. McPherson was discharged from the Eugene company in order to join here.

Two Are Arrested

Tony Sharman and Mrs. Bertha Logsdon were arrested at a local hotel last night by sheriff's officers and are being held in the county jail on serious charges.

The Harvest Moon

By Albert T. Reid

