

STEEL FOR BRIDGE NOW BEING PLACED

Arrival of Material is Important Step in Construction of Highway Span; All Four Piers of Bridge are Completed and Smaller Piers are Started.

A major step in the building of the new McKenzie highway bridge across the Willamette river here was begun this week with the arrival of structural steel and the announcement that crews would begin to set it up within the next few days.

The first carload of steel arrived and was unloaded Monday morning. Trucks hauled it to the site of the bridge and it was strung out ready for use when the big derrick starts placing it.

True to expectations the steel was on the ground by the first of July, the date set by the contractors when they first set foot on the ground here.

Big Piers Finished
The four big piers which are to support the bridge are complete. The last forms were removed from the sturdy supports this week.

There still remains considerable cement work on the piers for the approaches at either end of the bridge before the steel work can be completed. When the steel is in cement for the top portion of the bridge will be poured and little will remain to do except the finishing touches.

Workmen are ready to pour cement for the approaches and were working toward this objective on the west side of the river all this week. This job will not take so long as preparing the main piers since it will not be on so large a scale.

Bridge Now Longer

Recent decision of the state highway commission to increase the length of the bridge by adding a 90 foot span on the east side of the river will not slow the work up to any great extent, it was announced by the contractors.

The big lengths of steel will not be ready for the riveters for almost a month, it was announced. The preliminary work of setting up the structural steel is a large task in itself, it was stated.

Workmen have completed construction of the big derrick which is to handle the steel.

FIFTY CHILDREN SHOW WORK DONE IN SCHOOL

Fifty children took part in the closing exercises of the daily vacation Bible school of the Baptist church held in the church auditorium last Friday evening. A large audience was present. The exercises closed the Bible school for this season. The school was conducted for four weeks.

A children's chorus of 50 voices, memory work drill, Bible drill, and dramatization were on the program. Rev. C. H. Blom, pastor of the church, who was in general charge of the school, presented the diplomas.

Work which the children did during the school sessions was on display in the church at the time of the program.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED BY LOCAL GIRL SCOUTS

Officers for the coming year were elected by the Springfield Girl Scouts troop at a meeting last Thursday afternoon. The following girls were elected: Barbara Adams, president; Adaline Perkins, vice-president; Louella Williams, secretary; Evelyn Harris, treasurer; Alice Thatcher, news reporter and Ellen Cox, yell leader.

Plans are under way for an overnight hike to be held some time soon. No definite date has been set.

REBEKAH LODGE GROUP HOLDS ENTERTAINMENT

Members of the Rebekah lodge enjoyed a program following their regular lodge meeting Monday evening. One special guest, Mrs. June Korn, a member of the local lodge but at present living at Bend, was present.

The program consisted of a reading by Mrs. Mary Magill, a story told by Mrs. Fred Louk and Mrs. Pearl Clark, readings by Mrs. Lee Putnam and Mrs. Fred Hinson. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Al Montgomery, Mrs. Hinson, Mrs. Elva Adams and Miss Mary Roberts.

Storekeeper Moving—M. Bauer, who until recently conducted a store at Franklin, is moving this week to the Montgomery residence on E street. E. Bauer and son of Chico, California, are taking over the store.

CRATER LAKE LODGE HOST TO NEWSPAPER PEOPLE OF OREGON

Newspaper people of Oregon were made acquainted with Crater lake Saturday, Sunday and Monday when the annual state editorial association meeting was held at Crater Lake Lodge. Publishers and their families were the guests of R. W. Price, manager of the lodge, in the most hospitable manner that any convention has hitherto been entertained in Oregon.

Crater Lake national park is becoming the greatest scenic attraction on the Pacific coast. Already 15,000 people have been in the park and it has only been opened a couple of weeks. In the last five years 400,000 people have visited the park, according to the figures of Colonel C. G. Thomson, superintendent. Road and trail building and other improvements are underway in the park that will make it more easily accessible. A new trail is being constructed down to the water from the rim that will make it easy to reach the water 1060 feet below the lodge.

Snow in large patches is still on the ground at the lake but the entrance roads are open and in excellent condition. The rim road is not yet opened all the way around the lake.

There were over 200 in the Oregon editorial party. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Maxey, of The Springfield News, and son, Bruce, were among those in attendance.

Four girls from Springfield are employed by the Crater Lake lodge management and all declare they like the place very much. They are Maurine Lombard, Elizabeth Hughes, Iowa Carleton and Myrtle Harvey.

LOCAL DELEGATES TO G. A. R. MEETING ENJOY THREE-DAY SESSION

More than 2500 delegates attended the state convention of the G. A. R. and affiliated orders, Springfield representatives reported on their return here last week-end. Mrs. C. F. Eggmann, Mrs. Bert Doane, Zack Kintzley and James O'Connell were delegates from this city.

National officers of each of the organizations attended the Roseburg meeting, it was stated. Never before were so many national officers at a meeting of the G. A. R. in this state.

Mrs. Eggmann declined nomination as senior vice-president, junior vice-president, chairman of the counsel of administration and delegate to the national convention because of the pressure of other activities.

Mrs. Eggmann, who was state patriotic instructor for the Ladies of the G. A. R. spoke before at least 2000 people in presenting the picture of Abraham Lincoln to the Junior high school at Roseburg.

Local delegates made no bid for the convention to meet here at the next session. North Bend's bid was refused because the convention was held in the sister city of Marshfield two years ago. The new commander, Comrade Clemens of Newberg, and his executive board will decide the meeting place.

MRS. POOLE NOMINATED ADVISOR OF LODGE HERE

Mrs. Charles P. Poole was named worthy advisor of the Springfield Neighbors of Woodcraft lodge at a meeting held last week.

She succeeds Mrs. Ada Hurlbutt who resides at Globe and has found it impossible to drive back and forth to attend all of the meetings of the lodge.

Mrs. Mary C. Magill, past guardian neighbor of the local lodge, was in the chair at the meeting in the absence of Mrs. C. F. Eggmann who was attending the state convention of the G. A. R. in Roseburg.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY IS CELEBRATED ON FOURTH

Celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on the fourth of July, Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Nelson of Junction City were honored by friends and relatives at their home yesterday.

The couple who are 78 and 80 years of age respectively are the grandparents of Mrs. J. M. Larson, who with her husband and sons attended the reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were married in Elkhorn, Iowa, lived in Brush, Colorado until 12 years ago when they moved to Junction City.

Schoolmates Visit—Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Skidmore, schoolmates of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Pollard at Willamette university many years ago, were visitors here last Sunday. Mr. Skidmore is connected with the California state tax department. They reside at Berkeley, California.

Thurman to Build Service Station

Old Livery Barn Being Torn Down to Make Way for Station and Residence

One old building is to be torn down and two new ones erected at the west end of Main street where the livery barn now stands. It was announced this morning by O. C. Thurman, owner of the property.

Mr. Thurman this morning began tearing down the big livery barn which has stood at the end of the street for 17 years and stated that as soon as this job is completed he will begin construction of a modern service station. He will also build a residence on the property to take the place of the one to be torn down. The old residence was built many years before the barn.

The feed barn and house stands in the right-of-way of the new McKenzie highway bridge and was recently condemned by the state highway commission and county court in order that the highway might run through the property.

Feeling that the location will be excellent for a service station, Mr. Thurman will erect a modern gasoline and service plant just as soon as he has razed the old building. He will then build him a home just in the rear of the present building, filling in the low place to the level of the highway.

The building which is being torn down was erected in 1911 by Estes and Mead who used it for 10 years as a livery barn. When the use of horses became less common the building was used as a feed barn and for storage. Mr. Thurman purchased it for this business seven years ago.

There is more than 82,000 feet of lumber in the barn, Mr. Thurman estimates. He will use the demension material in the new house and station. His two sons, who are helping him with the work, will be associated with him in the service station business.

MRS. GLENDENNING IS FOUND UNCONSCIOUS IN HOME ON FOURTH

Little hope is held for the recovery of Mrs. Anna Glendenning who was found at her home at 659 F street yesterday noon in an unconscious condition. She was suffering from a hemorrhage of the brain which caused paralysis of the left side.

The woman, who lives alone, was found by neighbors at noon yesterday after she had lain in that state apparently since the afternoon before. The fact that groceries delivered on the porch of the house Tuesday afternoon had not been taken in, at noon Wednesday prompted neighbors to go to the place to inquire of Mrs. Glendenning.

They found her with only her shoes off lying on her bed, unconscious and partially paralyzed.

Her doctor this morning reported her in a semi-conscious condition and stated that her recovery is problematical.

AUDREY SHULTZ BECOMES BRIDE OF SAM MOSKOP

Miss Audrey Shultz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shultz, and Sam Moskop, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Moskop, were married Saturday evening.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Moskop are former students of the Springfield high school. They will make their home on D street here. Mr. Moskop is employed in the Booth-Kelly sawmill here.

Friends of Miss Shultz gathered at her home last Friday, tendering her a miscellaneous shower. Those present were: Evelyn Stark, Audrey McFarland, Bessie Stewart, Emma Smith, Maxine Posey, Nellie Hickman, Velma Moskop and Miss Shultz.

SPRINGFIELD NINE WILL MEET BEND ON SUNDAY

Springfield baseball team will go to Bend Sunday to meet the city team of that place, it was announced this morning by William Vasby, manager of the local nine.

This will be the first game in some time for the local players.

Additional players are needed for the trip, the manager said. Expenses to and from Bend will be paid for those who make the trip, he stated.

The Bend team will play a return game here on the following Sunday.

Prospects are that the twilight league will not function this year, Mr. Vasby said. There were plenty of players but not enough managers to take charge of the games.

INDEPENDENCE DAY AGAIN CELEBRATED BY LOCAL FOLK

Big Program in Eugene Draws Largest Quota of Local People; Many Hie to Mountains, Streams and Beaches for the Holiday; Traffic is Heavy.

Following three days of celebration, Springfield people, as well as most other Lane county residents, are resting up after again celebrating the independence of this country.

Despite the shower and chilly weather everybody seemed to have a good time both at the celebration in Eugene and on various private outings. By far the largest percentage of Springfield people attended at least the last day of the celebration in Eugene. From the crack of the first rifle on Skidders' butte to the sputter of the last dying piece of fireworks, the American Legion of Eugene staged a grand and glorious Fourth of July celebration.

The attractions at the municipal park in Eugene and the roundup at the Lane county fair grounds provided ample entertainment in addition to the big parade during the morning. Springfield was represented in this parade by floats entered by the local Four-L chapter and The Springfield Mill and Grain company. Members of the boys' and girls' Four-H clubs also marched in the parade.

Since last weekend a continual line of traffic has been wending toward the McKenzie country. On the morning of the Fourth this flow increased as people from all over the state sought the famous scenic and sporting country. Many motorists drove over the pass to Bend and other points in eastern Oregon.

Springfield itself was quiet and peaceable during the day. An occasional miscreant freeracker was heard, but on the whole the city ordinance prohibiting such celebrating was effective. Traffic in and through the city was exceptionally orderly, officers here reported.

Miss Era Dell Murphy of Great Falls, Montana, arrived here July 2 for a month's stay with her parents Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Murphy of Eugene. While here she will visit her brother Dallas Murphy of Gray's Cack and Carry store here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Crites from Aberdeen are visiting for two weeks at the home of Mrs. Crites' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cellers.

Mildred Cellers is here from Portland to visit her father Carl Cellers for a time.

Victor Husband called on Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cellers for a short time this week while here on a visit from southern California. The Cellers and Mr. Husband are old friends.

The Christian church convention is being held at Turner this week and many people from Springfield took the opportunity offered by the Fourth of July holiday to attend. Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Murphy were among those going for the day.

Mrs. D. B. Murphy drove to Ashland last week to attend the wedding of her cousin there. She came back Friday bringing with her her father and mother of Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Mitchell, who lived for many years in Springfield, and have only recently moved to Ashland. The Mitchells will go on to Turner for the convention and return here later for a short visit.

Billie Meacham of Roseburg was here on the Fourth to spend the day with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sage of Walterville spent the Fourth in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of Creswell and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold of Trent were holiday visitors with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Polle and children of Leaburg were here yesterday with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Goddard drove here Tuesday from Salem to spend the Fourth. They are residents of this city.

Walter Scott arrived Tuesday evening from Corvallis to visit his mother, Mrs. Charles Scott over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Parnell of Spokane are visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. Arne Nelson with whom they spent the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence James returned from Newport to be at home for the holiday. They have been at the beach on a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cox and daughter of San Bernardino, California, are here to visit Mrs. Cox's brother, Jesse Smitson and family. Mr. Cox conducted a store here some eight years ago, being in business for ten years before going to California.

Roy Carlton, chairman of the wood promotion committee of the Springfield Four-L, was in charge of the float which was entered in the industrial parade in the Eugene celebration. The float attracted considerable interest among the spectators.

With the rest of the mill shut down since last Saturday and scheduled to open again next Monday morning, the planing and shipping department employees were busy all week except the day of the Fourth when they were given an opportunity to celebrate.

Workmen at the new highway bridge had their first holiday since the job began when they were excused from work yesterday. Although most of them have their homes at Portland they are living here until the bridge is completed. Many of them are camping in the nearby auto camps.

Here from Oakdale, California, Mrs. George McCauley is visiting her brother, Jesse Smitson and family and other relatives for the next three weeks.

Several Springfield people attended the Fourth of July celebration at Boswell springs south of Drain where a free program was given by the management of the resort.

With quarterly and annual reports to send in to the postal department, Postmaster and Mrs. Hamlin did not have an opportunity to enjoy a holiday yesterday although the postoffice was closed. The fiscal year for the postal department ends on the last day of June and reports are due as soon after that time as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gossler spent the day at home after witnessing the sham battle in Eugene. Mr. Gossler, who is assistant postmaster, was not at the office for duty on the legal holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Berg and daughter, June, left Saturday morning for Gold Hill where they are spending this week with relatives.

Taking advantage of a whole week's vacation, many Booth-Kelly Lumber company employees took their families into the mountains for an extended rest. Fishing poles were seen prominently dangling from the rear of their automobiles as they made their exodus to the streams and mountains of Lane county.

As usual the beaches drew their share of Springfield folks. Newport and the Tillamook beaches, as well as Bandon held their attractions. Siltcoos and Triangle lake also claimed a share of celebrants. A celebration was staged at the latter lake.

Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. John Henderer spent the day up the McKenzie river.

W. H. Lambert left Monday evening for Portland to spend the Fourth with his daughter, Mrs. John Martin and to join Mrs. Lambert who has been visiting there for the past few weeks.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Collins on the Fourth included Frank Parrish of Veneta; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Griffin, Wendling; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Collins, Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Collins, Olympia, Washington.

TOPICS FOR SUNDAY GIVEN BY PASTORS; UNION MEETING SET

Rev. Gabriel Sykes, pastor of the Methodist church, is to be the speaker at the union service on Sunday evening. The service will be held in the Baptist church at 8 p. m. Rev. Mr. Sykes' subject will be "Paul, the Christain."

At the morning church service in his own church the pastor will speak on "The Sixth Word from the Cross" or the Consummation of a Chosen task." Sunday school is at 9:45 o'clock.

A union service of young peoples' societies will be held at 7 o'clock in the Baptist church. Oscar Gladdish will be the leader.

At the Christian church Rev. Claud Neely, temporary pastor, will be in the pulpit at 11 o'clock and the choir will sing a special number, "Our Dwelling Place." Sunday school will be at 9:45 o'clock as usual.

Rev. C. H. Blom, pastor of the Baptist church, will preach at the 11 o'clock service. Sunday school meets at 10 o'clock.

Regular services will be held in the Catholic church and Bible Standard mission.

WILD BLACKBERRIES ARE PLENTIFUL NEAR RIVERS

Wild blackberries are still plentiful along the rivers near here, Springfield people report. Several local people reported getting some nice fruit.

Rains in the McKenzie country throughout the day put an end to any extensive berry picking. Showers were heavy throughout the greater part of the day in that district.

M'KENZIE OILING TO BE STARTED FRIDAY

Work Scheduled to Have Begun Monday is Held Up On Account of Holiday Traffic; 12-Mile Stretch Between Here and Walterville to Be Oiled.

With crews of men waiting since Monday for the holiday traffic to decrease, oiling work on the McKenzie highway between this city and Walterville will begin Friday morning, it was announced today.

Oiling of the road was scheduled to begin Monday morning, but Raymond Walsh, resident engineer for the state highway commission, and foreman in charge of the job here, decided that there would be too much traffic over the highway immediately before, during and after the Fourth. Motorists find the fresh oil extremely damaging to the finish on their autos, it was pointed out.

Truckloads of men and tools arrived during the day Sunday and Monday morning two carloads of oil were placed on the side-track at the Southern Pacific station here. The power pump which is to transfer the oil from the railroad tankers to the specially constructed trucks was then installed alongside the track.

Engineer Views Road

Engineer Walsh and men who will supervise the work made a trip over the road Monday afternoon to determine its exact condition and to estimate how long the job will take.

Since the stretch was oiled thoroughly last year, the surface will not be so difficult to put in shape as originally, it is pointed out. The cost left from last year gives a base on which to work. Numerous chuck holes have developed due to traffic over the road in the meantime. These will be filled in as the work progresses.

Huge piles of gravel were placed along the highway earlier in the season and will have to be moved only short distances to the roadway.

Starting at the same point near Walterville at which it ended last year, the work will progress this way over the 12-mile course. Just how long a time will be needed for the job is problematical, it was stated.

The same crew on the Corvallis-Newport oiling job was held up for a number of weeks on account of weather conditions. If it had not been for this delay, work on the highway near here would have been started some time ago.

Road To Be Open

As is the usual custom the road will be kept open to traffic during operations, although travel will be halted at intervals during the day while the oil is spread on the road and gravel placed in it. Not many motorists relish driving through freshly oiled road on account of the danger of having their cars splashed by passing vehicles and by their own wheels.

When the highway work is done the same crews will oil East Main street here to its junction with the pavement and then will cover the Second street section to the bridge and beyond it to the Pacific highway. This much oiling was done last year when the highway work was under way with the result that the surface of the streets has been much better than in many years past. The city of Springfield pays for oiling done within the city limits. Since there is already a foundation of oil, it is not expected that the cost will be so high this year as last.

CONTRACT LET ON ONE MORE SECTION OF ROAD

Contract to build the Goodmaif creek section of the Willamette highway above Lowell bridge was awarded to Kelly and Sullivan last week, according to word received by the Lane county court. Their bid was \$83,149.40.

This section of the highway is the first to be built in the Cascade national forest and is to be 4.6 miles long.

Specifications call for the clearing of 20 acres of land and grubbing of 16 acres. The amount of excavation unclassified is 92,000 cubic yards; cement masonry, retaining walls, 180 cubic yards; trestle timber, 60,000 feet; concrete box culverts, 70 cubic yards; concrete pedestals, 30 cubic yards; reinforced steel, 6800 pounds; pipe culverts, 1400 lineal feet.

To Liberate Chinas

Some 500 China pheasants will be liberated in Lane county next week, it was reported at the state game farm today. The superintendent was not certain just where the liberation would take place.