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## FREIGHT FOR WATER SHIPMENT IS TOLD

Delegation From Many Cities Hears of Possible Lumber and Mineral Tonnage Available in Springfield for Barge Transportation; Dinner Served.

Approximately 75 Willamette valley businessmen representing Portland, Newberg, Oregon City, Independence, Albany, Eugene and Springfield met at the Community hall here last Thursday evening for the regular monthly meeting of the Willamette Valley Waterways association and heard reports of possible tonnage available for barge transportation were the Willamette river canalized from Oregon City to Springfield.

The largest tonnage item in this and several other surrounding towns was pointed out to be lumber by H. J. Cox, secretary of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association in a report. The timber resources of Benton, Clackamas, Lane, Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties totals 116,340,617,000 feet board measure, and represents 29 per cent of the standing merchantable standing timber in the entire state, according to the report.

Forty percent of the timber in these counties is privately owned and 43 percent is national forests. Forty-eight percent of the timber in these seven counties is standing in Lane county. Benton, Lane and Linn counties have a total of 85,508,410 feet board measure or 74 percent of all standing timber in the Willamette valley basin south of Portland.

There were 210 active mills in the basin in 1929. Lane county led all other counties with 71 and a production of 472,590,000 board feet of lumber. Her closest competitor was Marion county with 23 mills and producing 177,668,000 board feet.

At the present time it is costing valley mills between \$1.50 and \$3.00 per thousand board feet to ship lumber to Portland where it can be reshipped by water. Other mills near the waters edge are able to take up this difference to the detriment of the valley mills, according to Mr. Cox.

A. F. S. Steele, secretary of the Eugene chamber of commerce asked that the association go on record as favoring the passage of the bill now before the state legislature appropriating \$10,000 for investigation purposes in making river surveys. Those attending the meeting instructed the secretary, J. L. Franzen, also city manager of Oregon City to inform the members of the legislature of the group's attitude.

R. H. Kipp, secretary of the Columbia Valley association, predicted that congress would authorize a permanent survey of the river before the end of the present year.

W. A. Long told the members present of the possible mineral tonnage from the mines in this vicinity which he said was sufficient to provide ore for 200,000 cars per year for 75 years and that it was located only 45 miles from Springfield.

The next meeting will be held at Independence.

The meeting last week began with a supper prepared and served by Mrs. I. M. Peterson and her domestic science class of the high school. Music during the meeting was provided by an instrumental quartet consisting of Mrs. W. K. Barnell, piano; Barbara Barnell, xylophone; and Beattie Stewart and Irene Manley, banjos.

## LION COMMITTEES GIVEN FOR ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT

All committees for Ladies night, annual affair of the Lions club of this city, have been appointed and are now busy making preparations for the event. The committees announced by Dr. W. C. Rebhan, president, are: Dinner—E. C. Stuart, C. E. Kenyon, and F. B. Hamlin, music—Dr. Rebhan and Dallas Murphy; program—J. C. McMurray, John Henderer, Clayton Barber, and Harry M. Stewart; decorations—Clayton Kirkland and H. O. Dibblee; tall twisters—John Ketels and Clifford Wilson; initiation—H. E. Maxey, Dr. W. N. Dow, and W. K. Barnell.

The gathering is to be held on the evening of February 20.

## MRS LARSON ENTERTAINS PRISCILLA CLUB FRIDAY

Members of the Priscilla club were entertained at the home of Mrs. J. M. Larson on Friday afternoon. Special guests included Mrs. H. B. Freedland of Eugene, Mrs. Sam Miller, sister of the hostess, Junction City, and Mrs. T. Charret of New York. A social time and refreshments filled the afternoon.

## Ford Men Seek Game With Lions

Automobile Team Challenges Service Club to Indoor Baseball Game at High School.

Businessmen of Springfield may soon vie with the High school and town basketball and other athletic teams in seeking the favor of the public eye. Feature, if you can, George Kennett, Dr. W. C. Rebhan, Clayton Barber, Harry Stewart, the Wright brothers, Dallas Murphy, Bob Moore, Jack Larson, John Anderson, Harry Harrington, and many other local business men engaged in a public battle for supremacy in an indoor basketball game.

That is exactly what may take place here in the near future when the businessmen's athletic organization swings into action.

### Talk Starts Last Week

Last week talk started about town that the local businessmen would like to start athletic contests for both competition and exercise at the high school gymnasium. The Anderson Ford agency and the Lions club indicated that they would be willing to organize representative teams for competitive sports. Others stated that they were interested in the project so it was decided to hold a mass meeting for men at the high school on Monday evening.

A number of local merchants and others attended this meeting and decided to meet at the gymnasium next Monday to see what could be started along athletic activities. Many men are expected to attend this initial practice, and a cordial invitation awaits any other male adult in the city to join the group at that time.

### Issues Challenge

Discussion at the meeting last Monday night had not proceeded very far when the Ford boys became impatient and wanted to know why they could not play an indoor baseball game in the near future. The matter of opposition was raised and they immediately issued an open challenge to the Lions club to meet them anywhere and anytime for such a contest so it looks as if things will soon be moving here.

Authorities at the high school would like to schedule a contest for the evening of February 13, just prior to the Springfield high school-University high school basketball game at the gymnasium. They argue that the teams ought to wait a couple of weeks and have some practice so that they will be in the best form for the event.

## HAL BRYAN BUYS PART INTEREST IN V. R. JONES SERVICE STATION HERE

Announcement was made the week of the purchase of an interest in the V. R. Jones Service Station by Hal Bryan. Mr. Bryan has taken over the interests of William Curtis and will be at the station full time. Under the new arrangement Bryan will devote his entire time to the sale of gasoline and oil. Jones will specialize on greasing, washing, and polishing of automobiles. The two men expect to provide better service for their customers under the new arrangement.

## FIRST OPERETTA CAST ANNOUNCED BY LEADER

The tentative cast for "Sailor Maids," operetta to be presented by the combined glee clubs of the high school was announced Tuesday evening by Ernest McKinney, director, following tryouts. This is the first time that the high school has attempted an operetta and the students have had absolutely no experience. McKinney is considering the selection of two casts and using the best of each for the final presentation.

The cast announced Tuesday is: Frances Marie, Blanche Bates; Jeanette Spences, Virginia Christie; Olga, Lella Squires; Edward, Alfred Fresse; Gerald, LaMar Brattain; David Kerns, Alton Robeson.

There are also two speaking parts. These will be announced later.

## "GOD'S FINAL CALL" TO BE SUNDAY SERMON TOPIC

"God's Final Call to the Church" will be the sermon topic at the Baptist church Sunday morning at 11:00. In the evening Rev. Mulholland will preach on the subject, "A Half Hour Silence in Heaven."

A great deal of interest is being shown in the Sunday school membership contest now being conducted among the classes. The contest is half over and each succeeding Sunday has shown an increase in attendance. The Sunday school meets at 10:00 a. m. The young people have their meeting at 7:00 p. m.

## Local Team Beats U.H.S. Hoop Men

Cottage Grove Holds Eugene Down Three Quarters; Coming Here for Contest.

Springfield's high school basketball took the first step towards the basketball supremacy of the south half of the sixth high school district last Friday night when the local hoopmen defeated the University high team in one of the fastest and most exciting games ever seen by local fans. The game was played at the men's gymnasium at the University just before the Washington-Oregon game.

### Local Boys Strong

Coch Norval May's team showed the benefit of their many preliminary games earlier in the season Friday evening. Although the score was close, 11 to 9, the Springfield players consistently showed their superiority and May is certain that he will beat them on February 13 when they play their return game in this city.

The entire game was an exhibition of speed and quick thinking. Not once during the entire game did a man on either team get away long enough to take a slow shot at the basket. The score was 6 to 4 in favor of the Springfield aggregation at the half and the entire game was reflected by the closeness of the score. Lynch and Wright did most of the scoring for the local boys, making four points each.

The starting lineup was Mattison and Wright, forwards; Ernating, center; Tomseth and Lynch, guards.

### Cottage Grove Friday

Local people will have an opportunity to see their team in action here Friday night when they meet the Cottage Grove team. This will be one of the deciding factors in Springfield's aspirations for the right to represent the south half of the district.

The Cottage Grove team outplayed the Eugene high school the first three quarters of their game at Cottage Grove last Friday. A weakening in the last quarter lost the game.

Another game which will be watched with interest is the Eugene high-University high game in Eugene on Friday night. The game here will be started at 7:00 o'clock so that many local fans can get to Eugene to see most of that game which starts at 8:00.

## Tax Suit Against City Tract Is Filed

Tiffany Brings Foreclosure Suit Asking for Sheriff Sale; City Will Protect Land

A tax foreclosure suit has been filed against the 247-acre city owned tract in Springfield by A. R. Tiffany, holder of the delinquent tax certificate. There are about \$3000 back taxes on the property which was recently deeded to Springfield by the city of Eugene, with the taxes unpaid.

Just what steps the city will take to protect itself in the suit has not been determined due to the absence of the city attorney but other officials state that Springfield will take steps to secure her title in the property before the suit comes to sheriff sale in 60 days. Because of the unusual manner in which Eugene secured the property by bond issue local city officials feel that Springfield's title would be better if it were let go to an actual foreclosure sale.

Half the land is now being used by the Springfield municipal airport, some for park purposes and the remainder is idle.

## TABLES REPLACE DESKS FOR FIRST YEAR PUPILS

Children in the first grade of the Lincoln school now have tables which they sit around instead of desks. Five of these tables, all painted a bright apple green, have been made by the manual training department of the high school. Each table accommodates six students who have small individual chairs. Mrs. Roberts is the teacher of the class.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO TALK NEW FOLDER

The monthly meeting of the Springfield chamber of commerce will be held at the Community hall on Friday of this week according to W. K. Barnell, new president of the organization. Several items will be taken up for consideration at the meeting including the matter of issuing a new advertising folder for the city.

The regular meeting of the chamber of commerce was postponed from last week because of the many other activities in the city.

## MILK WILL STAY AT TEN CENTS IN CITY

Local Distributors Hold Meeting and Decide Not To Raise Retail Price February 1; Other Cities Sell Milk at Ten Cents; Standard Unchanged.

Retail milk prices in Springfield will remain at 10 cents instead of advancing to the 12-cent level as it will in Eugene on Sunday. Announcement of this decision was made here last night after a conference between officials of the two leading milk distributors in the city, the Springfield Creamery and the Arthur Peterson dairy.

### Volume to Lower Price

Loyalty of the local milk consumers to these two distributors will be an important factor in determining just how long the present price level will be maintained.

The unusually large number of family cows in this city coupled with the prevailing prices of milk in Portland, Salem, Corvallis and other cities of the state is playing a major part in the present local price of milk according to the distributors.

They point out that the people owning family cows are selling milk at 10 cents a quart and that the retail price in all of the cities mentioned above has been 10 cents for some time. Just what the wholesale price for raw milk will be has not been decided upon. It is now quoted at \$2.00 a hundred pounds delivered in Portland while butterfat is being paid for at the rate of 22 cents.

### Price Variance Great

The wide difference between the wholesale price of milk and butterfat is also one of the reasons pointed out for maintaining the present price. Creamery officials point out that under the prevailing prices the producer who sells whole milk at \$2.00 a hundred is actually making more money than he would if he were to sell it as butterfat. The public has been questioning the reason for the low price of butter and the constant price of milk for some time and believed the drop in prices was an effort to equalize these prices. They cannot see the necessity for raising the price of milk again.

There will be no lowering of the standard or quality of milk sold by the Creamery or the Peterson dairy in this city, according to officials of the two institutions. Every effort will be made to retail only the highest grade of milk possible. The creamery will sell only pasteurized milk and the dairy will sell only raw milk.

## OLD MAIDS CONVENTION TO BE GIVEN WEDNESDAY

Ladies of the Christian church of Springfield will present the play, "The Old Maids' Convention" on Wednesday evening next week at 8:00 o'clock. They invite the general public to attend.

This is the same play which was put on in Eugene some weeks ago and which drew a large crowd.

## MRS. L. MAY ENTERTAINS AENEAS CLUB TUESDAY

Members of the Aeneas club were entertained Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lawrence May. Special guests for the afternoon were Mrs. Walter Scott, Mrs. E. May and Mrs. Sales of Eugene. The members addressed a letter to Mrs. S. C. Wright, member of the group who is now wintering in California. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. C. Parker on February 24.

## LOCAL SEWING CLUB HAS MEETING LAST THURSDAY

Mrs. Froma Haack entertained the members of the sewing club at her home on Fifth street on Thursday of last week. The afternoon was spent sewing. Those present were Thelma Lipes, Virginia Brink, Teddy Lipes, Lois Johansen, Joan Seavey, La Verne Pugh, Georgia Simpkins and Mrs. Haack. This is one of the Four-H clubs. Mrs. Haack is the leader of the group.

## GARDEN WORKERS BUSY DURING WARM WEATHER

Some very early table gardens will be evident in Springfield if killing frosts do not come too often during the month of February. Several people who planted garden peas during the fall report that they are several inches above the ground now. One truck gardener near Jasper has them eight inches above the ground already. An unusual demand for early vegetable seeds was felt in this city Monday.

## Many Students Do Solo Flights Here

Jim MacManiman Teaches 26 to Fly Alone at Local Port In Past Nine Months.

The soloing of two more students at the Springfield Municipal airport on Saturday has brought the total number of students taught to fly alone at the local field in the last nine months to 26. All of them have received their instruction and training from Jim MacManiman, present manager of the field.

All of the students have shown aptitude for flying and not one of them has ever made a bad landing and there has been no accidents at the field.

Students who were allowed to fly alone were John Wilmot and Laurence E. Neely. Wilmot has been assisting at the field for some time. Neely is secretary and treasurer of the Springfield School of Flying, incorporated, operators of the airport for the city of Springfield.

One of the first students to solo at the field was Dalton Shinn. He has since purchased a small ship of his own and now has almost 100 hours of flying time in the single seater to his credit.

### Runways Remain Solid

The runways at the airport are holding up in fine shape this winter according to MacManiman. There some apprehension at the time the gravel was placed on them last fall, many persons thinking that it was not sufficient to make a useful runway in wet weather. The winter has not been very wet but the large transport ships of the Bennett air lines have been using them several times daily and they are still firm despite this wear.

## Ex-Army Airman Joins Local School

Perry Clarke Is New Instructor in Ground Work at Springfield School of Flying.

Announcement of the addition of Perry Clarke, war-time air pilot to the staff of instructors at the Springfield School of Flying Incorporated, was made this week by Jim MacManiman, president and general manager of the training school.

Clarke will specialize in ground school instruction, devoting most of his time to instruction in the theory of mechanics. Most of the actual instruction work in the air will continue to be handled by MacManiman, although Clarke is qualified and capable of doing this also.

The new member of the flying school staff saw service with the Thirteenth aero squadron during the World war. He has been stationed at both Kelly field in Texas and at Dayton field in Ohio as a government instructor during his service with the government.

Clarke and MacManiman became acquainted many years ago in Portland when Clarke was associated with the Hill Aeronautical school before it was discontinued.

## LOCAL COUPLE HONORED WITH POTLUCK DINNER

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Pollard entertained with a potluck dinner at their home in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Will Maybe on Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Maybe are soon to make their home on a farm near Creswell.

Those present for the dinner included Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Hughes and family, Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Emery, Mrs. A. B. Van Valsah, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gantz, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McElhaney, Mrs. Emma Olson, Clayton Kirkland, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Pike and L. K. Page.

## CITY RECORDER IMPROVES BUT REMAINS IN HOSPITAL

Friends of Ira M. Peterson, Springfield city recorder, will be pleased to learn that he is now improving in health following his recent serious illness. He will be unable to leave the hospital for a while and will not return to his duties until he has regained strength lost. Mrs. Peterson went to Portland last Thursday evening and returned to Springfield Monday. Fred Hinson is continuing to look after the affairs at the city hall during the absence of the regular officer.

Call on Friends—Mrs. W. W. Howman of Deerhorn spent Tuesday afternoon in Springfield with her friends.

Purchases Feed—Harry Veatch of Lowell purchased a quantity of feed in Springfield Tuesday.

## NEW AUTO CAMP TO BUILD CABINS

Gold Star Camp Meets With Success During First Month's Operation; Has 14 Cabins Now and Starts Construction on 9 More This Week.

The immediate construction of nine more new cabins at the Gold Star auto camp was announced this week by Arthur Morgan, manager. Two of these are now being constructed and work on the other seven will start as soon as the first two have been completed. This will bring the total number of cabins at the new auto camp to 23. There are now six large cabins and eight smaller ones ready for use.

Business has been good since the camp was opened according to Mr. Morgan. He has been having an average of six or eight and sometimes as high as 10 cabins occupied during the past month. This is quite unusual for this time of the year when comparatively few tourists are traveling.

Any service desired may be obtained at the camp. The rates average from \$1.50 to \$3.50 depending on the kind of accommodations desired. Many people are taking advantage of the hotel accommodations offered at the camp grounds. Travelers may rent a cabin and also have a day bed installed if an extra bed is desired. Bedding is provided if desired also dishes and cooking utensils, or the people may get their meals at the store and lunch room which is operated by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Schopenhut who have recently moved here from Southern Minnesota.

Future plans for the camp call for the eventual construction of 40 cabins. Another group of cabins will be started next on the plot of ground in the center of the camp grounds. These will face the road and the group now constructed around the outer edge of the property which contains two and one-half acres.

## LEGION MEMBERS PLAN SERPENTINE DANCE AT THURSTON SATURDAY

The regular semi-monthly dance or the American Legion to be held at the Thurston hall on Saturday evening of this week will be in the nature of a serpentine dance according to Jack Larson, manager. Large quantities of serpentine streamers have been ordered and a good time is assured those who attend. The Legion officers try to hold some novelty dance every other week at Thurston.

## KENSINGTON CLUB HAS LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY

Mrs. Charles Poole and Mrs. W. K. Barnell were joint hostesses for the members of the Kensington club at a 1:00 o'clock luncheon at the Osburn hotel in Eugene on Friday. Mrs. W. C. Wright and Mrs. W. C. Rebhan were the winners of the prizes in the games.

Those attending the luncheon were Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Rebhan, Mrs. Lawrence May, Miss Edna Swarts, Mrs. C. E. Kenyon, Mrs. Clarence Chase, Mrs. L. E. Basford, Mrs. Dallas Murphy, Mrs. J. C. McMurray, Mrs. W. N. Dow, Mrs. Alfred J. Morgan, Mrs. Harry Whitney, Mrs. D. W. Crites, Mrs. C. E. Wheaton, Mrs. Poole and Mrs. Barnell.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Rebhan. It will be on February 6, and will be a potluck luncheon.

## VISITORS WILL ATTEND LODGE MEET WEDNESDAY

Several outside visitors are expected to attend the next meeting of the I. O. O. F. lodge which is to be held at their hall on Wednesday evening of next week. Regular lodge work will be carried on according to Oswald Olson, secretary.

The local lodge has changed its meeting nights to the first and third Wednesday's of each month. The lodge used to meet every Wednesday.

## M. A. POHL ENTERS LOCAL NATIONAL GUARD UNIT

Maxwell A. Pohl, former radio operator in the navy and with the coast guard at Anacortes, Washington, was enlisted into Headquarters company C of the Oregon National guard this week to take the place of William Cox who has been honorably discharged because of leaving the state. The local guard unit is a communication unit and the addition of Mr. Pohl is considered very fortunate.