

FINANCIAL REPORT SCHOOL DIST. GIVEN

Local School Board Reduces Warrant Indebtedness by \$8,962.69; Expenditures \$2,785.74 Less Than Estimate; Revenue \$1,812.65 More.

The financial report of the Springfield school district for the year ending June 30, 1929 was issued at the board meeting Monday night by William G. Hughes, district clerk. The report shows the financial condition of the district to be excellent, according to Dr. W. H. Pollard, acting chairman of the board.

The most outstanding fact shown by the report is the reducing of the warrant indebtedness. July 1, 1928, the warrant indebtedness of district 19 was \$17,797.39. By June of this year the indebtedness had been reduced to \$8,962.69, a reduction of \$8,834.70. The fact that the district board stayed well inside the budgeted expenditures and at the same time received more revenue than was expected contributed materially to the reduction of the indebtedness.

The estimated expenditures for the year were \$47,699.72, and the actual expenditures \$45,113.98, a saving of \$2,785.74. The estimated revenue was \$51,699.72, and the revenue received \$53,512.28, a difference of \$1,812.56.

The expenditures of the school board during the year included the following: For general control \$461.65, instruction \$32,714.12, operation of plant \$4,704.74, maintenance on plant \$1,753.61, interest on warrants \$1,583.11, and interest on bonds \$3,796.75.

The revenue received was from the following sources: State school funds \$1,205.76, county school fund \$6,957, high school fund \$7,349.15, elementary school fund \$4,950.00, tuition \$173, and special school tax \$32,877.37. During the year warrants totaling \$39,734.12 were issued, but \$46,117.50 was paid for the retirement of warrants. Funds are on hand for the payment of \$2,451.32 in warrants which have been called but have not yet been presented.

School will open this year on Monday, September 16, it was announced by the board. It was voted to begin at once a number of repairs and improvements on the various buildings in preparation for the opening. Among the improvements will be the walling in of the play shed at the Brattain school and the completion of the extra room there. A concrete floor will be poured in the furnace room of the high school gymnasium, and the chimney there will be repaired, and a number of other minor repairs to the various buildings will be made.

LARGE ELECTRIC SIGN INSTALLED BY POWER CO.

A new electric sign was installed yesterday at the local Mountain States Power company plant at the corner of Main and Sixth streets. The sign bears the words "Mountain States Power Company" in white letters nearly a foot high and is surrounded by electric light globes. A flasher came with the sign, according to W. E. Barnell, local superintendent, but that will not be installed immediately. The sign was moved to Springfield from the Eugene office of the company, which recently was taken over by the Northwest Cities Gas company. The old Gas and Electric Company sign here was taken down and placed in storage.

Cox Wins Tournament

A dark horse in the person of George Cox upset the dope by winning the weekly horseshoe tournament at the local courts Friday night, so Gilbert Ernating, high school youth, has the nickel-plated horseshoes safely in hand for at least two weeks more. L. May had won the shoes for two weeks in succession, and the trophies were at stake between him and Ernating Friday, but Mr. Cox spoiled Mr. May's chances by winning. Gilbert Ernating took second in the tournament and Mr. May third.

Surprise Party Held

A group of Chase Gardens people held a surprise party Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Chase at Eugene, the occasion being Mrs. Chase's birthday. Those who were present at the affair included Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chase and family, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Chase and family, Marvin Chase, and Chester Chase.

Wingless Hens



A new breed of chicken minus wings and toe-nails is the evolution of Dr. R. T. Renwald of Omaha. Dr. Renwald says this change will revolutionize the poultry industry. He believes chickens originally were fish.

DR. CHILDERS CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF E. B. U. BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dr. S. Childers, for six years pastor of the Springfield Christian church, was unanimously elected president of the Eugene Bible University Saturday at a meeting of the board of trustees of the institution. Dr. Childers had served on the faculty of the institution for the past ten years, preaching at Springfield at the same time since 1922. He left here in April to accept the position of pastor of the First Christian church at Eugene, where he was elected to preach for the coming year.

The Eugene Bible University is one of the most outstanding religious schools in the country. It has a student body of nearly 500 and more than 25 faculty members. Dr. Childers succeeds as president Dr. Eugene Sanderson, who resigned recently after holding the position since the founding of the institution 34 years ago. A reorganization of the college administration was announced by the board in hiring Dr. Sender Childers. Dr. Childers will be the educational head, and Dr. Walter L. Meyers, formerly vice-president, will be chancellor, or business head. Previously the two positions were centered in Dr. Sanderson.

Dr. Childers is a graduate of the Eugene Bible University and also of the University of Oregon. He was very well liked by the people of the Springfield vicinity. During the time he preached here the membership of the church nearly doubled.

RIDERS THRILL CROWDS SUNDAY ON HEIGHTS; DAVIS LOSES IN TIE

After tying for first place in the 45 cubic inch professional division of the West Coast hill climb here Sunday, Bill Davis, local star, failed to make the grade on the finals and lost the privilege of competing in the National contest at Muskegon, Michigan, later in the season. Davis and Al Forsburg of Seattle tied at 9 and two-fifths seconds in the trials. In the attempt to break the tie, Forsburg went over the top in 11 and four-fifths seconds, while Davis' machine failed to reach the top.

In the 61 cubic inch division of the contest Bill Davis also took second, with Tommy Sifton of San Francisco as first. In the 80 cubic inch amateur event none of the riders made the top, but Tony Jaegler of Salem was first and Bill Cameron of Seattle the second.

Although motorcycle climbs has been made on Emerald Heights for the past three years, Sunday was the first time that the hill had ever been scaled by a rider. Bill Davis was the first man to go over the top in the first event, but he was followed by a number of others. Three hundred dollars in cash, as well as a considerable amount of merchandise was distributed among the winners of the three contests. The meet was sponsored by the American Motorcycle Association through the Eugene association. It was the final and most important climb sponsored on the Pacific coast this year.

CHASE GARDENS HOME BURNED TO GROUND

A two-story house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Claudell at Chase Gardens was burned to the ground late Sunday, the fire starting in an overheated chimney. Practically all of the contents of the building were saved by neighbors who came to the assistance of the Claudells. Mrs. Claudell and a baby son who was born Saturday night were removed to the Richards home nearby. The house was owned by the Chase Gardens florists, where Mr. Claudell is employed. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Sister Scaled By Many From Here

Lions Club Sponsors Annual Climb Up Mountain For Local Boy Scouts

The annual mountain climb sponsored by the Springfield Lions club for the Boy Scouts of the town was held Sunday when 50 people made the trip to Frog Camp in the Cascades, and most of these reached the summit of the Middle Sister.

The climbers were guided by H. E. Maxey, a member of the Obsidian club and an experienced mountain climber. They drove to Frog Camp from Springfield Saturday afternoon and remained there for the night. The climbers left camp at 5:30 Sunday morning and arrived at the peak of the mountain about 10:30. The trail was fairly good and the climb was not overly difficult. Although there was some smoke in parts of the surrounding country, the view from the top of the Middle Sister was quite good and the climbers could see Mt. Adams, Mt. Jefferson, Diamond Peak, and a number of the smaller of the peaks in the Cascades. Many mountain lakes were also visible. After remaining on the mountain for some time, the party descended, reaching Frog Camp at 5:30 in the evening. On the return twelve of the Boy Scouts were left at Camp Lucky Boy on Blue River, where the summer camp of the Lane county boy scout council is being held this summer.

Those who made the climb were Chester Aldrich, scout master of Troop 11, Walter Nealon, assistant master of the troop, and W. C. McLagan. The following scouts of Troop 11 made the climb: Henry Trinka, Gordon Wright, Dick Wright, Joel Cowden, Don Monagomery, Don Nelson, Irvin Hanson, Bob Hayes, Rolland Wheeler, Roy Smith, Bob Stark, Ralph Hughes, Winston Bascus, Earl Wheeler, Ford Danner, Robert McLagan, Arthur Pengra, and Jack Williams. From Troop 12 the following boys were present: Bruce Squires, Donald Hawke, Milton Doane, Chester Gerber, Lloyd Stipley, Kenneth Cox, Wilfred Swindell, Leonard Moon, Morris Stewart, and Morgan Chandler.

Others who made the climb were E. A. Schetsky, Howard Hughes, B. C. Kight, C. B. DeFoe, Russel McLagan, and Leighton Whitsett of Eugene Troop 7. In addition to these there were a number of people who went to Frog Camp from Springfield but did not undertake the mountain climb. These included Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bertach and small daughter, Mrs. W. C. McLagan, Miss Louisa Cowden, and Mrs. Chester Aldrich. While the other party were on the mountain, those who remained behind made a trip to Lost Lake, near the Sister.

MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS HOLDING CAMPS IN THREE SISTERS REGION

Two groups of mountaineers are now encamped in the Cascade mountains east of Springfield, spending their vacations in climbing over the scenic country in the vicinity of the Three Sisters. The Oregon Mazamas, an organization of mountain climbers with headquarters at Portland is holding its annual summer camp in the vicinity of Obsidian Cliff, near the tomb of William Prouty, who first climbed the North Sister and whose ashes are embedded in the side of the cliff there. The Mazamas hold their encampment each year in some mountainous section of the Northwest. They camped in the Three Sisters region previously in the years 1911, 1916, and 1922. Their camp began Sunday and will last for two weeks.

The Obsidians, a Lane county mountain climbers association is holding its annual summer camp in the Cascades near the foot of the South Sister. The members are making various expeditions into the surrounding territory from there. About 30 are now at the camp. Obsidian camp also opened Sunday and will last for two weeks.

Pumphrey's Back From Vacation—James E. and P. Pumphrey, local men, returned Tuesday from Thomson's resort on the McKenzie river above Vida, where they spent the last week on their vacation, camping and fishing.

Has Tonsils Removed—Miss Edna Severson of Chase Gardens underwent an operation for the removal of her tonsils Wednesday morning at the office of a local physician.

Lower Rivers Are Trout Stocked

Million and a Quarter Fry Released in Rivers near Springfield

About a million and a quarter of Rainbow trout has been planted in the McKenzie and Willamette rivers in this vicinity during the last week. Six loads were for the McKenzie from Hayden to Hendricks bridge and eight in the Willamette between Judkins point and Lowell. These fish from two to five inches in length came from the McKenzie trout hatchery and were planted here as part of the state game commissions' policy of bringing the fish to the fisherman.

The fish were hauled here in the game department's tank truck, eight or ten thousand at a load. Places to dump the fish had been previously found by John Henderer and M. B. Huntly. The planting here was the result of a meeting last spring of fishermen with the chairman of the game commission, Ben Dorris.

Stocking of the lower rivers with these large fry is expected to make fishing much better here. Especially good fishing water is found in both rivers in this vicinity and when fishing is good close to home it will not be necessary to spend so much time and expense in getting to a place to fish. This is expected to especially benefit working people and others who must go fishing in the evenings and on Sundays.

Local people who watched the dumping here found that practically none of the small fish died in transit and all seemed to be in good condition when released in the river. These fish are large enough to find their own feed and it is the belief of the game department officials that they will practically all live to be sport for the fishermen.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA GIVES FIRST CONCERT TUESDAY AT AIRPORT

The new Springfield symphony orchestra made its first appearance before the public Tuesday night when it presented a program at the Lions club picnic in honor of Major and Mrs. G. H. Eckerson at the local municipal airport. The new musical body, which is managed by Frank Louk, and directed by Ted Lenhart, was well received by those attending the picnic. It is the plan of the directors to present a public concert every Tuesday night. The next one will be given at the intersection of Fourth and Main streets.

The program which was presented at the airport by the orchestra Tuesday night is as follows: Fort Washington March, G. Schuman Melody in F, A. Rubenstein. You Were Meant for Me, N. H. Brown Pride of the Navy, Offenbach Barcarole, Faure. King of the Air, Everett J. Evans. Wedding of the Painted Doll. Let's Talk About Love, Alger I've Got a Feeling I'm Falling, Link. If I Had You.

The members of the new orchestra are Fred Buell, Frank Spicer, Tom Landles, Joe Young, Evelyn Buell, Mrs. Evelyn Simpson, Irene Manley, and Eldred Gaspy.

CULP CREEK MAN DEAD FUNERAL HERE MONDAY

The funeral of George E. Potter, Culp Creek man, who died Saturday at the Pacific Christian hospital at Eugene, was held in Springfield Monday morning at the Walker-Poole chapel with Rev. Harry Benton of the Eugene Bible University in charge of the services. The Springfield Masonic lodge, of which Mr. Potter was a member, officiated in the ceremony at the grave.

Mr. Potter was 46 years, five months, and 17 days old at the time of his death. He is survived by his widow, five children, Raymond, Leroy, Robert, Rolland, and Jackie, all of Culp Creek, and three brothers and two sisters.

Winzenreids at Klamath—Lum Anderson received a card yesterday from Mr. and Mrs. John Winzenreid, who are spending the summer at Klamath Falls for Mr. Winzenreid's health. Mr. Winzenreid states that he is enjoying the Klamath country. They expect to return to Springfield in September.

Grant Tolliver Here—Grant Tolliver, rancher of the Jasper vicinity, was among the business visitors in Springfield Wednesday.

Boxing Parson



Known in England as the "fighting parson," the Rev. A. B. C. Robinson, Vicar of Potters Bar, spars with lightweights now and then just to keep in trim.

HAMLIN IS COMMANDER OF AMERICAN LEGION; PETERSON ADJUTANT

F. B. Hamlin, local postmaster, was elected commander of the Springfield post of the American Legion for the coming year Friday night at a regular meeting of the body. Mr. Hamlin will succeed J. M. Larson. Ira Peterson was elected adjutant, succeeding William Vasby. Other officers elected were Dr. W. N. Dow, first vice-commander; Dr. Carl Phetteplace, second vice-commander; H. O. Dibblee, chaplain; and Tex Mead, sergeant at arms. The new officers will be installed formally on October 1 and will begin their terms of office at that time.

Mr. Hamlin and Mr. Peterson are attending the American Legion convention at Salem this week as the official delegates of the Springfield post. M. B. Huntly was elected as one of the delegates, but was prevented from attending by the death of Mrs. Huntly's father, W. C. A. Pohl, who died at Astoria Saturday night. A number of other members of the local legion post are expected to attend some of the sessions of the convention.

MANY ATTEND PICNIC HONORING ECKERSON TUESDAY AT AIRPORT

Between 300 and 400 people from Springfield, Eugene and other neighboring communities, all interested in aviation, gathered at the local municipal airport Tuesday night at a picnic and party given in honor of Major and Mrs. G. H. Eckerson. The affair was sponsored by the aviation committee of the local Lions club, of which Dr. W. C. Rebhan is chairman.

Following the picnic supper, Major Eckerson made a short speech on the advantages and possibilities of the local field. The Springfield airport, he said, both from a geographical and an air standpoint, has natural advantages unexcelled on any of the many fields with which he is familiar, both on the Pacific coast and throughout the rest of the country. The conditions of the air currents here are especially favorable for aviation, he said. The major believes that with a little further development and improvement the Springfield airport could become the finest in the Northwest. He also gave a brief outline of his plans for the school of aviation, he said. The major believes Major Eckerson demonstrated his big Waco sport plane to those present. He did some fancy stunt flying and took up some passengers. Many more wished to go up but were prevented by the darkness. The new symphony orchestra played during the picnic.

Major Eckerson left by train Tuesday night at 10 o'clock for Los Angeles, California. He will return in two or three days, flying back in his new Arrow sport model, which he has purchased for use at the school. The Arrow is smaller and lighter than the Waco, and will be used for a training ship.

Dr. Rebhan states that the Lions club will sponsor another picnic at the airport some moonlight night after the completion of harvesting in this vicinity. Major Eckerson will demonstrate night flying and will also take up passengers for tours over the surrounding country, which is said to have a very attractive appearance when viewed from above in the moonlight.

Miss Roberts Taking Vacation—Miss Mary Roberts, local librarian, has been granted a two weeks' vacation by the library board. Miss Roberts has been ill for the past week but is now reported to be much improved. Mrs. Vina McLean and Mrs. L. K. Page will take turns acting as librarian during the absence of Miss Roberts.

WORK ON BRIDGE TO BEGIN AT ONCE

A. C. Mathews Starts Moving Dirt to Make Way for Hargreaves and Lindsay; Completion Promised Before October 31; Cost to be \$12,258.

Preparation for construction work on the west approach to the new Springfield bridge was begun this morning after a delay of more than four months. A. C. Mathews, Eugene contractor, who was originally granted the contract for constructing the fill, started this morning to move the dirt with which the fill was started last April.

Hargreaves and Lindsay, Eugene contractors, who were low bidders on the construction of 150 additional feet of concrete approach, started moving their machinery to Springfield today, and they will start excavation for the building of forms for piers as soon as the Mathews company has cleared away the dirt in the places where the piers are to go. Hargreaves and Lindsay bid \$12,258 for the construction of the concrete work, and were granted the contract by the state highway department. They state that work on the bridge will be rushed as much as possible, and that the structure will be completed and can be opened to traffic well before October 31, the date set for the completion of the contract. The distance between the end of the new approach and the Pacific highway will be filled by the Matthews company. The dirt with which the fill was started in April will be moved back and used in the construction.

The circuit court order that there be 250 feet of additional concrete approach was modified last week by Judge G. F. Skipworth, since the West Springfield plaintiffs in the bridge case were satisfied with the 150 feet.

The distance from Springfield to Eugene will be reduced by almost half a mile with the completion of the new bridge. The old bridge will be moved to Creswell and re-erected across the river there, although it is not certain whether or not that can be done this season before the high water.

The delay in the completion of the bridge grew out of a quarrel between the residents of West Springfield and the state highway commission over whether or not a fill would increase the flood menace across the river. The west side people won a decision in the Lane county circuit court. The highway department prepared to carry the case into the supreme court, but a compromise on 150 feet was effected by the Lane county court, so that construction can now proceed in a manner satisfactory to all parties.

HIGHWAY FOUND ROUGH OVER WILLAMETTE PASS

Nearly all varieties of road were traveled Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. J. Morlock, who made a round-about tour through the Cascades, crossing into Eastern Oregon by way of the McKenzie Pass, and returning by way of the Willamette Pass. Mr. Scott found the McKenzie highway in fair condition, he said, and the dust not so bad in the early morning when they went over the road.

After reaching Bend, the party turned up by Crescent Lake and came over the mountains and down the middle fork of the Willamette. That road, Mr. Scott said, is not even in fair shape. He found it rough and narrow and steep. There has been no work done on the Willamette pass this year, he said, nor did it look as though there had been any done for some time past.

DOCTOR TELLS BIRD OF A FISH STORY

We have all heard of birds that catch and eat fish but this week a new story comes to us about a bird-eating fish. Dr. Carl Phetteplace says he was fishing up the river near Jasper when he hooked a large fat chub. Doctor says he always throws the chubs away but this one interested him because he knew that the chubs eat the residue fry and the fish looked like he had an exceptional meal. Perhaps this is the reason or maybe it was his interest in surgery that caused him to perform an operation on the big chub. The doctor says that among other things he found in the fish's stomach was a small bird. This is food for thought as well as for fishes—"How do fish catch birds?"