

SCHOOL TO OPEN HERE ON MONDAY

Springfield Children to Return to Work Following Summer Vacation; Several New Teachers on Faculties of Three Schools; Meeting Saturday.

After a vacation of three months, the boys and girls of Springfield will return to school Monday for the opening of the fall term. The local school board is expecting the enrollment to be slightly more than that of last year, and the vacant room at the Brattain school has been finished during the summer so that additional space will be available for students in case it is necessary.

The teaching force for the three local schools for the year has undergone a number of changes, but the majority of the teachers have been employed here for one or more years. Among the new instructors are W. E. Buell, principal of the high school, and Glen Wood, principal of the Brattain school. Mr. Buell was principal of the Estacada high school, near Oregon City, last year, and Mr. Wood was principal of the Jefferson grammar school, near Salem.

The faculty for the Springfield high school for the year includes W. E. Buell, principal, who will teach history; Mrs. Georgina Peterson of Springfield, domestic science; Miss Clara Wagner, of Corvallis, commerce; Miss Lucille Holman of Springfield, English; Miss May Hewes of Springfield, mathematics; Ernest McKinney of Lakeview, music; Glenn Martin of Creswell, manual training; Miss Margaret Nugent of Eugene, English; Miss Anna F. Vogel of Eugene, science; and William R. Baker, of Independence, athletics and physical education.

Of the high school faculty Mr. Buell, Mr. McKinney, Mr. Martin, Mr. Baker, Miss Vogel and Miss Nugent are new in Springfield. William Baker, who succeeds Leonard Mayfield as athletic coach, will be a senior at the University of Oregon this year. Mr. Baker has been active in athletics in the University, being the first string pitcher on the varsity baseball team. He was also the first string pitcher for Eugene this year in the Valley-Bay baseball league.

The faculty of the Lincoln school for the year 1929-30 includes Laurence Moffitt, Springfield, principal; Mrs. L. K. Page of Springfield, first grade; Mrs. Opal Roberts of Springfield, second grade; Miss Edna Platt of Springfield, fourth B; Miss Crystal Bryan of Springfield, fourth A; Junior high, Miss Elizabeth James, of Eugene, arithmetic; Miss Thelma Sweeney of Springfield, grammar; Mrs. Mary Walker of Springfield, history; Mrs. Crystal Male of Springfield, geography; and Mrs. Ella Lombard of Springfield, civil government. Miss Sweeney and Mrs. Page are the only new members of the Lincoln school faculty.

The faculty of the Brattain school includes Glen B. Wood of Jefferson, principal and teacher of the fifth A; Miss Alta Manning of Springfield, first grade; Miss Wilma Scott of Eugene, second grade. Mrs. Allen T. Basford of Springfield, third grade; Miss Mabel Olson of Creswell, fourth grade; Miss Anne Gorie of Springfield, fifth B; and Miss Dorothy Girard of Springfield, sixth grade. Of these Mr. Wood, Miss Olson and Miss Scott are new teachers.

A number of repairs to the school buildings have been made by the school board during the vacation. The roof of the high school building has been repainted, and a concrete floor has been poured in the furnace room of the high school gymnasium. The play shed at the Brattain school has been enclosed on three sides, a number of other minor repairs have been made.

Most of the teachers are now in town and ready for the beginning of the year's work. Teachers' meetings will be held at each of the three buildings Saturday afternoon to give the principals an opportunity to talk over the plans for the coming year with their teachers.

Returns From Hood River

Geraldine Chase, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chase, returned this morning from Hood River, where she had been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Cowan. On her way back she stopped at Jefferson at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Gowan. She returned to Springfield from Jefferson with Mr. and Mrs. John Avitt.

CITY PURCHASES LAND TO STRAIGHTEN MAIN; STREET RESURFACED

The Springfield city council completed negotiations last week for the purchase of a triangular strip of land through the Brattain property at the end of Main street, so that it will be possible to co-operate with the state highway commission in straightening Main street to the city limits to connect with the new section of the McKenzie highway. Five hundred dollars was paid for the property purchased.

It is uncertain as to when the street grading will begin on the purchase, according to the state highway department at Eugene, but it will be within the near future. The Cochran construction company, which is working on the McKenzie highway east of town, will do the work. The company now has its grader at work on the Cogswell hill section of the highway, and it is probable that it will begin work inside the city limits as soon as the grading there is completed. The new section of street will be paved to the city limits.

Graveling was begun yesterday on the new section of the McKenzie highway just east of the city limits. Three and one half miles of the road will be gravelled and opened to traffic through the winter. The remainder of that which was graded this summer will not be gravelled until next spring.

A thorough re-surfacing and repaving of Main from Mill street to the east end of the pavement is being done this week by the paving crew of the state highway department. Main street from Second to Mill was completely re-surfaced with asphalt, and gone over with the street roller, making it perfectly smooth. The city and the state highway department are co-operating in paying for the work. This block, the city's share being \$600.

THREE COLLISIONS OCCUR NEAR HERE

Three collisions in which considerable damage was done but no one was injured seriously, were reported over the week-end to Kenneth Gile, local chief of police. A Chevrolet coach driven by J. W. Conn of Eugene and a Ford sedan driven by V. D. Fogel of Springfield collided Friday at the intersection of Second and Main streets. The fenders and bumpers of the two machines were bent quite badly, but no one was hurt. Saturday, Elmo Long, riding a Harley Davidson motorcycle, collided at the intersection of Fifth and D streets with a Ford sedan owned by Bruce Thomas. The fenders of the car were bent and the motorcycle was almost totally demolished. Mr. Long was slightly bruised by the impact. The third accident occurred near Mason's Corner, north of Springfield, when cars driven by Anna Sandgathe of Mohawk and J. N. Culbertson of Eugene collided. Only a slight amount of damage was done.

BUILDING OF FORMS CONTINUES ON BRIDGE

Pouring of the concrete piers at the new Springfield bridge was completed this week by Hargreaves and Lindsay, contractors for the construction. The building of forms for the concrete slabs is now under way and it is expected that the pouring of the slabs will begin some time next week. The contractors expect to complete their work on the bridge by September 30. The A. C. Matthews company has not yet started work graveling on the fill that is to be made, but they expect to do so within a few days.

Plans for the formal dedication of the new bridge will probably be discussed at the next meeting of the local chamber of commerce, according to F. B. Hamlin, president. The dedication will probably be held at the time the structure is open to traffic, and that is too far distant to make any definite plans as yet.

Rebekahs Plan Dinner

A penny cafeteria to raise funds for their treasury will be presented by the Rebekah Springfield lodge at the L. O. O. F. hall Friday evening, September 27. The details of the event will be worked out more fully later. Mrs. W. F. Walker is the chairman of the committee in charge.

Spend Week in Portland

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Male and Miss Nadine Templeton, of Brownsville, sister of Mrs. Male, spent last week-end visiting and attending to business matters in Portland.

CITY REAL ESTATE OFFERED FOR SALE

Council Puts Price on Many Lots Owned by the City; Some Choice Locations Offered For Less Than the Improvements.

Prices on all city owned lots, which have been taken for improvement liens, were made by the Springfield council at Monday night's meeting. The price in each instance is lower than the amount of the assessments and it is believed that these lots will move. The mayor and council held that it is better to have this property back on the tax roll and improved than in the city's hands, even if it must sacrifice some in the price.

The lot at the corner of Sixth and A streets has been priced at \$1000, as has also the corner of Fourth and A street. The corner lots at Fourth and B streets owned by the city are offered for \$600, and the four small lots near the end of the pavement on Main street will be sold for only \$100 each. The city's lot near the end of the pavement on Fifth street, 50x112, is offered for \$300. A lot further out on Fifth in Hunt's addition, lot 8 block 2, is priced at only \$50. There are still two lots in Sunnyside addition where the city once had a great deal of real estate, at L and Water streets, which can be bought for \$40 each. The large lot at Seventh and A streets, back of Casey's service station, is priced at \$1000.

The council ordered in six street lights in the Sunnyside addition. It also ordered built a sidewalk on Kelly street in front of the Fitzgerald property.

SUMMER HOME SCENE OF WALKER-FLANERY CARD PARTY; DANCE

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Walker and Mrs. Floyd Flanery entertained a large group of their friends at a party Thursday night at the Flanery and Walker summer home on the McKenzie river near Leaburg. The early part of the evening was spent in playing bridge, and the latter part in dancing, after which refreshments were served. Mrs. John Henderer had the high bridge score for women, and Harry Whitney for the men.

Those present at the function were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olson, Dr. and Mrs. Carl Phetteplace, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wright, Mr. and Mrs. William Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adrian, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Rebhan, Dr. W. N. Dow, Mr and Mrs. J. C. McMurray, Mrs. Alice Lorah, Mr. and Mrs. John Henderer, of Springfield, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Alex McKenzie, and Mr. and Mrs. George Monroe of Eugene; and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Flanery and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Walker.

ACCIDENTS CAUSE OF LOSS OF WORK AT MILL

Forty and one-half days work were lost by employees of the local Booth-Kelly Lumber company as the result of five industrial accidents during the month of August, according to a report posted. One man lost 4 1/2 days work as the result of being struck in the stomach by a bundle of lumber. Another lost 9 days as the result of a strain sustained in pulling lumber from a sorting table. The third employee lost 14 1/2 days' work from a wrenched shoulder and back which he suffered when a piece of lumber struck another to which his picaroon was attached. The fourth man lost 4 days as the result of being struck on the foot and ankle by a falling pile of 2x4's and the fifth lost 8 1/2 days from running a large siver almost completely through his hand. One employee, A. C. Travis, died during August of injuries he sustained in July. Forty days' work were lost at the mill during July, a record a half day better than for August.

To Attend Normal School

The Misses Lena and Frances Frizell will leave this week for Monmouth where they will spend the year attending the sessions of the Oregon Normal school, which opens Monday. They will live at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Parker. In addition to the regular instruction, the Misses Frizell will study vocal music and piano.

Inter-City Buses Every 20 Minutes

New Schedule When Bridge is Completed; To Follow Shorter Route

Twenty minute bus service between Springfield and Eugene will be inaugurated by the Southern Pacific company when the new bridge is open, according to officials of the company who have interviewed city councilmen during the last few days. It is believed that with the saving of time due to over a quarter mile shorter distance, the service can be every 20 minutes.

With the shortening of distance there may also be a change in the routing in Springfield. Instead of going down E street from Sixth the bus may follow C street from Sixth to Fourth and thence down Fourth to Main, thus eliminating Fifth and E streets. This is also expected to give more time for the 20 minute service.

As yet the city council has not been petitioned to change the routing in the franchise but it is expected that the matter will be up at the next meeting.

REBHAN AND MURPHY THRILLED ON AIR TRIP TO SOUTHERN OREGON

Dallas Murphy and Dr. W. C. Rebhan, local business men, spent last Friday on a business trip to Medford and Roseburg. They left Springfield Friday morning, and arrived at Medford one hour and 18 minutes later. The return journey was made in a little more than an hour and a half.

As the reader may have already surmised, Mr. Murphy and Dr. Rebhan did not make the journey into Southern Oregon by auto or by train, as is customary. They went with Major G. H. Eckerson in his big Waco sport plane, which he recently flew in the cross-country air race from Portland to Cleveland, Ohio.

It was the first air experience for Mr. Murphy, and according to him, it was one of the biggest thrills he had ever experienced. The Southern Oregon topography looked quite different from the air than from an auto, according to Mr. Murphy. He was surprised to see the amount of space which is covered with hills, and also at the size of the mountain range which separates the Umpqua from the Rogue valley. He had considered this as merely a large hill, he said, but from the air it showed up a formidable mountain.

Much of the flying from Springfield to Medford was done at an altitude of 8000 feet, nearly two miles in the air. The air at that altitude has lost all of the sultriness prevalent at this time of the year, Mr. Murphy said. In fact, he found the wind that whistled past them along the sides of the plane similar to a mid-winter prairie breeze in Dakota.

On the return journey, coming up the Willamette valley from Cottage Grove to Springfield, Major Eckerson flew at a low altitude, so that his passengers were able to see at night and is now said to be recovering farms over which they passed.

EUGENE PEOPLE HOLD PARTY IN SPRINGFIELD

A party for Mrs. H. E. Maxey was given at her home on Ninth and A streets Thursday evening by the Helmetta Club of Eugene. During the evening a number of husbands of the members armed with refreshments surprised the party by marching in on the ladies. There were 32 present to partake of cake and ice cream.

Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames J. C. Cady, Fred Ludford, George Blair, D. E. Yoran, A. F. Bremer, O. H. Jones, Frank Poindecker, Walter B. Dillard, H. E. Maxey, Mr. Jack Luckey and Mesdames Hazel Neet, Minnie Lindley, Ann Will, Carrie Knight, Sadie Melson, Lillian Dunning, Lucinda DeBurch, Ethel Glaze, Minnie Larson, Romane, Nora Strawn, Nina Stocker, and Mae Moon.

Elected to Scout Committee

John Henderer, president of the Springfield Lions club, and Chester Aldrich, former scout master of Troop 11, were elected members of the Troop 11 scout committee at a meeting of that body last night. The committee has not as yet found a successor for Mr. Aldrich as scout-master, so at present Troop 11 is without a leader.

REV. MULLHOLAND TO BEGIN DUTIES SUNDAY AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Ralph Mullholand has arrived in Springfield and will deliver his first sermon Sunday as the new pastor of the local Baptist church. He succeeds Rev. C. H. Blom, who resigned a month ago to accept a call to the Baptist church of Ustick, Idaho.

Rev. Mullholand was the pastor of the Emanuel Baptist church at Klamath Falls before coming to Springfield, and he was recognized as one of the outstanding ministers of the church in Southern Oregon. He has been in Oregon four years, preaching at Riddle, near Roseburg, before going to Klamath Falls.

The new minister is a graduate of the Los Angeles Bible Institute and also of the Southwest Baptist Seminary at Dallas, Texas. While preaching here he will also take graduate work in the University of Oregon.

SHORTED WIRES CAUSE FOUR SMALL BLAZES; SEVEN FIRES PUT OUT

Seven small fires, four of them resulting from one of the most unusual accidents ever reported here, were extinguished by the Springfield fire department Friday afternoon, giving that body its busiest day for several months.

The four fires were caused by a radio antenna pole falling across the high voltage lines of the Mountain States power company at the Peter Tomseth house south of Willamette Heights. The accident occurred about four o'clock. One of the wires from the antenna of the radio hung from the power line to the dry grass, starting the fire which brought a call for the fire engine.

Fire chief Jess Smitson and Police Chief Kenneth Gile answered the call and put out the blaze, only to discover that a second fire was burning in the grass a quarter of a mile up the hill from the first. The wire was also touching a barbed wire fence, and the current had followed the fence up the hill that far before starting the second blaze.

While Mr. Smitson and Mr. Gile were extinguishing the grass fires, one of the spectators removed the radio pole from the power line, causing two of the wires to touch. The firemen were just through with the grass blazes when they noticed that the outer wall of the Henry Fandrem residence near-by was blazing. The two wires of the power line coming together had resulted in a short circuit, which had blown out a fuse and started a fire near the meter of the building.

This fire was barely put out when the fourth blaze was discovered in the Orville Fandrem residence. In this place a fuse in the electrically operated radio had been blown out by the short circuit, starting a fire inside the radio box. The flames spread from the radio to the walls of the house, burning a hole in the corner. The radio was totally destroyed and other pieces of furniture in the room were damaged by the fire. No one was at home at either of the Fandrem residences at the time of the fires.

Although the call to the Fandrem-Tomseth district was the most astonishing received by the local department, it was the fourth for Friday afternoon. The first call came at 2 o'clock to extinguish a small grass fire which was burning on Southern Pacific property near the Booth-Kelly mill pond. The blaze was put out without difficulty. The origin is not known.

The second call came at 2:20 o'clock. A fire, supposedly set by children, was burning in a rubbish heap at Seventh and L streets. The blaze was extinguished to prevent its spreading. The third fire was at the Bud McPherson place in Sunnyside Addition, where a stubble field was burning. The Eugene fire department also answered this call, and the fire was put out without much difficulty by the two fire trucks, using chemicals. About 20 acres of stubble were burned.

Fire at Fisher Home

The Springfield fire department was called Tuesday afternoon to extinguish a fire in the attic of the Frank Fisher home, South D street. The blaze was supposedly caused by a short circuit in the wiring. It was extinguished with chemicals before any serious damage was done.

Purchase New Truck—Stuart and Holverson, proprietors of the Independent meat market, have purchased a new Chevrolet truck, which they will use in their business.

BIG FIRES RAVAGE OREGON FORESTS

Hundreds of Men Fight Fire in Lane County; Bad Blaze on Dollar Holdings Above Mabel and Also on Camp Creek.

Forest fires are burning out of control in many sections of Lane county, Oregon, and the northwest and unless rain comes soon the most disastrous season in years face timber owners, mill operators and settlers. Fires are now burning on the Mohawk, in the McKenzie and Willamette valleys, and in a dozen or more places in Western Lane county. Unless these fires are got under control soon it is thought all logging camps will be shut down and the state will conscript the men to fight fire.

More than a hundred men were sent through here from Portland during the last week to fight a fire raging on the Portland-Dollar Lumber company holdings above Mabel. This is the former Coast Range Lumber company timber. A couple of small fires are burning above the Fischer Brothers mill near Marcola. A fire on Cedar Flats Tuesday burned a great amount of wood already cut. The fire on the ridge above Waltherville is still burning and another is coming up the ridge on the Camp Creek side, according to reports.

In Western Lane fires were burning near Crow, on Wolf Creek, Triangle Lake district, at Chickahominy Wild Cat Creek, Deadwood, and many other places.

Mountain States Power company crews have been busy repairing lines that trees have fallen across and in many places the telephone wires are down because of fire.

Bulletin Issued on Fires

The Western Forestry Conservation association issued the following bulletin on fires Monday:

"With the loss of more than a dozen lives by forest fires already, the Pacific Coast confronts a September prolongation of the season depending upon early rain, or upon public realization of the acute danger, to determine whether it will end as one of extreme hazard, combated desperately with comparatively small property loss, or with disastrous conflagrations beyond control by the over-taxed forces. This is the substance of reports from public and private agencies that have been coming in for a week to the Western Forestry and Conservation Association, their central clearing house. All wearily urge that, until the weather breaks, they need every co-operation from forest visitors, lumbermen, railroads and other sources of carelessly man-made fires which, added to lightning, are making their task of protecting the forest resources to the west almost impossible.

"California reports that, fanned by a state-wide wave of incendiarism, field and forest fire toll has amounted to a damage of \$484,000 from more than 2000 fires, although most of this is to watersheds, range, grain and improvements. Timber damage is estimated at only \$165,000 on national forests and \$8000 elsewhere. Conditions are still critical.

"Oregon has fared well, comparatively. Up to September, national forests reported 653 fires, with only \$8000 damage; while, outside national forests the state reported 453 fires with timber loss of \$7000; logs and equipment, \$7,000; settlers' property, \$2000; being a low record considering seasonal hazard. Now, however, fires are increasing fast. Unless the rain falls, Governor Patterson will postpone the hunting season, supposed to open September 15th.

"Washington, outside national forests, reports good luck on the western slope but terrific season on the eastern part of the state. At close of August, 842 fires amounted, however, to only a \$1000 merchantable timber loss, \$7500 log loss, \$16,000 logging equipment loss, and \$9000 settlers' loss. Majority of fires were ascribed to careless smokers. National forests in Washington report 451 fires with most of the damage, about \$450,000, in the Chelan and Colville regions of eastern Washington. The worst season on record in these regions and still critical.

"Idaho, outside national forests, had 515 fires by August 1, largely from lightning, but an excellent record of property protection—loss being about a million feet of timber. (Continued on Page 6)