

## COUNCIL CREATES MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

### 40-Acre Tract Near the Maple School Set Aside for Flying Field; Major G. H. Eckerson to Have Flying School Rights on Property.

Springfield is to have an airport by action of the city council Monday night when a resolution was passed setting out 40 acres of land on the industrial site near the Maple school for use as a flying field. The field set out is approximately 1600 feet long and 1200 feet wide.

The flying school rights on the field will be given to Major G. H. Eckerson for a period of five years according to an agreement authorized by the council after recommendations were made to it by the industrial and park committee. Major Eckerson will conduct a school on the property and have the exclusive rights to take up passengers for money on local trips. The land will be maintained as a municipal field and any airplane may land and take off free of charge and individuals may maintain ships and hangars on the field.

The council authorized the construction of a line of telephone wire from the city hall to the Mountain States Power plant for the purpose of sounding the fire alarm signal at the plant. The Western Union telegraph poles will be used, the company having granted permission.

Guy Pile, Eugene contractor, offered to resurface Main street from Second to Mill and patch the rest of the street for \$3200. His offer was referred to a street committee. An offer from Stein brothers of \$3500 for a thicker coating was received at the last meeting of the council.

## THOMAS O. MURDOCK PASSES AT WENDLING

Thomas O. Murdock, a resident of the Marcola district for more than forty years, died at Wendling Monday at the age of 45 years.

Mr. Murdock was born at Central Point, Texas, in 1884 and came to Lane county when but a small child, residing near Marcola since that time. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. and Modern Woodmen lodges.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nora Murdock, one daughter, Mrs. Lila Neil, and three sons, Raymond, Thomas, and Robert, and one grandson, all of Marcola.

Mr. Murdock's funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Woodman hall at Marcola. He was buried in the Marcola cemetery.

## NEW OFFICIALS FOR LIONS CLUB INSTALLED

The new officers of the Springfield Lions club, who were elected a week ago, were installed at the regular weekly luncheon of the club Friday noon. Those who were installed were John Henderer, president; Dr. W. C. Rebhan, vice-president; C. F. Barber, secretary-treasurer; Dr. W. N. Dow, tall-twister; D. B. Murphy, lion-tamer. The new trustees of the organization are Floyd Flannery and O. H. Jarrett.

A committee on aviation was appointed by President Henderer to confer with the committees of the Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion in regard to the proposed airport and flying school to be established by Major G. H. Eckerson, on the industrial tract near Springfield. The members of the committee are Dr. W. C. Rebhan, chairman, W. McLagan, Floyd Flannery, and W. F. Walker.

## Chrysanthemum Club Meets

The Chrysanthemum club met last night at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Dow. The high score for the women was won by Mrs. M. M. Peery, and for the men by Dr. Carl Petteplace. Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Rebhan were awarded the consolation prize. The next meeting of the club will be held April 24 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kenyon.

## Club to Organize

The officers of the newly-formed Springfield Horseshoe club will be elected and the details of organization completed Sunday morning when the members will meet at the club grounds between the Mountain States Power company office and the Wright Hardware store. Approximately fifty men and boys have been signed up as members of the club. Plans for a round-robin tournament to decide the club champions will probably be discussed at that time.

## Never Wore Skirts



Jacqueline Moret, in jail at Canon City, Col., is an unusual inmate. This girl bandit says she has never in her life worn skirts, always affecting trousers and a cap.

## BEN DORRIS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF OREGON GAME COMMISSION

Ben F. Dorris, Springfield orchardist, was elected chairman of the Oregon State Game Commission at the meeting of the group in Portland last Tuesday. He succeeds M. A. Lynch of Redmond, who resigned from the commission.

Mr. Dorris is now the oldest member of the state Game Commission. He was appointed during the early part of the administration of Governor Walter M. Pierce, and was reappointed to office under the administration of Governor I. L. Patterson.

Mr. Dorris reports that there has been great improvement in the game field in Oregon during the past several years, and he expects to see a continuation of the improvement during the next few years as well. He states that most of the friction that formerly existed between the various sportsmen's clubs of the state and the state game commission has now disappeared. The commission now has assurance of the wholehearted support of the Oregon Isaac Walton League, of the Multnomah Anglers club, and of other strong sportsmen's organizations.

## INTERIOR DECORATION THEME OF DISCUSSION

Interior decoration, with special emphasis on harmony and color schemes was the theme of discussion at the last meeting of the Springfield Civic club held at chamber of commerce rooms Tuesday evening. Miss Lois Shields, of the drapery department of the McMoran and Washburne store of Eugene led the discussion with a talk on interior decoration. Mrs. Ira Peterson was the chairman of the program committee in charge of the program. A large number of the members of the organization were present.

Better homes will be the theme of the next meeting of the Civic club, which will be held at the chamber of commerce rooms April 23. Mrs. Bernice Van Valzah will be in charge of the program at that time.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO HEAR E. B. U. PROFESSOR

Professor Victor E. Heven of the Eugene Bible University will deliver the morning sermon at the Springfield Christian church next Sunday. At that time Lawrence Sunkler will sing a solo "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings," by Liddle.

The regular Bible school at the Christian church will be held at 9:45, and the Christian Endeavor services in the evening at 6:30. Rev. S. E. Childers will preach the evening sermon, taking "Practical Christianity" as his theme. As a special number the choir will sing "Knocking With Nail Pierced Hands," with Mrs. Dallas Murphy taking the solo part.

## New Juveniles Enrolled

Seven new members of the Juvenile Circle 162 of the Neighbors of Woodcraft were enrolled by Mrs. C. F. Eggmann, senior guardian of the circle, at the meeting held last week at the W. O. W. hall. The new members of the Springfield group are Frances Jean Lloyd, LeVerne Helen Pugh, Marion Robert Adams Jr., Shyrl Arlan Wardlow, Thomas Franklin Wardlow, Esther Lenore Wardlow, and Elizabeth Ellen Wardlow.

## Rebekahs Elect Delegates

Two delegates from the Springfield Rebekah lodge were elected at the regular meeting Monday night to attend the state assembly of the organization, which will be held at Medford May 17. Mrs. Estelle Findley and Mrs. Genevieve Louk were chosen to go to Medford, and Mrs. Alice Doane and Mrs. Katie Brummette were elected as alternates.

## Airport Support Pledged By Clubs

### Legion, Lions and Chamber of Commerce to Aid Major Erickson in Work

An aviation committee of twelve men, representing the American Legion, the Lions club, and the Chamber of Commerce, met Monday night in the office of Dr. W. C. Rebhan to consider the development of the new Springfield airport and flying school which the city council authorized at its last meeting. Those present were M. B. Huntly, Tom Swarts, and H. E. Maxey, representing the Legion, Jack Henderer, W. F. Walker, Dr. Rebhan, and Floyd Flannery, representing the Lions, and Jess Seavey, A. B. Kepner, Carl Olson, W. K. Barnell and F. B. Hamlin of the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Rebhan was elected chairman of the committee.

Major Eckerson, of Eugene, who is promoting the airport, appeared before the committee and presented his plans for hangars and runways, which were discussed and approved by those present. C. N. James, of Los Angeles, a western air pilot and friend of Major Eckerson, also spoke to the group encouraging them in the establishment of the airport, and stating that there was an opportunity for a great future development in the air service here. The Legion men agreed that their organization would take up the construction of the runways on the property, while the Lions club will sponsor the erection of the two hangars which are to be built at first.

Major Eckerson and E. E. Kepner spent yesterday surveying the grounds in preparation to locating the runways and the hangars on the new field. The aviation committee will hold its second meeting in Dr. Rebhan's office tonight to further discuss the plans for the airport.

Several inquiries have already been received from various parts of Lane county concerning the new airport and flying school to be established by the major, according to Dr. Rebhan.

Major Eckerson expects to purchase two airplanes and bring to the Springfield airport as soon as the field and hangars are done.

## AVIATION GUIDE TO BE PAINTED ON ROOF AT BOOTH-KELLY SAW MILL

An aviation guide sign will be painted on the roof of one of the sheds of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company. The Springfield Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the work. It was announced yesterday by F. B. Hamlin, president of the Chamber.

The work will be done in accordance with the Guggenheim Foundation for the Promotion of Aviation. Harry F. Guggenheim, the head of the foundation, has sent out letters to postmasters or leading citizens in all the principal cities of the country urging that the towns be identified by roof markings which also indicate the direction and distance to the nearest airport. The Guggenheim Foundation has been asked by the local Chamber of Commerce for details and specifications for the guide sign, and it will be painted as soon as the data arrives. The direction arrows will indicate the new Springfield airport, which will be a reality soon.

## JUVENILE CIRCLE GETS NEW MEETING ROOM

The old library room on Main street has been obtained as a club room for the Juvenile Circle 162 of the Neighbors of Woodcraft, it was announced Monday by Mrs. C. F. Eggmann, senior guardian of the circle.

The change was made necessary by the rapid growth of the group, Mrs. Eggmann said. Eleven new members have been signed up during the past week, making a total of 37 in the order. The last meeting of the circle was held in the W. O. W. hall Saturday night, at which time a practice drill session was held in preparation for the Woodcraft convention which will be held in Eugene in the near future. The next meeting will be held Saturday, April 20 in the new club room.

## Books Being Catalogued

The books in the Springfield public library are being re-catalogued and re-classified this week by Miss Mary Roberts, librarian, assisted by Miss Maurine Lombard of the high school and her junior English class. The class is doing the work as one of its projects. The cataloguing began Tuesday and probably will be completed Friday morning. There are now about 3000 volumes in the Springfield library.

## S.H.S. Plays Ball With Grove Team

### Coach Has Number of Veteran Players; Starting Lineup Still Uncertain

The first baseball game of the season, the weather permitting will be played tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock when the strong Cottage Grove high school nine will clash with the Springfield boys on the local diamond. The game will open the new Lane county conference, which was organized three weeks ago, and which includes Cottage Grove, Eugene, University, and Springfield high schools.

The Springfield team has been greatly hampered this season by the rainy weather, which has made practice nearly impossible except for occasional days. A practice game scheduled for last Friday with the University of Oregon Freshmen, which was to have helped Coach Mayfield to get his players lined up, was cancelled because of rain. During the past week practice has consisted principally of batting, the ground being too wet for fielding.

Although Mayfield has not definitely decided on his starting line up for the game with Cottage Grove. He has a wealth of material to choose from. The majority of the lettermen from last year's Upper Willamette championship team are back again this year and have a little edge in the competition for places. The letter men on the squad are Hugh Cowart and Freeman Squires, catchers; Jack Danner, first baseman; Don Bettis, second baseman; Don Palmer, third baseman; Lawrence Roof, short stop; and LaVerne Lawson, Thayer McMurphy and Ralph Cob, outfielders.

The Springfield team is without a letterman as pitcher, but John Lynch and Everett Squires have been showing up well in practice. Squires has had a little more experience than Lynch and probably will get the first call in the game tomorrow.

Other members of the baseball squad who have been giving the lettermen stiff competition for their places are Lloyd Mattison, Ralph Hughes, Jack Hewlett, and Leonard Franz, infielders and Hersey Townsend, Gilbert Ernsting, and Donald Chase, outfielders.

The next game after tomorrow will be held here Friday, April 19, with Lebanon high school. As Lebanon is not a member of the league, the results of the game will not affect Springfield's standing. This week-end the coaches of the four schools in the league will meet in the Men's Gymnasium on the University of Oregon campus to complete the organization of the conference and also to work out plans for a track meet to be held some time late in the term.

## PRIZES ANNOUNCED FOR BIRD HOUSE CONTEST

The prizes which are being offered by John Ketels, local druggist, for the best bird houses built by the boy scouts of the Springfield troops 11 and 12 were announced yesterday by Mr. Ketels.

For the best bird house built by any of the scouts, an official scout hatchet will be awarded by Mr. Ketels. For the second best bird house a scout compass will be given, and for the third best a first aid kit. A special prize of an official boy scout framed picture will be awarded to the troop whose members take at least two out of the three individual prizes offered by Mr. Ketels. The contest closes May 1. The judges who will select the best bird houses will be announced later.

## ARTHUR POTTER IS ILL AT SAN FRANCISCO

Arthur Potter, Springfield boy who has been employed by the Zellerbach Paper company at San Francisco, is seriously ill there, according to word received by his relatives here yesterday. His mother, Mrs. S. S. Potter, left for San Francisco on the noon train yesterday.

The young man had been rooming in the bay city with Paul Frese, and Norval Foss, Springfield boys who are also working in San Francisco. No particulars of his illness were given in the messages which were sent by his friends.

## Teacher Omitted from List

The name of Miss Edna Platt, teacher of the fourth grade at the Lincoln school, was unintentionally omitted from the list of teachers re-elected by the school board and published in last week's issue of the News. Miss Platt will teach in the Lincoln school again next year.

## Ugliest Woman?



Miss Mary A. Bevan, who is said to claim honors as the world's ugliest woman, arrived in New York aboard the Leviathan.

## WORK ON WEST SIDE APPROACH TO BRIDGE BEGAN THIS MORNING

With the passing of the danger of high water, A. C. Mathews, Eugene contractor, began work again this morning clearing the ground in preparation to the beginning of the fill for the west approach of the new Springfield highway bridge.

Last summer Mr. Mathews was given the contract of putting in the fills on both the east and west approaches of the bridge. He completed the east approach some time ago, but the approach on the west side was delayed for some time because of the protests of property owners who claimed that the solid fill on the west side would cause the river to rise higher than is usual in times of freshets.

It will take approximately 11,000 yards of dirt and gravel to complete the fill, Mathews said yesterday. He will haul the material from both sides of the river. It will take several weeks to complete the approach, but it is probable that the new bridge will be ready for use by early summer. When it is complete, at least a half mile will be cut from the distance between Springfield and Eugene.

## FRED A. MATTISON DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Fred Austin Mattison, 57, a resident of Springfield for the past five years, died Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock at his home on South Eighth Street after an illness of several months.

Mr. Mattison was born in Wisconsin August 27, 1871. In his early manhood he moved to Minnesota, where he was employed as a railway engineer before coming to Springfield. He was a member of the Methodist church.

Mr. Mattison is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cora Scott Mattison and four children, Lloyd, Curtis, Roland and Marjorie, all of whom are at home. He is also survived by three brothers, Frank and Halle, of Missoula, Montana, and Gene, of Rice Lake, Wisconsin.

Mr. Mattison's funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Walker-Poole chapel, with Rev. C. J. Pike, of the Springfield Methodist church in charge of the service. He will be buried in the Laurel Hill Cemetery.

## Carson Adds to Business

George Carson, proprietor of Casey's Service Station, located at the corner of Main and Seventh streets, is installing a small confectionery and lunch counter as a side line to his business. He is now preparing the foundations for the new building which will house the new service of his business. It will be octagonal in shape and located directly in front of his station, opening both toward the street and toward the drive-way of the station. Mr. Carson will install a Frigidaire refrigerator and an electric stove and will be prepared to serve all forms of confections and light lunches to his patrons.

## 500 Club Meets

The Springfield 500 club met Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Larimer. The club will meet regularly on Friday nights from now on. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wilson held the high score of the play. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Wm. Dawson, Welby Stevens, Frank DePue, Clifford Wilson, Lloyd Thompson, W. C. Rebhan, Mrs. Maude Bryan, Miss Crystal Bryan, Mrs. W. H. Adrian and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Larimer.

## Andersons Purchase Property

A. E. Saul of Portland has sold his property in Stewart's Addition, consisting of two acres with a house and out-buildings, to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Anderson of West Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have sold their property in West Springfield and will move into their new home at once.

## DISCORD IN SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

### Action of Directors Pollard and Beals in Naming W. E. Buell, Principal of High School, Is Protested by Chairman R. W. Carlton.

Two stormy sessions of the school board this week has resulted in the naming of W. E. Buell, of Estacada, as principal of the high school and the protesting of the legality of the election by the chairman of the board. Several other teachers have also been elected to fill vacancies in the school system.

The board met Monday night to consider the election of a principal of the high school. A petition with some 140 names asking for the appointment of Oscar Gladdish, a teacher in the high school, for the position was received by the board. During a long heated discussion it was voted by the board not to consider Mr. Gladdish for the position, Chairman Roy Carlton voting in his favor and Directors W. H. Pollard and Dean Beals voting against.

Following this the board engaged in a general quarrel between members and citizens present. Chairman Carlton attempted to adjourn the board and went home. However, the other two directors did not consider the board adjourned without motion and later in the evening Mr. Beals, the senior member, took the chair and the two members proceeded to elect Mr. Buell, principal. They also caused notice to be served on the chairman that a meeting of the board would be held Wednesday night.

At the Wednesday night meeting Chairman Carlton filed a bill of exceptions declaring that part of the meeting after he had went home illegal and of no effect. He stated that he had a right to adjourn the meeting after he had gone home that the chair could not preserve order. Directors Pollard and Beals objected to this being made a part of the minutes but the chairman overruled them saying that any director had a right to protest the action of the board.

From the action of all board members it is apparent that there is utter lack of harmony in the school board and that the business of the district is not being carried on in an orderly and dignified manner.

Teachers elected at the Wednesday night meeting subject to assignment were Mrs. Paul Basford for the Brattain school, Miss Mabel Olson, and Miss James to the junior high school, Miss Margaret Nugent, a student at the University of Oregon, was elected English teacher for the high school. Miss Hanson was chosen secretary.

The board has a vacancy in the position of athletic coach and manual training. Coach Leonard Mayfield has not signed a contract and Principal A. J. Morgan, who teaches manual training, is not returning next year.

Miss Mary Harding of Eugene, who was elected principal of the Brattain school, at a meeting last week, has not accepted and the principal was not prepared to name a principal at the Wednesday night meeting.

## HORSE-SHOE PLAYERS READY TO ORGANIZE

The organization of the new Springfield horse-shoe club will be completed this week, it was announced Monday. Sunday a group of men and boys worked at conditioning the new courts for the club, between the Mountain States Power company and the Wright hardware store on Main street.

Bill Gerlach and Richard Prochnow, Springfield high school boys, who have been aiding in the organization of the club, report that they have already signed up 42 members. The officers will be elected at the first meeting, which will probably be held sometime this week. The Springfield club expects to enter a team of its members in competition with teams from Eugene and other Willamette valley towns.

## Lecture on Japan Scheduled

Dr. J. R. Weatherbee, of Eugene, will deliver a lecture "Beautiful Japan" before the regular monthly meeting of the Methodist Brotherhood in the church basement Monday evening. He will illustrate his talk with colored lantern slides. The Brotherhood will hold a dinner, beginning at 6:45, followed by a short business meeting, before the lecture.