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FIVE JOIN CHAMBER AT BANQUET FRIDAY

Ninety-seven people are served at Civic Gathering and Hear Agricultural Program Discussed; Local Musicians Appear on Program.

A packed house turned out last Friday night for the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce. One hundred and eight tickets were sold for the supper, and 97 plates were served. There were only three empty places at the long tables which had been set by the Christian church women who prepared the supper.

Five new members were added to the organization bringing the present membership up to 57. Those who joined on Friday night are J. D. Pyle, the new creamery man here, George Kennett, Clayton Barber, George Valier and B. O. Smith.

O. S. Fletcher, Lane county agricultural agent and Tom Flippin, Jr., were the principal speakers of the banquet which was presided over by W. A. Taylor, president of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Barbara Barnell played several xylophone solos with her mother, Mrs. W. K. Barnell accompanying her at the piano. Mr. Ernest McKinney of the music department of the high school sang vocal solos accompanied by his brother, Fred McKinney. The latter also entertained those present with a piano solo.

The agricultural situation in Lane county and the outlook for the present year was the subject which Mr. Fletcher spoke on. He took several of the many agricultural industries in the county and discussed their weaknesses and the efforts which were being made to improve them. He cited the clover industry as one in which the local growers had produced a variety of clover which was very successful for a while in this section of the country, but that now several shipments of the seed had been sent to the middle west and farther east and that the people there were not favorably impressed with the Oregon seed because it was not hardy enough to survive the cold winters.

Another attempt is now being made to produce a new variety of clover which will stand a great deal of hard pasturage without being killed off. This is known as the Ladine clover and a large plot of this is being raised and cropped successfully each season at the experiment farm at Corvallis.

Mr. Fletcher also told the group at the banquet that alfalfa was meeting with greater favor in the county each year. He said that 13,000 pounds of alfalfa seed had been ordered in the pool which was recently conducted by the grain dealers of the county. This indicates that the acreage of alfalfa will be even greater in the next few years.

Thomas Flippin appeared at the banquet in behalf of the state campaign which is to be first formally launched in Lane County on February 10. He told of the effort which is going to be made to have each business man in the state use at least one of the advertising stamps which will soon be put on sale every day on a letter which he sends to other parts of the United States. The returns from the sale of these stamps will be used to further advertise the state in several of the leading publications of the country, both the literary and agricultural types.

REPAIR WORK ENDED AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Workmen who have been busy for the past two weeks laying a new floor in the basement of the Baptist church and doing other less important alteration work have completed their job according to Rev. Ralph Mulholland, pastor of the church.

The work was supervised by L. A. Tobias and he was assisted from time to time by Harold Chase, H. B. Emery, and Mr. Stacey.

BAPTIST CHURCH RALLY ATTRACTS YOUNG PEOPLE

Seven young people of the Baptist church will go to Portland Friday to attend a Baptist rally which is to be held at the Hinson Memorial Church on Friday and Saturday. They will be accompanied by their pastor, Rev. Ralph Mulholland.

Those who will attend the rally from the Springfield Baptist church are Ina Hubbard, Virginia Chase, Paul Freese, Lloyd Freese, Vernice Hawk, Miriam Rice, and Myrtle Harvey.

CHECK ARTIST PASSES SEVERAL BUM CHECKS THEN LEAVES COUNTY

County police officers are still looking for a man named Bert Howe who passed a number of worthless checks on local business concerns and then disappeared. Reports from Eugene say that the same man rented an automobile from a rental agency, paid a small deposit and kept the car. He is also supposed to have appeared at several places in Eugene on Monday morning to sign purchase papers for several new automobiles.

Deputy Sheriff L. L. McBride spent Monday forenoon in this city gathering up the bad checks which Howe had left around town and securing as much information concerning the man as possible.

According to the last reports heard of the man he was keeping the rented car well supplied with oil. He stopped at several service stations and offered checks for \$5.00 for gas and always ordering one quart of oil.

Howe has been around Springfield for some time prior to his disappearance and did actually have a small bank account in a local bank.

LOCAL LIBRARIAN QUILTS PLACE SATURDAY NIGHT

The resignation of Mrs. Lee Clark as librarian at the Springfield Public Library was announced here Saturday night at the meeting of the library board, according to Mrs. L. K. Page, secretary of the group. Mrs. David Salsman is now serving as acting librarian and is being assisted by Mrs. S. S. Potter.

Drastic action is expected to be taken soon by the library board if the reading public does not pay more attention to the matter of overdue books and fines, declared the secretary.

"We are going to enforce these rules strictly in the future," she said, "and it will not be possible for a person to secure a book from the library who has another book out, or who owes a fine at the library."

The resignation of Mrs. Clark is the third now in less than one year. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Vina McLean both have held the position and resigned since the resignation last summer of Miss Roberts.

The members of the library board expressed themselves as being very well pleased with the work done by Mrs. Clark and regret very much that she felt it best to resign her work here.

The present members of the board are Mrs. N. W. Emery, president; Mrs. C. E. Wheaton, vice-president; Mrs. L. K. Page, secretary; and Mrs. David Salsman and Mrs. George Prochnow.

The annual report of the library board will be prepared and published soon.

UNCLE OF LOCAL WOMAN TAKES LIFE WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Huntly left Springfield this morning for Astoria where they will attend the funeral services of her uncle, Max Pohl, 52, who disappeared quietly from his home at Astoria on Tuesday and whose body was found early Wednesday near Tillamook Head after he had shot himself to death.

Mr. Pohl was a brother of Mrs. Huntly's father. Her father passed away last fall and Mr. Pohl's mother died the day before Thanksgiving. It is believed by local relatives of the man that he had grown despondent His health has been failing for some time.

The deceased was a deputy county clerk in Clatsop county and County Clerk J. C. Clinton under whom he had served for more than 20 years stated that he had kept his accounts in a very efficient manner and that there were no reasons in connection with his official work which should have led him to commit suicide.

LECTURER ON CHINA TO BE AT CHURCH TUESDAY

The missionary lecture on China which was to have been given a week ago by Rev. L. R. Randle of Cottage Grove, but which was later postponed on account of the unfavorable weather will be given at the Baptist church on Tuesday evening, February 10. He will bring with him a collection of curios and relics which he gathered while a missionary in the Far East. The lecture is open to the public and all are invited to turn out to hear Rev. Randle tell of his personal experiences.

Many Answer Call to Oratorio Meet

Forty-two Local People Out on Monday for First Meeting; More Promise to Come.

Forty-two people responded Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock for the organization meeting of the Springfield Choral Society. At least fifteen others called Ernest McKinney, the director, that they wanted to sing with the group, but couldn't be present that evening, so McKinney says that he is assured now of at least a chorus of fifty voices and probably more.

No actual rehearsal work could be carried out Monday night, as the wrong music had been shipped. This has been returned and the correct music will be here Saturday. Several interested parties have declared their intention of securing a copy of the music on Saturday from Mr. McKinney and practicing it over the weekend.

Mr. McKinney expressed himself as being well pleased with the attendance on Monday. Every section is well taken care of. The bass section is exceptionally good. A few more tenors could be used to advantage. There were only three tenors out on Monday, but he declares that more than that number had called him, saying they could not be present for the first meeting.

The singing group meets every Monday evening at the Chamber of Commerce rooms and begins practicing promptly at 8:00 o'clock. The singing is over promptly at 9:15 each night. There is still room for more singers and everyone is welcome to turn out next Monday evening so that the entire group may start singing together from the start.

The following people were present for the first meeting Monday evening: Soprano—Hazel Wilson, Mrs. W. K. Barnell, Mrs. W. C. McLagan, Melba Miller, Mrs. H. Foss, Wilma Scott, Ann Vogel, Eva Louk, Blanche Bates, Mrs. Alvin Severson, Mrs. R. L. Burnett, Mrs. Cliff Abrams, Jane L. Ketels, Dora Pederson, Mrs. W. E. Buell, Mrs. S. S. Pettie.

Alto—Mrs. C. A. Swartz, Emma Trinker, Lela Squires, Mrs. N. W. Emery, Lena M. Fraedrick, Emma-gene Travis, Francis Travis, Nellie Wright, Agatha Beals, Jessie Beals, Evelyn Buell.

Bass—Lionel H. Laurence, F. E. Louk, S. S. Potter, B. O. Smith, Glen L. Robertson, Walter N. Gossler, Fred Buell, W. E. Buell, Alfred Freese, Gerald Morrison, Fred McKinney.

Tenor—D. B. Murphy, L. C. Moffitt, Joseph Crandall.

The first group singing of the choral society will be the presentation on Good Friday of the oratorio, "The Redemption."

Lincoln Pupils Prepare Entertainment For Friday

First Grade School Program of Year to be Replete With Entertainment.

What promises to be one of the most interesting programs to be presented by the school children of Springfield for some time, and a program which will be full of interest for the older person as well, has been prepared by the students and teachers at the Lincoln school and will be presented to the general public in the study hall of the Lincoln school Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The program is the first of a series of two which is being prepared by the grade schools of the city at the suggestion of the local Parent-Teacher organization. A small fee of 10 cents for adults and five cents for children will be charged to defray the expenses of the musical instruments which must be purchased for the toy orchestra as a part of the program.

Immediately after the program a candy sale will be held to raise funds for the P. T. A.

The program tomorrow night will consist of songs, dances, orchestra numbers, plays, skits and several humorous numbers. The complete program follows:

Songs, J. H. S. Chorus—Last Night and Lucky Boy.

Songs, First Grade—"The Clock" and "The Airplane."

Dances, Second Grade—"Humpty Dumpty" and "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep."

Fourth Grade—The Hat Sale.

Fifth Grade, Play—Little February.

Pupils of First and Second Grade—

SCHOOL BOARD FROWNS ON H. S. RING AND PIN SALES AT MEETING HERE

Class pin and ring, and other novelty jewelry of this nature which annually takes several hundred dollars of money out of the district does not meet with the wholehearted approval of the school board. This was made evident at the meeting of the board on Monday evening when the members went on record as being opposed to the annual custom of having a jewelry salesman come into the city, show his wares, and after taking a number of good orders, pack up his grip and leave town, letting the students worry about raising the funds for the payment of the goods, which the board termed poor junk.

The board frowns upon the purchase by juniors of expensive jewelry also because many of those who secure them never graduate, and those who do, usually go on to college and are not allowed to wear their high school emblems while on the college campus. Orders for rings and pins amounting to almost \$200.00 were placed at the high school recently. W. E. Buell, the principal, has expressed himself as opposed to the ring and pin idea, and is well pleased with the attitude of the board.

Other routine matter, including the payment of several small bills occupied the balance of the meeting, which was held at the Brattain school. The board made a short inspection of the building and was pleased with the conditions they found.

TWO WOMEN INJURED IN TOBOGGAN MISHAP AT BLUE RIVER BRIDGE

Mrs. W. C. Swearn and Mrs. Du-mont Meyers, both residing above Blue River on the McKenzie highway, were brought to Springfield on Saturday of last week to receive treatment for injuries which they sustained while tobogganing in the snow near their home. One of the women was suffering from a dislocated knee and the other had a sprained ankle. The attending physician states that it will be two weeks before they will be able to walk unassisted.

MRS. CHASE ENTERTAINS MOTHER'S CLUB MEMBERS

Mrs. Wilfred Chase was hostess Monday evening at her home for the members of the Mother's club. The topic, "Child Guidance" was taken up for a round table discussion.

Those present at the meeting were Mesdames Walter Gossler, C. H. Phetteplace, Larson Wright, Clarence Chase, Henry Fandrem, Laselle, A-len Kafoury, C. E. Barber, Laurence Moffit, Schick, W. N. Dow, Earl Thompson, T. Thompson, W. C. Rehban, and J. M. Cooke.

"Common" Widow



Mrs. Mary Baird Bryan, widow of the late William Jennings Bryan, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Grace Hargreaves, in Hollywood, Cal. Mrs. Bryan was almost as widely known as her famous husband, in whose work she took an active part for many years.

Greenhouse Sold To New Operator

Clayton Kirkland Buys Oldham and Schantol Plant in West Springfield.

The Oldham and Schantol greenhouses in West Springfield were sold this week to Clayton Kirkland, who took charge Tuesday morning. Mr. Kirkland has been employed for the last seven years by Chase Gardens, and is an experienced greenhouse operator.

The Oldham and Schantol plant consists of three greenhouses and a heating plant. It is conceded to be one of the best locations in Lane county and has a wide patronage. Mr. Kirkland expects to expand the industry in the future with more greenhouses and other lines.

Oldham and Schantol purchased the greenhouses from the county and moved them to the present location three years ago. The houses, formerly operated by Charles Kingswell were located on the right-of-way of the approach to the new bridge. They have been operated in West Springfield for many years. The late J. W. Barringer moved the glass houses to the new location without breaking a single glass, which is considered quite a feat.

The new operator takes charge with the best of recommendations as a greenhouse man and his friends believe he will do well in the new location.

E. B. U. MAN TO SPEAK AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH HERE

Professor V. E. Hoven of the Eugene Bible University will conduct both the morning and evening services at the Christian church here next Sunday. The regular minister, Veltie Pruitt, has accepted an invitation to speak at the dedication exercises at Oregon City on Sunday when the congregation there will formally dedicate the new church structure recently completed.

Mr. Pruitt served as pastor at a Oregon City church for three years and it was largely through his efforts that the building which is now being dedicated was erected.

The topics for the sermons on Sunday have not been announced by Professor Hoven. The choir will furnish special music at both the services.

The bible class meets at 9:45 and the Christian Endeavor has its meeting in the evening at 6:30.

MASONS PLANNING BIG SMOKER FOR TUESDAY

Members of Liberty lodge number 171 A.F.&A.M. are busy making preparations for a large smoker and social to be held at the lodge hall on Tuesday evening, February 11. Cards, pool, music and some speaking are all to be incorporated as a part of the evening activities.

The refreshment committee consists of Harry Whitney, Thoren Cogill, and Richard Miller. Tom Swartz, I. M. Peterson and W. C. Wright will handle the entertainment. A general committee consisting of Levi Neet, Harry Whitney and Tom Swartz has also been appointed to see that no details are overlooked.

Safety Meeting Held

The regular monthly safety meeting of employees of the Mountain States Power company was held on Monday night at the local steam plant, with L. E. Danks acting as chairman.

CITY PAYS \$15,000 IMPROVEMENT BOND

First of Series of Bonds Issued in 1910 Were to Fall Due in November so City Decides to Pay Premium and Take Up Old Paper. Saving for City

Fifteen thousand dollars worth of general improvement bonds voted by the city of Springfield were taken up and paid the first of the week by William G. Hughes, city treasurer, and Ira M. Peterson, city recorder. The bonds were of the series which was issued in 1910 and were dated as of November 1, of that year. They were to fall due on November 1, 1930. The bonds were paid off with funds in the big sinking fund which has been provided for this purpose.

The city of Springfield paid a premium of \$62 and all accrued interest in order to take up the bonds at this time, explained Mr. Hughes. This, however, represents a saving in interest of nearly \$650 for the city treasury.

There are still \$20,000 of bonds of this same bond series which are now outstanding. They will not fall due until the fall of 1935.

The total bond indebtedness of the city of Springfield at the opening of the year 1930 was \$180,031.56. The bonds taken up recently leaves the present outstanding bond total at \$165,031.56. Of this sum there is another issue of \$15,000 which made in 1911 and which becomes due next November 1.

The distribution of the bond indebtedness of the city now outstanding is divided as follows: General obligation bonds, \$140,000.00 and Bancroft improvement bonds, \$25,031.56.

Many changes have taken place in the city of Springfield and in the personnel of her city government since these bonds were issued. The group of bonds which have been taken up were all owned by one investment organization. They bear the signature of W. M. Sutton as mayor and John C. Mullen as city recorder. Mr. Sutton has been teaching school at Burns for the past 17 years and only recently disposed of his business block here at the corner of Fifth and Main streets to George Stanley of Eugene who will remodel it soon for a grocery store. John Mullen seems to have been completely lost sight of by local people since leaving his office.

SIX NEW MEMBERS JOIN LIONS CLUB ON FRIDAY

Six new members were taken into the Springfield Lions club at the regular weekly luncheon meeting held last Friday noon. The new members are Dr. C. H. Phetteplace, C. J. McKee, C. E. Kenyon, H. O. Dibble, W. A. Taylor, and George Carson.

Mrs. J. M. Honeyman of Portland, chairman of the roadside committee of the state federation of Garden Clubs was present and addressed the members on the efforts being put forth by the organization which she represents for the beautification of all state highways.

T. J. Flippin, Jr., brought up the state advertising campaign which is to open in Lane county on February 10. He explained the purpose of the stamp sale and the aim of the state Chamber of Commerce to advertise the state.

EVIL APOSTLE WILL BE BAPTIST SERMON TOPIC

"An apostle who could have wished himself accursed" will be the morning sermon topic at the Baptist church next Sunday. Rev. Ralph Mulholland will be the speaker.

The Sunday school will meet at 10:00 a. m. and the Baptist Young Peoples Union will have their program at 6:30.

In the evening at 7:30 the pastor will deliver the fifth of a series of sermons on Prophecy.

CHRISTIAN CHOIR PICKS NEW OFFICERS TUESDAY

Members of the choir of the Christian church at the annual meeting of the organization which was held at the church Tuesday evening. It was also voted at the meeting to change the regular night for rehearsals from Tuesday to Wednesday nights.

The other officers elected for the choir are Mrs. Dallas Murphy, vice-president; Frances Thavis, secretary-treasurer; Gerald Morrison, librarian; and Esther McPherson, assistant librarian.