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AIR MAIL BEACON FINISHED TUESDAY

Local Light is One of Forty-seven Being Erected in State; Five are in County. All Will be Turned on at Same Time When Last is Constructed.

Work on the beacon tower and light on Emerald Heights was completed Tuesday by a crew of three men working under the direction of G. A. Hinley, of Salt Lake City, Utah. The beacon is now awaiting the stringing of power lines to the top of the hill so that the light can be tested. The light will not be turned on permanently until all of the lights between Redding and Portland have been completed.

The beacon consists of three large lights. The largest one is set at an angle of one and one-half degrees, and revolves one complete turn every ten seconds. It is pointing skyward and illuminates a large circle in the sky with every revolution. The other two lights are known as course lights. They are set stationary to throw their light in two rays, one north and the other south along the route of all the beacon lights on the coast.

Light Visible Sixty Miles
According to Mr. Hinley the largest light will keep the aviator posted as to position and proximity to the coast, while the smaller lights will direct him along the route of the airways. The large light is one thousand watts and, with the use of amplification lenses, throws out a ray equivalent to two million candlepower. This light is visible for five miles in ordinary fog and can be seen for sixty miles on a clear night.

The course lights are five hundred watts each and throw off a light equal to three thousand candlepower.

Control Clocks Used
The lights are all controlled by special automatic self-winding clocks, which are adjusted at Washington, D. C., according to the meridian in which they are used. They are so adjusted that they will always turn on the lights exactly one half-hour before sundown and turn them off again one hour after sunrise every day of the year, regardless of the changes in time of sunrise and sunset.

The beacon was erected by the Harrison and Wright company of Charlotte, North Carolina. They are specializing in the erection of beacons and in lighting airways, and have been awarded most of the contracts from the United States government for this work.

Many Beacons Erected
The crew that was here the first of the week have been working their way north from Redding, California, and will soon complete a network of these lights from California to Washington. They have erected fourteen of the beacons between Ashland and Springfield. They will build thirteen more between Springfield and Portland before the full group of 47 lights are turned on for actual service.

It is expected that it will take about three weeks to finish the construction work, and a little longer before they can all be turned on. These lights are located approximately ten miles apart, depending somewhat upon the condition of the ground. There is one of these beacons located south of here, near Creswell, and two more near Cottage Grove. Another will be erected near Coburg and one near Brownsville.

INTEREST IS PURCHASED IN RODENBOUGH GARAGE

Announcement was made last week of the purchase by A. J. Davis of a part interest in the Rodenbough garage.

Mr. Davis is well-known in Springfield, and has been operating a sawmill near Donna for the past few years. He will assume active management of the garage while Mr. Rodenbough devotes most of his time to the sale of radios.

CHURCH NEEDS, TOPIC AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

"The Needs of the Church" will be the morning sermon topic at the Christian church on Sunday. Veltie Pruitt has chosen "The Church and the Ark" as his topic for the evening sermon.

Special music is being prepared for the morning. In the evening the choir will sing "Come All Ye People" by Charles Gounod.

Woman Killed in Auto Accident

Mrs. E. W. Collins, Sr., Dies When Automobile Turns Over on Highway

Mrs. E. W. Collins, Sr., 62, of this city was instantly killed Sunday afternoon at four o'clock when the automobile in which she was riding turned over twice on the Pacific highway just south of Tangent, between Albany and Harrisburg.

Mrs. Clara Fawver, her daughter, who was driving the car, received a sprained neck, a sprained left knee, and several body bruises in the same accident. Mrs. E. W. Collins, Jr., a daughter-in-law, escaped with minor bruises.

Crowded Off Road
According to Mrs. Fawver, she was driving about 25 miles per hour and had tried several times to pass a car ahead of her, but every time she swung her car out to pass the other machine the driver would turn over to the left side of the road and stop her. The accident happened, she states, when she sounded her horn and attempted to pass the other car after several unsuccessful attempts. She turned out to pass the machine when the driver ahead of her cut over short to the left side of the road, forced her to drive off the gravel and causing her car to skid into the ditch and turn over twice. The driver ahead of her did not stop. Passing motorists took them to Albany.

Born in Oregon
Mrs. Collins was born near Corvallis, June 10, 1867. She and her husband had been making plans to observe their fortieth wedding anniversary yesterday, November 27.

She is survived by her husband, E. W. Collins, Sr.; three daughters, Mrs. Clara Fawver, Mrs. Frank Parish, and Mrs. Bud Griffin, all of Springfield; two sons, Harvey Collins and Edgar Collins, Jr., both of Springfield; four brothers, S. E. McBee, of Springfield; J. W. McBee, Hoquiam, Washington; H. B. McBee, Wenatchee, Washington; and E. F. McBee, Eugene; two sisters, Mrs. W. C. Campbell, Spokane, and Mrs. Frank Bartholomew, Springfield.

Leaves Great Grandchild
She also leaves her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Collins of Springfield, and four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mrs. Collins was a member of the Baptist church of Springfield, a member of the Modern Brotherhood of America in Eugene, and of the Rebekah lodge here.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Brandstetter chapel in Eugene. Rev. Ralph Mullholand of the Springfield Baptist church officiated and interment was made in the Laurel Hill cemetery.

W. W. WAKE AND HIS SON BUY MEAT MARKET

W. W. Wake and son, Ira Wake, have recently purchased the Sanitary Meat Market from F. O. Bennett. Mr. Wake and son have had considerable experience in meat markets in Eugene and other cities before coming to Springfield.

Ira Wake has lived in Springfield for some time and has been employed at the Sellin Meat Market in Eugene.

Mr. Bennett has moved to his ranch just south of Springfield on the Pacific highway, and will live there this winter. He has no other immediate plans.

ODD FELLOWS ELECT OFFICERS LAST NIGHT

G. E. Findley was elected noble grand of the Odd Fellows at their business meeting last night. The other officers elected were Harry Woolley, vice-grand; Oswald Olson, secretary; and Karl Girard, treasurer. The appointive officers will not be selected until the meeting at which they are installed. All officers will be installed the latter part of December or at the first meeting in January.

FUNERAL HELD SATURDAY FOR NORMAN SKINNER

The funeral services for Norman Skinner, the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Skinner, of Longview, Washington, were held on Saturday at two o'clock from the Walker-Poole chapel in Eugene. S. Earl Childers, pastor of the Christian church in Eugene, officiated.

MANY COMING TO P.T. DISTRICT MEET

Lane County to be Host to Members From Douglas, State and National Officers Coming to Take Parts on Program Here Saturday.

A large delegation of parents and teachers is expected here Saturday for the all-day program of the Lane county institute of Parent-Teacher organizations which is to be held in the Methodist church, beginning at 10:00 in the morning. The meeting is an open one and all parents and teachers in Douglas and Lane counties have been extended an invitation to attend.

Lane and Douglas counties comprise the twelfth P. T. A. district in Oregon and will have a joint meeting here with the Lane county organization as hosts for the day.

County President to Preside
Mrs. Ethel Parker, of Elmira, the county president, will preside at the meetings, and will extend the greetings for the county council.

The members will all be registered at 10:00 o'clock and the opening exercises, consisting of prayer and group singing will follow immediately after.

Mrs. William Brice, of Portland, the new president of the state Parent-Teachers association, will open the meeting proper with a word of greeting from the state congress. Miss Mozelle Hair, of the Extension division at the University, will make a short address on behalf of that institution.

Field Secretary Coming
Mrs. Charles Roe, of New York City, National Field Secretary of the P. T. A., is on a visit to the Pacific coast and will have actual charge of most of the day's program. She will make two addresses in the morning. She will first explain the "Parent-Teacher Movement" and after some group singing, she will talk on "It's Place in Education."

A covered dish dinner will be served to all present at noon. A group of local ladies will have charge of this phase of the convention.

At one-thirty Mrs. Roe will conduct a parliamentary drill period with discussion. She will also make two addresses in the afternoon. Her first will be on the "National Scope of the Parent-Teacher Movement," and the final one will deal with the manner of organization of P. T. A. associations.

Cup Will be Presented
Mrs. Charles E. Hunt, of Eugene, president of the Eugene City Council of Parents and Teachers will present the trophy won by the Lane county council at the Grants Pass convention this fall for having the largest increase in members of any organization in the state.

Mrs. W. K. Barnell will sing a solo, "Hasta Manana," meaning "Until Tomorrow," by Al. Hegbom. Her daughter, Barbara, will be her accompanist. Mrs. John F. Ketels will also appear on the program with a reading.

Word has been received that the newly organized P. T. A. group at Camp Creek is sending a delegation for the convention.

FOUR L INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS MONDAY NIGHT

A very good program and good eats were the high lights of the Four-L monthly meeting which was held at the W. O. W. hall on Monday evening. New officers were installed for the coming year and a talk was made by R. E. Daniels, field representative of the Four-L organization.

The following program was presented by the local people; piano and bell duet by Florence May and Barbara Barnell; vocal solo, Muriel Tyson, accompanied by Winifrid Tyson; reading by Mrs. Marion Adams; piano solo by Margaret Jarrett; vocal solo by Mrs. Dallas Murphy, accompanied by Winifrid Tyson; reading by Faye Parsons, and music by the high school orchestra.

The newly elected officers who were installed Monday night were Charles Paddock, chairman; Ben Skinner, vice-chairman; John King, secretary. George Cox, Charles Paddock and L. L. May were re-elected to positions on the conference committee, which they held last year.

The retiring officers are W. P. Tyson, chairman; and L. L. May, vice-chairman. John King was re-elected to his position.

SIX MEN ARE JAILED FOR POULTRY THEFTS EARLY SAT. MORNING

Six men are being held in the Lane county jail, three serving one month sentences for vagrancy and three awaiting action of the grand jury following their arrests here and in Eugene early Saturday morning, after deputy sheriffs had followed the men most of the night and had watched them take 26 dressed chickens, three dressed geese and some turkeys, from the plant of the Swift company.

Springfield entered the scene of the night chase when one of the men crossed the river and went to a house on Ninth and K streets. Here the officers found three live turkeys, nine ducks and five chickens when they arrested the men and investigated the house.

It is believed that the men were all or part of a gang of roost thieves, who had been robbing farmers and townspeople of their flocks for the past several months. The owners of the fowls found in the house have been located and have received their birds.

Jack McDonald, George Ryan and Hugh McNamara are being held in the county jail at Eugene, pending action of the grand jury. Their bail has been set at \$1500 each. The other men who are serving the jail terms are Ed. Sullivan, Oscar Olson and William Gorman.

The arrest of the gang followed the catching of one of their number trying to steal a pair of pants in Kaffoury's store. Police took him to jail and he implicated the others.

CENSUS SUPERVISOR IS APPOINTED FOR DISTRICT

The appointment of Joseph H. Koke, Eugene, as district census supervisor for the southwestern Oregon district was announced this week by the director of the bureau of census. Mr. Koke has taken the oath of office and is beginning to organize for the work.

The actual enumeration will be done next spring. Enumerators are paid by the names secured and possibly will work for 30 or 60 days. It is said that a competent enumerator can make from \$5 to \$8 a day. Anyone wishing to work as an enumerator should write to Mr. Koke at Eugene. Appointments will be made after an examination has been passed by the applicants.

GRID SQUAD CLOSES CHAMPIONSHIP YEAR

Cottage Grove Bows to Springfield Team For First Time in Many Years. Season Ends With No Defeats and Only One Score Against Locals.

The Springfield high school football team closed its schedule for the year last Friday afternoon on the Brattain field by a very thorough downing of the much-touted aggregation from Cottage Grove, by a score of 18 to 0. This was not only a great game for the spectators in the sidelines, but it was a beautiful manner in which to close an almost perfect football schedule.

Seven games played, seven games won, and a total of 175 points piled up for them as against 6 for their opponents is the record of the local aggregation. Only once has a team been able to score on them, and that was in the Brownsville game, when the local players attempted a pass after leading their opponents by a margin of almost 40 points. The pass was intercepted and a Brownsville back carried it through the entire Springfield team for the only score made against the team this year.

Credit Due Coach
No little amount of the credit for the success this season must go to William Baker, coach, who is completing his course at the University, and who is coaching his first football team in a high school. Baker is well-known in this county as a championship pitcher for the University of Oregon baseball team.

The game Friday afternoon was a great surprise to the many local business men, who had closed their stores for the game and who watched the Springfield boys trample all over Cottage Grove.

Former Player Interests
There was a lot of speculation before the game started as to just what

Community Hall To Be Discussed

Chamber Calls in Other Organizations to Consider Purchase.

The purchase of the McKinnis building on Main street near Second for a community hall will be considered at a meeting of heads of civic and service organizations of Springfield called Friday evening at the Chamber of Commerce. The building, remodeled and repainted, with a new roof ready for occupancy, is being offered for \$6500 by the owner.

The chamber of commerce is calling the meeting that the matter may be studied and a decision reached. Invitations to be represented by three delegates each are being made to the Lions club, American Legion, National Guard, Loyal Legion, Civic club and American Legion auxiliary.

A community building has long been wished for in Springfield, and it is believed by some that the remodeled McKinnis building will be very satisfactory. However, unanimous support must be given it by the various organizations to make the venture successful.

The building would house the theatre and national guard armory downstairs, a hall 32x50 feet upstairs and several club rooms, dining room and kitchen. An architect has figured the changes in the building and the owner has made his price based on the building remodeled.

Thanksgiving Day Very Quiet Here

No Public Entertainment is Planned; Some Leave For Other Places

A very quiet Thanksgiving day is being spent by the people of Springfield today. No church services are being held, and no public entertainment has been prepared. Most of the citizens are staying home enjoying their turkey dinners. Some of them have family reunions, while others have been invited out of town for the day. Several of the Springfield people have returned to their homes for the day. The schools are to be closed tomorrow and this has made it possible for many to leave town.
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STATE OFFICERS TO DEDICATE BRIDGE

Chairman Van Duzer Presents Structure to People and Governor Patterson Receives It at Ceremony December 7; Band to Play.

The new Springfield bridge will be presented to the people of Oregon by H. B. Van Duzer, chairman of the highway commission, and accepted for them by Governor I. L. Patterson, according to a program arranged by the dedication committee at a meeting Tuesday evening. The Odd Fellows band of Eugene will play at the dedication of the bridge at two o'clock, December 7.

The dedication ceremony will be presided over by Mayor W. P. Tyson, who will call on Mayor H. E. Wilder, Eugene, and Chairman Van Duzer and Governor Patterson for addresses. The ceremony will take place at the west end of the structure.

Preceding the dedication services a dinner in honor of the highway commission and engineers will be held at the Osborn hotel in Eugene. Frank Jenkins will be toastmaster, and addresses will be made by Senator Edward F. Bailey, chairman of the Lane County Chamber of Commerce highway committee, members of the highway commission, county court and engineers for the commission and bureau of public roads. Men and women interested in good roads are invited to be at the luncheon in honor of the commission. The purpose of the luncheon is good will and closer understanding and co-operation between the commission and the people of this part of Oregon.

Invitations have been issued to mayors, chambers of commerce and service clubs in every town in Western Oregon to be present at the affair.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED BY CHAMBER FRI. NIGHT

W. A. Taylor was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce at the monthly meeting held in the chamber rooms last Friday night. The other officers elected were C. E. Wheaton, vice-president; C. E. Kenyon, treasurer; W. K. Barnell, Carl Olson, F. B. Hamlin, W. C. Wright, and Jess Seavey, directors.

W. K. Barnell, Jess Seavey and F. B. Hamlin were elected permanent representatives from Springfield to the county chamber meetings.

The candidates for the offices were nominated at the meeting held in the last part of October. They will be installed at the last meeting of the year, which will be on December 27.

The retiring officers are F. B. Hamlin, president; W. A. Taylor, vice-president; W. N. Gossler, secretary, and C. E. Kenyon, treasurer.

The secretary is appointed by the president, and no announcement has been made as yet of any new appointment.

Several reports were listened to, including the report of the delegation which went to Portland to urge the improving of the McKenzie highway, the delegates to the county chamber meeting at Creswell last Friday, and the suggestion that a new building be purchased for civic purposes.

WORKERS COMPLETE RED CROSS DRIVE EARLY YESTERDAY

The Red Cross roll call in Springfield came to a close last night. This was in accordance with the plan announced at the opening of the drives over the entire nation that all roll calls should end on Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. C. E. Kenyon, who has been acting as local chairman this year, stated last night that she was very well pleased with the manner in which the local people responded to the drive. There was \$143.00 in the treasury last night and a few workers were still to turn in their reports.

Some of the local people have contributed more than \$1.00. The \$143.00 represents 137 individual memberships.

No quota had been set for the drive other than an effort to secure a membership from every adult resident of Springfield.

Installs New Frigidaire

A new Frigidaire was installed at the Pastime Quick Lunch and card parlor yesterday.

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