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## SCHOOL FINANCES IMPROVE IN YEAR

Gains Made in All Departments  
Over Previous Years Al-  
though Receipts Less Due to  
Non-Payment of Taxes; New  
Wood Bids Called.

Marked financial gains have been made in the Springfield public school system during the past year, according to the annual financial statement prepared by William G. Hughes, retiring clerk, which was given to the members of the board at the monthly meeting held Monday night.

It cost \$44,593.66 to operate the schools in this city during the past nine months. This does not take into consideration the bonded indebtedness of the district other than the payment of interest on said bonds. The operating expenses for the year ending June 30, 1930, are lower than they have been for either of the two preceding years. The expenditures for the year ending June 30, 1930, were \$45,113.98 and for the year ending June 30, 1929, were \$46,930.34.

### Budget Surplus Shown

A surplus was shown on the report for the year over the amount which had been budgeted. The sum of \$46,500.00 was budgeted for the year and only \$44,593.66 was actually expended, leaving an unexpended balance amounting to \$1,906.34. The only items which showed a greater expenditure than the budgeted appropriation were salaries, text books, miscellaneous in connection with instruction, and building and repairs. These items totaled to \$762.13. The savings in the other items of expenditure took care of these deficits, and created the unexpended balance.

The warranted indebtedness is now \$2,422.90. Warrants totaling \$415.50 have been called but not presented for payment, thus leaving the actual warranted indebtedness \$2,007.40. The warranted indebtedness amounted to \$11,414.01 on July 1, 1929. Of this sum \$2,451.32 had been called on warrants but had not been presented, thus leaving outstanding warrants totaling \$8,962.69.

Warrant indebtedness reduced. Warrants issued during the year amounted to \$40,946.28. Warrants called for payment during the year amounted to \$49,452.85, thus reducing the outstanding indebtedness by \$8,506.57. The outstanding indebtedness for the previous year was reduced by \$8,834.70, according to the report.

The revenues for the year amounted to \$51,308.38 as compared with the budget sum of \$51,000.00. The revenue last year was \$53,850.32. The difference between the two incomes is explained by the board members as being due to the fact that the tax receipts have been less this year than previously, due to many people not paying taxes when they were due. This money is expected to be paid into the district at a later date and thus increase the financial condition of the district.

### Cash Balance Explained

The cash accounts show a balance of \$489.33 for the year as compared with \$2,599.58 a year ago. The difference lies in the fact that the balance on July 1, 1929, amounted to at least \$8,000 more than it did on July 1, 1929. Interest on warrants issued but not paid for lack of funds were \$99.58 this year as compared with \$1,583.11 for the previous year.

County Treasurer has Surplus. Receipts in the hands of the county treasurer for the interest and sinking fund amounted to \$3,690.66 as compared with \$3,939.54 last year. Bond interest this year amounted to \$3,796.80, and a surplus carried over from last year leaves a cash balance of \$303.26 now in the hands of the county treasurer.

F. B. Flanery and Clayton Barber were sworn in as director and clerk respectively at the meeting Monday evening, and it was announced that all future meetings of the board will be held at the office of Dr. W. H. Pollard, senior member on the board and new chairman of the group.

New Wood Bids to be Called. It was also decided to call for new bids for 100 cords of slab wood for the schools. This wood was to have been delivered by a local dealer, but who refused to accept the decision of the board. They have therefore decided to call for new bids. The matter of adding new class rooms at the Lincoln and Brattain schools to care for the increased enrollment was discussed, but no official action was taken.

## Airport Work Is Started This Week

Expenditure of Flying Field  
Funds for Development of  
Municipal Port Started.

The expenditure of the airport funds recently voted by the taxpayers of this city was started this week with the construction of another drive way leading from the McKenzie highway to the field for the service station to be constructed. A gasoline company representative is coming to the local airport on Monday to make final plans for the station work, and it is expected to be started soon.

More tile was being placed in the low spot on the field to assure good drainage this winter and plans are being made now for the moving of the present buildings at the port back against the road.

The large yellow corner markers have been completed and have been placed on the corners of the field. A large number of barrels painted yellow have been set between the markers on each end of the field and more will be placed along the sides.

Large road machines have been secured from the county and work of leveling and grading the field will start next week.

The two planes owned by the flying school were kept at Florence from Thursday until Monday noon. Passenger business was good there, says Lee Inman, manager of the school.

Plans for the air tour scheduled to bring fifty airplanes of the latest type to the local port the first part of August will be discussed at a meeting of the airport committee to be held soon.

## McKENZIE UNIQUE ROAD SAYS LANDSCAPE EXPERT AFTER MOUNTAIN TRIP

"The McKenzie highway is the most unique highway in America" declared Mrs. W. L. Lawton, field agent for the American Nature association, who completed inspection of the road Saturday under the direction of the state committee for the protection of road side beauty. Nowhere else, so far as she knew, said Mrs. Lawton, can you find the long stretch of lava and the many snow clad mountain peaks in crossing a great divide.

Oregon has many beautiful highways, and in general the roadsides are cleaner than in most states, she pointed out. However, she finds many objectionable bill boards on curves and near railroad crossings where the attention of the motorist should be solely on the road. Bill boards, she said, were everywhere increasing as the traffic increases, and are becoming a real menace to safe driving, besides being in most cases unsightly.

Mrs. Lawton and Mrs. Jessie Honeyman, chairman of the state committee of the Oregon Garden clubs on roadside beauty, were in Springfield Tuesday and met with a committee of the Lions club. They also inspected the strip of McKenzie highway east of the city where it is proposed to plant trees along the road. Assistance on this project was promised by them.

Mrs. Lawton is from New York state. She has just recently been over 6000 miles of highway in California and leaves in a few days for Washington to make a survey of roadsides in that state.

## LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAYS DURING TWO QUIETEST MONTHS

The city library will be closed on Mondays during the months of July and August, it was announced this week. It will remain open afternoons and evenings on Wednesday and Saturday. The closing of the library one day each week during the quiet summer months has been followed for several years.

## N. O. W. ENTERTAINS FOR NEIGHBORING CIRCLES

The members of Pine Circle number 46 of the Neighbors of Woodcraft entertained last night for the members of the circles at Coburg and Waterville with a program and a chicken supper.

Following the regular business meeting a program consisting of talks by the Guardian Neighbors of the three groups, two vocal duets by the Misses Edna and Elizabeth Paris, and a one-act playlet. The Reader, which was presented by the local drill team.

One hundred people attended the chicken supper which was served in the dining room after the program.

## Presidential Gymnastics



President Hoover is no squirrel but he can climb. This unusual snap shot shows him inspecting the forward gun turret of the cruiser *Sad Lake City* in Hampton Roads.

## Craig Memorial To Be Dedicated

R. W. Sawyer to Deliver Principal Address at Gathering in Cascades on Sunday.

Judge Robert W. Sawyer, of Bend, will be the principal speaker at the dedication of the Craig memorial near the summit of the McKenzie pass on Sunday afternoon, when mail carriers from various parts of the state gather there to dedicate a marker already placed in memory of the early mail carrier who lost his life in a storm carrying mail across the pass in the days before regular communication routes were established.

The exercises at the summit are being arranged as a part of the annual meeting of the state association of Rural Letter Carriers. This organization authorized the purchase of the marker and the placing of it on the highway during the convention which was held in Eugene last year.

The program arranged for the event is to consist of the address, Oregon Highways—Modern and Historical, by Judge Sawyer; an address on Early Day Intercourse between Eastern and Western Oregon, by Frank Jenkins, Eugene; a short talk on Service, by D. E. Yorlan, postmaster at Eugene; a talk on Reminiscence and Personal Knowledge of Craig, by Carey Thompson.

The marker will be unveiled by Mrs. George N. McLean, a pioneer woman, who will also read a poem written especially for the occasion.

## LODGE INSTALLATION IS HELD ON MONDAY NIGHT

Officers for both the Rebekah and Odd Fellows lodges were installed at a joint installation program held Monday evening in the lodge hall. George Findley was installed as the noble grand of the Odd Fellows. Their other officers were Lee N. Putnam, vice grand; Karl Girard, treasurer, and Oswald Olson, secretary. The latter two offices are filled once a year and carried over. Henry S. McKibbin, Coburg, district deputy grand master, was the installing officer.

Officers for the Rebekah lodge installed at the meeting were Amy Love, noble grand; Nellie Pyne, vice grand; Mrs. Genevieve Louk, recording secretary, and Alice Lorah, treasurer. Mrs. Clarine Putnam will hold her office as financial secretary for another term.

## UNION SERVICES TO BE AT METHODIST CHURCH

Union church services next Sunday will be held at the Methodist church, with Rev. Veltie Pruitt occupying the pulpit. He will also fill the pulpit at the Christian church the following Sunday evening.

Rev. Ralph Mulholland will take Hoarding Worthless Treasure as the theme for his sermon Sunday morning at the Baptist church.

The regular quarterly business meeting of the Baptist congregation is to be held this evening.

Several young people from Rev. Mulholland's church are planning to go to McMinnville Saturday evening to attend the World Wide Guild House party to be held there Saturday evening and Sunday.

## City Council Meets Monday

The regular meeting of the city council is to be held next Monday. No special business is expected to be brought before the body, according to Mayor Tyson.

## Blaze Consumes New Gravel Plant

Inter-City Plant is Destroyed by  
Fire of Unknown Origin  
Early Saturday Evening

One of the most stubborn fires in this vicinity and perhaps the hardest to handle entirely destroyed the new bunkers, some of the machinery and all of the electric wiring and switches for the recently organized Inter-City Sand and Gravel company, about three-quarters of a mile west of this city on Saturday evening at 6:00 o'clock.

The new plant had been almost completed and it had been expected to start filling the bunkers this week. The plant consisted of eight bunkers, a rock crusher, and all other necessary machinery for a modern plant. Much of the machinery was melted and warped out of shape by the flames which seemed to start on the floor of one of the bunkers and then crawled up the sides, eating their way through the twelve inch floor and the six inch walls.

Cause of Fire Unknown. It is still a mystery how the fire could have started only twenty minutes after the carpenters had left the work, and in a very few minutes more make a blazing mass out of the large amount of very green lumber used in the construction.

The loss is estimated to be in the vicinity of \$12,000 and was not covered by insurance.

"We did not even have construction insurance on it," declared K. R. Chase, one of the incorporators of the Inter-City Sand and Gravel company. "Gravel bunkers are not considered a very great fire hazard even after they have been built, let alone before they had been completed when the wood is almost wet."

New Firm Incorporated. The incorporators of the new firm are Mr. Chase, Sig Moe, and Clarence Nelson. They have already started tearing down the charred remains of the original plant and have announced that they will begin work at once rebuilding the bunkers. Only the foundation and the posts holding the bunkers can be used again. It will take about 60 days to complete the work.

Just what effect the burning of the plant will have on the highway work in this vicinity has not been determined. The gravel company had built the new plant because they had contracts to furnish more gravel than they were able to supply from the plant at Springfield.

Fire calls were answered by trucks from both Springfield and Eugene. The Eugene truck mired in the sand and was not used in fighting the fire. Hugh Joliff and assistants were successful in running a hose to the river and pumping water from that source.

## STEALING FISH IN PONDS LATEST ACTIVITY HERE

Some people in this vicinity get more enjoyment out of dipping fancy fish out of a private pond with a net than they do of catching them lawfully in the river, thinks Mrs. Clara Fawver, who has had six of her prize fish taken from the pond in her yard at Second and F streets within the past six weeks.

The first and most valued of her fish was taken about six weeks ago. They have been disappearing since that time until now there are only ten of the original fish left in the pond.

Mrs. Fawver is convinced that some people have taken the fish as she has returned to her home on several occasions to see an automobile drive away from her place about half a block ahead of her.

## TWO SAILORS SPENDING FURLONGS IN CITY

Two sailors assigned to duty on the U. S. S. Nevada arrived in Springfield during the past week end and are spending their furloughs with relatives. They are Lewis Shipley, who is on a ten day leave, and Varne Gerber, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gerber, who has a 15 day vacation. Lewis is visiting with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Barker, and will rejoin his ship at Bellingham. Gerber will meet his ship at Port Angeles on July 20.

## Safety Council Meets

The regular monthly meeting of the Safety Council for the southern division of the Mountain States power company was held at the power plant Monday evening. A discussion of recent accidents occupied the evening.

## Perfect Posture



Miss Ruth Harris, student of Emerson College, Natick, Pa., was awarded the National Riffed Posture medal for the grace and ease of her natural posture. Note that her feet are parallel as she stands at ease and that her carriage is relaxed without any suggestion of slouchiness.

## FOUR GENERATIONS OF MRS. KING'S FAMILY HOLD LARGE REUNION

Four generations of descendants of Mrs. Susan King, of Springfield, together with their families, gathered at Yachats Saturday, July 5th, for the first reunion of the family in 27 years when all of the children were present. Several people representing each generation attended the outing.

Those present were Mrs. Susan King, Springfield; Bert Hodson, Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hodson, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Fleming, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Cal Barnes and daughter, Bernice, Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Thomas and sons, Elton and Eugene, Yachats; Mr. and Mrs. Loys Thomas and daughter, Shirley, Bend; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin, Portland; Miss Aletha Hodson, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hodson, Bend; and Ralph Thomas, Portland.

The four generations were represented by Mrs. King and her daughter Mrs. Fleming; Mrs. Adrian Thomas and her son, Elton.

Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Cal Barnes, and Bert and Frank Hodson are all children of Mrs. King.

Mrs. Martin and Althea Hodson are twin daughters of Bert Hodson and grandchildren of Mrs. King. Other grandchildren are Adrian, Loys, and Ralph Thomas, and Bernice Barnes.

There were three great grandchildren present. They were Elton and Eugene Thomas and Shirley Thomas.

## MAN'S LEG IS BROKEN IN HIGHWAY ACCIDENT

B. C. Gay, of Goshen, is in the Pacific Christian hospital with a broken leg as a result of a collision of an automobile driven by Robert Loomis with the road sweeper which Gay was operating east of the city on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Loomis, who is visiting in this city from California, says that he ran into the sweeper without seeing it. The impact threw the seat of the sweeper forward over Mr. Gay's leg, breaking it. Loomis appeared at the sheriff's office and made out an accident report. Both of the parties involved have talked the accident over, but no announcement has been made by either, say men at the sheriff's office.

The Loomis automobile is now being repaired at a local garage. The radiator and both fenders on it were broken as well as other damage.

## BARBER TRADES FARM FOR NEHALEM PROPERTY

A deal was completed this week whereby A. A. Anderson trades his farm property at Goshen to J. E. Cluett, of Nehalem, for a confectionery and service station at that city. He has also sold his barber business in this city to Wayne Clover, who has been working for him for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson expect to move to Nehalem shortly.

## BURGLARS ACTIVE DURING PAST WEEK

Rodenbough Garage Safe is  
Blasted; Automobile Stolen  
From Garage; Hiway Stand  
Looted; Hotel Man's Clothes  
Riffed Wednesday Morning.

An orgy of thievery and burglary which began Sunday night with the cracking of the steel safe in the Rodenbough garage was still existing in this city yesterday morning when L. K. Page lost approximately \$50 from his pockets while he was sleeping.

No clues have been discovered as yet concerning the hold yeggs who blew off the door of the safe in the Rodenbough garage at 3:35 Sunday morning, using two charges of explosives after the first one had failed to open the door. The only things the officers have to work on is that the tools used in the safe cracking job, which netted the robbers \$30 in currency and about \$70 in checks, were taken from the tool box belonging to the Southern Pacific railroad. It is supposed that the burglars worked with gloves, as no signs of fingerprints could be found by either the sheriff or his deputy, who investigated the safe job a few minutes after it had occurred.

## Automobile is Stolen

One interesting thing in connection with the safe cracking is that the Willis Knight automobile belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meyers, of California, who had been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adrian, was stolen from the Adrian's private garage some time on Sunday night. It was not missed until Monday afternoon when they went for their car. The automobile was recovered near Lebanon later that evening after it had been abandoned.

Although it is possible that the safe crackers stole the automobile, it does not coincide with the fact that Lum Anderson found the tracks of the car and ascertained that the machine had gone south across the bridge. Tracks left on the pavement indicated the kind of tires on the automobile and the approximate wear which each had received.

## Safe Crackers Seen

Three people heard the explosion which ruined the garage safe. Mr. and Mrs. H. Moon were awakened by the first blast and looked from their house next to the A street service station without being able to discern anything until after the second charge had been set off. They then saw two men run down the street and get into a waiting automobile and drive away. Fred Freese, who was making bread in the bakery in the same building heard both explosions, but the noise of the mixing machine prevented him from hearing much of the first explosion. The second one was very clear, and sounded like a gasoline explosion, he stated. Several others heard the automobile drive away after the explosion.

How the thieves gained entrance to the building is not known. The side door left open by the thieves had been heavily bolted from the inside. It is believed that the burglars either were in the building at the time it was closed for the night or else they had a key for the front door.

## Loss Unexplainable

Mr. Page is unable to account for his loss. He declared that he arose at 5:00 o'clock to start a fire and then went back to bed. When he dressed he found that both of the pocket books which he carries had been riffed. A tall slender man was seen to leave the hotel shortly after 6:00 o'clock.

Unknown persons entered the large paper mache lemon located between Eugene and Springfield in Sunday evening and took several cartons of cigarettes and other items.

The Regina drink stand in the same neighborhood was also looted a few days ago and fireworks and other things were taken.

## DOG BITES CHILD'S LIP WHILE PLAYING IN YARD

The five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cutsforth, of Sacramento, California, who are visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. D. Horton, was bitten on the lip Saturday morning while playing with a dog in the Horton yard. The dog left a bad cut and it was necessary to have a local physician clean the wound and dress it. The dog is believed to have snapped at the boy accidentally while they were playing alone in the yard.