

BRIDGE APPROACH NOW UP TO JUDGE

Testimony at Hearing For Injunction to Stop Fill in and Judge Skipworth is Expected To Make Ruling Next Week; Many Witnesses Called.

The much discussed question of whether or not a fill approach will be constructed between the west end of the new Springfield highway bridge and the Pacific highway now rests in the hands of Judge G. F. Skipworth of the Lane county circuit court. The judge will decide the case sometime next week. Arguments in the case of the residents of West Springfield against the state highway commission, seeking to stop the work, were heard in court from last Friday to Tuesday of this week.

The principal point of contention hinged on the question of whether or not the construction of the fill would increase the already serious flood menace along the west side of the river. The plaintiffs claimed that the fill would block the overflow channel of the river and that at times of floods it would back up the water over the property of the vicinity, causing damage to an untold extent. The attorneys for the highway commission, on the other hand, contended that the fill would not aggravate the flood menace because in time of flood the main current of the river is along the east, rather than the west bank.

Numerous witnesses for the plaintiffs were called by Charles Wintermeier, Eugene attorney, who had been retained by them. Simon Klondahl, Eugene engineer, W. C. Chubb, city engineer of Eugene, and a large number of West Springfield residents testified in court, principally regarding river and flood conditions in past years. Witnesses for the state highway commission included C. B. McCulloch, state bridge engineer and H. S. Rogers, dean of the school of engineering at the Oregon state agricultural college. J. M. Devers represented the commission.

A possibility of a compromise between the two parties was seen in the testimony of Chubb, who proposed a culvert through the fill of from 20 to 25 feet in width, to carry through the surplus water in times of overflow. McCulloch said that the state highway department had no objection to such culvert, except that the water would rush through it with such a force as to possibly cause damage to property below the fill. The culvert, he said, had been considered in the original plans but had been deemed unwise. The cost of installing such a culvert would be between \$2500 and \$3500.

The proposed fill is to be 550 feet in length and 13 feet high at the point where it joins the bridge. The roadway along the top will be 40 feet wide. The decision of Judge Skipworth will be concerned solely with the question of whether or not the fill will be a flood menace and whether the construction should be stopped by the injunction sought by the plaintiffs, or the injunction denied. The court will not order changes in the construction.

RED CROSS TO HOLD EUGENE SWIMMING SCHOOL FROM MAY 20 TO 24

The annual swimming school conducted for residents of this district will be held in Eugene at the Y. M. C. A. tank from May 20 to 24. The school is conducted by the Lane county chapter of the American Red Cross in co-operation with the school of physical education at the University of Oregon. Over 600 people received instruction in swimming at the school last year.

The purpose of the school is to teach as many persons as possible the fundamentals of swimming and to increase the skill of those who already have some knowledge of the art, so that they would be able to qualify as life-savers if the need arose. There is no charge for enrolling. Each individual should furnish his own suit and towel, although there will be a few to rent at five cents each.

Approximately six per cent of the accidental deaths in the United States every year are caused by drowning, according to figures compiled by the Red Cross. This, however, is not as bad as it was some years ago. In 1925 there were over 12,000 persons drowned in the United States, while in 1928 the number was reduced to something over 8000. There are now 208,000 registered Red Cross life savers in the country.

DOROTHY FRESE, 12, TO GIVE PIANO RECITAL AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Dorothy Frese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frese, of Springfield, will be presented in a piano recital at the Baptist church, Springfield, on Tuesday evening, May 21 at 8 o'clock. Miss Frese is a pupil of Miss Winifred Tyson. The public is invited to the recital, which is free.

This is Miss Frese's first piano recital. She is 12 years of age and a student in the Seventh grade of the Junior high school.

The program follows:
Evening Shadows Sawyer.
Woodland Waltz Metcalf.
Ballad Burgmuller.
Return Burgmuller.
Ave Marie Burgmuller.
Inquietude Burgmuller.
Blue Eyed Violets Fard.
Barcarolle Burgmuller.
Kiss Waltz Arditi.
Fairy Wedding Turner.
Heavenward Vilbar.

BODY OF BRIGGS BOY FOUND IN WILLAMETTE FUNERAL HELD MONDAY

The body of Lyle Briggs, 16 year old West Springfield boy, who was drowned in the Willamette River while canoeing near the Springfield bridge March 27, was found Friday afternoon lodged on a gravel bar in the Willamette by two University of Oregon students who were canoeing. It was high up on the bar and had apparently been there since the last freshet.

The body of young Briggs was identified by his clothing and a billfold in his pocket. A watch in his pocket was stopped at about fifteen seconds past 6:10 o'clock. As the boy was last seen about 6 o'clock on the night of March 27, it is believed that he was drowned shortly after that time.

Following the report of the drowning, the river was dragged and dynamited for several days by deputies from the office of Sheriff Harry Bown, but without result.

Lyle Briggs is survived by his father, H. L. Briggs, who is employed by the Coos Bay lumber company at Coquille, and by his grandmother, Mrs. Rosanna Briggs, and his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Briggs, of West Springfield. His funeral was held at the Laurel Hill cemetery Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. Walker of the West Springfield Free Methodist church in charge.

TRYOUTS BEGIN FOR JUNIOR BALL TEAM

About 20 Springfield boys are trying out for the junior league baseball team which is being sponsored by the local post of the American Legion. The boys are practicing at the high school diamond under the direction of William Vasby. The team which will represent Springfield will be selected within a few days, as the line-up must be submitted to the state headquarters by May 20.

Any boy under 17 is eligible to try out for the team. The schedule for the teams in this district will be announced within a short time, according to J. M. Larson, commander of the Legion. The winner in this district will be allowed to compete in Portland with the winners of the other districts of the state. The national ladder tournament will end next fall in the city where the opening game of the World series will be held. There teams from all over the country will compete for the national championship.

MISS JUANITA LOMBARD WEDS AUBREY BROWN

Miss Juanita Lombard and Aubrey Brown were married at a quiet home wedding at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Ella Lombard, Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. She ceremony was performed by Rev. S. E. Childers of Eugene, former pastor of the Springfield Christian church, and was attended only by the immediate family of Miss Lombard and by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gossler. Miss Maurine Lombard, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and Frank Lambard, her brother, was best man.

The house was decorated with dogwood blossoms and pink tulips. Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Brown left on the 4 o'clock train for Portland, where they spent two days visiting with Mr. Brown's relatives. They returned Wednesday and are making their home at Nott, where Mr. Brown is employed by the Southern Pacific company.

STATE WOULD LIKE MAIN ST. STRAIGHT

Offer to Move Highway From Tenth to Sixteenth if City Will Buy Right-of-Way from Brattain Estate; Council Studies Proposal.

Main street may be straightened at the end of the pavement at Tenth street if the city council acts on a proposal of the state highway department. If the city will buy a strip of land from the Brattain estate from Tenth to Sixteenth streets the state will move the highway and sidewalk to the new alignment without cost to the city.

The council discussed the proposal at Monday night's meeting and it was referred to the mayor and street committee for further study. Where the money can be gotten to buy the land troubled the councilmen. It is thought that the angular strip required will cost about \$1,000. The highway department is straightening out the McKenzie highway from the city limits to Cogswell hill this summer and it also desires to make this change inside the city limits.

The council received complaints from residents of Sunnyside in regard to the opening of an alley and better drainage. It is a question whether an alley as plotted in the Sunnyside addition is an alley or private property. The matter was referred to the city attorney and street committee.

Jess Smitson will be allowed time off to attend the fire chiefs' convention in Tillamook for three days. The mayor was out of town so W. P. Tyson, president of the council, presided at the Monday night meeting.

DISTRICT CONVENTION OF AMERICAN LEGION HERE WELL ATTENDED

The monthly district meeting of the American Legion was held in Springfield last night with an attendance of more than 60 from eight different posts. A banquet was held in the Woodman hall after which a business meeting was had by the legion delegates at the hall and a meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary at the Chamber of Commerce.

Representatives from Eugene, Corvallis, Albany, Toledo, Lebanon, Cottage Grove, Monroe and Springfield were present at the meeting. The public welfare work of the American Legion, a change in the time of election of officers, and junior baseball contests were the principal topics under discussion.

The next meeting will be held on the beach at Newport, with Toledo post as the host, June 22.

A program arranged by the Springfield post was enjoyed at the dinner. Mrs. Marion Adams, Mrs. John Ketels, and Mrs. Ora Reed Hemenway gave readings and Mrs. W. K. Barnell and Miss Uldine sang.

SAFETY PRIZES TO BE AWARDED ON MAY 28

The winners of the prizes offered in the 4L safety essay and slogan contest will be awarded at a public meeting, probably at the high school auditorium, on Tuesday night, May 28. It was announced yesterday by W. P. Tyson, president of the local 4L. E. E. Martin, safety engineer of the Booth-Kelly company at Eugene, will act as master of ceremonies and award the prizes.

Several hundred essays and posters bearing slogans were entered in the various contests by the students in the Springfield schools. Mrs. L. K. Page, chairman of the judging committee, has completed her readings of the manuscripts and has turned them over to the other two judges, O. H. Jarrett and Roy Carlton. It will be nearly two weeks before Jarrett and Carlton have read the papers and the scoring of the three judges can be averaged to give the winners.

LOCAL HORSESHOE MEN TO PLAY EUGENE TODAY

The Springfield horseshoe club will match with the tossers of the Eugene horseshoe club at the local courts this evening at 7:30 o'clock. This will be the third game for the local club, the team having been defeated twice by close scores by the Corvallis club.

Those who will represent Springfield in the game tonight will be Gilbert Ernsting, Bill Gerlach, Bill May, Richard Prochnow, Dean Beals, and George Cox.

Locals Lead H.S. Baseball League

Eugene High School Trimmed 8-4 Tuesday; Cottage Grove To Play Here Friday

Standing of Lane County High School League

Team	W	L	Percentage
Springfield	4	1	.800
Eugene	3	1	.750
Cottage Grove	1	3	.250
University	0	4	.000

Springfield upset all dope at Eugene Tuesday night by trimming the Eugene high school baseball team 8-4 in the fifth conference game of the season. Those who profess to know sport had predicted an easy victory for Eugene.

Springfield now is in the lead of the Lane county high school league with four victories and one defeat, having been beaten 5-4 by Eugene in the first game of the season. Eugene is in second place with three victories and one defeat. Cottage Grove third with one victory and two defeats, and University with four games lost and none won.

Springfield has yet to play one game with Cottage Grove high school here Friday at 3:30 o'clock. Eugene still has one game with Cottage Grove and one with University. If Springfield defeats Cottage Grove Friday and Eugene wins both her matches from Cottage Grove an University, as now seems likely, Springfield and Eugene will be tied for first place and another game will be necessary to decide the championship.

The Springfield team showed the best baseball that it has played all season in the contest with Eugene Tuesday, according to Leonard Mayfield, local coach. E. Squires, the pitcher for the locals, struck out 12 Eugene batters, while Towne, the Eugene pitcher, was able to strike out seven Springfield men. Springfield batters scored 10 safe hits from which was netted the eight runs, and the men in the field made only three errors in the course of the game. The Eugene batters made five hits of Spires, while their fielders made six errors.

Springfield defeated University high here in a rather loosely played contest last Friday afternoon by a score of 11 to 4. Squires pitched for the locals, and Lake was in the box for the University team.

UNIVERSITY MAN TO ADDRESS SENIOR CLASS

Dr. Howard R. Taylor, professor of psychology in the University of Oregon, will deliver the address to the 33 members of the Springfield high school senior class at the commencement exercises May 31. It was announced yesterday by A. J. Morgan, principal of the local high school.

The commencement exercises will be held in the auditorium of the Methodist church at 8 o'clock on the night of the 31st. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered at the Methodist church Sunday, May 26, by Rev. C. J. Pike.

MRS. TOBIAS HONORED AT SURPRISE PARTY

A number of friends of Mrs. L. A. Tobias surprised her with a birthday party at her home last night. Many of the guests brought beautiful gifts, a silk bed spread and a stand lamp among them. Chase Gardens sent a bouquet of roses, one for each year of Mrs. Tobias' life.

Those who attended the party were Mesdames Blom, Pitkin, Frese, Lane, Chase, Rice, Gladish, Carlton, Hawk, Stacy, Walker, Avitt, Robertson, Vincent, Barnard, Zachary, Jones, Schieve, Montgomery, McPherson, Pengra, Schuck, Horton, and Ray; and the Misses Dorothea Frese, Gladys Chase, Nora Cutsford, Ina Hubbard, Eva Tobias, Viola Lane, Miriam Rice, Naomi and Ruth Carlton.

Conducting Evangelistic Meetings
Miss Senethea Meyer, an evangelist, assisted by Miss Augusta Kelsey, is holding an "old-fashioned" revival meeting at the Bible Standard hall on Main street. The meetings began on May 14 and will continue on every night except Saturday for some time.

Spending Week-End Traveling
A number of Springfield took advantage of the low rates offered by the Southern Pacific company last week-end to make trips. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Woolley spent the week-end visiting with friends at Chiloquin. Mrs. Metcalf and Mrs. Crusan went to Klamath Falls, and Mrs. Ellen Frost and Mrs. Maggie T. Smith journeyed to Los Angeles.

O'SHEA SAYS UNION TO PUT FARM MARKETING ON BUSINESS BASIS

Cost of production plus a reasonable profit for agricultural products is the main purpose of the Farmers' Union, James O'Shea, national secretary of Roberts, Montana, told members of the union at a meeting Tuesday at the Woodman hall at Springfield. Mr. O'Shea told of the success of the Farmers' Union in the states of Montana, Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and the middle west.

He said that if Montana had Oregon's climate with the great initiative of their people it would be the leading state in the union. He stated the time was coming when middle western farmers were coming to Oregon to organize the farmers in the Farm Union movement like it was being done in his section.

The speaker said that the Farm Union now controlled the terminal market in several farm products and it was the purpose of the union to control all the major products. "We are the only producers in the world who sell our products at the price the buyer sets and at his own weights and standards," said Mr. O'Shea. He said the farmer sold on the lowest market and bought the things he needed in the highest.

The National Farm Union expects to establish co-operative livestock market yards on the Pacific coast this year, according to Mr. O'Shea.

State president Richards, of The Dalles, is accompanying Mr. O'Shea in his tour of Oregon.

BIG PARADE PLANNED FOR OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY HERE

Every fraternal and civic organization in Springfield will be represented in the annual Memorial Day parade which will be held here May 30. A meeting of the representatives of the organizations met at the post office Tuesday night to discuss plans for the parade.

The parade will begin at Sixth street on Main and will proceed as far as Second street, and thence to the Laurel Hill cemetery in cars. Zack Kintzley, the only surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic in Springfield, will be grand marshal for the day. His aides will be Captain M. B. Huntly, Major F. B. Hamlin, and Wallace Phipps.

Among the organizations to participate in the parade will be the American Legion, the Spanish War Veterans, the Boy Scouts, troops 11 and 12, the Springfield Girl Scouts, the school children, the Neighbors of Woodcraft drill team, and the Eugene I. O. O. F. band.

The Lions club will care for the transportation from the town to the cemetery. Mrs. Ora Reed Hemenway will be in charge of the singing and the public schools' part in the parade, the Neighbors of Woodcraft will secure the flowers and make wreaths, and the Boy Scouts will furnish the greens and will also care for the flags. The Rebekah Lodge will take care of the publicity, the Legion Auxiliary of the decoration of the graves, and the W. O. W. and the 4L of the decoration of the graves and the arranging of seats for the program.

Further details of the plans for the observance of Memorial Day will be worked out later, according to M. B. Huntly, who is chairman of the committee in charge.

EVANGELIST TO PREACH AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Floyd A. Ross, an evangelist, will deliver the morning sermon at the Springfield Christian church Sunday at 11 o'clock. Laurence Sunkler will sing a solo "In His Steps." At the Bible school which will be held at 9:45, the "Queen of Children's Day" will be chosen from the primary and junior departments. The little girl selected will reign over the Children's day program which will be held at the church June 2.

Rev. V. E. Hoven of the Eugene Bible university faculty will deliver the evening sermon at the church at 8 o'clock. The church choir will sing as a special number "My Salvation and My Glory". Christian Endeavor prayer service will be held at 6:40 o'clock and the regular Endeavor meeting at 7 o'clock.

Prochnow Goes to Westfir
George L. Prochnow, Southern Pacific telegrapher at the local station, was called to Westfir the first of this week to relieve the operator there for a few days. Charles H. Dow of Portland is taking Mr. Prochnow's place at the depot.

MAJOR TO ARRIVE HERE ON SATURDAY

Large Crowd to Welcome Eckerson as He Lands With New Waco Plane; Aviator to Give Address to Springfield Over KSL Tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Major G. H. Eckerson, proprietor of the new Springfield aviation school, at the local municipal airport, will arrive in town with his new sport model Waco plane at noon Saturday, according to a telegram received by his partner, James C. Stovall, of Eugene.

The major left for Troy, Ohio, Sunday, May 5, to get the new plane, which he ordered some time ago. He is flying it home, Floyd Flannery and W. C. McLagan, local business men, left last night on the six o'clock train for Salt Lake City, and will return with the major Saturday morning. The men will arrive in Salt Lake Friday morning, after traveling a day and two nights on the train. They will leave Salt Lake with the major about 6 o'clock Saturday morning and will be back in Springfield by noon.

Major Eckerson will give an address of welcome to his friends in Springfield over radio KSL, Salt Lake, Friday night at 8 o'clock, Rocky Mountain time (7 o'clock Pacific time). Springfield people are asked to tune in on KSL at that time and hear the address.

Plans for welcoming the major on his return to Springfield are being worked out by the local aviation committee headed by Dr. W. C. Rehan. Everybody who can is asked to go to the field and be there when he lands about noon. Mayor C. O. Wilson will make a short address, and it is possible that there may be a few other numbers on the program. The National Guard men, under C. A. Swarts, will have charge of the parking of cars at the field.

It was originally planned to hold the formal dedication of the airport at the same time as Major Eckerson returned from Troy with his new plane, but that was later deemed impractical. The dedication will be held at some later date.

DOCTOR GETS THRILLS ON NIGHT BOAT TRIP

Dr. W. H. Pollard experienced some of the trials of the old-fashioned country doctor Monday night when he made a trip to Cushman, on the lower Sinslaw river, to bring back a patient to the Pacific Christian hospital.

Dr. Pollard motored to Mapleton and then made the remainder of the journey down the river in a motor boat driven by a Cushman man. The boatman became confused in the darkness and fog and once ran out of the river up into a slough, where he ran aground and the two men were forced to pry the boat out of the mud with poles.

Farther down the stream they became entangled in a fish net, which delayed them considerably, so that it required three hours to make the fifteen mile trip from Mapleton down the river to Cushman. Dr. Pollard returned to Eugene with his patient with considerable less difficulty Tuesday morning.

P. T. A. To Choose Officers

The election of officers for the coming year will be held at the meeting of the Springfield Parent-Teachers association at the Brattain school tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. A short program will be presented by the children of the Brattain school. Two potted plants will be given as prizes to the room in the Brattain and in the Lincoln school represented by the largest number of parents and friends at the meeting tomorrow.

The art work of the year which has been done by the pupils of the Brattain school will be on display at the meeting.

Wendling Baby Dies

Irvin Robert Helms, the three weeks' old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Helms of Wendling died at the family home May 13. The funeral was held at the home at Wendling Tuesday under the direction of the Walker-Poole funeral home. The child was buried at the Marcola cemetery.

To Attend Conventon

John Hender and Clayton Barber, president and secretary of the Springfield Lions club, will leave tomorrow for Tillamook where they will attend the annual district convention of their order. The convention will be held Friday and Saturday.