

## CITY BAND TO GIVE SECOND CONCERT

Proceeds of Second Entertainment to Defray Expenses of Local Musical Unit; 16 Numbers on Program for Bell Theatre.

The second benefit concert for Springfield music lovers will be presented by the Springfield band Wednesday night, December 19, at the Bell theatre.

The proceeds from the concert will be used to help defray the expenses of the band which is in need of money, according to H. K. Phillips, manager of the band.

Mr. Phillips has rounded up a program that it is believed has never been equalled in Springfield. Six high class numbers are arranged on the program for the concert, which will feature the band especially. The band director went from place to place seeking material for the evening's entertainment, and indications are that the program next Wednesday will be of an extraordinary calibre.

"If the public supports this concert in a good manner, it will be possible to present these large concerts once a month," was the statement issued last night by Phillips. Whether the band will continue in good financial condition or not will be greatly determined by the way in which the local public backs next Wednesday's concert. Phillips stressed the fact that they are not attempting to commercialize the musical group. He feels that the only logical way of meeting its expenditures is for the band to present such concerts.

## SEDAN WRECKED ALONG McKENZIE ROAD SUNDAY

The left side of a 1928 model Oakland sedan automobile was smashed Sunday night on the McKenzie highway about six miles east of Vida when the car driven by J. Sellers of Springfield crashed into a stump. No one was hurt as a result of the mishap.

The accident occurred as a result of the driver being blinded by the lights of another vehicle that was backing into the road, on a curve. Mr. Sellers was forced to hit the stump just off the highway.

Mr. Sellers had recently returned from Montana, and took out his sedan from the Danner garage, where the automobile had been stored for the last eight months, without being moved.

The car was hauled into Springfield Monday by workers of the Danner Motor company. Windows were broken, and the left side, especially the front, was wrecked considerably.

## DOCTORS GIVE CHANGES IN INFLUENZA SITUATION

Fluctuations in the number of cases of influenza in the Springfield district have been noticed during the past week with a gradual increase in the outlying country as the number of cases decreased within the city.

Dr. W. H. Pollard was called out several times the past week to care for cases of contagious diseases. The situation in Springfield alone is gradually depreciating in seriousness, according to Dr. W. C. Rehban, who has handled several patients since the epidemic took effect.

However, the doctors in this city still report that the epidemic is still here, for they all have influenza patients today. The general opinion is that the graveness of the trouble is simmering down in this part of the country while the middle west and the eastern divisions of the continent are now undergoing the epidemic heavier than ever. Several schools and universities have been closed in the Middle West because of the large number in influenza cases.

Informative directions have been given continually by doctors to the public in an effort to halt the spread of the disease any more than what it is necessary.

### P. T. A. Meets Friday.

The Springfield Parent Teachers association will meet Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Lincoln school building.

A program will be presented by members of the first, second, third, and fourth grades. A candy sale will be put on by the Girls' league of the Junior high school with Mrs. Marjorie Lasalle in charge.

## Benefactor



Photo shows Milton S. Hershey, chocolate manufacturer, who has presented the town of Hershey, Pa., with a two million dollar community center. This is the latest gift of Hershey to the town with which he is closely identified.

Hershey was born at Derry Township, Pa., in 1857, and began manufacturing chocolate in 1893 at Lancaster. He is now chairman of the Board of the Hershey Chocolate Company and owner of practically all the stock. His home is at Hershey, Pa.

## CASCADE HIGHWAY FROM PORTLAND TO HERE IS ENDORSED AT MEETING

A resolution urging the state highway commission to make an immediate survey of the proposed Cascade state highway from Portland to Springfield or Eugene was unanimously adopted Wednesday by the East Side Commercial club of Portland. The proposed road would pass through Oregon City, Molalla, Silverton, Stayton, and Lebanon.

A. J. Perkins attended the meeting as a delegate from the Springfield chamber of commerce. Delegates from the various communities on the desired route were also present at the gathering.

Pointing out that about fifty thousand persons living on the fertile east side of the Willamette valley would be provided with a means of through travel to Portland, the organization unanimously endorsed the project after hearing speakers argue for the investigation of the route. Speeches were also made telling of the other benefits to be derived from construction of such a highway.

Much of the road is now constructed, it was said at the Portland meeting, the Portland-Molalla stretch being paved already.

## M. E. CHURCH TO HOLD USUAL SUNDAY SERVICES

Regular services will be held at the Methodist church Sunday morning and evening. It was announced in the absence of Rev. C. J. Pike, who went out of town today.

Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a. m. and the regular service will be held at 11 a. m. The choir will sing an anthem entitled, "Let This Mind Be In You," by Chapman.

Violet Runte will be the leader of the Epworth League service at 6:30 p. m. Christmas songs will be the subject of the meeting. Mrs. C. J. Pike will sing a solo.

The regular evening service will be held at 7:30 p. m. with a sermon to be delivered by Rev. C. J. Pike with a special number to be rendered by the choir.

## COUNCIL HOLDS LAST SESSION THIS YEAR

The last meeting of the present city council before the new members take office was held Monday evening. Only routine business was transacted as the members did not want to start any new work for next year.

M. J. McKlin, senior member of the council, L. L. May and Harry Stewart are retiring from the council and Mayor G. G. Bushman is relinquishing his office to C. O. Wilson. W. P. Tyson is the only member holding over. W. C. McLagan, W. A. Taylor, and H. J. Cox will be sworn in the first of the year, they having been elected at the November election.

## BAPTIST CHURCH TOPICS FOR SUNDAY ANNOUNCED

"The Word" is the sermon topic of Rev. C. H. Blom to be delivered this Sunday at the eleven o'clock morning service at the Springfield Baptist church. Bible school will meet at 10 o'clock in the morning.

"Possessing our Possessions" will be topic for the Gospel service to be held at 7:30 in the evening. The B. Y. P. U. service will be held at 6:30 p. m.

Special selections by the choir will be rendered at both services. Prayer service and Bible study will be held at the church tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

## Christmas Mail Rush Starts Here

Extra Help to Be Hired by Springfield Postoffice; Vaughn Returns

O. L. Vaughn, regular city mail carrier, who has been absent from his postal duties due to illness, returned to work this week, in time to be prepared for the annual Christmas mail rush. During his absence, Vaughn was replaced by Roscoe Perkins. The latter, however, will remain on duty at the postoffice as part of the extra help hired for the annual holiday rush.

The Christmas packages and other holiday mail have begun rolling in by the large numbers, according to F. B. Hamlin, local postmaster. With the mail bags expanding, Hamlin is finding it necessary to hire extra help for the Christmas rush. About three men will be used in the campaign to accommodate in a good fashion Springfield gift senders.

With so many holiday packages being mailed at an early date, the results of the educational campaign put on by the United States Postal department throughout the country is being realized. Mr. Hamlin advises local people to take advantage of the government insurance on packages, because for a very nominal sum, the contents of a very valuable package can be replaced in case of damage in the mails.

Boxes are being sent from here to Panama Canal, Europe, Canada, to various and distant points in the United States, and to various other points on the world map.

Prominent in the campaign of the United States postal department to prevent congestion of holiday mail trains are the air mail routes. Aware of the part they will soon play, the nation's 27 mail routes are literally preparing their wings in anticipation of a tremendous volume of holiday mail—greeting cards, letters, and even small gift packages. Millions are being spent in purchasing new and larger planes, and every route is preparing to throw its reserve planes into action to carry the bumper crop of Christmas cheer.

The recent air mail postage reduction more than anything else will influence the volume of holiday air mail leaving the Pacific Northwest for the east and middle west, according to Claud V. O'Callaghan, traffic manager of the northwest division of the transcontinental air mail.

## Basketball Men Begin Practise

15 Men Answer First Call of Coach Mayfield; Star Quintet Looms

With the football championship safely tucked away, the students of the Springfield high school are now turning their attention to the prospects of a winning basketball team.

Indications that the local prep institution would have a quintet of championship calibre became more realized Monday evening when 15 men reported to Coach Leonard Mayfield for the first practice of the season. More men showed up at the practices following during the week, and when the actual warming up sessions begin next week, Coach Mayfield expects to have about 20 men on hand daily.

Chopping of the number of men on the squad will not take place for a little while yet. Mayfield is endeavoring to get a good line on his men, so that he may know the qualities of each prospect before rulling out ones from the list of official squad numbers.

When the first practice was called Monday afternoon, four lettermen reported, namely, Thayer McMurray and Coy Leathers, forwards; Lawrence Roof, center; and Frances Deeds, guard. The Squires brothers, Everett and Freeman, who perform well in last season's tilts, were expected to report later in the week.

With these six men as a nucleus for casaba blood, the going is slated to be hard for opponents of the Springfield quintet. But the six lettermen are also meeting competition within their own ranks in the personages of new players who are working doubly hard in an effort to work themselves into some position on the maple court five. Coach Mayfield, who has usually been bothered with the trouble of deciding among several good men for a certain post in the lineup, fears that the usual predicament is bound to arise again this year because of the fact that the list of prospects presents many fast basketball men.

A full schedule is being drawn up for the mill city lads who are always on the go for more competition wherever they go. Games have already been slated with Eugene high, University high, which won the championship last year, Cottage Grove high, and Lebanon high. Tentative games are being arranged between the Springfield hoopers and St. Marys, Coburg, and Shedd.

## Engaged to Joie Ray



Pretty and shapely Alice Eldridge, famous Boston swimmer, has become engaged to Joie Ray, famous marathon runner.

## SNOW MAY BLOCK TRAFFIC OVER PASS ON McKENZIE HIGHWAY

Stormy weather and a white avalanche of snow threaten to block the McKenzie highway from here to Bend. As the week opened, five inches of snow had fallen on the road fourteen miles west of Sisters, but highway department crews have been kept at work all through the week in an effort to keep the road clear for traffic.

Motorists have continued to use the pass highway, but the greater number of them have been using chains as a protection against the slippery mountain roads being made as a result of the current weather.

The pass is expected to remain open at least till January 1. Crews of workmen will do everything in their power to keep the snow cleared away until at least the first of the year.

Motorists are urged by highway experts to drive carefully up the McKenzie road because of its irregularity together with the slippery auto paths is to inductive to accidents.

## LOCAL LEGION AUXILIARY TO SEND XMAS BOXES

Christmas cheer will be sent out by members of the Ladies' auxiliary of the Springfield American Legion which met last Friday night in the chamber of commerce hall.

The local women's group will supply four boxes for the veterans' hospitals at the request of the national headquarters which has apportioned the number of boxes to be made up by each chapter of the national organization. Just what hospital will receive the Springfield boxes has not as yet been determined.

A box of toys for children of the veterans in the hospital in Portland will be made up by the local ladies as part of their manner of sending cheer annually.

Mrs. F. B. Hamlin presided at the meeting in place of Mrs. M. B. Huntly, president, who was ill with the flu.

## LEGION TO RESUME WORK WITH MEETING ON DEC. 21

Renewed activity of the Springfield Post No. 40 of the American Legion is slated to take place this month, now that J. M. Larson, post commander, has returned to Springfield after a long illness while in a hospital in Tacoma, Washington.

Larson announced that the local order will get started again beginning with a meeting of the local group on Friday, December 21. Plans are being made to hold the meeting in the chamber of commerce room.

Old matters of business will be discussed as will plans for future programs and activities.

## MAXINE SMITSON ENJOYS BIRTHDAY WITH PARTY

A jolly group of sixteen little friends met at the home of Maxine Smitson to help celebrate her ninth birthday. Games were played and delightful refreshments were served by the hostess's mother assisted by Miss Lucille Fritts. An enjoyable afternoon was spent by all those who attended.

Those who were present at the affair are: Isyl Keeler, Mary Smitson, Irene Anderson, Florence May, Frances Keeler, Lillian Butler, Mary Fritts, Bernice Smith, Ruth Keeler, Margaret Butler, Geneva Fritts, Ila Putman, Juan Stratton, Maxine Vallier, Louise Cogill, Marjorie Moon, and the little hostess.

## JAMES O'CONNELL, 82, DROPS DEAD

Civil War Veteran was on Way to See Doctor; Picked Up in Front of Hotel; Was Intimate Friend of John Ketels; Funeral Notices Later.

Write on his way to see a doctor for treatment, James O'Connell, better known to all Springfield as "Uncle Jimmy", fell dead on the sidewalk in front of the Springfield hotel a little after nine o'clock Wednesday morning. He was to have celebrated his 83rd birthday this coming June 11.

He was picked up by several men in and around the hotel and taken inside the living quarters, but he was dead. No one as yet offers a statement of having seen the elderly man fall to his death. He was found lying on the sidewalk helpless.

Mr. O'Connell had left the John Ketels' home on Second and A street, where he had resided since coming to Springfield a little more than three years ago, about nine o'clock in the morning to see his doctor. He had been ill with the flu for several days.

Early Wednesday morning the elderly man complained to Mr. and Mrs. Ketels about the condition of his stomach. Mr. Ketels had gone to town and was headed for the Ketels drug store. Just before he left the Ketels' residence, Mr. O'Connell was given a hot glass of lemonade by Mrs. Ketels, who was in the house alone with the aged man.

The 82-year old veteran of the Civil War started out on his way to the doctor's office, but he also started on his last lap of life. Stroking east on Main street, Mr. O'Connell met death when he presumably fell to the sidewalk. A passerby noticed the aged man up and brought him into the hotel assisted by a few other men who were in the hotel at the time.

The people in the hotel immediately called for Mr. Ketels, Sr. at the drug store, and he rushed to the scene to find his friend had passed away.

The body was placed in charge of the Walker-Poole funeral home. No announcements have been made as yet of the exact date and place of the funeral. More definite data will be obtainable Friday or Saturday when Mrs. I. Call, half sister of Mr. O'Connell, of Nampa, Idaho, arrives in Springfield.

Mr. O'Connell was unmarried, and his only known relative is Mrs. Call of Nampa.

The dramatic story of how the Ketels became such great friends of Mr. O'Connell was related to Springfield News by John Ketels, Sr., who himself was shocked by the news. Mr. Ketels was indeed surprised at the manner in which his old time friend met his death.

Mr. Ketels told of the two acquiring their friendship in 1898, when they first met in the Blue Mountain district. At that time, Mr. O'Connell was millwright and Mr. Ketels a foreman in a mill. Since their meeting in the mill, the two men have been very intimate friends.

In 1903, O'Connell helped start up a Masonic lodge in Baker county. He was a charter member of the lodge there. He became worshipful master of the McEwan lodge, no. 125. He took some part in Masonic activities here as well.

Mr. O'Connell was a veteran of the Civil War. He enlisted for service in 1865, and when the war ended, he re-enlisted till 1868. He was a member of the Geary post, Eugene chapter of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The veteran formerly owned a farm near Lowell, Oregon, but he sold it in October 1925, and since then had lived with the Ketels in Springfield. He acquired numerous friendships while he lived here, and was given the popular name of "Uncle Jimmy."

Mr. Ketels telegraphed to Nampa, Idaho, yesterday to relate the news to Mr. O'Connell's half sister, who will come here Friday or Saturday. Mr. Ketels stated that Mr. O'Connell had once stated his preference of being buried in the G. A. R. cemetery, although it may be that both the Masons and the G. A. R. men will jointly conduct the funeral services.

Gillette Has Flu—Harry Gillette has been confined to his home with a case of the flu. C. A. Eastman is taking his place at the A. R. Sneed store.

## Honor Roll for Second Six Weeks Period Announced

Isyl Keeler, Vivian Miller, Doris Munn, Muriel Tyson.

### Fourth B Grade

Honor Roll: Ruth Keeler.  
Perfect Attendance: Bill Burnett, Dale Carson, Jean Daniels, Delma Gaspy, Earl House, Lawrence Jones, Roy Steele, Scott Wright, Louise Cogell, Jennie Jackson, Ruth Keeler, Jean Lloyd, Ila Putman, Bernice Smith Maxine Smitson, Maxine Vallier.

### Fourth A Grade

Scholarship: Roland Farnsworth. Barbara Barnett, Frances Keeler, Florence May.

Perfect Attendance: Barbara Barnett, Frances Keeler, Florence May, Irene Anderson Bernice Barnes, Marjorie Moon, Mary Moore, Loise Wilson, Emerson Ables, Elmer Chase, Roscoe Cole, Floyd Green, Neal Dederson, Stephen Rice, Gordon Gillett.

### Sixth A Grade

Honor Roll: Vivian Runte, Echo Tomseth.

Perfect Attendance: Clara Barnes, Elsie Beals, Eileen Baker, Ellen Cox, Melba Lowery, Lela Peterson, Vivian Runte, Juanita, Seaman, Mary Smitson, Faye Stratton, Mary Tate, Echo Tomseth, Mary Uchtyll, Harold Garrett, James Gott, Clair Hadley, Idivn House, Donald Nelson, Verlin Posey, Bruce Squires.

### Seventh and Eighth Grades

Honor Roll: Marie Coffelt, June Geizer, Marcelline Seavey, Leola Gates, Beatrice Gillette, Eva Louk, Melba Harris, Elwina Meacham.

Perfect Attendance: Frank Schrader, Robert Stark, Elwina Meacham, Beulah Richardson, Joel Cowden, Milton Doane, Donald Hawk, John James, Blanche Bates, Leola Gates, Beatrice Gillette, Milba Harris, Elizabeth Hemenway, Beth Jennings, Bertha Keenan, Lela Maxwell, Bernadine McFarland, Marjorie Prochnow, Velma Seaverson, Esther Werdlow, Belzona Hill, Everett Chetwood, Keith Currie, Melvin Foss, Ralph Gillette, Charles Johnson, Charles Steele, Evead House, Robert Nice, Bettie Currie.

### Second and Third Grades

Honor Roll: Doris Munn, Muriel Tyson, Frank Bennett, Billie Foster, Perfect Attendance: Kenneth Ables, Frank Bennett, Burt Currie, Junior Edcott, Burnell Gates, Jack Hake, Donald House, Robert Nice, Bettie Currie.

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