

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR 1928 CROPS

Fairly Open Winter Brings Optimism From Farmers; Census Report Given as Taken By Rural Carriers; Swine are Showing Increase in Oregon.

General crop prospects for 1928 in this district are satisfactory, according to the expressions of farmers and others watching the farm situation here. Fruit, nuts, hops, and general crops have had excellent weather so far this year, and if the right conditions continue there should be a general improvement in farm conditions.

C. E. Kenyon, cashier of the Commercial State bank, who is in constant touch with farmers of this district, said today that there is a general optimism among them with regard to the prospects. The fairly open winter is regarded as a good omen, he said. Fruit men, especially seem optimistic.

This is in general accord with the 1928 crop outlook report of the U. S. department of agricultural, received here today. Seasonal improvements are expected, according to the report, with an increase in crop incomes which have been fairly well stabilized between 12 and 13 billions of dollars.

Small decreases in the number of horses and all cattle, no material change in sheep and lambs, and a substantial increase in swine, are features of the report of F. L. Kent, United States agricultural statistician, for 1927 in Oregon. Local rural mail carriers, by conducting a census on their routes, assisted Mr. Kent in gathering figures on the farm animals of the state.

Oregon now has 270,000 swine, as against 245,000 on January 1, 1927, and 223,000 in 1926.

Horses dropped in number during the year from 201,000 to 191,000. Mules and mule colts remained the same, at 20,000. Cattle and calves decreased from 687,000 to 680,000. Cows and heifers, giving milk, showed an increase of 2,000 during the year, the total now being 216,000.

Sheep and lambs remained the same at 2,247,000, although the value went up from \$23,307,000 to \$25,149,000.

The total value of Oregon livestock as shown in the reports is \$77,722,000, an increase of 11.2 per cent over that of January 1, 1927.

Mr. Kent attributes the substantial increase in total livestock values to better prices for cattle. He observes that hog values fell of markedly although numbers increased.

The report was announced today by Postmaster F. B. Hamlin.

REGISTRATION SLOW FOR MAY PRIMARIES

Registration for the May primaries has been exceedingly slow so far, according to City Recorder I. M. Peterson, who has custody of the registration lists of the four Springfield precincts. Up to late yesterday, only six persons had called to register at the city hall.

The books will be open for registration this year until April 18, and Mr. Peterson expects many more to register as that date approaches. He reminded citizens that they must be registered to vote, as the new law does away with swearing in at the polls.

LAUGHTERESQUE TO BE FEATURED FEBRUARY 24

Springfield high school's annual laugh festival is scheduled for February 24, at the high school auditorium in the evening.

Various classes are preparing their "Laughteresque" stunts and many special features are planned for the event this year. The public is invited to attend the affair.

SMELTER PROJECT SHOWING PROGRESS

Further steps toward development of the Lucky Boy mine and establishment of a smelter here are being taken by J. A. Miller, promoter of the project, although what progress has been made was not revealed by those interested in the enterprise.

Mayor G. G. Bushman received a letter yesterday from the minister of mines, province of British Columbia, Canada, stating that the Canadians are not familiar with the new smelting processes and know nothing of their effect on health. The mayor wrote to the Canadian official and the U. S. Bureau of Mines with regard to this.

FUN FESTIVAL RETURNS \$115 TO PAY OFF DEBT ON BRATTAIN PLAYSHED

Funds sufficient to finish paying off the debt incurred in constructing the playshed at the Brattain school were realized from gate receipts at the community fun festival, held last Friday night at the high school under the direction of Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway. A total of \$115 was taken in, which leaves a small amount in the treasury after the playshed debt is paid.

The Christian church took first prize in the stunt program at the gymnasium, W. A. Hemenway and Mrs. Harold Philips starring. The Lincoln school teachers were given second place for their pipeorgan performance, and the American Legion's awkward squad was given third.

Audrey McPherson was awarded the individual prize, and Marjorie LaSelle and Miss Alta Manning, as "the cow," were decided upon as the best couple in the parade.

Mrs. Hemenway expressed her satisfaction with the results of the affair, and her appreciation of all who helped to make it a success.

GIRL SCOUTS ELECT OFFICERS AT MEET

Springfield Girl Scouts elected officers at a meeting held at the chamber of commerce Friday, and also organized patrols for the new year's work.

The officers elected were: Adaline Perkins, president; Audrey Daniels, vice-president; Barbara Adams, secretary; Doris Chase, treasurer; Melba Harris, news reporter; Barbara Adams, yell leader; Audrey Daniels, social pomoter; Adaline Perkins, librarian; Audrey Daniels, Dris Chase, minute men.

Patrols were organized as follows: Patrol No. 1—Loudelle Williams, patrol leader; Audrey Daniels, lieutenant; Margaret Jarrett, Yaye Stratton, Nellie House, Jewel Hiltbrand, Velma Peddicord.

Patrol No. 2—Barbara Adams, leader; Bernadine McFarland, lieutenant; Doris Chase, Jean Louk, Essel Adams, Martha Moon, Dale Daniels, Teddy Lipes.

Patrol No. 3—Elizabeth Hemenway, leader; Adaline Perkins, lieutenant; Eva Louk, Ruth Stratton, Evelyn Harris, Arlene Crawford, Thelma Lipes, Evelyn Bacus.

BANKS TO BE CLOSED ON HOLIDAY MONDAY

Springfield Banks will be closed on Monday, in observance of Lincoln's birthday, which comes on Sunday this year. Otherwise business houses here are expected to operate as usual.

No general observance of the day in the schools is planned until Washington's birthday, February 22, when a public program will be given at the Lincoln and Brattain schools in the morning. A holiday is planned for the afternoon.

At the Brattain school, reading and language work this week is centering about the story of Lincoln.

On Tuesday, following recess, valentine parties will be held in each room of the school.

OPEN WEATHER GIVES SIGNS OF SPRINGTIME

Open weather which has prevailed here during the past week appears to be heralding the approach of spring, regardless of the groundhog's shadow. While considerable wind blow in this district Sunday, the general weather conditions have been mild.

Pussy willows are to be found in the woods, and other signs of spring are manifest.

PARTIES ARE HELD BY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

An old-fashioned box social in which the men are expected to "dig up" as the women and girls offer dainty delicacies done up in attractive packages is on schedule for the Christian church tomorrow night. The young women's class is giving the party, but has invited all women of the church to participate.

Last night, the men's class of the church held an oyster feed. No women were invited, either to attend or to prepare the food. Those attending reported a most enjoyable time.

Civic Club Meets
The Women's Civic club will hold its regular meeting at the chamber of commerce Tuesday evening February 14, at 7:30 o'clock. A short business session will be followed by a program and social hour. Card games and fancy work are planned.

CITY COUNCIL TO OPEN BANCROFT BOND BIDS AT MEETING TUESDAY

Bids on the \$15,000 Bancroft bonds authorized to finance improvement programs of the past year will be opened at a meeting of the city council Tuesday night of next week, according to announcement by I. M. Peterson, recorder. The council will meet on Tuesday instead of Monday because of the holiday.

While no sealed bids have as yet been received, a number of inquiries are being made by bonding houses and there probably will be competition for the bonds, according to Mr. Peterson.

This is the chief matter of business pre-scheduled for the council meeting. It is expected, however, that several other matters, including the proposed erection of a rest room at Fourth and A streets, will be considered.

SCHOOL DEBT CUT IS HOPED BY CHAIRMAN

Maintenance of a strict economy program in the Springfield schools this year should result in the reduction of the district debt by about \$4000, which will be entirely satisfactory in view of all conditions, it is hoped by W. G. Hughes, chairman of the school board. Only by slicing off small amounts each year can the board hope to reduce the debt to the minimum, and it is expected that this year will prove no exception in continuing the reduction program.

The school board held a meeting at the First National bank Monday night, handling a number of routine matters including the payment of bills. The schools are functioning satisfactorily, it was reported at the meeting.

LORANE COMPANY IS RESUMING ACTIVITIES

Activities are being resumed this week at the plant in the logging district of the Lorane Timber and Milling company, Springfield concern organized here a year and a half ago.

Donkey logging has been abandoned by the Lorane company, and it has been necessary to construct a road in the woods in order to handle the operations by team and truck. This is one reason why the plant has not been operating, according to C. E. Wheaton, president of the company.

SCOUT ANNIVERSARY IS OBSERVED HERE

In observance of the national Boy Scout anniversary, as well as the second anniversary of the beginning of the work here, the Springfield Scouts met at the Methodist church last night enjoying a number of special features.

Pictures of the Cascade National forest, and particularly the Three Sisters area, were shown, and H. E. Maxey talked on the mountainous regions east of here. F. B. Hamlin and W. P. Tyson were other speakers.

Two skits were put on by the boys. A supper was served.

Sunday night, Scouts of both troops will attend the Methodist church.

RURAL ROUTE NO. 1 EXTENDED OVER MILE

Orders from Washington extending Springfield rural route No. 1 a distance of 1.3 miles southeast from the O. D. Smith corner on the Willamette highway were received at the Springfield postoffice Monday.

This is the route covered by John Nice. The extension goes into effect on March 1, and will include delivery of mail to the Walter Wallace place, and then retracing to the former place. The former length of the route was 29.5 miles. It is now 32.1 miles.

GUARD INSPECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 1

Federal inspection of the Springfield company, Oregon National Guard, will be held on March 1, it was announced by C. A. Swarts, commander of the local unit. The general public has been invited to attend the inspection, which will be held about 8 o'clock in the evening at the armory room above Eggimann's candy kitchen.

Major John P. Bubb of Eugene will conduct the inspection. The local troop is preparing for the event.

Pohl Ships Out
Al Pohl, former Springfield man and brother of Mrs. M. B. Huntly, has shipped out on a revenue cutter from Astoria as chief radio instructor, first class, according to a letter received yesterday by Mrs. Huntly.

Buried Alive



Herbert Kahl, 19, carpenter's helper, of New Albany, Ind., recovering from the effects of being buried five hours in a grave of quicksand. He prayed for his life and God answered his prayer, Kahl said after he was rescued.

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL RANKS HIGH IN TEST AS TO ENGLISH WORK

Springfield high school ranks sixth in a group of ninety-seven Oregon high schools in the results of the fourth annual uniform classifactory examination in English given students in 12 Oregon colleges and universities in 1927-28.

Dr. Elwood Smith, dean at Oregon State Agricultural college, judged the results and placed Springfield in a high place. Much credit is given locally to the teachers in English at the local high school during recent years, and also to Miss Jessamine Nelson, who has been English teacher in the local junior high school for the last 10 years.

SALES DAY LARGEST IN SPRINGFIELD'S HISTORY

The largest sales day ever held in Springfield occurred at the opening of the Kafoury Brothers sale Saturday. Hundreds of people from all parts of the Southern Willamette valley came to Springfield to partake of the bargains offered. The opening day was very satisfactory for a town the size of Springfield said Harry Landauer, sales manager, who has spent the last several months in Oregon conducting big sales in Eugene, Albany, Salem, Portland and other towns.

Checks were received on banks all the way from Salem to Cottage Grove indicating the wide range people came from to attend the sale. The Eugene bus was full all day and many people came by automobile from the sister city to attend the opening here.

T. W. BOWMAN DIES AT HOSPITAL AT AGE OF 82

Thomas Wesley Bowman, for many years a resident of Springfield, died at the Pacific Christian hospital Tuesday morning, aged 82 years. Mr. Bowman was stricken seriously ill early last week, and due to his age and the nature of his illness little hope was held for his recovery.

He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge, and members of that lodge aided him in his illness. The funeral will be held this afternoon at the Walker-Poole chapel at 2 o'clock, and interment will be at Laurel Hill cemetery.

Mr. Bowman is survived by three sons, P. A. of Silverton, Alfred and William of Chicago, Ill.

NORMAN HOWARD BUYS PLACE EAST OF CITY

Norman Howard, has purchased a portion of the Ed McBee property on the mill race, southeast of Springfield, and this week moved to the property. He expects to farm the place.

Mr. Christenson, who has been living on C between Mill and Second streets, is moving into the place vacated by the Howards.

SPRINGFIELD LOSES GAME TO ST. MARYS

Playing an excellent brand of ball, despite the final results, the Springfield high school basketball team gave St. Mary's high of Eugene a tough tussle last night on the Catholic floor, losing the game finally, 27 to 21. McMurray marked up six points for the locals, while Maxwell, St. Marys, with 12 points was high point man for the game.

Baby Daughter Born—A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. McElfrish, Springfield, on Tuesday.

LOCAL POLICE RESPOND QUICKLY; SEATTLE MAN SOON IN TOILS OF LAW

Within ten minutes of the time they were informed of the presence in this district of a man suspected of kidnaping a girl in Seattle, Police Chief Jess Smitson and Traffic Officer Herbert Moore had both the man and the girl in custody and were on their way to Eugene with them.

The man is Frank Waterhouse, 26, wanted in Seattle for the alleged kidnaping of Ada Bunfill, 15. Sheriff Taylor was informed that Waterhouse and the girl were believed in Lane county, and that they had stayed all Monday night at Mable auto camp. Tuesday night the sheriff telephoned the local officers this information.

Smitson and Moore immediately set out on the Mohawk road on the theory that Waterhouse would be coming this way. The had not gone half a mile out of town before they met the car, a Chevrolet sedan. Waterhouse gave up willingly, admitting that he knew he was wanted in Seattle.

Federal authorities are taking the matter over, and Waterhouse will be prosecuted for violating the Mann act, which prohibits transporting minor girls from one state to another.

DeMOSS FAMILY TO BE HEARD HERE FRIDAY

The DeMoss concert company of highly reputed entertainers will be heard at the Methodist church tomorrow night under the auspices of the Ladies Aid. The concert will start at 8 o'clock.

The DeMoss family have been touring the United States, Canada and Europe for many years, entertaining in churches, schools, and at times have appeared before crowned heads in European countries. Their home is at DeMoss Springs, in Sherman county, Oregon, and they have spread the name Oregon far and wide in their travels.

Two young men, who began their musical careers while small children, play a prominent part in the DeMoss concerts. One of these boys is a flutist, and the other a violinist. They are said to be highly talented, as are other members of the ensemble.

LEGION WILL MEET TOMORROW NIGHT

The American Legion will hold a meeting at the chamber of commerce tomorrow night, according to announcement by Jack Larson, president. Membership drive will be a matter of discussion. Several new men are lined up for the Legion roster.

Eugene National Guard indoor baseball fans have challenged the local Legion to a game, to be played next Thursday night at the Eugene armory. Baseball artists among the veterans will be selected tonight to compose the local team.

2 ARE INITIATED AT NEIGHBORS SESSION

Two were initiated at a meeting of the Neighbors of Woodcraft held last night. Mrs. Esther Brabham and Mrs. Josephine Chase were formally taken into the order.

Members with the initials A and B are entertaining during February at the meetings.

Edith Hurd resigned as attendant, and Anna Dillard was elected in her place. Financial report for the past two years was read and approved.

Seaveys Give Party

The Five Hundred club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Seavey Saturday night.

Those present besides the host and hostess were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kenyon, Dr. and Mrs. Carl Phetteplace, Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Dippel, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Rebban, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Neet, Mrs. Maude Bryan, Miss Crystal Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank DePue, Mr. and Mrs. I. Larimer, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wright and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McMurray.

WRESTLING CARD IS SCHEDULED WEDNESDAY

Springfield wrestling fans will have an opportunity to see a good match without leaving the home town next Wednesday, night when Steve Strillich, Bingham, Utah, and George "Wildcat" Pete of Eugene tussle at the Bell theatre. The event starts at 8 p. m. These two men have met twice previously, without deciding supremacy, and the match here should be the deciding event. Tickets are on sale at the bowling alley.

MILK CONDITIONS TOLD IN REPORT

Four Local Dairies Show Less Than 20,000 Bacteria In Samples; First Statement is Made By Newly Appointed Milk Inspector.

First report of the condition of milk delivered in Springfield was submitted for publication this week by Dr. L. S. Kent, official milk inspector, and shows that four dairies operating here are delivering grade A milk and one grade B. Milk inspection was authorized some time ago by the city council and recently Mayor G. G. Bushman announced the appointment of Dr. Kent as inspector.

Explanation of the purpose of the inspection and the way it is carried out was attached to Dr. Kent's report. In order to insure the health of the people here, the report states, milk inspection has been instituted, and a standard system of inspection is being employed to discover the number of bacteria in the milk. Bacteria are responsible for scarlet fever, typhoid, septic sore throat, and other diseases. "Clean milk may have a high bacteria count, but dirty milk always does, and this must be guarded against by inspection," the report states. The inspector goes to the various dairies, procures a milk sample at random at various times during the month, and then proceeds to test the samples at the laboratory.

All milk with a bacteria count under 20,000 is classified as grade A, and that with a count over 20,000 is grade B. Cline, Peterson, Stout and Montgomery dairies have a grade A classification, and the Sales dairy samples showed grade B.

These tests also are designed to give the dairyman an opportunity to improve the conditions of his plant, as they demonstrate the need of such improvement.

NEWSPAPER CONCLAVE TO START IN EUGENE

The tenth annual state newspaper conference will start at the university school of journalism in Eugene tomorrow morning, with a program full of topics of interest to newspaper people and the public as well. Burt Brown Baker, newly elected vice-president of the university, who arrived in Eugene last night from New York, will speak at the conference.

CARL BLIRP RUNNING FOR G. O. P. CANDIDATE

Carl Blirp, well-known resident of Junction City, has announced his candidacy for election as a delegate to the Republican national convention for this district.

Mr. Blirp has been a resident of Lane county for many years, and is highly recommended by his friends as this district's envoy to the national conclave.

DIRECTORY WORKERS ARE IN SPRINGFIELD

Census of this community for the 1928 Polk directory is being taken under the direction of Harry Heth, with J. C. Meicho, assisting. A thorough canvass of the district is being made by the directory workers.

An idea of possible population figure changes will be obtainable when the directory is completed.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED AT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Junia May was elected president of the student body at the Lincoln junior high school for this semester. Lella Squires was named vice-president, and Geraldine Wilkinson, treasurer.

A secretary for the group is to be named today.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORK IS UNDER WAY

A scraper has been busy on the western entrance to the city this week, smoothing up Second street and the approach to the Springfield bridge. Considerable improvement to the road has been noted.

Gravel was spread and other work accomplished this week on Fifth street between the intersection with Main and the tracks, improving the route to the Booth-Kelly mill.

Visit at Alvadore—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schiewe were visitors at Alvadore Sunday.