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BASEBALL SEASON TO OPEN APRIL 11

Eight Games for Local Team Listed on Schedule Drawn at Eugene; Another Cup Offered to Champions; Girls to Have Kittenball Team.

The Pleasant Hill high school baseball team has been selected as the opponents for the local team in the opening game of the season to be played at Pleasant Hill on Friday, April 11.

The complete schedule for the Lane County Baseball League was drawn up last Saturday at a meeting in Eugene which was attended by Cotter Gould, the new Springfield coach, and the coaches from each of the other schools in the county having a baseball team this spring. Eight games are listed for the local team, and efforts are now being made to secure that many more during the season with other schools which are not entered in the league.

Loving Cup Offered
Another loving cup is being offered again this year by the Hendershott's Sporting Goods store in Eugene to the championship team of the league. A similar cup was offered last year and is now in the permanent possession of the local high school, which led all teams in the county at the close of the season last spring.

With twenty prospective players now out practicing each evening after school, and with six of the first string nine of last season included in the group, all indications are that the local team will be successful in an effort to again capture the county championship.

Hersey Tomseth, Lloyd Mattison, Freeman Squires, John Lynch, Ralph Cole and Donald Bettis are the six veterans turning out. All but one of them won letters last year when they were members of Leonard Mayfield's winning team.

Girls to Have Team
The high school girls are also to start their kittenball practice this week. The team is being coached by W. E. Buell, principal, and he has almost twenty girls turning out each evening. Buell has coached several championship teams, and says that the material he now has is as good or better than one usually finds in a high school group. The girls are good batters and need only a little practice in catching and studying of the rules. He is attempting to arrange for games with the girl teams at Vida, Marcola, Coburg and Pleasant Hill. The first game will probably be played at Pleasant Hill on the same day with the boys' game, although this has not been finally decided upon.

Springfield Schedule
The following games have been scheduled for the local team: April 11, Pleasant Hill, there; April 22, University high school, here; April 25, Eugene high, here; May 2, Cottage Grove, there; May 9, University high, there; May 13, Eugene high, there; May 16, Cottage Grove, there; May 23, Pleasant Hill, here.
Spring football practice at the high school was concluded last week. Indications are that the team next fall will be equally as good as the one last fall. Many new men were out seeking positions and several good ones are coming up from the grade schools, according to Buell.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES AT NEWPORT YESTERDAY

Mrs. A. D. Ruddimann died at her home at Newport early Wednesday morning. She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Marjorie; and one son, Orval J. Howard, of Eugene.

The funeral services will be held at Newport Friday afternoon, and the body shipped to Springfield for interment in the Laurel Grove cemetery on Saturday. The members of the Springfield lodge of the Neighbors of Woodcraft will have charge of the services at the cemetery.

Mrs. Ruddimann is a former Springfield resident. She was operating a novelty store at Newport at the time of her death.

Bridge Removal Awaits Low Water
Work of dismantling the old Springfield bridge will not be started until the water level in the Willamette river has reached its low stage, according to O. N. Pierce, who has been awarded the contract for the work. The steel will be refabricated and later used in another bridge over the Willamette one mile west of Creswell.

MUSIC ORGANIZATIONS MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR CONCERTS SOON

A joint concert by the combined glee clubs and orchestra at the high school is being planned for the second week in April by Ernest McKinney, director of music at the high school. The program will be given in the high school auditorium and a small admission charge will be made to raise funds to defray expenses of sending entrants to the State Music Tournament at Forest Grove the latter part of April.

The local high school has won several honors in the past music contests and expects to garner more this spring. Last spring the girls' quartet won second place in the state tournament at Forest Grove and the year before that the boys' quartet won a loving cup at the Eugene Music Fest.

BUSS CAFE TAKEN OVER BY ELITE HOTEL PEOPLE

The Buss cafe, recently reopened by Mr. and Mrs. William Collins, has been taken over by Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brewer, proprietors of the Elite hotel. The cafe will serve as a dining room for the hotel and will continue to be operated by Mr. and Mrs. Collins, according to Mr. Brewer.

Mr. Brewer announces that he plans to conduct a first class dining room and will be prepared to give room and board together. He will also cater to the people of the town with a good restaurant service, he says.

WOODCRAFT GUARDS ARE ENTERTAINED MONDAY

Miss Melba Mellons entertained the members of the Neighbors of Woodcraft guard at a St. Patrick's party at her home on Monday evening. The guests were dressed in costume and the rooms were decorated appropriately for the occasion. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess at a late hour at tables decorated with green.

The guests were Mary Ernest, Josephine Chase, Nellie Heltbrand, Barbara Adams, Stella Eaton, and Hazel Burnett. Miss Mellons is the captain of the N. O. W. team.

CHILD BORN ON MONDAY SETS WEIGHT RECORD

Mr. and Mrs. John Downing, of Marcola, are the parents of the largest child to be born at the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene. The newcomer is a boy and weighed thirteen and nine-tenths pounds when born early Monday morning, March 17, 1930. The father, who is of Irish descent, was very happy with his St. Patrick's day present. This was their first child.

CLOTH IS ALL GONE SO WOMAN SEWS HER FINGER

Mrs. S. E. Bettis did not have quite enough cloth to finish the article she was making on her sewing machine last Thursday so she used part of her finger. At least that was the explanation given by her when she appeared at a local physician's office with a part of a sewing machine needle embedded in her finger. It was necessary to cut the finger in order to remove the needle, which had broken off just above the eye.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HAS PARTY ON TUESDAY

The Friends class of the Springfield Christian church was entertained at a party at the church social rooms Tuesday evening by Miss Beale Ritter, teacher of the class, who is a student at the Eugene Bible university. The St. Patrick's idea was carried out both in the refreshments and in the games and entertainment. A short program of music and readings was presented and then a social time was enjoyed under the direction of Miss DeLillian Olson, a member of the class.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GET TWO DAYS VACATION

Students at the Springfield high school are enjoying a spring vacation today and tomorrow. The two days vacation is being taken at this time to make the final day of school fall on a week-end instead of in the middle of the week. The annual commencement exercises will be held at the high school on Friday, June 6, according to W. E. Buell, principal. The grade schools are not taking the two days' vacation at this time.

Oswald Thiel Is Awarded Medal

Prominent People Gather to Honor Youth Who Saved His Father's Life.

A large group of people from various parts of the state and about 60 Boy Scouts from Lane county gathered at the high school on Monday evening to honor a 16 year old youth and a fellow scout member who last spring, when only 15, found his father after he had been rendered unconscious by an electric shock, and by the knowledge he had gained as a member of the Coburg troop of Boy Scouts, had been able to resuscitate him.

Oswald Thiel was fittingly honored and presented with a bronze medal awarded by the president of the National Safety Council for his quick thinking and actions.

Prominent Men on Program

Among the people on the program which was presided over by Mayor W. P. Tyson, was Z. E. Merrill, assistant general manager of the Mountain States Power company, who made the address of the evening. Others were O. F. Stafford, member of the Lane County Council of the Boy Scouts, E. E. Martin, safety engineer for the Booth-Kelly company, and H. H. Herdan, president of the Columbia basin district of the National Safety Council, who presented the medal to the youth after he had been escorted to the platform by a honor guard of Scouts. The Scout drum corps from Cottage Grove played during the marching to the stage and return.

Danks Received a Medal

L. E. Danks was also introduced to the audience as another person who had received this medal, which is awarded only to persons who actually save people's lives by means of resuscitation.

A large number of people from the Albany office of the power company, as well as many others from various parts of Lane county, were present.

Mrs. W. K. Barnell sang a solo and was accompanied by her daughter, Barbara. The high school orchestra, under the direction of Ernest McKinney, played two numbers and the audience sang America at the opening of the meeting.

LANE PIONEER PASSES AT WEST SPRINGFIELD

James M. Puckett, Lane county pioneer, died at his home at West Springfield yesterday morning at the age of 72 years. He came to Oregon from Illinois in 1881 and settled at Portland, from where he moved to West Springfield a few years later. He has lived there continuously with the exception of a few months spent in Washington.

He was born in Illinois on July 14, 1857, and is survived by his wife; three sons, William A., of Oregon City; Ray, of Boston; and Wayne, of The Dalles; one daughter, Mrs. Dena Archambeau, of Eugene; three sisters, Mrs. John Hall, of Oakland, California; Mrs. Etta Benson, Ponca City, Oklahoma; and one other sister in the same state; one brother, Charles, at Glenwood, California.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon from the Brandstetter chapel in Eugene. Rev. Earl S. Childers will officiate and the interment will be made in the new I. O. O. F. cemetery.

MEMBERS OF CARD CLUB ENTERTAINED ON FRIDAY

Members of the Five Hundred club were guests at a party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Welby Stevens last Friday evening. Mrs. Maude Bryan and Miss Chystal Bryan were the assistant hostesses.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dawson, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Rehban, Dr. and Mrs. Carl Phetteplace, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adrian, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. DePue, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Larimer, Mrs. Bert Vincent and the hostesses.

Rebekahs Have Party Monday

The members of the Rebekah lodge held their monthly social gathering Monday evening following their regular business session. The party was a St. Patrick's affair and appropriate decorations were displayed.

Leaving for San Francisco

Mrs. Welby Stevens and Mrs. Bea Gay will leave Springfield today for a ten day vacation trip to San Francisco and nearby points.

New Air Secretary



Clarence M. Young, of Des Moines, Ia., former director of the Bureau of Aeronautics of the Department of Commerce, has succeeded William P. MacCracken, Jr., as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for the Air.

RODENBOUGH GARAGE IS MOVING TO NEW LOCATION ON FIFTH

Paul Garboden, mechanic at the Rodenbough garage has purchased an interest in the business, according to an announcement made this week by Archie Davis and William Rodenbough, the other proprietors.

The business is being enlarged with the moving of the garage to the former Ford agency building and a storage department will be a new feature of the garage.

A battery department will be maintained in a special room constructed for that purpose and much new mechanical equipment is being bought in keeping with the expansion program.

The large Neon sign now hanging in front of the garage will be moved and suspended over the intersection of Fifth and Main streets.

MILK, BUTTER, ICE, AND ICE CREAM WILL BE MANUFACTURED HERE

Milk, butter and ice cream will be the principal products manufactured at the Springfield creamery when it opens for business in the near future, according to Griffin and Pyle, managers. Loyal people have indicated that they will give full cooperation to the new enterprise, which dairy experts have pronounced to be one of the best equipped plants in this part of the state.

A full city milk delivery will be inaugurated with the opening of the plant, and only the best quality of milk, both raw and pasteurized, will be sold. An ice machine, with a capacity of 8,000 pounds of ice per day will be a part of the equipment, and all local people will be given an opportunity to buy their ice made in Springfield.

W. C. WRIGHT HOME SCENE OF LARGE PARTY ON MONDAY EVENING

One of the largest parties of the spring season was held Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wright. The house was decorated with the St. Patrick colors and the bridge tables were all named after cities in Ireland. The partners for bridge were selected by means of an Irish guessing game.

The high prize for ladies was won by Mrs. C. H. Phetteplace, while Guy Wright took the honors for the men. Stewart Hurd won the consolation prize.

The guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Levi Neet, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Ward, Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Dow, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Rehban, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Phetteplace, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Flanery, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henderer, Mrs. J. C. McMurray, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Swarts, Mr. and Mrs. Larson Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Hurd, and Harry Wright, all of Springfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bartholomy, of Eugene.

AGED RESIDENT HAS 92nd BIRTHDAY TODAY

Ephriam B. Kester is observing his 92nd birthday today by calling on his friends about town. Advanced age has not been cruel to Mr. Kester. He was out digging around and planting seed in his garden the first part of the week.

Mr. Kester was born in Indiana and lived in Washington for some time before coming to Springfield, where he was at one time a watch repairer. His three children all live in Springfield.

Eugene Airport in Bad Place, Rehban

Says That City Might Better Cooperate in Springfield Airport Development.

Eugene might better cooperate with Springfield in developing a Class A airport than to expend large sums money developing a poor location at her own municipal port, is expressed in a statement by Dr. W. C. Rehban, chairman of the local airport committee, today. His statement was concerning an article published in this morning's Register. It follows:

"We note that the Register is trying to arouse the same 'old fight' between the two cities in trying to induce Eugene to spend a lot of money on her municipal airport. So far as Springfield is concerned, she did not start and is not now developing an airport with the thought of entering into competition with Eugene. If this airplane business grows to what we all think it will, there will be room for several airports in this part of Oregon.

"Eugene should have a Class 'A' airport, but the people of that city should understand that conditions surrounding an airport govern the classifications as well as the improvement. No matter how much money Eugene spends on her present location it is doubtful if she can ever have a Class 'A' port, because the hills and high ground close into the port on the prevailing wind side. A good airport can't be developed in a hole in the ground.

Springfield Location Better
"Eugene, we believe, would be wiser to secure another location on the Pacific highway or in the Coburg vicinity, or abandon her present port and cooperate with Springfield in developing the one on the Eugene owned land here. Talk nor money will not remove the hills surrounding Eugene's municipal port, and the fact will always remain that the straight air line lies considerably east of Eugene, and is so recognized by the federal government in erecting the beacon light at Springfield.

"Eugene pioneered municipal airports in that part of Oregon, and like pioneers in other lines is paying the penalty, because of the lack of sufficient knowledge in the early stages. She should now canvass the situation well before spending a lot of money on her present location. We have heard a good many pilots express themselves about the hills and bad air currents surrounding the Eugene airport."

PRINCIPALS RE-ELECTED FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

The three principals of the Springfield schools were re-elected last night at a meeting of the school board. They are W. E. Buell, high school; G. B. Wood, Brattain school; and Laurence Moffitt, Lincoln school.

The teachers in the various schools for next year will be selected at another meeting of the school board on Monday evening, according to William G. Hughes, clerk.

ROBERT KIZER FUNERAL HELD HERE YESTERDAY

Funeral services for Robert Kizer, who took his life in Los Angeles last week end, were held yesterday from the Walker-Poole chapel. Rev. C. J. Ejke officiated and interment was made in the Alford cemetery near Harrisburg.

Surviving Mr. Kizer are his parents Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Kizer, one daughter, Margaret, a son, three sisters, Mrs. Grace King, Salem; Mrs. Ada Hulbutt, and Mrs. Florence Dunbar, both of Globe; and one brother, Roy, who was in California at the time of his death and who brought the body here early Wednesday morning.

Takes Over Service Station

Frank Sharrow took over the Springfield service station at the corner of Fifth and Main streets on Monday from E. E. Fraedrick, who has operated the plant for several years. The Fraedrick family will continue to reside in Springfield for some time.

Needlecraft Club to Meet

The regular social meeting of the Needlecraft Club will be held this afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. H. Pollard. Assisting her as hostess is Mrs. Harry M. Stewart.

Son Born—Mr. and Mrs. Merle Chase, rural route 2, are parents of a son born to them at the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene on Wednesday, March 19, 1930.

FIRST GLIDER CLUB IS FORMED IN CITY

Inman Flying School to Purchase Glider for Club and will Build Others; Runways Graded and Smoothed; Class A-3 Rating Sought.

The first active glider club in the state of Oregon is now in the process of organization in Springfield. It is formed here in conjunction with the Lee Inman school of flying and will be supervised by them.

One new glider will be purchased within the near future so that the club can get started flying at once and later gliders will be built at the aviation school.

Lions to Hear Plans

The glider club plan will be presented to the members of the Lions club at their meeting tomorrow noon and final organization work will be perfected shortly after that date.

The club is open to anyone, states Lee Inman, director of the school and leader in the organization of the glider club. The only requirements are set forth in a few simple rules, which are printed on a membership card. This card entitles a person to a life membership in the club, which is known as the Lee Inman School of Flying Glider Club of Springfield, Oregon.

Membership Cost Low

The cost of membership is very moderate. One rule requires that each member shall take one hour's instruction in the air in a powered ship. A low tuition fee is charged at the time the card is given out and dues of \$2.00 per month are all the costs connected with membership in the club.

The glider will be shot into the air with a long rubber rope and it will be up to the pilot to keep it in the air, says Inman. Each member will have to sign up in advance to be eligible to take the glider out on the field for flying.

Fees Used for Club Equipment

All funds received other than that paid into the school for instruction in the powered ship will be used to keep the school supplied with gliders and other necessary equipment.

Plans have been drawn for the first unit of the new buildings to be erected at the flying school and actual construction work is expected to be started very soon. The first building will be 40 by 60 feet, and will have an all-metal roof.

It was also announced at the airport this week that the Standard Oil company has offered to paint all of the buildings at the field in red, white and blue colors as fast as they are completed. Their products are being used at the school.

Wet Weather Runway Started

Smoothing and gravel surfacing of a wet weather runway was started this week at the Springfield airport. The new runway is a diagonal and extends in the direction of the prevailing wind over the field. While it will not be needed this summer the airport committee is now going ahead with plans to develop a year round airport.

The level and sandy character of the ground on the Springfield port makes it possible to land or take off in any direction in dry weather. For this reason the Springfield port will never need the attention that many airports have given their runways. It is necessary to have two grveled runways to take care of the heavier ships in winter when it is muddy, however.

Class A-3 Rating Sought

Work that is being done now is expected to give the Springfield port a class "A-3" rating. Conditions surrounding the port are ideal for class A and with 2500 foot runways in six directions and a 1500 foot runway in two other directions the field complies with the ground specifications for such a government rating.

The airport committee met Monday evening and made plans for the development work to go ahead.

SERMON TOPIC LISTED FOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

"Christian Salesmanship" will be the sermon topic at the Christian church. There will be special music. Charles Rivett will provide special music for the Sunday school hour at 9:45. The Christian Endeavor will hold at their regular meeting in the evening at 8:30. The choir will provide special music for the evening service at 7:30.