

## CLERK REPORTS ON DISTRICT FINANCES

Money Held in Bank Would Put Schools on Cash Basis; Bond Debt Reduced

### MRS. PETERSON RESIGNS

Board to Make Tour of Inspection of Buildings Friday; To Discuss Repairs

School district 19 which includes all of Springfield shows a creditable financial standing in the annual report prepared by Clayton F. Barber, clerk and presented at the meeting of the school board Monday evening.

The report shows a cash surplus of approximately \$30 over and above all warranted indebtedness. This cash surplus would be quite a bit larger, however, were it not for the fact that some of the school funds are involved in the liquidation of the Commercial State bank deposits.

Total Receipts Given  
The total receipts for the year were \$54,394.05 as compared with disbursements totaling \$46,524.81. This leaves a balance of \$7,869.24 with warrants totaling \$7834.17 outstanding.

The bonded indebtedness of the district has been reduced \$1000 during the past year. It is now \$70,000.

Principal items in the receipts as shown in the report are: taxes, \$25,616.34; county school fund, \$7,051.10; state school fund, \$1,363.54; elementary school fund, \$4,800.00; and high school tuition fund, \$5,422.40.

The larger items of expenditure were general control, \$529.72; instruction, \$35,424.35; operation of plants, \$4,994.57; and maintenance and repairs, \$672.45.

### Swartz New Chairman

C. A. Swartz was sworn in as chairman of the board at the meeting held Monday evening at Dr. W. H. Pollard's office. He succeeds Dr. Pollard, who was re-elected for three years as director.

The resignation of Mrs. Georgiana Peterson from the faculty of the high school was received and accepted. Applications have been received by the board, but have not been acted on as yet. Mrs. Peterson has been teaching domestic science and sewing at the high school for several years.

Members of the school board will visit the various buildings Friday afternoon of this week on a tour of inspection to have all necessary repair work done before the opening of the next term in September.

### PORTLAND MERCHANT BUYS KENNETT STOCK

Plans to Operate Store in Same Location; To Discontinue One in Portland

George P. Hoffman, merchant of Portland, was the successful bidder on the assigned stock of the Kennett store in this city when it was sold in Portland Thursday of last week. Mr. Hoffman arrived in this city that evening and opened the store Friday morning.

Mr. Hoffman's plans call for the immediate disposal of all present stocks of the store. Following this Mr. Hoffman will move the merchandise from his Portland store to this city and discontinue the store there, operating a general merchandise store in the same location as that held by Mr. Kennett.

The stock of the Kennett store was attached by the Northwest Textile Manufacturers association of Portland and sold last week.

Mr. Kennett is now reported to be in the southern part of the state conducting a sale.

### MANY ATTEND PICNIC AT CHRIS HANSON FARM

A large group of people including Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Potter and family, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Pollard and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Bartholomew and family, Howard Hughes, Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hanson and family, Miss Audrey Dunner, and Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Pike and Mrs. Pike's father and mother enjoyed a large Fourth of July picnic at the Hanson place on the McKenzie river east of Springfield Saturday.

### BULL ATTACKS YOUTH THREE RIBS BROKEN

Harold Clark of Creswell is in the Pacific Christian hospital this week recovering from injuries sustained Saturday when he was attacked by an enraged bull which he was leading.

He suffered three broken ribs and other injuries when the bull knocked him down and tried to trample him. He was rescued by W. L. Wallace, a neighbor.

Clark is 20 years old. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clark of route 2, Creswell.

## Methodists Honor Pastor at Party

Friends and Church Members Hold Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Pike

Members of the congregation of the Methodist church and friends of the congregation held a farewell reception for Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Pike at the church Monday evening. A fare-well reception for the pastor who left this week for his duties in Portland after having served the local church for the past three years.

Entertainment for the reception was provided by a women's quartet consisting of Mrs. J. T. Moore, Mrs. N. W. Emery, Mrs. A. H. Van Valzah, and Mrs. S. E. Potter. Mrs. Pike sang several songs accompanying herself on a small harp, and short impromptu talks were made by several of the men of the church.

Refreshments were served following the program.

Rev. Pike goes to Portland to become pastor of a small church and to teach in the Portland Bible Institute. He will be relieved here by Rev. D. C. Poindexter of Hood River.

## Many Will Hear Negro Songsters

"Cotton Blossom Singers" to Present Free Concert in Local Church on Friday

Four young negro musicians, "Cotton Blossom Singers," students at the Piney Wood school for colored people, located near Jackson, Mississippi, will present a program of songs and music at the Baptist church Friday evening of this week. There will be no admission charge, but an offering will be taken to defray the expenses of the group.

The four men will present a complete program which will include negro spirituals, humorous and old time colored folk songs.

Sunday they will be heard in various Eugene churches and over radio station KORE. They have also been invited to appear before several service club organizations in Eugene while in this vicinity.

They are coming to Springfield from California where they have been well received. They travel in a specially fitted bus which also serves as their living quarters while on their tour of the country.

### NANNIE PUCKETT DIES SUNDAY AT WENDLING

Mrs. Nannie E. Puckett died Sunday, July 6, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Sayles, at Wendling, at the age of 72 years. She was born February 16, 1859 in Grayson county, Kentucky. She moved to Canyonville in 1888 and has spent most of her life there.

She leaves three sons, Arthur Puckett of Roseburg; George W. Puckett of Westfir; C. A. Puckett, canyonville; and two daughters, Mrs. J. A. Castrow, Portland; and Mrs. Sayles at Wendling.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Methodist Episcopal church at Canyonville. Veatch chapel in Eugene had charge of arrangements. Mrs. Puckett was a member of the Pentecostal church at Canyonville.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SWIMMING PARTY FRIDAY

Members of Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah's Sunday school class of the Methodist church will hold a swimming party and watermelon feed at Swimmer's Delight park Friday evening. The young people will eat their evening meal at their homes and will gather at the Van Valzah home at 6:30 to go to the park in a group for a swimming party. A watermelon feed will follow the swimming.

### PICNIC AT MYER'S PARK ENJOYED ON SATURDAY

Another of the many picnic groups which gathered at the various parks and resorts on July Fourth was that composed of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Girard and daughters, Misses Dorothy and Doris, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Girard and children, Robert Childs and Harold Anderson of California; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Pyne and son, and Mrs. Pyne's mother, Mrs. Nellie Jordan. These folks gathered at Myer's park for their dinner Saturday evening.

### NEW METHODIST PASTOR WILL PREACH SUNDAY

Rev. D. C. Poindexter, recently assigned to the Springfield Methodist church from Hood River will arrive here the latter part of the week and will fill the pulpit at the church for the first time Sunday morning. Rev. Poindexter will also have charge of the church at Coburg.

## BUS SERVICE NOT TO BE CURTAILED

General Manager Visits City to Quell Rumors of Busses to Be Discontinued

### SCHEDULE WILL STAND

Hope for Better Service in Near Future Expressed by T. L. Billingsley

Motor bus service between Eugene and Springfield will not be suspended it was emphatically stated here the first of the week by T. L. Billingsley of Salem, general manager of the service.

The statement was made to quiet rumors which have been current both here and in Eugene ever since the announcement came out that the Booth-Kelly Lumber company would close down on July 1. Many rumors have spread to the effect that the bus service was to be discontinued soon after the mill closed and the Eugene office has been repeatedly asked for verification or denial of the rumors.

Mr. Billingsley went further and stated that he hoped conditions would soon improve sufficiently so that even better service could be given patrons of the line. The busses have been operating on an hourly and half-hourly service for the past few weeks.

The present schedule which will be followed indefinitely provides for busses leaving the Eugene terminal on the hour each morning except Sunday at 6 a. m. and continuing through the day as follows: Thirty-minute service leaving S. P. depot from 6:00 a. m. to 8:00 a. m. and leaving Springfield from 6:30 a. m. to 8:30 a. m. Hourly service 8:00 a. m. leaving S. P. depot Eugene and 8:30 a. m. leaving Springfield to 4:00 p. m. leaving Eugene. From 4:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m., 30-minute service leaving Eugene. Hourly service from 6:00 p. m. to 11:30 p. m. Last car leaving S. P. depot at 11:30 p. m. for Springfield. On Sundays hourly service, first car leaving S. P. depot 8:00 a. m. First car leaving Springfield at 8:30 a. m. Last car leaving S. P. depot 11:30 p. m. and last car leaving Springfield at 12:00 midnight.

Bus schedules in Eugene which were cut at the time of the change here have already been altered, providing earlier buses on some of the outlying runs. One change made some time ago provides for late bus service out of Eugene at 11 each evening instead of at 10 and 11:30 as was formerly offered.

### PEOPLE RESPOND TO AID OF NEEDY FARMER

Cash and Other Donations Made to Assist Man Whose Entire Property Is Burned

The spirit of the residents of this community was manifested here the first part of the week when 50 local businessmen signed a list circulated by W. H. Hefflin, seeking donations of cash or other useful articles on behalf of Guernsey Bowerman, bachelor farmer residing a few miles east of Springfield, who lost all of his personal effects as well as his savings in a fire which completely destroyed the residence.

The home was owned by Carl Carpenter of Springfield and was very lightly insured.

Mr. Bowerman was in a field working when the fire, which is believed to have been started from a defective wire, enveloped the house in flames. Two rockers on the front porch is all that was saved. A considerable sum of which was in the house was also destroyed by the fire.

### SEVERAL TAKE RIDES IN FORD TRI-MOTOR SHIP

Miss Clara Jones, nurse at the office of Dr. W. C. Rehan, took her first ride in an airplane Friday when she went up in the Ford tri-motor ship belonging to the Mamer Flying Service operating between Spokane and Seattle. She was accompanied on the flight by Mrs. D. B. Murphy. Several other Springfield and Eugene residents took advantage of the opportunity offered of taking a short flight in one of the large transport ships.

### LOCAL PEOPLE SPEND FOURTH ON MCKENZIE

A group of Springfield people including Rev. and Mrs. Veltie Pruitt and family, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Rehan and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Murphy and Miss Clara Jones spent Saturday, July 4, on an outing on the banks of the McKenzie river near Nimrod Inn. The party returned to their homes late that evening.

### Daughter Named—Roberta Jean

is the name which Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fountain have chosen for their infant daughter born to them at their home at Leaburg on Thursday, July 2, 1931.

## Rebekahs to Give Children's Party

Juanita Group Inducts Both Appointive and Elective Officials at Meeting

All officers, both elective and appointive, of Juanita Rebekah lodge were formally installed Monday evening at exercises held at the I. O. O. F. hall.

Miss Doris Girard is the new Noble Grand. Other elective officers are Stella Eaton, vice-grand; Genevieve Louk, secretary; and Mabel Peddicord, treasurer.

Appointive officers installed were Mrs. Glenn Stone, warden; Nellie Pyne, conductor; Ada Love, chaplain; Zella Cantrell, outside guardian; Dorothy Girard, inside guardian; Mrs. Clara Tuttle Fenton, musician; Mrs. Bertha Walker, right support to the Noble Grand; Mrs. Minnie Girard, left support to the Noble Grand; Stella Findley, right support to the vice-grand; and Mrs. Clara Taylor, left support to the vice-grand.

Retiring officers of the lodge are: Amy Love, Noble Grand; Doris Girard, vice-grand; Alice Doane, secretary; and Genevieve Louk, treasurer.

## Summer Hours at Library Are Given

Building to Be Open Wednesdays and Saturdays Only During July and August

The Springfield library will not be open on Mondays during the months of July and August, but will be open on Wednesday and Saturdays for the usual hours, between 2 and 5 and from 7 to 9 each afternoon and evening, according to Mrs. Doris Saltsman, librarian.

There seems to have been some confusion as to the hours the library is to be open she states, many having called her to inquire why the door was locked on the first Monday in July.

Announcement of the new schedule at the library was made in the columns of this paper several weeks ago shortly after the monthly meeting of the library board at which time the schedule was decided.

It has been a common practice here for the past few years to close the library on Mondays during the summer months. The number of readers fall off considerably after school is out and warm weather sets in.

### RECKLESS YOUTHS HIT DOG, ONE EYE IS LOST

Four youths driving in a Ford automobile chased the bulldog belonging to Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Flanery onto the curbing where they struck it with the bumper on the car and threw it on its side causing it to lose the sight of one eye about 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

The entire side of the dog's head was badly injured but is healing satisfactorily now, although the sight of one eye has been destroyed.

It is apparent that the affair was not an accident as the youths seeing what had happened laughed at their deed and drove on before onlookers, who did not recognize them, had time to take the license number of their automobile.

### STORK BRINGS TWINS TO COUPLE AT MARCOLA

The first pair of twins to be born to residents of this part of Lane county for more than a year arrived Monday afternoon, July 6, 1931, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Dunn at Marcola. Both are boys and they and their mother are doing nicely. One weighed six and three-fourths pounds and the other seven and one-half pounds at birth.

They both look exactly alike, according to the Springfield physician who attended their birth.

### SPRINGFIELD COUPLE WINS DANCE PRIZE

Nathalie Edmiston of Thurston, and John Lynch, of Springfield, won the prize at Swimmer's Delight the evening of the Fourth of July in a waltz contest held there as a part of the observation of independence day.

Two thousand people gathered at the resort for the day and enjoyed the baseball game, dancing, swimming, fireworks and other events planned by J. E. Jacoby, manager.

### TWO MEN FINED FOR POSSESSING LIQUOR

Ray Severson, Springfield, and Ole Arnston, Mapleton, were fined \$50 each in Eugene justice court Monday by Dan Johnston, justice of the peace, when they pleaded guilty to liquor charges against them. Severson was arrested at a river resort, and Arnston was taken at Mapleton.

## PLANES INTEREST MANY ON AIR TOUR

Ships Exhibited, Stunts Demonstrated and Passengers Got Trips in Large Craft

### DOROTHY HESTER FLIES

Schedules Are Misunderstood and Ships Leave Early; Spend Night in Salem

A smaller number of airplanes than had been expected, about 25 in all, visited the Springfield Municipal airport Friday during the second Pacific Northwest States Air Tour, but a greater variety of types of planes than had ever before been assembled on the local field greeted the thousands that turned out on the warm windy day as spectators.

Included in the visiting ships, which were brought here by several of the most famous pilots of the country, were monoplanes, bi-planes, pusher types, and mid-wing speed jobs. They ranged in size from the large 13 passenger Ford tri-motored and the 10 passenger tri-motored West Coast Air Transport Bach ships to the two small Curtis junior, or pusher types of planes and the small Buhl Pup planes which formed what was termed as the misquito fleet. These small ships have very limited gasoline and oil supply tanks and find it necessary to carry additional fuel in containers stowed away in the plane. When on long hops they have to make landings and refuel from the reserve cans.

Other outstanding ships on the field included the mid-wing Emco ship from Los Angeles, the Wasco sport plane piloted by Les Bowman, the fleet of Bird planes from the Ponder school at Portland and the Great Lakes sport ship given by the manufacturers as a gift to Miss Dorothy Hester. Then there were also the larger cabin ships, the Ryan monoplane, sister ship to Lindbergh's famous "Wen" ship, from Seattle and the attractive black and white Travelair from Tacoma.

Entertainment for the crowd was provided first by Les Bowman, factory representative of the Wasco company who demonstrated many of the stunts possible with a stock plane. His most interesting performance was that of slowly moving his plane across the field with the motor almost cut. He also executed a beautiful landing bringing his ship to a stop less than 75 feet after the wheels touched the runway.

Without any question however, the most outstanding performer of the tour was Miss Dorothy Hester of Portland, student of Tex Rankin. Miss Hester took her small Great Lakes plane to an elevation of 4500 feet and gracefully completed the first and only outside loop which she attempted. Freed from the strain of this, the most difficult stunt which can be done with a plane, she then put the ship through most of the stunts on the airplane list. Many of her stunts were done upside down, and her flying with her ship flat on its side drew many gasps from the crowd.

A great applause greeted this intrepid Mistress of the air when she climbed from the cockpit after the stunting.

Due to misunderstandings of schedules the ships did not remain here overnight, but took off during the afternoon for Salem.

Reports of the financial committee handling the tour are being completed this week.

### BAPTIST GIRLS WILL ATTEND HOUSE PARTY

Three girls, members of the World Wide Guild of the Baptist church, will go to McMinnville this week-end to attend the annual housewarming party to be held at Linfield college Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The girls to make the trip have not been chosen at this time.

### MRS. NANCY CONRAD DIES AT REEDSPORT MONDAY

Lifetime Resident of Lane County Passes While Visiting Sons On Coast

Mrs. Nancy Conrad, resident of Springfield for the past 27 years, passed away Monday afternoon at the home of her son in Reedport at the age of 75 years. She was born near Eugene on July 3, 1856 and has lived in this state all of her life.

She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Mary Fletcher of North Bend; three sons, Sam and Walter of Reedport, and Sherman of Springfield; two daughters, Mrs. William Curtis and Mrs. R. L. Jones, Springfield; five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Walker-Poole chapel in Springfield. Rev. R. L. Mulholland pastor of the Baptist church will officiate and interment will be made in Laurel Hill cemetery.

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### Church Seeks Union



Rev. Frank G. Coffin, Columbus, O., of the Christian Church, (above) and Fred B. Smith, New York, Congregational minister, are working out plans for a union of the two sects.

## Rebekahs Install Officers Monday

Games, Entertainment, and Refreshments for Youngsters Monday Evening

A special party for all children of members of the Rebekah and I. O. O. F. lodges of Springfield and others whose parents are not affiliated with other local organizations will be given at the I. O. O. F. hall next Monday evening under the direction of Mrs. Fred Louk, chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements.

The party will be held at 8:30 following a short meeting of the lodge members. It has been planned for some time and it is made possible by a member of the local Rebekah lodge who does not care to have his name associated with his donation.

An evening of games and entertainment will be held and will be followed by a supper late in the evening. No program has been arranged for the event.

Assisting Mrs. Louk with arrangements are Mrs. Lee Putman, Mrs. Asa Peddicord, Mrs. Sam Richmond, and Mrs. Pearl Schantel.

## W.C.T.U. Gives Program Monday

Many Young People Have Parts in Pageant and Playlet at Christian Church

An interesting program of songs, recitations, and playlets was given at the Christian church Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Springfield unit of the W. C. T. U. as a means of raising funds with which to meet their share of the financial budget.

The program began at 7:30. No admission was charged, but an offering was taken during the program.

The complete program was as follows: Opening hymn; prayer; recitation, Virginia Lee Pohl; vocal duet, Miriam Rice and Virginia Christie; a flower mission pageant by the girls of Mrs. D. B. Murphy's Sunday school class; reading, Ida Cox; a vocal duet, Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Roland Moshier; a violin solo by Arthur Hendershott of Eugene; a playlet participated in by 20 young children; and the closing song, America.

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## School Officials To Ask Injunction

Eugene Attorney Retained By Larger Districts to Carry on Legal Battle

Springfield high school district officials will unite with officers of other districts in Lane county in a legal fight to determine the validity of the so-called Wheeler High School law, it was decided at the regular monthly meeting held on Monday evening. Members of the Springfield board attended the meeting held in Eugene Wednesday evening to formulate plans for their action.

Judge L. T. Harris of Eugene has been retained as legal counsel for the school districts and he will probably go into circuit court soon asking an injunction against the use of the Wheeler law in Lane county during the next year. If the injunction is granted the case will be heard in circuit court, but if it is not granted it will be carried directly to the state supreme court.

The law is being attacked on the grounds that it is discriminatory among school districts and is therefore unconstitutional.

Several meetings have been held by school officials and the county boundary board recently with the final decision by the board that they would continue to operate under the present law. Action on the part of the school officials began after the announcement of the board members.

Under the Wheeler law the high school tuition funds are apportioned in varying amounts depending upon the number of students enrolled from a district. The first few students entitle the district to \$60 per pupil and this is gradually scaled down so that the larger schools find themselves receiving about half that for the education of each student for one year.

The difference in taxation varies from approximately \$8 mills in Eugene to 1.5 mills in the smaller rural districts. No segregation of figures have been made for the Springfield district although it is known that people here pay several times more in taxation for the high school education of their children than do those who send their children here from rural districts.

### THIEVES TAKE CHICKENS FROM COOP SUNDAY

Between 15 and 20 year-old laying hens were stolen from the P. H. Emery flock at his place east of the airport late Sunday evening. Entrance to the coop where the chickens were housed was gained by cutting the wire in front of the roosts. The thief wrung the heads off the fowls and left them lying on the chicken-house floor.

Officials from the sheriff's office made an investigation Monday morning, but have been unable to find any clues which might lead to the identification of the offenders.

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## FIRES IN NIGHT SWEEP MILLS

\$25,000 Estimated Damage Caused By Blaze at Warren Sawmill and at Planer

### ONLY LUMBER INSURED

Eugene and Springfield Firemen Battle to Save Nearby Properties from Ruin

Property with an estimated valuation of more than \$25,000 was completely destroyed here early Thursday when the entire plants and stocks of the Warren Sawmill and the Hyland Planing Mill were swept by fire. Both places are a total loss this morning as the many piles of lumber which had been stacked about the platforms were still blazing briskly.

Wilbur Hyland of Eugene was the owner of the planing mill which occupied a large area west of the railroad siding and which extended across the tracks to include the fuel bins, dry kilns, and boiler. The plan was being operated by the Hockett Lumber company of Portland under the supervision of G. W. Howell, a joint owner of the lumber materials.

Mr. Howell estimated that the lumber on hand at the planing mill was worth between \$3,000 and \$4,000. The plan itself was valued in the neighborhood of \$8,000.

H. O. Warren, owner of the sawmill, was unable to estimate his loss without examining his records. He has recently installed considerable new machinery and is reported to have cleared the sawmill of indebtedness. It is presumed that his loss will be in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

Damage to poles, light wires and transformers of the Mountain States Power company, and to the Railroad tracks of the Southern Pacific and to their telephone line will probably reach \$3,000.

No insurance was carried on the sawmill. There was some coverage on the lumber at the planer, but the building and equipment of the planer itself was not covered.

Both plants have been operating on part time schedule for some time and were operating Wednesday. Mr. Warren had just completed preparations for continuous operation of the sawmill and had expected to begin steady operations in a few days. A crew of between eight and 10 men were employed at the two plants.

Flames Spread Rapidly  
The fire was a peculiar one because of the manner in which it spread. T. C. Barker, night boiler watchman at the planing mill declared that the fire started in the planing mill. He noticed the flames at approximately 12:30 and rushed across the street to the Kizer residence to use their telephones to summon the fire department. It took him three or four minutes to waken the residents and after asking them to call the fire station he rushed back to the plant to start combatting the flames with the fire hose kept on the docks.

Before he could return to the mill, and less than five minutes after the fire had been noticed, Mr. Barker declared that the flames had enveloped the entire structure west of the track and had jumped across the 20 feet of clearance provided by the track to the dry kilns and fuel bins. The sawmill soon was ignited and in flames. It was a still night. Very little breeze was blowing. The smoke would blow one way for a while and then turn and drift the opposite direction.

A little delay in reaching the fire station by telephone took place because part of the lighting system of the town was put out of order for a short while when the flames swept the electrical mechanism of the power company just north of the sawmill.