

## LOCAL BOY DROWNS IN MOHAWK RIVER

### Ed. Reynolds Loses Life Attempting to Save Fred Riddle; Sister Nearly Drowns Trying to Save Youth and is Rescued by Harris Lyle.

Ed. Reynolds, 19, is dead and Fred Riddle, 13, is in a serious condition at the home of his parents near Donna as a result of a swimming party which was held on the Mohawk river, about a half mile east of Donna yesterday afternoon.

Riddle, who is not an experienced swimmer, was playing around in the river when he suddenly fell into a deep hole and began yelling for help according to members of the party of 13 swimmers who had gone to the river in the afternoon. His sister, Frances, aged 15, jumped into the water to rescue her brother, but was almost drowned herself when the drowning boy grasped her with his hands about her face and climbed on her back in a frantic effort to save himself. They went down together and in some manner the boy released his grip on the girl and she was rescued by Lyle Harris, who brought her to the shore after she was unable to swim any further.

### Attempts to Save Boy

Ed. Reynolds, seeing the boy drowning, went after him and Riddle immediately grasped his face and the two went down two or three times before they finally disappeared. The Riddle boy was found in a clump of brush in the water a few minutes later and was pulled out by the Lyle youth, who was going to the assistance of the two drowning boys. The boy was rolled across a log to empty the water from his lungs and he was rushed to the office of Dr. Eugene Keester, where he was worked on for two hours. He was still unconscious when he was taken to his home.

### Boy Expected to Recover

Dr. Keester said this morning that the boy was running a high temperature and had an unusually high pulse rate, but that he would recover if he did not contract pneumonia. The body of Reynolds sank to the bottom of the river and was not located for 45 minutes after the accident. A. J. Acherson, proprietor of a store in Mohawk, and father of one of the girls in the swimming party, together with the Stevens brothers, began searching the river and found the body in nine feet of water. The body is at the Veatch undertaking parlors. Ed. Reynolds is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reynolds, who live east of Springfield near the county stock farm. His brother, William, was drowned in the Willamette river about 14 years ago while a small boy. Ed. Reynolds was an experienced swimmer.

Funeral services will be held at the Veatch chapel on Saturday at 2:00. Interment will be in the Laurel Grove cemetery.

## MRS. KEPNER HONORED ON BIRTHDAY TUESDAY

Mrs. A. B. Kepner was surprised at her home on route 1 Tuesday, when relatives gathered to honor her birthday anniversary. She was showered with gifts and the group all enjoyed ice cream and cake which was brought by those surprising her. Among those in the party were Mr. and Mrs. Lum Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Claire Parsons and E. E. Kepner.

## DRILL TEAM INVITED TO COUNTY LODGE PICNIC

The Neighbors of Woodcraft drill team of Eugene will entertain the other teams of the county at a picnic at the Benton-Lane auto park on Sunday, July 27. It was announced this week. The teams from Springfield, Cottage Grove, Creswell, and Junction City have all been invited for the day. They are to bring their own basket lunches.

## LOCAL CARRIER ATTENDS CONVENTION AT BEND

B. G. Sankey, mail carrier on rural route 2, attended the state convention of the Rural Letter Carriers association at Bend on Saturday last week. He also drove up to the summit on Sunday to attend the dedicatory exercises marker erected in honor of John Templeton Craig, early carrier who lost his life in a storm on the pass. E. E. Pyne carried the mail on route 2 on Saturday for Mr. Sankey.

## Oiling Of Gravel Streets Complete

### Two-thirds of Unpaved Streets in City Oiled by County at Request of Owners.

Springfield can now boast of the dust-free condition of most of her streets during the dry summer months when dirt and gravel roads cause the most dust. This has been brought about by the oiling last week of more than two-thirds of the unpaved streets in the city. This, coupled with the large number of paved streets here, leaves only a few that are dusty.

The oiling was done by the Lane county oiling crew after the owners of the abutting property had signed a petition asking that the work be done and agreeing to pay for the oiling. Some people have indicated that they would like to have their streets oiled, but it is doubtful if this can be done now, as the oiling equipment has already been moved to other parts of the county.

The oiling work is merely what it implies. A good coating of heavy road oil is sprayed over the entire ground. This is sufficient for one season and must be repeated every year. The cost of this work is very small in comparison with the comfort derived from it, and the decrease in the amount of labor necessary to keep the houses clean.

A committee of the Lions club, headed by Fred Walker, sponsored the oiling work this year. The oiling has been carried on for several years in this city.

## BOY LOSES TEETH WHEN HORSE KICKS IN FACE

Cecil Dykes, eleven-year-old Creswell youth received a badly bruised face Tuesday when he was kicked by a horse which he was chasing in the yard. The foot of the horse struck the boy on the left side of the face, and all of the teeth on the right side of the mouth were knocked out by the concussion of the blow.

He was rushed to a local physician's office where several stitches were taken to close the gash on the inside and front of the mouth. More X-ray pictures of the boy's face were being taken this morning to determine if any of the bones had been broken. The boy has to take all of his food through a tube, as he is unable to close his mouth yet.

## BAPTIST YOUNG FOLKS TO PICNIC ON FRIDAY

Swimming will be the major attraction for the young people of the Baptist church tomorrow evening when they hold a summer picnic. They have not decided just where they will go, but they will meet at the church at 6:15 and will be told where to go from there. A picnic supper will be enjoyed following the water sports.

## TOURISTS SEE FLAMES AND PREVENT BAD FIRE

Tourists seeing flames emitting from the home of John Devine about one and a half miles south of the overhead crossing on the Pacific highway Monday probably were instrumental in saving the entire building from being destroyed. A party of tourists were passing the home when they noticed the flames and notified the people inside. The city fire department was called and extinguished the blaze after it had damaged the roof to the extent of \$25. The property was covered by insurance.

## SERVICE STATION GETS NEW WASHING SUMP

New automobile washing equipment, including a large 200 gallon steam tank, motor and compressor, has been received at the Virgil Jones service station and was installed the first of the week. The new equipment is supposed to be the very latest on the market for car washing purposes.

The entire station, buildings, and pumps were given a new coat of red white and blue paint this week by oil company painters.

## FACE IS CUT IN FALL AT LOCAL GRAVEL PLANT

Mr. Owen Seaman, employee of the Oregon State Highway department fell from a truck at the Springfield Sand and Gravel company yesterday afternoon and badly gashed his head. A local physician took several stitches to close the wound. Mr. Seaman will not be able to return to his work for several weeks, according to his physician.

## Tramp Tell Tale Of Torch Theft

### Story Told by Transient May Prove Clue to Cutting Torch Stolen Here Recently.

The inclination of a transient to be very talkative with his fellow loafers may become the means of locating an expensive cutting torch which disappeared from the Springfield Sand and Gravel plant more than a week ago.

The torch, which was valued by its owners at \$40, was used about two weeks ago and on Wednesday of last week when the men went to get it for a job they found that it had been stolen. They notified Lum Anderson, chief of police, who immediately made a tour of the jungles, and heard a story which, if verified, may restore the implement to its owners.

One of the hoboes informed the police officer that he had been talking a few days earlier with another bum at Grants Pass, who made the boast that he had stolen a torch at Springfield and also several other things here in surrounding towns. He also displayed a sack of various articles to bear out his story, said the man here. The torch had been sold in Grants Pass for \$3.00 and the money used to buy a grub stake, he declared.

Anderson is attempting to ascertain the number of the torch, and if he can prove the identity of the one in the southern Oregon city, he will claim it for the local firm.

"At any rate we will soon know if the fellow told me a wild story, or if he actually told the truth," said the police chief.

Police officers do not think the theft of the torch here was in any manner connected with the blasting of the Rodenbough saw last week.

## AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANS ARE APPROVED BY CITY COUNCILMEN

The airport committee's plans for improving the municipal field were approved by the city council at Monday night's meeting. Councilman W. C. McLagan has charge of the improvement at the field which is now under way. Paving is being done and in a few days the county leveling machine will be on the field smoothing up. As soon as this is complete the gravel will be laid.

### Horse Trough to be Moved

One of the relics of horse and buggy days was ordered removed by the council Monday evening. The old watering trough at the intersection of Main and south Sixth street will be torn down. This trough wastes much water and is out of repair, it is said. The council authorized the health committee to investigate the milk supply of the town, particularly that of outside dairies. Charges have been made since Eugene passed her milk ordinance shutting out poor grades of milk that this was being sold in Springfield.

The finances of the town was studied by the councilmen who had before them the reports of the auditors.

## GAS COMPANY EXTENDS MAINS ALONG HIGHWAY

The Northwest Cities Gas company has a crew of men working this week on an extension of their gas main from the Eugene-Springfield auto camp to the new camp being built at the overhead crossing about two miles south of Springfield on the Pacific highway.

The cabins at the auto camp are now nearing completion and the camp is expected to be open for business in a few weeks.

## BAPTIST CHURCH ROOF GETTING NEW SHINGLES

The roof of the Baptist church is being reshingled this week. The materials and workmen arrived Monday morning and they expect to finish the work within a few days. L. A. Tobias and E. A. Farnsworth are doing the work. Considerable repair work was done in the interior of the church during the winter by the same men.

### Has Operation

Lucille Mossey underwent a major operation at the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene on Tuesday.

### Canning Fruit Subject

Arnold Collier, county club leader, will meet all girls interested in canning at the community hall Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Mothers and friends of the girls interested may also attend. Fruit canning problems will be discussed.



## MISS MARGARET JARRETT SPRINGFIELD STUDENT TO GIVE PIANO RECITAL

Miss Margaret Jarrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Jarrett, 205 B street, Springfield, will be presented by Reuben Charlye Geoffreiere in a complete piano recital in Eugene on Saturday evening, July 19, at 7:30 o'clock, in the McMorrin and Washburne auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Although Miss Jarrett is only 12 years old, she is already quite an accomplished musician. On her program she is playing 19 original compositions, entirely from memory.

Besides her piano playing, she has achieved considerable comment on her interest in painting, for which she is showing considerable talent. She has been on the honor roll ever since attending school, and is a blue-ribbon health child. She is an active member in 4-H work, and has won honors in that field of endeavor.

Miss Jarrett's program for Saturday evening is as follows:

- J. S. Bach:  
a. Intrata.  
b. Gavotte.  
c. Minuetto.  
d. Prelude in C.  
From "Well Tempered Clavichord."  
Schumann, from Kinderscenen, op. 15.  
a. No. 3—Hasche Mann.  
b. No. 12—Kind im Einschlummern.  
c. No. 6—Wichtige Begebenheit.  
Chopin:  
Masurka, op. 67, No. 2.  
Preludes, op. 28, No. 20 and No. 7.  
Heller—Study, op. 45, No. 2.  
Crosse—Moments of Memory.  
Beethoven—Melody.  
Evans—Butterflies.  
Miles—Sparklets.  
MacDowell—To a Wild Rose.  
Loth—Gaily Tripping.  
Wright—At Evening.  
Chaminade—Scharpen Tanz.

## KETELS LEAVES FOR DENVER TO ATTEND CONVENTION OF LIONS

John F. Ketels left Saturday for Denver, Colorado, where he will attend the national convention of the Lions clubs as official delegate from the Springfield club. He traveled over the Southern Pacific Cascade route on a special Lions coach attached to the regular train. This special car originated in Portland and was to carry all Oregon delegates to the convention city.

About 6,000 people were expected to attend the convention, which began Monday and was to last until Friday night. Mr. Ketels will return after about ten days.

## RECKLESS DRIVER PAYS FINE WHEN ARRESTED

Glenn Wetzell paid a \$10 fine into the city's coffers Friday for reckless driving on city streets. He was arrested on Thursday after a number of complaints concerning his driving had reached the city hall. He pleaded guilty to the offense and his driver's license was suspended until he paid the fine, which he did on Friday.

## WORK ON NEW SCHOOL PROGRESSES RAPIDLY

The exterior work on the new Greenwood school is nearing completion this week and carpenters are busy on the inside lathing the walls and laying the floor. After the rooms have been plastered the windows will be put in and the building painted.

Cottage Grove Man Here—Mr. A. W. Wooley, of Cottage Grove, was a visitor in Springfield on Saturday.

## Civic Club Holds Picnic at Seaver's

### Men from California and Wisconsin Tell of Outdoor Life in Their Home States.

About thirty-five Springfield people and invited guests attended the annual picnic of the Women's Civic Improvement Club at the Seaver auto camp grounds on Tuesday evening. Basket dinners were brought by the members of the club, who had as their guests their husbands and other family members. Coffee was furnished by the club.

The picnic was scheduled to have been held a month ago, but was postponed indefinitely when Miss Mary Roberts, one of the first members of the organization, died. It marks the last event of the season for the club women, who will now discontinue the meetings until fall activities begin.

Among those who attended the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Fulop and two children, and Mrs. Pulop's mother, Mrs. Rose. Mr. and Mrs. George Gerlack, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Logan, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stuart and two children, Mr. and Mrs. David Saltzman, Mr. and Mrs. George Prochnow and three children, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wheaton, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pyle, Nelson Page, Mr. Hillis, Miss Edna Swarts and Mrs. John Ketels.

Short talks by Nelson Page, of Oakland, California, who is here visiting his brother, L. K. Page, and A. D. Hills, of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, who is also visiting relatives in this vicinity, started a lengthy exchange of comments among the older people. The two men spoke informally on the outdoor life and activities in the two states where they lived, drawing many comparisons of the manner in which people do things in different parts of the country.

## PRUITT TO DELIVER FINAL EVENING SERMON AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The third union church service for the summer and the final one to be addressed by Rev. Veltie Pruitt, the pastor of the Christian church, will be held Sunday evening at the Christian church. He will conclude his series of three sermons on Christian Unity with a sermon on the subject: How We May Have Christian Unity. The church choir will sing a special number and the Murphy-Moshier quartet, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Moshier, will sing an anthem. The young people of the three cooperating churches will hold their union meeting at the Christian church at 7:00 o'clock. The topic for discussion will be Some Good Summer Reading. Special music will also be provided for this meeting. Miss Frances Travis will lead the discussion. The regular bible school and morning services will be held as usual.

The Man God Laid Hold Of will be the sermon subject which Rev. R. Mulholland will use at the morning services at the Baptist church. The Sunday school will hold its regular meeting at 9:45.

## LEGION DELEGATES TO BE ELECTED ON FRIDAY

Members of the American Legion will hold a meeting Friday evening at the community hall for the purpose of electing officers of the next year and also selecting delegates to represent the local post at the state convention to be held at Baker the second week in August. It is usually the custom to nominate officers at one meeting and hold the election at the next, but so many things have interfered with the regular meetings of the Legion this year that the present officers believe that the nomination and election will take place the same evening.

## MANY PEOPLE APPLY FOR POSTAL POSITION

Several persons have applied for the position of assistant mail clerk at the local post office and their applications have been sent to the civil service officer at Seattle. Sample examination blanks, similar to those which must be filled out by each applicant at a time to be determined after the last day on which applications can be made, are available at the local post-office and may be secured from Walter Gossler, civil service secretary at that post office here. August 1 is the last day on which applications can be made for the position.

Doctor Visits Mother—Dr. C. G. Van Valzah, of Portland, spent the week end in this city visiting with his mother, Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah.

## CITY FINANCES ARE GIVEN IN REPORT

### Semi-Annual Treasurer and Auditor Report Given Out by Mayor; Early Budget Estimate Talked; New Proposals Receive Consideration.

Present indications are that the city of Springfield will not exceed its financial budget this year unless several unforeseen expenditures are made necessary during the last half of the year, according to W. P. Tyson, mayor of the city, who has just had an auditor's and treasurer's report compiled for the first six months of the year ending June 30, 1930.

The report shows that the sum of \$7,813.22 was expended during the first six months. The total amount budgeted was \$14,727.34. One half of this amount is \$7,363.67, and there remains a total of \$6,914.12 yet unexpended. This is just \$900 less than one-half of the budgeted total. Anticipated expenditures for the last six months of the year are lower than for the previous period, so it is believed that the funds still available are sufficient for all purposes.

### Receipts are Given

The tax collections for the first period amounted to \$13,856.27. The recorder's collections amounted to \$2,365.02. There was a cash balance of \$13,834.55 on June 30.

Warrants paid during the period totaled \$10,845.97. The interest on warrants amounted to \$573.07 for the period. There are still warrants outstanding in the sum of \$31,729.05.

Bonds paid during the first six months amounted to \$17,981. There are still outstanding bonds in the sum of \$162,050.56. Of this sum \$140,000.00 are general obligation bonds and \$22,050.56 are Bancroft Improvement bonds.

Mayor Tyson declared that he plans to have the Common Council of the city meet informally on some early date to discuss a budget for next year. The budget is not adopted until later in the year, but it is thought that by working on it earlier in the year a better and more economical one may be worked and some plan devised to reduce the warrant indebtedness.

### Informal Suggestions Made

It has been suggested in an informal discussion at a previous council meeting that by moving the fire department to the old fire house on F street, a more central location would be obtained, this place could be fixed up so that the fire chief could make his home there with his family, and the department would likely cost less to the city and also be a more satisfactory arrangement for everyone concerned.

Another tentative proposal is to put the street commissioner on a flat salary basis, and to have him devote his entire time to the upkeep of the city streets. The budget for the street department has for several years been badly overdrawn, declared the mayor, and it is believed that the adoption of the suggested plan would eliminate this trouble.

No positive action on any of these proposals have been taken by the City Council, but it is certain that they will be brought up for further discussion at future meetings.

## MRS. AMANDA JOHNSON DIES FRIDAY MORNING

Mrs. Amanda Johnson, 61, died on Friday morning at her home on route 1 following an illness of five months. She is survived by her husband, William M. Johnson; a son, Kerley Johnson, of Portland; three sisters, Mrs. C. A. Borneman and Mrs. J. H. Dumphy, of Eugene, and Mrs. J. W. Baxter, of Salem; and five grandchildren.

She was born on August 28, 1868, in Wallace, Arkansas, and came to Douglas county, Oregon, in 1878, at the age of 10 years. She was married to William M. Johnson on March 17, 1887. In 1904 they moved to Portland and had lived there until three months ago, when they moved to Springfield.

Mrs. Johnson was a member of the Catholic church. The remains were shipped to Portland for the funeral services and interment by the Veatch chapel in Eugene.

### Returns from Scout Camp

Miss Mildred Morgan returned late on Sunday evening from the Girl Scout camp on Lake Clawox, near Florence, where she has been spending the past two weeks. She was the only girl from Springfield to attend this camp.