

FIGHT AMONG LANE OFFICERS WAGING

Three Resignations Turned In Already as Result of Charges of Jailer H. L. Lee; Governor Is Requested to Name Special Prosecutor to Take Charge of Investigation.

Strife among Lane county law enforcement officials has, during the past week, resulted in the resignation of three officers and a request to Governor Patterson that a special investigation be made of charges and counter charges which have developed out of the case.

Gordon S. Wells, deputy district attorney; Jesse Daniel, prohibition enforcement officer working out of the district attorney's office, and Melvin Turnbull, deputy sheriff under Sheriff Frank E. Taylor, have each preemptorily resigned.

The former two quit their posts as a result of the conflict, and Turnbull handed in his star at the request of Sheriff Taylor.

Woman is Involved

The whole matter, which apparently has been brewing for some time, came to an immediate head last Saturday when H. L. Lee, head jailer and deputy sheriff, accused the three officers of staging a "party" at which there was drinking. According to reports, one of the chief contributing factors in the whole case was the use of Miss Jean "Frenchie" Carpenter, a Lane county prisoner, in the double role of assistant to the law enforcement squad and to gather evidence on the alleged misconduct of the three officials.

It was because the officers took Miss Carpenter on raids that Sheriff Taylor asked Melvin Turnbull to resign, he stated.

District Attorney John Medley has declared that he has no evidence before him to justify criminal action against the officers, each of whom have issued statements denying accusations hurled at them by the jailer and hinting that the charges may have arisen as a result of their questioning Jailer Lee as to his safe-keeping of moonshine liquor left in his charge for evidence.

Taylor Asks Probe

The officers declare they have recently preferred to leave the liquor taken in raids at the city police headquarters in order that they might recover it in full measure.

It was Sheriff Taylor who sent a request to Governor Patterson to appoint special investigators to get at the bottom of the situation.

Anxious to establish his innocence of the charges, Mr. Wells has asked for a hearing before the Lane county grand jury, which meets the first part of October. Mr. Turnbull, in his statement, implied that the situation may be of a political nature, since he has for some time considered entering the race for sheriff as an independent candidate against Harry L. Bown, democrat, and Earl Luckey, republican.

Turnbull is Candidate

Later in the week Mr. Turnbull definitely announced his intention of seeking election as Lane county sheriff. Between 600 and 700 signers to a petition must be forthcoming in order to place his name on the ballot in November, County Clerk W. B. Dillard estimated.

Until he does hear from the governor, Sheriff Taylor said today, he expects no new developments in the case. In the meantime, he has appointed a new deputy to take the place of Mr. Turnbull.

MAKE RECORD DRIVE

Anyone who drives from Martinez, Cal., near San Francisco, in less than a day is driving too fast, is the opinion of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Sneed of that place, who themselves made a record drive Monday. Leaving the California bay city at 3 o'clock in the morning, they arrived here at 9 o'clock that evening. Without counting two hours out for meals, that means an average speed of more than 35 miles an hour, in some places over road which is under construction and the long Siskiyou grade.

F. P. THURMAN HURT

Falling from a ladder while doing repair work on his home, F. P. Thurman, local carpenter, received severe bruises and minor cuts Tuesday afternoon. As he fell he struck his elbow on a water faucet, and it was thought for a time the member was broken, but a doctor's examination showed that, although there was a deep puncture wound in the arm, there was no break.

MANY SCOUTS RECEIVE AWARDS OF MERIT AT COURT OF HONOR

The largest number of Springfield Boy Scouts to receive promotion in rank and merit badges for some time came before the court of honor Tuesday evening. Nine scouts divided the 14 separate honors conferred by the court at that time.

Many of these promotions and merit badges are the result of work done during the recent summer encampment at which the required tests were passed. Some, however, have been ready for awards for some time.

Those to receive awards were: Weston Bascous, advanced to status of first class Scout and awarded personal health merit badge; Irving House, advanced to second class Scout; Billie Wheeler, merit badge for personal health, woodcarving and carpentry; Lloyd Ellison, advanced to second class standing; Robert Starks, made second class Scout; George Mason, merit badges for personal health and leathercraft; Ralph Hughes, merit badges for personal health and first aid; Gordon Wright, advanced to the status of second class Scout; Henry Trinka, made second class Scout.

H. E. Maxey, Lions club troop committeeman, acting as chairman for the court in the absence of W. P. Tyson, Scout Commissioner, who was unable to attend. Present were C. R. Aldrich, Scoutmaster, Clayton Barker, Scout Commissioner, and Chas. Poole, Rev. Sykes and Dr. W. C. Rebban, members of the court.

Personal health merit badges are given for special efforts made by the boys in the care of their own bodies. More of the boys are receiving this badge regularly, Mr. Aldrich states. The Scoutmaster expressed himself as pleased to see more "tenderfoots" gaining second class advancement. This advance comes from general improvement in scouting and passing of certain required tests.

FLORENCE CELEBRATION TO BE HELD SATURDAY

Western Lane will be host to the rest of the county Saturday with a sea food dinner and meeting at Florence. The county chamber of commerce will hold a meeting at 2 o'clock.

A boat has been chartered by the Junction City delegation. It leaves Mapleton at 9 o'clock and returns at 5 o'clock. Those who wish to drive to Mapleton and then go to Florence on the boat may join the Junction City crowd.

Large delegations from all the cities of Lane County are expected to be present.

McELHANEYS CELEBRATE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. U. G. McElhaney had several of their friends at their home last Saturday for an informal evening.

Those present included Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. William Maybe, Mrs. Bernice VanValzah, R. W. Smith and Mrs. Lottie Crawford of Oregon City.

The wedding anniversary came two weeks ago, but because of the Methodist camp meeting at Cottage Grove the reception was postponed.

OLD-FASHIONED PARTY IS HELD BY REBEKAHS

Old trunks in the attics were raided and costumes of bygone days dug from the mothballs Monday night when the Rebekah lodge held an old-fashioned social.

Members of the lodge attired themselves in fashions of many years ago and got together for a good time following the regular lodge business session.

A candidate will be initiated at the next meeting of the order which is scheduled for next Monday evening.

METHODIST SERVICES LISTED

Services at the Methodist church on Sunday were announced this morning by the pastor, Rev. Gabriel Sykes, as follows: Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; morning worship at 11 o'clock, with Rev. J. Phillip Armand in the pulpit; solo by H. T. Armand; union young people's meeting at 7 o'clock, and union church service at 8 o'clock, Rev. C. H. Blom, pastor of the Baptist church preaching.

Strubin Home is Sold

Sale of the residence of Frank W. Strubin at 711 First street to James E. Trotter, was announced last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Trotter, have moved to their newly purchased home. Mr. and Mrs. Strubin, former residents of this city, are now living in Eugene.

Lane W. C. T. U. Chapter to Meet

Springfield Will be Host to Two-Day Conclave of Lane County Women's Organization

Springfield will be host next Tuesday and Wednesday to the Lane county convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The Tuesday session will be in the Christian church and the Wednesday meeting will be in the Methodist church.

Mrs. Ada Jolly of Portland, state president of the W. C. T. U. is scheduled to deliver the principal addresses of the convention.

Mrs. M. J. McKlin has been appointed chairman of the committee which will arrange entertainment for the convention delegates.

At a meeting of the Springfield chapter of the organization last Friday afternoon, Mrs. A. E. Batchelder was elected president for the coming year.

Other officers named were: Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson, first vice-president; Mrs. Mary Abrams, second vice-president; Mrs. Minnie Harris, secretary; Mrs. Mildred Gillette, treasurer; and Mrs. Charlotte Mustoe, corresponding secretary.

Installation of the new Springfield officers will be held at the next regular meeting, September 4.

MANY CONTRIBUTE TO FUND FOR OILING OF TWO LOCAL STREETS

Oiling of East Main and South Second streets, which was recently completed, was evidently appreciated by citizens here, according to George Vallier, street commissioner, who reports generous subscriptions to the fund for the work.

The following have contributed to date:

W. A. Hemenway, \$7.50; M. B. Huntley, \$7.50; Mutt and Jeff service station, \$5; W. A. Taylor, \$5; C. P. Clover, \$1.50; W. H. Adrian, \$5; C. F. Eggmann, \$2; L. J. Sherman, \$2.50; A. T. Brewer, \$1; William Goodman, \$1; W. W. Walker, \$1; V. J. Daniels, \$1; Booth-Kelly Lumber company, \$5; William Ridenbough, \$1; W. N. Long, \$2; First National bank, \$5; Wright and Sons, \$10.

T. F. Bennett, \$2; J. A. Nelson, \$2; N. A. Rowe, \$1; John F. Ketels, \$2; John Henderer, \$2; Springfield service station, \$2; Springfield Bakery, \$2; J. K. Robertson, \$1; Kafoury Brothers, \$5; A. T. Graves, \$1; Springfield Mill and Grain company, \$5; G. B. Bushman, \$5; H. E. Maxey, \$2; D. B. Murphy, \$5; Logan and Owen, \$3; Anderson and Clover, \$1; A. A. Anderson, \$1; Commercial state bank, \$5; F. B. Flaoery, \$2; Stuart and Holverson, \$2; E. R. Danner Motor company, \$2.50.

M. P. Mortensen, \$2.50; M. R. Adams, \$2.50; Eugene Kester, \$1; Willis Bertsch, \$3; Carl A. Wyman, \$1.

More money is needed for the fund and he will continue to solicit for it, Mr. Vallier said this morning.

COUNTY CHAMBER TO STUDY WIDENING OF MCKENZIE HIGHWAY

Because the proposed extension of the McKenzie highway to an 80-foot width will do considerable damage to residents of the McKenzie country, under the present plans, the Lane county chamber of commerce has appointed a committee with the view of working out a new routing.

According to members of the road committee of the county unit, residents of the section through which the road runs will suffer to a great extent if the present proposed route is carried out. Plans now drawn up would mean cutting across a number of fields, leaving them in irregular shape and impracticable for working. A number of farmers' houses and buildings also lie in the path of the route.

In order to remedy this situation, Welby Stevens of Springfield and C. W. Allen of Vida have been named by the county chamber to interview those along the route, in an attempt to arrive at a plan satisfactory with them. Whenever a satisfactory route is decided upon, the Lane county chamber will use its influence with the state highway commission to effect a change. T. J. Flippin, Jr., secretary of the group, stated this morning.

Highway plans for the widened road now provide for long straight stretches with a minimum number of turns.

Danner at Portland—E. R. Danner plans to go to Portland today to drive back a new Ford for delivery here.

Hop Pickers Will Begin Work Today

About 300 to Pick at Hop Island Ranch, Says Mr. Seavey; other Yards Will Start Soon

With the crop and markets both reported fair, hop picking was scheduled to begin in nearly all the yards in this district today, according to notices sent to several hundred pickers earlier in the week.

Prospects are declared excellent for a good crop and it is probable that the picking season will be fairly long, it is said.

Jeas Seavy, prominent grower of this vicinity, announced this week that picking will begin at Hop Island ranch this morning. Between 300 and 400 pickers will be needed by this one grower. Early hop picking will continue for about 10 days and another picking period starting about September 1, will continue for about the same time, Mr. Seavy stated.

The market this year is better than last year, Mr. Seavy said. To date, however, dealers have been reticent in bidding on the product and it is not certain just what the price will be. Much of the hop crop will go to Canada and Great Britain.

Mr. Seavy also operates the Stevens ranch north of Eugene. Pickers will start work about August 18 at the Hurd brothers ranch near Coburg. Yards at Harrisburg will be starting also within the next few days, the earliest being Boggs and Boggs, who began yesterday. Robert Stroda will start picking in his yard August 22 and J. W. Cartwright will start about August 20, according to calls being sent to pickers.

DELAY IN BUILDING FILL FOR NEW SPAN TO FIND OPPOSITION

Possibility that the fill for the approach of the new McKenzie highway bridge here may not be provided for until the February meeting of the state highway commission has started an inquiry by county officials to ascertain why the fill cannot be in by the time the bridge is completed.

In conversation with Mr. Paxton, bridge engineer of the state commission, County Judge C. P. Barnard learned this week that the matter of the fill will not be up until the February session in order that the expense may be budgeted for 1929.

Since the bridge cannot be used until the fill is completed and graveled, Judge Barnard announced that the county court will attend the September 25 meeting of the commission and urge that the work be done this fall. Lane county does not wish to use the old bridge here any longer than is absolutely necessary, Judge Barnard stated, and he will insist on action this fall.

Plans for moving the old bridge to Creswell are also being considered this week. If the structure could be used the chief expense would be in tearing down and erecting the steel. The bridge would be located 600 feet below the bridge now at Creswell at a site which already has been located.

LANE COUNTY PIONEER, TIMOTHY HOWARD, DIES

A pioneer of Lane county who crossed the plains by ox team in 1866, died at his home at Dexter last Thursday evening. He was Timothy Howard, 81.

Born in Fulton county, Ill., December 26, 1846, he lived in that state for some time, spent 16 years in Alaska and lived in Lane county the rest of his life.

Two sons, Roy Howard of Cottage Grove and Henry Howard of Portland, and one daughter, Mrs. John Allen of Cottage Grove, survive him.

Funeral services were held at the Pleasant Hill cemetery at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with Rev. C. H. Blom, pastor of the Springfield Baptist church, officiating. Veatch chapel of Eugene was in charge of arrangements.

WELL WATER NOT GOOD IN SUMMER, SAYS DOCTOR

Just because the water is clear and cold, Springfield people should not drink from wells during this period of the year, according to a statement issued this morning by Dr. W. H. Pollard, city health officer.

Bacteria count in the wells about town is high during hot weather and drinking the water places one liable to contract anything from typhoid fever to intestinal troubles. It is safe to drink city water because this is properly chlorinated at the plant here, he said.

BENJAMIN A. RUFFIN



Benjamin A. Ruffin was elected President of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the last session of the twelfth annual convention of the Association, held in Des Moines, Iowa, July 10-13, 1928. Mr. Ruffin was born and raised in Richmond, Virginia, which has always been his home.

The new president of Lions International is engaged in the general insurance business and is a partner of one of the leading firms of architects of the city, and also a director of many other companies. He is the author of various insurance papers and insurance forms which have been adopted by the American Bankers' Association and has spoken before many bankers' conventions in various states.

Mr. Ruffin has been associated with Lions International for a number of years, and due to his pleasing personality and eloquent oratorical power he has been constantly in demand as a speaker at district conventions, charter nights and everywhere Lions have gathered.

GIRL REVIVED AFTER TEN MINUTES IN WATER; DOCTOR'S TRIP QUICK

Making a record-breaking trip over 25 miles of the McKenzie highway to the Millcan store near the fish hatchery, Dr. W. C. Rebban of this city yesterday saved the life of four-year-old "Punkie" Walters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Walters, by artificial respiration.

The little girl, while playing around the bank of the river, fell in and was in the water 10 minutes before Carl Calef, employe of the store, located the body where it had lodged in the bottom of the stream. Several attempts were made before he reached the little girl.

Work was begun immediately in an effort to resuscitate the unconscious child, and Dr. Rebban was called by phone. He made the trip within a short time, to find the girl still unconscious. Parents of the child had almost given up hope when the doctor made his appearance, but breathing was quickly restored.

Mr. and Mrs. Walters are spending the summer at Alder Grove and are living in the summer home of J. E. Shelton. Mr. Walters is employed at the Leaburg power site.

NEWLYWEDS ARE HONORED GUESTS AT RECEPTION

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Anderson of Eugene who were married last Thursday evening were the honored guests at a party last Saturday evening.

Those present to greet the newlyweds were: Virgil McPherson, Miss Ray Brown, Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Riddle, Albert Lindley, Dorothy Girard, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Parsons, Floyd Throop, Theo Bartholemew, Esther McPherson, William Cox, Mrs. O. C. Rayburn, Johnny Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Lum Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Anderson.

Refreshments were served following the social evening.

MRS. MONA COFFIN, HERE FROM PORTLAND, HONORED

Honoring Mrs. Mona Coffin, a former Springfield resident, who was visiting here last week, several social affairs were held by her friends. While here she was a guest of Mrs. C. E. Wheaton and Mrs. N. W. Emery.

During the informal affairs honoring the Portland visitor was a dinner Thursday evening at which Margaret Moss was hostess. The guests were Mrs. Coffin, Mrs. J. T. Moore and Mrs. Wheaton. Mrs. Harry Lichty of Eugene was luncheon hostess at her home Friday noon and Mrs. Coffin, Mrs. Emery and Mrs. Wheaton were guests.

VOTE TO BUY BANK BUILDING PROPOSED

Council and Library Board Agree That People Should Vote to Buy Building at Second and Main for City Hall and Use Present Hall for Library; Stewart Delinquent.

A proposition for the city of Springfield to buy the old First National Bank building, at the corner of Second and Main streets, for a city hall and to convert the present city hall into a library may be on the ballot at the November election this fall. The matter was discussed by the council and members of the library board Monday evening when the board called on the council for a solution to its housing problem.

The women of the library board told the council that they would consider circulating a petition to amend the charter to give the council authority to sell bonds to buy the old bank building. They say that the library lost scores of books because of water damage last winter and that they are afraid the same thing may happen again. If the change proposed were effected, both buildings would have to be remodeled for use. In the present city hall the partition would have to be cut through into the fire engine part. New fire engine quarters would be necessary to be built onto the bank building if it were used for a city hall.

Councilman Stewart Delinquent

Councilman George Stewart, having been absent at three regular council meetings without applying for leave of absence, has disqualified himself under the city charter to hold office as councilman, it was reported at Monday night's meeting. A new member in his place will have to be nominated.

NEW STATION TO RISE WHEN BRIDGE IS DONE

Just as soon as the new bridge is completed he will be ready to open his new service station at the corner of Mill and Main streets, O. C. Thurman announced this morning.

Although no work has been done on the station yet, Mr. Thurman believes he will have plenty of time for the task before traffic begins on the new McKenzie structure.

At present Mr. Thurman is busy constructing a dwelling just in the rear of the old livery stable which is being demolished. Much of the rough lumber in the old barn is being used in building the new house. As soon as the residence is finished the remainder of the old structure will be torn down and work will begin on the service station.

LARSON BUYS INTEREST OF JONES IN STATION

Sale of his interest in the Mutt and Jeff service station to his partner, J. M. Larson, was announced last week-end by Virgil R. Jones.

Since the station was erected at the southeast corner of Second and Main streets Mr. Larson and Mr. Jones have operated it as a partnership business. Following the recent transaction, Mr. Larson, who is also manager of the Bell Theatre, has taken complete management.

Mr. Jones has not yet announced his future plans, although he expects to remain here.

BAPTISTS HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC AT AUTO PARK

Annual picnic of the Springfield Baptist church was held in the Midway auto park yesterday afternoon. A large group of church members and friends were present during the afternoon and early evening. Although the picnic was given especially for the children of the Sunday school, many parents and older persons were present.

Games and sports took up the major part of the afternoon, and at 6:30 o'clock a basket supper was served.

Street Jobs Finished

Grading and graveling of a block on L and one on Kelly was completed this week, according to George Vallier, street commissioner, who has been in charge of the work. Mr. Vallier is pleased with the job of oiling Second street which was recently completed and believes the street will hold up under traffic until travel is diverted over the new McKenzie highway bridge this winter.