

## METHODISTS HOLD QUARTERLY SESSION

### Have Potluck Supper, Hear Reports, Re-Elect Pastor, Hold Annual Election of Officers, Elect Conference Delegates, and Discuss Work.

The quarterly conference for the last quarter of the past church year convened at the Methodist church on Tuesday evening at 8:00 p. m. in the church auditorium with Dr. M. A. Marcy, district superintendent, in charge of the meeting. A potluck supper was served in the church at 7:00. Fifty were present for the supper.

A half hour of devotional was conducted by Dr. Marcy before the business session. At the business session of the conference annual reports from all of the organizations in the church were presented and accepted. All of the departments showed some gain either financially or in attendance.

### Pastor Re-Elected

The pastor, Rev. C. J. Pike, was unanimously invited, to return for another year.

Nine trustees were named at the meeting for the year. They are Lawrence May, Charles Myers, L. K. Page, Margaret Morris, W. G. Hughes, F. B. Hamlin, Eugene McElhany, J. F. Bailey and W. H. Pollard. They were all re-elected with the exception of Charles Myers. He was chosen to fill the place left vacant when R. W. Smith moved to Marshfield.

### Ten Stewards Named

Other officials and chairmen of organizations were elected as follows: Stewards: Frank Bailey, Willis Bertsch, John Vaugn, Charles Gossler, Frank Bartholomew, Walter Gossler, W. H. Pollard, Mrs. H. L. Gillette, Mrs. Ida Gantz and Mrs. Frank Bailey.

Pulpit supply: Mrs. Ida Gantz, W. G. Hughes, Lawrence May, Dr. W. H. Pollard and Margaret Morris.

Music: W. H. Pollard, Mrs. E. E. Fraedrick, Willis Bertsch, Julo Pollard, and Dorothy Bailey.

Finance: Lawrence May, Dr. Pollard and Frank Bailey.

Religious education: H. L. Gillette, Mrs. L. K. Page, Elizabeth Hughes, Mrs. Roy Palmer and Dorothy Girard.

### No Change in Sunday School

Sunday School: H. L. Gillette, superintendent; Epworth League, Dorothy Bailey, president; Director of the Junior Church, Mrs. W. H. Pollard. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. Fred Walker; Women's Home Missionary society, Mrs. Ida Gantz.

Brotherhood: Frank Bartholomew; Ladies Aid: Mrs. M. M. Male, church treasurer; W. G. Hughes; Financial secretary: Virginia Hanson; Recording steward: S. S. Potter; Director of social life: Doris Myers.

Flower committee: Mrs. Eugene McElhany, Mrs. W. A. Mabe and Mrs. Nettie Voris.

### Delegates are Selected

Dr. W. H. Pollard and W. A. Mabe were elected lay delegates to attend the conference at Portland next year. The sessions there will be held at the Centenary-Wilbur church with Bishop Titus Lowe presiding. The pastor will leave Springfield Tuesday morning to attend the meetings which begin on that day and come to an end on the 29th.

Announcement was made that Mrs. Arah Hoyt Rae, Eugene, had returned from California and would assume her position as director of the choir some time the first week in October. There are 40 prospective members now available for a choir this season.

### Rebekahs Have Social

The Juanita Rebekah lodge number 85 of Springfield held their regular social meeting on Monday evening. The regular program of events was observed after which an informal period followed at which time Mrs. Mary C. Magill presented a gift to Mrs. Cora Hinson on behalf of the members. Mrs. Hinson is the financial secretary of the local order.

### Road to City Dump Improved

Street Commissioner Thurman has just announced that the road leading to the city dump grounds has been improved so that any one can drive to it in a car. The street which has been low and often under water has been filled with gravel.

## FOOTBALL PROSPECTS BRIGHTEN AS NINE LETTERMEN TURN OUT

Nine lettermen back in uniforms of the Springfield high school and an immediate start in the coaching activities gives every indication of a successful football season for the local high school aggregation.

Fourteen men turned out in uniform to meet their new coach and to begin immediate practice on Tuesday afternoon and the number is increasing daily. Several of the boys are working on fruit ranches and have not registered for school at this time.

It is size, more than quantity or quality, as yet, that impresses the onlooker at the afternoon practice periods.

Four or five of the players now out on the field each day would be a joy and inspiration to any coach. A few of the boys revealed at once that they knew something of the game. The others all display an eagerness and willingness to learn that will not soon wear off.

Bill Baker, the coach, is well pleased with prospects for the fall athletic season. With such men as Everett and Freeman Squires, half-back and quarterback; Quentin Thurman, guard; Claire Thurman, end; Gerald Morrison, tackle; Thayer Murray, halfback; Gaylord Morris, guard; Eugene Walker, halfback; Jesse Summer, tackle; as the foundation for a team and with plenty of willing men who only need a little experience, it is evident that Springfield has the material for a team equal or better than the best in the district.

No schedule has been drawn up as yet, but it is expected that contests with Brownsville, Lebanon, Cottage Grove, University high school, Junction City and probably Harrisburg will be included in the games of the season.

## MUNICIPAL BAND MEETS; FALL PLANS DISCUSSED

The first fall rehearsal of the Springfield municipal band was held at the chamber of commerce rooms on Monday evening, under the direction of Ted Lenhart, director. Ten members were present, and it was decided to send letters to the other members who were attending the practice last fall, but who did not turn out for the first practice.

New music was ordered for the boys and they are going to hold regular practices every Monday evening. They hope to find a suitable location where they can present a concert at some future date.

## LOGGING RESUMED WED. BY BOOTH-KELLY MEN

Logging operations of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company were resumed Wednesday, after being shut down for a week due to the forest fires which have been raging in the vicinity of the company's holdings, according to A. C. Dixon, general manager. He reports that the fire situation in and near the holdings has improved greatly during the past week.

## YONCALLA MAN WILL PREACH HERE SUNDAY

T. M. White, pastor of the Christian church at Yoncalla, will conduct the services at the Christian church here both morning and evening next Sunday. He is exchanging pulpits with Rev. R. L. Dunn, pastor of the local church. The evening service will commence at 7:30.

### Postpone Legion Meeting

The regular meeting of the American Legion will not be held this week, according to J. M. Larson, post commander.

The next meeting will be held on the first Friday in October, when the new officers will be installed and routine business will be transacted. The new officers to be installed are: F. B. Hamlin, post commander; Dr. W. N. Dow, first vice-commander; Dr. Carl Phetteplace, second vice-commander; I. M. Peterson, adjutant and J. M. Larson, finance officer.

### Gas Prices Tumble Two Cents

The price of gasoline at the local filling stations was reduced two cents on Wednesday morning in conformity with the drop which took place in Eugene on the same day. The reason given by the Eugene organization was that the price was unstable and that by cutting the price two cents all the stations could sell at the fixed price of 22½ cents.

## Ceremony Opens New S. P. Road

### Alturas Cutoff Traveled by Local Men; Distance 200 Miles Shorter

The "Breaking of the Last Barrier" at Hackamore Junction on the Alturas cutoff line of the Southern Pacific company put Springfield and other towns of Oregon 200 miles closer to the east and will result in lower freight rates and faster train service. Four Springfield men were present at the ceremony, Mayor C. O. Wilson, representing the chamber of commerce, Harry M. Stewart, Lions Club, H. J. Cox, Willamette Valley lumbermen, and H. E. Maxey, guest of the Alturas chamber of commerce and the Southern Pacific railroad.

It is 96 miles from Klamath Falls to Alturas, California, and Hackamore Junction where the golden spike was driven and the ceremony of breaking the last barrier was held, is about half way. A special train from Portland picked up two cars at Eugene and carried representative people from nearly every city in Western Oregon. Special trains from Klamath Falls and California swelled the crowd to nearly 3000 people. After the ceremony at the barrier, the Southern Pacific company served lunch on the hill side at a big open air cafeteria. The trains then carried the crowd on to Alturas, California, where the large Pickering sawmill is under construction. Modoc and Klamath Indians and cowboys were out in war paint and full regalia to greet the visitors.

Local people who went on the excursion were surprised at the magnitude of the new territory opened up by the new railroad and see much prospect for development. They also appreciate the fact that shortening the distance to eastern markets and the reducing of freight rates will mean much to Oregon shippers and future development, both agricultural and industrial, in the Willamette Valley.

Through train service from Portland to Ogden is being inaugurated on the new line.

## METHODIST RALLY WEEK TO BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY

H. L. Gillette, superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school, is busy making plans for the big Rally Week of the church, which will begin next Sunday and will last a week, coming to a close with a special program on Sunday morning, September 29.

The superintendent is anxious that every member of the school be present next Sunday morning to hear instructions and to assist in the plans for the final program a week later. Special booster rally pins will be given to every member present on Sunday.

Every member is expected to boost their class during the week to turn out and help swell the attendance on the final Sunday. A complete program will be published in the paper next week.

### Breaks Collarbone and Ribs

William Hucka, Walterville, is in the Pacific Christian hospital at Eugene recovering from a broken collar bone and three broken ribs which he sustained last Monday when he fell head first from a large pear tree which he was picking at his home. Mr. Hucka was standing on the top of a twelve foot ladder when it slipped and he fell to the ground.

He was treated by a local physician who reports that he will be able to leave for his home in a few days.

## SCHOOL BOARD WILL HOLD SPECIAL MEETING

There will be a special meeting of the local school board on Monday evening at the high school, according to an announcement made yesterday by William G. Hughes, clerk. The meeting is called for the purpose of meeting the principals of the three schools and considering any problems which may have arisen in connection with the opening of the new school year on Monday.

Attend Business School—Ester McPherson and Maxine Snodgrass began attending night school at the Eugene Business College Monday evening.

Leave for Pendleton—Mr. and Mrs. William Rodenbaugh are attending the Round-up at Pendleton.

## Stunt Flying by Major Attracts

### Three Hundred Gather at the Airport Sunday; Field Improvement Progresses

Regular Sunday afternoon stunt exhibitions and passenger flights were inaugurated at the local airport last Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, before an audience estimated at nearly three hundred. Major G. H. Eckerson put on an exhibition of stunts and upside-down flying, and announced that this would be repeated every Sunday afternoon as long as the weather permitted. The exhibitions are open to the public and no admission is charged.

Work at the airport is continuing every day. The extension of the office building has been completed and workmen are busy painting it and applying a second coat of paint to the hangars themselves. All of the buildings are being painted a chrome yellow. This color has been found by aviators to be the most visible from the air and is therefore being recommended for airport buildings and town markers.

### Will Tile Runways

The runways have been widened and lengthened now so that almost any type of plane can land there. A fill has been made on the runway immediately in front of the hangars to insure a dry field. Another precaution which is being taken to insure the proper drainage of the field is the laying of 600 feet of tile about the runway, which is to be started at once, the tile now being on the ground for the work. Gravel has been spread all about the hangars and the office building.

People were very reticent about "going up" for rides last Sunday, due to the extremely smoky condition of the atmosphere, according to the Major.

New students are enrolling at the local school every week and some work is being started, although the work will not get under way until the University opens and regular class work there gets under way. About 40 have indicated their intention of entering the school at the present time.

The formal dedication of the field will probably be taken up and discussed at the regular Friday noon meeting of the Lions Club, according to Dr. W. C. Rebban, chairman of the aviation committee of the club. The dedication will take place as soon as the improvements are completed.

## FOREST FIRES IMPAIR POWER COMPANY LINES

Charles Boyd and Alvie Jones, repairmen for the Mountain States Power company were here from Albany the first of the week assisting in keeping the company's power lines between here and points south open during the bad fires in the timber through which the lines are carried.

Considerable trouble has been experienced by the power company this year due to the unusually large number of bad fires, and the continued dryness. The local plant which is operated by steam has been running at full capacity for some time in order to assist the plants in other locations which are dependent upon water power for the development of electricity.

## NO PURCHASERS YET FOR CITY REAL ESTATE

None of the lots in Springfield which the city had taken over to satisfy improvement liens were sold during the past week, according to I. M. Peterson, city recorder.

These lots, many of which are located in very choice parts of the city and most of which have been priced by the city council at a figure much lower than the improvement assessments against them, are now being offered by the city, which is anxious to convert them into cash rather than hold them.

### Raises Large Tomato

B. F. Hamlin, postmaster, has a tomato on exhibition at the Commercial State bank which he raised in his back yard and which weighs one pound and 12 ounces. It is an unusually large specimen and is attracting a considerable amount of attention.

Visits Here—Frank Lombard, a cousin of Mrs. Walter Gossler, is visiting at the Gossler home.

## COUNTY CHAMBER TO HOLD NEXT MEETING HERE IN OCTOBER

W. A. Taylor, W. K. Barnell, Fred Walker, and F. B. Hamlin all attended the regular meeting of the Lane county chamber of commerce held at the Hotel Bartell in Cottage Grove last night.

Leonard R. Reid, representative of the United States chamber of commerce, was the principal speaker. He explained the activities of the national chamber of commerce and told of the facilities of that body, which were at the disposal of the smaller member bodies.

The other speakers were Melvin Hansen, chairman of the beautification committee of the Lane county chamber, who spoke on selling the beauties of the county. He urged that the farmers, merchants and everybody should clean up their premises and make as good an outward showing as was possible, because tourists are impressed by such things; County Judge Barnard, who reported on the road and bridge work in the county; J. B. Hall, who told of efforts being made to locate a pickle factory in Eugene and the possibility of locating a condensary and also another fruit and vegetable cannery in the county.

George Drake, the millionaire bridge contractor of Kansas, was present and told of the success he was having with his big lumber drying plant near Cottage Grove. He told of the increase in the volume of his business there and explained the process he is using of forcing cold air through the lumber piles and thus drying it. His sister, who owns and operates one of the largest "dirt farms" in Kansas, was another of the speakers. She commented on the talk given earlier in the evening by O. S. Fletcher, county agent, by stating that the methods of farming which he was now advocating were now and had been in use on the large Kansas farms for many years with a great deal of success.

The next meeting of the Lane county chamber will be held in Springfield on October 17, at the chamber rooms. The initial plans for the organization of this body were made at a meeting here and another meeting was also held here about a year ago.

The county chamber is composed of five local chamber of commerce bodies, the grange and the farmers cooperative organization. Each body has three regularly elected delegates who try to attend the meetings. Any member of the affiliated groups, however, is eligible to sit in on any of the meetings.

W. A. Taylor is chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements for the meeting here next month.

## P. T. A. TO HOLD FIRST MEETING TOMORROW

The Parent-Teachers Association of Springfield will hold its first meeting of the new school year on Friday afternoon, at the Lincoln school, commencing at 3:00 o'clock.

There has been no formal program arranged for this meeting, but a large turnout is expected to meet the new teachers and to greet the others who have returned to their posts after a summer vacation.

The new officers who will assume the direction of the school organization are: Mrs. R. P. Mortensen, president; Mrs. Lum Anderson, vice-president; Mrs. L. K. Page, secretary; and Mrs. John Putman, treasurer.

## BIBLE SCENIC SPOTS BAPTIST CHURCH TOPIC

A large audience turned out to greet Rev. Relp Mullholand, the new Baptist minister, when he delivered his first sermon in Springfield last Sunday morning.

He will take "Scenic Spots of Sacred Scripture" as his theme for his sermon topic on Sunday morning. The choir will sing "Thanks Be to God." The young people will meet in the church at 6:00 to organize for work during the coming year. The topic for the evening service at 7:30 will be "Faith's Inspiration and Consumption." N. N. Pengra will sing a solo at this service. The Sunday school meets at 10:00.

On Way to Home—Mr. and Mrs. William Elwell of Welsar, Idaho, stopped at the home of C. E. Kenyon here this morning for a short visit. The party was enroute to their home after a vacation trip. They planned to go by way of Pendleton.

## SCHOOLS OF CITY SHOW INCREASES

### Early Registration Indicates Final Attendance Will Greatly Exceed All Previous Records; Crops and Fruits Hold Students From Classes.

Six hundred and eighteen boys and girls of this vicinity took their books and pencils and started off for another year of school last Monday when that number presented themselves to their teachers, many of them for the first time in their lives. The pupils were not the only strangers, however, on this day, as the faculty of the local schools had undergone several changes since the last meeting of the students and instructors in June.

### Lower High School Enrollment

One hundred and eighty pupils were enrolled in the high school. This is considerably less than the enrollment in that school at the close of the last school year in June. The total enrollment in the combined schools in the city, however, is only slightly less than the enrollment at the close of the year in June and indications are that the total registration in every building will be considerable greater in a few weeks after the hops and fruit crops have been harvested. The grade schools both show gains of over 30 pupils per school over the last year's total. The enrollment at the high school stands now at seniors, 36; juniors, 39; sophomores, 48; and freshmen, 49.

At the Lincoln school there is a total enrollment of 231 students as compared with 210 at the close of the school year. Of this number 36 are in the first grade, 35 in the second, 28 in the fourth B, and 24 in the fourth A. There are 108 enrolled in the 7th and 8th, or junior high grades.

### Largest Enrollment

At the Brattain school there is the largest enrollment increase of any school in the city. The total this year is 207 as compared with 180 last year. The enrollment is divided as follows: 36 in the sixth grade, 20 in the five A, 34 in the five B, 31 in the fourth grade, 40 in the third grade, 18 in the second grade, and 28 in the first grade.

The enrollment in the third grade in this building has reached the maximum, and it is likely that some other arrangements will have to be made to take care of the children if any more enroll. The directors of the schools have anticipated an increase and have had the extra room in the Brattain school remodeled and put in shape so that it may be used if needed. If the enrollment in the second grade does not increase it is possible that that teacher will go given some of the third grade students. The reason for the large enrollment in the third grade is that there is no third grade in the Lincoln school. It is barely possible that if the enrollment should increase more than it is now expected that another teacher will be employed.

### New Teachers

The new teachers who are meeting their pupils for the first time this week are W. E. Buell, principal of the high school, and Glen Wood, principal at the Brattain school building.

The other new instructors at the high school are Ernest McKinney, music and Spanish, Glen Martin, manual training, Mrs. Baker English, and William Baker, athletics and coaching.

New teachers in the Lincoln school are Miss Thelma Sweeney, English and grammar, and Mrs. L. K. Page, first grade. Mrs. Page taught here the year before last but was not on the faculty last year.

The new teachers at the Brattain school, aside from the principal, are Miss Wilma Scott, second, and Miss Mabel Olson, fourth.

Everything was working smoothly during the opening days of the new year, despite the fact that there were more students and several new teachers. The new principals are very well pleased with their teaching staffs and all report fine co-operation and harmony.

The high school offers two new courses this year, one in Spanish and one in shorthand. Mr. McKinney will teach the class in Spanish and also one in physics. Miss Claire Wagner will teach a shorthand class.