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## NEW AUTO CAMP RISES NEAR CITY

Modern Auto Camp Under Construction Near Overhead Crossing South of City; Tourist Business Continues Good Despite Business Inactivity.

A new and completely modern auto camp is now under construction about one mile south of this city on the Pacific highway on the left hand side of the road as one approaches the overhead railroad crossing. Rumors which are circulating also state that certain parties are seriously considering the building of another camp just across the road from this one.

The new camp is being built by A. B. Loud and P. M. Manatt who have formed a stock company. It will be under the actual management of Mr. Manatt who has recently moved from southern California where he has been actively interested in resort hotel work in the Death Valley section of the state.

Ten cabins are now nearing completion and are expected to be finished within two weeks. Twenty more will be built later back of the first section and facing the Willamette river which flows along the east edge of the camp grounds. An administration building has been completed and a modern service station will be installed before the opening of the camp which is expected to take place about the middle of July.

### Bathing and Dancing Planned

Special attractions for swimming parties from Springfield and Eugene are being planned at the camp. The first step in this direction is the building of a modern bath house and the cleaning of the river edge to make an attractive swimming spot. The men also plan on building a dance floor on top of the bath house and having open air dances at least once a week.

The cabins are being built in units of two with a grass boulevard in front of each unit and a double garage for each set of cabins. In this way each of the units can be filled and then there will be no further noise of cars running back and forth to disturb the travelers after they have retired.

Each cabin is being equipped with hot and cold running water and with a shower bath and a running water toilet. The outside of the cabins have the appearance of a log cabin. This has been obtained by the use of two by sixes which have been rounded with a special blade, for siding.

### Tourist Business Good

The automobile tourist business is one enterprise which is not seriously feeling the present slump in business activity which is being felt over all of the states in the opinion of camp operators along the Pacific highway south of Springfield. Most of the camp owners in his vicinity report business as being on a par with last season.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edwards who operate the Midway camp were not here last year and they commented that the early travelers this year were nearly all people looking for employment or for change of location, not being satisfied with their present work. Since schools have been closed there has been a great increase in the amount of tourists.

Mr. Manatt checked the automobiles on the highway about a month ago and found that only 60 per cent of them were Oregon cars and that 25 per cent were from California and 15 per cent were from other states. The percentage of California cars has been increasing daily now, he states.

The presence of the many California tourists is explained by Mr. Manatt as being due to the large number of people who are working for moderate salaries in offices in that state and who at the same time are given short vacations each year. These people, he says do not stop at the California resorts as they are too expensive, but rather go north to the scenic spots of Oregon and Washington. These people, he also believes, will take their vacations this year regardless of the financial status of the country.

### Scientists Stop at Camps

One of the interesting things at the tourist camps right now is the fact that all of them are entertaining many of the prominent scientists of the Pacific coast who are meeting in Eugene. They declare that they would rather stay in camps while on their trips than in first class hotels.

The regular meeting of the Mother's club which was to have been held at the home of Mrs. W. N. Dow on Monday evening has been postponed until June 30, at which time the meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Clayton Barber.

Miss Mary Richmond, sister of Sam Richmond, passed away at her home at Thornville, Ohio, on Tuesday of last week. Word of her death was received here on Saturday by her brother.

## Hamlin Talks To South America

First South American Phone Conversation in District Heard Here Tuesday

To F. B. Hamlin, postmaster of Springfield, goes the honor of carrying on the first radio-telephone conversation between this city and Buenos Aires, Argentine. His son, John N. Hamlin, who is secretary to the American legation in Buenos Aires had just received word of his mother's death on Saturday, May 31, and desiring to know more details placed the call, the connections for which completed at about 8:30 Tuesday morning.

The telephone conversation was carried over a special radio connection of the telephone company from Buenos Aires to New York and then sent over a direct wire to San Francisco and on to Medford where it was stepped up and sent on to Eugene and Springfield. It took ten minutes to make the connection after the local office had been notified that a call was coming from the South American country.

The voice was clear, stated Mr. Hamlin after the conversation, but was slightly distorted. This he attributed to the change from the radio to the telephone wire at New York.

This was the first long distance call from this country to be received at either the Eugene or local office.

Telephone communication between the two countries was inaugurated on April 2, for the first time when President Hoover and the chief executives of Chile and Uruguay carried on conversations. The human voice travels between the two continents in a fraction of a second, whereas it takes nine days for a letter to reach Buenos Aires from this city when sent by Air Mail.

The South American service is now available between the hours of 6:00 A. M. and 2:00 P. M. Pacific time. The rate from all points on the Pacific coast to points in the province of Buenos Aires is \$48 for the first three minutes and \$16 for each additional minute. An extra charge of \$1.20 is made for calls to the second South American zone which includes the remainder of Argentine and Montevideo. Calls farther south in Chile and Santiago are charge an extra toll of \$3.00.

## JOINT GRADUATION DAY POSTPONED TO TUESDAY

The joint promotion day exercises of the Lane county schools which was to have been held here at McArthur court, Eugene, Monday, has been postponed until Tuesday, June 24, starting at 2:30 o'clock. The change was made necessary by the fact that Monday, June 16, was election day in most school districts, and also that the University commencement was being held in the building the morning of the same day.

All eighth grade, and high school graduates will receive their diplomas at the meeting next Tuesday.

## CRACKED SIDEWALKS ARE BEING REPAIRED NOW

Workmen are busy this week with pickaxes breaking up and removing much of the old sidewalks on Main street. The water seeped down thru the cracks last winter and when the hard freeze came it cracked the walk. New concrete will be poured later in the week.

A poor grade of concrete was used in these strips at the time ornamental lights were installed. This is now being replaced by the Mountain States Power company.

## LOCAL PEOPLE ATTEND RICKARD FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Budd McPherson, route 1, motored to Benton-Lane park on Sunday to attend the annual reunion meeting of the Rickard family, which is one of the oldest pioneer families in this state.

Mrs. McPherson is a granddaughter of Casper Rickard, the oldest one of the four brothers that crossed the plains in the early fifties in a wagon train. She is also the daughter of Mrs. Amanda (Rickard) Calvert, who was born in a log cabin about five miles north of Monroe on the old Rickard donation claim.

### Sister Dies in Ohio

Miss Mary Richmond, sister of Sam Richmond, passed away at her home at Thornville, Ohio, on Tuesday of last week. Word of her death was received here on Saturday by her brother.

## New Serial's Author



Elizabeth Jordan, famous woman writer, whose serial "Miss Nobody of Nowhere" will be published in this paper.

## LARGE LIQUOR SUPPLY TAKEN THURSDAY WITH MATT SIMON ARREST

It is a rather futile life which Matt Simon is leading now that he has once been caught and found guilty of possession of a large quantity of liquor. He spent a part of Thursday and all of Friday and Saturday nights and a part of Sunday in the city jail before he was able to raise sufficient funds, \$200, to secure his release from custody and to settle the fine levied upon him for violation of the law. But this seemingly didn't end his troubles, because as soon as Lane county sheriff's men heard that the man had been released from the city jail they hurried over and arrested him on a charge of setting up and operating a still.

Four trips to Simon's home which is on Eighteenth street were necessary before Lum Anderson and Fred Hinson, police officials could get their man. Three trips at intervals during the day proved futile so the men decided to wait after the fourth trip and took their man after 11 o'clock.

Simon, who is 63 years old and who is a widower, was living alone in the house. Among the confiscated goods were 20 gallons of prune mash which was almost ready to bottle; 120 bottles of beer, one 15 gallon oak keg of dandelion wine, and a five gallon glass container which had two and one-half gallons of wine in it.

The still was not found until Friday morning when the officers made another search of the house. They could find nothing until they had opened a trap door in the kitchen which apparently led to a five foot pool of water, but which upon investigation proved to be a blind and on a camouflaged ledge was found a complete still. It was necessary to crawl over rotten potatoes and other equally repugnant materials before the contrivance could be removed.

## MARY J. ROBERTS DIES AT WENDLING ON MONDAY

Miss Mary J. Roberts, former city librarian and a resident of Springfield since 1893 died at the home of her nephew at Wendling on Monday morning at the age 68 years.

She was born near Junction City on January 26, 1862, and lived there until she moved to Lebanon where the family home was kept for the next 20 years until they moved to Springfield.

While in Springfield, Miss Roberts served as city librarian for fifteen years and was very active in civic work. Her health began failing her some time ago, but she did not give up until last July when she resigned her library position and moved to Wendling.

She was a member of the Methodist church, of the Springfield Rebekah lodge and of the Women of Woodcraft of Eugene.

Surviving her are her two brothers, Finley Roberts, Wendling, and Grant S. Roberts of Springfield; and one sister, Mrs. Susan E. Nickerson of Chehalis, Washington.

The funeral service was held Wednesday from the Walker-Poole chapel with Rev. C. J. Pike, pastor of the Methodist church officiating. Interment was made in the Laurel Grove cemetery. The Rebekah lodge had charge of the graveside service.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS FATHERS' DAY PROGRAM

A special Father's day program was given at the Christian church last Sunday during the regular Sunday school hour. It consisted of a reading, "A Good Word for Dad," by Frank Anderson; a song by Mrs. Dallas Murphy and the Sunbeam Sunday school class; reading, "The Origin of Father's Day" by Lela Peterson; and a song, "I Am Far From Home," by the Nuroby-Moshier quartet.

## Bible Program to Be Given Tonight

Class in Expression and Dramatics to Present Group of Songs and Dramatizations

One of the most interesting and realistic Biblical programs ever held in Springfield will be offered by the night at the Methodist church by the pupils of Miss Era Dell Murphy, who has been conducting a Bible Expression and Dramatic class of 35 girls for the past two weeks.

The program will consist of songs with pantomime and playlets which give the members of the class an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned during the school period which began on Monday, June 9, and which ends with the program tonight.

Due to conflicting dates it has been necessary to shift the date of the programs from Friday to Thursday.

The complete program which will be given tonight follows:

Play, "The Garden of the Heart," Junior and Intermediate girls.

Song, "Blow Bugle Blow," pantomimed and read by Senior girls: "Emotions With Music," by the entire group.

Song, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," to be sung and pantomimed. Piano solo, selected, Vernice Hawke.

Dramatization, "The Parables of the Ten Virgins," depicting the wedding scene as in Bible times; by the entire group.

Patriotic Studies With the Flag, Senior girls, Junior girls assisting.

The admission will be twenty-five cents and tickets are now being sold by the students in the class, and may be purchased at the church.

All of the program will be given by girls from 8 to 18 years old and they will be dressed in costumes representative of the Biblical period.

The class is composed of children from each of the three Protestant churches in Springfield which are co-operating in the work. Regular class work has been carried on during the morning hours only each day.

On Wednesday they brought their lunches and pictures of the children in their costumes were taken. They also held their dress rehearsal at that time.

Miss Murphy will leave for Seattle on Friday morning where she will conduct a similar school.

## BROTHERHOOD PICNIC TO BE HELD FRIDAY

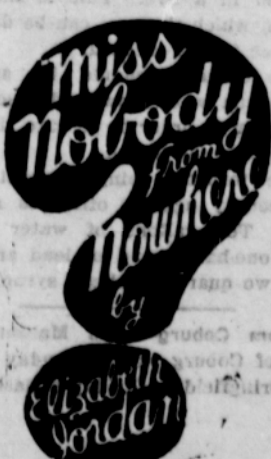
Committees are now busy making final plans for the annual Brotherhood picnic of the Methodist church which is to be held at Swimmers' Delight tomorrow afternoon. A program of sports will provide entertainment for the people attending.

Dr. W. H. Pollard is chairman of the cats committee. Other members are Charles Poole, Frank Bartholomew, and R. L. Drury. Ice cream, meat, and butter will be furnished by the men who invite all members of the church to bring their lunch baskets and come with them.

A committee consisting of Wm. G. Hughes and L. L. May will provide transportation to the park and return. All those who have no way of getting to the resort are asked to meet at the Methodist church at 3:00 o'clock. Supper will be served at 6:30 according to the cats committee.

Entertains at Dinner—Miss Evelyn Walker entertained the Misses Margaret and Kathryn Hemenway at dinner Saturday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walker. Miss Walker left Sunday for Monmouth where she will attend the summer sessions of the Oregon Normal School. She will teach at Mineral, Oregon, this fall.

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## BARBER ELECTED CLERK IN MONDAY ELECTION FLANERY NEW DIRECTOR

Two hundred and sixty-one voters cast their ballots for Floyd Flanery and elected him school director at the annual election held on Monday. Clayton Barber won the clerkship from Wm. G. Hughes by a vote of 185 to 99. No changes have been made in the personnel of the board yet. The board met immediately after the election Monday evening to officially canvass the ballots and will meet again, probably the first week in July to consider the annual report of the clerk and the reorganization of the board.

## SCIENTISTS WILL VISIT HIGH CASCADE REGIONS

Springfield and vicinity will be the scene of several interesting inspection trips during the week-end by members of the scientific congress which is now in session at the University. Thursday morning the members will visit the fossil beds south of Springfield along the Pacific highway. In the afternoon they will visit the state game farm north of the city and later make an inspection tour of the Booth-Kelly sawmill in this city.

A trip to the new power plant at Leaburg will be made on Friday. The state fish hatchery will also be visited on this trip.

Saturday morning a trip to the Cascade national forest will be made and interesting geological structures will be shown the visiting instructors. Later in the afternoon a group will be taken to the Middle Sister and a climb to the summit will be made on Sunday under the leadership of the members of the Kiwanis club.

## MANY ATTEND MISSION MEETING HERE FRIDAY

A large audience attended the meeting of the Women's Missionary society of the Christian church last Friday evening. The program consisted of a review of the Mission book "The Mountain of Snow," by Mr. N. L. Polard and Mrs. Herbert Moon; a vocal duet by Mrs. Dallas Murphy and Mrs. Roland Mosier entitled, "The Dear Old Story"; a comic playlet by two Eugene women; and a reading, "When I Meet Him Face to Face," by Mrs. Lum F. Anderson.

A silver tea was held following the meeting which was attended by the husbands of the members. This served the place of the usual refreshments.

## LIONS CLUB MEETING HELD FRIDAY EVENING

Members of the Lions club and their wives were entertained Friday evening at a dinner served by the cooking club of the Christian church which has charge of the preparation of the weekly noon luncheons of the Lions club. S. S. George, state commander of the American Legion, was the principal speaker at the meeting. Other numbers on the program were a bass solo by Gerald Morrison, accompanied by Winifred Tyson; a reading by Era Dell Murphy; and a report of the recent state convention by W. F. Walker, Jonn Hendered, Henry Adrian, and Clifford Wilson.

## MAN FROM LANE TO HELP SELECT NEW CANDIDATE

The death of George Joseph, Republican candidate elect, will cause the state Republican central committee to meet soon and select a new candidate to head the ticket at November election. LaSalle Stewart, of Cottage Grove, is the newly elected member from Lane county to the state central committee.

Not all the 36 counties have organized following the primary. Lane county organized only a few days ago. M. C. Harris, Eugene, is county chairman; Clyde Sedgewick, Creswell, is secretary; Mr. Stewart is state committeeman; and H. E. Maxey, Springfield, congressional committeeman.

## CLAM BAKE AT NEWPORT DRAWS LOCAL PEOPLE

Several Springfield people took advantage of the extremely warm day last Sunday and motored to Newport to participate in the Lions club clam bake which was held in that city. Among those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McMurray, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Rebban, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Root, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adrian.

Entertain With Chicken Dinner—Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gray entertained with a chicken dinner Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cotton and Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McKinn.

## AIRPORT LEVY WINS IN TWO TO ONE VOTE

Special Tax Passes 164 to 92 at Polls on Monday; Funds to Be Used to Extend 100 Foot Crushed Rock Runways at Municipal Flying Field.

Springfield's \$2,000 airport tax levy carried almost two one at Monday's special election. The vote was 164 for and 92 against. The voting was fairly heavy both at this election held in the city hall and the school election at the library. The total vote was 264 which was larger than the primary election when but 224 votes were cast.

Members of the airport committee expressed themselves as pleased at the outcome of the election. Considering this is a period of depression and not a good time to raise taxes the vote was very satisfactory.

The money when available from the levy will be spent by the city council under the direction of the street committee as a street improvement fund. The long prevailing wind runway will be completed and one or two other runways will be also improved 100 feet wide with crushed rock. As laid out by the department of commerce there are four runways. Two about 1500 feet and two 2500 feet in length. This work is necessary for wet weather landings of all planes and for a landing area for transport planes in summer.

## KATHRYN THOMPSON HAS BIRTHDAY ON SATURDAY

Mrs. Earl N. Thompson entertained at a birthday party at her home in this city on Saturday afternoon for her daughter, Kathryn Alice, who was celebrating her fourth birthday on that day.

Those invited for the afternoon were Carol, Avis Marie, and Crystal Ruth Barrett, Beverly Ann Roberts, Genevieve and Bob Palmer, Harold Gillette, Hester Jean, and Donald Thompson, Roger and Dorothy Stewart, Shirley Hack, Beryl and Dale Robertson, Bob Black, Bobbie and Joy Rebban, Nancy Davis, Alice Bates, Lawrence Earl and Kathryn Alice Thompson.

## DR. POLLARD TO ATTEND CHURCH CONFERENCES

Dr. W. H. Pollard was chosen delegate to represent the local Methodist church at the annual conference which is to be held at Astoria beginning Tuesday, by the church officials at the last quarterly meeting of the year which was held Tuesday evening. The lay conference does not begin until Friday, but the pastors have a series of meetings first and Rev. Pike will attend several of these sessions.

## METHODIST CHURCH PLANS CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM

The annual children's program of the Methodist Sunday school will be held in the church auditorium on Sunday evening, according to H. L. Gillette, superintendent.

The program, which is being directed by Mrs. L. K. Page and Mrs. Ida Gantz, will consist of musical selections, both instrumental and vocal by the Sunday school, recitations and dialogues.

## FIRE CHIEF RESIGNS EFFECTIVE ON JULY 1

Jess Smitson resigned as fire chief of this city on Wednesday and has asked that the resignation become effective on July 1. He did not give his reasons for the step, but it is understood that he desires to find some other employment which will give him more time to be at home or with his family. The work at the city hall is very confining and a person does not have much chance to be outdoors.

The fire chief has held his post for the last four years and was formerly police officer before becoming fire chief.

No successor to Mr. Smitson has been appointed by the mayor yet.

## PIONEER RESIDENT HURT IN FALL WHILE FISHING

W. W. Walker received word yesterday that his daughter, Mrs. L. G. Achterman, of Tacoma, was seriously injured Sunday when she fell from an eight foot dock to a barge while fishing near Shelton, Washington. Mr. Achterman has a position as civil engineer for the city of Tacoma. She suffered the fracture of four ribs and is in the hospital.