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CHIEF AND TRAFFIC OFFICER WILL QUIT

Smitson and Moore, Whose Eligibility to Office is Questioned, Will Leave City's Services Soon; Hearing Held Last Monday Evening.

Chief of Police and Fire Chief Jess Smitson, who is under fire by petitioners who would disqualify him for the office, will resign April 14 it was announced today at the city hall. Herbert Moore, traffic officer and fireman, services with the city will terminate on May 1, it was also announced. Action on the resignation of both officers was scheduled to be taken at next Monday evening's meeting.

Applications for both positions are now being received by the city.

A hearing on a petition signed by 13 persons asking that the council accept the resignation of Chief of Police and Fire Chief Jess Smitson was held Monday evening by the police committee. The committee after questioning a number of signers on the petition and hearing Chief Smitson announced a report would be made to the council meeting next Monday evening.

Two reasons why the council should accept the resignation of Mr. Smitson, tabled at last council meeting, are set forth in the petition. One that he uses the sheriff's office to make arrests in Springfield and the other that he was "reported drunk" on November 11 and December 12.

Two on Liquor Charge

Only two of the signers would make statements in regard to drunkenness. Herbert Moore, traffic officer, said that he would "swear that Smitson was drunk" on the dates mentioned. Tony Gravos said that he would swear that Smitson had been drinking on December 12, but would not say he was drunk.

Chief Denies Charges

Smitson called before the committee denied the charge of drunkenness. Deputy Sheriff Melvin Turnbull and Jess Daniels said that they had spent several hours in Springfield with Smitson November 11 and that he was not drunk nor had he been drinking. They also said that good cooperation existed between Chief Smitson and the sheriff's office in the matter of law enforcement.

Traffic officer Moore told the committee that sheriff's deputies were used in making arrests here instead of himself and Night Patrolman Henson. From his testimony it is evident that harmony does not exist between the traffic officer and Chief Smitson. Moore does not live in Springfield and he said that Smitson had called the attention of the council to a state law which requires an officer of the city to reside within its limits and also be a qualified legal voter. The police committee agreed with Mr. Moore that his services as traffic officer should terminate on May 1 without other arrangements were made in the meantime.

Other signers called to explain their reasons for being on the petition were D. Morse, V. R. Jones and William Vasby. Mayor Bushman reported the attitude of several other signers whom he had interviewed.

Marriage Licenses Issued

During the past week marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk to the following:

Lucian Hall, Eugene, and Agnes M. Clay, Medford; Lockwood Franklin, Salem, and Ruby Moore, Leaburg; Emmet Paris, Eugene, and Besse Smith, Springfield.

Mill Motor Burns Out

A 150 horsepower motor, operating the fan of the planing mill at the Booth-Kelly mill burned out Monday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock. Several men worked until 5 o'clock Tuesday morning to repair it, and the planer worked as usual Tuesday.

Lodge Has All-Fools Program

April fool stunts featured the program of the Rebekah lodge meeting at the I. O. O. F. hall Monday evening. Following the program, refreshments were served. Charles Poole, Carl Girard and Dr. R. P. Mortenson were the committee in charge.

Wind Blows Down Signs—Several roadside signs in and near Springfield were blown down by the heavy winds of the past week. Two signs on the store at the Seaver auto camp were blown off, and several telephone wires near the bridge were blown down.

HENRY CHASE DIES AFTER PARALYTIC STROKE SATURDAY

Henry William Chase, 70, died at the home of his son, Kenneth Chase at 147 E street Wednesday morning at nine o'clock. Mr. Chase suffered a paralytic stroke Saturday while at work at his gravel plant here, from which he regained consciousness only a few minutes. Mrs. Chase was at the bedside of her mother at Newberg, Saturday, and Mr. Chase was able to recognize her after her return.

A memorial service will be held at the family home at 652 Mill street Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Hollingsworth chapel at Newberg. Burial will be at the family lot at Newberg. Mr. Chase was born at Wausau, Wisconsin, March 21, 1858. When he was a small boy, his family moved to Minnesota, relocating in Wisconsin when he was seventeen. On March 12, 1879, he married Miss Cornelia Johnson at Omro, Wisconsin. For many years Mr. Chase was a sawmill engineer in northern Wisconsin. They came to Oregon in 1893, settling near Newberg, where Mr. Chase owned and operated a sawmill, and later a sand and gravel plant. Four and one half years ago the family came to Springfield, where Mr. Chase bought the Springfield Sand and Gravel company. He took an active interest in the development of this city and leaves many friends here to mourn his loss.

Besides his wife the deceased is survived by three sons, Donald L. of Portland, Kenneth R., of Springfield, and Chandlos of Jennings Lodge, Oregon; a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Thompson of Anawau, Wisconsin, a brother Charles Chase of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and five grandchildren. A daughter died at Newberg several years ago.

BOARD WILL SELECT TEACHERS NEXT WEEK

Teachers for the Springfield schools will be selected at the school board meeting at the First National bank April 10. Ten teachers for the high school and Lincoln school will be selected, and seven instructors will be chosen for the Brattain school.

At a recent board meeting, principals for the three schools were re-elected and their salaries increased. They are A. J. Morgan, principal of the high school, Lawrence Moffitt, of the Lincoln building and Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway, of the Brattain school.

DR. WIRT SPEAKS ON DESTRUCTION OF WAR

Dr. L. Lincoln Wirt, secretary of the Council for the Prevention of War addressed the high school assembly Tuesday at 10:30 o'clock on the subject of war and its devastating effects.

Dr. Wirt has only recently returned from Europe, and gave first hand illustrations of the destructive effect of war on the nations of Europe, which are suffering from debt, decreased population, decreased and unstable currency exchange, and lack of development of natural resources.

PLAY TO BE GIVEN AT CAMP CREEK CHURCH

A three-act play "Miss Janie, or a Curtailed Courtship" will be presented at the Camp Creek church Saturday evening by the Epworth League. Following the play, a box social will be held.

No admission will be charged for the play, and the proceeds from the box social are to be used to purchase lights for the church.

Wicks is Pledged

Oregon State Agricultural College, Corvallis, April 5—Walter Wicks of Wendling, freshman in vocational education, has pledged Theta Nu Phi, a local fraternity on the Oregon State campus.

Returns to Springfield—Frank Wachter, who has made his home with his daughter in Portland for the past several months, has returned to Springfield to make his permanent residence. Mr. Wachter said he knew so few people in Portland that he became lonesome for his friends in Springfield.

Food Sale to Be Given—The location of the food sale to be given by the Civic club April 14 will be decided at a meeting of the club next Tuesday at the chamber of commerce rooms. Mrs. Carl Olson, Mrs. I. A. Valentine, Mrs. C. E. Wheaton, Mrs. W. C. McLagan, and Mrs. Paul Brattain are the committee in charge of the sale. The proceeds will be given to the library.

MRS. LEPLEY, LONG A SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT DIES SUNDAY MORNING

After an illness of two years, Mrs. Lydia May Lepley, wife of Leonard Lepley, passed away at her home Sunday morning at the age of fifty-seven years. Funeral services were held at 2:45 o'clock from the Christian church with burial at the Laurel Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Lepley was born in Vernon county, Wisconsin, January 7, 1871, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Drake. Her early life was spent in and near Viola, Wisconsin, where she became a member of the church. In 1896, she married Leonard J. Lepley. For four years they lived at West Linn, Wisconsin, after which they moved to California, lived five years at Modesto. Twenty-one years ago they moved to Springfield.

The deceased is survived by her husband and three children, Earl Lepley of Oakdale, California, Mrs. Gladys Merrel of Eugene, and Richard Lepley of Springfield. Gladys' twin died in infancy. Two sisters and a brother in Wisconsin and a sister, Mrs. Ellen Curtis of Halfway, Oregon, one grand daughter, June Merrel, and Grandma Lepley, aged 91, who has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Lepley since their marriage, also survive.

Honorary pallbearers were: Mrs. E. E. Morrison, Mrs. J. D. Beals, Mrs. Alice Lorah, Mrs. J. A. Valentine, Mrs. J. H. Morelock, Mrs. Vena McPherson. Active pallbearers were: Mrs. George Vallier, Mrs. Lynn Stone, Mrs. Bud McPherson, Mrs. Cliff Abrams, Mrs. Fred Williams, and Mrs. Cole. Rev. S. E. Childers conducted the services, which were in charge of the Springfield chapel.

CHAMBER REPAYS VISIT BY COTTAGE GROVE TRIP

Eight members of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce attended the luncheon of the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce Tuesday noon to repay a visit of a delegation here at the last meeting of the local body. The trip was a mission of good will between the cities. A visit was made to the Standard Bridge company's cold air seasoning plant, the only industry of its kind in the world.

Those making the trip were W. C. Wright, John Ketels, L. F. Anderson, M. J. McKlin, E. R. Danner, Tony Gravos, Walter Gossler and H. E. Maxey.

GUARD TO CELEBRATE SECOND BIRTHDAY

Celebrating the second birthday of the Springfield National Guard company, officers and men of the company will enjoy a banquet this evening after the drill.

The feed, which is scheduled for nine o'clock, is in charge of M. B. Huntly, and will be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. First Lieutenant C. A. Swartz and Second Lieutenant Walter Gossler are officers of the company, which includes twenty-five enlisted men.

DOG WITH BROKEN LEG KNOWS HOW TO GET AID

Hogium, Wash., April 5 (Auto-caster)—A dog with a broken leg appeared in front of a hospital here, hanging around as if he knew what he wanted, and occasionally wailing faintly. He was put on the operating table after being discovered, and his leg was set.

He came back the next day of his own accord to have it dressed in good hospital style.

Postal Receipts Raise

A slight gain in postal receipts for the first quarter of 1928 over the first three months of 1927 has been noted by F. B. Hamlin, postmaster. From January 1 to March 31, 1927, the receipts were \$2110.34, while during the period January 1 to March 31, 1928, they totalled \$2130.51.

Baseball Game Called Off—A baseball game with Marcola high school which was to be played on the local diamond tomorrow has been called off by the local high school because the rain has given the team no time to practice.

Club Meeting Postponed—Because of the rush of Easter, the Kinsington club has postponed its meeting, which would have occurred tomorrow, to April 20. The meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Mary Kessey.

Returns to Springfield—Robert Hays, who left Springfield about a year ago to live in Ashland, and later in California, has returned to Springfield to make his home.

Gasless Motor Inventor



Lester J. Hendershot of Pittsburg who has just invented a "fuelless" motor, a free energy generator which is claimed to get its running power from the air.

CHILDREN TO RAISE VALUABLE CHICKENS

Four settings of barred rock eggs have been given to four Lincoln school students by Arnold Collier, county club leader. The students are Elmer Fritz, Florence Peterson, Carol Gates and Lewis Shipley. The eggs are donated by Ben Keeney, county assessor and noted poultry fancier, who has won numerous prizes with his chickens, indicating that the youngsters may be the possessors of some valuable fowls.

Sunrise Prayer Meeting

A sunrise prayer meeting and picnic will be held by the Christian Endeavor society of the Christian church Sunday. Members will meet at the church, and if the weather is nice, will go somewhere in the woods, where the services will be held, and an outdoor breakfast cooked.

EXTEND ROUTE TWO UP CAMP CREEK

Springfield rural route 2 will be extended 1.3 miles after April 16, F. B. Hamlin, postmaster, has announced. The route now goes only as far as the Upper Camp Creek school, but will hereafter extend to the Willan mill.

Engaged at College

Oregon State Agricultural College, Corvallis, April 5—The engagement of William Halsey of Springfield, senior in forestry, to Grace Patterson of Astoria, senior in commerce, has been announced here.

A WORLD'S RECORD GOES UP IN SMOKE

Kansas City, Mo., April 5 (Auto-caster)—John G. Thudum, probably the oldest cigar maker in Missouri, is completing his sixty-fourth year in that trade. He is 83 and says he has made seventeen million cigars by hand.

Dean Sherrell to Speak

"Shall I Join a Political Party" will be the topic of Elmer L. Sherrell, dean of men and professor of political science at the University of Oregon, who will speak at the Lions club luncheon Friday.

A "Doggy" Affair

Topeka, Kans., April 5 (Auto-caster)—Little Mary Jane Laundon gave a party for her dog Curly on his anniversary. Her playmates brought their pet dogs to the party, and presents were hamburger, blankets and bones.

Club Will Entertain Husbands

Husbands of members of the Needlecraft club will be entertained by the club members at the home of Mrs. C. O. Wilson this evening. Mrs. Will Wright, Mrs. William Dawson and Mrs. Clifford Wilson will assist the hostess.

Returns from California

C. O. Wilson, who has been in San Francisco on business, returned to Springfield this morning. Mr. Wilson is manager of the Carbolium Wood Products company.

Society Has Meeting

A covered dish dinner followed by a program and business meeting was enjoyed by the Missionary society of the Christian church last evening.

April Fool Birth—Probably the first baby born in the county to arrive on April 1, 1928, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stafford at two minutes after twelve, Sunday morning. The new arrival, a boy, weighed ten pounds.

IRISH COMEDY DRAMA TO BE GIVEN TONIGHT BY WALKER STUDENTS

Because of the success of its first presentation at Walker last Friday, the Walker high school play, "Nora Wake Up" will be presented at the Bell theatre tonight at 8 o'clock.

The cast of "Nora Wake Up!" which is a three act Irish comedy drama, is as follows:
Mrs. Callahan, an old fashioned Irish woman Almeda Myers
Her daughter Nora, who is up-to-date, Audrey Walford
Johnnie Callahan, a college lad, Marion Weitz
Dannie Millins, Johnnie's college pal, in love with Nora, Murnard England.
Charlyle Coolidge, a tramp, Francis Horn
Mrs. Edmonston, a city ultra-modern, Vernell Koch
Ed Edmonston, a city fourflusher, Alvin Earl

A male quartet, consisting of Norton Pengra, Wilfred Cook, Oscar Gladdish and Arthur Pengra will present several vocal selections. Arthur Pengra of Springfield is principal of the Walker school.

LANE CHERRY GROWERS INVITED TO MEETING

Cherry pollination will be discussed at the Eugene Chamber of Commerce rooms Saturday at 1:30 o'clock. Professor C. E. Schuster and C. L. Long, extension horticulturists of the Oregon Agricultural College will present the results of several years study along this line.

G. C. Lawrence and George Dorris will also discuss the seedling inset and grafting methods of providing pollination. The meeting is being provided by the Lane County Horticultural Society and the County Agricultural Agent. All cherry growers are cordially invited to attend and join in the discussion.

CHURCH MEN OF CITY TO BE GIVEN BANQUET

Members of the Methodist Brotherhood and the men's class of the Baptist church will be guests of the men of the Christian church tomorrow evening at a banquet.

Rev. James of Eugene, and Charles Poole of Springfield will be speakers. The banquet is to be at 6:30 o'clock, and will be at the Christian church. A program of music is also being arranged.

American Forest Week Proclaimed

A presidential proclamation setting aside April 22-28 as American Forest Week has been received by F. B. Hamlin, postmaster. The proclamation recommends that special observance be made of the week in order that the importance of preserving our forests may be impressed on everyone.

Wards Entertain Dinner Party

Honoring Dr. and Mrs. S. Ralph Dippel, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Ward entertained at dinner last Thursday evening. Guests were Dr. and Mrs. Dippel, Dr. and Mrs. Phetteplace, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Hurd, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Neet, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Chase, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Wright. The evening was spent with bridge.

Will Entertain Club

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Larimer and Mr. and Mrs. Welby Stevens will entertain the 500 club at the Larimer home tomorrow evening.

Leaves to Visit Son—Mrs. Anna Kessey left Sunday for Seattle, where she will visit her son, Ray Kessey. Mrs. Kessey has been visiting her niece, Mrs. Mary Kessey, in Springfield.

Has Birthday Party—Little Flora Bertsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bertsch was hostess at a birthday party at her home Tuesday. She was six years old.

New Operator Here—G. L. Prochnow, recently of Glendale, has replaced F. E. Hall as day telegraph operator at the depot here. Mr. Hall is not yet sure where he will go.

Snow at Wendling—Fred Bauer of Wendling, who visited Springfield Sunday, reported three inches of snow in the camps above Wendling Saturday evening.

Returns to Dakota—Mrs. Grant Ohland left Tuesday for her home in Buffalo Gap, South Dakota, after a visit of about three months with her father, C. Whites.

EASTER PROGRAMS TO BE PRESENTED

Baptist Church to Give Cantata; Christian Bible School will Present Pageant; Special Music Arranged at Methodist Church.

Cantatas, pageants and special Easter music will mark the observance of Springfield churches Sunday. Special sunrise services will be held by the Epworth Leagues of the Methodist and Christian churches.

An Easter cantata, "Darkness and Dawn," composed by Fred W. Peace, will be given at the Baptist church Sunday evening under the direction of Wilfred Cook. Mrs. M. N. Pengra will be pianist.

At the morning services, "The Vacant Tomb" will be the subject of the sermon. Mrs. Arthur Pengra will sing a solo, and Norton Pengra and Wilfred Cook will sing a duet.

The program for the cantata follows: Tenor solo by M. N. Pengra, "And When They Were Come to the Place"; this will be followed by a chorus, "Thou That Destroyest the Temple." Oscar Gladdish will give a recitation and solo entitled "Now From the Sixth Hour the Sun was Darkened," followed by a tenor solo, "At the Ninth Hour." The quartet will sing "Thy Life was Given for Me," and Mrs. Arthur Pengra will give a recitation and soprano solo, "When the Even was Come." Paul Frese will sing "When It Began to Dawn," accompanied by the chorus, followed by "He is Not There," by Mrs. Arthur Pengra. The quartet and chorus will then render, "Behold I Tell You a Mystery," which will be followed by a bass solo by Paul Frese, "I am Alpha and Omega." The closing chorus will be "And behold, I have the Keys." Beginning last evening, Rev. August Hunderup of Portland, began a series of evangelistic meetings at the church to which an invitation is extended to the public.

The revival meetings which have been conducted by Rev. J. B. Coan of Eugene at the Methodist church will be concluded Sunday. Rev. Sykes returned to Springfield Tuesday, from Portland, where he has been ill for some time.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church will commence the Easter observances with a sunrise service at the church at 6:30 o'clock. This will be followed by a breakfast served at the church.

Special music is being arranged for the Sunday school hour at 9:45 o'clock. The subject for the morning sermon will be "The Victorious Christ," and in the evening the theme will be "The Glory of the Gospel." A large class will be received into the church at the morning services.

EASTER PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED BY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Three hundred and fifty persons are expected to attend Bible School at the Christian church at 9:40 o'clock Easter morning. Close check will be made of the attendance. As soon as that number is complete, a specially arranged clock will strike. The opening selection of the program will be "Easter Morn" by the orchestra. This will be followed by a song by the congregation, and a prayer.

The male quintet composed of L. F. Moffitt, D. B. Murphy, E. E. Morrison, W. E. Nealand, and J. E. Robertson will sing "Ready Our Master to Obey." A pageant, "Life and Love Triumphs" will be presented, with Gladys Hous, Frances Frizell and Lena Frizell taking the leading parts. Charles Cole will be the reader, and children of the Bible school will make up the chorus. Rev. S. E. Childers will speak on "Decision Day," and the choir will sing "Christ Arose." Mrs. M. H. Adams and Mrs. W. P. Tyson have charge of the Bible Study class.

The church services will begin at 11 o'clock. "The Miracle of Miracles" will be the subject of Rev. Childers' talk. The choir will sing "Resurrection."

In the evening, Rev. Childers will preach the second of his series of sermons on "The History of the Church." Mrs. Arah Hoyt Rae will sing, "He Is Risen," accompanied by Miss Winifred Tyson at the piano, and Charles Nadvornik with the viola. The orchestra will also give several selections.

Takes Portland Position—Miss Vernetta Morrison left Saturday for Portland, where she will be employed by the Pacific Fruit Growers Association.