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RELIGIOUS CENSUS TO START DEC. 26

City Divided Into Four Sections, to be Canvassed Thoroughly By Various Churches in Interest of Christian Work; Information Basis of Programs.

Detailed plans of the religious survey to be made by the churches of Springfield in a cooperative program starting the day after Christmas were announced this week by Rev. Gabriel Sykes, pastor of the Springfield Methodist church and head of the survey committee. Representatives of all the city's churches will call at the homes of the city between Christmas and New Years, obtaining information as to church membership and preference. Pooled, this data will be made the basis of future aggressive programs of the Springfield churches. For the purposes of facilitating the canvass, the city has been divided into four sections, which will be worked thoroughly by the church people. Here are the sections, as announced by Rev. Mr. Sykes:

Section 1. The east side of Eighth street, extending to the city limits at all point east of Eighth street. This is to be canvassed by the Methodist church.

Section 2. Begins with the west side of Eighth street, and is bounded on the south by the north side of Main on the west by the south side of Third, and on the north by the city limits. This will be canvassed by the Christian church.

Section 3. Begins on the west side of Third street and is bounded on the south by the north side of Main street and on the west by the city limits. This will be covered by members of the Bible Mission.

Section 4. Bounded on the north by the south side of Main, on the east by the west side of Eighth, on the east by Mill street, and extending south to include West Springfield. This will be canvassed by the Baptist church.

The workers will ask for the following information, purely in the interest of Christian work through the churches: name and address; church membership; where persons have membership; preference, any or none; number of children and ages; number of persons in Sunday school; any remarks desired.

"The hearty cooperation of all will be appreciated, said Rev. Mr. Sykes. "In case there is no one at home, a card will be left with a request that it be filled out and handed to a representative of some church."

SCHOOLS TO PRESENT XMAS PROGRAM FRIDAY

Programs commemorating Christmas will be given by Springfield school children tomorrow afternoon. Dramatic numbers, vocal selections, and recitations make up the major portion of the school programs, which will be given by individual grades. The parents have been invited to attend these programs.

All programs will start at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Many of the lower grades plan to have Christmas trees in their rooms following the general programs. At the Lincoln school, a basket of foodstuffs is to be prepared for the needy.

AMERICAN LEGION POST INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

New officers were installed by the Springfield American Legion post Tuesday night, Jack Larson assuming leadership of the organization. W. W. Stuart, district commissioner from Albany, was installing officer.

Perry Stalmacher, also of Albany, and a past district commissioner, addressed the group with regard to disabled veterans. Ben Dorris, American Legion leader at Eugene, described his recent trip to the veterans convention at Paris.

Here from Wisconsin—Mrs. Ina Martin of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, is here visiting her sisters, Mrs. William Donaldson, and Mrs. M. R. Wagner, of Eugene. Mrs. Martin left the Middle West in the grip of winter, and was much impressed with the climate of Oregon, which, she said, "seems like summer."

Library Hours Given
The public library will be closed both Saturday and Monday, because of the holidays, according to announcement by Mary Roberts, librarian.

Festivities to Be Enjoyed Christmas

Many Gather Here Under Home Roofs for Holiday; Others Visit Elsewhere

Christmas day will find many gathered in Springfield from else to renew old family ties or friendships. Homecomings and reunions are being planned throughout the city, and incoming trains and buses will be carrying the visitors today, tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday.

Many, also, are planning to visit elsewhere over the holidays. These include most of the teachers of the local schools, whose homes are situated in other parts of the Northwest.

Monday, the day following Christmas, will be a legal holiday, with banks closed and few business houses open for business. The postoffice will be closed that day after noon. Schools will begin the Christmas holidays with the final programs tomorrow afternoon.

Here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lepley arrived this week from their home in California. Mr. Lepley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lepley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kenyon will spend Christmas with friends in Eugene.

Mrs. H. H. Harms of Cottage Grove, sister of Walter Gossler, is here to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Gossler. Mrs. P. M. Gossler of Springfield Route No. 2 also is a guest at the Gossler home.

Visitors at the E. W. Collins home Christmas day will be Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Collins, Jr., of Marshfield; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parrish, Lorane; Mrs. Clara Fawver; Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Collins; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Griffin, Westfir.

Miss Esther Clapp, nurse in the office of Dr. W. C. Rebban and Dr. Carl Phetteplace, will spend Christmas with friends at Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Freese will entertain as guests Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schiewe and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Montgomery.

On Saturday night, Christmas eve, Mrs. Arthur Roberts will entertain relatives of her family at an old-time Christmas party. A Christmas tree will be enjoyed.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Pollard plan to spend Christmas at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. W. McDonald of Tigard. They will be accompanied on the trip Saturday afternoon by their children, Jule and William. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Price of Marcola also will be guests at the McDonald home.

Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Emery will go to Portland Saturday to spend Christmas with her sister, Miss Abbie Masse.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Jarvis and daughter, Betty Jane, of Portland, will be holiday guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Kester.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Murphy will spend the day after Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Murphy, Eugene. Miss Era Dell Murphy of Great Falls, Montana, who is well-known here, will be at the Eugene home for the celebration also.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Pollard will spend Christmas in Portland, visiting relatives.

Christmas dinner will be enjoyed at the home of Mrs. Georgia Griffin by Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Moshier, Will Moshier, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Endicott and daughter, Betty Jean, Clifford Hays, Lela Griffin and Ethmer Griffin.

City Attorney and Mrs. Ira M. Peterson are going to Hillsboro to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bender. They will leave Saturday and return Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bushman will leave Saturday for Wallowa, Oregon, where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Bushman's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bushman will spend the holidays with her parents in Astoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Morgan will go to Eugene Christmas day for dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Young of College Crest.

Mayor and Mrs. G. G. Bushman will enjoy dinner with their daughter, Mrs. Graham B. Smith, and family, of Eugene.

Two Sustain Injuries
C. C. Wilson cut one of his fingers with a scythe Tuesday, and was treated at a local physician's office. The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown of Walterville was treated for a badly gashed nose, the injury being received when a saw fell from a shelf and struck the boy.

LOS ANGELES SLAYER REPORTED IN EUGENE

Was William Edward Hickman in Eugene Tuesday?

That is the question that is being investigated by Sheriff's office today, following the report that Hickman, the Los Angeles girl killer and mutilator, was seen in Seattle last night. Evidence corroborating the belief that Hickman has fled up the coast was gathered in Eugene today, and it appears that actually the youthful murderer stopped in the Lane county seat Tuesday morning.

H. R. Larson, a tailor with quarters in the Hoffman hotel, positively has identified the picture of Hickman with the face of a young man who stopped at his place early Tuesday morning, and had his clothes and an overcoat pressed.

The young man, nervous appearing and shifty-eyed, came into the tailor shop and removed his clothes for pressing. He stated that their bad condition was due to the fact that he had been driving steadily for two days. He was nervous, and jumped perceptibly when a car passed or some one stopped at the door. He watched the street constantly.

Mrs. Larson and Alfred Peterson were in the tailor shop at the time. Immediately after the young man went out, leaving an overcoat to be pressed, all three turned, and admitted they had the same thought. They believed it was Hickman.

Sheriff's deputies were called, and stayed at the place about five minutes, according to Larson. They left before the stranger returned for his overcoat.

The young man was dressed in a light brown suit, brown cap and brown overcoat. He paid his bill in change, \$1.50, and left. He mentioned his name as Armstrong.

Today, more evidence corroborating this story was given to the sheriff's office. A resident of the northern end of Eugene said that on Tuesday morning, about 9 o'clock, he was accosted by a party in a coupe automobile, evidently lost in an effort to find the Pacific highway north.

A young man, driving the car, looked like Hickman. There was an elderly man with a three-days growth of beard and a middle-aged woman in the car. They seemed anxious to get away in a hurry, and roared away when directions had been given to the northern entrance to the city.

Hickman, if he was in Seattle Wednesday night, might well have passed through Eugene Tuesday morning, and the evidence being gathered in the Lane county seat will do much in turning the man hunt to the north.

Arrives from Colorado—Mrs. Nellie Jordan, mother of Mrs. E. E. Pyne, arrived last night from Towner, Colorado, and will make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Pyne here.

JOINT INSTALLATION IS MASONIC GROUPS' PLAN

Joint installation of officers will be observed on Tuesday evening, December 27, by the Springfield Masonic lodge and the Cascade chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

I. M. Peterson, worshipful master of the Masonic lodge, today announced appointive officers of the organization. They are: senior deacon, Levi Neet; junior deacon, Harold Phillips; chaplain, John F. Ketels; senior steward, Carl H. Phetteplace; junior steward, Harry Stewart; tiler, John C. Ketels; finance committeemen, Senior Warden Sidney Ward, Harry M. Stewart and Carl Olson.

Appointive officers of the Cascade chapter, as announced by Mrs. C. A. Swarts, worthy matron, are: Adah, Mrs. Margaret Ward; Ruth, Mrs. Hazel Adrian; Esther, Mrs. Edna Dippel; Martha, Mrs. Margaret Kenyon; Electa, Mrs. Lena Frederick; Warden, Miss Margaret Gorrie; sentinel, Mrs. Oswald Olson; marshal, Mrs. Pearl Schantol; chaplain, Mrs. Jane Cruzan; musician, Mrs. Dora Neet.

RAIL DEVELOPMENT MAY TAP MCKENZIE TIMBER

A railway development program which may result in tapping timber along the summit of the McKenzie ridge appears as a possibility with the depositing of \$10,000 bond with the state highway department yesterday by railroad interests represented by R. A. Biggs. The bond was given to show good faith in the proposal to construct a railway line from Lebanon through Sweethome, in Linn county, and beyond into the heavy timber of the mountains.

Another project is being proposed by interests represented by H. P. Byers, but the latter has not deposited bond. Ostensibly, the projects are for logging lines, and it is known that some of the timber to be tapped is the property of Louis P. Hill. Both parties have made surveys, and Biggs has promised to start actual construction this winter.

Guy Smith Hurt—Guy Smith, employed by the Fisher Lumber company of Marcola, injured one of his feet Wednesday when a timber fell on it.

Church Women Meet—Mrs. Claud Cook entertained the women of the Ergathea class of the Methodist Sunday school at her home yesterday.

Girl Scouts to Meet—Springfield Girl Scouts will meet on January 5, according to Mrs. Paul Rasford, leader. This is to be the first meeting in 1928.

MILL NOT TO OPERATE SATURDAY OR MONDAY

Holiday shutdown of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company's Springfield mill will extend from Friday evening at closing time until Tuesday morning, giving the workmen a three-day lay-off with Christmas sandwiched between the two special holidays. This announcement was made officially through the Eugene headquarters of the lumber company.

The mill will be running full blast again Tuesday morning. At that time, it is also expected to resume operations of the camps at Wendling, which shut down some time ago because of cold weather and snow.

FINAL PLANS MADE FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Schedules for the various Christmas programs at Springfield churches indicate that Springfield people will have plenty of entertainment during the next three days if they care to avail themselves of the opportunity at attend programs.

The schedule follows:
Thursday night (tonight)—Baptist church pageant, "Nativity," at the church. Also program by primary and intermediate grades.

Friday night—Methodist program and Christmas tree at church. Treats will be distributed to children.

Sunday morning—Services at Methodist, Christian, Bible Mission, Baptist and Catholic churches at usual time, with children's programs at the Bible Mission.

Sunday evening—Pageant, program, and "white gift" ceremonies at the Christian church. Miss Mary Findley speaks at Methodist church. Special services at Baptist and other churches, all at regular hours.

NEEDLECRAFT CLUB IS HOSTESS TO HUSBANDS

Husbands of members of the Needlecraft club were guests at a dinner at the Eugene hotel last Thursday.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Crites, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin May, Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Dippel, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Westfield, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Ward, and Mr. and Mrs. G. Hobson, with special guests as Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitney and Mrs. Mary Gallier.

ALVIN P. GARRETT DEAD AT AGE OF 84

Funeral services will be conducted at the Walker chapel today for Alvin P. Garrett, 84-year old Springfield man who died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sadie McVey, at Seventh and G streets.

Mr. Garrett had lived here for some time. He is survived by Mrs. McVey and another daughter.

WALKER SELLS OUT TO CHARLES POOLE

Veteran Springfield Business Man Sells to Former Newspaperman of This City, Who Obtains Residence and Main Street Lease.

What is conceded as the largest business deal consummated here in the last few years, involving the transfer of three undertaking establishments in Springfield, Eugene and Lebanon, was announced here today. Details of the big deal are:

Sale of a controlling interest in the W. F. Walker Undertaking parlors of Springfield, to Charles P. Poole, and son, R. H. Poole, once of Springfield and Coburg, more recently of Lebanon.

Sale of W. F. Walker's attractive residence property at 125 C street to Mr. Poole.

Purchase by Mr. Walker of the Bush and Sons funeral establishment at Charnelton and Eleventh streets, Eugene.

Purchase by Bush & Sons of the funeral parlors at Lebanon, from Mr. Poole and his son, the new Springfield undertakers. This property has now been turned over to Harry Howe, a funeral director of Salem.

With the completion of this unusually large deal, Springfield loses one of the veteran business men of this city, and a life-time resident of Lane county.

Mr. Walker went into the undertaking business in Springfield in 1906, locating in the building at the corner of Main and Mill streets. He operated there until six years ago, when he moved to the present location in the Woodmen hall. During this time, he has built up what is considered as one of the most successful undertaking businesses in this part of the state.

Mr. Walker has been prominent in civic affairs of this city throughout his residence here. He was president of the Springfield chamber of commerce for five years, and is now president of the Lions club, of which he is a charter member. He has been prominent in the Odd Fellows, Masons and Woodmen lodges, as well as other civic and fraternal organizations. Mrs. Walker is prominent in local society circles.

In moving to Eugene, Mr. Walker assumes one of the most modern and up-to-date undertaking plants in this part of the state. It was built recently by Bush and Sons, and is located near the business district of that city. Milford Allen, who has been with Mr. Walker as his assistant for four years, will accompany him to his new field. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are moving out of their residence today, and will be temporarily located at 83 Thirteenth avenue west, Eugene.

With Mr. Walker's removal, their returns to Springfield a former business man of this city, Charles P. Poole. Mr. Poole has purchased a controlling interest in the Walker establishment here, and has included in the deal the assumption of the leases on the chapel and office in the Woodmen building and the Walker residence property, where he will make his home.

Mr. Poole has been in the undertaking business in Oregon since 1912. He was for a time at Harrisburg, then at Brownsville, and for seven years has operated the establishment at Lebanon. Before going to Harrisburg, he operated what was then the Springfield News, with newspaper quarters in the building on Fifth street near the present First National bank. Mr. Poole lived at Coburg for ten years, operating a newspaper there for part of that time. He also worked for Booth-Kelly Lumber company in this county.

The new Springfield business man is already well-known to many people here through his former connections. He is a Mason, an Odd Fellow, and an artisan. His son, who will be with him in the business for the present, is a licensed embalmer. Mrs. Poole is a trained nurse and will act as assistant in the business here.

For the present, the business will be operated under the same name as previously, and Mr. Poole asserted his intention of maintaining the same policies that have been inculcated into the business by Mr. Walker. Mr. Walker, he said, is desirous that the business be continued as before.

Mr. Poole is moving his family into the C street residence Friday.

Leading up to this deal, Mr. Poole sold his undertaking establishment in

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Can He Get Them All In?

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