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FIRST TALKIE SHOW OPENS HERE SUNDAY

Experts Work Day and Night to Assure Successful Opening; Curtain and Screen Painted; Other Improvements Made at Bell Theatre.

Sunday evening will mark the re-opening of the Bell Theatre as Springfield's first and only fully equipped all-talking theatre. Some delay was encountered in the shipment of the sound reproduction equipment from the factory in the east, but a crew of installation experts have been working night and day for the past few days to make sure that everything is in readiness for the presentation of a talking picture to an audience in Springfield for the first time.

Projection Room Quietly

The projection room has been rebuilt and padded with sound proof materials to prevent any noises from disturbing the reproduction of the sound. The machines have all been gone over very carefully and many of the worn parts have been replaced. A new silver screen has been purchased and this together with the careful repairing of the machine assures the people of this city the best reproduction possible.

More Improvements Planned

More alteration work, including the refinishing of the interior and the construction of an entirely new front are included in the plans for the Bell theatre, if the public patronage warrants, the operation of a talking house in Springfield.

BOY BREAKS HIS ARM TRYING 'CHUTE JUMP

LaVerne McPherson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud McPherson, has a broken arm, and has to carry it around in a sling while his comrades all smile to themselves and not infrequently openly when they pass him on the street. It all happened Tuesday in just a few minutes when LaVerne took a burlap sack and climbed to the top of the windmill at his home, jumped off, as he had seen several other parachute jumpers do. The sack proved to be a poor air 'chute and a sudden contact with the ground resulted in a broken arm.

COSTUME PARTY PLANNED FOR REBEKAH MEETING

Members of the Rebekahs decided Monday evening at the regular weekly session to have a costume party at their next meeting on Monday, March 3. Each member is expected to come dressed in some costume other than what he or she usually wears in public. Those who fail to dress up will have to pay a fine of 25 cents. A paper bag luncheon will be held during the evening following a short impromptu program at which time various members will be permitted to entertain the others.

STEEL SPLINTER TAKEN FROM MARCOLA MAN'S EYE

Otto Lydy, machine worker and repair man at the Fisher lumber company plant at Marcola, came to Springfield yesterday to have a steel splinter removed from his eye. The steel particle was lodged in his eye when he was operating a grinder at the repair shop. The eye was not seriously injured.

'Apologies' Upset Basketball Status

Springfield Boys Swamp Cottage Grove With Large Margin Here Friday.

Last week Springfield high school's basketball team was one place above the bottom in the comparative standing of teams in the class A high school league. She had won three games and lost five. On Friday evening she met and defeated Cottage Grove's high school team, and then, unexpectedly, Corvallis announced that they had been playing a man on their team who was 21 years old, without realizing that they were violating the rules of the league. Needless to say, they very humbly apologized to the teams they had played with and to the state association. About the same time comes information from the University high school that they too had been playing ineligible men and wanted to apologize.

Now Springfield school officials are wondering just where they stand in the comparative standings. We have played nine games. We have lost five and won four of them. We play Corvallis tomorrow night and it remains to be seen just what added strength the ousted player gave to their team. They have but little difficulty in defeating the local team here on their own floor this winter. But, says Principal Buell, the Springfield high school had two players on it whose eligibility was doubtful, and who were not permitted to play and thus jeopardize the result to any games played.

Speculate on Outcome

Of course nothing can be done about the games played with the two apologizing schools, but it is interesting to speculate a little as to just what the outcome of the series this winter would have been under other circumstances. Did Springfield lose three games because players who were not eligible were permitted to take part in basketball games, or would the result of the games have been unchanged?

One thing, at least, is certain, says W. E. Buell, and that is the Springfield team is going to make a determined effort to defeat Corvallis on their own floor Friday evening, and thus show the world that the final standing may have been different.

Defeat Cottage Grove

The local boys shot baskets Friday night in the game with Cottage Grove until they were worn out and still the timekeeper's whistle did not bark out the end of the fray. The locals had a total of 49 points to their opponents 9 when the game finally came to an end. This was the largest score that had been registered in any game this season in which the Springfield team was one of the participants.

The starting lineup and the scores made by each player follows:
Wright, F. 9 Squires, G. 8
Baell, F. 8 Morrison, G. 7
Ernsting, C. 14
Substitutes—Prochnow, 4.

Hall Visits City; Politics Simmer

Marshfield Man in Springfield Says Things Look Good; Norblad to Beat.

Charles Hall, of Marshfield, candidate for governor, was a visitor in Springfield last week-end to further his candidacy. "Things are going good," says Mr. Hall, who believes he will carry Portland even against Harry Corbett. He says the east side, where most of the people live, are not for Mr. Corbett. However, he only gives himself a margin of 500 or 600 votes, which is not a big lead in a center where one-third of the voting population of the state reside.

Observers of the political situation believe that Mr. Hall and Mr. Corbett both have Governor Norblad to beat, as it looks now that he has the edge. It is evident that the supporters of Mr. Hall are joined to try to interpret the relations of Mr. Norblad, as attorney, with the commercial fishing interests. We may have fish served to us quite freely in this campaign. However, Mr. Hall comes from Coos Bay where there are commercial fishermen, and it is said that he has their support.

The local political spot light so far has been turned on the three places for representatives in the legislature, Emmett Howard, the only incumbent, who expresses a desire to return, is in the race and certain elements in Eugene are preparing to "take his plate off the table." It is said, E. A. McCornack, Eugene banker, is a candidate who is regarded to have strength. Earl Hill, Cushman merchant, has announced himself, as also has Charles Emery, Eugene insurance agent. John Evans, Eugene realtor, and Elbert Bede, Cottage Grove editor, are also flirting with the notion of running.

Service men of the county are also in the mood to back a candidate to take the place of Lynn McCready, who says he does not choose to run again. Springfield, so far, is about the only community in the county that has no candidate for any office and before filing time closes there may be someone from here. Fred Walker, local mortician, is being mentioned for a legislative berth, but so far has made no announcement.

FORMER RESIDENTS HERE TO VISIT WITH DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rivett, of Lincoln, Nebraska, arrived in Springfield on Friday for an indefinite visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. P. Tyson. Mr. and Mrs. Rivett came to Springfield from Oakland, California, where they had been visiting a son, Jim Rivett and his family. After leaving Springfield, they plan to go to Salem, to see their son, Frank P. Rivett, and to Seattle to see another son, Floyd H. Rivett. They expect to be back at their home in Nebraska by May 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Rivett are former residents of Springfield, and visited here last in 1925.

ANNIVERSARY DATE IS OBSERVED HERE SUNDAY

The forty-sixth wedding anniversary, of Mr. and Mrs. John Ketels was the inspiration for a family dinner given at their home on Sunday afternoon. The son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ketels and their families Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Wintrey and Marian and Carl, of Eugene, and Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ketels, Jr., and Barbara Jane and John Lindsey were present for the dinner.

CENSUS BLANKS READY FOR ABSENT CITIZENS

Those people who know they are going to be away from their homes during the month of April when the federal census will be taken are requested to apply at the office of Joseph Coke, district supervisor in Eugene for census blanks which may be filled out before leaving. By this means a person may be counted in this city even though not present.

The census bureau has opened an office in the Hampton building at Sixth and Willamette streets, Eugene.

VOTERS MUST REGISTER TO VOTE AT PRIMARY

Registration of voters for the coming primary election was started in this city last week. Those who expect to vote in June must have registered at least 30 days before the election. No person can be sworn in at the polls, nor can anyone vote whose name is not on the poll book.

Creamery Opening Date to Be Soon

Refrigeration Rooms Nearing Completion; Some Equipment Here; More Coming

A definite date for the opening of the new creamery in Springfield will probably be set within the next ten days or two weeks, according to C. C. Griffin and Emory Pyle, operators of the local plant.

Crews of workmen have been busy repairing and altering the building for several weeks. The walls have all been plastered with a coat of fine cement in the inside, new windows have been put in the front of the building, it has been celled, and a very modern system of electric lighting has been installed.

Fine Refrigeration Plant

One of the finest refrigeration plants to be found in any creamery the size of this one has been installed. The installation includes the construction of three refrigeration rooms, two of them 9 feet by 12 feet, and one of them 12 by 12 feet.

The largest room will be used for storage of various products of the plant. It will be kept at a temperature of 36 degrees. One of the smaller rooms will house the ice-cream after it has been manufactured. This room will be kept at a temperature of 15 degrees below zero at all times. The third room will be the ice room, where ice for packing and other uses will be kept. The temperature will be just below freezing point.

Work Takes Time

The tedious work which is necessary to make perfect refrigeration without a great waste is responsible for the apparent slowness with which the work at the creamery is progressing. One must know something of the building of these rooms to fully appreciate the time involved. The walls of the rooms are all lined with cork. This cork comes in slabs three inches thick and about fifteen inches wide and three feet long. A tar and asphalt combination is used to glue the slabs together and to seal all the openings.

The walls of the ice-cream room are lined with eight inches of this cork. The ceiling has a coat of tar paper and three inches of the cork nailed to it. On top of all the rooms there is ten inches of ground cork to serve as an insulator. The walls of the other rooms which do not have to be kept as cool are six inches thick, in addition to the paper and boards.

Machinery Ready

A portion of the machinery has already been moved into the building. The other pieces have been ordered and are ready to be shipped just as soon as the men are ready to install it.

STUDENT GETS LETTER FROM GIRL IN GERMANY

Miss Dorothy Freese is the proud possessor of a letter from a girl in the eighth grade in one of the schools near Berlin, Germany.

About five weeks ago the student in the eighth grade at the Lincoln school wrote letters to students in various parts of the world, telling them of the climate, scenery and geography of this part of Oregon, and requesting that the person receiving the letter answer, telling the same things about the place where he or she lives.

The letters were sent to every continent, and the letter received by Dorothy Freese is the first response reported at the school. Others are expected.

The letter from Germany was written in very good English by a German girl who had been studying the English language for two years.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES AT HOME IN CORVALLIS

A message received here Monday by Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Eggmann told of the death at Corvallis Sunday of Mr. Leary Merry. His wife survives him. The couple are former residents of this city, having come here from Montana in 1912. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at Corvallis.

Portland People Here—Mrs. Sarah Cox and sons, Mr. and Mrs. John Cox, and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Cox, of Portland, spent the week end here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hari McPherson. Mrs. Sarah Cox will remain for an indefinite period with her daughter, Mrs. McPherson. The others returned to their homes on Monday.

Inman Flying Service Will Manage Airport

WRIGHT PLACES SECOND IN TEN MILE SKI RACE AT OBSIDIAN OUTING

Harry Wright, of Springfield, and Ed Thurston, of Eugene, the two intrepid sportsmen who a week ago last Sunday made the first crossing of the McKenzie pass this year, came into prominence again last Sunday at the Obsidian outing when they battled their way through a mountain storm to win first and second places in the ten mile cross country ski race, which was the major sport event of the day.

Thurston covered the course in one hour, 47 minutes and fifty seconds to win first place. Wright followed him across the finish line just 6 minutes later.

Fifty automobiles were taken eight miles above the Obsidian cabins on Sunday morning for the outing. Those present reported that it snowed all day on the pass and that almost a foot of new snow had fallen in the mountains.

MAN'S RIBS BROKEN WHEN TRAMWAY FAILS WITH LOAD OF LUMBER

C. E. Warner and William Taylor both narrowly escaped serious injury Saturday when the tramway at the Warner lumber mill near Fall Creek collapsed with a truck load of lumber carrying the two men with it.

Several of Warner's ribs were broken and he received other less serious injuries. Taylor had one leg injured and was otherwise bruised by the fall. A local physician treated both of the men shortly after the accident.

SCHOOL BOYS WILL MAKE SURVEY FOR LEADER

The eighth grade boys at the Lincoln school will begin a house to house survey of the area included in school district 19 this afternoon, to secure information which has been requested by Arnold D. Collier, Lane county boys and girls club leader.

The blanks which each family will be asked to fill out requests the following information: name and address of head of house; number of children; number in school; occupation; and whether or not the family has a radio, piano, organ, telephone, and if radio stations KORE and KOAC can both be received.

Laurence Moffitt, principal at the Lincoln school, asks that the people cooperate with the boys in giving them this information, as it is needed by Mr. Collier in his club work and in planning the programs which are frequently broadcast in their behalf.

CAR GOES INTO DITCH; TWO WOMEN ARE INURED

Dorothy Lawrence, of 83, Larkin court, Portland, and a woman companion were both treated at a local doctor's office on Monday afternoon for minor injuries which they received when the automobile which they were driving left the road and went into the ditch near Mamma's Cabin at Judkins Point.

An examination revealed that the injuries were not serious and after a short rest the women started again on their way to Portland.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TO HAVE SPECIAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Miss Barbara Barnell will play a group of xylophone solos at the Sunday school hour at the Methodist church next Sunday morning. She will be accompanied by Florence May at the piano. The newly formed Sunday school orchestra will also be present and will play several numbers under the direction of Ernest McKinney.

BOOTH-KELLY PLANTS CLOSED FOR TWO WEEKS

The Booth-Kelly lumber mills at Springfield and Wendling were both closed down Saturday night due to the bad market conditions. The notice was posted at the local mill and signed by O. H. Jarrett, superintendent, stating that the mill would be closed down until March 10, unless market conditions improve. All work in the several camps at Wendling has been temporarily suspended.

Lion Aircraft Factory to be Moved to Springfield and Buildings Will be Erected; Eckerson Permit is Revoked by Council.

The management of the Springfield airport was turned over to the Lee Inman Flying School and the contract of the Eckerson Flying service was revoked at a meeting of the city council Tuesday evening. Action of the council was taken on recommendation of the joint airport committee which had notified Major G. H. Eckerson two weeks previous that unless he complied with the contract terms it would be terminated.

To Build Airplanes

Under the direction of Mr. Inman, who is also head of the Lion Aircraft company of Eugene, an expansion program will be carried out at the Springfield port. Plans of Mr. Inman are to build two new hangars, enlarge the office building and erect a large factory building for the construction of airplanes. He will also install a complete machine shop for repairing planes, which will be the only like service between Portland and Medford.

Have 28 Students

The new management, which has been operating on a private field west of Eugene, has been the most successful of any which has attempted to put over flying as a business in this section. They have not only built four planes and have two more under construction, but have 28 students at the present time under instruction. All planes, equipment and students are being transferred to the Springfield port for operation there.

The Springfield airport committee will undertake improvement of the runways on the field within the next few weeks. A standard 3500-foot runway will be laid out and gravelled and some better drainage will be installed in part of the field with tile.

All Pilots to Have Privileges

With the turning over of the field to the Inman Flying school a new policy will be in force at the Springfield airport, which is consistent with the practice in other parts of the country. No aviators will be subsidized to operate here but all will pay for the privilege. Mr. Inman will pay 15 per cent of his passenger carrying revenue to the city, which will in turn use the money to develop the airport. The exclusive flying school and service rights on the field are granted to him, but any pilot may carry passengers from the field on payment of fees. He will also be the city agent on the field and will make rules for the conduct of all planes with the supervision of the council.

Under the rules of the field any pilot may land and take off there and will be granted space to build hangars. Planes in transit may take on or discharge passengers, and all privileges will be allowed every pilot with the exception of training students. It is felt that by this method that in practice Springfield airport will be more nearly a municipal undertaking and will begin to pay its own way.

While the Springfield airport committee have great regard for Major Eckerson as a flyer, it was felt that he could not properly manage the port here with Medford demanding practically all his time to fulfil his contract in that city.

THREE ATTEND MEETING AT GROVE CITY MONDAY

Three Springfield people were present at the Camp Meeting commission of the Methodist church at Cottage Grove on Monday afternoon. They were Rev. C. J. Pike, Dr. W. H. Polard, and Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah. The next meeting of the commission will be held at the local church on March 10.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MAKES RUN TO SMALL FLUE FIRE

The local fire department truck answered a call last Saturday at about 10:00 a. m. to extinguish a flue fire in a residence in the Stewart addition at the corner of 18th and Main streets. No damage was done to the building, according to Jesse Smtson, fire chief.

Returns to Portland—Mrs. Joe Lemmon returned to her home in Portland on Sunday, after having spent a week with her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. John Wisenreid, in this city.

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