

COUNTY OFFERS OIL FOR LOCAL STREETS

Fifth Street Surfaced Together With Mohawk Highway; Offer Thin Coat to Other Streets If Cost of Ten Dollars a Block is Assured.

Any unpaved block in the city of Springfield will be oiled by the county trucks if the property owners on the block will guarantee the expense, it is announced by W. C. McLagan, chairman of the streets committee of the city council. The cost of the oiling will be approximately ten dollars a block.

Fifth street is being oiled this week by the county crew from the city limits to the paving. The Mohawk highway, which enters the city on Fifth street is being oiled, so the oiling of that street is no expense to the property owners. The oiling which will be done on the other streets will be lighter than that on the highway, but will be sufficient to settle most of the dust for the summer.

With Fifth street oiled by the county from the city limits to the pavement and the offer of the county to oil any other unpaved street or block in the town provided the property owners will guarantee the expense, a quite extensive street improvement program is possible in Springfield this summer, according to Mr. McLagan.

Some time ago McLagan spoke to the members of the streets court in regard to having the county of Springfield oiled by the county trucks, and at that time it was stated that this would not be possible, as the county trucks would be busy all summer at work on the various county roads. This week however, the court notified McLagan that the county would be glad to oil the streets here provided that the property owners would guarantee the expense.

MEDAL RE-AWARDED TO LAWRENCE DANKS AT SEATTLE MEETING

Lawrence E. Danks, employee at the local Mountain States Power plant, who was presented the Robert Insull medal for resuscitation at Albany last week, left for Seattle Tuesday where the medal was re-presented to him yesterday before the National convention of the National Electric Light association. He was accompanied to the convention by C. M. Brewer and C. E. Merrill of Albany, vice-president and assistant general manager of the Mountain States Power company.

The various problems connected with power and electric work were discussed at the Seattle meeting, one of the most important of which is safety. It was in connection with the discussion of this problem that the award was made to Danks.

The Robert Insull medal is given for resuscitation from electrocution. Danks restored to breathing, using the Shafer Prone Pressure method, E. N. Dillard, electrician for the Booth-Kelly company, who was electrocuted in an accident at the plant last July. However, Dillard died from the effects of a fall he received after sustaining the electric shock.

Former Donna Man Dead

Vance H. Seavey, 33 of Kellogg, Idaho, a former resident of Donna, died at the Hood River hospital Sunday. He is survived by his widow and three children, Gladys, Harold, and Dale, and by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Seavey of Eugene, and one brother, Lee Seavey, of Donna. His funeral was held in Eugene.

Mrs. Van Valzah Better

Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah, who has been quite ill for some time, is reported to be much improved, although she is still confined to the Eugene hospital.

Her three sons, Dr. Laurah Van Valzah of Denver, Colorado, Dr. Robert Van Valzah of Medford, and Dr. Gerald Van Valzah of Portland, who were here to visit her last week, have returned to their homes.

Girls to Work at Crater Lake

Six girls from Springfield and vicinity left Tuesday night for Crater Lake National Park, where they will spend the summer acting as waitresses at the Crater Lake Lodge. Those who are going are Myrtle Harvey, Maurine Lombard, Elizabeth Hughes, Iowa Carlton, and Beth Johns of Springfield, and Elsie Walker of Oakridge. All of the local girls except Beth Johns were employed at the Lodge last summer.

MAJOR G. H. ECKERSON BACK FROM AIR TOUR THROUGH MONTANA

G. H. Eckerson, Springfield's flying major, appeared over the horizon yesterday afternoon, circled around the city a time or two, and then alighted at the municipal airport some three days ahead of his scheduled time. The major is back from a demonstration tour of Montana and Eastern Oregon that has occupied the greater part of the past three weeks. A letter written from Burns was received from him Tuesday by the Springfield News saying that he expected to be back about the end of the week, but Major Eckerson, who makes a habit of doing the unexpected arrived three days earlier than the time he had set himself.

Eckerson was accompanied on his tour by his partner, James R. Stovall, of Eugene, an instructor in geology in the University of Oregon. They spent the early part of their tour stopping at the principal cities of Montana, taking up passengers, and giving publicity to the new aviation school which the major expects to open in Springfield in September. The flyers encountered much stormy weather in their jaunt through Montana, according to the major.

On their return journey Eckerson and Stovall visited a number of the more important cities of Eastern Oregon. They visited Klamath Falls and Alturas, over the line in California, before coming to Springfield. The major will remain here about two weeks before going to Vancouver, Washington, where he is to spend a training period at the army airfield there.

From July 1 to July 14 Major Eckerson will be stationed at the Army airfield at Vancouver, Washington, acting as a training officer for student pilots enrolled in the Army air course. He will give instruction in fighting tactics. Later in the summer the major intends to attempt to shatter the endurance flight record recently set by the "Fort Worth" in Texas. He will use a specially-built tri-motored monoplane which is now being constructed at Santa Monica, California, where the attempted record-breaking flight will take place. Major Eckerson will set his goal at 20 days in making the flight, running on two engines until they are worn out, and then using the third. He will have one co-pilot, whose name has not yet been made public.

Gladish to Speak at Church

Oscar Gladish, professor of history at the Springfield high school last year, will occupy the pulpit at the local Baptist church this Sunday during the absence of Rev. C. H. Blom, who is to be away on a vacation. Mr. Gladish's subject has not yet been announced. There will be no services at this church at night, but instead all three churches will join in a union service at the Methodist church. Rev. R. E. Blom, pastor of the Christian church, will speak.

Sending Christmas Gift

Mrs. Dallas Murphy sent a Christmas gift this week to her sister, Miss Hattie Mitchell. Although this is quite early for Christmas gifts, it is none too soon in this case, as Miss Mitchell is a missionary in Belgian Congo, Africa. Mrs. Murphy sent the gift by Goldie Wells, a missionary in the same field, who visited in Springfield some time ago. Miss Wells will stop in Belgium for study for a time before going to Africa.

4L Holds Picnic

Over 50 persons, 4L men and their families, attended the picnic of the organization held at Swimmers' Delight Monday evening. A picnic dinner was served, and the evening was spent in dancing, boating, swimming and playing horseshoes. The regular monthly business meeting was held at the same time. It is expected that the picnic will become an annual event.

Rempie Moves to Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Rempie and children, residents of Springfield vicinity for a number of years, left Wednesday for Flint, Michigan, where they will make their home. They will stop in Kansas to visit relatives enroute. Mr. Rempie expects to obtain employment in an automobile factory in Flint.

Cyr Honored at Party

Leater Cyr of Chase Gardens was honored on his birthday by a surprise party at his home Wednesday night. Those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chase, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Chase and family, Miss Maud Chase, J. W. Chase, Everett Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laxton and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Cyr and family.



Associate Justice Harlan Fiske Stone, of the U. S. Supreme Court at Washington, is expected to head the National Law Enforcement Commission.

REMODELING OF STORE FOR GRAY'S CASH. CARRY NEARING COMPLETION

The remodeling and refinishing of the Perkins-Stevens building at the corner of Main and Fifth streets for Gray's Cash and Carry store is now nearing completion, and it is expected that the grocery will move into its new location about July 1. The front of the building has been completely rebuilt, giving it a more attractive appearance than was formerly the case.

The old center entrance on Main street, which was used when the building was occupied by Kafoury's and by the Farmer's Exchange, has been eliminated entirely, and instead a large corner entrance, opening on both Main and Fifth, has been built. Another entrance on Main street has been built near the west corner, and the side entrance on Fifth has also been retained. The front window of the store have been raised to about two feet from the sidewalk, and the entire building has been repainted a cream color. The interior will be kalsomined, and the counters arranged so as to give the maximum amount of display. The old overhead balcony has been torn away. The remodeled building will have more than 25 feet of window display on Main street, as well as that on Fifth street in the store room at the rear of the building which has been vacant for some time.

Gray's Cash and Carry will retain the lease on the building it now occupies, although the use which will be made of it has not yet been determined. Gray's feed store, across the street from the grocery, will remain at its present location.

RAINBOW LUMBERMAN KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

Harry J. Leonard of Rainbow, an employee of the E. A. Leonard Lumber company at that place, died at the Eugene hospital Sunday morning from injuries he sustained when the logging truck which he was driving overturned near Donna on the Mohawk highway. Leonard was rushed to the hospital in an ambulance, but died of his injuries soon after reaching there.

Mr. Leonard was 39 years of age and was a native of Minnesota. He is survived by his widow, his father, E. A. Leonard of Rainbow, one sister, Mrs. Mabel Booth of Elmo, Washington, and three brothers, L. E. Leonard, F. A. Leonard, and W. P. Leonard of Rainbow. His funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at the Branstetter chapel at Eugene, and the interment followed at the new I. O. O. F. cemetery there.

Chamber to Discuss Celebration

The question of joining with Eugene in observation of Independence Day will be the principal topic of discussion at the meeting of the Springfield chamber of commerce Friday night. The Eugene chamber has invited Springfield to join in the celebration there.

Picnic Well Attended

The annual Methodist picnic held Friday afternoon and evening at Swimmers' Delight was the most successful one which has been held, in the opinion of those who attended. The afternoon and evening were spent in swimming and playing games, and at 6:30 o'clock a picnic dinner was served. Over 150 persons attended the affair. The picnic was sponsored by the Methodist Brotherhood, with Frank Bartholomew, president of the organization, acting as chairman.

Hamlin at Roseburg—Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hamlin spent Sunday visiting with friends and relatives in the Roseburg vicinity.

NORTHWEST COMPANY TAKES OVER GAS PLANT OF MOUNTAIN STATES

The Northwest Cities Gas company, which purchased the gas plant of the Mountain States Power company some time ago, assumed control of the property Sunday, and is open for business at the office formerly occupied by the Mountain States on Oak street, Eugene.

Users of gas in Springfield will be served by the Northwest Cities company as they have been in the past. The company will either open an office in Springfield within a few weeks or will arrange for payments to be made at one of the local banks. Fred Olson, of Eugene, who was manager of the gas plant under the Mountain States company, will continue under the new ownership.

With the relinquishing of their office in Eugene to the gas company, the Mountain States power company has moved all of the books and equipment there to Springfield. H. B. Rohrbough of Albany has been transferred to Springfield to work in the local office of the company and to take care of the merchandising and of the stock books.

LOCAL NATIONAL GUARD BACK FROM TWO WEEKS AT CAMP CLATSOP, ORE.

Covered with military glory and sun burn, the Springfield unit of the Oregon National Guard returned yesterday afternoon from Camp Clatsop, Oregon, where they spent the past two weeks at the annual summer encampment of the Guard. Twenty-three men made the trip, under the leadership of C. A. Swarts, first lieutenant and commander of the local unit.

Oregon's army spent the two weeks for the most part in intensive military training, leading up to the big public demonstration and sham battle which was held Saturday, June 22. Each morning drill was held from 7:15 to 11:45. In the afternoon supervised athletics were held for the enlisted men and a school of instruction for the commissioned and non-commissioned officers was held. The officers were given the instructions for the next day's drill.

Camp Clatsop, with its temporary 3000 inhabitants, was a quite well organized city while the encampment was in progress. There were 42 rows of tents, with from 8 to 20 tents to the row. From two to eight men lived in each tent. Each company had its own kitchen and force of cooks for feeding the men. Ninety-one tents in the temporary town were blown down in a heavy wind storm in one night during the first week of the encampment.

The biggest event of the two weeks was a public demonstration last Saturday. A great sham battle was staged, in which the Springfield unit acted as the company headquarters, established communications, and furnished runners and messengers. More than 20,000 spectators gathered to watch the event.

Monday afternoon a track and field meet was held in which a number of Springfield men entered. One of the events was the establishing of communications. This consisted of stringing out 100 yards of wire and getting a telephone communication through in the shortest length of time. The Springfield men placed fourth in the nine teams competing. Don Bettis and Frederick Clark entered the pole vault, and Don Palmer the high jump. All qualified for the regimental team, but failed to place in the finals.

Those who went to Camp Clatsop from Springfield were First Lieutenant C. A. Swarts, commander; Lieutenant Walter Gossler; Staff Sergeant Trubert Henderson; Sergeants Charles Scott, Orval Cantrell, Eli Miller and Orval Eaton; Corporals Alfred Townsend, Don Bettis, Elmo Long, and William Cox; and Privates Albert Harper, Don Palmer, Roy Severson, Alvin Cantrell, Edgar Louk, Alonso Manwaring, John Lynch, Freeman Squires, Verol McFarland, Stanley Miller, Frederick Clark, and Bert Tomseth.

Visit With Mortensen

Dr. and Mrs. George Horsfall of San Francisco, daughter and son-in-law of Dr. R. P. Mortensen, stopped in Springfield Tuesday enroute for home. They were called north by the serious illness of Mrs. William Horsfall, mother of Dr. George Horsfall and wife of Dr. William Horsfall of Marshfield, who is confined to a Portland hospital. Miss Margaret Mortensen returned to San Francisco with Dr. and Mrs. Horsfall and will visit there for the next month.



Mrs. Frances W. Elliott of Los Angeles must pay her husband alimony of \$250 a month. This ruling was made under a new California law granting husbands alimony rights.

DISTRICT RETIRING OUTSTANDING WARRANTS; \$8200 GAINED IN YEAR

W. G. Hughes, clerk of the local school district, received a check from the county treasurer this week for \$4606, the payment of 70 per cent of the Springfield portion of the Lane county general high school fund, from the taxes of the year 1928. The money will be used to retire outstanding warrants.

So far the school district has received \$13,200.81 of the special tax voted for school purposes in 1928. This lacks \$1200 of being 50 per cent of the tax amount due the local district. The amount of the 1928 tax was \$32,699.72, of which \$3795 was deducted for the payment of interest on bonds issued by the district. Of this there is still due \$15,704.

Mr. Hughes estimates that by July 1 the warrant indebtedness of the local school district will be reduced to \$9500, with still further reductions in sight. Last year at this time the warrant indebtedness of the district was \$17,797.39. This will be a gain of more than \$8200 in one year.

CORVALLIS WOMAN HURT WHEN CAR LEAVES ROAD

Mrs. O. P. Wolf of Corvallis was quite badly hurt Sunday when the car in which she was riding left the road on Dead Horse Hill on the McKenzie highway. The car, a Pontiac sedan, failed to make the turn on one of the sharp curves of the hill, ran off the road, and turned completely over twice. Mrs. Wolf received three broken ribs and was quite badly bruised and shaken up, but none of the other seven occupants of the car was more than slightly injured.

Mrs. Wolf was taken to the Lost Creek ranch and a Springfield physician was summoned to her aid. She remained at the ranch Sunday night and was returned to her home Monday.

MANY MASONS GATHER FOR ANNUAL PICNIC

More than 1600 Masons and their families from lodges all over this part of the state gathered Sunday at the Seavey hop island, south of Springfield, for the second annual picnic of the organization. A picnic dinner was held at 1:15 o'clock, for which five large beehives were baked.

The principal speaker of the day was Milton L. Meyers of Portland, master of the grand lodge. Rex Davis of Salem, past grand master, was also on the program. Governor I. L. Patterson was scheduled to make a speech but was unable to be present. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in swimming, and in a number of contests sponsored by the committee in charge.

Ernsting Wins Tournament

Gilbert Ernsting was the winner of the first round of the Springfield Horseshoe club tournament held at the local court Friday night. He defeated George Cox, the runner-up. If Ernsting repeats his performance for the next two weeks, he will be given the possession of the pair of nickel-plated shoes offered by the club. The person winning the shoes will be obliged to defend them every two weeks until the end of the season, when the one who has held them the largest number of weeks will keep them permanently.

P. E. O. Holds Picnic

The P. E. O. Sisterhood, composed of Eugene and Springfield women, held its annual picnic Monday night at Swimmers' Delight. The husbands and children of the members were invited to the affair. Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Pollard and family, and Mrs. A. J. Morgan of Springfield attended.

MAY COMPROMISE BRIDGE DISPUTE

Plummer, McClain, and Davenport Go to Portland to Attend Meeting of State Highway Commission; West Side Asks 150 foot Extension.

In an effort to reach a compromise with the State Highway commission concerning the construction of the west approach to the new Springfield bridge, three residents of West Springfield, Marion McClain, G. M. Plummer, and George Davenport, left for Portland today to meet with the commission at its regular monthly session. The delegation was invited to come by the members of the commission.

The State Highway commission has intimated, according to Plummer, that it will be willing to extend the present concrete bridge structure 100 feet and make the remainder of the approach a fill as was originally ordered. The residents of West Springfield have considered the proposal and have decided that they will compromise on a 150-foot extension, he says.

E. E. Morrison, chairman of the Springfield bridge committee, who has been working to effect a compromise between the state and the West Springfield people, accompanied them to Portland. He expressed the belief that an agreement could be reached on the 100-foot opening and if it was the court would be petitioned to modify the decree, allowing the work to go ahead without injunction.

If the highway commission and the West Springfield representatives are able to reach an agreement at Portland tomorrow, the case will not be carried into the supreme court as was recently ordered and construction work can be re-commenced at once. In any event it will be several months before the bridge can be opened to traffic, as it will require some time for a concrete extension to be poured and to harden. If an agreement is not reached, the case will be heard in the supreme court, and it is unlikely that the court can render a decision before August 1.

The quarrel between the state highway commission and the people of West Springfield arose over the question of whether or not a fill approach should be constructed from the west end of the new bridge to the Pacific highway. The west side people contended that the fill, if made, would act as a dam in times of high water, diverting a destructive current over the property in the vicinity. They brought a suit for a restraining injunction over the work was begun by A. C. Mathews, Eugene contractor. The injunction was granted by Judge Skipworth after a lengthy hearing at Eugene. A short time ago the attorneys for the highway commission, the county court, and Mathews announced that they were preparing to file an appeal before the supreme court, while the West Springfield residents announced that they were prepared to fight the case in the supreme court, if it were carried there. The hearing may be held some time next month if the projected compromise fails tomorrow.

COMMISSION TO LET CONTRACTS AT MEETING

A number of contracts for road and bridge work in Lane County will be awarded at the monthly meeting of the state highway commission in Portland Friday. Judge C. P. Barnard and Commissioner Clinton Hurd of the Lane county court will attend.

The most important contract will be that for clearing and grading the 3.31 mile Black River canyon section of the Willamette highway. The contract calls for the excavation of 139,000 cubic yards, and the completion of the work by September 1, 1930. A contract for surfacing of seven miles of the McKenzie highway east of Springfield will also be let. Other contracts include those for the approaches to the McKenzie, Gates Creek, and Indian Creek bridges and for the construction of a section of the Roosevelt highway south of Glenada.

Carsons to Return to Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. David Carson and family of Welkin, Wisconsin, who have spent the past year in the Springfield vicinity, will return Monday to their home. A picnic in honor of them will be given Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Adams of Junction City, sister and brother-in-law of Mr. Carson. Mr. Carson is a cousin of George Carson and Mrs. Marion Adams of this city.