

M'KENZIE HIGHWAY TO BE OILED AGAIN

Smooth Road of Last Summer Results in Repetition of Effort This Year: Work May Get Under Way Early to Avoid Detouring Heavy Traffic.

Satisfaction with the condition of the McKenzie highway between Springfield and a point near Walterville following its oiling last summer has resulted in the announcement from the state highway department offices in Eugene that this section of the cross-state thoroughfare will again be oiled this summer. Information as to the plans for oiling was obtained from the Eugene offices today.

Gravel is being hauled by the state department to points along the McKenzie highway east of here, and dumped beside the roadway for use when the oiling operations start.

Just how soon this will be is not known definitely at the Eugene offices. The oiling outfit will get busy shortly but the time that will be required in other projects is not certain. It may be, however, that the work on the road through here will get started quite early, thus eliminating detours when the traffic grows heavier in the summer, it was learned.

Cost City \$800

According to I. M. Peterson, city recorder, no steps have been taken as yet by the state highway department with regard to having Springfield pay for oiling operations within the city limits. This was done last year, at a cost of about \$800 to the city. It included oiling on Second street from Main to the bridge, and on East Main street. Outside the city limits, the oiling extended as far east as a point a mile this side of Walterville, about 12 miles.

The oil was heated at the local plant of the Mountain States Power company. The road service was improved with a final layer of fine gravel. The result was that the local streets, and the oiled section of the highway, were said to be in better condition than ever before.

Prospects appear bright at present for an early opening of heavy travel on the McKenzie highway. The state highway department has moved a large snow plow to the eastern slope of the pass, and work has been under way steadily this week as the plow ate into the snow drifts. Last year, the pass was not opened until late in June.

GUARD BASEBALLERS

BEAT LEGION, 24-23

With a score of 24 to 23, the National Guard indoor baseball team whipped the American Legionnaires at the high school gymnasium Tuesday night. It was a close game from start to finish, as the score indicates.

Both teams are to enter the indoor baseball league at Eugene. It is unlikely that many games will be played here, as the high school gymnasium proved too small when tried out Tuesday night.

FRIDAY GAME CLOSES

BASKETBALL SEASON

Springfield high school's basketball season will come to a close Friday night when the local quintet plays Lebanon there. Coach Leonard Mayfield put his players through final work-outs this week, and the suits will be laid away for another year following the game Friday night.

Last Friday, Springfield annexed a 27 to 9 victory from the Shedd high quintet.

GAIN OF 8.4 PER CENT

SHOWN AT POSTOFFICE

Postal receipts showed an average gain of 8.4 per cent for the first two months of this year, in comparison with a corresponding period of last year, according to Postmaster F. B. Hamlin. This is considered a sure indication of improved business conditions.

Here is the table:

	1928	1927
January	\$ 757.75	\$ 744.53
February	754.45	650.70
TOTAL	\$1512.20	\$1394.23

To Entertain Club

The Five Hundred club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Seavey Friday night. Hosts and hostesses will be Mr. and Mrs. Seavey, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Dippel, Mr. and Mrs. Frank DePue, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rebhan.

2nd Street Crossing Will Remain Open

DAIRIES CLAIM HIGHER RATING IN FEBRUARY MILK INSPECTOR SHOWS

All dairies selling milk in Springfield went into Class A during February, according to the monthly report of Anna Baumgartner, representative of the milk inspector named by the city council. A general lowering in the bacteria count was noted by the inspector, and considered as proof of interest taken in the inspection project promoted by the city.

Dairies in class A are Cline, Peterson, Montgomery, Sales, Riverside, Norkenzie. None was in Grade B.

The bacteria count is in Grade A, when below 50,000, not 20,000 as was previously reported, according to the inspector.

DISTRICT ORGANIZER OF WOODCRAFT HERE

Terminating a week's campaign by Mrs. Stella E. Blackerby, district organizer of the Neighbors of Woodcraft, Pine Circle, No. 45, will be a session next Wednesday night at which a large number of new members will be voted in and a program will be given.

Mrs. Blackerby arrived Tuesday from her home at Salem and is the guest of the guardian neighbor of the local circle, Mrs. C. F. Eggmann. This afternoon, she and Mrs. Eggmann will go to Thurston, and will conduct a meeting at the Mathews home. Other visits in outlying districts are planned.

Program for the meeting next Wednesday will include:

Selection, Springfield high school Orchestra.

Solo, Mrs. W. K. Barnell Duet, Jewell and Pearl Hiltbrand

Reading, Gladys House

Plano Solo, Margaret Jarrett

Reading, Miss Braut

Plano Solo, Oneta Smith

Solo, Mrs. Arthur Pengra

ROY TRUNALL TAKEN

ON FORGERY CHARGE

Just a week after he had been released from the penitentiary following a term for a similar offense, Roy Trunall was arrested by Police Chief Jess Smitson here on charges of forgery. He was taken to Eugene for trial.

Trunall is alleged to have forged a check on E. Alvun, using also the name of R. E. James in the assertedly illegal transaction. He used a Commercial State bank check, changing it over to a Bank of Commerce check.

ANDREW A. STONEBERG COBURG, DIES AGED 73

Death claimed Andrew A. Stoneberg, 73, a resident of Coburg for 20 years, last night. Three sons, Herbert and Reuben of Coburg, and Hugo of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and one daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Simmons, of Coburg, survive.

The funeral will be held at the family home Sunday, in charge of W. F. Walker, Eugene. Interment will be at Laurel Hill cemetery.

Shippers Meeting in Roseburg

Local shippers are urged to attend a meeting of the American Railway advisory board in Roseburg Friday. Problems in regard to transportation and freight shipments will be discussed. The Southern Pacific motor bus will run a special Friday morning at 7:30 to take care of shippers from this section attending. Farmers and fruit growers are especially urged to attend.

Mrs. Hinson Honored

A Pleasant surprise party given Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hinson in honor of Mrs. Hinson's birthday. A number of friends dropped in, prepared a Sunday dinner, and presented her with many presents.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sylvester, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hills of Jasper, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Erickson, and daughter, Evelyn, of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arnold and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Croft of Shedd, and Mr. and Mrs. Hinson.

Ladies Aid Has Tea

A St. Patrick's day tea was held yesterday by the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church. The affair took place in the church parlors, and was well attended.

Autos Collide

Small damage to both cars resulted when machines operated by Mrs. J. E. Smith and Margaret Walker collided at Fifth and B streets Tuesday.

The state highway commission's attempt to close the Second street railway crossing has failed.

This was definitely assured today when J. M. Devers, assistant attorney general and attorney for the state highway commission informed The Springfield News by telephone that the public service commission has rendered a decision, dismissing the application of the state highway commission seeking the closing of the crossing and a subsequent contribution by the Southern Pacific company to the cost of construction of the Springfield bridge. The order to this effect is to be filed tomorrow, according to Mr. Devers.

This is of double significance to Springfield. It not only means that this city and the people of South Second street have won their fight to keep the crossing open to traffic but also that the way is now clear for the state highway commission to proceed with action preliminary to actual construction of the Springfield bridge.

The commission has delayed advertising for bids on the bridge until the litigation before the public service commission was cleared. It is understood that but ten days advertising is necessary before bids can be called and opened. This means that immediate action as to the advertising will make it possible for the highway commission, at its meeting late in March, to open the bids and let the contract for the highway bridge, which will cost, altogether, in the neighborhood of \$175,000.

It is understood that the order dismissing the highway commission's application has not been filed or distributed, but Mr. Devers was assured that such was the content of the document. He also understood that the commission, while stating that it had no authority to require a contribution from the railroad company to the new bridge, suggests in the order that the company, because of the benefits it will receive from the standpoint of elimination of danger from the Second street crossing, should contribute voluntarily to the bridge construction.

As much as \$40,000 was sought from the S. P. by the highway commission for the crossing closing. This attempt was opposed by the town of Springfield and the southside residents, who employed Charles Hardy, Eugene attorney, to cooperate with city attorney Peterson in handling the case before the public service commission. It was argued that the town of Springfield, alone, has jurisdiction over Second street, because it is not a part of the state highway, although state highway traffic is routed over the street.

NEWS-CONDUCTS BETTER PICTURE CONTEST HERE

A better picture contest is being conducted by The Springfield News and photographer, G. H. Parr. Children's pictures only are being taken and already more than 40 have come before the camera. Prizes are being offered for the best pictures.

Prizewinners will have their pictures published in the Springfield News in about two weeks. The contest is not a beauty contest but one in the interest of better pictures, the winners being those who take the best pictures.

STATE HEALTH WORKER COMES HERE MARCH 19

Conferences with regard to both pre-school and adult health will be granted by Mrs. Glendora Blakly, superintendent of state public health work and child hygiene, and Miss Mary Billmayre, when they visit Springfield March 19, according to announcement today by Mrs. C. O. Wilson, head of the local health group. Miss Beth Konkel, county health nurse, will also be here.

The clinic will be held at the chamber of commerce rooms, which will be open for this purpose from 9 to 12 o'clock and from 1 to 2 o'clock on that day. At 2:30, a business meeting of the local health group will be held, according to Mrs. Wilson.

Former Resident Stricken—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hayworth have received news that their brother-in-law, S. H. Seibert, of Owensboro, Kentucky, has suffered another stroke of paralysis. The Seiberts once lived in Springfield.

Goes to Hospital—Mrs. H. Sinner was taken to the Pacific Christian hospital for an operation yesterday.

Lindy Home Again



Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, just after he landed at Lambert-St. Louis Field, after completing his non-stop flight from Havana and completing his "Good Will" tour. Colonel Lindbergh has covered 40,000 miles in the plane he affectionately calls "We," or The Spirit of St. Louis.

PROGRESSIVE TREND IN AGRICULTURE INDICATED IN CONFERENCE REPORT

General progressive trend of agricultural industries of Lane county is indicated in the report of the Lane County Agricultural Economic outlook conference, held February 17 in Eugene, which has been received here in printed form.

The trend in Oregon and in Lane county appears to be in the direction of an increase both in the number of farms and gross cash income. The number of farmers in Lane county increased from 3279 in 1920 to 4168 in 1925.

Material progress in dairying is reported. Since 1924, cows over two years of age have increased 18 per cent, and notable increases have been made in the number of pure bred sires. Of especial importance is the report that there has been a substantial increase in the growing of legume hays. Improvements in nearly all phases of dairying are noted.

Hog production, however, is showing a decrease in Lane county, despite the fact that the production in the county by no means keeps up with consumption. In 1928, hog production is figured at 10,656. The consumption is 18,000. In general, the future outlook for livestock production is good, provided production is based on the available feed supply.

The poultry outlook is excellent. Lane county ranks third in value of poultry and eggs in Oregon, and Eugene is the largest distributing center in the state outside of Portland.

LEGION MAKES PLANS FOR REDUCING DEBT

A Fourth-of-July celebration at the Midway Park in West Springfield may be staged by the Springfield American Legion post as a means of reducing the debt of the organization, according to Jack Larson, commander. A meeting at the post was held last Friday night at which plans for raising money were considered.

Dances in the afternoon and evening, concessions, and numerous other attractions are planned for the celebration, if it is held, according to Mr. Larson. He has obtained a lease on the park for that day.

Sidney V. Ward was made captain of the indoor baseball team at the meeting.

DR. DIPPEL SELLS TO DENTIST OF PORTLAND

Dr. W. H. Greisinger, Portland, has purchased the dental practice and equipment of Dr. S. Ralph Dippel, and will assume the practice here April 1, Dr. Dippel announced this week. Dr. Dippel will leave at that time for San Francisco, where he will take graduate work in oral surgery at the University of California. Returning to Oregon, he will locate at Salem.

Dr. Greisinger graduated from the North Pacific dental college, with which he is now connected. He later went to the Forsythe Institute at Chicago.

Many See Inspection

About 50 spectators witnessed the inspection of the headquarters company 162nd infantry Oregon National Guard, held at the local armory hall last Thursday night. Maj. John P. Bubb, Eugene, conducted the inspection, and the local troop was believed to have performed satisfactorily. Reports from the inspection will be received several weeks hence.

G. A. R. Ladies Meet

The G. A. R. Ladies met yesterday afternoon at the chamber of commerce rooms. Usual business of the order was conducted.

MANY REPORTED HURT IN CURIOUS LIST OF MISHAPS IN DISTRICT

A rather lengthy list of accident victims was reported here this week, odd mishaps being responsible in several cases.

James Harbeck, of Portland, who is on a vacation trip up the McKenzie river, was brought here Monday night for treatment after he had dislocated his shoulder in a fall from the porch of a cabin up the river.

A blow from a golf club nearly cost the sight of one eye in an accident in which Bobbie, small son of Emery Richardson, was the victim. Bobbie was playing with other children in the yard when he was struck with the club. A gash was opened on his face close to one eye.

W. C. McInturf was kicked by a cow late last week, with the result that he came here from his Wendling home for treatment to a broken arm. Mr. McInturf was milking the cow when it struck a telling blow at his arm. He was here Tuesday for further treatment.

Lee Putnam was the victim of an unfortunate accident at the Springfield Mill and Grain Plant late last Thursday. His finger became caught in the machinery, and four fingers were ground off. He was treated at a Eugene hospital.

Injuries were narrowly escaped by Mr. and Mrs. W. Fell of Eugene Sunday when their automobile skidded in the gravel on a local street and turned over in the ditch.

TREASURER'S REPORT SHOWS CITY FINANCE

City Treasurer W. G. Hughes has prepared a statement of Springfield's finances in 1927, indicating a balance of \$69,893 for the 12-month period. In general, the finances for the year are in good shape, the report shows.

The receipts total of \$69,893.35 is the sum of the following items: balance carried over, \$20,762.25; receipts from the recorder, including improvements, interest, real estate sales, and sewer as well as general funds, \$15,448.12; receipts from county special taxes, \$22,596.08; county road fund, \$1903.29; sale of bonds, \$9183.60.

Disbursements are listed as follows: general fund, \$7925.03; street improvement fund, \$6473.07; bond interest, \$10,706.31; library fund, \$535.73; general improvement interest fund, \$1678.75; fire truck fund, \$6537.10; sidewalk fund, \$7964.58; alley paving, \$1648.89; a street fund, \$41.88; Bancroft bond sinking fund, \$4000; First street, \$236.17.

Mrs. Peery Entertains

Mrs. Mark Peery entertained a number of friends last Saturday night in the honor of a number of relatives visiting at her home from Seio and Portland. These included Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McDonald and Mrs. Andrew H. Hagey of Seio and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith, Portland.

The affair was in the nature of a dinner party.

Birthday Celebrated

Marie and Buford, small children of Mr. and Mrs. Pratt Holverson, celebrated their birthdays at the family home southeast of Springfield Sunday. A number of their small friends were invited in. Marie was 10 years old on March 2, and Buford will be nine on March 18.

Kill Kare to Meet

The Kill Kare club will be entertained this afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. M. Peery. Eugene and Springfield members will entertain.

BOARD RE-ELECTS SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Lawrence Moffatt Gets Raise on Reappointment to Lincoln Post; Mrs. Hemenway's Salary Up Slightly; Morgan's the Same; Board Satisfied.

Declaring themselves entirely satisfied with the administration of the schools this year, members of the school board Monday night re-elected all principals for next year, and contracts will be prepared under the terms agreed upon at the session. The principals, who were interviewed previous to their re-election, indicated their willingness to continue their work here next year.

A. J. Morgan was re-elected to the high school post, with his salary remaining the same as last year. Lawrence Moffatt was granted a raise in salary, making a total of \$1350, for the Lincoln school principalship. A minimum raise was granted Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway, of Brattain school, upon her re-election to the post here.

The board was emphatic in expressing its satisfaction with the administration of the local schools without a superintendent. Members declared that under the present system, they have been able to call all principals into conference at the meetings, and have kept in touch with the work better than if they had a superintendent to inform them. The superintendency plan was tried here last year, following its revival after many years during which the schools were operated without a single head.

Mr. Morgan is serving his second year as principal of the high school, and last summer he assumed other duties during the vacation months. Mrs. Hemenway has been at the Brattain school for several years. Mr. Moffatt is serving his first year, and his salary raise was granted to make his pay equal to that of his predecessor after the latter had served several years.

CHARLES W. HODGEN DIES AT AGE OF 69

Death last Sunday claimed Charles W. Hodgen, 69, a native of Lane county and well-known resident of Springfield.

Mr. Hodgen was a native of Lane county, having been born in Junction City, after his father and mother had crossed the plains in a covered wagon. He spent 39 years in the Palouse country of Washington, and later went to California, spending three years there. He returned to Oregon in 1923, and came to Springfield from Eugene last fall.

He is survived by:

Miss Emma Hodgen, Springfield; Mrs. Howard Stevens, Riverside, California; Mrs. W. O. Allen, St. John, Washington; Mrs. Frank Jones, Rosalia, Washington; Mrs. G. E. Quigley, Couer d'Alene, Idaho; Mrs. Fred Hammon, Rock Lake, Washington; Mrs. W. W. Kimm, Pine City, Washington; Robert, Monterey, California; Jesse, Sunset, Washington; Ernest, Pine City. His brother, Jack Hodgen, of Pacific Grove, California, and his sister, Mrs. Harve Beach, Monterey, California.

The body was shipped to Rosalia, Washington, for burial. The funeral was held at the Charles Poole undertaking parlors Monday, with Dr. Morton L. Rose of Eugene in charge.

N. B. GOSSLER, LONGTIME RESIDENT HERE, IS DEAD

Nelson Becker Gossler, well-known Springfield and Camp Creek resident, died at his home Sunday afternoon at the age of 68. Mr. Gossler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gossler, moved to Oregon in 1893, purchasing what is now the state game farm, and were prominent residents of Lane county.

Nelson Becker Gossler moved to Camp Creek in 1902, where he lived until his death. Five children survive Mr. Gossler. They are: Otto, Portland; Clifford, Portland; Lawrence, Springfield; Mrs. Harriett Stevens, Springfield, and Mrs. Emma Allsup, The Dalles. Other survivors include the following sisters and brothers: P. M. and E. W., of Springfield; Mrs. D. P. Day, Billingham, Washington; Mrs. C. A. Wintermeyer, Eugene; Mrs. B. F. Goodpasture, Eugene.

The funeral of Mr. Gossler was held at the Poole chapel Tuesday, in charge of Dr. J. Franklin Hass of the Eugene M. E. Church.