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LEGION SETS NEW MEMBER RECORD

Thirty-two New Members Join Group at Meeting Here Last Week Bringing Membership to 87; Group Had 65 Members Last Year; Plan Banquet.

All previous membership records for Springfield post number 40 of the American Legion were broken last Thursday night when thirty-two new members were added to the post as a result of a membership drive headed by J. M. Larson and M. B. Huntley which resulted in the addition of sixteen new members by each team. This brought the present membership up to 87 which is the largest it has ever been according to local Legion officials. The membership reached the previous record of 85 in 1924 according to Jack Larson.

The local Legion post is composed of former service men living here, at Thurston, Waltherville, and Lowell. Meetings are held alternately at the various community centers.

Plans for a celebration banquet, at which time the Ladies Auxiliary members are to be guests of the Legion were also started at the meeting. This will be held at the Community hall on Thursday evening, February 19. Vern Caldwell, C. A. Swartz, H. O. Dibble, Sidney Ward and Levi Neet were named to the banquet committee by Dr. W. N. Dow, post commander.

Repainting of the signboard with the list of members was discussed and Sidney Ward was made chairman of a committee to do this. This work is to be done by Legion members, several of whom were busy painting Monday and Tuesday.

Veteran legislation now before the legislature at Salem was favorably discussed. Among these acts were bills providing for free hunting and fishing licenses for veterans, greater tax exemptions for veterans and an appropriation bill to assist in defraying the expenses of the national Legion convention in Portland in 1932.

Orders for 1500 poppies were approved at the meeting. This is 500 more than was ordered last year.

Officers of the Legion past are Dr. Dow, commander; H. O. Dibble, vice-commander; Walter Gossler, adjutant; and Jack Larson, finance officer.

COUNTY P.-T. A. COUNCIL TO HAVE MEETING AT CROW GRANGE SATURDAY

Several Springfield women are planning to attend the meeting of the County Council of the Parent-Teacher association at the Crow Grange hall on Saturday of this week. This is to be an all-day meeting with Professor J. DeWitte Davis of the school of education at the university, and R. C. Kuehner, Lane county Four-H club leader, as the principal speakers. A covered dish dinner will be served during the noon hour in the grange hall. Members of the Vaughn P.-T. A. are to be the hosts for this meeting.

All Springfield women desiring to attend the convention are asked to meet at Egginann's Saturday morning at 9:30. Cars will be provided for all those desiring to attend. Mrs. Lee Putman is general chairman of the arrangements committee.

JAMES HAMMOND TO BE SPEAKER FOR LIONS CLUB

James G. Hammond, national field representative of the Izaak Walton League of America will be the guest entertainer at the weekly meeting of the Lions Club Friday noon. Hammond is a native of Lane county, having been raised in this vicinity together with his brother, General Creed Hammond, who is now stationed in the Philippines.

James Hammond has won a considerable reputation as an actor and spent some time with stock companies. He is to put on a play as a part of the entertainment for Ladies night of the Rotary club in Eugene.

Local Lions are holding rehearsals this week for a minstrel show which will be presented next week as a part of the entertainment for their Ladies Night program.

CHAMBER MEMBERS TO HEAR SPEAKER TUESDAY

A speaker on some phase of the dairy problem will address the meeting of the chamber of commerce Tuesday evening according to W. K. Barnell, president. This is the first of the meetings under the new plan adopted by the chamber whereby they will arrange programs in advance of the meeting time.

Eugene Wins In H. S. Basketball

University High Game Here Friday and Eugene High Contest Later Are Crucial.

Eugene high basketball team nosed out the Springfield quintet with a score of 29-17 in the first encounter between the two teams this season last Friday night at the Eugene high gymnasium.

It was easily Eugene's game all during the first half according to Norval May, Springfield coach. The Eugene team began piling up a lead early in the game while the Springfield team hung back and played a defensive game. After the start of the second half the local boys came back with a determination to even the score and nearly did so, forcing Eugene to play a defensive game the greater part of the period.

Gilbert Ernating was the high point man on the Springfield team, turning in six points. He was followed by Lynch with 4, Matteson with 3, and Bert Tomsett with 2. Bradley, tall center on the Eugene team was the high point man for the game, making 7 points.

Springfield will meet the University high team on the local floor Friday evening in the second game of the season. The local team has already defeated the University high group in one game, but it was only by one basket and the coaching staff has been changed at the school across the river with apparent improvement so both teams have about an equal break. This should be one of the best games of the season.

It is necessary for Springfield to win this game to regain her position at the top of the district. Eugene, University high, and Springfield are now in a three-way tie, each having lost one game. Eugene plays Cottage Grove Friday and will surely win that game, Springfield will have to defeat University high to retain her position with Eugene and will have to defeat Eugene here two weeks later to hold her place on top.

The Springfield high school team is a good one this year. They have a fine chance to win the district championship, and every effort is being made at the school to keep social events and other entertainments in the background until the two crucial games are past.

MR. AND MRS. WILSON INVITE FRIENDS TO PARTY AT ANCHORAGE

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wilson have invited a large number of their friends to attend a Valentine party to be held at the Anchorage in Eugene on Friday evening February 13. Their guest lists includes: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McMurray, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. John Henderer, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Barnell, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kenyon, Clayton Kirkland, N. P. Kugel, H. N. Wright, Mrs. Gertrude Wilson, Mrs. Alice Beeson, Mr. and Mrs. Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Gossler, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fandrew, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Ward, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. Levi H. Neet, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Rebhan, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Flanery, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dawson, Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Dow, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adrian, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Wright, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Phetteplace, and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Laselle of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ka-foury, Salem, and Mr. and Mrs. S. Ralph Dipple, Medford.

MRS. WARD ENTERTAINS NEEDLECRAFT MEMBERS

Members of the Needlecraft club were entertained last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sidney Ward. Her special guests were Mrs. Roscoe Perkins and Mrs. Alice Beeson. Valentine decorations and refreshments were the feature of the afternoon. The club will meet February 19 at the home of Mrs. Floyd Thompson. Mrs. Clifford Wilson will be the assistant hostess.

MANY ATTEND MONTHLY AMARANTH DINNER MEET

Several Springfield people went to Eugene Monday night to attend the covered dish supper and lodge session of the Willamette court, order of Amaranth, which was held at the Masonic temple. Mrs. C. E. Wheaton was one of the assistant chairmen for the evening lodge session which followed the dinner.

RECORDER GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Council Acts Favorably on Request of City Official Recovering from Illness; Curfew Ordered Abandoned and Bell Sold to Highest Bidder.

Leave of absence on account of sickness was granted I. M. Peterson, city recorder, at the meeting of the council Monday evening. The charter provides that a city officer can not leave the city more than 30 days without special permission of the council. A letter from Mr. Peterson said he expected to be recovered from his illness sufficient to resume his duty in a few days, however.

Street lights were ordered in at Sixteenth and Main streets and the alley between Third and Fourth streets and Main and A streets.

The council ordered the curfew tower torn down and the bell sold to the highest bidder. The tower which has been up for 30 years or more is reported to be dangerous.

The council authorized the street committee to paint the city equipment as it is now very much faded.

MASONS PLAN NEXT MEETING IN THEIR NEW MODERN HOME

Masons of Springfield will hold their next meeting, February 24, in their new home which is now being remodeled and refurnished according to C. E. Wheaton, secretary of the Liberty Masonic lodge. A special homecoming dinner is also being planned for the lodge on the evening of February 26, he announced.

The completion of the work now under way in the old Woodmen of the World building which has been purchased by the Masonic lodge will provide the local lodge with the finest organization home in the city. Carpenters, plumbers, electricians, painters, and assisting lodge members have been working for more than a month remodeling the second floor of the building. They have made a main lodge room which is finished in white and cream with arched ceiling, a dining room and kitchen, a large conference room, as well as large closets, storage spaces and spacious outer hall out of the many rooms formerly in the Woodman hall. Partitions, doors, light fixtures, and plumbing have been torn out and changed around.

A heavy door has been hung at the street entrance to the lodge hall and will be kept closed when the hall is not in use. The stairway has been painted and replastered where needed. Heavy linoleum covering has been cut to cover the steps.

Upstairs the main room has been refinished, new light fixtures have been placed, a new floor covering is being laid over the entire floor, high grade opera chairs are being installed, and new platforms and furniture are being placed.

The other rooms have been replastered where needed, remodeled, and all refinished. The light fixtures from the main room of the Woodman hall have been moved out to these rooms and hall. A hardwood floor is being laid in the dining room.

CITY HAS SMALL GEYSER AS TRUCK SKIDS AND HITS FIRE HYDRANT

Springfield had its own geyser Saturday morning when a large truck skidded on the ice-coated pavement and struck the fire hydrant in front of the Stanley store breaking it and sending a stream of water almost as high as the building spouting upwards.

Water was shut off for almost an hour while the broken hydrant was dug out, and was kept at 20 pounds pressure the balance of the day.

Flushing and washing the streets early Saturday mornings has been quite a problem during the cold weather. During the past weeks it has just been cold enough to freeze the water for a couple of hours causing a great amount of inconvenience to the motorists.

Rock salt was scattered over the street last Saturday morning following the accident to the hydrant.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL TO HAVE PARTY FRIDAY

Members of the Bethany Sunday school class of the Baptist church are planning a Valentine party to be held at the church on Friday evening of this week. Husbands of the women belonging to the class have been invited to attend. Mrs. Marvin Chase is general chairman for the event.

Japanese Dolls to Visit City Tonight

Public Program at Methodist Church to Be Participated in by Ten Schools.

Week-day Bible school students in eight rural schools and two Springfield schools will gather at the Methodist church here tonight to greet the two World Friendship dolls which are now making a tour of the United States as a gift from the students in Japan. An interesting program has been prepared by Miss Goldie Smith, director of the Bible study work in the public schools, and the general public is invited to attend.

The program announced by Miss Smith is as follows: Welcome to the dolls, W. P. Tyson, mayor of Springfield; a song service consisting of various group songs led by Veltie Pruitt; scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Ralph Mutholland; memory work by the pupils in the schools represented; song, "I Love My Beautiful Bible", all the schools; reading, "House of Brotherhood", Ila Putman; Japanese Nature Song, Richard Puni; address, Professor Harold S. Tuttle of the school of education at the University of Oregon; and a history of the friendship dolls by Miss Smith.

The following schools are sending children to take part in the program: Jasper, Mt. Vernon, Hayden Bridge, Fall Creek, Zion, Wendling, Riverview, Chase Gardens, Brattain and Lincoln at Springfield.

The dolls are lifelike and travel in glass cases. They were brought to Springfield this morning and a guard of honor has been placed over them until after the program when they and all their costumes, and other articles which are sent along with the dolls will be packed again.

One of the dolls will become property of the Fine Arts museum at the University when they have completed their tour of the United States.

Children in Japan received friendship dolls from Week-day Bible students in this country several years ago and they sent these two life-size dolls to the children of the United States as a token of their friendliness. The dolls have several complete changes of dress and are always dressed in the clothes appropriate to the occasion, whether it be an afternoon tea, or a formal evening appearance.

MRS. NANCY JONES DIES MONDAY AFTER ILLNESS

Mrs. Nancy Jones passed away in Springfield Monday morning at the age of 56 years following an extended illness. She was born at Elba, Nebraska on May 14, 1874. She has been a resident of Springfield and Eugene for the past 13 years, and was a member of the Springfield Christian church.

She is survived by one son, George Jones, Eugene; two daughters, Clara Jones Springfield, and Mrs. Eva Dickens, Cottage Grove; three brothers, Levi Bennett, Cotfield, Nebraska, Allen Bennett, Portland, Oregon, and Harry Bennett, Junction City; three sisters, Mrs. Pearl Cattuch, Arlington, Mrs. Fannie Dimmich, Portland, and Mrs. Abbie Uttinger, Junction City. She also leaves seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Branstetter chapel in Eugene on Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. Veltie Pruitt officiated and interment was made in the old I. O. O. F. cemetery.

PROMINENT MISSIONARY WORKER COMES SUNDAY

Mrs. W. B. Norton, field representative of the Columbia River branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church, will be the principal speaker at the evening service at the Methodist church Sunday evening. Mrs. Norton will talk on India and Indian problems. She is the wife of Dr. W. B. Norton, for 20 years religious editor of the Chicago Tribune and author of the book, "Church and Newspaper." Together the two spent two years making a trip around the world and while in India visiting with their daughter and son-in-law they had the unusual opportunity of spending three days with Mahatma Gandhi, Nationalist leader, who has just recently been released from prison by the English government.

Rev. C. E. Crandall will preach the sermon at the morning hour at the church in absence of Rev. C. J. Pike who is recovering from an operation. The Sunday school and other organization will hold their usual meetings Sunday.

SPRINGFIELD P.-T. A. TO OBSERVE FOUNDERS DAY ON FEBRUARY 20

Plans are now being made by the Springfield chapter of the Parent-Teacher association for a silver tea and program to be given here on Friday, February 20, in recognition of the thirty-fourth anniversary of the founding of the organization.

The event will be held at the Lincoln school at 3 o'clock with Mrs. W. K. Barnell as general chairman of the entire affair. One of the principal events on the program will be a talk by Mrs. Marion Adams on the history of the organization. She will also light the thirty-four candles on the birthday cake slices of which will be sold during the tea. Girl Scouts will furnish music for the program.

Mrs. Walter Laxton is chairman of the refreshment committee. Mrs. L. K. Page, Mrs. C. O. Wilson, and Mrs. M. B. Huntley will pour.

The members of the Girl Scouts will also hold a candy sale in the building at the time of the meeting.

Couple Observe 60th Anniversary

Sixty years of married life for Mr. and Mrs. William Baccus whose home is in North Springfield is the occasion for a large and happy family reunion here today.

The local couple, who observed their golden wedding anniversary ten years ago in Idaho, are the parents of eight children, four boys and four girls, all of whom are living and married, having families of their own. They also have 42 grandchildren, and are the great grandparents of 21 children.

Three of their sons, Harvey, Eugene, and Jesse, live in Springfield with their own families. The fourth son, Ben, lives at Council, Idaho, the old home of the Baccus family where most of the children grew up on a homestead between 1901 and 1929.

The daughters are more scattered; only two of them, Mrs. Charles Carroll of Huntington, and Mrs. Ed Austin of Newport, live in the state. Mrs. N. E. Weatherly lives in Hardsfield, North Dakota, and Mrs. Fred Ketchum lives at Caldwell, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Baccus came to Springfield in 1929 from Council, Idaho. Mr. Baccus has held a variety of positions during his lifetime, being at various times, carpenter, farmer, and railroad man. He will be 83 years old on April 2. Mrs. Baccus, whose maiden name was Margaret Scouler, was born of Scotch parentage on April 26, and will be 77 years old on that date this year.

The couple were married at Unionville, Missouri on February 12, 1871.

DEMONSTRATION AGENT DISCUSSES APPLIANCES BEFORE CIVIC GROUP

The uses of electrical appliances, their care, and the changing trend of household equipment vocabulary were all discussed here Tuesday night by Miss Gertrude Skow, Lane county home demonstration agent, when she appeared before the meeting of the Springfield Civic club. This was the first of a series of two lectures to be given before the members of the group this spring by Miss Skow.

Several members of the club donated dishes to the Community hall and a large number brought blocks of material for quilts.

Plans were outlined for a meeting which the club will sponsor at the high school on February 28, at which time F. A. Cuthbert, assistant professor of landscape gardening at the Oregon State college will be the speaker.

FATHER OF WALTERVILLE RESIDENT DIES IN EAST

Word of the death of C. E. Koozer at Clearfield, Pennsylvania on Sunday was received here Monday by his son, Ronnie Koozer of Waltherville. The funeral services were held Wednesday in the Pennsylvania city. The elder Koozer was a former resident of this state, having lived east of the Cascades for several years before going to the Atlantic coast.

BAPTIST ORCHESTRA TO PLAY SUNDAY MORNING

The newly organized orchestra at the Baptist church will play before the Sunday morning service at 11:00 o'clock it was announced today by Rev. R. Mutholland pastor. The pastor will speak on "The Kingdom of Our Lord" at the morning service, and has chosen, "The Mystery God" as his evening service. Sunday school will be held in the morning at 9:45. The young people will meet at 7:00.

C.E. TO ENTERTAIN COUNTY CONVENTION

Three-Day Gathering to Open at Christian Church Here on Friday Morning; More Than 150 Delegates Expected; To Serve Banquet Saturday.

More than 150 delegates and visitors are expected to start arriving in Springfield tomorrow morning for the three-day annual convention of the Lane County Christian Endeavor societies which is to be held at the Christian church. The delegates and visitors will represent all of the societies in Lane county. Those who cannot conveniently return to their homes each night will be housed in this city at the home of the various members of the Christian church. Miss Dora Pederson, general chairman of the convention committee, has charge of registration and housing the visitors.

Several prominent speakers including Dr. Walter Meyers, chancellor of the Eugene Bible university, have been secured for the three-day meeting. The complete program is not available for publication today, but copies of it will be distributed at the opening session tomorrow morning.

Delegates to the convention will be welcomed at the first meeting by Mayor W. P. Tyson. Sunday evening the local Christian Endeavor society will conduct a model society meeting with the leader at 6:30. The members as the leaders at 6:30. The members of the high school sextette will sing at this meeting.

The high light of the social activities planned for the visitors comes Saturday evening when the ladies cooking club of the church serves their banquet to the convention members.

An attendance contest with extra points for the winners to be used in the state flag race at the state convention at Medford in April is expected to increase the attendance.

Committee appointments for the convention announced this morning by Dora Pederson are as follows: music, Verne Lazwell; social, Lola Thompson; publicity, Mina Peterson; and Miss Pederson, housing and registration.

SENIORS LEADS HONOR LIST AT HIGH SCHOOL

Forty-six students at the Springfield high school have their names on the honor roll of the school for the third six weeks period. The seniors lead the list, having almost as many as all the other classes together. The list as announced by W. E. Buell, principal, is as follows:

Freshmen—Evelyn Baccus, Betty Mersdorf, DeEtta Sandgathe, Echo Tomseth, Elizabeth Vail, Larry Liles. Sophomores—Donald Brown, Virginia Christie, Gene Hamblen, Melba Harris, Bertha Keenan, LeMa Maxwell, Max Oaks, Marjorie Prochnow, Marcelline Seavey, Florence Vail.

Juniors—Doris Chase, Beulah Richardson, Lewis Rodokowski, Hazel Shelley, Lela Squires, George Thatcher, Harold Stevenson, Ovel Stevenson.

Seniors—Louise Archer, Thelma Baker, Myrna Batholomew, Dawn Church, June Clover, Dale Daniels, Franklin Elmer, Gilbert Ernating, Dorothy Fisher, Mary Hadley, Iris Harper, Ruth Lee, Irene Manley, Helen Mersdorf, Faye Parsons, Mina Peterson, Wilma Post, Marie States, Nellie Stuart, Daisy Tomseth, Carl Wagner, Jesse Beals.

LEGION MEMBERS WILL HAVE VALENTINE DANCE AT THURSTON SATURDAY

Members of the Springfield American Legion post number 40 will hold their regular semi-monthly dance at the Thurston hall on Saturday evening according to J. M. Larson, finance officer of the group. This will be in the nature of a St. Valentine dance. Special novelties are being planned for the event.

LOG SLIPS, CRESWELL MAN HAS BROKEN FOOT

F. M. Viles of Creswell received a broken left foot yesterday when a log which he was trying to load onto a wagon slipped striking him. Mr. Viles was working alone and had placed one end of the log on the wagon and was working with the other end when the front end slipped off the wagon. He will have to use crutches for at least a week according to his attending physician.