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MANY BUY STAMPS TO 'BUILD OREGON'

First Drive Results in Sale of 7,500 Poster Stamps; Sales Falling Short of Quota Set by County; Chamber Will Aid State Organization.

More than 7,500 of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce advertising poster stamps were sold in Springfield on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week by four teams of local workers who canvassed the business district of the city and who also visited several of the smaller communities surrounding Springfield. Approximately \$250 has been turned in by the workers at this time. There are still two districts which have not been visited by the salesmen and another hundred dollars is expected when the reports from these districts have been received.

The local chamber has organized a "Build Oregon" committee, consisting of H. E. Maxey, W. W. Walker, and W. K. Barnell. This committee will cooperate with the state chamber in its efforts to tell the rest of the United States about Oregon and attempt to bring many new settlers to this community during the next year.

The local people are all interested in this campaign, which has for its final goal the raising of funds with which to advertise the state and her resources in national journals which circulate in the East and Middle West. Drive workers reported that very few people turned them down and refused to buy any stamps. Many of the people expressed regret that they were not able to buy more of them.

STATE COMMITTEE MAY REQUEST TO BEAUTIFY APPROACH TO BRIDGE

Members of the roadside committee of the state federation of Garden Clubs have requested that the triangular shaped plot of ground at the west approach to the new bridge be turned over by Lane county to the Highway Parks Committee and that they be allowed to improve and to beautify this as they see fit.

Judge C. P. Barnard declared this morning that the county was willing to give this to the State Highway Commission with the understanding that no buildings be erected thereon. Members of the Garden Club committee will confer with H. B. Van Duzer, chairman of the highway commission, next week relative to a possible transfer of the property to the Highway Parks Committee if it is turned over to the state commission by Lane county.

JOINT FUN FROLIC OF LIONS CLUBS SET FOR MONDAY EVENING

The wives and friends of the members of the Lions clubs of Springfield and Junction City are to be special guests at a joint banquet and social gathering which the two clubs are sponsoring at the Howard dining room on the Pacific highway north of Eugene on Monday evening of next week.

W. F. Walker is chairman of the local committee making arrangements for the entertainment, and Senator Bailey at Junction City heads the group from that den. Neither of the two are willing to state what they have planned for a program, but it is known that each den is preparing a stunt which the other does not know of.

Some members of the Junction City club were present at the weekly meeting of the local group last Friday and talked over plans for the event.

BERNICE CLINE MARRIED HERE TUESDAY EVENING

The marriage of Miss Marion Bernice Cline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cline of this city to Clarence Wilbur Burkhalter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Burkhalter, of Eugene was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents on Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock. Miss Lena Newton, the assistant pastor at the First Christian church in Eugene, officiated. Only close family members were present for the ceremony.

Miss Mabel Burkhalter, sister of the groom, attended the bride and Ralph Cline, brother of the bride, was best man.

The couple will make their home in Springfield.

SKATING ZONE FIXED BY CITY OFFICIALS; CO-OPERATION ASKED

Children of Springfield are being warned by W. R. Davis, police chief, of the dangers of roller skating on the streets of the city. A special skating zone has been set up on the last block of the pavement on the north end of Fourth street, between E and F. Traffic will not be stopped on this block, but a check has proved that the automobile traffic there is lighter than on most other blocks in the city.

The action was taken Monday following several complaints which have been made to various members of the city council recently. The children not only endanger their lives by skating on the main traveled streets, but they make driving very dangerous. Parents are urged by Mayor Tyson to cooperate with the city by seeing that their children do not skate on the streets except within the specified area. If this does not prove practical, then some other method will be worked out, city officials state.

THREE PEOPLE ESCAPE INJURIES IN ACCIDENT ON HIGHWAY SATURDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lemley, former residents of Springfield, and Mrs. Vina McLean, of this city, narrowly escaped serious injury last Saturday when the automobile in which they were riding was forced off the highway two miles north of Harrisburg.

Mr. Lemley turned out to pass a heavy freight truck and just as he was alongside of the truck the driver swung in the middle of the road and Mr. Lemley was forced to go into the ditch to avoid a crash. The car did not turn over, but it was necessary for the driver of the truck, who stopped when he saw what had happened, to pull the car out of the ditch.

Mr. Lemley received a wrenched back caused by the jolt, but his wife and mother were not injured. Mr. Lemley returned to his home in Portland Sunday evening. Mrs. Lemley remained here until today visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. John Richter. Mrs. McLean has taken possession of her home again after a three months vacation in Portland.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WRITE MUSICAL COMEDY FOR MARCH 7 PROGRAM

A moving picture play, the Power of the press, a musical comedy written by Ruth Bettis and Bessie Stewart, and a score more of humorous entertainment acts, will be all incorporated into the Senior-Freshman program, which will be given at the high school on March 7.

The senior and freshman classes are uniting in this program, which takes the place of the Laughtersque program usually presented every spring at the high school. The junior and sophomore classes will put on another play and program later in the year and will attempt to outdo the March 7 program. A prize is offered to the two classes raising the most money and presenting the best program.

"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" COP LOCKS HIMSELF UP

Late motorists passing the Casey service station Saturday night were surprised to see a man prowling around in the main station house, and decided that it was in the process of being burglarized. Not one of the motorists, however, cared to stop and ascertain the true facts. It was not until some young men traveling on foot passed the station and discovered that the occupant was none other than Springfield's night watchman, Fred Hinson.

Mr. Casey was immediately summoned to release Mr. Hinson, who had discovered the rear door unlocked and went inside, locking the padlock, thinking that he could turn the latch on the front door and thus get out. To his surprise he found that the door was locked from the outside also. He spent about an hour and a half in the station before he was released.

LOCATION WORK STARTED ON WILLAMETTE HIGHWAY

W. T. Utz, engineer for the bureau of public roads, started work on Tuesday to locate the eastern end of the Willamette highway from Black Canyon to Oakridge. Bids for the construction of this part of the road are expected to be called this spring.

The section of the road from Lowell bridge to Black Canyon will be resurfaced just as soon as the weather permits.

Hoopsters Down Albany Five Here

Baseball and Spring Football Practice Started at High School on Monday.

A much sought after and a hard fought victory was the reward of the local high school basketball team last Saturday night when they took the long end of a 16 to 20 point score in their final game of the season with the Albany high school team. Albany had given the locals a bad drubbing at the opening of the season, and the dopesters had felt assured that the contest Saturday night would also go to the Linn County team.

The victory was not enough to alter the standing of the locals in the conference, but it may prove to have been a useful lift. The Springfield team has now won three games, and lost five. She plays a return game with Cottage Grove here on Friday evening, and the fact that Cottage Grove has not won one game this season is almost positive assurance that the local team will emerge victorious in the forthcoming game. This will put Springfield in a tied position with Albany, and the home team will still have a game with Corvallis on the following Friday.

The starting lineup in the Saturday contest was Fred Buell, Richard Prochnow, Gilbert Ernsting, Freeman Squires, and Gordon Wright.

Other athletics are already drawing the attention of the boys at the high school. Many were out in the sunshine Monday afternoon to practice baseball, and most of the boys in the high school turned out for football practice. Coach Baker has not yet decided whether he has sufficient material for a baseball team, but he is determined to get in several weeks of football practice this spring if the weather permits.

GIRL SCOUTS TO GIVE PARTY FEBRUARY 22

A benefit party will be given by the girl scouts in the chamber of commerce rooms at 2:00 o'clock on Saturday, February 22. All the women of the city are invited to attend and help toward the plans for the organization for this year.

Bridge will be played by those who care for card games and sewing will be the pastime of others.

A program is being arranged by the girl scouts. The first appearance of the scout chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Barnell, will occur and there will be folk dances under the direction of Miss Ann Vogel. Following the program the girl scouts will serve refreshments.

Other numbers on the program will include a xylophone solo by Barbara Barnell, accompanied by Florence May, a recitation by Essel Adams, a piano solo by Margaret Jarrett, and a piano duet by Barbara and Melba Harris.

PRISCILLA CLUB MEETS FRIDAY AT PARKER HOME

Mrs. J. C. Parker was hostess at her home here on Friday for the regular meeting of the Priscilla club. A social hour was observed followed by refreshments.

The following attended: Mesdames Riley Snodgrass, Jesse Seavey, John Tomseth, F. M. Stearmer, Jack Larson, Norman Howard, Howard Freeland, L. E. Basford, Wilbur Curtis, and Mrs. A. J. McKy, of Eugene.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. McKy on February 28th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HAS PARTY ON FRIDAY

The junior high school girls class of the Methodist Sunday school were entertained at a Valentine party by their teacher, Miss Elizabeth Hughes, on Friday evening. The evening was spent in playing games appropriate for the occasion, after which light refreshments were served.

The following girls attended the party: Ruth Pollard, Margaret Jarrett, Evelyn Johnson, LaVerne Pugh, Vivian Runte, Beatrice Carson, Fay Holverson, and the hostess.

DEGREE STAFF HOLDS PARTY FRIDAY EVENING

The degree staff of the Rebekah lodge held a social gathering and a Valentine party Friday evening, following the regular business session and drill of the organization.

Light refreshments were served by Mrs. Mamie Richmond, Mrs. A. C. Peddicord, and Mrs. Pearl Schantol, the hostesses.

Church Men Want Tax Law Change

Methodist Men's Brotherhood Favors Adoption of State Tuition Law.

The Men's Brotherhood of the Springfield Methodist church went on record last Monday night as being in favor of adopting the county high school tuition law in Lane county to take the place of the county high school fund law, better known as the Wheeler law. The motion to this effect was passed after an address by D. A. Emerson, superintendent of the city schools at Cottage Grove, and a spirited discussion was staged by interested individuals over the school financing problem.

In his address, which was largely an explanation of the report and findings of Professor Huffaker, who had been chosen to make a complete survey of the high school situation in Lane county in compliance with the contents of a law passed at the last legislative session, Mr. Emerson pointed out how school district No. 19, which is the Springfield district, was losing money under the operation of the Wheeler law, which would not be lost if the county high schools were operating under the provisions of the tuition law, which is being used in all of the counties of the state with the exception of Lane.

Reasons for Adoption
He told of the reasons for the adoption of the Wheeler law. This law was created to equalize the tax for the education of young people living outside of the high school district. It provides for a uniform tax for the entire county in addition to the usual school levy. This year it has amounted to 1.8 mills. Under the other law the tax for the high school education of the children living outside of high school districts would be increased but would be only levied on property outside of the districts which are now maintaining high schools.

The chief fault which was found with the Wheeler law was that it did not provide for equitable distribution of school funds raised under the law. It was pointed out that Springfield, which had 45 pupils in her high school from non-high school districts, does not receive her share of the money raised. The cost per pupil here is \$105.75 per year. At the same time Springfield pays into the fund \$2,830 she receives \$6,580 from the county fund thus created. She makes a gain of \$3,750, but it is costing her \$4,768.75 to educate the students the way the objectors to the law figure. In fact, the actual loss to the district is \$1,008.75, according to the report.

Allotment of Funds Blamed
This loss is accounted for by the fact that in the allotment of this tax fund it has been divided into three classifications. The high school, which has had 20 of these students, has received \$60 per year from the fund for each child. If the number of students over 20, then the district receives only \$50 per child over the 20, and if the number is over 30, the district only receives only \$30 per child over the first 30.

The district boundary board has the authority to decide under which law the county shall run its schools. A meeting of all school board members and other interested school officials will be held sometime in July this year, and a determined effort will be made to change from the Wheeler law.

Cottage Grove Favors Change
Mr. Emerson stated that the people at Cottage Grove were all in favor of the change, and pointed out that Eugene and Junction City were heavier losers than either Springfield or Cottage Grove.

It was suggested at the meeting that the school boards of the four districts get together and take the necessary steps to assure changing the laws this summer.

If the Wheeler law is dropped here it will mean that the local school tax will be lowered slightly and that non-high school districts will be taxed about three mills on their property valuation.

Women Attend Meeting
A large banquet was served in the dining room before the meeting. Several women were present to hear the explanation of the laws. Mr. Leonard, of Cottage Grove, extended an invitation to all those present to attend the district meeting, which will be held there on Monday of next week.

Move to Springfield—Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Ledford and family, of Thurston, have moved to Springfield. They are making their home at 320 E street.

HARRY WRIGHT WITH ED THURSTON MAKES FIRST PASS CROSSING

Harry Wright, of Springfield, and Ed Thurston, of Eugene, are the first to cross the McKenzie pass this year. The two sportsmen crossed the pass on skis last Sunday to participate in the Bend Skyliners' snow sports carnival. Wright broke the point of one of his skis and was unable to participate in the races, but Thurston won a place in the cross country ski race. The Skyliners, an outdoor sports club at Bend, greatly applauded the feat of the local men.

It was estimated that 2000 people gathered on the other side of the mountains Sunday to either watch or take part in the events. An official count showed that there were 450 automobiles at the Skyliners' cabin.

The two who crossed the pass stated that there was a less snow on the top of the mountain now than usual at this time of the year. In several places the road is bare and in most places it is only about two feet deep except in drifts.

An attempt is being made now by the highway department to open the pass. Traffic will not be permitted over the mountain, however, even if it is opened until the danger of severe storms has passed.

The Eugene Obaldian club, which has several members in Springfield, will hold their winter snow carnival above the club cabins on Sunday.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH HOST TO LADIES AID MEMBERS AT SESSION ON FRIDAY

The members of the Ladies Aid of the Coburg Christian church were entertained here on Friday by the ladies of the local Christian church. A dinner was held at noon and a short program was given in the afternoon.

The ladies of the Coburg church who attended were Mrs. M. J. Drury, Mrs. Clyde E. Wroth, Nora Castle, Mrs. J. S. Green, Mrs. Claude Swange, Mrs. Harry Coleman, Mrs. T. Q. Green, Mrs. N. C. Purkerson, and Mrs. E. A. Deffenbaker. Mrs. Clara Taylor and Mrs. Mada Catching, both former residents of Coburg, were also in attendance.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR P. T. A. MEET TODAY

Mrs. Marion Adams will give a reading at the meeting of the Parent-Teacher association, which will be held at the Lincoln school today afternoon. Mrs. W. K. Barnell will sing a solo and Miss Wilma Scott, who has charge of the program for the meeting, is endeavoring to secure another instrumental musical number.

The county council of the Parent-Teacher association will hold their winter meeting at the River Road school on Saturday afternoon, February 22. Several of the state officers have promised to be present at the meeting, according to Mrs. Paul Brattain, county president, who will preside at the meeting. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

ORCHESTRA PLAYS SUN. AT METHODIST CHURCH

A ten-piece orchestra, under the direction of Ernest McKinney, made its initial appearance before the public last Sunday at the Methodist church at 9:45, when it played several musical numbers as a part of the Sunday school exercises.

The orchestra consisted of W. E. Buell, cello; Evelyn Buell, violin; Fred Buell, violin; Asa Robley, violin; Harlan Duncan, violin; Bessie Stewart, banjo; Fred Louk, bass horn; Joe Crandall, cornet; Paul Crandall, trombone; and Jule Pollard, piano.

Mr. McKinney desires to enlarge the orchestra to fifteen players, and others who care to join are welcome, he stated.

The group has only been recently organized and confined their music last Sunday to playing hymns. Next Sunday they will play a special number.

SPRINGFIELD MAN GETS CITIZENSHIP PAPERS

Henry Paddock, of Springfield, was one of the six applicants who were granted their final citizenship papers at a hearing in the Lane county circuit court on Tuesday.

Mr. Paddock was a native of Canada before coming to Springfield, where he now operates a greenhouse. Samuel Craik Wright will be eligible for his final papers at the next hearing, which will be held in September.

COUNCIL CHANGES CITY BUILDING LAW

Two Emergency Ordinances Regulating Building and Electrical Work Passed at a Special Meeting of the City Council on Friday.

Two ordinances, one revising the building code in the fire district and the other requiring adequate inspection of all electrical wiring work before it can be connected up with the power lines, were passed by the city council at a specially called meeting which was held on Friday evening.

Ordinance number 540 is a complete revision of the old building law. The major changes made in the revised law are that the use of sheet iron is permitted in the construction of sheds, warehouses, and other additions to the rear of buildings already constructed on Main street, provided that the sheet iron is new and that it is not sheathed with lumber or any other substance which will make it impossible to reach the wooden frame in case of fire. The additions must be built facing the alleys and not on the sides of the buildings.

Stucco is Permitted
The use of stucco was also legalized. The ordinance states that stucco construction may be used in repairing buildings where the stuccoing will not injure or cause undue fire hazard, also that stucco may be used in new construction where the building is separate and apart from all other buildings by at least 40 feet.

The ordinance further states that in constructing new buildings of concrete the walls must be at least eight inches thick if the building is one story in height, and twelve inches in thickness for each story over the first one except the top, which may be eight inches thick.

Fire Limits Stated
The fire limits are fixed in the ordinance from Mill street to Seventh street, and extending to the alley on either side of Main street from Mill to Seventh street.

The fire and water committee shall inspect all plans and specifications, and issue permits for construction of new buildings.

The new electrical wiring ordinance requires that each individual who is going to do any wiring must first obtain a tag from the city recorder's office and attach it to the wires being put in. The tag shall remain there until the job is completed, serving as a permit, and when the work is finished the electrical inspector shall be notified and he will either approve or reject the work. No house or other building shall be connected to the power lines in the city until the wiring has been approved by the inspector, who will remove the tag.

Penalty Attached
Failure to comply with this regulation and conviction for the failure carries with it a penalty of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00, or imprisonment in the city jail for one day for each \$2.00 of the fine not paid.

Both of these ordinances were passed as emergency measures and became effective upon their passage last Friday.

VALENTINE PARTY HELD AT DR. MORTENSEN HOME

The home of Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Mortensen was the scene of a family Valentine gathering last Thursday night. The guests consisted of immediate family relatives and a few specially invited guests. Dinner was served at a beautifully decorated table, and the group enjoyed cards and conversation following the meal.

MAN'S FINGER IS BROKEN IN ACCIDENT AT MILL

Bert Crowley was the victim of the third accident to be reported at the Booth-Kelly lumber mill during the month of February. He is suffering from a broken finger, which he received when it was jammed between two 2 by 8s which he was handling. He will lose several days from work as a consequence of the accident.

MANY ATTEND REBEKAH MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

About forty members were present Monday night for the regular social meeting of the Rebekah lodge. After the entertainment the group enjoyed ice cream and cake as refreshments.