

ATHLETIC RULING HITS SPRINGFIELD

Ruling Will be Ignored if Not Modified in Time for Eugene Basketball Game With University High, Says Eugene Principal; Action Expected.

The Eugene high school basketball team will play their scheduled games with the University high school and Springfield high school regardless of the ruling made last Saturday at the meeting of the State High School Athletic association at Portland when they declared that all high schools must employ only full time faculty members to coach their athletic teams in order to remain in the high school association.

This statement was made by Harry B. Johnson, principal of the Eugene high school, who attended the meeting at Portland, and who protested against the passage of the ruling which, if rigidly enforced, means that Springfield high school teams cannot play athletic contests with other high school teams that are in the high school association as long as William Baker is coaching here and attending the University part time.

Many Schools Included

Mr. Johnson says that he urged the members of the Board of Control of the association not to pass the measure, as it will automatically cause a great deal of hardship on such schools as the ones in Springfield, University high, Junction City, and several others where students are doing part time coaching, or in instances such as Junction City, where the school finances do not warrant the hiring of a coach at all, and where a townsman, Ed. Bailey, is offering his services to the school without cost.

Action Expected Soon

It is the opinion of Mr. Johnson that some action will be taken to remedy the situation now existing, as he is confident that the members of the Board of Control did not realize the sweeping effect their action would have at the time they voted. In the meantime he expects schools to continue their schedules regardless of the ruling.

There was some question arising at Salem where Hollis Huntington is coaching and has a year's contract. If he is ousted who will pay the contract? The Salem officials are of the opinion that the state association will have to meet the bill. On the other hand, Roy E. Cannon resigned from the secretaryship of the state association at the Portland meeting because it was not possible to employ a "State Director of Athletics" who would assume much of the work now shunted on to the secretary.

New Association Talked

Although there is some talk about various high schools withdrawing from the association and forming a league of their own, nothing positive has been said or done at this time.

William Baker, the local coach, does not just know where the local school will stand. He is continuing his training sessions every afternoon for his squad, which he thinks will make a very creditable showing this season if other schools do not refuse to play with them. If the ruling is enforced tightly and no changes are made, then Springfield will have a team but nobody to play against.

R. U. Moore, University high school, Eugene, F. L. Cummings, Corvallis, and G. E. Finnerty, Albany, comprise the newly selected district board of the sixth district, which comprises Lane, Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties.

INTERSECTION CURBS GIVEN COAT OF PAINT

Street curbs back of each stop sign are being given a coat of orange paint this week by members of the street department. Each curb back of a stop sign is being marked with an orange line for fifteen feet and cars will not be allowed to park along the yellow lines. This action is being taken to enable the drivers of automobiles to see the stop signs when they come to intersections.

All other street corner curbs are being marked with a small line to indicate the parking zones. It is planned to paint these lines across the entire streets next spring, thus providing traffic lanes for pedestrians to cross on.

Comes from Spokane—Mr. Frank Snodgrass, of Spokane, is a guest at the Riley Snodgrass home. The two men are brothers.

PROTEST FLOOD WATERS OVER LANDS CAUSED BY MCKENZIE ROAD WORK

Farmers and others living along the McKenzie highway east of Springfield are protesting to the highway department in regard to the floods over the grain fields and around buildings caused by the last rain. A petition may be drawn up, it was said, and presented to the department.

The last rain demonstrated that the tile culverts in all the cross roads and driveways put in by the state were too small, residents of the section say. While they admit the state has made more provision for drainage than there has ever been before, they say that the heavy ditches leading from the Thurston vicinity to Springfield brings in much more water than in previous seasons. Several of the farms were covered with drift wood and soil was washed away in many ploughed fields, it was stated.

Residents along Eighth, Ninth and Tenth streets in Springfield also complained of the water during the last rain. It ran a foot deep down these streets. While the water has been there, it is pointed out that the last rain was not as heavy as often occurs. Better drainage to the natural outlets is thought necessary to solve the problem.

SAWMILL TO OPERATE AGAIN NEXT MONDAY

Operations at the Booth-Kelly lumber plant began today in the planing mill, and the sawmill proper will begin operations on Monday, January 6, after a two weeks' shut down for the Christmas holidays, according to a notice posted on the bulletin board by O. H. Jarrett, superintendent.

The mill was shut down on December 20 and no exact date for the reopening was given. As a result many of the employees reported for work on Monday morning and later returned to their homes.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN WASHINGTON CITY

Mrs. Abbie Lyons, former Springfield resident, passed away at her home at Richfield, Washington, recently, according to information received here by friends of the family. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Lyons left Springfield about a year ago for the Washington city.

Surviving her is her husband, Alfred Lyons, a son, Ernest Lyons, and two daughters.

It is expected that the funeral services will be held in Richfield.

MOUNTAINS LURE MANY ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

The McKenzie mountain country came into its own yesterday as the mecca for outdoor sport lovers as large crowds of expectant people made their way to the snow line.

The largest single group probably was the Obsidian camp, which numbered 100. They opened their celebration festivities Tuesday evening and continued until Wednesday evening. Many automobiles loaded with skis and toboggans passed through Springfield early Tuesday afternoon headed for the mountains to the east.

The Obsidians did not have any corner on the fun, however, as several other parties were present.

The snow line is not as low this year as it has been. It was necessary to go almost to the summit to find sufficient snow to satisfy the sportsmen.

SCHNETZKY HOME SCENE OF NEW YEAR'S DINNER

Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Mortensen entertained several of their guests yesterday with a 1:30 dinner served at the home of Mrs. Mortensen's parents Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Schnetzky. Those present for the occasion were Miss Martha Mortensen of Salem, sister of Dr. Mortensen, who has been spending her vacation here; Mrs. Josephine Johns; Thomas Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. Schnetzky, and Dr. and Mrs. Mortensen.

Grandparents Attend Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cornelius of Cherry Court, Eugene, entertained the four grandparents of their son, Lindy, at a Christmas dinner at their home last Wednesday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cornelius, of Goshen; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Clark and son, Frank, of Leona; Mr. and Mrs. C. Vaughn and sons, Carl and Doris, and daughter, Veima, of Flag, Oregon; and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cornelius and son, Lindy.

POWER COMPANY CREW PLACES HEAVY LINES ON STREETS OF CITY

Several new power lines are being placed in Springfield this week by a crew of nine men from the construction department of the Mountain States Power company at Albany. The lines which they are putting up are all open copper wire lines, which are used only to carry heavy loads of electricity before it is stepped down for use in the average home appliance.

This is just a small part of the expansion and improvement program which the power company is carrying out in Oregon at the present time. The crew, which is here now has just recently completed stringing a new line from Junction City to Noti, and has done considerable amount of alteration work in and around Junction City also. A new line, capable of carrying 60,000 volts, was recently completed between Albany and Independence, to meet the increased demand for service in that section of the state.

The men who are doing the work here are Lester Cole, F. R. Johnson, J. W. Roberts, L. Anderson, C. M. Daniels, J. B. Grayton, E. Gilkey, W. Roberts and L. O. Queen.

FOG ON MEDFORD PORT HOLDS MAJOR ECKERSON AT MUNICIPAL HANGARS

Fog which enveloped the Medford airport kept Major G. H. Eckerson from moving his planes from here to the southern Oregon city for the last week. Air mail planes going to Medford have been compelled to land in a field near Ashland, while the new \$160,000 airport was unusable.

Flying has gone on here nearly every day for the last two weeks with students rounding out their courses. While there has been fog some mornings, the wind soon blew it away.

James Stovall, partner of Major Eckerson, in the Eckerson Flying Service, had soloed six hours Sunday in the Arrow plane. As soon as spring opens, Stovall and Eckerson will alternate between the Springfield port and Medford, according to Major Eckerson. Schools and passenger flying will be maintained at both ports.

The grading done on the Springfield port resulted in good drainage, and while the field is muddy, very little water stands on it. New grass is coming on fast and by another winter a heavy sod should be formed. Aviators prefer good soil to gravel, which blows up and cracks propellers.

SCHOOL VACATION ENDS; NEW YEAR STARTS TODAY

Yesterday was the last day of the annual Christmas vacation for the students in the schools of Springfield. Classes in all of the buildings were resumed this morning after a vacation period beginning on December 20.

Most of the teachers returned to their homes or went to the homes of friends for the vacation period. Many Springfield teachers, who are employed out of the city, have been home and returned to their tasks again.

The classes at the University begin tomorrow morning at 8:00 o'clock. Students are registering for the new term there this morning.

LIBRARY BOARD ELECTS MEMBERS ON TUESDAY

Mrs. N. W. Emery was elected the president of the Springfield library board at the annual meeting of the group at the library on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. C. E. Wheaton is the new vice-president, and Mrs. L. K. Page, Mrs. George Prochnow, and Mrs. David Saltzman constituted the other members of the board.

The annual report of the librarian showed that there were 800 books in circulation during the past month. 783 of these were taken out during December. There were 120 magazines on the shelves of the library and 114 of them were taken out during the month of December.

REBEKAHS TALK PLANS FOR INITIATION MONDAY

The regular weekly meeting of the Rebekah lodge was held at their club rooms on Monday evening. The time was devoted to preparation for the installation of officers, which will take place the second Monday in January.

Mapleton Man Here—L. L. Slagle of Mapleton, spent New Year's day in Springfield.

Perkins to Build Stanley Structure

Contracts Not Awarded, But Grocer Declares Springfield Man to Get Job.

A Springfield contractor will be given the contract to erect the new building which will house the Ketels drug store when it moves to make room for the Stanley grocery store, to be opened here some time this spring.

"No official contracts have been awarded as yet and there are still a few details to be gone into before any final action can be taken, but it is almost a certainty that the contract will be awarded to Mr. Perkins," declared George Stanley this week.

Mr. Stanley also stated that he was planning to do all of his business transactions in connection with the new store in Springfield itself, and that the banking for the new store will be done in one of the local banks.

Mr. Perkins had the low bid, declared Mr. Stanley, but regardless of that he felt that he owed it to the business men of this city to let the contract to the Springfield contractor.

The new structure will be built between the Sutton block and the Wright hardware store on East Main street. The Sutton block was purchased recently by Mr. Stanley, and he will open a modern grocery store there as soon as the new building can be erected, the drug store moved, and alterations made in the present location of the drug store.

It will take about five weeks to erect the new building when actual work is started, and it will take a few weeks to remodel the old building.

SPRINGFIELD TEACHERS ATTEND PORTLAND MEET

Two Springfield teachers attended the meetings of the Oregon State Educational association at Portland last week. They were Glenn Wood, principal at the Brattain school, and Miss Anna Vogel, high school teacher, who was elected alternate delegate at the Lane county teachers' meeting last fall. Laurence Moffitt was elected official delegate, but found it impossible to attend the meetings.

Many prominent educators were present and addressed the Portland gathering. Greater stress was placed on the inadequacy of the school buildings and the present system by the speakers this year than before. "The Little Red Schoolhouse Must Go," was the cry of most of them. The little school was adequate in its time, they said, but something more in keeping with modern trends is now necessary.

HIGH WATER BREAKS DAM; FISH SWIM INTO RIVER

Dr. Eugene Kester is the loser of 500 mountain trout, which he had planted in his artificial lake on his property near Deernhorn, about 17 miles east of Springfield. The recent heavy rainfall flooded his lake and caused the dam to give way, releasing the fish into the McKenzie river. The lake, which is a part of an elaborate summer home which Dr. Kester has under development there, will be replaced. Workmen are busy now repairing and rebuilding the dam and landscaping the grounds. The lake will be restocked.

FISH BONE LODGES IN SMALL CHILD'S THROAT

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mulligan swallowed a fish bone Tuesday while eating some fish and it became lodged in her throat. It was necessary to take the child to a local physician's office to have the bothersome bone extracted.

MR. AND MRS. DAWSON TO ENTERTAIN 500 CLUB

The regular meeting of the 500 club will be held Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dawson, at 644 Fourth street. The evening will be spent with cards and light refreshments will be served.

MRS. BRUMETTE INVITES CHILDREN FOR DINNER

Mrs. Kate Brumette was hostess for a dinner served at her home yesterday for her sons and daughters and their children. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Chlie Walsh and Opal and Virgil Walsh; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Eaton and son, and daughter, Edith; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Thompson and children, Ralph, Hazel and Darrell.

FLOOR OF GYMNASIUM TO BE ENLARGED FOR BASKETBALL SEASON

The playing floor of the high school gymnasium will be enlarged by at least two feet on each side just as soon as the carpenters, with the aid of the manual training class students and William Baker, coach, are able to do the work.

The wire netting and the bleacher stands on each side will be lowered several feet and shoved closer back against the wall to make the necessary additional space on the playing floor. The inside wall on the north end of the building will be torn out to lengthen the floor, and other minor changes will be considered.

All help available within the high school itself will be used in making the alterations, according to William Baker, so as not to create a heavy expense on the school board.

The changes which are to be made are all a part of a promise which was made to other schools at Corvallis last month when Springfield was admitted into the class A group of competing schools. Other members of the class A refused to play games here with Springfield's basketball until the floor was enlarged to the size now planned.

DEFENDANTS PAY COSTS IN CONDEMNATION SUIT, SAYS JUDGE SKIPWORTH

The defendants in the case of Lane county versus W. F. Reed, et al, for condemnation of property for right of way at the west approach of the new Springfield bridge, will have to pay all costs of the recent suit in the circuit court as the result of a judgment signed by Judge G. F. Skipworth, which was filed Saturday.

The defendants were awarded \$500 for damages sustained to them in giving 21 of an acre of land to the county for right of way. The county had previously paid the defendants \$500, but they sued for more, and the court holds that the jury awarded no more than the county allowed, therefore the defendants would have to pay the cost of the suit.

DRYPED CHEMICAL CO. MOVES TO NEW HOME

Workmen were busy Monday morning moving the equipment and the supplies belonging to the Dried Chemical company from the McKinnis building on Main street to the Kepner property on Fifth street between B and C streets. The chemical plant, which manufactures several preparations for waterproofing footwear and clothing will be housed in the building formerly used by F. O. Spencer as a garage.

J. R. Stevens will take over the rooms vacated Monday for the use of his feed store.

J. O. BETTIS PASSES AT COBURG HOME TUESDAY

James Oliver Bettis, 84, veteran of the civil war, died at his home in Coburg Tuesday morning, at 9:00 o'clock.

Mr. Bettis was a member of the Presbyterian church and of the Masonic lodge. He had been mayor of Coburg for two terms and was a member of the school board for the past 25 years.

Mr. Bettis was born in Tennessee in 1845. He married Martha Johnson in 1867. Thirteen children were born to this union, nine of whom are now living. The surviving relatives include the following sons and daughters: Samuel Bettis, of Eugene; W. T. Bettis, of Coburg; Mrs. B. F. Layman, of Jefferson City, Tennessee; Mrs. E. O. Goodwin, of Jefferson City, Tennessee; C. J. Bettis, of Spokane; Mrs. D. A. Simmons, of Drain; Frank and James Bettis, both of Los Angeles; Mrs. W. G. Cool, of Walla Walla, and 22 grandchildren.

The funeral services were held this afternoon from the home at Coburg at 2:30. The Walker-Poole funeral home, of Eugene, had charge of the service, and interment was made in the Coburg cemetery.

THEATRE MAN MOVES HOME TO SPRINGFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Weiss have moved to Springfield, and are now making their home at 336 North Sixth street. They formerly lived at Thurston, where Mrs. Weiss was postmaster, but moved to Eugene a few months ago. Mr. Weiss is managing a recreation parlor there and recently opened the Bell Theatre here after it had been closed for nearly a year.

BUS RETURNS TO 30-MINUTE SERVICE

City Officials and Bus Company Reach Agreement to Slow Down Service and Increase Size of Routes. New Service Started Yesterday.

Bus service between Springfield and Eugene was resumed on the half-hour schedule yesterday morning, as a result of an agreement reached recently between local city officials and the officials of the Southern Pacific Motor Transportation company, whereby the citizens of Springfield will be compensated for a slower schedule by a more inclusive one, which will provide better service to more residents of the city.

No changes are contemplated in the hours of service extended between the two cities, according to Mr. W. E. Head, manager of the bus company at Eugene. The buses now leave Sixth and G streets at twenty-five and fifty-five minutes after each hour instead of on the hour and every twenty minutes after the hour, as has been the schedule for the past seven weeks.

New Route Lengthened

The new arrangement calls for the routing of the buses over Main street east to Sixth, north on Sixth to G, West on G to Fifth, south on Fifth to E street, west on E to Fourth street, south of Fourth to Main, and then west to the new bridge and the Pacific highway. The former route of the buses was east on Main to Sixth, north on Sixth to C street, west on C to Fourth street, and south on Fourth to Main. Residents of six additional blocks in the city are given service near their homes by the latest change.

Agreement to Change Mutual

The change was brought about by a mutual agreement between Springfield city officials and the bus company. The city officials have had considerable complaint over the shortening of the line about six weeks ago on November 20, when they voted to amend the bus franchise, permitting service on a shortened route.

The bus company has had considerable difficulty in keeping up the schedule of twenty minute service, often falling behind and causing some inconvenience to their patrons when they failed to keep appointments in Eugene. Officials of the bus company also decided that the 20 minute schedule was too hard on their buses, declaring that they would not last much over a year if the schedule was maintained.

The new schedule routes the buses two blocks further north in the eastern portion of the town than they were before the twenty-minute schedule was put into effect at the request of the bus company, which promised at that time that they would increase the length of the route here as rapidly as the condition of the road bed would warrant.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS TO HAVE PARTY FRIDAY

Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah will entertain her Sunday school class of the Methodist church at a social gathering at her home on C street Friday evening. The gathering will be in the form of a New Year's party, and a general good time is promised all those who attend.

William Pollard and Evan Hughes are in charge of arrangements for the entertainment. Mrs. Van Valzah will serve refreshments.

STATE HIGHWAY CREWS REPAIR BRIDGE FILLS

The approaches at both ends of the new Springfield bridge were gone over by a crew of men from the road maintenance department of the state highway office on Monday. They used large scrapers and filled all of the pot-holes which have developed since the fills were completed almost two months ago.

MR. AND MRS. KAFOURY ENTERTAIN AT PARTY

Several Springfield people were invited to the Eugene home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kafoury Tuesday evening to watch the old year out and the new one in. The guests were entertained with cards and a general discussion. Refreshments were served by the hostess.