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MUNICIPAL AIRPORT MANAGERS CHANGED

Jim McManiman and Laurence Neely form Springfield School of Flying and Take Over Management of Flying Field; Purchase and Lease Ships.

Management of the Springfield municipal airport changed hands Monday night when the city council approved of the transfer of the Lee Inman contract to the Springfield School of Flying Inc. The transfer, which includes management of the field and the aviation school, became effective Tuesday morning.

The incorporators of the Springfield School of Flying are Jim McManiman, president and general manager, and Laurence E. Neely, vice-president and secretary.

To Use Same Ships
Included in the change is the purchase of the two-place training ship from Lee Inman and the leasing of the City of Eugene, cabin monoplane.

The new managers have announced that they will install the latest system of ground school instruction which is known as the Cadet system. They will also continue instruction in flying, taking over the student list which Mr. Inman had. All of the facilities at the field will be continued and a determined effort will always be made to promote the field, according to the new managers.

McManiman to Instruct
McManiman will continue as the instructor for the school and will have general charge of the flying field. He has acquired a reputation as being one of the best instructors in this part of the state during the past few years. His first flying experience began in 1921 when he was 16 years old. He practiced for several years and in 1925 began actual instruction work. He has been associated with aviation schools in Eugene and Springfield since 1928.

Neely is actively interested in aviation, being one of McManiman's students. He is associated with Overgaard and Neely, fur dealers in Eugene as partner.

The hangars now on the field will be moved and rebuilt by the new proprietors as soon as certain details can be gone over at a meeting with the airport committee.

Health Bothers Inman
Continued ill health had made it necessary for Lee Inman to terminate his association with the local field. He will spend the next few months traveling about seeking a more suitable climate where he can live. In the meantime Mrs. Inman and their daughter, Marjorie, will continue to live in Springfield.

A large number of improvements have been made at the airport during the time it was under the management of Mr. Inman. He has operated the field for approximately nine months and has made it the aviation student training center of the Willamette valley. He declared that he was very thankful to the people of Springfield for the fine manner in which they have treated him and co-operated in his every effort.

"I doubt if I will ever find another place where the people of the city will back me as they have here," he said. "I want to thank the people of Springfield for their efforts, and I also want to wish my successors the best of luck in their venture," he concluded.

HANOVER E. PITTS IS BURIED HERE YESTERDAY

Funeral services for Hanover E. Pitts, 79, who died of pneumonia in Eugene Sunday were held yesterday afternoon from the Walker-Poolo chapel. Rev. P. J. Moore officiated and was assisted by Rev. C. J. Pike, pastor of the Springfield Methodist church. Interment was made in Laurel Grove cemetery.

Mr. Pitts was the last of his family to carry the name, Pitts. He leaves three daughters, Mrs. Ella Cole and Mrs. Sherman Potter, both of Springfield, and Jean Randlett of Fargo, North Dakota, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He was born in Dubuque, Iowa, on August 3, 1851. He was married to Violetta Lambert at Rockford, Iowa. He moved to California from Iowa in 1913 and later came to Oregon in 1916. He has made his home here since that time, being proprietor of a cabinet shop in this city at the time of his death.

Return from Portland
Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Male returned Wednesday from Portland where they had been visiting for the past week.

Alumni Gridsters Defeat H. S. Team

Game at Albany Friday is Next on Schedule for Local Players; Three More Games

Springfield high school alumni football players do not forget their game immediately after they quit playing. This was demonstrated on the Bratman field here Friday when the alumni team tromped away with the long end of an 18-6 score in a game with the regulars at the high school. This was the final home game for the Springfield high school team this season and a large crowd of interested spectators were present for the struggle.

Former high school stars of the gridiron who played for the alumni Friday included A. Harper and Coy Leathers, ends; K. Kendall and LaVerne Lawson, guards; Claire Thurman and Bill Greiger, tackles; William Pollard, center; Ossie McPherson, quarter; K. Geiger, fullback; and Pat McMurray and Everett Squires, halfbacks. Quentin Thurman and William Cox were subs for the alumni. Gerald Morrison, who was one of the outstanding players on the high school team last year was unable to play with the alumni. He is attending the University and is playing with the freshman team there. They had a game of their own scheduled for Friday afternoon, and another one for Saturday.

The game Friday was the second defeat for the high school team. They lost their first game of the season to the Corvallis players. The next game on the schedule for the local players is at Albany on Friday. The following week they meet Junction City at Junction City and wind up their schedule with the University high in a game to be played Thanksgiving day in Eugene.

SETH M. MCPHERSON DIES HERE SATURDAY FOLLOWING ILLNESS

Friends and relatives of Seth M. McPherson filled the Christian church to overflowing Monday afternoon during his funeral services. Mr. McPherson passed away at his home north of this city Saturday following a short illness which doctors described as intestinal influenza.

The church was filled with beautiful flowers. Veltie Pruitt, pastor of the church conducted the funeral services.

Mr. McPherson was a native son of Springfield, having been born here on May 6, 1878 and having lived here all of his life, being 52 years old at the time of his death.

Surviving Mr. McPherson is his widow, Mrs. Stella McPherson; two daughters, Mrs. Mabel Riddle and Miss Esther McPherson; two sons, Virgil McPherson, Dallas, Oregon, and LaVerne of Springfield; his mother, Mrs. Mary Ann McPherson; two sisters, Miss Lulu and Winnie; and one brother, Walter McPherson, all of Springfield.

Mr. McPherson has been engaged in farming and threshing most of his life. He was second vice-president of the First National Bank of this city at the time of his death. He was also a deacon at the Christian church.

Veatch chapel in Eugene had charge of the funeral arrangements. Interment was made in the Mulkey cemetery.

ATTEMPT MADE TO ENTER DRUG STORE

Walter Earl is in the Lane county jail at Eugene and will probably be given a preliminary hearing today on a charge of burglarizing the Flanery drug store.

Earl was discovered working away on the rear door to the drug store at 11:30 Tuesday night by F. Hinson, night watchman when he went through the alley trying all doors to make sure they were locked. Earl had a brace and bit and had bored nine holes through one of the panels near the lock when he was discovered. He was looking for food, he told Hinson.

Mrs. Flanery says that from the description she has been given he is one of the men whom she waited on late Tuesday evening.

FOUR FROM SPRINGFIELD ATTEND MISSION MEET

Mrs. R. Mulholland, Mrs. Frances Zachery, Mrs. Roy Carlton and Mrs. D. C. Ogilvie attended the conference of the department of missionary education of the Baptist church which was held in Eugene on Monday. Delegates were present from the churches at Springfield, Cottage Grove, Grants Pass, Veneta and Eugene.

BROTHERHOOD TO HAVE FATHER-SON BANQUET AT CHURCH MONDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Brotherhood of the Methodist church to be held Monday night will take the form of a "Father and Son" banquet and program according to Dr. N. W. Emery, chairman of the program committee. The women of the church will prepare a banquet and every father in the congregation is urged to come with a son, either his own or an adopted one, for the evening. The principal speaker will be the son of Rev. John Knox of Eugene. He will give a lecture on astronomy.

G. A. R. Circle Is Reorganized Here

Iuka Circle Reorganized Friday by State Officers; Eugene Women in Attendance

Springfield joined the cities of the United States having auxiliary organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic on Friday evening when a group of local women met at the Community hall and reorganized the Iuka circle number 28 which had been discontinued several years ago. Mrs. C. G. Eggiman, state G. A. R. auxiliary president, and Mrs. Freida Peterson of Dallas, state inspector, were both present and formally reorganized the circle and installed the officers elected at the meeting.

Mrs. Edith Laxton was chosen president of the circle. The first vice-president is Mrs. Wanda Barnes, and Mrs. Ethel Jolliff is the second vice-president. Mrs. Elizabeth Kennedy will serve as chaplain and Mrs. Pearl Knowlar will be the treasurer of the group.

Other officers of the group are: Secretary, Mrs. Alice Doane; conductor, Miss Clara Barnes; assistant conductor, Miss Alys Thatcher; patriotic instructor, Mrs. Rachel Thatcher; guard, Miss Lella Clark; musician, Mrs. Pearl Medcalf.

Sixteen members were present from the Eugene circle for the reorganization meeting. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. The next meeting will be held at the Community hall on November 20.

SCOUT MEETINGS ARE LISTED IN BULLETIN

A bulletin of meetings arranged by H. B. Sallee, Lane county Scout executive for November and December has just been issued. The first of these meetings is the Patrol Leader's training course which will be held at the Eugene chamber of commerce at 7:30 p. m. This will be a certified course in first aid, and a Red Cross certificate will be issued. These courses will continue on November 26 and 27.

Other meetings scheduled are a scout master's training course on November 28, Eagle scout meeting December 4, court of honor December 4, and the winter camp to be held starting December 29.

CITY BUDGET HIGHER POLICE SALARY CUT

Airport Levy and Shift in Amount of Anticipated Revenue From Fines Increases Amount to Be Raised by Taxation; Police Chief Gets Cut.

Two major changes were made in the city budget for the year 1931 by the budget committee meeting here last night. The first is the reduction of the salary of the police chief from \$150.00 per month to \$137.50. The second is the decreasing of the estimated revenues from high figures which have not been reached for many years to sums which are reasonable expected to be paid from various sources, notably the fines for violations of city ordinances.

A total of \$31,465.22 will have to be raised by the city in a tax levy if the budget is approved by the taxpayers at a meeting to be held at the city hall on Monday evening, December 8, 1930. The gross estimated expenditures are set at \$34,015.33. This is about \$2,000 more than the budget of last year, but includes the \$2,000 voted at the special election last spring for the development of the airport. The total to be raised by tax levy is slightly less than \$3000 more than the preceding year.

A cut of \$15 per month in the salary of the fire chief is also included in the budget. This is actually no reduction in his salary, however, as he is now getting free rent and light and water in the quarters above the fire station.

The complete budget is published on page 6 of this issue.

GEORGE HARTLEY KILLED BY TRAIN ON TUESDAY

George Hartley, resident of Springfield for two years, and father of Mrs. Clarence Cooley, was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon a short distance west of West Springfield junction on the Southern Pacific main line when he was struck by the locomotive of the Shasta Limited.

Mr. Hartley had gone out and his relatives were not aware of his death until late Tuesday evening when he did not return. He was 65 years of age. He was born in North Carolina on April 17, 1865, and lived in Eugene for several years before coming to Springfield where he made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cooley.

He is survived by his daughter, two sons, George and Louis, both of Springfield; one brother, Sam Hartley of Gaston, Oregon; one sister in North Carolina whose name is not known; and one grandchild.

The funeral will be held Friday at 10:30 from the Branetter chapel in Eugene. Rev. Harry Neet, pastor of the Lighthouse temple will officiate and interment will be made in Laurel Grove cemetery.

Masonic Members Buy W.O.W. Hall

Deal Which Involves \$5,500 Closed Tuesday; Will Be Effective December 6

The option which the Liberty Masonic lodge of Springfield held on the W. O. W. building for some time was taken up at the meeting of the members on Tuesday evening and the transfer of the property will officially be completed on December 6, providing the Grand lodge officials approve of the action.

C. E. Wheaton, secretary of Liberty lodge, stated this morning that the local Masons will renovate the building and will make a Masonic lodge hall on the second floor. The members hope to have this work completed early in the year.

The deal which has been pending for some time involves a financial transaction of \$5,500. The Woodmen have not been very active for some time. They were represented by George Cox and Moody Neet.

People Want Barn Declared Nuisance

Keeping of Horses, Chickens and Rabbits in Unsanitary State Heard by Council

Health and sanitation came in for a round of discussion at the council meeting Monday evening after a delegation had complained about the Stewart Fuel company's barn on north Second street. Rabbits and chickens, in large numbers, kept in parts of the city were also discussed along with the horses.

Dr. W. H. Pollard stated that he and County Health Officer Kerron had condemned the Stewart barn as unsanitary. Several residents in the neighborhood were present and described the smell very vividly which is said to emit from the barn and asked that it be moved.

The council deferred action until the health authorities were given a chance to intercede in the matter. Councilmen said that it was a matter of the care barns, chicken houses and rabbit hutches got and how close there were to residences that made them objectionable. The mayor instructed the health committee to make a special study of these conditions and report.

An ordinance licensing dry cleaning establishments who solicit work in Springfield and also covering the pasteurizing of milk outside the city limits will be drawn for consideration at next meeting, according to Mayor Tyson.

The sidewalk space on the vacant lot on E street between 9th and 10th has grown up in brush so that it is impassible and these were ordered cut by the street committee.

Fall Creek Resident Here—W. H. Larimer of Fall Creek transacted business in Springfield yesterday.

BENNETT AIR LINES LAUNCHED TUESDAY

Regular Schedule Flying Starts Immediately; Four Stops to Be Made Daily; Prominent Visitors Here Tuesday for Initial Flights.

Like two eagles, mere specks at first and soon looming as the largest birds of the air, two large six-passenger Zenith airplanes glided onto the Springfield municipal airport on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 to formally open the Bennett Air Transport company route between Tacoma, Portland and Coos Bay.

A small band of eager aviation followers had gathered at the port in the forenoon and waited several hours for the arrival of the ships, but fog at Portland kept the ships from taking off at Swan Island. A larger group was present in the afternoon to meet the ships which were piloted by A. A. Bennett, president of the air transport, and E. E. Parmenter, vice-president.

Prominent People Come

Nine passengers were brought to Springfield in the ships. They included such prominent people as W. D. B. Dodson, manager of the Portland chamber of commerce; Russell Lawson, governor of Oregon for the National Aeronautics association; Charles H. Boyce, Willis F. Maloney, and R. L. Dunham, all of Portland; Louis Laughlin, of the state industrial welfare commission at Salem; Earl Lee, president of the Corvallis chamber of commerce, and Mrs. W. C. North, wife of the secretary of the Corvallis chamber.

Stay at Coos Bay

At Springfield F. B. Flanery and A. Hendershott of Eugene boarded the ships as guest passengers to Coos Bay and return. A bad storm brewing on the coast prevented the ships from taking off yesterday as had been planned, but they are expected to return sometime today. The pilots and passengers are guests of the chambers of commerce in the Coos Bay district.

Monday a large number of officials of cities in Washington were taken to Portland to open the northern part of the line which is to operate from Tacoma at 11:20 and will return at each of the principal cities enroute.

Regular flying schedules have been worked out together with passenger and express rates and are now available at all leading hotels in the state and at airports. This schedule will be started immediately and will include two north and two south bound planes leaving the Springfield port daily. Ships will arrive here from Tacoma at 11:20 and will return at 2:05 daily except Sundays. Other ships will arrive from Coos Bay at 9:30 going on to Portland and arriving here again at 4:00 p. m. on the return flight.

More Lines in Spring

The line will not operate to Medford or Bend this year. Early in the spring Mr. Bennett plans on opening new lines to Medford and Klamath Falls, and to Bend and Burns and probably Idaho cities. When this is started several ships will be stationed at the local port and it will become a night stop for pilots.

To Build Hangar

Construction work on a hangar at the local port will begin just as soon as Mr. Bennett can get time to look after it he stated while here Tuesday. The hangar will be built just across the road west from the service station.

Three ships have already been purchased by Mr. Bennett and he has contracted for the manufacture of four larger seven passenger ones to be delivered next spring.

SOCIAL CLUBS TO MEET TOMORROW AFTERNOON

Mrs. J. T. Moore will entertain the members of the Kensington club at her home at 2:30 Friday afternoon. The afternoon will be spent sewing.

The members of the Priscilla club will gather at the home of Mrs. William Curtis on the same afternoon for their regular meeting.

REBEKAH DRILL TEAM WILL MEET ON FRIDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Progressive 22 drill team of the Rebekah lodge will be held Friday evening at the I. O. O. F. hall commencing at 7:30. Following the drill period they will enjoy a social gathering at which Mrs. Clarine Putman, Mrs. Mabel Peddicord, and Mrs. Nellie Pyno are the hostesses.

Plane and Pilots of New Bennett Air Transport



One of the Zenith six-passenger biplanes which stopped at the Springfield Municipal airport Tuesday carrying prominent citizens of the state as guest passengers over the southern part of the Bennett Air Transport lines operating between Tacoma, Springfield and Coos Bay. Below, from left right—A. A. Bennett, president and manager of the company; Elbert E. Parmenter, chief pilot, and Hap Roundtree, pilot.