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MILK PRICES DROP TWO CENTS SUNDAY

Local Creamery Meets Cut Announced in Eugene; Price to Be Paid Producer Not Set Yet; Butterfat and Butter Advances Two Cents Today.

Retail milk prices in Springfield dropped two cents Sunday in keeping with the cut announced in Eugene by the Farmer's Creamery and which was followed by all other distributors in that city. The Springfield Creamery is now retailing milk at 19 cents per quart either delivered or at the stores. Pints are now selling for six cents. Coffee cream retails at 15 cents per one-half pint and whipping cream at 20 cents for one-half pint.

There seems to be no real justification for the price cut at this time according to the managers of the local creamery. The price of feeds and the costs of production has not dropped very much.

The price to be paid producers for raw milk has not been set as yet, but will be determined by the milk dealers association probably on Monday of next week. In the meantime the distributors have only the alternative of cutting the price to the producer.

This seems to be what will result from the action of the Eugene Creamery which is supposed to be a co-operative organization and which will in the long run only mean less income for the producer of the raw milk.

Prices of butterfat have remained quite steady however, until today. The Portland price of butterfat and cream went up one cent this morning and the local creamery is now offering 22 cents per pound which is the same as that quoted in Portland. The price of butter also went up one cent, with the increase in the cost of butterfat.

Continually increasing quantities of cream are being brought to the local creamery and new customers are being added daily according to the operators. This naturally means increased production of butter, but all of it has found a steady market in this vicinity until the present time and none has been shipped away.

P. T. A. TO SPONSOR NEW MOTHER'S STUDY GROUP, ALSO PLAN SILVER TEA

Initial steps looking to the organization of a mother's study club were taken last Friday afternoon at the monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher organization at the Brattain school. Mrs. Wm. Rodenbough was named chairman of the group. This group of mothers will meet at stated intervals to listen to the Mother's Study Programs broadcast over radio station KOAC at Corvallis. Any interested mother may join this group.

The next meeting will be in the nature of a silver tea. Mrs. W. K. Barnell has been named chairman of the committee. This meeting will observe the thirty-fourth anniversary of Founders' day of the P. T. A. movement.

Election of delegates to the county council meeting was discussed. There are several members of the local group who plan to attend.

A musical program arranged by Mrs. Marion Adams preceded the business meeting Friday.

JULIUS BUSHNELL PASSES IN EUGENE ON TUESDAY

Julius Bushnell, 24, resident of Dexter for the last 15 years, died at the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene Tuesday evening. He was born near Irvington January 13, 1907 and moved to Dexter with his parents when he was 9 years old. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Helen Bushnell; a son, Gilbert; his father, Robert Bushnell; and two brothers, Kenneth and Edward, both of Dexter.

The funeral services will be held Friday at 2:00 o'clock from the Walker-Poole funeral home in Eugene. Rev. Harry Neet, pastor of the Light-house Temple, will officiate and interment will be made in the Laurel Grove cemetery.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF LIONS CLUB HERE FRIDAY

Jack Ferris, La Grande, district governor of the Lions Club for Oregon, will be in Springfield Friday to make his official visit to the local club at their noon luncheon meeting according to word received this week by W. P. Walker, deputy district governor.

Visits from Salem—John Caughill of Salem was a visitor in Springfield on Friday.

Red Cross Asks \$200 From City

Heads of Locals Organization to Meet Friday at Community Hall to Plan Drive.

Another meeting of the heads of all the various civic and fraternal organizations in Springfield will be held at the Community hall Friday evening for the purpose of making plans for the raising of this city's quota for the \$25,000,000 relief fund which the Red Cross is trying to raise to take care of the needy people in the Middle Western and Southeastern states which were visited last summer by one of the worst droughts in the history of those states.

Springfield has been asked to raise only \$200 of the \$3,000 which has been asked of the entire county. The funds are needed immediately and Major M. B. Huntley, who has been asked to head the drive in Springfield, believes that the sum can be raised in a week if the various organizations will make substantial contributions immediately.

The following organizations will be asked for contributions: Commercial Club, Lions Club, Woodmen, Odd Fellows, Masons, Rebekahs, American Legion, Eastern Star, Neighbors of Woodcraft, churches and schools. The American Legion will have charge of individual solicitation in the city. All people in outlying districts who will not be reached by the workers are urged to send their contributions to the Community Red Cross, Box 30, Springfield.

OPEN SAFETY PIN PASSES THROUGH BABY'S BODY

Three and a half days of anxiety for a mother ended here Monday when little Betty Morgan, seven-months-old baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan of Blue River, finally succeeded in getting rid of an open safety pin which she had swallowed and which had worked its way through the entire body without any ill effects on the child.

The child swallowed the pin Thursday of last week and the exact location of the pin was soon discovered with the aid of an x-ray machine. The pin appeared to be making its way through the internal organs of the child so it was not molested. Successive pictures were taken several times daily and finally on Monday it made its way out of the child's body. There was always great danger that the pin would turn and the point cause it to lodge in the body, causing trouble and making an operation necessary.

C. E. BOX SOCIAL TO BE HELD HERE ON FRIDAY

Plans have been all completed for the box social which members of the Christian Endeavor of the Christian church will sponsor in the social rooms of the church Friday evening which to pay their pledge towards the wits which to pay their pledge towards the church budget.

Veltie Pruitt, pastor, Irene Brownfield, and Vera Laswell are the committee in charge of the event.

Special entertainment is being prepared and will consist of a comic skit, "All On a Summer's Day" by four girls, instrumental music, and a group of old time songs by a quartet from the Eugene Bible University.

The general public is invited to attend this gathering.

TWO GIRLS TEAMS PLAY BASKETBALL ON FRIDAY

Two girls basketball teams representing the alumni group of the high school and a group of students now attending the high school, met at the gymnasium last Friday night for their first basketball game of the season. The former students took the game with a score of 30 to 27. More games are planned by the group.

Members of the winning team were Maxine Snodgrass, Nellie Sankey, Maude Brattain, Evelyn Buell, Esther McPherson and Alma Fish.

CHAMBER MEETING TO BE POSTPONED ONE WEEK

The regular monthly meeting of the Springfield chamber of commerce will be postponed one week and will be held on Friday, January 30, instead of tomorrow evening according to W. K. Barnell, new president of the group.

This will be the first meeting with the newly elected officers in charge. Consideration of the advisability of issuing a new advertising folder telling about Springfield will be taken up at the meeting.

BEACH DISCOVERY MAY BE AMBERGRIS

Putty Like Substance Thought to Be Valuable Whale Ingredient Used in Manufacture of High Grade Perfumes; Find May Be Worth \$35,000.

Chance discovery at Heceta beach a week ago Sunday of what is believed to be a very valuable piece of ambergris may bring unexpected wealth to several residents of this city.

The 62-pound piece of putty-like substance was first noticed by Dalton Thurman, who with his brothers, and Van Peterson, were walking along the beach. The younger Thurman boy carried a small axe and was whacking at almost every object he approached when he suddenly struck his axe into this and noticed a very pungent odor. The other members of the party, all of whom had gone on ahead were notified of the find and decided to go back and bring it along home.

Samples were taken to the University for examination, but no one there could positively identify the substance. Many reference books were next studied and from all pictures and descriptions obtainable the material corresponds to the valuable substance. Samples have been sent to Seattle and New York for identification and analysis, but no report has been made as yet.

Ambergris is a solid substance formed only in the sperm whale by chemical reactions in certain waters. It is usually emitted from these whales through their mouths in large pieces. The substance has a very pungent odor and the oil made from it is a necessity in the manufacture of all high grade perfumes. It has a tendency to make the odor of the perfume last.

It is reported to be worth \$35 an ounce. This would make the find worth around \$35,000 if it is what it is supposed to be.

The piece found on the coast looks like dry putty. It is streaked with a yellow substance which is soft and mushy.

BIBLE STUDENTS FROM PORTLAND TAKE CHARGE OF CHURCH MEETINGS

Faculty members and students of the Portland Bible Institute were accorded a hearty reception here Saturday evening and Sunday when they conducted all of the regular and special services at the Methodist church.

Special services were conducted Saturday evening and at 2:00 and 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. They also took charge of the Sunday school Sunday morning teaching all of the classes, and conducted the Sunday morning services.

Nine representatives of the educational institution were here for the meetings. The delegation was headed by Dr. Edward Mott president of the institute. They furnished their own music, bringing a quartet and soloists.

ALL STUDENTS ARE TAKING EXAMINATIONS THIS WEEK

Students at both of the grade schools and at the high school are taking their third six weeks examinations this week. High school students will also take their final examinations for the first semester next week.

One group of students at the Lincoln school have already taken their state eighth grade examinations. Those who pass in all their subjects will be enrolled at the high school for the second semester. W. E. Buell, high school principal, states that according to a ruling made recently, no student can enter high school during the mid-year unless he has completed all of his examinations successfully. He also points out that the entry of the new students into a small high school in the middle of the year works an undue hardship on both the student and the faculty as the number is very small and the teaching load must necessarily be increased to accommodate the new students.

PARENTS GET NEWS FROM WILLIAM COX YESTERDAY

William (Bill) Cox has been heard from and is now visiting with friends in another city according to a statement made this morning by his father, George Cox. Considerable apprehension was felt here the first half of the week when it was discovered that he was not staying in Eugene with his aunt where his parents had believed that he had gone to spend a few days vacation from his work.

H.S. Open League Games with U. Hi

Teams to Meet at McArthur Court in Preliminary Game Friday Evening.

Springfield high school basketball players will open their league season before a large audience in McArthur Court at the University of Oregon Friday night when they play their first game with the University high team as a preliminary event to the Oregon-Washington game to be played the same evening.

This is considered a great break for the local team. It gives them an opportunity to meet one of their strongest competitors in an ideal location and before a large crowd which will pep up both teams and put determination into all the players.

Another victory over Pleasant Hill high school at Pleasant Hill Tuesday evening was added to the ever-increasing string being recorded at the local high school. The Springfield players had a lead of 22 to 9 at the end of the first half of this game. They slowed down in the last half but won the game 29 to 28 before a large and interested audience.

Friday evening the Springfield players took a trip to Albany to help dedicate the new gymnasium at the high school there and defeated the high school team, 38 to 18. Springfield showed a burst of speed in the early minutes of this game by scoring five points in the first five minutes of the game. The score at the half was Springfield 29, Albany 8. The reserves were given an opportunity to show their ability in the second half.

The starting lineup of these two games consisted of the following players: Ernsting, center; Maltison and Wright, forwards; Tomseth and Wright, guards. Freese, Thatcher, Ellison, and Bruce Squires saw action as reserves.

JOINT BIRTHDAY PARTY HELD AT FRESE HOME FOR STUDENTS MONDAY

Lloyd Freese and Vernice Hawke were honor guests at a birthday party given by their mothers, Mrs. Fred Freese and Mrs. Wallace Hawke, at the Freese home Monday evening. The gathering was a complete surprise to both of the young people who have recently observed their birthdays. Lloyd's birthday fell on Monday and Miss Hawke observed her's on Saturday.

Mrs. A. J. Cowart assisted the hostess during the evening which was spent playing games and with refreshments of ice cream and cake.

Those attending the party were Lloyd Freese, Miss Hawke, Edna Haverfield, Dorothea Freese, Paul Freese, Bruce Squires, Lella Squires, Alice Thatcher, George Thatcher, Jimmie West, Miriam Rice, Gladys Chase, Ruth Carlton, Rev. Ralph Mulholland, Hazel Wilson, Iowa Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Freese, Mrs. A. J. Cowart, Mrs. Wallace Hawke, and Vincent Baccus.

JOHN VERNON FUNERAL SERVICES HELD MONDAY

John Vernon, 54, resident of Marcola for the past two years, died at his home there last Thursday following and extended illness. He was born at Dalbeatey, Scotland, November 10, 1876, and came to the United States when he was two years old.

He lived for many years at Lanesville, Massachusetts, and was married to Miss Esther Ford at Gloucester, on November 23, 1898. They later lived in Colorado and California before coming to Marcola. Mr. Vernon was a member of the Masonic lodge and of the Woodmen of the World.

Surviving him are his widow, one son, Preston and one daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Bradburn, both of Marcola. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the Walker-Poole funeral home in Eugene. Rev. Roy Leslie Smith officiated and interment was made in the new I. O. O. F. cemetery.

CONFERENCE DELEGATES MAKE REPORT WEDNESDAY

Student body officers and faculty members who attended the annual high school conference at the University, gave reports of the meetings during the assembly period at the high school Wednesday morning. Student body officers who attended and who reported were Jack Hulet, student body president; Faye Parsons, president of the Girls League; and Lela Squires, treasurer of the student body. Lloyd Freese, Principal Buell, and Miss Anna Vogel, also attended the sessions.

Business Men to Discuss Athletics

Meeting Called at High School Monday Night to Consider Activities for Sports.

Norval May, athletic director at the high school, has issued a call to the business men of Springfield to meet at the high school auditorium Monday evening to consider the organization of athletic groups among the various business men of the city. Every man in Springfield is invited to attend this meeting at which time the possibility of organizing a league with teams representing various business firms of the city will be discussed and effected if enough sentiment favors such action.

The high school coach thinks that the business men of Springfield do not know each other as well as they ought and thinks also that the local men would derive real benefit from some participation in organized athletics. He has volunteered to assist in the organization of, and to instruct the local men if they want to organize.

He would like to start indoor baseball, volleyball, basketball and other athletic activities. This will serve a two-fold purpose. It will be beneficial to the men themselves, and it will aid in the development of greater interest among the townspeople in the athletic contests of the high school players.

May has discussed the project before the school board, and the Lions club. Members of this club and of the staff at the Anderson Ford agency have indicated their willingness to organize teams to play in competitive sports.

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCES CHANGES FOR SECOND SEMESTER

Two major changes will take place at the high school with the beginning of the new term according to W. E. Buell, principal. The first will be the starting of several new classes in lower subjects to accommodate the incoming freshmen from the Lincoln school and the organization of boys athletics into various divisions and groups.

New courses will be started in Algebra I, English I, manual training or home economics, trigonometry and plane geometry.

The boys physical education classes will be divided into a varied group of activities, each concentrating on one activity such as tumbling, boxing, wrestling, and games. Boys will be permitted to select their own activity and those who show little aptitude for any of the activities will find a welcome place for them in the group which devotes its time to acquiring a knowledge of various games.

BULB IMPORTATION IS OPPOSED BY CO. CHAMBER

Members of the Lane county chamber of commerce went on record at their meeting at Cottage Grove last Friday evening as being opposed to any attempt to modify the present embargo on plant bulbs for outside territory. A resolution to this effect was passed by the members.

The state highway commission was also petitioned in another resolution to hurry the completion of the McKenzie highway early next summer and to let the contract for the Vidamirod Inn section of the highway as soon as possible. This is the only remaining part of the highway work that has not been let on contract.

Juan B. Rael, professor of Spanish at the university spoke on "Life Among the Spanish Peoples of Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado." The next meeting of the county organization will be held at Eugene in February.

BANK RE-ELECTS ALL OFFICERS LAST WEEK

All of the officers and members of the board of directors of the Commercial State bank were re-elected at the annual meeting of the stockholders held last Thursday night at the bank. They are Welby Stevens, president; C. F. Eggmann, vice-president; and C. E. Kenyon, secretary and cashier. The other members of the board are Mrs. Mary Kessey and A. J. Perkins.

NEIGHBORS OF WOODCRAFT TO HAVE MEETING FRIDAY

The semi-monthly meeting of the Neighbors of Woodcraft will be held at the I. O. O. F. all on Wednesday evening of next week. Regular lodge work with the new officers in charge will be the business of the evening.

RIVER WATERWAY CARAVAN COMING

Many Visitors from Lower Willamette to Come to Springfield Tonight for Willamette Navigation Meeting at Chamber of Commerce.

A caravan from Portland and intermediate valley cities is coming to Springfield tonight to attend the meeting of the Willamette Valley Waterways association, according to R. H. Kipp executive secretary of the Columbia Valley association. The meeting is at 6:30 o'clock at a dinner in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. Frank Jenkins, of Eugene, president of the Willamette association, will preside at the meeting.

Navigation of the Willamette river from Portland to Springfield will be discussed and more than 50 visitors are expected, according to Clifford Wilson Springfield member of the board of directors of the association. This is the last meeting of the association before the board of army engineers submits its report to congress on the survey made last summer.

Representatives of the United States Department of Commerce who are making a tonnage estimate for navigation purposes will be present. Data and other facts concerning probably tonnage which might be developed at Springfield will be offered here. H. J. Cox, secretary of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association; W. N. Long, of the Lucky Boy Mining company, and others will add their statistics to the evidence being assembled.

J. A. Seavey will also attend and will discuss the probable hop tonnage available for barge transportation if it is made available.

The meeting here is being sponsored by the chamber of commerce and it is urged that everyone interested attend and hear the latest reports of progress toward having congress appropriate money to prepare the river for barge navigation.

The dinner is being prepared under the direction of Mrs. I. M. Peterson, domestic science teacher at the high school, and a musical program will be offered. This will be provided by an instrumental quartet consisting of Barbara Barnell, xylophone; Miss Bessie Stewart and Miss Irene Manley, banjos; and Mrs. W. K. Barnell, piano.

BROTHERHOOD HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING AT CHURCH MONDAY

Members of the Brotherhood of the Methodist church heard A. Crumbaker, professor of economics at the University of Oregon speak Monday night on International Relations. The meeting followed the regular monthly dinner of the men's organization.

Howard Hughes was accepted as a new member of the organization.

Glen B. Woods resigned as secretary of the organization. He had recently been elected and had not taken the office. Too many other duties were given as his reason. The former nominating committee was instructed to nominate another secretary for the year.

The organization went on record as favoring the appropriation bill now before the legislature which provides for funds for the erection of two bust statues of Dr. Jason Lee and Dr. McLaughlin, early Oregon missionaries, in the hall of fame at Washington, D. C. before the 1934 Centennial celebration. The secretary was instructed to write the county delegation at Salem urging them to support the measure. A measure authorizing the statues was passed many years ago, but was not effective as it did not carry an appropriation.

An effort will be made to have the high school debaters attend the next meeting of the Brotherhood and argue the merits of the chain store.

The March meeting will be in the nature of a homecoming. Dr. Marcy, district superintendent now living at Salem, and a former pastor, has been invited at that time.

ASSISTANT APPOINTED FOR GIRL SCOUT WORK

Miss Bessie Stewart has been appointed assistant to Mrs. Agnes Baker, girl scout leader. She will also have charge of a ukulele club which will be formed among the girls and which will work with the vocal chorus being directed by Mrs. W. K. Barnell.

Members of the girl scouts are now busy making plans for a Valentine costume party to be held at the second meeting in February.