

## ECKERSON AWARDED MEDFORD SERVICE

### Will Start School and Carry Passengers on Big Field in Addition to Operations at Springfield Airport in Near Future.

Aviation school and passenger carrying rights on the Medford airport has been awarded to the Eckerson Flying Service, of Springfield, and will be operated by Major G. H. Eckerson in addition to the management of the Springfield airport. The major expects to begin operations at Medford shortly after the first of the year.

Medford has the finest airport in Oregon, and Major Eckerson plans a first class advanced school in aviation. He will discontinue his school here until the spring and summer months, when he will have a pilot give introductory flying courses of 10 hours. It is announced. Passenger service will also be maintained on the Springfield port by him.

Students now in the course of instructions will be finished up at the Springfield port or taken to Medford for their additional instructions, it is announced.

The Eckerson Flying Service has a franchise on the Springfield airport, calling for the keeping of one airplane in flying condition on the field at all times. To fulfill this agreement a plane will be stationed here, according to the major. Major Eckerson and James Stovall are partners in the venture at Medford as well as Springfield.

## JOHN FISHER PASSES AT HOME NEAR DONNA

John Fisher died at his home one mile east of Donna on Tuesday evening at 6:00 o'clock, at the age of 70 years.

Mr. Fisher was born in Indiana, and married Lydia Burkenbine in that state. His first wife died in 1907, leaving nine children, two of whom died in their infancy.

He moved to Oregon in 1913, and married Nancy Sterling, of Eugene, where he lived until 1928, when he moved to Donna. Two children were born to this union.

Surviving Mr. Fisher are his widow and the following children: Mrs. Frank Marshall and Mrs. Zona Marshall, of Eugene; George Fisher, of Ottumwa, Iowa; Mrs. J. W. Maya, Junction City; John Fisher, Eugene; Miss Norah Fisher, Salem; Lahmer Fisher, Eugene; Maray Fisher, Salem; and Nell Fisher, at home. There are 15 grandchildren and four great grandchildren who survive Mr. Fisher.

The funeral will be held from the Eugene chapel of the Walker-Poole funeral home on Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Interment will be in the Laurel Grove cemetery.

## STEWART HOME SCENE OF NEEDLECRAFT PARTY

The Christmas party of the Needlecraft club was held at the home of Mrs. H. M. Stewart on last Thursday afternoon with a covered dish dinner. Immediately following the dinner a Christmas party was held, during the course of which the gifts were distributed among those present in a very novel manner. Such things as length of noses, and sizes of the individual's feet were duly considered in the matter of presenting the gifts to the recipients. Mrs. W. H. Pollard told the members some of the things which she saw while on her trip to Chicago this fall.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dan Crites, in Eugene, on January 2. Mrs. Floyd Westerfield will assist her at that time.

Those present at the gathering were Mesdames Clifford Wilson, C. O. Wilson, Dan Crites, Floyd Westerfield, T. Thompson, George Carlson, R. L. Drury, F. W. Walker, E. E. May, W. H. Pollard, Allan Kafoury, Harry Stewart, and Mrs. Fisher of Eugene, who was an invited guest.

### Enjoy Reading "News"

A postal card from Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Batchelder, former residents of this city, who are now living in Long Beach, California, states that "we look forward to the weekly visits of the 'News.'" The Batchelders are well and enjoying the sunny weather in Long Beach. They state that it is exceedingly dry there now.

### Leaburg Man Here — Arthur W. Frazee of Leaburg, was a visitor in the city this week.

## McKINNIS BUILDING TO BE REMODELED TO SUIT COMMUNITY MEETINGS

A community hall may be started in Springfield after the first of the year in the upstairs of the McKinnis building. A committee representing the Springfield Chamber of Commerce expects to sign a lease on the upstairs rooms and sublet to the various service and civic organizations of the city.

Mr. McKinnis is remodeling the building upstairs for a hall and club rooms. He will kalsomine, paint and renovate the building to suit the needs of community gatherings. The main hall will be 32x53 feet, and there will be six other rooms for club and dining purposes.

The Chamber of Commerce at its last meeting decided to rent the upstairs portion of the building at \$50 a month rather than buy the whole structure.

## BIDS ARE RECEIVED FOR NEW BUILDING BY GEORGE STANLEY

Bids for the construction of the new building to house the Ketels drug store are now being received by Mr. George Stanley, of Eugene, who is going to erect the structure, which will house the drug store when it will be moved to make room for his grocery store, which he expects to open this spring in the present location of the Ketels' store.

Two bids have been received up to this morning by Mr. Stanley. They were from the firm of Hargreaves and Lindsey, of Eugene, and George Perkins, of Springfield. One other firm has taken out a set of the plans, and was expected to submit a bid very soon.

No exact date has been set for the opening of the bids, but it is expected that they will be opened during the next week, and that work will begin soon afterwards.

The building will be built on the lot between the Sutton block, which Mr. Stanley has recently purchased, and the Wright and Sons' hardware and furniture store.

## LARGE AUDIENCE HEARS METHODIST CHOIR SING

A full church turned out to greet the singers at the Methodist church on Sunday, under the direction of Arah Hoyt Rae, when they presented the cantata "The Christ Child," by Hawley at the evening church hour.

The following people had solo parts in the cantata: sopranos, Myrna Barger and Mrs. W. C. Rebhan; contraltos, Mrs. S. S. Potter and Mary Devereaux; bass, Fred Buell, William Pollard and John Devereaux; tenors, Ernest McKinney and Paul Potter.

Those in the chorus were Mrs. Paul Brattain, Ila Bartholomew, Mrs. W. K. Barnell, Velda Bartholomew, Mrs. Willis Bertsch, Mrs. W. E. Buell, Theo Bartholomew, Dorothy Bailey, Mrs. H. Foss, Miss Hard, Doris Meyers, Mrs. U. G. McElhaney, Dorothy May Potter, Mrs. W. C. Rebhan, Mrs. P. A. Wooley and Mrs. William Rodenbough, sopranos; Evelyn Buell, Mrs. A. H. Brown, Mary Devereaux, Mrs. N. W. Emery, Mrs. E. E. Fraedrick, Mrs. S. S. Potter, Violet Runte, Julie Pollard, altos; Ernest McKinney, Paul Potter, Sam Bartholomew, Frank Bartholomew, P. A. Wooley, tenors; Fred Buell, John Devereaux, William Pollard, S. S. Potter, and A. H. Brown, basses.

In the morning Miss Charlotte Hilliard played a violin solo.

## FAMILY GATHERING HELD AT HOME OF MRS. WILSON

One of the larger family Christmas gatherings in Springfield was held at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Wilson on Emerald Heights Tuesday evening, when a large number of close friends and relatives gathered at her home for a Christmas dinner and a Christmas tree party.

Those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Mulkey and their children, John, Mary, Margaret, and Wayne, all of Portland; Mr. Otto J. Wilson and his children, Margaret and Otto, Jr., of Salem; Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Riddell and children, Bob and Sigrid, of Eugene; Mrs. W. H. Riddell of Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kenneth Wilson and daughter, Patricia, of Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wilson and son, Mac; Hobart Wilson and Donald Wilson, of Springfield.

Little Patricia Ann is just three months old and made her first visit to her grandmother.

### Going to Monroe—Joe Gerber leaves today for Monroe, where he will spend the balance of the week with friends.

## FINANCES IMPROVE IN SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Net Warrant Indebtedness is Lower at End of Year Than It Has Been for Many Years; Outstanding Warrants Less Than Month Old.

The net warrant indebtedness of school district 19 will be almost \$6,000 less after warrant 780 and all others issued before that have been paid than it was a year ago, according to information given out by William G. Hughes, clerk, who is now completing his semi-annual statement of the financial status of the school district.

The warrant indebtedness last year was \$10,283.91, and this year for the same period it will be \$4,892.24.

When warrant 780 has been paid, there will be no outstanding warrants against the school district which are more than one month old.

These figures indicate that the school district is gradually paying off its indebtedness, and that the financial status of the district is better than it has been for some time, thinks Mr. Hughes, who states that the net warrant indebtedness at this time is much better than it has been for many years.

The indebtedness will increase again from now until July, when another tax payment will be made, but the increase will not be any greater than it was for the same period last year, and the income will be almost the same.

## CAST PLEASURES AUDIENCE WITH PAGEANT SUNDAY

The pageant "The Birth of Christ," which was given at the Baptist church on Sunday evening at 7:30 was well presented and pleased the large audience which filled the auditorium to see the production. The church choir sang several numbers and some carols to help the cast. The pageant depicted biblical scenes of events surrounding the night of the Nativity.

A short talk by the pastor, Rev. Ralph Mullholand, on "God Sent Forth His Son" concluded the evening program.

For the morning services the Sunday school provided a program of exercises and the pastor delivered a short sermon on the topic, "They Presented Unto Him Gifts."

## MUSICIANS ENTERTAIN AT LIONS LUNCHEON

Ted Charles and Ed Scroggins, both of Eugene, where they are conducting classes in musical instruments, appeared on the program for the regular weekly meeting of the Lions club at their luncheon last Friday, and pleased their audience with piano and saxophone solos. A speaker was to have been present from a college in Albany, but failed to appear.

## Thompson Family Has Large Dinner

### Children of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thompson Meet Together on Christmas Day

One of the largest family gatherings to be held in Springfield this Christmas occurred yesterday afternoon at the Woodman Hall, when the children of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thompson and their families gathered for a Christmas dinner and tree at 1:00 o'clock.

The gathering is now almost an annual affair with the children of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson. An effort has been made for several years to hold these family dinners, and most of the members are usually present. Sickness and other causes interfered with the meeting last year for the first time in a long while.

The Christmas dinner was prepared by various members of the families, under the direction of Mrs. Maude Bryan and Mrs. Gay.

The Christmas tree was provided and decorated for the event by the Roberts brothers, who have done this for the past several years.

Immediately following the dinner the entire group gathered about the large Christmas tree for a program and exchange of tokens.

Those who were present at the gathering were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thompson; Mr. and Mrs. Welby Stevens; Mrs. Beatrice Gay; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roberts; Mrs. Maude Bryan and daughter, Chystal; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thompson and daughters, LaVerne and Kathryn; Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Thompson and children, Esther, Jean and Donald; Miss Marguerite Hurd, sister of Mrs. Floyd Thompson; Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Barrett and family, Kenneth, Jr., Avis, Chystal, and Rodney, all of Eugene; Mr. J. M. Thompson, Mrs. Bryan's father; and Victor Pogle.

## REBEKAH LODGE HOLDS BIG CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Christmas tree and all the necessary trimmings were present at the weekly meeting of the Rebekah lodge on Monday evening. Each guest brought a gift which was numbered as it was received at the entrance, and later in the evening each person present drew a number to determine which gift was to be theirs.

The committee in charge announced that Santa Claus was too busy and could not be present. All his helpers were also working and he didn't have any extra clothes, or he would have let someone else wear one of his suits.

Mrs. Lee Putman, E. E. Pyne, Oswald Olson, Elmer and Stella Findley, and Mrs. O. H. Jarrett were in charge of the program.

### Entertains Parents—Dr. and Mrs. Mortensen entertained Mrs. Mortensen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Schnedtky, at a noon dinner on Christmas day. Later in the afternoon the entire party drove to the W. R. Wallace home at Jasper, where they were guests for the evening.

## STOP SIGNS PLACED BY WORKMEN FRIDAY TO ENFORCE MEASURE

The stop street ordinance recently passed by the City Council is now in effect. The placing of stop signs on all streets leading into Main street automatically made the ordinance effective at once. There has been some trouble with motorists who are not accustomed to stopping before entering Main street, but as a whole the new regulation has worked out very satisfactory. Several motorists have been warned and arrests will be made for the second offense. The ordinance provides for a fine of five dollars for any violation of it.

Several motorists have complained that they cannot see the signs when a car is parked near the corner, and it is expected that the street committee will soon have the corner of the streets marked off for several feet and motorists will have to park their cars back of the lines, which will be drawn on the pavement.

## NEW POLICE OFFICER APPOINTED SATURDAY

W. R. Davis, better known as Bill Davis, was appointed Chief of Police for Springfield by the police committee of the City Council last Saturday afternoon, to take the place of Kenneth Giles, resigned. Davis is a former police officer of this city, having served in that capacity before the appointment of Mr. Giles, who has held that office for almost a year.

## ROYAL NEIGHBORS ELECT NEW OFFICERS FRIDAY

Mrs. Dodd Miller was elected oracle of the Royal Neighbors at their regular meeting held at the home of Mrs. William Stearmer last Friday evening. Other officers who were elected are Mrs. I. M. Peterson, vice-oracle; Mrs. Georgia Nettleton, chancellor; Mrs. Ina Scrivener, recorder; Mrs. Ida Cline, receiver; Mrs. Emma Olson, marshal; Mrs. Ida Morelock, sentinel.

The retiring officers of the Royal Neighbors are: Mrs. William Stearmer, oracle; Mrs. Sadie Lambert, vice-oracle; Mrs. Georgia Nettleton, chancellor; Mrs. Ina Scrivener, recorder; Mrs. Ida Cline, receiver; Mrs. Emma Olson, marshal; Mrs. I. M. Peterson, sentinel.

January 15 has been set as the date for the installation of the new officers.

## RELATIVES GATHER FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

A large gathering of relatives was held at the home of Mrs. Emma Olson and her son, Oswald, for Christmas dinner. Odin Olson of Bridal Veil, Oregon, a brother of Oswald, arrived Sunday for the holidays. John Halpin, an uncle and Sam Galloway, both of Tacoma, were also present, as was Mrs. B. E. Lansbery and family of Westfir. Mrs. Lansbery is a daughter of Mrs. Olson.

## GOVERNMENT RADIO STATION SELECTS SPRINGFIELD SITE

### Radio Control Station for North and South Airways in Oregon to be Located on Emerald Heights; Land Leased for Purpose.

The establishment of a Federal radio station in Springfield for the guidance of air mail planes has become almost a certainty with the leasing of new ground on Emerald Heights by the department of commerce and arrangement for electric service extension to the property. The new site is at the end of Sunset boulevard, a few hundred yards south of the air mail beacon light already erected.

The purpose of the new station is to send out radio beams over the north and south course, which will control a radio compass in the planes. Three radio operators will be stationed here to broadcast the signals when the new station is erected. There is another station at Chehalis, Washington, and there will be likely one at Medford, according to an official of the department of commerce, who has been here on two occasions lately selecting the site.

Local people who have been close students of aviation in the last few months declare that beacon light and radio beacon are two links in a chain of developments which is destined to make Springfield an aviation center in the next few years.

Light was turned on and tests made of the new air mail beacon last Friday evening for the first time. The big revolving lights flooded the town and surrounding country, and could be seen for many miles.

## KENSINGTON CLUB HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY FRI.

Mrs. S. C. Wright and Mrs. A. J. Morgan were joint hostesses Friday evening for the annual Christmas party of the Kensington club, which was held at the Wright home. A special guest for the meeting was Mrs. William Price, of Portland, who sang several solos during the evening. Little Peggy Wright acted as helper for Santa Claus and distributed the gifts.

Those present at the meeting were Mrs. William Price, Mrs. Roscoe Perkins, Mrs. Guy Wright, Mrs. Larson Wright, all guests, and Mrs. Clarence Chase, Mrs. Levi Neet, Mrs. Charles Poole, Mrs. J. T. Moore, Mrs. C. E. Kenyon, Mrs. C. E. Swarts, Miss Edna Swarts, Mrs. Mary Kessey, Mrs. Lawrence May, Mrs. L. E. Basford, Mrs. W. N. Dow, Mrs. Harry Whitney, Mrs. W. K. Barnell, Mrs. W. C. Rebhan, Mrs. John Henderson, Mrs. Will Wright, Mrs. McMurray, Mrs. W. C. Wright, and Mrs. A. J. Morgan.

## S. C. WRIGHT HOME SCENE OF CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Wright entertained their children together with their families at a Christmas dinner at their home yesterday. The home was beautifully decorated in Christmas colors for the gathering.

Those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. James Elder and children, Dan, Mervin, Allen, and Harry, all of Milwaukie; Mrs. William Price, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wright and children, Scott, Teddy and Peggy; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wright, Eugene; and Mr. and Mrs. Larson Wright and their children, Dillard and Beverley.

## HIGH MASS HELD HERE BY FATHER D. P. CURLEY

Father D. P. Curley conducted high mass at the Catholic church in Springfield yesterday at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon. A Christmas tree and program was held following the mass. Several Springfield people attended the midnight mass at the Catholic church in Eugene on Christmas eve, beginning at 12:00.

## BABY SON CHRISTMAS GIFT TO LOCAL PEOPLE

A Christmas present in the form of an eight pound baby was one of the many gifts which greeted Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Anderson this year when a son was born to them at the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene Tuesday morning. This is the only Christmas baby which has been reported for the city this year.

## Starting This Week - Read It!



### CHAPTER I.

"The game is this," announced Mrs. Clary. Flushed, moist with the twin effects of excitement and a humid tropical night, not to mention one tiny glass too many of the champagne whose bursting corks had lent a Fourth of July tone to the party, she stood upon a chair and waved a bunch of ribbons.

Her guests eyed her languidly. Mrs. Clement Clary—"Cooper" Clary's second wife, who had cost him, he not infrequently said, hell, headlines and five millions in cash (the first Mrs. Clary had refused stocks, bonds, other negotiable instruments, or real estate, when she had finally yielded to his demands for a divorce)—had a reputation for putting a bizarre touch into every party she gave, and those present were willing to stop flirtation, scandal, and talk of real estate for a moment.

"We go to the pool," said the hostess.

Several guests groaned slightly. One young man, Billy Leeson, turned

to the pretty brunette beside him.

"I'm a hard-working lawyer, down here for a fortnight to recoup from typhoid. I wish to goodness somebody'd think of a party that didn't mean swimming with your clothes on. I've two dinner suits down here; one's been ruined by salt water; I refuse to spoil this."

"Sh-sh!" said the girl. "When Mrs. Clary chalks her cue she usually pockets the ball."

"Honest, you seem rapt and excited and everything."

"Why shouldn't I be?" demanded the girl.

The lawyer shrugged.

"I don't know. Only, you seem a shade different from the rest of the crowd here. Nicer, not so . . . so rowdy."

"Just a dear, home-loving maiden, the kind to make some man happy, eh?" jeered the girl. "Now tell me I'm wholesome, and ruin my evening completely."

"You don't mean that," said Leeson, blushing.

"Don't I?" There was a harsh quality in the girl's laughter which consoled illly with the gray eyes, the generous mouth and the smooth youth of her. "And where did you learn so much about me, Mr. Leeson?"

The young man's embarrassment was painful.

"I didn't mean that . . . that I knew anything about you, only . . . well, you are wholesome. I don't care if it angers you or not. That's what you are."

For a moment it seemed as if she would take issue with him, debate the trivial matter; then she laughed, patted him lightly on the cheek, and said:

"Really, you're a sweet boy; And—but you mustn't tell it to a soul—sometimes I believe that I am an old-fashioned girl . . . at heart. Remember me kindly in your evening prayers, won't you?" and the jeer in her last sentence banished the effect of intimacy that had been created by her earlier words. She moved slightly.

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