

ECKERSON RETURNS FROM AIR RACES

Local Aviator Sets New Record for Stock Waco Plane; Flight From Bismark, North Dakota to Springfield Made in Less Than 12 Hours.

Major G. H. Eckerson zoomed over Springfield and landed at the local airport at 6:46 o'clock Monday evening, just a little less than 12 hours after he had left Bismark, the capital of North Dakota. In the course of the day he flew over five large estates, stopping at three airports for fuel. At the third stop at Walla Walla, Washington, his propeller hit the ground just as he was taking off, bending both blades, not so seriously that he could not continue on his way, however. Everything considered, it was pretty good time that the major made coming back. He left Cleveland Sunday noon.

Major Eckerson, it is to be recalled, flew in the national air races from Portland, Oregon, to Cleveland, Ohio, using an ordinary stock Waco which had seen considerable service, whereas his competitors were flying specially built racing planes. He covered the distance in 18 hours, 14 minutes, and 5 seconds, to take the fifth place and \$300 prize money, but that was not all. Shortly after arriving, Major Eckerson received word from the officials of the Waco Airplane company that his average of 135 1/2 miles per hour sets a new record for stock Waco planes. In fact it is 6 1/2 mile an hour faster than the previous record for such a plane.

While attending the air derby at Cleveland the Springfield representative did considerable stunt flying for the entertainment of the spectators. He was a member of a team of three entered by the Waco company which performed in the skies. Teams were also entered by the Travelair and the Laird Aircraft companies.

On the five day trip to Cleveland Major Eckerson's plane consumed 490 gallons of gasoline and had the oil changed every night. On the return journey, which was made in 23 hours, 250 gallons of gasoline were consumed. The major says that the engine of his Waco is in perfect shape after the trip, despite the almost continuous high speed flying it has been through in the past two weeks.

With his return to Springfield Major Eckerson has begun to give instruction in the local school of aviation again. He has now six students who are receiving training in his Arrow sport plane, but he expects a large number of others to begin work with the opening of the University of Oregon, about the last of this month. He has over forty students signed up.

Dr. W. C. Rebhan, chairman of the aviation committee, called a meeting of the committee for Thursday noon to discuss plans for enlarging and improving the Springfield airport.

MRS. ANGELINE PETIT DIES AT FALL CREEK

Mrs. Angeline Petit, 61, for more than 25 years a resident of Fall Creek, died at her home there late Saturday night. She is survived by her husband, Harry Petit, two sons, Jefferson and William, both of Fall Creek, and six daughters, Mrs. Jane Conn of Wendling, Mrs. Pearl Russell, of Myrtle Creek, Mrs. Myrtle Glaspey of Fall Creek, Mrs. Maggie Renfro of Fall Creek, Mrs. Minnie Sears of Wendling, and Mrs. Leta Putman of Wendling. She is survived by nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Petit's funeral was held on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in the Walker-Poole chapel at Springfield with Rev. C. J. Pike, pastor of the local Methodist Episcopal church in charge of the services. She was buried in the Mt. Vernon cemetery.

Stuarts Back From Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stuart and family returned Sunday night from a two weeks' trip through Southern Oregon and into Northern California. They left Springfield August 18, traveling over the McKenzie Pass to Bend, and thence south to Crater Lake National Park. After spending a short time at the lake, the Stuart family motored South via Grants Pass along the Redwood Highway to the Oregon Caves. After stopping at the Caves, they continued to Crescent City, California, and from there returned north along the Roosevelt Highway to Coquille, then along the Coos Bay Highway to Roseburg, and back to Springfield along the Pacific Highway.

REMAINS OF BOYS LOST TWO YEARS AGO FOUND NEAR MIDDLE SISTER

A mystery of two years standing was cleared up this week with the finding of the skeletons of Henry Cramer and Guy Ferry, The Dalles boys, near the base of the Middle Sister. The two youths, both students in the University of Oregon, disappeared in the mountains on Labor Day, 1927, and no trace had been found of them.

The remains of Cramer and Ferry were found within 60 yards of each other in a little cup-shaped valley, where they had apparently been caught in a sudden blizzard and frozen to death. The positions of the skeletons seemed to show that Cramer had perished first and that Ferry had laid out the body and then stumbled on through the storm only to fall from exhaustion and die within a few minutes.

The body of Cramer was found August 25 by David Walsh, state highway engineer, and a party of his friends who were hiking in the mountains. A party which included Coroner Branstetter, Harry Hayes of McKenzie Bridge, and Henry Cramer, Sr. of The Dalles, went into the Cascades for the body Tuesday and discovered the skeleton of Ferry only a short distance from that of his companion. The bodies were identified by relatives and friends by the remains of their clothing.

The young men left their car at Frog Camp September 5, 1927, and started up the mountain. They were lightly clad and not prepared for a storm. They registered at the summit of the Middle Sister about the middle of the afternoon, but no further trace of them was found, although an intensive search was made through the Cascades for nearly two weeks.

SPRINGFIELD CITIZENS ATTRACTED TO NEWPORT

A large number of Springfield vacationists flocked to Newport to enjoy the ocean climate over Sunday and Labor Day, the following holiday. Other people from all over the Willamette Valley had the same idea, and as a result the Lincoln county beach city was crowded to its utmost capacity during the two days.

Among the Springfield people who spent the vacation in Newport were Mr. and Mrs. Marion Adams and small son, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tylor and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bosserman and family, Mrs. Clara Fawver, Mrs. Zella Cantrell and son, Mrs. Bertha Gay, and Harvey Conley of the McKenzie Blossom farm near Springfield.

Make Trip to Burns

Mr. and Mrs. John Lloyd and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lloyd spent the Labor Day vacation on a trip to Burns in Southeastern Oregon. They report that there is a great activity in the little town of Burns, where a large saw mill is being built. There is much street paving and other building activities going on.

LOCAL PEOPLE OBSERVE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY AT MILL STREET HOME

Last Sunday marked the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Lusby of Springfield, and in observance of the occasion a large group of their relatives and friends gathered at their home at Mill and C streets for a golden wedding observation. All of their living children and their families were present for the occasion.

The golden wedding dinner was served in the garden of the Lusby home, where those present gathered around a horseshoe shaped table which was beautifully decorated with flowers and yellow crepe paper.

Those who were present in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lusby included Mr. and Mrs. William Grimes and sons, Holt and Lyle of Eugene; Mrs. Vera Ison and son, of Halsey; Mrs. Sarah Johns and daughters, Beth and Clara of Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brady of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. George Lusby and daughter, Gloria Rae, of Corbett; Mrs. Ella Lusby of Los Angeles, California; Mrs. Mabel Lusby and daughter, Alice, of Eugene; Tom Lusby of Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Strawn and sons, Donald and Clarence, of Toledo; Fay Strawn of Toledo; and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Tyson of Springfield.

RICE GIVEN POSITION OF BRATTAIN JANITOR

Melvin Rice was hired as janitor for the Brattain school last night at the regular monthly meeting of the local school board. He succeeds R. W. Smith, who resigned the position to move to Reedsport. There were 15 applicants for the post.

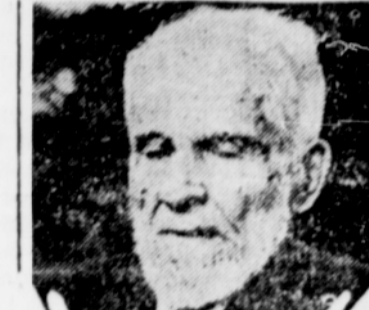
Roy Koch was given the contract for repainting the roof of the high school building. Robert Pirrie was given the job of putting a new concrete floor in the furnace room of the men's gymnasium, as the old wooden floor had begun to give way under the heavy furnace.

W. E. Buell, Glenn Wood, and Lawrence Moffitt, principals of the three local schools, will meet with their teachers to make plans for the coming year Saturday afternoon, September 14, it was decided at the meeting of the board. The meetings will be held in the respective school buildings.

GRASS FIRE THREATENS BUILDINGS AT GOSHEN

Practically the entire town of Goshen was threatened by a grass fire for a short time Monday afternoon, but quick work on the part of the residents of the village extinguished the blaze before any serious damage was done. The fire started in the tall grass near the Methodist Episcopal church, apparently from smoldering trash fire near there. Fanned by the wind, the flames came within six feet of the building before they were checked by water and wet sacks. Six residences and a barn were threatened also before the fire was finally put out. The blaze burned over a strip of ground 400 feet long and 150 feet wide.

Oldest Clergyman



The Rev. Ebenezer Bean, 100 years old, pastor at Bloomington, Ill., is said to be the oldest clergyman in the United States. He is also the oldest living graduate of Bowdoin College.

MISS ROBERTS RESIGNS AS PUBLIC LIBRARIAN BECAUSE OF ILL HEALTH

Miss Mary Roberts, who has served as librarian for the Springfield public library for more than 10 years, has resigned from her position because of ill health this week and has moved to Wendling to make her home with her nephew, Ronald Roberts.

A successor to Miss Roberts will be selected as soon in the future as it is possible to hold a board meeting, according to Mrs. N. W. Emery, president of the library board. At present there are only three members of the board in town, Mrs. Emery, Mrs. Vina McLean, and Mrs. D. B. Saltsman. Mrs. McLean will serve as librarian until a permanent one can be selected.

There are now three vacancies on the library board which must be filled before a successor to Miss Roberts can be chosen. Mrs. C. H. Blom resigned to move with Rev. Blom to Idaho, and the other two vacancies were caused by the resignation of Mrs. Fred Hnson and Miss Roberts. Mrs. L. K. Page, the seventh member of the board, is now visiting in California.

DAN ZIMMERMAN DIES AT WESLEY HOSPITAL

Dan Zimmerman, 77, for many years a Springfield resident, died Saturday at the Wesley hospital at Marshfield following a long illness. Mr. Zimmerman was employed by the Booth-Kelly lumber company until recently, and was one of the oldest men in the service of the company.

Mr. Zimmerman is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Lulu Skeels, of Marshfield. His funeral was held at the Springfield Walker-Poole chapel Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. C. J. Pike in charge of the services. He was buried in the Laurel Hill cemetery beside his wife, who died last summer.

Breaks Leg—L. F. Gardner broke his leg Friday when he fell while at work for H. E. Wilder at Chase Gardens. He was brought to Springfield and the bone was set by a local physician.

MORGAN FAMILY SEES GRAF ZEPPELIN ON CALIFORNIA JOURNEY

The Graf Zeppelin, the German globe-girdling blimp, as it lay anchored to the mooring mast at Miles Field, Los Angeles, was viewed Monday, August 26 by three Springfield people, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Morgan and their son, Gerald, who were on a trip through California.

Mr. Morgan described the sight of the Graf as one of the biggest thrills which he had ever experienced. The great silver ship, 700 feet long and 150 feet through was swaying back and forth in the wind when they saw it, while refueling operations were being carried on. Gasoline was pumped into the tanks of the ship through a six-inch pipe from a pump 100 yards from the mooring mast.

It was estimated that more than 1,000,000 people went to Miles Field to view the craft while she was anchored there, Mr. Morgan said.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan went down the Redwood highway through California as far as San Francisco and the continued to Los Angeles. They returned by way of the Pacific highway.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PUTS OUT 2 BLAZES

The Springfield fire department got two calls to put out small blazes the latter part of last week. Thursday night a fire was reported in the Sensenay blacksmith shop on Fifth street. The blaze originated inside the building and damaged one of the walls to the extent of about \$25. The fire was extinguished with water and chemicals without much trouble. At that time the siren at the power plant was sounded from the city hall for the first time. The new arrangement proved very effective, and within a very short time a great crowd of people had gathered at the scene of the fire.

Sunday afternoon the fire department was called to extinguish a brush fire which was burning on Southern Pacific property near the Booth-Kelly pond. The fire was put out without difficulty after it had burned over a half acre of brush and grass. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Fire at Vaughn Home

The Springfield fire department was called Wednesday morning to extinguish a small roof fire at the J. P. Vaughn home on A between Ninth and Tenth. Only a small amount of damage was done.

Prochnows Make Trip

Mr. and Mrs. George Prochnow and family spent the Labor Day vacation on a trip to Winchester Bay at the mouth of the Umpqua river. They went down the Pacific highway to Drain and then followed the route of the new Umpqua highway to Reedsport, near the head of Winchester Bay. Mr. Prochnow states that the Umpqua road, while very scenic, is at present round and very crooked. The village of Winchester Bay, he said, is becoming a very popular ocean resort and will doubtless become more popular when the Roosevelt highway is opened up the coast.

TWINS OF SPRINGFIELD AT ALBANY ROUND-UP

Lena and Frances Frizell and Dr. N. W. Emery and his twin brother Newell Emery represented Springfield at the second annual twin round-up which was held at Albany Labor Day. The round-up was a great success, according to Dr. Emery. Two hundred and eight pairs of twins were present from all parts of Oregon, as well as from a number of other states, including one pair from Minnesota. A number of prizes were given for the most alike twins, the most unlike, the youngest, oldest, and for several other classes, but neither of the pairs of local twins entered placed in any of these. Each pair of twins was presented to Governor I. L. Patterson, who was present for the event, and was then introduced to the audience. There several representatives of motion picture companies present for the affair.

On Southern Oregon Tour—Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Turner left Sunday on a camping tour through Southern Oregon. They will visit a number of places of interest in the Rogue River valley and will return to Springfield in about two weeks. Mrs. Charles Myers is running the Novelty Store for them during their absence.

BRIDGE TO BE DONE BY END OF MONTH

Hargreaves and Lindsay Promise Completion a Month Ahead of Contract Date; Concrete Pouring on Piers Begins Monday.

With the completion of the forms for the piers to the west-side approach to the new Springfield bridge practically completed, and the pouring of the concrete there to begin by Monday, the completion of the structural work is promised by Hargreaves and Lindsay, Eugene contractors, by September 30, a full month ahead of the date called for in their contract.

Excavation to bed rock, 18 feet below the grade level, had been made on the west side of the river to make solid foundations for the three piers to be built. The concrete bases for the piers in the bottom of the holes have already been poured, and the pouring of the piers proper will be started Monday, according to Mr. Lindsay. The forms will be completed by that time.

The building of the forms for the slab work, which will make up the floor of the bridge, will be begun immediately upon the pouring of the piers, Mr. Lindsay says, and the pouring of the slabs will be begun by at least September 19, in plenty of time to finish before the end of the month. The slabs will be 11 inches thick, and the new span, when completed, will be an exact duplicate of the one previously built at the west end of the bridge. It preserves the same grade level.

The pre-casting of the ornamental concrete work for the bannisters of the new section of the approach is now being done on the west end of the bridge. The pieces are cast separately, and they will be assembled following the completion of the remainder of the section. The two concrete lamp posts at the west end were cut away to make room for the construction, but two new ones will be cast at the end of the new section. These will be identical with the ones at this end of the bridge.

A. C. Mathews, Eugene contractor who has the contract for making the fill at the end of the bridge, states that he will begin work again tomorrow morning. His crew has not been at work for several days. Mr. Mathews has practically completed the grading at the west end of the new approach. A number of small trees have been felled to make way for the wye which connects the approach with the Pacific highway to the north and to the south. Mr. Mathews says that he will be ready to start graveling the west approach within a few days. He will haul the gravel from this side of the river.

NEW HOME BAKERY MOVING THIS WEEK TO NEW LOCATION

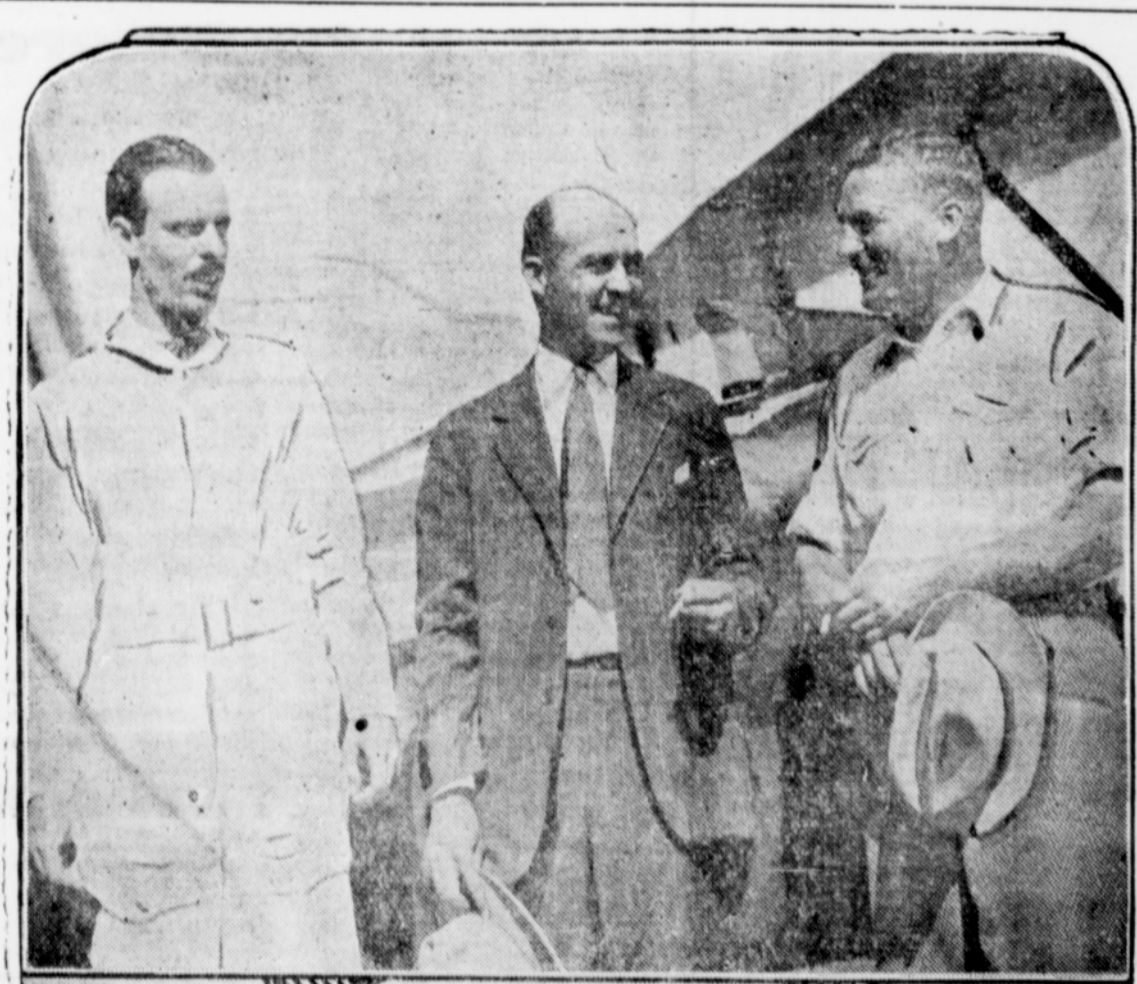
The New Home Bakery, now located at 405 Mill street, will open for business in its new location in the Hanson Building, 405 Main street, on Monday morning, it is announced by C. J. McKee. The building was formerly occupied by Turner's Novelty store.

The Hanson building has been remodeled and refinished in the interior for the bakery. A partition has been put in, leaving room for the baking machinery in the rear and a retail shop in front. The store has been kalsomined in cream, and the show cases and other fixtures are finished in white. A new electrically operated bread-mixer has been installed and other equipment will be moved from Mill street. Mr. McKee states that the New Home Bakery will carry a complete line of baked goods, and that it will specialize in furnishing hot rolls by noon each day and hot bread by 5 p. m.

The Home Bakery was purchased by Mr. McKee and H. A. Moore about two months ago. The men came to Springfield from Eugene after having had considerable experience in the business there and at Klamath Falls. Since that time their business has increased to such an extent that their present quarters are too small. The moving of the equipment will begin Friday, and the men expect to be able to start baking Sunday in preparation for the opening Monday.

Waltersville Man Here—George Hart, Waltersville resident, was a business visitor in Springfield for a short time Wednesday evening.

MAJOR ECKERSON AT PORTLAND AIRPORT



Major G. H. Eckerson at the Swan Island airport before the Cleveland races talking with Clarence Bates (left), Milwaukee, and Bev Clark (center) Portland, also entrants.—Courtesy Oregonian.