

## OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

A five-year market road program has been designated by the Marion county court calling for construction of 160 miles of roads.

The postoffice department has issued a call for proposals on a contract to operate a "star" mail route between Astoria and Tillamook.

Washington county has the lowest mileage of state highways of any county in the state, 42.2 miles, and Marion county ranks second lowest with 43.4 miles.

A Neon aeronautical beacon 125 feet high and visible for 60 miles from the air is being erected on the Pacific highway just outside the city limits of Grants Pass.

Upon the authority of the city council the Roseburg fire department has purchased an apparatus for use in case of drowning, stillbirth, electric shock, gassing, etc.

The Lewisville district in Polk county has voted to discontinue holding school after the close of the present term. The pupils will be transported to other districts.

Contracts for between 70 and 75 acres of tomatoes have been completed by the Ashland cannery that expects to put into tins about 1100 tons of tomatoes this year.

Wage rates at The Dalles will be higher this year than last, and work will be paid for on a piece work basis when the Libby McNeil & Libby cannery opens on June 15.

John H. Carlin of Medford filed his resignation as representative in the state legislature from Jackson county with Governor Patterson. He was speaker of the house in 1927.

The government has leased land on Creswell butte in Lane county and is planning to erect a steel tower 100 feet high upon which will be installed a revolving light of 1000-watt power.

If the city of Klamath Falls can make the right kind of a proposition, a municipal bus line transportation system will be inaugurated within the near future, it was announced at that place.

Spotted fever, the dread spring disease of the sagebrush country, claimed its first victim of the year recently when Karl Morton Johnson passed away near Westfall after an illness of five days.

Poundage fees taken in from the Columbia river by the state fish commission in the 1928 season were 22 per cent lower than in the 1927 season, according to figures released by the commission.

The Hood River chamber of commerce has received a bronze medal found among the personal effects of the late S. B. Egbert. The medal was issued in 1898 as first prize for Hood River apples.

Service over the Modoc Northern railroad, a Southern Pacific 96-mile project between Klamath Falls and Alturas, will start by August 1, according to J. H. Dyer, vice president in charge of operations.

Preparations for the strawberry harvest are already under way at the barreling plant of Baker, Kelly & McLaughlin in Lebanon. A number of women are now employed daily getting everything in readiness.

The sheep and wool industry of Oregon represents an investment of \$50,000,000 with an annual payroll of \$12,000,000, according to Mac Hoke of Pendleton, president of the Oregon Wool Growers' association.

Residents of Salem who have lived there 70 years or more were guests at the sixth annual Champoc day dinner at the chamber of commerce recently. Judge Peter D'Arcy, pioneer of 1854, presided at the luncheon.

With a per capita wealth of more than \$645, Lake county lays claim to being the richest county in the state, if not in the Union. The population of 5200 people has more than \$3,000,000 in the four Lake county banks.

Plans for a revision of the Hood River city charter have been initiated by the charter committee of the chamber of commerce. The old charter, filed more than 20 years, is declared antiquated and inapplicable to many problems now confronting the city government.

Caught between the drum and cable on the log slip of a small sawmill near Lapine, Roy S. White, 38, was killed almost instantly. It was believed that White was drawn around the drum after a glove became entangled in the machinery.

Following an investigation by undercover men from the federal prohibition department, federal and state prohibition agents and Sheriff Weed and deputies swooped down on Clatskanie recently and arrested nine violators of the prohibition law.

## M'Donald Manager Lauds 'Show Boat'

Returning from a trip to Portland to attend a special private preview showing of Carl Laemmle's master talking, singing and musical production of Edna Ferber's "Show Boat," Manager Russell F. Brown, of the McDonald theater, of Eugene, was all smiles over the forthcoming premier of this much heralded picture on May 12th.

"Show Boat" is by far the finest motion picture ever made, not only in my own estimation, but in the unanimous opinion of everyone who has seen and heard it," reported Manager Brown, who explained that theater managers from all parts of the state attended the special trade preview of the new Movietone special, and without exception, every theater manager there was of the same opinion regarding the picture, according to the McDonald theater manager.

A contract calling for the greatest footage of natural color film ever made for a single motion picture was arranged for Richard Dix' latest screen masterpiece, "Redskin," which will show for three days at the McDonald theater starting Thursday. Paramount studio officials and Andrew J. Callahan, general business representative of the Technicolor corporation, arranged the details and signed the contract. According to the terms of the contract, "Redskin" will be about two-thirds in color.

Practically the entire picture was filmed against the natural backgrounds of the Pacific southwest, within the great "scenic circle" around Gallup, New Mexico. Two location camps, the first near the mouth of the famous Canyon du Chelly, the second near the Enchanted Mesa, south of Gallup, were established.

Additionally, Mack Sennett's newest two-reel, all talking, comedy, "The Lion's Roar" and "a new Oswald cartoon comic, are on this big program, with a special "preview" scheduled for the opening night, Thursday.

Fox films first 100 per cent talking feature drama is "In Old Arizona," Raoul Walsh production written by Tom Barry. Local fans will have a chance to see and hear it when it opens at the McDonald theater next Sunday.

"In Old Arizona" is notable, too, for the reason that it has been filmed, in its entirety, outside of a studio and in locations far removed from Hollywood.

"In Old Arizona" teems with drama and has a superlative cast, including Warner Baxter, Edmund Lowe and other prominent talking stars.

### LINCOLN SCHOOL LOSES TO ROOSEVELT HIGH

The Lincoln school boys were out matched by the Roosevelt junior high school of Eugene in the first game of the season for a local school here Friday, and the visitors went home with a victory of 13-3. The Lincoln team was smaller and less experienced than that of the Roosevelt school and was also quite badly hampered because lack of practice. The Lincoln school will play its next game with the Cottage Grove junior high school on the Springfield high school diamond Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Deeds, Wetzell, and Squires made the only scores for Lincoln in the game Friday. The boys playing on the local team were as follows: Danner catcher, Gillette pitcher, Deeds first, Chetwood second, Zachary short, Lawson third, Pederson right field, Squires center field, and Wetzell left guard. The substitutions were Doane for Squires, Trinka for Gillette, Brat, tain for Chetwood, Fritts for Zarhary and Lockwood for Pederson. Potampa of Eugene umpired the contest.

### MANY STUDENTS ENTER SAFETY ESSAY CONTEST

The safety essay contest conducted by the 4Ls for the students of the Springfield schools closed yesterday, and the judging of the essays will be begun at once by Roy Carlton, O. H. Jarrett, and Mrs. L. K. Page, the judges appointed by W. P. Tyson, president of the 4L.

Several hundred essays have been turned in to the judges. Every student of the more than 200 attending the Brattain school either wrote an essay or made a poster depicting a safety slogan, and a large proportion of the students in the Lincoln school and high school also entered essays.

### Legion Meets Tomorrow

The American Legion will hold its first regular meeting of the month at the Chamber of Commerce rooms tomorrow night. There are a number of important business matters to be discussed. It is announced by Commander J. M. Larson. Plans for the next district conference of the Legion, which will be held at Springfield later in the month, and for the observance of Memorial day will be among the principal topics of discussion.

## TOWN AND VICINITY

**Here From Signal**—Floyd Kelsey and Ed Eaton of Signal, were visitors in Springfield Monday.

**Visiting at Kelso**—D. E. Foss is visiting at the home of his father, G. H. Foss, at Kelso, Washington.

**Visits at Albany**—Lucille Holman spent last week-end visiting with her parents at Albany.

**Back from Portland**—Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Pike spent several days of last week visiting in Portland, returning to Springfield Friday.

**Attend Celebration**—Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kafoury attended the annual blossom day celebration which was held at Salem last Sunday.

**Walkers at Medford**—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker spent the week-end at Medford visiting with the Jay Walker family.

**Visits at Portland**—Mrs. M. M. Male spent the week-end at Portland visiting with her daughter, Miss Grace Male.

**Mrs. Gile Better**—Mrs. Kenneth Gile is reporting to be recovering, after having been ill with the flu for the past week.

**Visits With Huntlys**—Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Powell of Medford and Mr. and Mrs. Habb of Corvallis visited last week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Huntly.

**Building Gravel Plant**—Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wilfort were in Springfield from McKenzie Bridge Monday. Mr. Wilfort is building a new gravel plant at the bridge.

**Millers Here**—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Miller of Corvallis visited here last week-end with Mrs. Miller's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Robhan. Dr. Robhan and Mr. Miller motored to Roseburg Sunday.

**Mrs. Pugh Improving**—Mrs. Roy Pugh is reported to be doing well at the Pacific Christian hospital at Eugene, where she underwent a major operation April 22.

**Here Over Week-End**—Mr. and Mrs. Lude McBee of Oregon City spent last week-end in Springfield visiting with Mr. McBee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McBee.

**Ill With Measles**—John Nice, mail carrier for rural route, is confined to his house with an attack of the measles. His son Roy is taking his place.

**Hosts at Dinner**—Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kafoury wer hosts at a dinner party at their home Friday night. Present at the affair were: Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Moffitt, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gossler.

**Cuts Foot**—Ralph Oaks, who is employed by the Coffett brothers at Camp Cree, cut his foot quite badly while at work Thursday. He was brought to Springfield and treated at the office of a local physician.

**Juvenile Circle to Meet**—The Juvenile Circle 162 of the Neighbors of Woodcraft will hold its regular meeting Saturday afternoon at the W. O. W. hall. The members will practice drills for the coming district convention of the Neighbors, which will be held in Springfield in June.

**Undergoes Operation**—Mrs. C. V. major operation at the Eugene hospital Monday.

**Mrs. Doane Better**—Mrs. Alice Doane, who has been quite ill for some time, is now reported to be improving.

**Waltersville Men In**—Tom Garney and C. E. Gibbons of Waltersville were business visitors in Springfield Monday.

**Salem People Here**—Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Henderson of Salem visited here last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Larson.

**Dawson Back Home**—William Dawson, who was seriously ill at a Eugene hospital for some time, has recovered sufficiently to be able to return to his home in Springfield.

**Back from Washington**—Arthur Nickerson, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Nickerson the past two weeks, returned home Wednesday.

**Mrs. Martin Here**—Mrs. Helen Martin of San Francisco, has come to Springfield to visit with her mother, Mrs. B. A. Washburne, who is ill.

**Brink Improving**—J. L. Brink, aged Springfield resident who was quite seriously injured when struck by a car here last week, is reported to be improving as well as can be expected at the Eugene hospital. Mr. Brink's foot was badly crushed.

**McLagan at Coos Bay**—W. C. McLagan, district superintendent of the Mountain States Power company steam plants, left for the Coos Bay district Tuesday on a tour of inspection of the Mountain States plants and lines in that vicinity.

**Taylor's Move**—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor have moved from the Swartz apartments to a house which they own on A street. J. B. Ernest and family have moved into the house owned by Taylor's on Sixth street which was formerly occupied by Mr. Mrs. H. E. Pyne, who have moved to Silverton.

**School to Give Program**—A public program marking the completion of the year's work of the Bible school which has been conducted at the Chase Gardens school by Miss Goldin Smith of the Eugene Bible university will be given at the school Friday night. The first program was presented several months ago at the completion of the first semester of the Bible study.

### SEVERSON ENLISTS IN LOCAL NATIONAL GUARD

Eugene Walker, who has been a member of the Springfield National Guard for some time, moved with his family to Bend Saturday, and so was transferred to the National Guard reserve. Roy Severson has been enlisted to take Walker's place.

Albert Harper has been enlisted in the local company to take the place of

Corporal Richard Harpole, who did not re-enlist when his three year period was up. Private Albert Townsend has been promoted to corporal to fill the vacancy. The Springfield company has 25 members, the maximum allowed by the state. The members are now drilling in preparation for the annual summer camp of the Guard, which will be held this year at Camp Clatsop, near Astoria, from June 12 to June 26.

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