

POLICE CHIEF JOB GIVEN TO VALLIER

Smitsen Made Fire Chief Only And Street Commissioner And Chief of Police Combined; Stewart Plan not Followed.

The duties of chief of police were transferred from the fire chief to the street commissioner by the city council Monday evening after the resignation of Chief Jess Smitsen was accepted.

Councilman George Stewart proposed that the office of chief of police and traffic officer be combined but he was overruled by the other councilmen, who voted in favor of the transfer of the chief of police duties to the street commissioner as it had been previous to two years ago.

Mr. Smitsen will receive \$140 a month as fire chief and Mr. Vallier will have \$15 added to his salary as street commissioner as chief of police.

A petition from Oscar and E. E. Lee to vacate the stub end of West D Street leading to the river between blocks 57 and 58 was received by the council and referred to the street committee.

The council voted to clear the title to a piece of property Councilman McKlin bought from the city about five years ago. He said that the title given him was clouded and that he could not dispose of the property.

R. Pierrie requested the council to allow him to put in a concrete curb in front of his property on Mill street. The street committee was authorized to give him the grade for the curb five feet from the sidewalk.

FISHING SEASON TO BE GOOD, SAYS ROACH

The 1928 fishing season, which opens on April 15, will be one of the best in many years, in the opinion of Rodney Roach, deputy state game warden.

"I can't see how it can help but be excellent fishing this year," said Mr. Roach. "The plan of placing larger fish in the streams, rather than the young ones who die off more easily, has been carried out this year and last, with the result that the streams should be full of trout."

High water will have no ill effect on the fishing, provided the streams are receding when the season opens, according to Mr. Roach. Fishing is better, he said, when water is falling.

WRECKER CAR ADDED TO SERVICE GARAGE PLANT

A wrecker car to be used for towing purposes was added to the equipment of the Service garage this week it was announced by William Rodenbough, proprietor.

The big car is of sizeable proportions and constructed to haul the heaviest loads. Mr. Rodenbough believes it to be the best constructed and most practical car of its kind in the county and expressed himself as proud of the job.

Wrecks weighing up to 20 tons, can be handled by the car.

Funeral Services Held Funeral services for the late Mrs. Phoebe Gray were held from the Charles P. Poole chapel Monday afternoon with Rev. S. E. Childers of the Christian church officiating. Interment was in the Lorane cemetery.

SPRINGFIELD TEAM TO PLAY FIRST BASEBALL GAME ON OWN DIAMOND

First game of the baseball season for Springfield high school will be played here tomorrow afternoon, it was announced today by Huck Harper, manager of the team.

The season opens with a game against the University high school team of the local diamond.

A return game with this school will be played in Eugene on April 27. Two other teams have been signed up for games with the local nine. Eugene high school will play here May 2 and the return game will be there on May 16. Cottage Grove will be met on the diamond there on April 29 and on the Springfield field on May 11.

Several other games will be scheduled when the schools up and down the valley are heard from. Larger high schools have a separate league and the smaller high schools are banded together, making it difficult for a school the size of the one here to schedule games.

CONTRACT ON COUNTY ROAD IS AWARDED TO S. H. NEEF OF SALEM

Contract for building of a mile and a quarter of county road on the upper Willamette between Jasper and Fall Creek was awarded yesterday by the county court to Samuel H. Neef of Salem. The bid of the Salem contractor was \$15,582.25.

This work will be a continuation of the construction done last year and will mean an improved route from that district into Springfield.

There are two sections of the road, one in the Hills creek area and the other near Fall creek. The road will eliminate three grade crossings on the Cascade line of the Southern Pacific.

Other bidders for the job were: Washburne and Hall, Eugene, \$17,694.75; Kelly and Sullivan, Westport, \$20,594; J. H. Shoemaker, Portland, \$16,672; Guy F. Pyle, Eugene, \$18,842.50.

ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP SET FOR APRIL 23 TO 26

The annual spring cleanup of the city by the street department was set for April 23 to 26 by the Springfield City council Monday evening. At that time the city will haul rubbish and other collections of the winter months away from residences in the city free of charge.

Cooperation with the street department in order that a thorough job can be done and the city prepared for a healthy summer, is urged by the mayor and city officials. Rubbish of all kinds should be placed in boxes or sacks and piled on the curbing so that it can be trucked away without delay. The collection will be made a street at a time and it is therefore necessary that all the rubbish be put out at one time.

This is expected to be a heavy tourist travel season and a thorough cleanup will do much to improve the appearance of the town as well as its health and sanitation.

FLOWER THIEVES BUSY IN TWO GARDENS HERE

Whoever persists in stealing flowers from the yard of his home at 214 North Second street, had better be prepared for an emergency, Harry Stewart announced Monday morning when he found that his tulip bed had been looted for the second time within a week.

Thursday night last week someone took all the blooms which had been nursed from bulbs last fall. Then again Sunday night blossoms which had come forth since the first theft were also taken.

O. H. Jarrett who lives next door reported that 80 hyacinth bulbs had been taken from his yard. The two men thought at first it was the work of boys, but later discovered a man's footprint in Mr. Jarrett's yard.

TWO AUTO CRASHES ARE REPORTED ON WEEK-END

Two automobile accidents in which no one was hurt and only slight damage was done were reported early this week. Both happened at 6 o'clock Saturday evening.

Tony Saxer, M street, and Leon J. Neet, 222 C street, were the drivers of two cars which collided at the corner of Seventh and C streets.

Opal Tallafarro, route 1 and Chester Smith, motor route A, were operating cars which met at the corner of Sixth and Main streets. Only small damage was done to any of the cars involved.

TWO BATH HOUSES TO BE BUILT AT RIVER BY SPRINGFIELD CLUB

Two bath houses will be constructed on the river banks here, it was decided at a meeting of the Women's Civic club Tuesday night. A committee of the women's organization has been working on arrangements for the bath houses for some time and reported on the findings at this week's meeting.

The Girls' League of the high school has volunteered its assistance in the project and the Boy Scout troops have signified a willingness to help build the houses.

Plans for "Better Home Week" were also discussed at the meeting. Since the date has been set for April 23rd to 28th, members will work on arrangements and report at the meeting on April 24.

The club will conduct a cooked food sale Saturday, April 14, in the fountain room of the Ketsels drug store. The sale will begin at 8:30 o'clock in the morning and continue until the food is sold.

A call was made for books for the library, especially for the use of children.

REVIVAL MEETING IS OPENED BY BAPTISTS; OTHER SERVICES SET

With the opening of evangelistic meetings in the Baptist church last night the services at that church this week-end will be one of the features in church circles.

Rev. H. August Hunderup, a young southern evangelist, is in charge of both the singing and preaching. He has preached in Texas, Alabama, Mississippi and other southern states as well as in several of the Pacific Northwest states.

His topics up to Sunday evening are as follows: Thursday, "Four Pictures on a Fishing Trip"; Friday, "Skygimming vs Windjammimg"; Saturday, "Enchanted Ground"; Sunday morning, "The Biggest Business in the World"; Sunday evening, "Nobody Home."

Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. will be held at the usual hours Sunday.

The chief feature of the Christian church services will be the postponed Easter cantata, "Death and Life," which will be given at the evening hour. At the Sunday school a mixed quartet composed of the following singers will present a number, Catherine Hemenway, soprano, Nellie Luce, alto, William Green, tenor, Ofa Luce, bass. Rev. S. E. Childers, pastor, will preach on the topic, "Paul's First Letter to the Thessolonian Church," at the morning church service and Claude Neely chorus director, will sing a solo.

At 7:30 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Childers will present the third of a series of sermons on "The Story of the Church," preceding the cantata. Christian Endeavor convenes at 8:30 o'clock. The topic will be "The Danger of Slang and Cheap Talk." Carl McKinnis will be the leader.

Rev. Gabriel Sykes, pastor of the Methodist church, will deliver his first sermon since his recent operation and illness at the Sunday morning service. He will speak on "The Lost Christ" in the morning and "Epicurus, or Let Us Be Happy" in the evening. Sunday school is at 9:45 o'clock and Epworth League meets at 6:30 o'clock p. m.

Mass will be conducted at the Roman Catholic church at the usual time by Rev. D. P. Curley, pastor.

Services will be held both morning and evening at the Bible Standard Mission.

Attendance at Bible School Sets Record for Local Group

With a goal of 350 for Sunday school on Easter Sunday members of the Christian church exceeded this figure when 404 people crowded into the building for the services last Sunday. This was the largest number of people ever to attend the Sunday school in the church here.

S. G. Moshier, superintendent, was in general charge of the arrangements for the day.

It was an enthusiastic audience that witnessed the pageant "Life and Love Triumphant" which was presented by the Bible school under the direction of Mrs. M. R. Adams and Mrs. W. P. Tyson. Following the pageant and as a result of the Decision Day service, six young people became members of the church. The offering of \$42.00 which was taken at the close of the program is to go to the Aged Ministers' fund.

Lodge Initiation Sets Record Here

Neighbors of Woodcraft Circle Has Visitors From Other Chapters Near Here

With visitors from several lodges in the vicinity, Pine Circle, No. 45, Neighbors of Woodcraft initiated 27 candidates into the lodge last night. This was the largest class ever to be taken into the Springfield lodge, according to Mrs. C. F. Eggimann, guardian neighbor.

The new members are: Mrs. Opal LaVerne Sherman, Miss Oneta June Smith, Mrs. Olga Grace Roberts, Miss Jewell A. Roden, Mrs. Edith P. Phetteplace, Mrs. Bessie S. Paris, Mrs. Ethel Edith Poole, Mrs. Lena M. Frederick, Mrs. Ethel Neet, Ruby G. Owens, Mrs. Jennie Vera Murphy, Marion W. Severson, Mrs. Bertha C. Severson, Mrs. Florence Wooley, Goldie G. Whites, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Walker, Hazel Wardlow, Miss Lilly Zachry, Mrs. Maude Robertson, Reynold M. Briggs, Mrs. Nellie Carr, Noah Lee Heltbrand, Mrs. Helen Amelia Rust, Miss Doris Braat, Mrs. Amanda Lingo, Mrs. Bessie Smith, Miss Clara Wagner.

A supper in the lodge hall followed the initiatory ceremony.

Several candidates whose papers have not been received from the grand lodge will be initiated at the next meeting of the lodge in two weeks.

The large number of candidates taken in last night is accounted for by the recent membership drive conducted by the local officers under the direction of Mrs. Eggimann and Mrs. Stella Blackerby, Baker, district organizer of the lodge.

Visitors were here from Eugene, Waltherville, Coburg, Cottage Grove, Creswell and Oakland.

Mrs. Blackerby was here to attend the class initiation.

DR. DOW NEW DENTIST IN DR. DIPPEL'S PLACE

Dr. W. N. Dow, of Portland, has taken over the practice of Dr. S. Ralph Dippel and is now in charge of the office in the First National Bank building. Dr. Dow has been practicing in Portland and is a graduate of the North Pacific Dental college. He is married and has a wife and six year old son.

Dr. Dow is a wounded overseas veteran. He served in France 13 months in the famous 23rd infantry of the Second Division, being wounded at Chateau Thierry.

He comes to Springfield well recommended and has confidence that he will receive a liberal patronage here.

Dr. Dippel had first arranged to dispose of his business to a professor in the dental college at Portland but the transaction did not take place.

OFFICER MOORE TAKES STAND IN PORTLAND

Herbert Moore, Springfield traffic officer, was called to Portland this week to act as a witness in a federal trial in progress there. The man being tried was arrested by Officer Moore on the Mohawk road about two months ago. He is facing a statutory charge which involves alleged kidnapping of a young girl.

William Davis is acting as traffic officer while Mr. Moore is away. Officer Moore has notified the city council that he will tender his recognition to become effective May 1, and it is held probable that Davis will succeed him.

COUNTY CLERK TALKS TO LIONS CLUB HERE AT FRIDAY LUNCHEON

An address on the timely subject of registration for voting will be the feature of the Lions club luncheon Friday noon. W. B. Dillard, Lane county clerk, will speak on that subject.

With only a few days left in which voters of this county may register, it was reported early this week that registration for the county had reached approximately 20,000. Many voters, of course, do not have to register this year, although no one will be sworn in at the polls.

April 18 is the closing day on the books, but voters must be registered by the preceding evening.

Discussion of the proposed lighting for the new bridge is also on schedule for the luncheon. Manager Merrill of the Mountain States Power company office at Albany will be the speaker on this topic. The company has signified its willingness to install the lights at the lowest cost practicable. The Lions club proposes that the city pay for the maintenance and that the state highway commission bear the cost of installation.

The Owl patrol of troop No. 11 of Springfield Boy Scouts will be the guest of the club at the luncheon tomorrow. This patrol is the winner in the achievement contest which has been running for the past two months.

GRANDMA LEPLEY HAS NO USE FOR LIQUOR OR GOVERNOR SMITH

Al Smith will not have a Chinaman's chance of becoming president of the United States if Grandma Lepley's vote will keep him from it.

Yesterday, Grandma Lepley, who is 91, registered at the city hall. Asked to what political party she belonged she said she'd rather be a prohibitionist than anything, but as there is no such party before the primaries she contended herself with being a democrat.

Mrs. Lepley does not remember how many times she has voted, but she does know that every time she has had a chance she has cast her ballot against liquor. She voted against alcohol when the nation went dry.

More than 175 voters were registered up to last night, I. M. Peterson, who is in charge of the registering for the four precincts here, reported. Many of these had re-registered because of changing addresses since the last election.

DR. W. H. POLLARD WILL NOT SEEK ELECTION AS COUNTY CORONER

Although he has been encouraged by local and outside people to seek the office, Dr. W. H. Pollard this morning announced that he will not be a candidate for Lane county coroner.

"After considering every phase of the situation, I find that I would not have the necessary time to give to the campaign and the office if elected," Dr. Pollard said. "I still contend, however, that the office should be in the hands of a physician rather than an undertaker."

Some time ago the Springfield doctor announced that he was considering the post. He has received communications from friends throughout the county urging him to file for the office.

If he had run he would have opposed W. F. Walker, Eugene mortician, and former resident of this city, and W. W. Branstetter, incumbent, who is also an undertaker.

FISHING SEASON TO OPEN SUNDAY APRIL 15

With one of the greatest fishing meccas of the northwest at their opening of the fishing season on week preparing their equipment for the opening of the fishing season on Sunday, April 15.

Already stories are in the air about the big ones caught last year.

The McKenzie will draw its usual share of anglers, but some fishermen have their eyes on more distant streams in this vicinity and on the coast.

Grand Officer Visits

L. D. Porter, Corvallis, grand master of the I. O. O. F. of Oregon was a guest of the Springfield lodge at a meeting last night. This was his official visit to the local lodge.

Delegations from Eugene, Waltherville, Coburg, Cottage Grove and Marcola were present for the session. Refreshments were served following the ceremony.

ALL TEACHERS OF CITY RE-ELECTED

Board of Education Expresses Satisfaction with work done by Faculties of Three Schools - Some Have Long Teaching Record.

Expressing satisfaction with the work of the teachers in the Springfield schools, the board of education Tuesday night re-elected the entire staff of the three institutions without a single exception.

Principals of the schools had been elected at a previous meeting of the board, with increase of salary voted to the grammar and junior high school principals and provision made for A. J. Morgan to retain his post as supervising-principal of the high school.

Twenty-seven teachers were named by the action of the board.

Lincoln school teachers are: Laurance Moffitt, principal; Mrs. Elizabeth Page, Mrs. Opal Roberts, Miss Edna Platt, Miss Doris Braat, Mrs. Mary Walker, Mrs. Katherine Duncan, Mrs. Ella Lombard, Miss Jessamine Nelson, Miss Elizabeth James.

Personnel is Listed

High school teachers are: A. J. Morgan, principal; Oscar Gladdish, Miss Grace Potter, Miss Francis Hodge, Miss Pauline Miller, Miss Lydia Osgood, Mrs. Georgina Peterson, Miss Catherine Tinkham, Miss Clara Wagner, Leonard Mayfield.

Brattain school staff includes: Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway, principal; Mrs. Marjorie Laselle, Miss Altie Manning, Mrs. Crystal Male, Miss Mary Voris, Miss Anne Gorrie, Miss Crystal Bryan.

Several of these teachers have long teaching records in the schools here. In point of service, Mrs. Page is the senior member of the faculty of the school system. She has taught here for 22 years. Mrs. Roberts and Miss James tie for second honors, each having taught 10 years here. Miss Nelson is next with 9 years to her credit and Mr. Morgan, Mrs. Male and Mrs. Lombard each have taught seven years. Mrs. Hemenway and Mrs. Duncan have been in the system for five years. Others have been here for from one to four years.

The only other business the board transacted Tuesday night was allowing of regular monthly claims.

Election by the board does not mean that the teachers have accepted the positions for another year. Contracts will be forwarded to each of them and they will signify their intentions by returning the papers either signed or unsigned. It is understood that Mrs. Page, at least, will not continue her position here.

BRIDGE WORK STARTS THIS WEEK; PIERS TO GO IN AS FIRST STEP

Piers on each bank of the river for the new Springfield bridge will be started probably this week it was announced by steel and concrete workers for Lindstrom and Fiegerson, Portland contractors who visited here early this week.

The had expected to begin work on Monday, but found that the state highway commission had not yet set the stakes for the opening of the work. P. M. Morse, Lane county surveyor, stated that he had not been advised when work will start on the bridge.

First work to be done will be the construction of the piers on each bank. These will be completed and crews will be ready to begin the middle piers by the first of July.

The concrete and steel bridge, with a walk for pedestrians on each side of the space for vehicular traffic, will cost approximately \$150,000, it was estimated.

The Portland contractors have been given until February, 1929, to finish the bridge for which Springfield residents have clamored for the past several years. They are the contractors that built the McVeigh overhead several years ago and have a reputation for good work.

Fishing Licenses Issued

Thirteen fishing licenses had been issued at the Wright and Sons hardware store up to noon today. They were taken out by the following anglers: Henry O. Fandrom, O. B. Hardy, A. N. Fisher, D. B. Saltzman, J. P. Johnson, Miles Haley, Clayton Barber, Asa Rhinevalet, C. L. Rice, all of Springfield, V. F. Caldwell, Vida, Joe Gravelle, Portland, Ralph Bristoe, Cedar Flats, Owen Seaman, Lowell.