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RELIGIOUS SURVEY OF CITY PLANNED

Churches Would Know Conditions in Order to Plan Progressive Programs; Census to be Taken in Exhaustive Canvass.

An exhaustive religious survey of Springfield, looking toward an aggressive and to a degree cooperative program by the local churches, was planned this week by committees of the various protestant churches and probably will be launched next week, it was announced following a joint session Monday night.

According to plans developed at the meeting, the city will be divided into districts for purposes of conducting a religious census. Each church or other group will be given a certain district to canvass, and will go from house to house, inquiring as to the church preference or membership of the residents, the number of the family, the number in church school, and similar matters.

When completed and the data of each canvassing group compiled, an insight into the actual religious situation should be obtainable, according to Rev. Gabriel Sykes of the Methodist Episcopal church, one of the members of the committee. Conducting the canvass itself, he said, will be done altogether without thought of furthering the interests of any one particular church or denomination, but will be wholly cooperative for the purpose of obtaining actual knowledge of conditions.

Once this is obtained, the churches and other religious organizations can plan their programs accordingly, and, in the opinion of the committee members, more effectively. Where to exert the greatest efforts, what sort of programs to attract interest, and similar matters will be known, while many persons who have come here recently, or during their residence in Springfield have not become definitely identified with the church or denomination for which they have preference, will be discovered and their interest sought.

Monday night's meeting was held at the Methodist parsonage, and the Baptist, Christian and Methodist churches and the Four-Square gospel mission were represented. The lay representatives of the Baptist church is Fred Frese, that of the Methodist church, Harry Gillette, of the Christian church, Mr. Remple, and of the Mission, Mr. and Mrs. T. Pope. The ministers will have charge of the church affiliations. It is possible the Free Methodist church of West Springfield may cooperate in conducting the survey there.

MANY FLUNKS REPORTED AT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL

Springfield high school students who flunked or received grades of V, the lowest possible passing grade, numbered 76 during the last quarter, it was announced at the high school yesterday. This was the same number that flunked last term.

Chester Hayden and Winnifred Tyson were the only members of the honor roll of those with grades above 90. Many students missed the honor roll by small margins.

G. A. R. LADIES ARE TO ELECT AT MEET FRIDAY

Springfield circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., will elect officers at a meeting to be held tomorrow afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. C. F. Eggimann, it was announced today. The meeting has been called for 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Eggimann has headed the local patriotic organization for several years. She urged all members to be present.

Needlecraft Meets

The Needlecraft club met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. W. C. Wright. Miss Agnes Brightman of O. A. C. gave a demonstration of tie and dye work.

Those present included Mrs. Dan Crites, Mrs. S. R. Dippel, Mrs. Robert Drury, Mrs. Walter Gossler, Mrs. George Hobson, Mrs. O. H. Jarrett, Mrs. William Long, Mrs. Carl Olson, Mrs. Carl Fbetteplace, Mrs. Floyd Westerfield, Mrs. Clifford Wilson, Mrs. Walter Scott, Mrs. Sidney Ward and Mrs. Larson Wright.

Guests were Mrs. Mary Gaffner, Mrs. Ella Lombard.

"The Woman Pays"



Grace W. Elliott, Los Angeles, failed to pay \$150 per month alimony to her former husband, as ordered by the court. He had her brought to court. Now she must pay. From the \$200,000 which grew from \$50,000—when hubby managed things.

TURNER'S STORE ROBBED IN DAYLIGHT TUESDAY

A wallet containing about \$50 in money and \$20 in checks was stolen Monday from Turner's Novelty store. No trace of the thief has been found. Mr. Turner had gone to the rear of the store building after an armful of wood and when he returned the wallet was gone from his desk.

There were several customers in the store and one clerk at the time. The clerk noticed two men customers come in and go out while waiting on the trade and suspected them although it was not known who they were.

CHILD DISCIPLINE TO BE REV. SYKES' TOPIC

"In Rearing Children Shall We Seek a Substitute for Discipline" is the subject on which Rev. Gabriel Sykes of the Methodist Episcopal church will speak next Sunday evening. In the morning, at 11 o'clock, Rev. Sykes will speak on "Jesus Christ and the Sword."

The first quarterly conference of the Methodist church will be conducted on the evening of December 9, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, with Rev. S. J. Cheney, district superintendent in charge.

CHRISTIAN LADIES AID PLANS WEEK-END EVENTS

A bazaar and food sale will be conducted this week-end by the Ladies Aid of the Christian church in the Odd Fellows building at fourth and Main streets.

The bazaar will be held on Friday, with fancy work and many other things for sale. The cooked food sale will continue throughout Saturday.

MRS. C. A. SWARTS IS EASTERN STAR MATRON

Mrs. C. A. Swarts was elected worthy matron of Cascade chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, at the annual election Tuesday night. She will name appointive officers shortly.

Other elective officers named at the meeting: Mrs. R. B. Oldham, worthy patron; Mrs. Opal Roberts, associate matron; Mrs. Jeannette Wright, conductress; Mrs. C. O. Wilson, associate conductress; Mrs. Jane Ketels, secretary; Mrs. Elsie Pollard, treasurer. Joint installation with the Masons will be held on December 27.

Mumps Cases Reported

Mumps cases were engaging the attention of Health Officer W. H. Pollard. Mumps is the second minor contagious disease to break out here this season, chicken pox having necessitated quarantines last week.

To Entertain Club

The Kill Kare club will be entertained today at the home of Mrs. C. E. Wheaton with Mrs. W. H. Adrian as hostess. Those to be present from Eugene are: Mrs. Wilfred Knight, Mrs. George Blair, Mrs. P. Poindexter, Mrs. Bert Vincent, Mrs. J. H. Dumphrey; Springfield, Mrs. M. M. Peery, Mrs. R. Kester, Mrs. Wheaton, Mrs. Adrian. Guests will be Mrs. W. R. Dawson and Mrs. Ralph Dippel.

Christmas Party Planned

The annual Christmas party of the Progressive Twenty-two club of the Rebekah lodge will be held at the lodge hall Friday evening, starting at 7:30 o'clock. The women will bring their fancy work, and will enjoy an evening of conversation and games. A Christmas tree will be erected, and the club members will exchange gifts.

NEW FORD TO BE HERE FOR EXHIBITION NEXT MONDAY, SAYS DANNER

Springfield residents curious as to the make-up of the new Ford car will have their opportunity to see the innovation at first hand next Monday afternoon, when E. R. Danner Motor company will have one of the new models on display.

Blue and white decorations are being put up in the show room at the motor company quarters at Fifth and A streets, and arrangements are being made for handling hundreds of visitors. Even those in charge of the exhibition were unable to say today just where the new Ford would come from or where it will go after being shown here.

The hours of exhibition are from 3:30 to 10 o'clock.

About 400 visited the Danner show rooms last Friday, when pictures and diagrams of the new automobile were shown and various details of construction and operation explained. Many Springfield people went to Eugene where they saw one of the new models.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE URGED BY CHAIRMAN

An appeal to parents to send their children to school, in view of the apparent failure of infantile paralysis to gain a foothold here, was made following a meeting of the school board Monday night. Many children, it was said, are being handicapped scholastically because they are not in school at present while their fellow-classmen are proceeding with their work.

No new cases of paralysis have developed here, and the Lincoln Junior high school, which was closed last week, was re-opened Monday with only nine absences. It is in the lower grades, according to members of the school board, that many children are persistently staying out of school to their own detriment.

"We do not want to urge parents to endanger their children at all," said W. G. Hughes, president of the board, "but in view of the circumstances, we believe it would be safe to send the children to school. Most of the pupils are back, but a few are being kept out persistently. Eventually, of course, we would have to take steps to force the children back into school, but we do not want to do this nor have we any intention of doing it. No one wants his children to get behind the others in school, and the way to prevent this is to send the children back to their classes."

TWO ARE INJURED IN INDUSTRIAL MISHAPS

Industrial accidents were responsible for injuries to two men treated at local physicians' offices Monday.

Stillman Pratt of Marcola was hurt in the chest when he fell after stepping into a hole while working for the Fisher Lumber company. It was first thought that one of his ribs had been broken, but examination revealed less serious injuries.

M. L. Barnum, employed by the Hill Creek Lumber company of Jasper was treated for an injured hand.

MUSICAL GROUPS AT SCHOOL GIVE PROGRAM

Well-received musical numbers made up a program presented at the Springfield high school assembly last Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock under the direction of Miss Grace Potter, director of music in the schools.

The high school and glee club appeared in several numbers, with Miss Potter directing.

Return to Washington

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Turner and daughter, Mrs. Mildred Strand and her son, Robert James Strand, left today by automobile for Hoodport, Washington, after a visit of three days in Springfield with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Maxey. Mrs. Maxey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Turner. The party motored to Springfield from Spokane bringing with them Mrs. Maxey who had been in that city for two weeks attending the funeral of Mrs. Strand's husband who died following an operation.

Ladies to Give Chicken Dinner

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church will hold the aid's annual chicken dinner and bazaar sale on next Wednesday at the church parlors. The dinner will be from 6 until 8 and the bazaar sale at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Fancy work, dolls and children's toys will be among the bazaar offerings.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTHS TO HANDLE CHRISTMAS MAILING DURING RUSH

Several high school boys are to assist the regular postoffice force in handling the large quantities of Christmas mail which will pass through the local postoffice during the next two weeks, according to Postmaster F. B. Hamlin. An exceptionally liberal allowance for additional help in the postoffice at Christmas time has been made by the postal department, Mr. Hamlin said.

Ira Nice, who works part time at the postoffice regularly, will give full-time service beginning December 15. Kenneth Dillard, who helped with delivery last year, is expected to join the force for that purpose during the holiday season, and Norris Nettleton, another of last year's helpers, is to assist in the office.

Christmas mailing has gotten well under way here, according to Postmaster Hamlin. Eight mail sacks were dispatched from the local office Tuesday, and a general increase in the size of mail shipments is being noticed. Several packages have been sent from here to foreign countries.

The influx of mail has hardly started, but will be under way shortly, he said. He reiterated the plea that local people send their packages early, in order that the postal force may be able to handle the incoming mail more readily.

FUGITIVE TAKEN HERE FROM ROOF BY POLICE

Howard Ball, 21, wanted by Eugene officers for an alleged statutory offense, was arrested on the roof of a house here Wednesday morning following a search for him by Eugene and Springfield police.

Ball was traced to Springfield by the officers, and Police Chief Jess Smitson aided in searching for him here. When it was found that he was sleeping in the second story of a local house, the police made arrangements to search the place. When they reached the room where he was sleeping, Ball had disappeared.

The officers found where he had crawled out of a window on the roof, and found him hiding under the eaves. He was taken to Eugene and lodged in county jail that night.

ASSEMBLY SYSTEM IS IN USE AT LINCOLN AGAIN

After being discarded for some time, the assembly system was installed in the Lincoln Junior high school again this week.

Hereafter, students will have one general room for study, and will go from room to room to rectify before various teachers. This plan was long in use here, but at the beginning of this year, on the advice of educational experts, another system was advised.

Under this plan, the teachers went from room to room to teach the pupils. While this plan has its advantages, it did not work out satisfactorily under conditions existing here, it was said by school authorities.

COUNTY SCOUT MEETING IS SET FOR DECEMBER 19

The annual meeting of the Lane county Boy Scout council, embracing scouting activities in the county, will be held in Eugene on Monday, December 19, at 6:00 p. m. at the Osburn hotel. Springfield members of the council, together with local troop committeemen, scoutmasters, senior patrol leaders, troop scribes, and their wives, have been invited to attend.

Scribes of the local troops will be called upon for short histories of their troops from the organization to the present date. Officers of the county council will be elected, and a member of the local troop committee will be entitled to a vote at the election. On the committee here are F. B. Hamlin, W. G. Hughes and Dr. W. C. Rebhan.

Madeline D. Holm

Madeline D. Holm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holm, died Tuesday at the family home in West Springfield at the age of 11 days. The funeral was held at the home, with W. F. Walker in charge, yesterday. Rev. Fred Hornshuh officiated. Interment was at Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Springfield Couple Get License
Louie Joseph Sinner and Pearl Vera Snook, both of Springfield were granted marriage license during the last week by County Clerk W. B. Dillard. Others given licenses include Walter Sutton and Mrs. Ellen Decker, both of Oakridge; Svend Lobek and Doris Evelyn Jones, both of Oakridge; and Louis Latimer, Amity, and Dora Spangenberg, of Eugene.

Oh Such a Doll



Beulah Louise Henry—direct descendant of Patrick Henry—inventor of 48 toy novelties now crowns her efforts with a newly devised rubber doll which talks, winks and is the nearest yet "human." Photo taken at Washington patent office.

OLD SPRINGFIELD SPAN WOULD DECEIVE CAMERA; SHOWS RAILROAD PIERS

Ancient and world-weary as it is, the old Springfield highway bridge still is capable of a bit of caprice. The aged bridge, which shakes nervously under the strain of ever-increasing traffic while plans for the new bridge progress slowly, this week tried to fool the camera.

Not very many persons of late years have attempted to take a picture of the structure. And when on Tuesday a man with a camera sought to photograph the longest, single-spanned bridge west of the Mississippi, he found a hard case in proving its right to qualify to such a description.

Taken from the up-river side, a photograph of the bridge shows plainly the piers of the Southern Pacific railroad bridge, just below it. The piers actually appear to be under the highway bridge, which hides from view the steel of the railroad bridge. Thus it appears that a caption describing the bridge as a single span would not be born out in the picture itself.

Taken from down-river, there is but one method of getting a picture of the bridge. That is from the railroad bridge. And with this particular camera, it was impossible to photograph the entire highway span, revealing its long, unsupported structure, because of the nearness of the railroad bridge.

An angle shot, however, obtained from the field across from McKinnon's store, managed to avoid photographing much of the railroad bridge, and revealed the highway bridge in its unusual unsupported length.

AMERICAN LEGION TO INSTALL DECEMBER 16

Installation of the newly-chosen officers of the Springfield American Legion will take place on December 16, it was announced today. At that time John Larson will succeed John H. Will as commander of the local post.

Other officers to be installed are: M. B. Huntly, first vice-commander; Tony Gravos, second vice-commander; William Vasby, adjutant; Oswald Olson, finance officer; Mr. Will, F. B. Hamlin, Clarence Fandrem, Mr. Larson, and Mr. Huntly, executive committee; Al Pohl, W. P. Tyson, finance committee.

SCOUT ACTIVITIES TO BE RESUMED SHORTLY

With no new cases of paralysis reported, it is probable that Boy Scout activities in Springfield will be resumed in the near future, according to Scoutmaster Clayton Barber of the Lions club troop.

It is possible the local troops will hold their regular meetings next week. All meetings were called off through fear of the spread of paralysis.

CITY LOOKS INTO PARK PROPOSALS

Railroad Property Not Available; Brattain Estate May Donate Site; Title to Cemetery Obscure; Restroom Seems Certain.

With one possible site eliminated, another suggested, and the title of a third presenting difficulties, the plans for a new Springfield park were not without development the past week, and definite results of the investigations should be known to the city council when it meets Monday night.

Word was received from I. L. Graham, district freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific railroad, this morning, the officials of his company had definitely stated that there is no possibility of using railroad land here as a park site. This, it is said, is due to the fact that the local land is being held as operative property, and under the policies of the company cannot be put to any other permanent use. It is presumed from this report that eventually, the Southern Pacific intends to use the tract of land here for operative purposes.

With this possibility entirely eliminated, Mrs. Paul Brattain informed Mayor G. G. Bushman this week that she will take up with members of the Brattain estate the possibility of donating the tract of land at Tenth street and East Main as a park site. Paul Hadley, she said, has a large interest in this property, and she will interview him with regard to turning the property over to the city for park development.

In the meantime, City Attorney I. M. Peterson made an investigation of the title of the old cemetery at the foot of Willamette Heights, across the railroad track from the main part of the city. At the county court house, Mr. Peterson found that the title, in a transaction of years ago, was vested in the "trustees of the Springfield Burying Ground." All of the trustees are dead, but Councilman W. P. Tyson has been commissioned to interview their relatives and the relatives of persons known to have been buried there, with regard to the possible development of the cemetery as a park and the removal of the graves.

Several persons have told city officials that they are certain that a more recent transaction deeded the cemetery property to the Town of Springfield, but no official records to that effect are on file at the court house. The county court may be asked to act in the matter.

Mayor Bushman said today that there is no doubt that the city-owned lots at Fourth and A streets are the best site for a restroom and small city park, and that project probably will be carried through, regardless of the development of an outside park.

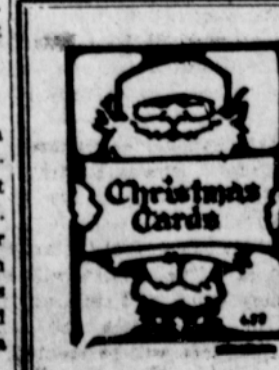
PLANS FURTHERED FOR GRIFFIS' ARMY DUTIES

Plans have been furthered this week for the trip to Fort Benning, Georgia, of Ethmer Griffis, youthful Springfield national guardsman who is to see four months instruction service with the regular army through arrangements made by Commander Swarts of the Springfield guard unit.

Official orders for Griffis to report at Fort Benning on February 1, have been received. He will leave here on January 27 in order to reach the fort in time. During his four months stay he will receive a thorough training in all matters of technical communication and similar army work, and will receive regular army pay.

Conduct Church Services

Harry Gillette had charge of services at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening, and gave a short talk. A feature of the service was the presentation of musical numbers by a trio composed of Paul Potter, Paul Frese, and William Pollard.



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