

## MAIN ST. MAY BE MUCH IMPROVED

### Re-Surfacing of Street When Bridge Approach is Paved Proposed; Straightening and Re-Grading East Main Also Part of Plan.

Through a co-operative agreement with the state Main street pavement may be recoated at the time of the paving of the approaches to the Springfield bridge. Between Mill and Second streets the pavement will have to be practically relaid and much patching is needed on other parts of the street, city officials say.

By combining the paving jobs it is believed money can be saved both for the city and state and also make a completed improvement all at the same time. Negotiations are now being carried on by the city and the highway department in this regard.

## MRS. PAGE TO TEACH AT LINCOLN SCHOOL

Mrs. L. K. Page was elected as teacher of the first grade at the Lincoln school at a meeting of the local school board Friday night. Mrs. Page succeeds Mrs. Marjorie Lesselle, who resigned recently to move to Eugene.

Mrs. Page has taught in the Springfield schools off and on for 20 years. Last year she served as substitute teacher. She has been active in P. T. A. work serving as president of that organization last year. She was the chairwoman of a committee which investigated and recommended to the school board the adoption of the visual instruction method for teaching reading to the pupils of the first grade. The method was adopted for the coming year by the board.

Dr. W. H. Pollard, acting chairman of the school board, stated that in electing Mrs. Page to the position the board felt that it was justified in setting aside a previous ruling that no married women would be employed. The fact that Mrs. Page was substitute teacher, and is a teacher of known excellence, was given as the reason for the decision.

It was decided at the board meeting to have the roof of the high school building repaired and repainted before the opening of school September 16. Lindall Gardner of West Springfield was given the contract of plastering the unfinished room at the Brattain school. The contract for doing the woodwork on the room will be let later. J. L. Molosh was given the contract for enclosing the play shed at the Brattain school.

## DARWIN E. BROWN DIES AT HOME HERE SUNDAY

Darwin E. Brown, one of the oldest residents of Springfield, died at his home on East A street Sunday at the age of 80 years. He was born in New York July 18 1849, and later lived in Wisconsin and South Dakota. He came to Springfield in 1896.

Mr. Brown is survived by his widow, Mrs. Emma R. Brown; one son, Fred E. Brown, of Suplee, Oregon, and one daughter, Mrs. Mabel Howard of Springfield. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Brown's funeral was held at the Veatch chapel at Eugene Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. C. J. Pike, pastor of the local Methodist church, officiating. He was buried in the Laurel Hill cemetery.

Back From Trip—Miss Maurine Lombard returned Sunday from Portland and Monmouth where she spent several days shopping and visiting with friends. She visited her mother, Mrs. Ella Lombard, who is attending the summer session of the Oregon Normal school at Monmouth.

## BUSHMANS BACK FROM JOURNEY BY STEAMER UP COAST OF ALASKA

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Bushman and their daughter, Mrs. Graham Smith, returned last week from their vacation, a three weeks' trip to Alaska and way points. The journey was described by Mr. Bushman as the most interesting which they had ever made.

The party left Springfield Saturday August 3, and drove to Vancouver, B. C., where they embarked on the steamer Prince George of the Canadian National steamship line. The Prince George followed the inside passage up the coast to Alaska, being close to either islands or the mainland practically all the time, so that the passengers were able to enjoy the scenery from the deck of the ship. The ship stopped at Juneau, the capital of the territory, at Skagway, and at a number of other towns, where special excursions into the mainland were sponsored.

The most impressive sight which they saw on their trip, according to Mr. Bushman, was the Taku glacier, which runs into the ocean between Juneau and Skagway. The ice of this glacier is highly colored and presents a very striking appearance. Large bergs are constantly breaking off from it and floating away. The vibration from a blast of the ship's whistle was enough to make one berg drop off the glacier into the sea, Mr. Bushman said.

Mr. Bushman had been under the impression that Alaska was devoted principally to snow, ice, and glaciers before making his trip. However, at Skagway, one of the northernmost cities, the party viewed one of the most wonderful flower gardens they had ever seen. Almost every kind of flowers were grown in the Blanchard gardens there, Mr. Bushman said. There were canna's that were more than 12 inches across.

The Prince George encountered rough water in passing through Mill Anne straits near Juneau, and some of the passengers became sea sick, but throughout the most of the trip it was smooth and pleasant.

While in Seattle Mr. and Mrs. Bushman and Mrs. Smith attended the Passion Play which was presented there by a company of New York players. More than 750 people participated in the portrayal of the life of Jesus in the University of Washington coliseum. On the return journey they visited Mt. Ranier National Park and enjoyed the scenery there.

## TRIP TO PORTLAND MADE BY CANOEISTS

Two young Portland men, Wallace Fargie and a companion, entered the Willamette with their canoe near the old bridge early Tuesday morning and started down stream to Portland. They shipped their craft here Monday and spent the night in town at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pederson. The youths were not certain how long it would take them to reach Portland from Springfield, as they were going to take their time and enjoy the scenery as they traveled. Both are expert canoeists.

Within a short time after Mr. Fargie and his companion complete their journey to Portland, they expect to ship their canoe to Idaho and come from there down the Snake and the Columbia to Portland.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO MEET

A meeting of the executive committee of the Lane county council of religious education is called by the president, Miss Mary Harding, for Sunday, September 1st, at 2:30 p. m. at the Methodist church, 12th and Willamette, in Eugene.

All county and district officers, local Sunday school superintendents, directors of religious education, pastors, presidents of community councils, and representatives of other religious organizations are considered members of this committee and are invited to be present.

At this time, plans will be made for the year's program of religious education in the county.

Large Apple Displayed—One of the largest apples ever seen in Springfield was brought into the Commercial State bank Monday by J. C. Parker of 448 C street. The fruit is a Spokane Beauty and measures 16 inches in circumference. It is green in color, tinged with red. Mr. Parker grew it on a tree near his home. The apple is on display at the bank.

## VENEER PLANT IDEA IS NOT GIVEN UP WRITES PRESIDENT OF COMPANY

The veneer plant projected for Springfield but postponed on account of the lack of a qualified operator, has not been given up and may yet be built, according to a letter received by the News from J. A. McPherson, president of the Willamette Veneer company.

Mr. McPherson writes: "I have always been confident of sufficient timber to run a plant for many years and I have not given up the veneer plant idea, and it is possible in the next year or two we may find a qualified operator to manage such a plant."

Plans for the veneer plant here were held up when the members of the company became dissatisfied with the man who had been chosen to operate the plant. Bids had been called for a large plant on the Springfield industrial site and even some of the machinery purchased at that time.

## A. C. TRAVIS PASSES AT EUGENE HOSPITAL FUNERAL HERE TUESDAY

Allen Carroll Travis, for 25 years a resident of the Springfield vicinity, and for 12 years an employee of the Booth-Kelly lumber company here, died at the Eugene hospital Saturday night following a long illness. Mr. Travis was born in LaPorte county, Indiana, June 20, 1862. He was married to Effie Wing in 1890.

Mr. Travis is survived by his widow, Mrs. Effie Travis; four daughters, Frances Travis, Emmogene Travis and Mrs. Fern Richards of Eugene; and Mrs. Madge Marrow of Cottage Grove; two sons, Fenner Travis of Eugene, and Huber Travis of Sacramento, California; three brothers, William, James, and Gerald, all of La Porte, Indiana; one sister, Mrs. George Whetzel of La Porte; and three grand children.

Mr. Travis' funeral was held at the Springfield Walker-Poole chapel Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. S. E. Childers, pastor of the Eugene Christian church in charge of the service. He was buried in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Eugene.

## REV. DAY TO PREACH AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Franklin Day, of Sacramento, former pastor of the Springfield Baptist church, will deliver the sermon there this Sunday. It is announced by the board of deacons. Rev. Day lived in Springfield for many years and was ordained minister at the local church. Rev. and Mrs. Day are now traveling up coast in the Baptist chapel car "Goodwill." They will probably remain in Springfield for about three weeks, taking charge of the services until a new pastor will be chosen to succeed Rev. C. H. Blom.

A call to Rev. Mr. Mahon, pastor of the First Baptist church at Klamath Falls was made by the local congregation following the services last Sunday at which Rev. Mahon preached. He will decide within a few days whether or not he will accept the offer.

## To Make Trip East

J. W. Chase, F. B. Chase and Truman Chase will leave next week on an extended trip through the Middle West. They will visit friends and relatives in Kansas and Michigan and will also attend to business in a number of the larger cities. They expect to examine the market conditions in Denver, and Chicago, where they ship a large quantity of cucumbers from Chase Gardens during the spring and summer months.

## Scout Meeting Postponed

The scouts of Springfield Troop 11 will not meet next week it was announced at the meeting last night by Chester Aldrich, scout master.

The next meeting of the troop will be held Wednesday night, September 11. Mr. Aldrich met with the scouts for the last time last night, as a new scout master will take charge within two weeks. Mr. Aldrich resigned because of lack of time for the work.

To Move to Klamath Falls—Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson will leave Springfield within a short time to move to Klamath Falls, where they will make their home. Mr. Robertson has been employed by the Associated oil company of Eugene. He has accepted a position with the Hudson-Essex agency at Klamath Falls.

## Kenneth Dillard Killed in Wreck

### Springfield Boy Loses Life When Machines Collide at Street Intersection

Kenneth Dillard, 23 year old Springfield youth, was almost instantly killed at Eugene Thursday night when the car which he was driving collided with another driven by Ivan Brent of Eugene at the intersection of Nineteenth and Alder streets. His neck was broken and he died at the Pacific Christian hospital a few minutes later.

Mr. Dillard stopped his car at the intersection, as is required by law, and then drove into Nineteenth street. Before he was able to get completely across the street, however, it was struck by the machine driven by Brent, which was traveling down Nineteenth. Mr. Dillard was thrown from his car by the impact of the blow.

Witnesses of the accident state that Brent was traveling at an excessive rate of speed. He was arrested and will stand trial in the Lane circuit court on the charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Kenneth Dillard was born at Eugene April 1, 1906, moving with his family to Springfield in 1915, where he had since lived. He graduated from the grammar school here and also from the Springfield high school, after which he entered the University of Oregon, where he specialized in electricity and military science. He would have been a senior this year had he lived.

Mr. Dillard was a member of the Springfield company of the National Guard and of the local Masonic lodge, and former scout master of Boy Scout troop 12. To pay for his education and aid in supporting his mother and sister he had attended school only part time during the past year, working as projectionist at the Rex theatre at Eugene. He was the secretary of the Eugene order of motion picture operators.

Mr. Dillard's funeral was held Monday at the Veatch chapel at Eugene with Dr. S. E. Childers of the Eugene Christian church in charge of the services. He was buried in the new I. O. O. F. cemetery. Members of the local National Guard acted as pall bearers. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mina Dillard and one sister, Miss Ann Dillard. His father, E. N. Dillard, was killed in a fall following an electrical shock while working as an electrician at the local Booth-Kelly mill last July. The young man was a nephew of W. B. Dillard, clerk of Lane county.

## On Trip Up Coast

A party of local people left Saturday for a trip up the coast from Newport along the Roosevelt highway to Tillamook, stopping at the various benches along the line. Those who made the trip were George Perkins, his sister, Miss Theda Perkins of Seattle, who is spending the summer here, Miss Adaline Perkins, Miss Vera Perkins of San Francisco, and Mrs. Leon Jennison of Salem. They will return the latter part of this week.

## Murphy's Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Murphy entertained for a number of their friends and relatives with a dinner at their home Tuesday night. Those who were present included Miss Hezel Murphy, Miss Era Dell Murphy, and Mrs. Ernest Anderson of Eugene, Mrs. Glenn Arhart of Lebanon, and Miss Clara Jones of Springfield.

## Safety Council Meets

The regular monthly meeting of the Springfield 4L safety council was held in the lunch room at the Booth-Kelly mill Tuesday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock. At that time Levi Neet gave a demonstration in bandaging, using triangular bandages. At the next meeting, September 24, Mr. Neet will give a demonstration in the control of arterial bleeding. Mr. Neet took a course in safety methods which was given last June at Wendling by the Booth-Kelly company in cooperation with the National Safety Council. He was given a certificate of proficiency at that time.

Back From Eastern Trip—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bartholomew and family have returned to Springfield from a trip to Illinois, where they visited with relatives. They went east by way of Yellowstone National Park and also made a number of side trips. They traveled more than 6000 miles on their journey.

## DR. EMERY TO ENTER BIG TWIN ROUND-UP AT ALBANY MONDAY

Dr. N. W. Emery, Springfield dentist, and his twin brother, Newell Emery of Eugene, will enter the second annual twin roundup to be held at Albany on Labor Day. Dr. Emery announced this week. He is uncertain, he states, as to which contest in the round-up they will enter, but they are going to participate in the events with the expectation of having a good time.

Competitive stunts and skits, staged under the direction of the mayors of important Oregon cities and towns, will be one of the highly entertaining and amusing features of the annual Twin Round-up.

Last year's Round-up brought 160 pairs of twins from all parts of Oregon to Albany. Registrations thus far received indicate that the entries will be far more numerous and more entries are being received daily.

## ORCHESTRA PLANNED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

An orchestra for the Methodist Sunday School will be organized within the next few weeks, it is announced by Harry Gillette, superintendent. Mr. Gillette said it is the plan to have the orchestra to play for all special occasions, as well as to furnish music for the regular sessions of the Sunday School. All persons who are interested in joining the orchestra should get in touch with Mr. Gillette at once.

The annual rally day of the Methodist Sunday school will be held on Sunday, September 29, according to Mr. Gillette. The purpose of the day is to start the fall and winter session off with an increased attendance. An effort will be made to get all the members of the Sunday school who have not been in attendance during the year to come, as well as other persons who are not members of any Sunday school. A special program will be presented for the occasion, details of which will be announced later.

Rally day will also be the time of promotion for the classes at the Methodist Sunday school. Each student will be promoted to the next class and will start another year of instruction.

## ACCIDENT COMMISSIONER TALKS TO 4L MEMBERS

George M. Aitken and Mr. Ferguson of the Oregon state industrial accident commission were speakers at the regular meeting of the Springfield 4L held in the W. O. W. hall Monday night. Mr. Aitken spoke on the industrial accident situation in Oregon and pointed out the need for improvement in certain industries. Fifty per cent of the industrial accidents of the state are in the logging industry, he said although only ten per cent of the laborers of the state are engaged in that occupation. Two sets of lantern slides, "Ties to Steel" and "Beyond the Microscope" were shown to those present. The 4L passed a resolution of sympathy for Mrs. Mina Dillard following the accidental death of her son, Kenneth, at Eugene Thursday night.

## Smith Resigns as Janitor

R. W. Smith, janitor at the Brattain school, has resigned his position, according to Dr. W. H. Pollard, acting chairman of the local school board. A successor will probably be selected at the next meeting of the board. Mr. Smith is leaving Springfield to move to Reedsport with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. He has served as janitor at the Brattain and high school for six years and has also served as clerk of the school district and city recorder.

## Men Injured at Mill

Three employees were slightly injured in industrial accidents at the local Booth-Kelly mill during the week, according to a notice posted. A. R. Manship wrenched his shoulder and back quite badly and as a result will be unable to work for several days. W. Wiltsie lost four days work when he was struck on the ankle and foot by a pile of 2x4's which fell. Smith Mountjoy will be laid off for several days as the result of running a silver almost completely through his hand.

Mill Closes Monday—The Springfield Booth-Kelly mill will close on Monday in observation of Labor Day, according to a notice published by O. H. Jarrett, superintendent.

## MAJOR WINS FIFTH IN AIRPLANE RACE

### \$300 Prize Money Awarded Local Man in Race From Portland to Cleveland, Ohio; Publicity for Springfield and Aviation School Here.

Gilbert H. Eckerson, Springfield's flying major, crossed the finish line at Cleveland, Ohio, at 4:01 o'clock Tuesday afternoon following a five day's trip from Portland, Oregon, in his big Waco. He did not win first place, as aviation fans in Springfield and vicinity were hoping he would do, but he did come in for the fifth prize of \$300, which in itself is worth considering.

The major entered the race with something of an handicap. He was flying a Waco sport model, a speedy plane, but not a racer, as were used by most of the other contestants. He told friends just before leaving for Portland that he did not intend to wear out his plane by flying at excessive speed just for the sake of winning the race. That was what happened to the much touted "Speed" Holman of Minneapolis, who led the field in most laps of the race. Holman's engine gave out near Sandusky, Ohio, on the final day of the contest, and he was forced to land and continue to Cleveland by auto.

Ted Wells of Wichita, Kansas, was the winner of the race with an elapsed time of 14 hours, 44 minutes and 10 seconds. Tex Rankin, famous Portland flyer, was second with 15 hours, 26 minutes and 16 seconds. The others who finished were in the following order: Snyder Hall, St. Louis, Missouri, 17 hours, 27 minutes, 56 seconds; W. H. Emery, Jr., Bradford, Pennsylvania, 17 hours, 42 minutes, 22 seconds; Major Eckerson, Springfield, 18 hours, 14 minutes, 5 seconds; Dick Rankin, Portland, 18 hours, 41 minutes, 23 seconds; and Lieutenant W. B. Clark, Portland, 25 hours, 35 minutes and 26 seconds.

The racers are guests at the annual Cleveland air races which are now being held at the Ohio city. A number of contests for such events as stunt flying are being held at the Cleveland airport, and it is possible that the major may enter some of them.

Major Eckerson entered the race to Cleveland more with the idea of gaining publicity for his school of aviation here than for winning money, and in that he succeeded admirably. Undoubtedly more people in the country have had the existence of Springfield, Oregon, brought to their attention for the first time through the exploits of the major than through any other thing which has ever happened here. The major's pictures were carried in all the Portland and Eugene papers, and probably as well in the Cleveland papers. In addition to this the major has been featured in newspapers throughout Oregon, and the progress of the race, in which he was always mentioned, was carried by press dispatches all over the United States.

The two hangars at the Springfield municipal airport were painted this week in chrome yellow by James Stovall of Eugene, Major Eckerson's partner. This will make them visible for a great distance to aviators passing over. The construction of an office building to serve as headquarters of the school will be begun within a short time by George Perkins, local contractor. The project is being sponsored by the aviation committee of the local Lions club, which is headed by Dr. W. C. Rebhan.

## Cars Crash at Intersection

A Ford touring car driven E. O. Stratton of this city and a Durant coupe driven by Clair Thompson of Junction City were slightly damaged Saturday evening when they collided at the intersection of Main and 5th streets. Mr. Stratton started to make a reverse turn at the intersection, when he was struck by Mr. Thompson's car, which was coming East on Main. One of the front wheels on the Ford was broken, and the fender on the Durant badly bent, but no one was injured in the crash.

## Hops Shipped

Two car loads of hops from the Seavey yards were shipped from the local Southern Pacific depot this week. The hops were consigned to a company at Peoria, Illinois.