

SCHOOL BOARD ASKS CHANGE IN TAX LAW

Wheeler High School Tax Law Held Disadvantageous to Springfield and Larger High Schools; Boundary Board to Decide Question Monday

Discontinuance of the Wheeler high school tax law, under which the high schools of Lane have been partially financed for the past five years and reversion to the original tuition system will be advocated by directors of the Springfield high school at the meeting of the Lane county boundary board at Eugene Monday. Education of 55 students last year living outside district No. 19 at a cost of \$4,125 to the district is the principal reason for the desired change.

The Wheeler tax law, which was passed by the legislature a number of years ago, provides that from a blanket tax levied on all county property each high school shall be paid \$60 each for the first 20 students, \$50 each for the second 20, and \$30 each for all the students enrolled over 40.

Under this system the Springfield school district receives \$30 each from the county for the 55 outside students attending high school here, whereas the cost per student in the local high school is \$105. Thus, \$75 per student was paid out of the funds of the district. Under the original tuition system, each district collected tuition equal to the cost per student from either the student or his district, depending on whether or not the school district where the student lived supported a high school. This system is in effect in many Oregon counties.

The county board, which consists of the county judge, the county commissioners, and the county school superintendent, has invited directors of the various school boards and other interested citizens of the county to meet with it and consider the question of continuing under the Wheeler plan. The board may make the change if it sees fit. It is possible that representatives of the Eugene and Cottage Grove school boards will cooperate with the local men in asking the change.

C. A. Swarts took the oath of office Monday night as director of the Springfield school district for the next three years, and W. G. Hughes as clerk for one year at the first regular meeting of the board since the election.

D. J. Beals assumed the office of chairman of the board for the first time, now being senior member. Dr. W. H. Pollard is the third member.

The school board voted unfavorably on the proposed kindergarten for the children of the district which was recommended recently by a parent-teachers' association committee headed by Mrs. L. K. Page. That the establishment of the kindergarten at this time would be unwise given as the reason for the negative vote.

MISS BERNICE NEHER HONORED BY SHOWER

A surprise shower in honor of Miss Bernice Neher of Douglas Gardens, who will be married soon to Rev. Forrest Finley, pastor of the Coburg Methodist Episcopal church, was given Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Halsey. The shower was sponsored by Miss Margaret Halsey and Miss Doris Myers. All the guests were hidden when Miss Neher arrived at the Halsey home, so she was much surprised when they appeared.

The principal feature of the evening's entertainment was the appearance of a diminutive bride, groom and flower girl in the persons of Bobbie Bebban, Jackie Bill Vaughn, and Joy Bebban, bearing a large basket of gifts. Miss Edna Platt played the wedding march as the small trio entered. Refreshments of ice cream and wafers were served.

Those who attended the shower were the Misses Margaret Gorrie, Anne Gorrie, Edna Platt, Virginia Franz, Gladys Porter, Annette Williams, Louella Williams, Dorothy Bailey, Alma Fish, Villa McKay, Mrs. C. J. Pike, Mrs. Guy Halsey, Miss Bernice Neher and the hostesses, Miss Margaret Halsey and Miss Doris Myers.

Moving to California

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McPherson and son Wilbur left for Ventura, California Monday, where they will make their home. Mr. McPherson expects to find employment in the oil fields there. They have been residents of Springfield for many years.

Fights Prohibition



Mrs. Charles H. Sabin, of New York, who resigned as a Republican National Committee member, is leading a nation-wide movement of women toward the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC PLANS EXCURSION TO CRESCENT LAKE

An excursion to Crescent Lake, located over the summit of the Cascade mountains on the Natron cut-off, will be sponsored Sunday, July 7th, by the Southern Pacific Railroad company. One of the big features of the trip will be the motor boat races on the lake which are being sponsored by the Eugene Moar Boat club. The races are divided into three classes, "B," "C," and unlimited.

The special excursion train will leave Eugene Sunday morning at 7 o'clock, stopping at Springfield to pick up any passengers who wish to go on the journey. It will arrive at the Lake about 11. On the return journey the train will leave Crescent Lake at 5:30 in the evening. The round trip fare for the excursion will be two dollars. The excursion to Crescent Lake has been an annual event for the past several years. Last year the train was loaded to capacity, and the railroad officials are expecting a large crowd this year.

MAY NAMED CHAIRMAN OF NEW INSURANCE CLAIMS COMMITTEE

L. L. May was appointed chairman of the new insurance claims committee of the Springfield 4L by W. P. Tyson, president of the organization in accordance with the requirements of the Provident Life and Accident insurance company, in which the 4L voted last week to accept a policy of group insurance. Other members of the committee are George Cox, Theron Cogill, Thorval Nysten, and John King, secretary.

The new committee will act on all claims for compensation from sickness and non-occupational accidents and will make awards without the assistance of a representative of the insurance company. Claims for damages for accidents suffered while at work are settled through the state industrial accident commission as previously.

DOG AT JASPER HOLDS RATTLESNAKE AT BAY UNTIL MASTER COMES

Doc, a big collie dog owned by Mrs. D. Jacoby of Jasper, kept a huge rattlesnake from escaping last week while the cries of Mrs. C. E. Logsdon brought her brother, Gainey Jacoby, who killed the snake with a shot gun.

Mrs. Logsdon was on her way from the house to the barn where several men, including Mr. Jacoby, were hauling hay. She noticed the dog, who accompanied her, had stopped at a flower bed a few feet from the house. The dog appeared to examine it closely and hearing a buzzing sound, began to bark and ran around the flower bed. Mrs. Logsdon came back to see why the dog was barking, and discovered the rattlesnake in the center of the flower bed.

The rattlesnake was in such a condition, after it was killed, that it could not be measured, but it is believed to be one of the largest ever killed at Jasper.

There have been several rattlesnakes killed on Mrs. Jacoby's ranch but none so close to the house as this one.

Sneed Back From Trip

A. R. Sneed and son, Allen, returned Friday from a trip to California where they visited at the home of Mr. Sneed's brother, S. B. Sneed, at Martinez. Mrs. Sneed and children, Donald and Yvonne, will remain in the south until August 1, visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Allen of Sacramento. About August 1 Mrs. Sneed will return to Springfield with her brother, Jess Allen, who will visit here for a time.

CHAMPIONSHIP CUP TO BE ON DISPLAY AT BANK TOMORROW

The silver cup which was awarded to the Springfield high school by Hendershott's gun store of Eugene for winning the baseball championship last season has been received by Leonard Mayfield, athletic coach, and will be on display at the First National bank tomorrow. The cup is 18 inches high and has engraved on it the fact that Springfield won the championship and the names of the twelve lettermen who were instrumental in winning the championship.

Those who have their names on the cup are Don Palmer, Jack Danner, Hugh Cowart, Thayer McMurray, LaVerne Lawson, Don Bettis, John Lynch, Everett Squires, Freeman Squires, Lawrence Roof, Ralph Cole, and Hershel Tomseth.

The local team had a batting average during the past season of .331, according to Mr. Mayfield, which was exceptionally good for a high school team. Eugene high school, the runner up for the championship, batted at .225. The individual batting averages for the Springfield boys were: Palmer, .500, F. Squires, .500, Bettis, .375, McMurray, .363, Danner, .352, Lawson, .352, Cowart, .333, Roof, .333, Lynch, .333, E. Squires, .305, Tomseth, .133, and Cole, .100. This was for the seven league games and did not include the practice games which were played.

Next year Springfield high school will be coached by Bill Baker, first-string pitcher on the University of Oregon squad and pitcher for the Eugene town team this summer. Leonard Mayfield has accepted the position of athletic coach at Grants Pass, after having his teams win the championship here in two successive seasons. Seven of the lettermen will be lost through graduation, but there will be five left on which to build next year's team, as well as many capable players who were unable to make the first string this year. Those who graduated are Don Palmer, Jack Danner, Hugh Cowart, Thayer McMurray, LaVerne Lawson, Everett Squires and Lawrence Roof.

SPRINGFIELD PEOPLE MIGRATE FROM CITY TO OBSERVE FOURTH

Today is a day of migration for the people of Springfield. Early this morning they started, some east along the McKenzie and other parts of the Cascades, some west in the direction of Newport, Florence, and the Pacific ocean, some north and some south, all imbued with the spirit of independence, with the idea of getting out and enjoying themselves on the day of the nation's birth, a traditional holiday for all Americans.

Getting out in the woods seems to have been the ideal of most of the people of this vicinity, although the usual celebrations in a number of Willamette valley towns attracted many. Over at Eugene today is the biggest nearby celebration. A rodeo sponsored by the Lane county fair board will be held this afternoon as the principal feature of the day. The rodeo will include steer bulldozing, buffalo riding, horse races, pony races, dog races and number of other features. This evening there will be a display of fireworks at the fair grounds. The receipts from the rodeo will be used to further the Lane county fair at Eugene next fall.

Other large celebrations are being held today at Florence and at Newport. The one at Florence will be featured by a miniature naval battle and by other water sports.

Flags and bunting are displayed along the streets of Springfield in accordance with the spirit of the day. A number of the merchants have decorated their windows in attractive displays. The most attractive is Kennett's store. There a woman made from cardboard is placed in the costume of the days of Betsy Ross and surrounded by flags and bunting.

Local Man's Car Stolen

A Pontiac coupe owned by B. C. Kight of Springfield was stolen Monday at 12:30 while it was parked in front of the Montgomery Ward store at Eugene. Mr. Kight reported the theft to the sheriff's office. The car was recovered next day near Mapleton. It had been run into the ditch by the thief, but was not damaged.

Former Residents Here—Mr. and Mrs. Norwood of Parker, Arizona, former residents of Springfield, are visiting here for a few days. Mr. Cox was formerly one of the owners of the Cox and Cox store, located at the corner of Fifth and Main. He is now connected with a government Indian school at Parker.

Five Blocks Ready For County Oiling

Property Owners Who Want Street Improvement Should Notify Recorder

With property owners on five of the city blocks signed up for oiling and more in prospect, one of the most extensive street improvement projects in Springfield for several years is in prospect this summer. The blocks will be oiled as soon as the county trucks complete the oiling of the county highways. Any block will be oiled if the property owners guarantee the expense, which will be approximately \$10 per block.

So far the property owners have filed notice at the city hall of having Sixth street oiled from E to F, Eighth street from D to the first alley, D street from Eighth to Ninth, C street from M to Second, and Ninth street from A to B.

Fifth street was oiled last week from the city limits to the pavement by the county trucks which were oiled the Mohawk highway which enters on Fifth. Fine gravel was combined with the oil there, giving an excellent surface. The oiling on the other streets will be lighter than that on Fifth, but sufficient to settle most of the dust for the summer. Second street was oiled also last week by the property owners on the street, and the driveway along by the Mountain States Power company and the Booth-Kelly mill was oiled by the power company and the lumber company.

It is not known how soon exactly the county trucks will be available for the oiling here, but all property owners who wish oiling done should leave notice at the city hall at once so that Mr. Peterson may notify the county court as to how much work there will be here.

PERKINS AND STEVENS PURCHASE ABLES RANCH EAST OF SPRINGFIELD

The Ables ranch, consisting of 285 acres of irrigated land two and one-half miles southeast of Springfield, which was traded by Kenneth Ables and his father, L. C. Ables, for California property last month, has been purchased by Welby Stevens, president of the Commercial State bank and A. J. Perkins, former Springfield man and president of the Guarantee Trust company of Portland from E. H. Kueffer, Oakland, California, banker. The new owners are not yet certain whether they will farm the place themselves or lease it.

The Ables farm is one of the largest and most valuable in the Springfield vicinity. It is all under cultivation, now having crops of clover, hay and 40 acres of alfalfa standing. It includes an irrigation system for which water is taken from the McKenzie river. The system is capable of furnishing water for nearly 15,000 acres of other land in addition to the ranch. Although the consideration was not mentioned, the Ables ranch is said to be valued at \$50,000.

McPHERSON'S HONORED AT FAREWELL PARTY

A farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Alva McPherson, who left this week for California to make their home, was given Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Rodenbough. The party was sponsored by the Neighbors of Woodcraft drill team. A handkerchief shower for Mrs. McPherson was given by the Neighbors. The evening was spent in playing games, after which refreshments were served.

Those who were present were: Mr. and Mrs. Alva McPherson and son Wilbur, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Heltzerbrand, Mr. and Mrs. R. Thatcher, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Endicott, Mr. and Mrs. Ernst, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Clover, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McLagan, and Mr. and Mrs. William Rodenbough.

Ernsting Wins Second Time

Gilbert Ernsting was the winner of the second weekly horseshoe tournament held at the local courts Friday night. He scored 255 points to 248 for Richard Prochnow, the runner-up. Mr. Ernsting won the first tournament held June 21. If he wins again tomorrow night, he will be given possession of the pair of nickel-plated horseshoes offered by the club.

Visitors Here From Salem—Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hawke of Salem were in Springfield last week-end visiting at the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hawke and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Tomseth.

Opposes Heflin



John H. Bankhead, lawyer of Birmingham, Ala., who announced that he would oppose U. S. Senator Thomas Heflin in next year's Democratic primary.

VIEWERS MAY TURN DOWN SIUSLAW PART OF FLORENCE ROAD

That the Siuslaw route from Mapleton to Cushman may not be recommended for the Willamette valley Florence highway by the viewers is a probability according to people who have talked with the viewers the last few days. While the road is to be heavily financed by the bureau of public roads and the state highway department it is said that Lane county's expense will be greater than if she built her own road via the North Fork route.

The right of way alone will take nearly all of the \$100,000 special tax voted for this road and the county must stand one-fourth the cost of the heavy construction. The viewers have reached an agreement of 19 out of 66 pieces of land for right of way and the rest will have to be condemned. The appraisers J. W. McCausland, Welby Stevens and Mr. Bergman will submit their report to the county court July 20. It is understood that the viewers object to making the affidavit that the land can be bought at a reasonable price and if the viewers report is not favorable that the county court will encounter difficulties in carrying the work forward.

A meeting of the road committee of the county chamber of commerce has been called for next Tuesday in Eugene. At that time the completion of the road will be discussed and the advisability of changing the route in the face of the state and federal selection will be considered.

DR. CHILDERS OFFERED EUGENE PASTORATE BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. S. E. Childers, who served until recently as the pastor of the Springfield Christian church, was elected as pastor of the First Christian church of Eugene at a meeting of the board of directors of the church Sunday. Dr. Childers has acted as supply pastor of the Eugene church since April. The action of the board is contingent on the approval of the congregation. The matter will be taken up by the congregation Sunday, July 7.

Dr. Childers had been member of the faculty of the Eugene Bible university for ten years and the pastor of the Springfield church for six years. He resigned both positions to accept a post on the faculty of the Pacific Bible seminary at Los Angeles, California, meanwhile preaching at Eugene until next fall. If he accepts the offer of the Eugene board, he will resign his new position in California.

Dr. Childers received a degree from the Eugene Bible university in 1911 and from the University of Oregon in 1912. Before coming to Eugene he preached at Spokane, Washington, and at Oakland, California.

EASTERN STAR OFFICERS ENTERTAINED AT GROVE

The officers of the Springfield Cascade Chapter 155 of the Order of the Eastern Star journeyed to Cottage Grove Saturday night where they were entertained at a joint meeting by the Cottage Grove chapter. The officers of the chapter at Drain, Creswell, Eugene, and Springfield were guests of the Cottage Grove group at that time.

Those who made the trip from here were Mrs. Opal Roberts, Mrs. Oswald Olson, Mrs. Will Wright, Mrs. C. O. Wilson, Mrs. Lena Fredricks, Mrs. Elsie Pollard, Mrs. Tom Swarts, Mrs. Pearl Schantol, Mrs. W. C. McLagan, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Levi Neet, Mrs. Jane Cruzan, Miss Annie Gorrie, and M. J. McKinn.

Spending Fourth at Vancouver—Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lloyd felt Monday for Vancouver, B. C., where they will spend the Fourth of July.

WEST SIDE PEOPLE REFUSE STATE OFFER

Bridge Compromise Failure Because West Springfield Committee Will Not Accept 100 Foot Concrete Approach Opening.

The Springfield bridge approach suit must go to the supreme court for settlement and the public be deprived of the use of the bridge for many months. This is the opinion of the Springfield bridge committee which attempted last week to bring about a compromise between the state and the West Springfield plaintiffs to the suit only to see the state's offer to build 100 feet more bridge turned down by the people from across the river.

At the highway commission's meeting in Portland, G. M. Plummer, the chairman of the West Springfield committee, demanded 150 feet of opening and without he recedes from this stand no compromise can be reached. The highway department is willing to complete the bridge at once provided its offer of 100 feet is accepted, but expressed doubt that the bridge would ever be completed if it had to abide by the circuit court ruling for 250 feet of opening on a level grade instead of on grade with the bridge itself.

The West Springfield committee went to Portland on the invitation of the state highway commissioners, who wished to reach a compromise if possible instead of carrying the case through the state supreme court as had been previously ordered. The members of the committee were George Davenport, Marion McClain, and Mr. Plummer. R. B. Oldham, one of the owners of the green house at the west end of the bridge, and E. E. Morrison, chairman of the bridge committee of the Springfield chamber of commerce, also accompanied the men.

The highway commission offered to extend the present concrete structure of the bridge for 100 feet, completing the approach with a dirt fill to the Pacific highway, as was originally offered. Although the committee had set 150 feet as the absolute minimum on which it would compromise the case, all but one of the members, according to Mr. Morrison, were willing to accept the offer of the highway commission. That one member, however, held out for 150 feet, and as a result the compromise failed. Mr. Morrison suggested that they split the difference and extend the concrete of the bridge for 125 feet, but neither the commission nor the committee looked with favor on his proposal.

There is yet some hope of a compromise on the 100 feet offer of the commission, according to Mr. Morrison. The bridge committee which he heads is still working and he believes that except for a few individuals the property owners on the west side of the river are willing to accept the offer. If it is not done soon, however, it will be too late, as the highway commission is preparing to appeal to the supreme court for a verdict reversing that of the Lane county circuit court which ordered a 250 foot extension of the bridge. It is not probable that the case could be heard before September, as the supreme court adjourns for a vacation during the month of August.

NOVELTY STORE MOVES TO LARGER LOCATION

The Novelty Store, owned by Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Turner, was moved Saturday from its former location on Main street to four doors east in the I. O. O. F. building, formerly occupied by Newland's clothing store.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner have been in business in Springfield four years and during that time their store has grown too large for their first location. They expect to increase their stock of good considerably in their new store and it is possible that they may also add a small line of dry goods.

Moon Acquitted

Virgil Moon was found not guilty of disorderly conduct before the City Recorder I. M. Peterson in the local city hall Saturday morning. Moon was arrested on the complaint of Mrs. E. H. Jones following an argument over a strawberry patch. Moon was defended by Howard Brownell, Eugene attorney. Gordon Wells, deputy district attorney, prosecuted the case.

Visits at Portland—F. B. Hamlin made a trip to Portland to visit his mother who is quite ill there.