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RIVER FLOODS LOW LANDS AFTER RAIN

Schools Dismissed; Traffic Held Up; Willamette River Leaves Banks Late Last Night Flooding Highway Between Two Cities.

Springfield schools were closed today as a result of the heavy rains which have been falling in this section of the country during the past few days. The basements were flooded and it was impossible for the janitors to start fires in the furnaces. The streets on all sides of the school buildings were sheets of water yesterday afternoon, and it was necessary to wear hip boots and carry the pupils from the Brattain school across the street.

The majority of the Springfield people took at least a part of the morning off to go over the new bridge and watch the river, which left its banks late last night, flooding most of the pavement between Eugene and Springfield. It is less than two weeks ago since the new Willamette river bridge was dedicated, and many comments were made concerning the low level of this peaceful current, but this morning early risers were greeted by a mad, swirling stream, which refused to be confined within its banks.

Traffic Tied Up

Traffic was at a standstill on the highway between the two cities before 8:30 this morning. Long lines of cars were assembled at points near Mummy's Cabin at Judkins Point, wondering if they should try to make the crossing with the water rushing across at a depth of more than two feet. Heavy stages were making the crossing with only slight difficulty and were operating on a nearly normal schedule.

The first bus to make the crossing from Eugene to Springfield arrived here at 8:22 this morning. They have been running on a delayed schedule all morning.

All Roads Under Water

All three of the routes between here and Eugene were effectively blocked by water. Several motorists tried to come around by the Laurel Hill cemetery and then down past the Old Mill dance hall.

A few were successful in making this crossing, until a large truck belonging to the Owl Truck line went off the road and completely blocked all travel on this route. Water was almost to the top of the fence posts on the road leading direct to the cemetery.

Grain Mill Stops

Work at the Springfield Mill and Grain company here was effectively stopped this morning for several hours, because of the high water which almost covered the mill wheel. Mr. Bushman expected that the mill would be operating this afternoon.

Springfield streets and ditches failed yesterday afternoon to carry off the water as fast as it fell. Most of the streets which are not paved were covered with water for several hours, and the road east of the city was well under water at several places.

MILL TO CLOSE FRIDAY FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK

Announcement was made this week that the Booth-Kelly Lumber mill here will shut down operations tomorrow evening for one week. This is customary on the part of the company. The mills always shut down for a week or more at this time of the year for the holidays and to permit inspection of the plant and the making of changes and repairs.

HAMLIN IS RECOMMENDED FOR REAPPOINTMENT

F. B. Hamlin has been recommended for reappointment as postmaster at Springfield by W. C. Hawley, congressman from this district. This information was made known yesterday when a letter was received by the editor of this newspaper, informing him of the action which has been taken. Local people have written to the congressman at Washington urging the appointment.

MAN'S FINGER INJURED IN ACCIDENT AT MILL

Ray Wetzell had one of his fingers badly injured Saturday, December 11 when he caught it in one of the machines at the Booth-Kelly Lumber mill. This is the second accident to be reported at the mill this month.

TEMPORARY LICENSE STICKERS AVAILABLE AT SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Temporary license stickers to serve until the others can be obtained will be available to all motorists, whether they have a new or old car, at all the county sheriff's offices after tomorrow, according to an announcement issued recently from Salem by Hal E. Hoos, secretary of state.

These stickers can be obtained only from the offices of the sheriff, and are good only until the license has been obtained by the applicant. There is a fee of 25 cents charged for each temporary sticker issued.

The whole purpose of issuing these temporary licenses is to enable persons to get their license by making application to the county sheriff, and thus avoiding the necessity of mailing in the application to the state office.

People registering new cars in Oregon, or cars which have not been registered in the state before, will be issued a sticker and a set of regular 1929 license plates, which will be good until July. All motor car owners must secure a windshield sticker for their car before the first of the year, and must keep their 1929 plates on the vehicles. New plates will be issued in July and will be good for one year from that date.

PIONEER RESIDENT PASSES AT MARCOLA EARLY MONDAY MORN.

John S. Churchill, well-known Lane county resident, passed away at his home at Marcola early Monday morning at the age of 83 years and 11 months.

He was born in Iowa on December 31, 1845, and came to Oregon with his parents in 1851, settling on a farm near Roseburg, where he lived for the next few years. He attended the Monmouth college and later taught school in Lane and other counties. He lived for a while in California and returned to Oregon in 1881 and took up his residence on what is now known as the Seaver's Auto camp in West Springfield. Here he made his home for 23 years, moving to Marcola in 1904, where he served as bookkeeper and accountant for the Fisher Lumber company.

At Marcola he was a member of the Christian church for many years, a member of the Mohawk lodge No. 200 I. O. O. F. of the Illia Encampment, and of the Rebekah lodge. He took active part in all community enterprises at Marcola, and was a justice of the peace for his district at the time of his death. He had held this office for many years.

Surviving him are his three sons, Carl, of Bend; Raymond, of Portland; Howard, of Oakland, California; and two daughters: Mrs. E. B. Doane, of Crow, and Mrs. Ollie Arthur, of Redwood City, California. His wife passed away several years ago.

The funeral services were held yesterday at 1:00 p. m. from the Walker-Poole funeral home here. Rev. W. A. Elkins, a close friend of the deceased, conducted the services. Interment was made in Laurel Grove cemetery. The grave side service was conducted by the Mohawk lodge of the I. O. O. F.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HAS PARTY ON FRIDAY

Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah's Sunday school class at the Methodist church was entertained at a very delightful gathering at the C. I. Gorrie home on route 1 last Friday evening. About eighteen were present and many others were expected, but did not turn out owing to the extraordinary rain which fell that night. The class is composed largely of the young people above high school age.

The evening was spent in games and stunts, following which refreshments were served.

TWO MEMBERS INITIATED INTO REBEKAH LODGE

Mrs. Daisy Hill of Jasper and Mrs. Ida Adams of Springfield were both initiated into the local Rebekah lodge at the regular meeting of that body on Monday evening. This was also the regular social meeting night, and the members all enjoyed a social gathering and refreshments following the business session.

The big Christmas party will be held at the meeting on next Monday evening.

Former Resident Here — Mrs. George Bjorset, of Cottage Grove, visited in Springfield on Monday. She was formerly Doris Sikes of this city.

Basketball Team Leaves For Toledo

Squad of Eight Men Taken on Week-end Trip to Meet Coast Aggregations

Eight members of the first squad of the Springfield high school basketball team left here this morning for a week-end barnstorming trip which will take them to Siletz, Newport, and Toledo, before they return on Sunday.

Those selected to make the trip are Everett Squires, Fred Buell, Pat McMurray, Gerald Morrison, Freeman Squires, John Lynch, Hersey Tomseth and Lloyd Mattison. They are making the trip in automobiles and are being accompanied by their coach, William Baker, Glenn Martin and Paul Smith.

Games have been scheduled with the high school teams at the three places. The local boys will tangle with the team at Toledo on Thursday evening, and will meet Siletz the following evening. On Saturday evening the boys will play the third and final game of the trip with the boys at Newport.

Basketball prospects at the high school are very bright this year. Both the principal and the coach are quite elated over the fact that Springfield was recently admitted to the class A group of competing high school teams, and will be eligible to compete in the state tournament at Salem, if successful in winning the district championship.

The purpose of playing the games ahead of the regular conference schedule which begins on January 10 when the locals go to Albany to meet the high school team there, is to give the boys a chance to "find" themselves on the floor below the basket before they lose any of the important games.

CHRISTMAS VACATIONS WILL START TOMORROW

Christmas vacations for the pupils of the Springfield schools will begin Friday afternoon, and will extend until the second of January. The former vacation dates which had been announced by the school board were to begin at the close of the school year on December 24, and extend until the day after New Year's. The decision to give the teachers and pupils two extra days vacation was reached at a meeting of the school board held last Saturday.

DEGREE STAFF PARTY WELL ATTENDED FRIDAY

A large group was present for the regular monthly meeting and Christmas party of the Progressive 22 Degree Staff of the Rebekah lodge at their lodge rooms on Friday night last. A short practice session was held for the members of the team after which they all enjoyed a Christmas tree and program. Each member brought a gift and they were exchanged. Refreshments were served.

MISS VOGEL TO ATTEND STATE TEACHER MEET

Miss Anna Vogel, teacher at the high school, will attend the annual meeting of the Oregon State Teachers association at Portland, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday following Christmas, as a representative of the Lane county teachers association, in the place of Laurence Moffitt, the elected delegate. Mr. Moffitt was unable to attend the meeting and Miss Vogel, who was elected alternative, will attend in his stead.

MRS. MCKLIN ENTERTAINS NEW LEAGUE CLUB SAT.

The nine members of the New League, a Eugene club which was organized more than 35 years ago, were entertained at a one o'clock luncheon Saturday, at the home of Mrs. M. J. McKlin, at 606 D street.

Regular election of officers was held and all of the present ones were re-elected. Mrs. Walter Williams was an honor guest for the luncheon.

AUTOMOBILES DAMAGED IN ACCIDENT YESTERDAY

The automobile belonging to C. E. Kenyon was damaged yesterday at noon when it and another car being driven by N. L. Heltbrand collided at Fifth and D streets. The right running board and rear door on the Kenyon car was damaged. A bad dent was also made in the body. The Heltbrand car was only slightly damaged.

Council Formed By Methodist Men

Dr. Magruder Tells of Other Prohibition Movements; Urges Continuation.

Eighty-three men gathered at the Methodist church parlors Monday evening at 6:30 and after eating a banquet prepared them by the ladies of the church, they listened to several speakers and organized themselves into a laymen's organization, to be known as the Men's Council for the Southern district of Oregon.

The men came from points as far north as Lebanon and Stayton and from communities as far south as Yoncalla. The roll call which was taken revealed that there were representatives present from Stayton, Lebanon, Klamath Falls, Eugene, Brownsville, Coburg, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Elkton, Hahhsburg, Wendling, Corvallis and Springfield.

C. E. Umphrey, of Cottage Grove, was elected president of the Council. He will have as fellow officers, Dr. P. J. Bartle, Eugene, first vice-president; Harry Rowe, Stayton, second vice-president; G. B. Arnt, Cottage Grove, secretary; H. S. Merdador, Harrisburg, treasurer; and Percy Brown, Eugene, song leader.

The next meeting will be held in Cottage Grove sometime the latter part of January.

Immediately following the supper Rev. A. W. Hammer, of Albany, led the men in singing. Rev. Hammer is the song leader for the Men's Council in the Albany district. He was followed by G. B. Arnt, who made a short address on "Men and Everyday Christianity." He urged men to give more thought and consideration to the ethical side of their home, business and other daily contacts.

Dr. M. A. Magruder, of Corvallis, head of the political-science department at the Oregon State College, was the principal speaker of the evening. He chose as his subject "Mexico." He brought to his audience a vast collection of facts concerning the prohibition movement in Mexico and other foreign countries. He displayed large posters which he had obtained while on recent visits to Russia, Ireland and Mexico, all of which had as their central theme the abolition of liquor. It is an interesting fact, he declared, that those in this country who shout the loudest for the repeal of the prohibition amendment use as their main argument, the contention that the present law keeps only the poor man from obtaining alcoholic drinks, while in the less advanced country to the south of us it is the working class that is actually beginning the agitation for the abolition of the saloons. This, he explained, is being carried out by the government, which is a labor government, by destroying all of the plants from which they make intoxicants.

The professor also stated that Mexico was showing great forward strides in the matter of social progress and the abolition of race prejudice. "People in Mexico think we are making a great mistake in permitting our race prejudice to exist," he continued. "Mexicans are not opposed to our coming in their country and establishing exclusive schools for their boys and girls despite the fact that our skin is filled with a different pigment than theirs."

He concluded his remarks with a strong plea for continued support of the federal prohibition laws.

"In this country we have the government and the law on our side, as well as high officials in charge of our government, we have the prohibition, and we have a host of other countries watching us, so let's protest this heritage," he concluded.

Short talks were also made by Lloyd Gilson, of Lebanon, and Sam Y. Bartholomew, president of the Brotherhood of the local congregation, which acted as hosts for the organization meeting.

MRS. KENYON ENTERTAINS MEMBERS OF ANEAS CLUB

Mrs. C. E. Kenyon entertained the members of the Aneas club at her home on Tuesday afternoon. The club has twelve members and they spent their time sewing and with conversation. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

SMALL BOY HAS ANKLE DISLOCATED SATURDAY

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Castle, West Springfield, dislocated his ankle sometime Saturday while playing. No one knows just how the unfortunate accident happened. The injured member was set and treated by a local physician.

PETITION TO VACATE BRATTAIN ADDITION TO SPRINGFIELD SIGNED

A petition has been presented to the City Council asking that a large portion of Brattain Addition be vacated and taken out of the city limits. The petition is signed by property owners in the district.

The request for the vacation of the property includes most of the property lying east of Ninth street, except Stewart addition, a strip about a block deep running east and west along the McKenzie highway and another strip running north and south along Ninth street from Main to K streets.

The reasons for the vacation notice and request are not stated in the petition. Pearl Hadley, Paul Hadley, H. A. Brattain, Mollie B. Scott and E. M. Brattain signed the notice, which is being published elsewhere in this issue of the News.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TO HAVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The annual Christmas program of the Methodist Sunday school will be held at the church next Sunday, December 22, at the usual Sunday school hour preceding the morning service. It will begin at 9:45 and everyone is invited to attend, says H. L. Gillette, superintendent.

The following numbers will be on the program. Christmas hymn by the Sunday school. Prayer, Rev. C. J. Pike. Recitation, Mary Lansbery. Clapping song, primary department. Recitation, A Trip to Toyland, Edna June Yarnell. Star of the East, a musical number by Barbara Barnell, bells, and Florence May, piano. Recitation, Christ the King, Phyllis Westfall. Violin solo, Evelyn Buell, accompanied by Jule Pollard. Song, The First Glad Christmas Tree, primary department. Recitation, Evelyn Robley. Recitation, Why Do Bells Ring for Christmas, Bettie Ford and Louise Smith. Recitation, Flora Bertsch. Recitation, Leotta Gertsch. Recitation, Louise Sinnar. Song, Silent Night, Mrs. Gantz class. Christmas in Song, Elizabeth Hughes' class. Reading, the Christmas Story, Mrs. W. E. Buell.

LIONS CLUB ENTERTAINS FOOTBALL SQUAD FRIDAY

Sixteen members of the Springfield high school football team, their principal, W. E. Buell, and their coach, William Baker, were all special guests at the regular Friday noon luncheon meeting of the local Lions club last week. The members of the Lions club had intended to have a banquet for the boys Friday evening, but a play at the high school, in which several of the players had parts, and other meetings made it necessary to advance the time to the noon hour.

The luncheon was very informal. Principal Buell made a short talk and each member present was called upon to introduce himself to the club members. Coach Baker was also called upon for a few remarks.

JUVENILE CIRCLE PLANS LARGE PARTY SATURDAY

Plans have all been completed early this week for the big Christmas party which the members of the Juvenile Circle No. 162, Neighbors of Woodcraft, will hold at the W. W. hall Saturday afternoon, under the direction of their senior guardian, Myrtle Eggmann. Alice Neet is general chairman of the program committee, which is planning an interesting program for the afternoon.

The program will begin at 2:00 p. m., and will consist of a musical number by Mrs. Leota Rodenbough, a reading by Jr. Laxton, a solo by LaVerne Pugh, music by Bobbie Adams, a reading by Alice Neet, a reading by Mrs. Ida Adams, some entertainment by Donna Gene Ernest, another musical number by Mrs. Rodenbough, a reading by Faye Parsons, and a Christmas story by the Senior Guardian.

A Christmas tree has been obtained and will be gaily decorated for the event. A very appropriate gift will be given to each member and light refreshments will be served by the Guardian before the conclusion of the party.

At Salem—Mrs. J. M. Larson is spending a few days at Salem. She took Mrs. Myrtle Henderson to her home there and is a guest at her home.

NEW BUILDING FOR KETELS DRUG STORE

George Stanley, Who Purchased Sutton Block, to Build For Tenant He Displaces With Grocery Store in Corner Location.

A new concrete building will be erected on Main street between the Sutton Block and the Wright & Sons hardware store in the very near future by George Stanley, Eugene groceryman. The building will be 30 feet by 72 feet, and will be built as a new home for the Ketel's drug store, which will have to move from its present location to make room for a large grocery store to be opened there by Mr. Stanley.

Extensive remodeling is also being planned for the Sutton block, purchased last week by Mr. Stanley. He declared yesterday that he would have building plans approved very soon and that bids for the various types of work which will be required in the erection of the new store and the remodeling of the old building would be called for.

The upper floor of the Sutton block will be included in the remodeling program. Some changes may be made in the front offices, and the back rooms will be made into first class apartments.

No definite date has been set on which to start construction work, this depending upon several things, such as the weather and the speed with which the plans are handled. Mr. Stanley stated yesterday that it would take only five weeks to complete the new building from the time the actual work is put under way.

The Ketel's drug store has a lease on its present quarters until May 1, but it is understood that it will move as soon as the new structure is completed, and work will then be started on the remodeling.

The final papers in the transaction of the Sutton property to Mr. and Mrs. George Stanley were signed yesterday afternoon, thus making it certain that Mr. Stanley plans a business in this city. This will make the fourth store that Mr. Stanley will have in this vicinity. He is associated with the three Ralph and Stanley stores located in Eugene. His son, Clive, will manage the new store in this city.

SPRINGFIELD IS THIRD IN RED CROSS CANVASS

Springfield is second only to Eugene and Junction City in the amount of money collected in the county in the Red Cross roll call, which ended on Thanksgiving day, according to the report issued from the office of the county secretary, Mary Annin. Cottage Grove was not included in the report.

More than 2500 memberships were secured in the drive in Lane county, and \$2,700.15 was netted for the county. Springfield people contributed \$145.50, which was raised largely through the efforts of Mrs. C. E. Kenyon and her able workers. Junction City turned in \$164. Eugene raised \$1,421. \$397 of which was donated by the University students, and \$203 of which came from the workers at the Southern Pacific terminal.

CANOE USED TO RESCUE COUPLE IN STRANDED CAR

Two boys, whose names are not known, played an heroic role this morning when they took a canoe and rescued Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Woods from their Ford coupe, which had gone off the pavement in West Springfield and was setting in water up to the cushions. A wrecker was sent out from the Rodenbough garage to remove the car, but was still working with it late this morning. Several other cars were stalled along the highway when they attempted to cross deep water.

LICENSE IS REQUIRED UNDER NEW ORDINANCE

All eating places, soft drink establishments, and pool rooms, are required to take out a license with the city recorder, according to an ordinance passed at a special meeting of the City Council on Tuesday. The fee attached to each license is \$1.00. Members of the Council explained that the ordinance was passed to enable the police officers to have better control over these establishments, and not for the particular purpose of raising additional revenue.