

## CHRISTMAS MARKED BY YULETIDE SPIRIT

### Springfield Folks Made Happy; Gifts Bring Cheer to Hearts of the Needy; Business Places Closed on Christmas Day; Programs at Churches.

Springfield awoke Christmas morning to a flood of sunshine and joy. As if to make merry with the rest of the world the clouds that had enshrouded the hills broke with the coming of day and through the rifts of mist drifting away the morning sun shone forth its Merry Christmas.

Santa Claus blew in on Christmas eve, not as he went, to the merry jangle of the sleighbells, but to the pat, pat, of a good old webfoot rain. He was none the less welcome, and the joy of the little ones as they waited breathlessly for their benefactor of Yuletide to bring them their heart's desires was no less full.

### Scouts Bring Gifts

From the outside Christmas day seemed a very quiet one but in the homes and at the firesides happy children and just as happy grown-ups rejoiced in the spirit of giving and receiving. A few of Springfield's less fortunate children whom this Yuletide found in want were made happy by gifts sent to them by the local troop of Boy Scouts. A canvas of the town was made before Christmas to find the children who were in need and such gifts as would gladden the hearts of the young ones were donated by the boys of the boy scouts and by townspeople. Presents were sent to the children of five families. The drive went over well, and more contributions than were anticipated were received, according to C. L. Aldrich, scoutmaster.

### Dramatic Club Gives Play

The play given by the Dramatics club of the Springfield high school as their annual Christmas program last Friday spoke well for the local talent. Seven of the high school dramatists, Ruth Bettles, Jule Pollard, Nadine McMurray, Audrey Moskop, Lucille Richmond, Everett Squires, and John Lynch were in the cast. Much credit is due to Miss Maurine Lombard who has been coaching the play as well as the excellence of the individual players. Lucille Richmond in the part of the quaint old lady, did her part well maintaining her difficult role throughout the play. The play was well attended by friends and relatives of the high school students. After the play a treat was given by the faculty for the students of the high school.

### Christmas Program at Brattain School

A Christmas program was given at the Brattain school by the pupils of the different grades. The first and second grade gave their program as a unit, the two third grades as a unit, and the fifth and sixth as a unit. Each room had a separate Christmas tree where the children exchanged presents with one and another.

### Churches Have Special Services

Christmas services were given at the Christian church last Sunday. An impressive morning and evening program consisting of selections given by the following persons was very much enjoyed. Those on the program were: Roscoe Cole, Charles Cole, Murnby Moshier quartet, Donald Childers, Daniel Read, James Hemenway, Miss May Etta Moon, Lawrence Sunkler, Velma Petticoat and members of the double male quartet, members of the choir and members of the orchestra. The beginners' class and the sunbeam class of the primary department also appeared. The double male quartet sang.

### Christmas Program at Baptist Church

The Christmas program for the Baptist church given last Sunday consisted of a dramatic pageant portraying the birth of Christ. The following members appeared in the play: Mrs. Roy Carlton, Ina Hubbard, Harry Chase, Wilford Cook, Oscar Gladdish, Roy Carlton, Fred Frese, P. H. Emery, Truman Chase, Lloyd Frese, Marvin Chase, C. H. Blom, M. M. Penzra, Paul Frese, Myrtle Harvey, Homar Chase and Chester Chase.

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### McKENZIE PASS CLOSED; SNOW IS DEEP IN HILLS; BROOMS KEPT BUSY

Springfield got its first real treat for the year of the beautiful white this morning, when it awoke to a snow-covered ground. The snow began falling last evening which alternated between snow and rain and this morning the ground was velvety with about an inch of the white.

Heavy snows were reported in the hills, with from a foot and a half to two feet reported on the summit of McKenzie pass. The highway pass is closed and will probably be closed for the rest of the year, is the opinion of highway men.

Shovels and brooms were quite in evidence this morning on the streets of Springfield.

## STORE KEEPER RUNS DOWN PROLWER, WHO IS LODGED IN JAIL

J. F. Inman with the help of H. L. Stafford of Eugene and W. R. Davis, local traffic officer, last Saturday night captured a prowler who gave his name to them as Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Inman were leaving the store about 9 o'clock Saturday night and Mrs. Inman went out of the store by the side door to where their car was parked on 4th street. Mr. Inman was following to the door when Mrs. Inman came hurrying back calling that there was a man in the car. Mr. Inman rushed out to the car, but before he reached it the man leaped to the ground and dashed for the alley that runs through from 4th to 5th street. Mr. Inman raced after him, following him through the alley to 5th down 5th to A. When he reached A. Mr. Inman realizing that the man might escape him called ahead for help to capture the fugitive Mr. Stafford who was over by the A Street Service station heard the call and rushed over to help. The man was captured once but slipped away, but before he had gotten far, Mr. Inman with the help of Mr. Stafford and Mr. Davis, who had now appeared on the scene, recaptured him.

Upon being queried as to his designs, by Mr. Inman, he confessed that he intended to steal a camera and a pair of field glasses that were in Mr. Inman's car. The man was brought to Eugene and lodged in the county jail, where he is now awaiting an investigation into his record before further action is taken.

## COUNTY CLUB REPORT GIVEN BY A. COLLIER

Arnold D. Collier, county club leader of the 4-H boys and girls, yesterday gave out the following report of the past year's activities.

Last year there were 1595 boys and girls in the county carrying 22 projects, all of whom completed their projects. When the clubs were organized last year, everyone promised if they began the work they would finish it. They came through 100 per cent.

Already this year 111 clubs have been organized, seven of which are in Springfield and 10 in the adjoining district. A condition attached to this year's enrollment was that every club member who has enrolled be made to sign a promissory note of conduct. In this note the promisor agrees to give to the county club leader a complete report of his or her work. This assures a one hundred per cent success with the work this year, for the failure to fulfill the obligations of the note will enable the county leader to check on the delinquent ones and persuade them to conform to their promise.

## BIGGEST CHRISTMAS MAIL FOR POSTOFFICE HERE

Although this was one of the biggest years for Christmas mail that has been experienced here, the postoffice force found themselves Wednesday morning after Christmas facing the ordinary routine of mail with all Christmas mail cleared away.

Mr. Hamlin says that this has been the heaviest season for Christmas mail within his experience at Springfield. More packages of incoming and outgoing mail were hauled than ever before, and the postal receipts were larger.

The postoffice force were handed a pleasant merry Christmas greeting from Uncle Sam in the form of a Christmas holiday. This was the first time in the history of the postoffice that postal employees were given Christmas day off, Mr. Hamlin said.

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## ARNOLD TOMSETH, PNEUMONIA VICTIM BURIED WEDNESDAY

Arnold Tomseth, a Springfield boy and an ex-service man died at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tomseth on south Second street at 4:30 last Monday morning. Mr. Tomseth took down with the influenza a week ago last Saturday which later developed into pneumonia causing his death.

Arnold Oscar Tomseth was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on December 23rd, 1927. In early boyhood he came to Oregon with his parents settling near Cottage Grove in 1906. In 1910 he and his parents moved to Springfield where except for the time he put in the service he has lived ever since.

When the war broke out Mr. Tomseth was a member of the 3rd company of the coast artillery of the Oregon National Guards at Eugene and on June 2nd, 1917 was mustered into the service. Later he was transferred to the 69th regiment of the field artillery in which regiment he served throughout the war. He served overseas both in England and France and on March 14, 1919 was given his discharge at Tacoma, Washington. After leaving the army he returned to Springfield where he has lived ever since. During the years previous to his death, except for the time he served in the army, Mr. Tomseth has been employed as a lumber grader by the Booth-Kelly Lumber company. The deceased was a member of the American Legion of Springfield and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Eugene. While in the 3rd company of the Oregon Coast artillery he served under M. B. Huntly of this city.

Those left to mourn the deceased man's death besides his mother and father are: Mrs. Thornwald Nysen, Mrs. Sydney Ward, Mrs. Grant Beeson, Henry Tomseth all of Springfield, Mrs. Wayne Hawk of Salem, and Edward, Burton, Henry, Daisy, and Echo Tomseth all of Springfield. Ten sisters and brothers in all survive him.

Arnold Tomseth leaves many friends who mourn the premature taking away of one who held the true stamp of American sterling manhood. He was a true friend and a comrade in peace and a loyal son in the time of his country's need.

Funeral services were held at the Walker-Poole Chapel here Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The service was given by Rev. C. J. Pike. Interment was at the Laurel Hill cemetery. A full military funeral was given him.

### Down with the Flu—Mrs. Walter Laxton of this city is down with the flu.

## DR. R. P. MORTENSEN AND MRS. ALMA COWDEN WED

Friends of Dr. R. P. Mortensen and Alma Cowden of this city were happy to hear of their marriage the fore part of the week. The event took place at the Methodist parsonage last Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. C. J. Pike officiating. Those present at the wedding besides the bride and bridegroom, were the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Schnetzky, the bride's sister, Mrs. Josephine Johns, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Huntly and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Pike.

Dr. and Mrs. Mortensen wish to announce that they will be at home to their friends after January 1st at 506 G street.

## Oregon Scribes to Be Studied

The Springfield Civic Club will have its next meeting on the second Tuesday in January. They will meet at the home of Mrs. W. K. Barnell. A review of Oregon authors will be taken up at this meeting. The meeting scheduled for yesterday was postponed because of Christmas.

## "Why Lane County Homes Should Be Built of Wood"

The following article is one of a series in the Prize winning essay contest sponsored by the 4-L Employee Wood Promotion committee of Springfield. The stories were all written by students in the high and grade schools of the city and contain important truths why we should support the lumber industry in Lane county.

### Why Lane County Homes Should Be Built of Wood.

By FRANK MERSDORF  
High School Junior

This is a question which should be given a good deal of thought although, in reality it is one which is given very little consideration. Lane county has more standing timber in Oregon than any other county, therefore it is easy to understand that there are many men who are depending and making a living on the wood industry, either directly or indirectly. Of all the investments in three of the Pacific States, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, sixty-five percent of them are invested in the lumber industry. So one very substantial reason for encouraging the wood industry in Lane county is to patronize home industry.

Houses made of wood are far less expensive in the long run than those made from other materials. They are also much more comfortable, because wood is a non-conductor of heat, therefore they are warmer in winter and cooler in summer than houses made of some other material such as brick and stucco. It takes less heat to warm a house made of wood than a brick or stucco building, because as wood is a non-conductor of heat it does not absorb the warmth or cold as quickly. This is one of the many items which helps to reduce the fuel

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL ELECT TOMORROW

The Chamber of Commerce will meet tomorrow at which time election of officers for the ensuing year will be held. Nominations were opened at the chamber meeting on November 20, at which time nominations for the offices were made.

F. B. Hamlin was renominated for president; W. A. Taylor and H. E. Maxey, vice-president; C. E. Kenyon, treasurer. Directors nominated were Jesse Seavey, W. C. Wright, W. A. Taylor, and W. W. Walker. Nominations were not closed at that meeting so further nominations will be in order at tomorrow evening's meeting.

## ODD FELLOWS HALL GETS NEW LIGHT FIXTURES

The local Odd Fellows' hall has been recently remodeled on the inside. The lighting system has been greatly improved by the installation of a new set of lighting fixtures, and new draperies have been put up around the stations.

Attractive tints in the form of recalcined walls and ceilings have added much to the interior of the hall. A light cream tint to the ceilings and a pale green on the walls have given a delightful blend.

The local lodge met last night and transacted the usual routine of business.

## CHILDREN GIVE PROGRAM AT METHODIST CHURCH

The primary program given by the little ones of the Methodist Episcopal church of Springfield was a much enjoyed feature of the program given at that church last Monday evening.

The program consisted of 12 numbers given by different classes of the Sunday school. The numbers included recitations by members of the classes and songs and music by the groups that were present.

Gifts for the white Christmas were contributed which a committee especially appointed, distributed to the various ones in need.

## SIDWELLS CELEBRATE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sidwell celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home on G street last night. About 30 relatives were present for the wedding, including 13 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The rooms were decorated with holly and Poinsettias. Mr. and Mrs. Sidwell were married December 26, 1878, in Savannah, Iowa. They have lived for many years in this city.

## METHODIST SERVICES TO BE HELD SUNDAY

A duet by John and Ella Devereaux will be the feature of the morning services at the Methodist church next Sunday. Sunday school will start at 9:45 in the morning and the Junior church at eleven. The regular sermon by Rev. J. C. Pike will be given at 11 a. m.

The evening service will consist of a song by Mrs. Pike and the regular evening sermon. Epworth league will meet at 7:30.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAVE ANNUAL MEETING FRIDAY

The annual meeting of the church members of the Christian church will be Friday evening December 28. This meeting will be open to church members only. All ladies are requested to bring covered dishes containing enough to serve 12 people and also 12 sandwiches. The supper will be at 7:30 at the church. There will be a program by Mr. Sunkler. Officers for the year will be elected.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM GIVEN BY NEIGHBORS OF WOODCRAFT LAST NIGHT

Springfield got its first real treat snow last night, a good crowd turned out to enjoy the Christmas entertainment given by the Neighbors of Woodcraft. Following the usual business meeting an attractive program was given.

The following numbers were rendered: A piano solo by Neighbor Leta Rodenbough; a reading, "The District School" by Neighbor Lily Kizer; a whistling solo by Neighbor Sadie Nelson; a reading "Aunt Doleful's Philology" by Neighbor Myrtle Eggmann; a reading "The Homely Co-ed" by Neighbor Ma Adams; a vocal solo by Neighbor Jennie Murphy.

Christmas presents were given off an attractively decorated Christmas tree. The presents were given by the members to each other.

## DRAINAGE DISTRICT MAY HANDLE FLOOD

### West Springfield Residents Are Signing Petition to Create a Legal Municipality Whereby Water May Be Controlled and Cost Assessed to Property.

A sufficient number of landowners to embrace the major portion of the land in the West Springfield and Midway Park sections as required by law for the creation of the West Springfield drainage district have been secured according to George Davenport, one of the leading promoters of the movement, although there still remains a shortage of signers for the the resident requirement.

The West Springfield and the Midway Park community, an association of the flood imperiled section have been working for some time upon a flood relief program. The initial step in the movement, Mr. Davenport explained, is to create the drainage district with the corporate power of doing business in proceeding to build up some type of protection against the flood waters of the Willamette. A majority of the residents of the district, as well as a sufficient number of property owners to embrace a major portion of the land included in the district must sign up before the petition to district can be acted upon by the county court. At the present time there are approximately 100 property owners and 320 acres of land in the project, which means that 50 property owners or more owning an aggregate of 160 acres of land must have signed before the petition can be submitted.

Mr. Davenport feels certain that in a short time the petition can be submitted, the district formed and an earnest campaign for protection commenced.

At the present time two projects are in mind. The one which has appeared for open discussion and has less of uncertainty of the two is that of extending the mill-race from Judkin's point to McVey's point which it is hoped will take care of most of the flood waters. This will reduce greatly the size of a dike that might be necessary to construct along the Willamette. The other plan of attack is that of a dike only which shall be built high enough and strong enough to hold the waters back however high they are. This plan is still in the offing and nothing definite can be decided until preliminary surveys have been made and costs been checked. Objection has been raised to this upon the grounds that a dike holding the waters back from a low-lying district is always a menace, and that flood waters may break it down and cause a greater disaster even than that which can happen under the present status with the residents aware of the danger. In addition to the two plans already mentioned it is proposed to blast out the reef in the bottom of the river in order to make a deeper channel.

As a meeting in Eugene last week of the Lane County Engineer's society at which a delegation of West Springfield were present a resolution was adopted, resolving in effect that the flood menace in this area was a matter of county-wide concern and that Lane county would be justified in standing the expense of necessary preliminary surveys for the purpose. It is imperative that the surveys and cost estimates be made before any action can be taken. Some time ago a petition asking for county help in making the surveys was submitted by the West Springfield and Midway Park people, but so far the county court has not acted upon it.

## SERMON IN SONG TO BE CHRISTIAN SERVICE

D. E. Ferguson a member of the Christian church here will give the sermon at the Christian church next Sunday in the place of Rev. S. E. Childers, who will be absent. The program for the morning will include a vocal duet by Mrs. Dallas Murphy and Mrs. Rowland Moshier.

## "The Cross" a sermon in song will be given by the choir at the evening services. Other selections will include solos, duets, and quartets by members of the choir, included in which will be the Murphy-Moshier quartet.

## Dennis Funeral Sunday

The funeral of Samuel Dennis who died at his home on Camp Creek last week was held Sunday. Funeral services were held at the Walker-Poole chapel and interment was in the Laurel Hill cemetery.