

BUSINESS CLOSES FOR FAIR FRIDAY

Springfield to Attend Lane County Day at Annual Celebration at Eugene; Many Features Planned for Tomorrow and Saturday.

Springfield business houses will close tomorrow at noon and the town will migrate, almost completely, to Eugene for Lane County Day of the big fair which opened at the Fairgrounds yesterday. Today is Eugene day, and Eugene is closed for the occasion, but the events of tomorrow's program have been arranged especially for the out of town people, who are expected to attend in large numbers.

All of the agricultural and industrial exhibits at the fair are open continuously to those who come. In the morning the 4H club contests will be one of the prominent features. This will include cooking and other contests and the display of the craft of the youngsters who are engaged in club work.

The principal features of the afternoon program, which will open at 1:30 o'clock, will be features and stunts presented by representatives of the various communities of the county. There are expected to be a number of unique and interesting features. Other events of the afternoon will include music by the Odd Fellows band of Eugene, the daily horse races, and vaudeville and rodeo acts by the trained performers hired by the fair board. There will also be a bicycle race for all boys from the county who care to enter it.

Tomorrow evening will be featured by a band concert, a drill by the Eugene American Legion drum corps, and an exhibition of fire works. It is probable that the public wedding of some Lane county couple will be held at that time.

Saturday afternoon is children's day at the fair. All children under 16 years of age will be admitted free to the festivities if they are accompanied by adults with paid admission. One adult, it is announced, can, if he or she chooses, take 20 children to trial exhibits at the fair are open free. Many contests for the children, such as the traditional pie eating contests, will be presented. There will be races again, and fire works and other features in the evening.

SIREN IS CONNECTED DIRECT TO CITY HALL

The new connection to the fire siren at the Mountain States Power plant was tested out for the first time Wednesday morning and was found to work properly. Under the new arrangements the siren in sounded directly from a switch in the fire engine room at the city hall, instead of by telephoning the plant, as formerly. The signals, as announced by Jess Smitson, fire chief, will be one long blast for a fire anywhere in town, and several short blasts for a fire at the Booth-Kelly mill or at the power plant. All calls for fires are to be phoned in to the fire department, not the city hall, the same as before.

MRS. BENCH HONORED AT SURPRISE PARTY

A surprise party in honor of Mrs. John Bench was given Monday night at her home here by the Springfield Rebekah lodge.

Those who were present at the party included Mr. and Mrs. Bildersback, Mr. and Mrs. Findley, Dorothy Girard, Oswald Olson, Mrs. Asa Peddicord, Harold Poole, Mrs. Zella Cantrell, Mrs. Cal Barnes, Mrs. Charles Poole, Mrs. Sara Johns, Amy Love, Elva Adams, Clara Taylor, Mrs. Pearl Schantol, Mrs. Riley Snodgrass, Helen Donaldson, Cora Binson, Mrs. Alice Doane, Mrs. Mary Magill, Elsie Lambert, Mrs. Macklin, Edna Swarts, Mrs. Sam Richmond, Mrs. Meda Catching, B. C. Kight, Mrs. Putman, Mrs. Barker, Kate Brumette, Mrs. Knof, Miss Hurd, Mrs. Wooley, Mrs. Kizer, and Mrs. Bench.

With Whooping Cough—Leota and Flora, the small daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bertsch, are reported to be quite ill at their home with the whooping cough.

On Vacation—Miss Margaret Gorie, who is employed at Flanery's drug store, is taking her vacation this week. Miss Gorie and several of her relatives and friends are making a tour through Southern Oregon.

GUIDE FOR AVIATORS ON BOOTH-KELLY MILL COMPLETED BY PAINTER

The aviation guide on the roof of the storage shed at the Springfield Booth-Kelly mill was completed Saturday by A. E. Wood, local painter. The sign carries the word "Springfield" in huge letters 16 feet high. The word is 150 feet long. Beneath it are two arrows, one pointing north, and the other pointing east to the local airport, the nearest landing field.

The guide is painted in chrome yellow against the black background of the shed roof, and it is said that it will be visible at a great distance to fliers. Five gallons of paint for use on the sign were donated by the W. P. Fuller paint company of Portland, and two gallons were given by the Acme Paint company, also of Portland. The remainder was purchased locally.

The painting of the guide was sponsored by the Springfield chamber of commerce under the direction of F. B. Hamlin, president. Specifications for the work were furnished by the Harry F. Guggenheim foundation for the promotion of aviation. It is the aim of the foundation to have guide markings for aviators painted on roofs in every town in the country.

PIERS TO START SOON FOR BRIDGE APPROACH

Work on the west approach to the new Springfield bridge is progressing very well. It is reported by Hargreaves and Lindsay and A. C. Mathews, Eugene contractors, who are in charge of the construction. Hargreaves and Lindsay have been at work for several days excavating for the piers to the new section of concrete, and they expect to start building the forms within a few days. Mathews' men have moved the dirt in the way of Hargreaves and are starting the construction of the wye, branching from the main approach to join the highway to the north and to the south.

Mr. Mathews expects to complete his fill about the middle of September. Hargreaves and Lindsay were given by the state until October 31 to complete the 150 feet of concrete approach, but they expect to complete it before that time. The two cement lamp posts at the west end of the bridge have been cut off by the contractors and will be set up again at the end of the new section.

CHILDREN GIVE PARTY FOR SMALL FRIENDS

Dorothy and Richard Flanery, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Flanery, were hosts at a lawn party for a number of their small friends at the Flanery home Friday afternoon. The youngsters spent the afternoon in playing games, after which refreshments were served by Mrs. Flanery.

Those who were present were Walter Jennings, Connie Stacy and Norma Rust of Eugene, Bernice Barnes, Billy Barnett, Billy Dow, Billy Dawson, Marvin Gorrie, Jeannine Withers, Barbara Ketels, John Ketels, Betty Jarrett, Clover Cox, Hester Jean Thompson, Peggy Wright, Teddy Wright, Clarence Clark, Molly Chase, and Nadine Neet.

REBEKAHS ATTEND MEETING AT MARCOLA

A large delegation of the Springfield Rebekah lodge motored to Marcola Tuesday night to meet with the Rebekah lodge there at its regular session. Mrs. Callie Ingalls of Albany, president of the Rebekah assembly of Oregon, was at Marcola visiting at the lodge at that time. Following a program and business meeting in which Mrs. Ingalls spoke, refreshments were served to those present by the members of the Marcola lodge.

Springfield people who attended the meeting included Mrs. Alice Lorah, Mrs. W. F. Walker, Mrs. Sam Richmond, Mrs. Cal Barnes, Mrs. Zella Cantrell, Mr. and Mrs. Findley, Mrs. Mary C. Magill, Mrs. Elva Adams, Oswald Olson, Miss Dorothy Girard, Miss Amy Love, Mrs. Alice Doane, and Mrs. O. H. Jarrett.

Returns to Ship

Irvin Schnetzky of the United States Navy, who has been spending the past month in Springfield on his furlough, has returned to San Francisco to rejoin his ship. Mr. Schnetzky is a member of the crew of the U. S. S. Maryland which carried President Hoover on his trip to South America. His home is at Warm Springs, South Dakota. He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Schnetzky and a nephew of Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Mottensen of this city.

EARLY HOP PICKING STARTS; FAIR CROP BUT POOR MARKET

Hop picking is beginning today at Jess Seavey's yards and has been underway in some yards farther down the valley for the last week. John and Jess Seavey are the only growers in this vicinity that have many early hops.

A fair crop of hops both early and late will result this year but the price is not encouraging. 14 or 15 cents a pound is all that is quoted at present. Most of the growers, not under contract, will hold their crops for better markets.

Late hop picking will start early in September and hundreds of pickers will be needed this year as in former seasons.

PROCHNOW IN GAME FOR TROPHY SHOES

Richard Prochnow was the one who upset the dope at the local horse shoe club tournament Friday night, when he nosed out his fellow high school student, Gilbert Ernsting, and placed first in the play. These two are the only ones in the running for the possession of the nickel-plated trophy shoes now, as but two tournaments remain before the close of the season, September 1. Prochnow can now take the shoes by winning both of these, otherwise they will go to Ernsting, who now has them in his possession.

Springfield players are still among the leading contenders in the county tournament which is being held on the park courts in Eugene. In the second round Saturday night H. C. Cook of Eugene again placed first, but Gilbert Ernsting was second, Richard Prochnow third, George Prochnow fourth, and George Cox fifth. The tournament closes September 1 also.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES AT LONG BEACH, CAL.

Word has been received of the passing of Edwin Ninnis, for many years a Springfield resident, who died August 7 at his home in Long Beach, California. His body was taken to Tacoma, Washington, for burial.

Mr. Ninnis was born in England in 1868 and came to the United States when he was a boy. He was married to Bessie Daniel at Nevada City, California, in 1893. In 1906 they went to Alaska, and later moved to Springfield, where they lived until 1921, when they returned to Alaska. They have lived in Long Beach since August, 1928.

Mr. Ninnis is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bessie Ninnis, and three children, Melville, Thelma and Elroy. He was a member of the Gastineau lodge No. 124 A. F. and A. M. of Douglas, Alaska.

SURPRISE PARTY GIVEN IN HONOR OF LOCAL MEN

Mrs. Asa Peddicord and Mrs. Lee Putman were joint hostesses at a surprise party given in honor of their husbands Tuesday night at the Putman home on Mill street. Tuesday was the day of both Mr. Putman and Mr. Peddicord's birthdays.

After an enjoyable evening of progressive 500, refreshments of ice cream, punch, and cake were served by the hostesses.

Those who were present at the party were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bildersback, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Louk, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ernest and daughter, Donno Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laxton and son, Junior, James Tower, Mrs. John Putman and daughters, Helen and Cleone, Mrs. Neroy Chastaine, Mrs. Robert Putman and son, Bobby, of Marshfield, Mrs. J. C. Barker, Louis Shipley, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Peddicord and daughters, Velma and Loraine, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Putman and family.

ROCKING OF HIGHWAY STARTS EAST OF TOWN

Rocking of the McKenzie highway from the city limits of Springfield east to the first turn of the old road was begun today by the Cochrane construction company of Portland, who were given the contract for the work. That portion of the new highway will be opened to traffic this fall, but the remainder of the seven and two-fifths miles beyond the turn of the road will be rocked next spring and not opened until then, according to the highway department.

A steam shovel is now at work grading on the Cogswell hill section of the highway. That section will be completed and will be opened next spring also.

Consolidation Not Favored University Experts Report

Joint Merger Committee Hears That Joining of Two Cities Not Feasible; Would Not Lower Taxes or Operating Expenses.

An adverse report on consolidation was made by the University of the Oregon School of Business administration to the joint committee from the Chambers of Commerce of Eugene and Springfield which met Friday night in Eugene. The joint committee accepted the report and voted to give it out to the public for consideration. That our readers may know exactly what it says we print it verbatim and without comment, omitting only some of the complicated rate tables. Anyone wishing to see the original copy can do so by calling at the News office.

Following is the report as submitted by the experts of the school of business administration:

MAJOR GETS PUBLICITY THROUGH STATE PRESS

Springfield has been obtaining considerable publicity throughout Oregon during the past week through the entry of Major G. H. Eckerson in the National air races from Portland to Cleveland, Ohio. The Portland Telegram for August 14 carries the announcement of the major's entry as a top story for the front page with a large head reading "Eckerson to Enter Derby Via Portland." Other notices were carried in the other Portland papers, and from there the news went over the Associated Press and the United Press and was published in most of the daily papers of the state.

But the major has obtained the most publicity on his enterprise through the press of the neighboring city of Eugene. Both the Guard and the Register have carried large stories on him and his activities; and the stories are broad-minded. They frankly admit that Major Eckerson's headquarters are at Springfield, although the qualification usually follows that "he was connected with the Hobi Airways before going to Springfield."

Pictures of the major and his Waco plane have been requested by the Associated Press and were forwarded just before he left for the national races.

PLEASANT HILL RAISING FUNDS FOR NEW TEACHER

An attempt is being made to raise funds from the parents of non-resident children attending the Pleasant Hill Union high school to pay the salary of an additional teacher for the school. There are now three high school teachers there, but this is insufficient to take care of the large enrollment. Last year there were 23 non-resident students attending school there; and under the Wheeler tax law the district received but \$30 for each, while the actual cost of instruction was much higher.

As an additional fee may not be collected in Lane county, the school board found it necessary to resort to another method of raising funds. Non-resident students from Unity, Lowell, Jasper, Bear Creek, and Cloverdale attend the high school at Pleasant Hill.

MRS. SOPHIA JOHNSON PASSES AT HOME HERE

Mrs. Sophia Catherine Johnson, a resident of Springfield for the past 24 years, died Friday night at her home at 635 North E street. She had been in poor health for some time.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Smith County, Virginia, 57 years ago. She is survived by her husband, James P. Johnson and her mother, Mrs. Susan Settles, both of Springfield; one sister, Mrs. Frances Drury of San Francisco; one niece, Mrs. D. V. Brumbaugh of Eugene; and two nephews, Elmer and Thomas Cox, of Riddle. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mrs. Johnson's funeral was held Monday afternoon at 2:30 at the Walker-Poole chapel with the Rev. C. J. Pike of the local Methodist Episcopal church in charge of the ceremony. Interment was at the Laurel Hill cemetery.

Scouts Pass Through

20 members of the Southwest Oregon boy scout patrol passed through Springfield Monday morning enroute to their homes after spending the past two weeks in the Cascade mountains in the vicinity of the Three Sisters, where they camp every summer. The boys were accompanied by E. A. Britton of Roseburg, scout executive for Douglas, Coos, and Curry counties.

What the Proposed Consolidation Should Accomplish to be Feasible

The proposed consolidation of Eugene and Springfield to be feasible and practical must show benefits for a majority of the inhabitants of both Springfield and Eugene. On no other premise should it be considered. If the merger, when effected, will be detrimental to the interests of either of the two cities, it most certainly should not be consummated. On the other hand, if both are to benefit, every effort should be made to see that the merger is speedily completed.

As the interests of the two cities are at stake, and the very existence as a separate entity, of one of them, this report necessarily must discuss the factors as affecting both.

CONCLUSION

The facts as outlined in this report seem to indicate that immediate consolidation is not feasible. As a goal of the future, to be carefully studied, fostered, advocated, and then consummated when economic, psychological and physical conditions are more advantageous, the proposed consolidation is both logical and desirable.

The Sewage System would still have to be administered as before. Here a slight saving might result, due to the experience of Eugene's city engineer.

The Mayor and Council could be eliminated. However, there is little financial saving in their elimination, as they serve without pay, and for nominal fees.

The City Recorder would be eliminated, together with the small expense incident to the conduct of his office.

Interest Rates on outstanding obligations might be lowered one-half to one per cent. The general level on outstanding Springfield securities is six per cent, while Eugene bond issues bear interest at rates varying between 4 1/2 to 5 1/2.

In general, consolidation would not effect any material financial saving in operation of the city governments. There is a marketing maxim that "the wholesaler can be eliminated but his function cannot be." Similarly, elimination of the Springfield city government will not obviate the necessity of policing the district, providing it with fire protection, a sewage system and other costly obligations of the municipal government. Any real savings would come from a possible increase in credit standing among municipalities, and the small saving to be realized from elimination of the actual machinery of local government.

Possibility of Perfecting Unity of Interests.

The thought has been advanced that the merging of the two cities into one unit will merge the interests of the citizens. The result then would be a greater united people, working together for a greater community. In theory, the thought is perfect.

The practical difficulty to this is psychological, chiefly. There is naturally a definite, patriotic feeling in the city of Springfield against such a move. This feeling is based upon the loss of identity, and the natural opposition that a small struggling community has toward a large, bustling growing one.

These people cannot help but stress in their minds the thought that the "united people, working together for a greater community," actually will be working together for a greater Eugene." In other words, a great number of the present residents of Springfield, many of whom have lived there for years, are unwilling to give up the separate identity of their own, for reasons that seem none the less important even if based chiefly on sentiment.

It is safe to say that, so far as this phase of the question is concerned, the proposed merger will be the result of a unity of interests rather

(Continued on Page 6)

ECKERSON TO START IN RACE TOMORROW

Major Hopes to Win in Five Day Jaunt From Portland to Cleveland; Plane in Perfect Condition; Many Famous Fliers Enter Contest.

Tomorrow morning at a little past ten o'clock Gilbert H. Eckerson, Springfield's flying major, will take off in his big Waco from the Swan Island airport at Portland and start roaring eastward at 165 miles per hour or thereabouts in the first lap of the national air races from Portland to Cleveland, Ohio.

It is one of the biggest events of the year in aviation circles, the national air races which the Springfield flyer is entering, and with him will be a number of the most famous aviators in the United States. Among the other entrants are included Tex Rankin of Portland, one of the most noted of Western fliers; Charles W. (Speed) Holman, of Minneapolis; Minnesota, winner of the race from New York to Spokane two years ago; W. H. Emery, Jr., Bradford, Pennsylvania; Snyder Hall, St. Louis, Missouri; Clarence F. Bates, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; T. A. Wells, of Wichita, Kansas; and Earl Wright, San Francisco, California; "Bev" Clark, of Portland, and Oick Rankin, brother of Tex. There will probably be a number of other entrants in addition to these.

Three thousand dollars cash is the prize for the flyer winging his way from Portland to Cleveland in the shortest time. Second prize is \$1500, third \$750, fourth \$450, and fifth \$300. In addition to these prizes a total of \$3000 in prizes is offered by the various towns where the aviators will stop for the fastest times made each day. The major prizes are offered by the National Air Races, a corporation of Cleveland.

Major Eckerson is undaunted by the fame of his competitors in the race. "I am going in to win," he said, "and I realize that I am going to fly against some faster ships than mine. But speed isn't everything in a trans-continental race of this kind. Much depends on proper navigation, and even depends on luck." Holman, according to the major, is to enter the race with a Laird, specially built racer, the fastest whirlwind plane built.

Major Eckerson expects to hold his motor open and fly at his maximum capacity of 165 miles an hour as much of the way as possible. On account of the varying air currents, he said, the average will probably be about 150 miles an hour.

It will require five days for the contestants to make the trip from Portland to Cleveland. Tomorrow, the opening day, they will go as far as Missoula, Montana. Saturday night they will stop at Bismark, North Dakota, Sunday at St. Paul, Minnesota, Monday at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Tuesday the contest will end at Cleveland. One or more stops for refueling will also be made each day. Each morning the fliers take off from the airport at intervals of one minute, and the elapsed flying time is counted in deciding the winner.

Major Eckerson stated that his plane is in perfect condition for the transcontinental race. Last week he took it over to the Lion aircraft corporation at Eugene to have it "stream-lined" and overhauled. Every opening and crevice on the body was closed up to increase the speed, and the front cockpit closed up. The Wright mechanic there ground the valves and declared the engine to be in first class shape.

Major Eckerson left Springfield for Portland Wednesday morning. He will probably return in about two weeks.

Men Injured at Mill

Two employees of the local Booth-Kelly mill were slightly injured in accidents while at work last week, according to a report posted. John Cox was accidentally struck in the stomach by a bundle of lumber in the hands of a fellow workman and as a result lost four and one-half days. Sherman Fredrickson strained a muscle pulling lumber from the sorting table and lost several days work.

Visit at Junction—Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Adams and small son spent Sunday at Junction City visiting at the home of Mr. Adams' brother, J. P. Adams. Mr. Adams reports that water melons are ripe already on his brother's ranch there.