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22 DENOMINATIONS REPRESENTED HERE

Religious Survey of Springfield Completed by Local Churches; 529 Families Canvassed; Methodists, Christians, Baptists Lead.

Twenty-two denominations are represented either by preference or membership in the population of Springfield and West Springfield. It is disclosed in the results of the religious survey made by the Protestant churches. The completed survey was announced yesterday by Rev. Gabriel Sykes, chairman of the committee.

Interesting figures on the religious status of the people of this community were compiled following the canvassing of 529 homes. The results will be made the basis of future aggressive activities of the Springfield churches.

For 24 families, the reporters found no one at home, and 81 reported no church preference. Other figures follow:

Baptist	71
Christian	120
Congregational	4
Christian Science	1
Church of God	2
Dunkards	3
Episcopal	9
Four Square Mission	20
Free Methodist	4
Greek Catholic	1
International Bible Mission	1
Lutheran	6
Methodist Episcopal	145
M. E. South	1
Mennonites	1
Presbyterian	13
Roman Catholic	9
Salvation Army	3
Seventh Day Adventist	7
Unitarian	1
United Brethren	1
Universalist	1

The Baptist, Christian and Methodist churches and the Four-Square gospel mission conducted the canvass, and appreciation for cooperation was expressed yesterday by the committee members. An effort to determine the exact religious status of the community was made, and much progress in the work of the churches is expected to result.

FORESTS MEAN MUCH TO OREGON PAY-ROLL

Sixty-five per cent of Oregon's pay roll is from the forest and its products, according to W. V. Fuller, director of publicity for the state board of forestry, who spoke at the Springfield high school and the junior high school Wednesday.

Mr. Fuller, in describing the importance of the forests to Oregon, declared that 16 2-3 per cent of the taxes in the state at large come from the forests or the lumber industry.

The speaker is on a tour of Western Oregon, explaining to high school students and others the importance of Oregon's basic industry.

CHURCH NIGHT PLANNED BY CHRISTIANS FRIDAY

Church night will be observed Friday evening at the Christian church, according to plans announced yesterday. The men's class will have charge of the program, and other classes will serve refreshments.

Entertainment will include readings and musical numbers, and other features of church night programs. The event will start at 7:30 o'clock.

ETHMER GRIFFIS GOES TO FORT BENNING, GA.

Ethmer Griffis, who was named from the Springfield National Guard unit to go to Fort Benning, Ga., for study in radio, telegraph, telephone, and other communication and expert work, left Saturday night.

He will stop at Mankato, Kansas, to visit his grandmother, and will report at Fort Benning on February 1. He will be there until May 28.

LIBRARY TO BE OPEN SATURDAY, ANNOUNCED

The Springfield public library will be open on Saturday of this week, following repairs of damage done when the water pipes broke some time ago and water flooded the place. The library will resume regular schedule in the old building beginning Saturday. Most of the books have been repaired and are ready for use.

HARDY HITS HIGHWAY COMMISSION'S PLAN TO CLOSE 2ND STREET

"The whole proposal is a camouflage in which they propose to sacrifice the town in order to procure the contribution and the writer ventures the assertion that the highway commission itself has never contemplated or considered these aspects of the situation and the whole program is the result of zealous plans and schemes of the counsel and his associates."

This is the manner in which Charles A. Hardy characterizes the effort on the part of the state highway commission to bring about the closing of the Second street crossing in Springfield and the gaining of financial aid in building the new Springfield highway bridge. The paragraph is a part of the brief, written by Attorney Hardy for the town and the property holders, which was filed this week with the state public service commission in opposition to the highway body's proposal.

The brief, signed by Mr. Hardy and City Attorney I. M. Peterson, bases its opposition on two points. One doubts the jurisdiction of the public service commission over Second street and the other alleges that the closing of the crossing would cause such damage to the property in that end of the town that the action would be unwarranted in view of the benefits to be derived, if any.

The brief is on file at the office of City Attorney Peterson.

MILL ACCIDENTS CAUSE INJURIES TO 3 WORKERS

Three persons reported at local physician's offices for treatment to injuries received late last week at mills.

Wallace Starkey, employed at the Booth-Kelly plant here, was cranking a jitney when the handle flew off and hit him on the nose, causing severe lacerations.

J. R. Tucker, another Booth-Kelly employe, was struck on top of the head while feeding the hog at the mill.

J. B. Guiley, helping to unload a truck at a mill at Jasper, allowed the crank which is used in moving the body of the truck to fly up and hit him. He called for treatment Monday.

GUARD PROFICIENCY IS RECOGNIZED BY STATE

A certificate of proficiency for demonstrated efficiency in mobilization of the field service under the unit mobilization test call on November 5, 1927, was received this week by Commander C. A. Swartz of the National Guard unit.

In two calls, the Springfield troop has had virtually 100 per cent response.

REV. EDGAR LUTHER RETURNS TO OREGON

Word has been received here that Rev. Edgar Luther, former pastor of the Springfield Baptist church and well-known here, will return to Oregon following an extended sojourn in California.

Rev. Luther has taken a pastorate at Dallas, Oregon. He preached at various points in California. It is expected that he will visit his friends here when he returns to Oregon.

Here From Lebanon—Mrs. William Curtis of Lebanon has been visiting in Springfield this week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Poole.

GIRL SCOUTS BENEFIT AFFAIR TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON

All women of Springfield have been invited to attend a Girl Scout benefit party and entertainment, to be held at the chamber of commerce next Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock. Needlework and cards will furnish diversions during the afternoon, and a pleasant time is promised by the committee in charge.

The Girl Scouts are arranging a program of entertainment, and will serve refreshments as well.

This is the first time the Girl Scouts of Springfield have asked for any outside financial aid, according to committee members. Mrs. S. R. Dippel is chairman of the general committee in charge.

BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The choir of the Springfield Baptist church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frese Tuesday evening January 17. Election of officers for the coming year was held.

W. H. Cook was chosen director; Mrs. Norton Pengra, pianist; Mrs. Chas. Blom, assistant pianist; Myrtle Harvey, president; Mrs. Norton Pengra, secretary and treasurer.

After the election a short rehearsal was held, after which a social time was enjoyed by all. Those present were, Mrs. Chas. Blom, Mrs. Roy Carlton, Naomi Carlton, Iowa Carlton, Myrtle Harvey, Mrs. Norton Pengra, Stella Pengra, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tobals, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Montgomery, Oscar Gladish, P. H. Emery, W. H. Cook, Mrs. Schiewe, Paul Frese, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frese and children, Dorothea and Lloyd.

L. N. BLOWERS SEEKING ELECTION AS DELEGATE

Lawrence N. Blowers, for two years a resident of West Springfield with his son, Paul Blowers, and former county judge of Hood River county, this week announced his candidacy as delegate from the state at large at the republican national convention.

Mr. Blowers stated that he is definitely for enforcement of the prohibition amendment, favors giving the farmers a square deal, and is emphatically opposed to profiteering. It is his contention that it is ludicrous that the lives of young men are given on the battle field while other men, who risk nothing, get rich out of war.

Mr. Blowers was the first mayor of Sumter, Oregon, in Baker county. He served in the national guard as a lieutenant under Governor Sylvester Pennoyer, and served in the U. S. marshall's office in 1904-05. He was mayor of Hood River and county judge for two terms, being elected for the second term without opposition. He went to the legislature without opposition, and was one of the organizers of the farm bloc, with Circuit Judge McMahan of Salem, William Jackson of Sherman county.

LEGION MAY GIVE PLAY AGAIN; MEET FRIDAY

"His Uncle's Niece" may be given a second time by the American Legion. Decision will be made by members of the cast when the Legion meets at the chamber of commerce tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock.

Such success greeted the first presentation of the play that it is considered advisable to give it again if the cast is willing.

Finally Gets Medal



Charles F. Hopkins with the Congressional Medal of Honor and a citation for distinguished gallantry under fire during the Civil War that was awarded Hopkins sixty-two years ago but which has just reached him. The delay was due to the veteran's reluctance to apply personally for the honor.

SEMESTER ENDS THIS WEEK AT SPRINGFIELD SCHOOLS; TESTS ON

Semester examinations are under way at the Springfield high school, junior high school, and elementary school this week, and Friday will be the last day of the first period of the school year.

Sixteen young people at the Lincoln junior high school face the most severe test, that of taking state examinations from the eighth grade. If they are successful in the tests, they will be graduated into high school ranks and will form a new freshman class.

Honor rolls will be announced next week, and various promotions also will be made public.

ST. MARYS WINNER OF TILT WITH SPRINGFIELD

St. Marys high school of Eugene won a basketball game from Springfield, 28 to 18, at the local gymnasium last Friday evening. The Eugene outfit took the lead early in the game, but Springfield held the visitors to a small margin throughout. The Springfield team showed improvement over its previous games.

LORANE COMPANY NAMES WHEATON AS PRESIDENT

Clark Wheaton was named president of the Lorane Timber and Milling company at the annual meeting. Lum Anderson was chosen vice-president; Eugene Kester, treasurer; T. Parker, secretary, and H. A. Cox is the other director.

Herbert Cox is retiring from the financial end of the organization.

JUDGE SKIPWORTH TO ADDRESS LIONS CLUB

Lions at their Friday noon luncheon will hear Circuit Judge G. F. Skipworth, it was announced today. The Eugene jurist will select his own topic. The luncheon will be held at the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow noon.

SPRINGFIELD BEATS COTTAGE GROVE HOOP QUINTET BY 18 TO 17

Playing the best brand of ball this year the Springfield High school basketball team defeated Cottage Grove 18 to 17 in that city last night. Springfield led all the way but a rally by Cottage Grove near the end of the game cut down the lead to one point. The game was rough and hard fought all through.

Springfield's lineup was Roof, center; McMurray and Redding, forwards; E. Squires and Deeds, guards; and Cox and P. Squires, substitutes.

The next game is Wednesday with the University High school on the local floor. It promises to be a good contest.

STAR AND LIFE SCOUT AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN

Star scout and life scout badges will be awarded to Earl Wheeler, veteran Springfield Boy Scout, at ceremonies in connection with the court of honor announced for next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the basement of the Methodist Episcopal church. Percy Tyson, scout commissioner, announced plans for the event today.

Carol Adams will be awarded a star scout badge, and other awards to local scout will be made at that time. The public is invited to the ceremonies, over which Mayor G. G. Bushman will preside.

STORE IN I. O. O. F. BLDG. WILL OPEN NEXT WEEK

The new J. F. Inman store in the Odd Fellows building will open next week according to the plans of the proprietor who is opening stock and arranging fixtures. The store will carry men's furnishings, women's wear and a full line of drygoods and notions.

All new goods are being placed on the shelves this week. Mr. Inman says he plans to carry only high grade staple merchandise and believes that the people of Springfield and vicinity will give him good patronage.

SPRINGFIELD STUDENT PLEDGES XI SIGMA PI

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, January 12—Curtis Price of Springfield, has been pledged to Xi Sigma Pi, national honorary fraternity in forestry. Price is a senior in forestry. His one of eleven pledges announced at a Forestry club dinner at the Peavey arboretum, 7 miles north of Corvallis. Selection of pledges is based on scholarship, character and leadership.

PALMER-STEVENSON LEASE LOUD PLANT

The Palmer-Stevenson Lumber company has leased the mill of the Loud Manufacturing company here, and is operating the plant steadily.

W. F. Palmer and E. R. Stevenson are the new mill operators. They will continue the same kind of mill work as that done by the Loud company.

Morse Appeals Case

D. M. Morse, who was arrested here on December 31 charged with selling liquor, was found guilty in justice court and fined \$300 and two months in jail. He has appealed the case to the circuit court. Morse is a taxi driver here.

CHAMBER MAY VOTE ON RAIL PROJECT

First 1928 Meeting Scheduled For January 27; Hamlin to Make Committee Appointments at That Time; Park Plans to be Talked.

General committee organization for the coming year, consideration of the Crane-Odell railroad extension proposal, and plans for action with regard to Springfield's proposed park, will be features of the first 1928 meeting of the Springfield chamber of commerce, to be held January 27.

The new president, F. B. Hamlin, is forming committee lists this week, and will have them ready for announcement at the first meeting. The usual list of committees will be named, he stated today, with men chosen according to their particular interests to handle the work of the chamber.

President Hamlin and H. E. Maxey attended the session of the Eugene chamber of commerce early this week at which members of the public service commission and their representatives explained the proposed railroad to connect Crane, on the Union Pacific's Oregon Short Line, and Odell, on the Southern Pacific's Cascade line east of the divide.

It is probable that the Springfield chamber of commerce will be asked to go on record in favor of this project. The public service commission has a complaint before the Interstate Commerce commission urging the construction, and a petition of intervention from the local chamber would support the move. Springfield, if the road is built will be placed on a trans-continental route, as this will provide a straight connection for trains with the Union Pacific's lines east.

C. E. Kenyon, head of the park committee, will bring up the park proposition at the chamber session, he said today. What has been done in the way of acquiring a site will be discussed, as well as plans for a possible rest room at Fourth and A streets.

ELKINS SPEAKS TO FATHERS AND SONS

Observations on the life of Southern Europeans, and descriptions of the mountains of Switzerland, were featured in a talk by Rev. W. A. Elkins, Eugene, at the annual community father-son banquet held at the Methodist church Monday evening.

Songs were led by Claude Neely, song director of the Christian church, and R. W. Carlton, member of the Baptist church, led in prayer. Sam Bartholomew, president of the Methodist church Brotherhood, presided.

A demonstration given by Boy Scouts was a special feature of the banquet.

More than 135 people were present and it was pronounced the most successful meeting of its kind ever held in Springfield.

SAFETY PROGRAM TO BE HELD ON MODAY

A musical program directed by Miss Grace Potter, member of the Springfield high school staff, will be featured at a public meeting sponsored by the Booth-Kelly Safety council and the Four-L on Monday evening at the high school auditorium, it was announced today by Percy Tyson, chairman of the council.

This will be a community event, and children and parents have been invited. George (Scotty) Aitken, field representative of the national safety council, will give a lecture and show motion pictures.

INVOICE IS UNDER WAY AT FARMERS EXCHANGE

Invoicing of stock has been under way this week at the Farmers Exchange store, following its sale by Julius Fulop, well-known Springfield business man, to Kafoury Brothers of Salem and Portland. General readjustment of the business is taking place as the new owners take charge.

The same policies of fair dealing which have marked the ownership of Mr. Fulop will be retained under the new management, it was stated at the store today. Other statements with regard to the business are being withheld until the new management has adjusted itself to the local field.

An Adventure — "ON TIPTOE"

A swashbuckling story of pirate days—with the pirating done on land. It has as its leading characters the Buccaneer and his sinister Second in Command, the Fair Damsel in Distress, the Bright Shining Hero and those great Intelligencies by whose caprice—or by whose ordered Law—our tiny world carries on among



its millions of sister worlds. Follow and you shall see brave adventuring and dastardly plots, and a fool exalted and cast down as his little affairs were swept into the mighty onward-flowing currents of Fate. So up-anchor and way on Steward Edward White's great serial in The Springfield News, beginning in the issue of January 26.