

FILL CONTRACT TO AWAIT NEW PROBE

Objections of West Springfield Delegation Heeded by Highway Commission; Engineers Promise New Study of Claims That Will Create Hazard.

No fill will be made for the west approach of the Springfield bridge until highway engineers have made further study of the claims of West Springfield residents that an earthen fill would create a flood hazard.

This decision was reached at a meeting of the state highway commission at Portland Tuesday evening, when a delegation of West Springfield property holders appeared to object to the letting of the contract for the fill. The contract was to have been let at this meeting.

Bids for the work were received, but the commission took the objection of the delegation under advisement and announced that engineers would confer again with people in the affected district before the contract is let.

Dunne Bill Not Cause.
The Dunne bills which will have a large effect on the revenue of the highway department and which will be up for voting in the general election had nothing to do with the commission's decision to hold up work here, County Judge C. P. Barnard, who attended the meeting, stated. Although other contracts for construction work were tabled on this account, it was in respect to objections from West Springfield people that the fill contract was held up, he declared.

No protest to the fill was voiced by the county court at the last meeting, for the reason that as far back as January 1927 the court made a written protest covering the situation, Judge Barnard said. This protest was disregarded and the court did not feel that it should add anything else to the situation.

Delay is Certain
That delay in opening the bridge to traffic is certain is generally conceded. Just how long it will take the engineers and West Springfield people to thresh out the matter is problematical. Judge Barnard believes the engineers have their minds definitely made up that the fill will not create an additional hazard in fresher times and that they are not likely to make any concessions, however strong the arguments presented.

It was announced that the engineering committee of the commission will meet Springfield residents to consider the merits of concrete spans as against the proposed earthen fill. Date for this meeting has not been determined.

Eugene Bidder Low
The A. C. Mathews Sand and Gravel company of Eugene submitted the lowest bid for the work. This company will undoubtedly get the contract when it is let. Earl McDuff, also of Eugene, submitted a bid. Samuel and Neef, contractors who have been working on the Willamette highway near here for the past several months, were also bidders.

By taking the objections to the fill "under advisement" the commission reserves the right to let the contract at any time, is the opinion of Judge Barnard. Implications were, however, that no definite action will be taken until further conferences have been held, he said.

REV. C. J. PIKE NAMED TO FILL LOCAL PASTORATE

Filling the vacancy left by Rev. Gabriel Sykes, Rev. C. J. Pike, for the past year minister in the Oakridge church, has been appointed pastor of the Springfield Methodist church. The appointment was made at the Methodist conference at Hood River last week-end.

Both Rev. Pike and his wife are well-known to the local congregation. He has preached here several times and his wife, who is a musician, assisted in the music during a recent evangelistic campaign. They have moved into the parsonage next to the church building. Rev. and Mrs. Sykes are on a year's leave of absence due to the former's ill health.

Victim's Body Here

The body of Delbert Carter, log buckler who was killed in a logging accident near Winberry yesterday, was brought to the Walker-Poole chapel here this morning. He was fatally hurt when a log rolled on him and died before medical aid could reach him. Relatives who live at Winberry are expected here this morning to make arrangements for the funeral.

Local Man Tells of Fatal Cyclone

Murel Ceruti, Springfield Mechanic, Assists in Rescue Work at Rockford, Ill.

The experience of taking 11 dead and many injured persons out of wreckage left by the tornado in Rockford, Illinois, September 7, will remain in his mind for a long time, Murel Ceruti, mechanic at the Springfield garage, said today.

Mr. Ceruti, then on a visit with his parents in Rockford, experienced the twister and assisted in the relief work which followed. The cyclone hit one portion of the town at about 3 o'clock Friday afternoon and the local man worked continuously from then until Sunday morning at 4 o'clock.

"I was sitting in the courthouse gossiping with the sheriff of that county, who is a personal friend of mine," Mr. Ceruti said. "Fifteen minutes before the cyclone struck we could see it, but we thought it would go over the town without damage. When it did strike in the southeast part of town, several factories were demolished. There were 135 people in the factory where I assisted in rescue work. We took 11 dead and several injured from the wreckage and there were still 111 either dead or living in this one place.

"A cousin of mine, who was employed at another factory, quit work at 2 o'clock on Friday to come over and chat with me. At 3 o'clock many of his fellow workmen were beneath the debris of the factory building, dead or injured."

A heavy rain which started a few minutes after the cyclone prevented a fiery death of the imprisoned workmen, because a fire had started directly after the twister did its damage, Mr. Ceruti said.

He experienced similar cyclones in 1908, 1909, 1910 and 1912, he said.

WILL SUE WATER BOARD FOR ALLEGED DAMAGES

Because of damages alleged to have been done by crews of the Eugene Water board to her property near the power plant channel, Mrs. A. F. Purves, owner of the property, announced this week that she will begin suit against the water board.

She claims that during the clearing of the right-of-way for the power canal a valuable strip of timber was burned off, that other trees were hauled off the right-of-way and piled on her plow land, and that trees on another tract of land belonging to her were cut down without her consent.

She states also, that in spite of a contract by the water board to pay any damages incurred, she has not been reimbursed and therefore will seek legal remedy.

FIRE EQUIPMENT ADDED IN TWO LOCAL SCHOOLS

In order to provide better protection from fire for the high school and Lincoln school buildings, new equipment was added in each of these buildings Monday.

A 50-foot hose, one and a half inch size, was installed in the high school hall in addition to that which is already in use there. A chemical fire extinguisher of two and a half gallons capacity was placed in the Lincoln school.

The equipment was recently ordered by the board of education and Fire Chief Jesse Smitson installed it.

MRS. HAMLIN'S BROTHER SUCCUMBS IN ROSEBURG

Word has been received here of the death last Friday of John Williams of Roseburg, brother of Mrs. F. B. Hamlin of this city. Mrs. Hamlin was in Roseburg at the time of her brother's death which followed an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. Williams had visited here a number of times and was known by a number of Springfield people. Mrs. Hamlin also has two sisters in Roseburg.

BLUE RIVER FOX FARM MAN BUYS NEW BREED

Four pairs of silver foxes, which cost \$10,000, have been purchased by William Taufger, owner and manager of the Blue River fox farms.

Mr. Taufger returned last week-end from Shasta City, California, where the United States Silver Fox farm is located. He conferred with experts there and decided to add the breed to his farm.

He expects to add to the stock as his business increases.

ATTENDANCE AT ALL SPRINGFIELD SCHOOLS INCREASES THIS WEEK

Enrollment in all three Springfield schools showed an increase with the opening of the second week Monday.

The same standings as were shown on the first day still exist, with the Lincoln school in the lead in the number enrolled, Brattain school second and the high school third.

At the Lincoln school this week were 220 students. Last week the total was 210, but since then five pupils were shifted from the Brattain school and two new students enrolled in the Fourth-A and Sixth-A grades and one in the junior high school.

Although five students were taken away, the Brattain enrollment increased by one student, making the present total 201.

The high school is just one behind this figure, with an even 200 freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors in class.

In all of the schools the attendance record is the highest in the history of this city.

CHURCH NIGHT PROGRAM WILL BE FRIDAY NIGHT

The Loyal Women's class of the Christian Sunday school will provide the entertainment program for the regular monthly "church night" which is to be held in the church parlors tomorrow evening.

A program of music and readings is being planned for the evening.

The men's class of the Sunday school is furnishing the refreshments.

Complete program for the event follows: Piano duet, Agatha Beals and Winifrid Tyson; reading, Mrs. A. B. Kepner; vocal solo, Katherine Hemenway (composer of the words and music); piano solo, Irene Anderson; reading, Dr. Jaynes; vocal solo, Dean Beals; piano solo, Dorothy Withers; reading, Elsie Beals; reading, Mrs. Glenn C. Radabaugh; vocal solo, Agatha Beals; whistling solo, LaVerne McPherson; dialogue, Doris Rayburn and Frank Anderson.

HIGH SCHOOL GRIDSTERS CHALLENGED TO CONTEST

Springfield high school football team has been challenged to a game here on Armistice day. Town players, with more or less experience in the game, want a chance to battle the high school boys.

William Vashy who is in charge of the town team, says he wants enough players so that no one may have to be depended upon for more than two minutes of play at a time. This, he thinks, is about as long as the older players will be able to last against the high school huskies. The challenge has not yet been accepted.

HARRY STEWART NAMED ON DEMOCRATIC GROUP

Harry M. Stewart, Springfield, has been named a member of the executive committee of the Lane county Democratic central committee. The appointment was made at a meeting of county democrats in Eugene last Saturday. F. L. Armitage is chairman of the central committee.

Many democrats of this county are planning to attend the meeting in Portland, October 23, when Senator Joe Robinson, candidate for vice-president, will speak, Mr. Stewart reported.

All candidate for county offices on the democratic ticket were present at the meeting last Saturday.

SCOUTS PREPARE DINNER FOR LIONS AND WIVES

Boy Scouts of the Lions club troop proved their culinary skill even beyond the expectations of members of the Lions club and their wives who were guests of the scouts at a dinner at the chamber of commerce Wednesday evening.

Delicious roast beef, sweet potatoes, corn and salad were served by the scouts after they had prepared the dishes. The dinner was to have been on the banks of the river, but inclement weather forced them inside.

After the dinner the boys gave demonstrations in first aid and knot tying. C. R. Clark, Lane county executive, was a guest and spoke of the gathering on scouting.

Auto Thief Frustrated

Fred Hinson, night watchman, reported Tuesday that he frustrated an attempt of a man to steal the car belonging to W. M. Goodman at 2 o'clock that morning. He heard someone trying to start the machine, started for it and when he neared it the prowler jumped out and ran away.

Seven Candidates Named by Four-L

Roy Carlton Elected Delegate to District Convention; Essay Contest to be Held

Seven nominees for executive offices in the Springfield local, No. 70, Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, were named at the meeting of the organization Monday night.

They are: W. P. Tyson, Roy Carlton, Frank Sidwell, E. S. Michels, Levi Neet, W. E. Neelson and Thorwald Nysten.

A ballot to be taken at the Booth-Kelly Lumber company mill next Monday will determine who are to be the officers of the chapter for the next six-months' terms. The candidate receiving the most votes will be chairman, the one receiving the second largest number will be vice-chairman and the one getting the third largest number will become the third member of the conference committee.

Two Officers Re-Elected

John King, secretary, and Ed Kester, treasurer, were both re-elected to their respective offices. Nels Fisher's term as a member of the board of trustees expired and George Cox was elected to take his place. Moody Neet and Roy Carlton are the two senior members of the board.

Mr. Carlton was elected delegate to the district convention at Toledo, October 6 and his name was suggested as a member of the district board for the next two-year term. Members of this board are to be selected by the present board at the meeting at Toledo. Other locals will also propose candidates for this position.

The Springfield local voted \$21 for prizes in an essay contest to be conducted in the schools under the auspices of the Four-L. Wood promotion work will be the general subject of the essays, rules for which are to be announced by Roy Carlton, chairman of the wood promotion committee of the Four-L, at a later date.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE PLANNED BY LOCAL PARENTS-TEACHERS

"Every parent and every teacher a member of the P.-T. A." was the slogan adopted at the first meeting of the Springfield Parent-Teachers' association at the Lincoln school last Friday. Details of a membership drive based on this slogan will be worked out before the next meeting of the group.

Mrs. L. K. Page was unanimously elected secretary to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. Frank Deeds. The new officer is now out of the city and Mrs. Ella Lombard will take the office until she returns.

Delegates and alternates to the state P.-T. A. convention at Roseburg October 25-27 were named as follows: Mrs. Pratt Holverson, president, and Mrs. L. K. Page, delegates; Mrs. Bernice Van Valzah and Mrs. H. E. Maxey, alternates.

Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway and Mrs. W. W. Walker were appointed to revise the bylaws of the organization. Other committees named by the president were:

Program, Mrs. L. K. Page, chairman, Mrs. W. K. Barnell and music teachers in the three schools forming the rest of the committee.

The ways and means committee was not appointed at the meeting.

Press, Mrs. H. E. Maxey, Mrs. Ella Lombard.

Community chest, Mrs. Van Valzah, Mrs. Riley Snodgrass, Mrs. Vina McLean and Mrs. Hannah Lepley.

Reception, Mrs. Cliff Abrams, Mrs. W. P. Tyson, Mrs. E. May, Mrs. W. H. Pollard, Mrs. Wm. Dow and Mrs. Hannah Lepley.

Invitation of the Girls' League of the high school to a social time and refreshments in the high school building Friday evening, October 19, was accepted by the P.-T. A. Fathers will also attend this gathering.

Health Tests Made

Examinations to determine the height and weight of pupils in the primary grades of the Brattain school were begun Wednesday. Most of the pupils were normal in both these respects, unofficial records showed. Eye, ear, nose and throat examinations will be made later in the year.

Teachers Have Party

Faculty members of Springfield high school held a "get-acquainted" party at the high school last night. The affair honored the new teachers and the members of the school board and their wives. A general invitation to all teachers in the three local schools was extended.

Dempsey Becomes Actor



AUTOCASTER
Jack and Mrs. Dempsey (Estelle Taylor), as they appeared starring in the new play on Broadway called "The Big Fight."

REPUBLICANS WILL HAVE TWO LARGE MEETINGS

A big republican rally with representatives present from each of the 17 counties comprising the first congressional district of Oregon will be held Saturday evening, October 6, at the court house in Eugene. State and nationally known speakers will be on the program for the evening, arrangements for which are being made by H. E. Maxey, Lane county congressional committeeman.

Phil Metschan, chairman of the republican state central committee, and Ralph Williams, national committeeman, will be on hand at the big rally. Dr. M. C. Harris, chairman of the Lane county Republican central committee, extending invitations to Republican leaders and county committeemen from all parts of Western Oregon.

Many prominent men of the state will be in Eugene October 6 to see the Stanford-Oregon football game and also attend the rally. The congressional committeemen will meet at a banquet at 6 o'clock. Following this meeting at 8 o'clock the big rally open to the general public will be held.

Precinct Men to Meet

Prominent outside Republican leaders are scheduled to speak at a meeting of the Lane county Republican central committee called for September 29, at 2 o'clock in the circuit court room of the Lane county court house.

The mass meeting is for all precinct committeemen, according to the announcement by Dr. M. C. Harris, chairman of the central committee.

Stress is being laid heavily on seeing that all voters are registered for the general election. October 6 is the deadline for registration.

WOMEN'S CIVIC CLUB WILL FETE HUSBANDS

Plans for a 6:30 o'clock covered dish dinner at which husbands will be guests were made at the first meeting of the Springfield Women's Civic club for the fall season on Tuesday. The dinner will be held in the chamber of commerce Tuesday evening, October 9.

Mrs. W. W. Walker, president of the club, appointed the following committees: Study committee, Mrs. J. F. Ketels, Mrs. I. M. Peterson and Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway; ways and means committee for October and November, Mrs. W. C. McLagan, Mrs. I. A. Valentine, Mrs. L. K. Page, Mrs. David Faltsman and Mrs. Bernice Van Valzah.

HOOVER CLUB ORGANIZED FOR LANE COUNTY WOMEN

A "Hoover-for-President Club" for women of Lane county is being organized and women of Springfield are eligible, according to Mrs. M. B. Huntly, Springfield, member of the Lane County Republican central committee who is in charge of enrollment here. Cards for enrollment in the club may be obtained at Huntly's delicatessen store. A souvenir thimble is presented each woman who joins the club.

ART CLASSES TO BEGIN AT BRATTAIN TUESDAY

Art classes for children and adults which will be conducted this year in the Brattain school will begin next Tuesday afternoon, according to Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway, principal.

W. A. Elkins of Eugene, artist and art instructor, will be in charge of the classes which are open to anyone who wishes to attend them.

The classes in which most of the adults will take their work will convene at 3:30 o'clock. The other class, which is also open to adults, will meet at 2:30 o'clock on the same day.

Hansons are Hosts—Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hansons were hosts this week to an informal dinner party at which Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Laird were guests.

CAMPAIGN STARTS TO BEAUTIFY CITY

Old Buildings to be Torn Down to Improve Appearance of West Part of Business Section; Opening of New Bridge Soon Prompts Action.

Some of Springfield's oldest buildings are shortly to fall in a campaign to beautify the west section of the business part of town. The campaign is preparatory to the opening of the new Springfield bridge.

First four of the series of buildings to come down will be the old Monte Cristo saloon between the end of Main street and the Springfield Mill and Grain company on Mill street, the old laundry building at the corner of Mill and Main, the Stacey Russell building just east of the laundry building and the Second Avenue garage building at the mill race on Second street.

Fire Hazards Sited

A number of private citizens and members of the Springfield city council are behind the move to beautify this section of town preliminary to the opening of the bridge.

It is pointed out that the campaign will not only improve the appearance of the section involved, but will remove some real fire hazards.

Effort is being made to induce owners of other buildings in the city which are not in use and which have been allowed to become more or less of a blot on the appearance of the town, as well as fire hazards, to raze the buildings soon.

Old Saloon to Go

Among the oldest structures to fall will be the old building which housed the Monte Cristo saloon. "Si" Jones has already begun tearing down this historic old edifice. Just how old it is nobody seems to know. At any rate, old residents state, it has seen most of the development of Springfield since the town received its charter.

Within the next few days A. B. Kepner will begin demolishing the old laundry building. He will take the lumber to his ranch near this city to use it for erecting several sheep sheds and other out buildings.

The Stacey Russell building next door will be the next in line. Just who will tear this structure down is not known yet.

B.-K. Ownes One

City Recorder I. M. Peterson has written A. C. Dixon, general manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, which owns the Second Avenue garage building, asking privilege to have the building torn down. He has as yet received no reply, but expects consent of the company, since the building is not in use and since the costs of tearing it down will not be on the lumber company.

Those who are back of the beautifying campaign believe that within a short time the move will be made general and several of the older buildings not in use will be taken out. They expect a heavily increased traffic when the new bridge is opened.

Another old building will be improved, it was announced this week by William Vashy, who is tearing the top portion off his building at the corner of Third and Main streets. He will leave the lower portion and remodel it into a modern building. The Archway pool hall which has been in this part of the building is now located in the Stevens building.

ORCHESTRA OF CHURCH HOLDS FIRST PRACTICE

First meeting and rehearsal of the Springfield Christian church orchestra was held at Dean Beals' Monday evening. The orchestra will make its first appearance at the rally day exercises of the church on October 21.

E. E. Morrison, who has been in charge of the orchestra of the church for the past seven years, will direct the organization. Personnel of the orchestra at present includes: Agatha Beals, pianist; Frances Travis, Ted Montgomery, violin; D. S. Beals, trombone; Ota Luce and Mr. Morrison, cornets; H. K. Phillips and Glenn Radabaugh, saxophones. At least two more violins and possibly one or two other instruments will be added to the orchestra shortly, Mr. Morrison stated.

Entertainment Held

The teachers in the Springfield schools and local young people who are attending the University of Oregon were the guests of honor at the Methodist church at a social Tuesday evening. The program was presented by the Young Married Women's Bible class and refreshments were served by Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah's class.