

## EFFORTS TO SETTLE DISPUTE ON BRIDGE

### Springfield and Eugene Chambers Call Meeting; County Court Calls Commissioners' Attention to Dangerous Old Bridge.

In an effort to find a way out of the Springfield bridge controversy a joint meeting of the Eugene and Springfield Chambers of Commerce bridge committees will be held to night at the local chamber of commerce. West Springfield objectors to the dirt fill have been invited to be present. It is felt that the old bridge structure is dangerous to continue in use many months more and that a solution to the problem should be had immediately. The county court also is again taking a hand in the bridge issue and Judge C. P. Barnard has written the highway commission that a piling approach be built at present.

The West Springfield people are still holding off on the highway commission's offer to extend the west approach 100 feet and then fill. Without they accept this compromise on the part of the state it is likely that the bridge suit must go through a long drawn out appeal in the supreme court.

The county court's letter to the highway commission follows:  
July 9, 1929  
The Honorable State Highway Commission, Salem, Oregon.  
Gentlemen:

The matter of the approach to the west end of the Springfield bridge seems to have developed into a controversy between the State Highway Commission and the people living in West Springfield, who claim they would be damaged by a fill the entire distance and whose claim has been upheld by the Circuit Court.

We realize that the State Highway Commission might be able to keep this matter in the courts for an indefinite length of time, making, as a common expression goes, the taxpayers of Lane County, the "goat." During the summer of 1926 the request was made by the Lane County Court that the State Bridge Engineer made an examination of the old Springfield bridge and give us a report of its condition. On October 23rd, 1926, we received the following report:

"Calculations made by this Department disclose the fact that while the bridge is not absolutely dangerous for traffic, it is pretty badly overstressed. If the present structure is to be carried in service for a period in excess of two years, it will be necessary to make another very thorough investigation at the end of that time and it is quite possible that considerable reinforcement will be found necessary. At the present time some of the joints and connections are pretty badly overstressed in rivet bearing and in shear and some of the main diagonal members are stressed nearly to the yield point of the metal under standard highway loading. Extensive repairs to the roadway and decking will also be necessary, if the structure is to be carried for any considerable period. Altogether the old steel span has outlived its usefulness and should be replaced by a modern structure as soon as funds can be made available for the purpose."

On March 29th, 1927 an agreement was reached between the State Highway Commission and the Lane County Court whereby the County agreed to contribute \$65,000 of the estimated cost of \$150,000 for the completion of the structure and approaches, the County to purchase all right-of-way, estimated to cost at least \$20,000. On the 27th day of March, 1928, a contract was entered into by and between the State Highway Commission and Lindstrom & Feigenson, and the bridge was completed and except for the controversy with regard to the west approach, could have been opened for traffic at least by July 1st of this year.

## GRAY'S TO MOVE TO NEW CORNER LOCATION DURING COMING WEEK

Gray's Cash and Carry will move into their new location in the Perkins-Stevens building at the corner of Fifth and Main some time during the next week, although the exact date cannot yet be determined. It was announced this morning by Dallas Murphy, owner of the store. It was originally planned to have the grocery in its new location by July 1, but the remodeling and finishing of the building took more time than was expected.

The Perkins-Stevens building can now hardly be recognized as the same one as was occupied by Kafoury's store and before that by the Farmers' Exchange. The old front of the building was torn away and a new one built. The new arrangement includes a large corner entrance, fronting on both Main and Fifth, a smaller entrance on Main, and another on Fifth. There are 25 feet of window display on Main street, as well as a lesser amount on Fifth. The entire building has been repainted in a cream color, with trimmings in light brown.

The interior of the store has been kalsomined in light green with the woodwork painted cream. The counters will be arranged around the sides of the room, with all of the large center space given over to merchandise displays. Gray's will retain the lease on the buildings now occupied by the store, though it has not yet been decided as to what use will be made of it.

## W. C. T. U. TO PRESENT PROGRAM AT CHURCH

A public entertainment will be presented Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Springfield Methodist Episcopal church by the local Women's Christian Temperance Union. A program consisting of readings and musical numbers will be presented by Springfield and Eugene talent.

The program of the evening is as follows:  
Piano solo—Winifrid Tyson.  
Vocal duet—Mrs. W. C. Rebhan and Mary Whitney.  
Reading—Faye Parsons.  
Piano solo—Kylie Smith.  
Xylophone solo—Ted Lenhart.  
Vocal solo—Mary Devereaux.  
Reading—Mrs. Marion Adams.  
Vocal solo—Paul Potter.  
Piano solo—Donald Fields.  
Vocal duet—Mrs. W. P. Tyson and Mrs. Roy Carlton.  
Reading—Mrs. Lum Anderson.  
Violin solo—Arthur Hendershott.  
Piano solo—Bernice Neher.

## ERNSTING WINS SHOES IN THIRD TOURNAMENT

By winning the weekly horseshoe tournament for the third successive time, Gilbert Ernsting, local high school boy, was awarded the possession of the nickel-plated pair of shoes offered by the local horseshoe club, of which he is a member. D. J. Beals was the runner-up in the third contest.

Although Ernsting was given the possession of the shoes, he will be obliged to defend them against all competitors every two weeks during the horseshoe season, which will last until September. If he has retained them for longer than anybody else during that period, they will be his permanently.

### Baseball Cup Displayed

The silver cup awarded to the Springfield high school for winning the league baseball championship last season is now on display in the window of Roof's Jewelry store. The cup stands about 18 inches high and has on the top the figure of a baseball player. A framed picture of the local team with Leonard Mayfield, the coach, is displayed in front of the cup. The cup was awarded by the Hendershott gun store of Eugene.

aside from the decking, would last at least twelve or fifteen years and would not in any wise be considered a poor investment.

However, the time has come when we must put expensive repairs on the old bridge if it is continued in use and we feel that it is not unreasonable to ask the State Highway Commission to complete some approach to the new Springfield Bridge and relieve the people of Lane County, who have acted in good faith, of any more cost in connection with the old bridge and also the risk to human life which cannot be weighed against the small extra cost, if there be any extra, to completing these approaches as soon as possible.

Yours respectfully,  
LANE COUNTY COURT.

## FIRE LIMITS MAY BE CHANGED TO ALLOW WOODEN BLDG. BUILT

The fire limits, now extending along Main street from Mill to Seventh street, may be shortened to Sixth street by the city council to permit wooden buildings to be constructed in the block set out. Plans for a service station at Seventh and Main has caused the property owner to ask that the fire limits be revised. The fire and water committee of the council was instructed at Monday night's meeting to ascertain if the changing of the fire limits would affect insurance rates and report back.

The street commissioner was instructed to burn grass along the parkings and on vacant lots before the fire hazard increased in dry weather.

The council is still considering the state's proposal to straighten Main street at the end of the pavement but has reached no understanding.

## L. E. BEAN, NOTED LANE COUNTY CITIZEN, DIES SATURDAY AT SALEM

Louis E. Bean, chairman of the Oregon state public service commission and one of the most prominent residents of Lane county, died suddenly of heart failure at his apartment at Salem Saturday night.

Mr. Bean had served as a member of the state public service commission since 1925 and had been chairman of the body since January 1 of this year. Only three weeks ago he returned from Washington, D. C., where he spent five weeks attending the grain rate hearings in the interest of the Oregon commission.

Mr. Bean was born in Lane county in 1867, and had lived here practically all of his life. He was a graduate of the University of Oregon and had practiced law in Eugene since 1898. He was elected as Lane county representative to the state legislature in 1909, serving there for one term and then as state senator from 1911 to 1915. From 1917 to 1921 he served as representative again, being speaker of the house in 1921. He was a candidate for the republican nomination for governor in 1922.

Mr. Bean was the owner of a great deal of timber land in Lane county, much of which is on the McKenzie river east of Springfield. He was among those who favored a railroad up the McKenzie from Springfield.

## KENNETT HOLDING SALE TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS

An unloading sale which is to become an annual event is being announced this week by G. W. Kennett, local clothing store owner. The sale will open Saturday morning with the store closed all day Friday in preparation for the event.

It is Mr. Kennett's intention to clear all, or the major part of, his summer goods off his shelves before stocking up on the fall lines. He is offering, he says, his goods at the minimum of profit with hopes of disposing of all his surplus within the shortest time possible. Mr. Kennett expects to make his line of goods carried more complete when he stocks up again following the close of the sale.

### 4L To Have Float

The Springfield 4L will enter a float in the industrial parade to be held at the time of the Sunset Trail pageant in Eugen July 25, 26 and 27. W. P. Tyson, president of the organization, has appointed L. L. May as the chairman of a committee to take charge of the construction. No plans have as yet been worked out.

### Legion Delegates Chosen

Commander J. M. Larson, William Vasby, and M. B. Huntly were elected as delegates from the Springfield post of the American Legion to the state convention at Salem August 8, 9, and 10, at the meeting of the Legion Friday night. H. E. Maxey, C. E. Swarts and Vern Wooley were chosen as alternatives.

### Former Residents Visit—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Ewbanks of Los Angeles are visiting with friends in Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Ewbanks are former Springfield residents. Mrs. Ewbanks was employed for a time in the Springfield garage here.

### McPhersons at Santa Barbara—A. A. Anderson received a post card yesterday from Alva McPherson, who left last week for California. Mr. McPherson has obtained employment driving a truck in the oil fields near Santa Barbara.

## Leaves School for Stage



Elizabeth Bowman, 19, member of Boston's most exclusive social set, has left an exclusive school to make her debut on the stage. Her father is a multimillionaire stock broker.

## ECKERSON WINS PRIZE IN ANNUAL AIR CIRCUS SUNDAY AT SILVERTON

Major G. H. Eckerson, of the local municipal airport, was one of the 25 aviators entered in the annual air circus held at Silverton July 6 and 7, according to word received this week. The major contributed a number of air stunts to the program and was also awarded second place in the whirlwind race, the only one he entered. Tex Rankin of Portland, famous aviator and proprietor of the Rankin school of aviation, was awarded first in the event.

Major Eckerson is now at Vancouver, Washington, where he is acting as instructor in war tactics at the summer school for army flyers there. Shortly after July 15, after he has completed his two weeks period of service, the major will again return to the reserve status and will come to Springfield to complete his plans for the school of aviation he expects to start here early this fall. He has also made tentative plans for an air circus to be held at the local air port some time during this month. Tex Rankin and a number of other noted flyers are expected to appear here.

Rankin and Eckerson are the only Oregon flyers who have as yet announced their plans for entering the national air races from Portland to Cleveland, Ohio, in September. Eckerson will fly his new Waco sport model, and Rankin will fly another of the same make. Rankin is famed throughout the country as the aviator who defies superstition. Last year while flying in the races he carried a large black cat with him, and blamed his failure to win first on the fact that he lost his mascot some place enroute. This year he has announced that he will carry a number of mirrors with him, breaking them at strategic points along the way.

## MILL EMPLOYEES LOSE 43 DAYS FROM MISHAPS

Employees of the Booth-Kelly mill here lost a total of 43 days work as the result of five industrial accidents at the mill during the month of June, according to the monthly report posted. One man lost 11 days work as a result of being struck on the knee by a 4x4 which tipped up when he stepped on it. The second lost one day from a severe bruise on his arm, the third 10 days from a sprained wrist. One man lost 13 days during the month as the result of an accident in the planing room which cost him one finger and will also lose some time this month. The fifth man lost eight days from being struck on the hand by a large siver thrown backward from the edger. A total of 15 days were lost at the mill during the month of May.

### Party Goes to Newport—Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. George Gerber, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Houck and families spent the latter part of last week on a camping trip to the Newport vicinity. They left Wednesday and returned Sunday. It was an especially interesting trip for the H. E. Gerber family, as none of them had seen the ocean before, having come from North Dakota.

### Many Go To Lake

Approximately 1600 persons, including 63 from Springfield, made a journey to Crescent Lake, located over the summit of the Cascades on the Natron Cut-off, in three special trains Sunday. The excursion is an annual affair sponsored by the Southern Pacific company. The big feature of the day was the motor boat races which were held on the lake during the afternoon.

### On Vacation—Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Kohler left Wednesday on their vacation. They are on a fishing trip to the lake country of Eastern Oregon.

## WHEELER LAW RETAINED AT LEAST FOR YEAR BY BOUNDARY BOARD

The high schools of Lane county will continue under the Wheeler high school tax for at least one more year, it was decided at the meeting of the county boundary board in Eugene Monday morning, which was attended by Dr. W. H. Pollard and W. G. Hughes of the local school board.

Considerable sentiment against the law was expressed at the meeting, according to Mr. Hughes. As many of the schools of the county have already made up their budgets and as the county assessor has made no provision for the levying of tuition against districts whose students attend other high schools, the boundary board decided that it would be impractical to attempt any change this year. It is possible that the county may change back to the original tuition system in another year.

The Wheeler tax law provides that from a general tax levied on the entire county each high school district shall receive \$60 for the first 20 students enrolled, \$50 for the second 20, and \$30 each for all above 40.

A survey of the financial status of the high schools of Lane county will be made during the next year by Dr. C. L. Huffaker, professor of education in the University of Oregon, in an effort to conceive an ideal plan of finance. Dr. Huffaker is being paid by the state to make survey in several Oregon counties. The results of his research may have some bearing on the retention or discontinuance of the Wheeler law a year from now.

## NORTH SISTER BALKS ATTEMPT OF CLIMBERS TO ATTAIN SUMMIT

An attempt to climb the North Sister in the Cascades, the most treacherous and difficult of the three to scale, was made Sunday by Keith Ingalls, employee of the local Booth-Kelly mill and Darold Elkins of Eugene. The men say they came within 100 feet of the summit of the peak, but were forced to turn back from there because of a cliff that separated them from the top. The snow, which still lies heavy on the mountain, made the scaling of the cliff impossible.

While descending Collier glacier on the mountain, Ingalls and Elkins had the experience of seeing crevasses open in the ice before them. The crevasses were not deep, Mr. Ingalls said, but they rendered the way more dangerous.

The two mountain climbers left Frog Camp at 4:30 o'clock Sunday morning and came down the mountain at 3:30 in the afternoon. The ascent over the steepest part of climb was made with ropes. The men expect to try climb the mountain in about a month.

## DR. CHILDERS ACCEPTS PASTORATE IN EUGENE

Dr. S. E. Childers, for six years pastor of the Springfield Christian church, will serve as pastor of the First Christian church of Eugene during the coming year, it was announced Sunday following the vote of the congregation of the Eugene church which approved the action of the board of directors in offering Dr. Childers the post.

Dr. Childers accepted a position on the faculty of the Pacific Bible seminary at Los Angeles following his resignation from the Springfield pastorate and from the faculty of the Eugene Bible University. However, he was granted a year's leave of absence by the California school in order that he might accept the position at Eugene.

### Delicatessen Entered

Burglars entered Moon's delicatessen on Main street Monday night, but took nothing other than a small amount of merchandise. There was no money in the cash register in either the delicatessen or Swarts meat market, and the safe in the market was not disturbed. The intruders took a carton of cigarettes and a small amount of tobacco, candy and pastry. They entered the building through a rear door.

### Party Plans Mountain Climb

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Moffit and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Aldrich are planning on climbing Mount Adams, located in the Washington Cascades, this week end. They will go to Trout Lake, Washington, where Mr. and Mrs. Moffit formerly lived, and will go from there to the mountain provided weather conditions remain favorable. Mr. and Mrs. Moffit will leave Springfield today, while Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich will leave tomorrow.

## SIUSLAW RIVER IS ROUTE TO BE USED

### Citizens at Public Meeting Oppose Change, so Court Will Accede to Wishes; Federal Man Claims Cost Will not Exceed Original Estimate.

The road down the Siuslaw from Mapleton to Florence will be constructed as originally planned instead of being re-routed over the Mapleton hill as was proposed, it was announced by the Lane county court following a public meeting at the Chamber of Commerce at Eugene Tuesday night. The citizens from all over the county who attended the meeting expressed themselves as favoring the river route, and the court announced that it would accede to the wishes of the people.

The county, the state and the government are co-operating in sponsoring the road. The cost of the uncompleted section was originally estimated at \$1,000,000, of which Lane county was to furnish one-fourth. Later, however, after the land over which the proposed road is to be built was viewed, the opinion was expressed by Oral E. Crowe, county commissioner, and P. M. Morse, the county engineer, that it would be more economical for Lane county to build the road via Mapleton hill route.

Earl Hill, Cushman resident, who made a trip to Portland to interview H. F. Farmer, head of the federal bureau in charge of the construction, stated at the meeting that \$1,000,000 was Mr. Farmer's original estimate and that he would not alter it. Mr. Crowe spoke in favor of the change of route, but a motion made by O. K. Wright of Junction City and seconded by Cal Young of Eugene that the road be constructed along the original route was carried. Judge Barnard stated that if it were necessary for the county to put up additional funds for the construction of the road, that they would be taken from the Oregon and California land grant money which the county receives from the federal government.

### Rev. Pike to Preach Sunday

Rev. J. C. Pike, pastor of the Springfield Methodist church, will preach at the Baptist church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The subject of his sermon has not yet been announced. All three of the local churches are cooperating in union services every Sunday evening during the summer. Last Sunday Rev. C. H. Blom of the Baptist church delivered the message, and two weeks ago Rev. Dunn of the Christian church.

### Kester at Convention—Dr. Eugene Kester left Wednesday for Portland to attend the national convention of the American Medical Association there this week. He is especially interested in surgery and gynecology. Dr. Mortensen is now the only physician left in Springfield, but he plans to go for the closing days of the meeting, as soon as some of the other local doctors return.

### R. E. Mosier Here—R. E. Mosier, one-time owner of the old Springfield creamery and now interested in gold mining at Grants Pass, is visiting in town at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Murphy. Mr. Mosier injured one of his eyes quite badly while at work recently and is now taking treatments at Eugene.

### New Endeavor Officer—Beulah Thurman was appointed secretary, treasurer of the Springfield Christian Endeavor by Winifrid Tyson, president. Miss Thurman succeeds Carl McKinnis, who resigned.

### Back From Montana—William Hancock returned to his home here Tuesday afternoon after spending the spring in Montana. Mr. Hancock has been working at Missoula since March.

### Washington People Visit—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kingsley, son Dick, daughter Eunice, and grand-daughter Betty, of Aloa, Washington, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chase at Chase Gardens over the 4th of July.

### Kansas People Here—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gile of Ebon, Kansas, are visiting in Springfield for a few days at the home of Mr. Gile's brother, Kenneth Gile.

### Medford People Here—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gile of Medford were in Springfield Sunday visiting at the home of their son, Kenneth Gile.