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GOOD BASKETBALL ON NEW SCHEDULE

High School and Alumni to Tangle in Annual Affair at Gym Wednesday Night

ST. MARY'S TAKES GAME

Traveling West Linn Aggregation Stops Here Tuesday Night to Play Local H. S.

Two good basketball games will be offered Springfield sports lovers during the Christmas week, according to an announcement issued at Springfield high school Wednesday by W. E. Buell, principal.

Tuesday, December 29, the strong West Linn team will invade Springfield for an interesting game. The West Linn boys are going to make a barnstorming tour next week and will be guests of the Springfield high school overnight while here.

Although West Linn has not been in the state tournament for the past few years, their team has repeatedly been a runner-up in Oregon City district, and they can be counted on to bring a strong squad on the trip.

Equally interesting, or perhaps more so to Springfield followers will be the game the next night, Wednesday, December 30, when the regular high school five meets the alumni group in a benefit contest at the high school gymnasium.

These alumni-vs-H. S. games have grown to be annual affairs and have attracted considerable attention. Not infrequently do the former students romp away with the long end of a close score. This year the grads will have such players as Everett and Freeman Squires, Thurman, and the Tomseth brothers, in the lineup.

Admission to the game will be 25 cents and 10 cents. All proceeds will be used to purchase new basketball shoes for the regular high school team. The tickets are now on sale.

Both of these games will start at 8 o'clock.

Coach Norval May's regulars went down to a 23-21 defeat last Friday evening at the hands of St. Mary's in Eugene. The Springfield boys held the lead the first half, but were unable to stop St. Mary's boys from dropping in long baskets to even and finally pass their own score.

G. W. GERBER DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Death Overtakes Springfield Resident Seated at Stove; Funeral Service Pends

George W. Gerber, resident of Springfield for the past three years passed quietly away this morning at the Springfield Service Station at 8:30 o'clock. He was seated by the heater in the building visiting friends as was his custom when he leaned his head back and passed on. Death came so quickly and peacefully that those near him were unaware of his demise.

Mr. Gerber was 81 years old, having been born in Kenton, Ohio, on February 2, 1851. He moved with his parents to Indiana when a small boy, and on December 17, 1876, he married Miss Anna Morrell. Shortly after this they moved to Johnson county, Missouri, where he resided until 1899 when they moved to North Dakota.

In 1923 the family came to Washington for one winter and then located at Monroe, Oregon. Three years ago he moved to Springfield where he has been making his home with his son, H. E. Gerber and family.

Surviving Mr. Gerber is his wife, Anna; four sons, David W. Gerber, Albany; George W. Gerber, Minnesota; H. E. Gerber, Springfield, and George M. Gerber, Sweet Home; two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Miller, Encinita, California, and Mrs. Leila Squires, Monroe; besides several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a member of the Miners' church.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed this morning. Poole-Gray-Bartholomew chapel in Springfield is in charge.

IUKA CIRCLE ELECTS CHAPLAIN AT MEET

Edythe Laxton, now president of the Iuka Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., Springfield, was chosen chaplain for the ensuing year, and Mrs. Myrtle Egmann was selected as installing officer to install newly elected officials at the next meeting.

A Christmas party for the members and families of the Circle was held last Thursday evening at the Egmann Candy parlors.

Retiring Star Matron Honored

Mrs. C. E. Wheaton Entertains at Home Saturday for Mrs. G. Wilson, Retiring

Mrs. C. E. Wheaton was hostess at her home Saturday afternoon for a reception given in honor of Mrs. Gertrude Wilson and her officers of the chapter, O. E. S. of Springfield, for 1931. The rooms were fully decorated with Christmas trees and greenery. Lighted tables, the tables added further to the decoration scheme. Late in the afternoon light refreshments were served by the hostess.

During the afternoon a Star group presented Mrs. Wilson, worthy matron, with a copy of the lodge ritual.

Those invited for the afternoon included: Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. E. E. Praderick, newly elected worthy matron, Mrs. Pearl Schantol, Mrs. Darr Wilson, Mrs. C. A. Swartz, Mrs. Ida Holverson, Mrs. Janie Cruzan, Mrs. Alene Basford, Mrs. Margaret Ward, Mrs. Elsie Pollard, Mrs. Helene Perkins, Mrs. N. Ogelsby, Mrs. Opal Roberts, Mrs. Jane Ketsels, Mrs. Bertha Rouse, and Mrs. W. H. Hobbs.

FALL PROVES FATAL TO PLEASANT HILL BOY

Frank Beaver Passes Away Sunday of Injuries Sustained Saturday, Funeral was Tuesday

Funeral services for Frank Beaver, eleven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Beaver, were held at the Pleasant Hill Christian church Tuesday afternoon, December 22.

The boy was seriously injured Saturday morning at his home when he fell from a 10-foot derrick on which he was standing while helping his father do some work on their well. He struck the back of his head and passed away at the Pacific Christian hospital Sunday without regaining consciousness.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. K. Chapman of the Church of God in Eugene. Interment was in the Pleasant Hill cemetery.

Frank was born at Pleasant Hill September 19, 1920, and has lived in the community all his life. He is survived by his parents and one sister, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwarzer of Eugene and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Beaver of Pleasant Hill.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. Willis Bertsch Entertains Class at Home Monday Evening; Gifts Exchanged

Mrs. Willis Bertsch entertained members of her Sunday school class of the Springfield Methodist church at a Christmas party at her home Monday evening. Her guests were Barbara Barnell, Florence May, Jean Louk, Louisa Cowden, JoLana Putman, Roberta Putman, Collene Cornell, Jean Lloyd, LaMoynne Black, Flora Bertsch, and Leota Bertsch.

The early part of the evening was spent with games and stunts after which Mrs. Bertsch served a dainty buffet supper in a room illuminated by Christmas tree lights and candles. Following the supper Miss Leota Bertsch, as Santa Claus, presented each person with a delightful gift from under the Christmas tree and members of the class presented a gift to their teacher.

The rooms were decorated with red and green streamers and were illuminated with candle light.

SPRINGFIELD ALUMNI REUNION IS PLANNED

Members of the Springfield high school class of '29 will hold their annual reunion meeting and dinner at the Lee-Duke cafe in Eugene Monday evening, December 28, starting at 7 o'clock. Miss Maxine Snodgrass and Miss Beth Johns have charge of arrangements. There were 36 graduates in the class and an effort is being made to have as large a turnout as possible.

TEA TO HONOR WIFE OF VISITING DOCTOR

Mrs. Milton V. Walker has invited a number of friends to attend a tea which she is giving in honor of Mrs. William Cone of Portland. Mrs. Cone, together with her husband, a Portland physician, are holiday guests of Dr. and Mrs. Walker.

TEACHERS WILL ATTEND SESSION

Lane to Be Well Represented at Annual State Meeting at Portland

PROGRAM NOW READY

Social and Economic Problems of County to Be Key-note of Discussions

Lane county teachers will be well represented at the annual convention of the Oregon State Teachers' association to be held at Portland next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

E. F. Carleton, former Eugene school superintendent, announces an interesting program for the association sessions.

The president of the association, Supt. L. W. Turnbull of North Bend, has secured a group of speakers who are outstanding in the education world. The key-note of the general program will be the social and economic problems of our country. Among the interesting addresses will be "The Role of the Public School in the Solution of Business Crises," by Dr. Paul F. Cadman, executive secretary, San Francisco Stock Exchange. Dr. Cadman was graduated from the University of California and the University of Paris. He served for about 10 years as professor of economics and dean of men in the University of California. Other notable addresses will be "Education and American Business," by Dr. Paul S. Lomax; "Leaders of Men," by Dr. Walter B. Pitkin; and "The Social and Economic Significance of Vocational Preparation," by Dr. Andrew M. Soule. Dr. Lomax is professor of commercial education of New York university; Dr. Pitkin is professor of journalism of Columbia university, New York City, and a nationally known author and psychologist; and Dr. Soule is president of the Georgia State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts.

In addition to the general assemblies, there will be twenty-nine different departments having their annual programs. The chairman of each department has prepared an unusually strong program. From reports coming to the office of E. F. Carleton, executive secretary of the association, there will be an attendance of not less than 2500 teachers at this convention.

Each county in Oregon and each teachers' organization sends delegates to this meeting. Attendance at the convention is voluntary, and the meeting is financed by the teachers of Oregon. Class room teachers, principals, superintendents, supervisors, members of the faculties of all the normal schools and colleges of Oregon will attend and participate in the various programs of the convention. The Oregon State Teachers' association holds its annual convention in order to give teachers in their various specialized fields opportunity to discuss their problems, and to bring to all teachers in the state through their representatives the most recent developments in the educational world.

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POSSESSION BRINGS FINE AND SENTENCE

Gene Thompson, proprietor of Ernie's Barbecue in West Springfield was fined \$250 and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail Tuesday when he was found guilty in justice court of possession of liquor.

Liberty Lodge Installs Officers

Large Crowd Attends Springfield Installation Tuesday Evening; Supper is Held

Newly elected officers of Liberty Masonic lodge number 171, Springfield, were officially installed at a large gathering held in the lodge rooms Tuesday night. C. E. Swartz was the installing officer. He presented Levi Neat, retiring worshipful master of the lodge, with a past master's pin on behalf of the lodge members.

A large number of people were present for the evening including visitors from Corvallis and Oakridge. Two members, John W. Purcell and J. W. Dalley, who now live at Corvallis were present.

Regular lodge work preceded the installation. This was later followed by an oyster feed late in the evening.

John Henderson is the new worshipful master of the lodge.

Oswald Olson was installed as marshal, and John Ketsels, chaplain at the session.

MEDICAL SOCIETY NAMES OFFICERS

Three Doctors Are Chosen to Serve on Official Credit Bureau; Dr. Howard, Pres.

Appointment of three new members to the Headquarters Committee of the Doctors' Official Credit Bureau, one branch of the Lane County Medical and Dental association, was made this week by Dr. M. G. Howard, newly elected president of the county association. Dr. O. R. Gullion will fill the unexpired term of Dr. Hunt, resigned. Dr. A. H. Norton of Eugene, and Dr. R. S. Boggs of Junction City are new appointees.

Dr. Howard was elected president at a meeting of members of the Lane association held last weekend. Dr. Milton V. Walker of Springfield, was chosen secretary-treasurer for the ensuing year.

COMMUNITIES ENTER DRAMATIC CONTEST

Eighteen communities have entered the one-act play contest sponsored by the Lane County Recreation and Dramatics association, according to Howard Dunn, association president.

Contests will be held during January and February. This association is one unit of the extension service work supervised by Gertrude L. Skow, home demonstration agent.

Efforts to have an Upper Willamette Brotherhood District organized were continued at the meeting.

Gifts and popcorn balls were passed out to those present.

To Visit Parents

Miss Virginia France of Springfield leaves Friday morning for Seattle to spend the holidays visiting with her parents.

METHODIST MEN CHOOSE OFFICERS

P. J. Bartholomew Elected President for 1932; Covered Dish Dinner is Served

NEW DISTRICT SOUGHT

Committee Asked to Provide Transportation to and from Church for Aged People

P. J. Bartholomew was elected president of the Men's Brotherhood of the Springfield Methodist church at the monthly meeting held Monday evening. Other officers chosen for the year 1932 are Rev. Dean C. Poindexter, first vice-president; Professor John Knox, second vice-president; Dr. N. W. Emery, third vice-president; Dr. W. H. Pollard, treasurer; S. Y. Bartholomew, chaplain; and Howard Hughes, secretary.

Proceeding the meeting the men held another of their stag covered dish dinners. Paper napkins, and paper tablecloths helped to create the proper atmosphere which made the meal successful and enjoyable.

Rev. Crandall and Rev. Clemo were taken in as honorary members of the organization.

The Brotherhood voted to pay the taxes for the last half of the year on the vacant lot owned by the church, and to pay the balance due on the bill for completing the work on the furnace in the parsonage.

Plans for an automobile committee to use their automobiles to take elderly people to and from church were discussed. The president was instructed to appoint three members on the committee and others were urged to volunteer their services. The committee was not appointed at the meeting.

Replies to several letters sent out by the local Brotherhood to other units in the state urging their aid in a campaign to eliminate cigarette advertising from "Old Oregon" alumni publication of the University of Oregon, were read by the secretary. Promises of cooperation were received from Dr. Carl Doney, president of Willamette University, and from Ronald Glover, Salem attorney.

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BIDS CALLED FOR AERIAL SURVEY

Government Ready to Photograph Willamette River from Springfield to Corvallis

OPEN BIDS ON JANUARY 5

Work Must Start 10 Days After Awarding and be Completed 30 Days Later

Bids for photographing from the air the upper Willamette river from Springfield to Corvallis as a part of the canalization survey now being conducted by Army engineers, are to be opened at the office of Major Oscar O. Kuentz, district officer at his office in Portland on January 5. It was announced this week. The work is to cover an area of approximately 90 square miles. Specifications relative to the work set forth that the land to be photographed is approximately 2.5 miles wide, and the area indicated includes various channels and sloughs of the river. From the photographs is to be constructed a controlled mosaic of the area.

The work is authorized by an act approved February 23, 1931, and the specifications prescribe that it is to be begun within 10 calendar days after receipt of notice from the engineers and completed within 30 calendar days.

Reference is made to physical data to the effect that figures of the weather bureau show an average of four clear, six partly cloudy and 21 cloudy days in January. The December and February averages are about the same. High water and floods are experienced in January and February.

Land adjacent to the river is referred to as cultivated plain, providing many fields and pastures suitable for emergency landings. Commercial landing fields are located at Eugene and Albany.

"The river channels are narrow, the water swift and the banks lined with trees, so there are no water areas suitable for seaplane or amphibian landings and anchorages," according to the specifications.

Members of the survey crew now doing ground work left Wednesday for Portland to spend the Christmas holidays. They are expected to be back on duty Monday morning.

HUNTER GETS THREE BIG COUGAR PELTS

Three cougar pelts were brought here Wednesday for collection of the county bounties by Wilbur Pitcher.

The three animals were killed in the vicinity of Adams mountain. Pitcher said. Dogs were used in tracking the cougars.

Student Players Draw Big House

Virginia Christie Carries Off Honors With Her Work as Evasive Debutante

Virginia Christie, playing the role of Ruby Mayfield, modern debutante in "The Hidden Guest" three-act mystery comedy, at the Springfield high school Friday night, carried away honors for the best performance.

Although not carrying the leading role, Eva Louk as Melanthura, "Melons," the superstitious housemaid, had an equally difficult part and gave a fine presentation of the role.

Others in the play carried their parts in a nice manner, but lacked the polish of the two mentioned. It is seldom that high school players are able to abandon their self-consciousness as well as these two did.

Mrs. Marguerite Milhollen directed the play which drew a large crowd.

Some comment was heard on the new stage settings used for the first time in the production of the play. Most of it was very favorable, although some expressed disappointment at the color scheme.

The cloth is a dark grey which easily lends itself to transformation to other colors with the proper use of colored stage and flood lights. In the hurry to get the stage properties in readiness the colored light had to be overlooked.

Members of the high school orchestra entertained with several selections before the play and between the first and second acts. Eldred Gaspy offered violin solos during the second intermission. The orchestra was augmented in two of its selections by xylophone solos played by Barbara Barnell.

EARLY RESIDENT BURIED SATURDAY

Funeral Services Held for Mrs. Jennie Edmiston, Thurston Resident Since 1975

Mrs. Jennie Edmiston passed away last Thursday, December 17, 1931, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rosa Baughman, in Eugene. She has been in failing health the past year, but never became seriously ill until Tuesday night. She had a stroke of paralysis from which she did not regain consciousness.

She leaves to mourn her passing three sons: John and Roy Edmiston of Eugene, Mrs. Flora Price of Thurston, and Mrs. Rosa Baughman of Eugene, and seventeen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren and one brother, James Dutton of Outlook, Washington. She was preceded in death by her husband, Perry Edmiston, one son, Frank Edmiston, and one daughter, Mrs. Ethel Platt.

She was born near Richmond, Virginia, on September 15, 1859 and was married and came to Oregon in 1875, where she has lived in Thurston the entire time, except one year in Idaho. Six years ago her husband died and since then she has made her home in Eugene.

The funeral services were held at the Veatch chapel in Eugene Saturday, December 19. Dr. E. V. Stivers and Dr. Childers officiated with interment in Mt. Vernon cemetery. She was a member of the Christian church.

FIVE WORD SLOGAN WINS NEW AUTOMOBILE

A five-word slogan, "Satisfaction Grows as Mileage Mounts" written for the Willys-Overland company in a national contest won first prize of a new Willys six-cylinder club sedan for Mrs. E. B. Tinker of Pleasant Hill, according to a radio announcement made last Sunday. Mrs. Tinker is the Pleasant Hill correspondent for this newspaper.

PROBATE OF ESTATE OF VETERAN ORDERED

Appointment of Roy O. Young as administrator of the estate of William Franklin Ware has been filed in probate court.

Ware, a world war veteran, died in France October 4, 1918. He formerly lived at Springfield. The estate consists of a government insurance certificate for \$6249.

BRAITAIN FOUR-H CLUB HAS MEETING FRIDAY

Members of the Four-H sewing club of the Springfield Brattain school held their regular meeting at the school Friday afternoon. The group has completed their project and heard a talk by Miss Smith, leader. A social time was enjoyed following the meeting.

NEEDY FAMILIES GIVEN BASKETS

All Poor People of City Provided with Christmas Dinner Food Through Relief Depot

TOYS ARE INCLUDED

Work of Community Group Has Been Successful; Minimum Money is Required

Christmas will be a brighter and happier day for some 24 needy families in the vicinity of Springfield because of the generosity of the residents of the city and surrounding farm territory.

Mrs. Ida Gantz, Mrs. Carl Olson, Mrs. Scott, and Mrs. Wheaton four loyal workers spent the past two days preparing Christmas baskets for the needy people on their list. Baskets can hardly be the correct term, however as many of the boxes which were filled with supplies are even larger than most of the old-fashioned clothes baskets.

These ladies are acting on behalf of the people of the entire city. Contributions and donations of foods and produce of all kinds have been very generously contributed by individuals and organizations. Farmers have supplied 1,750 quantities of fruits and vegetables, and town people have contributed canned fruits, vegetables, and groceries of all kinds. Of course the committee has not been able to put a turkey or goose in each Christmas box, but there are sufficient varieties of foods in each to make it possible to prepare several very good meals.

The children are not being forgotten either. Christmas is supposed to be a time of rejoicing for the children and most of the poor children of Springfield will find some toys in their homes Christmas morning. Many organizations in the city have been gathering toys for distribution and a large number of toys were collected at the Methodist church cantata and pageant last night. People of the church having decided to bring them instead of an offering in many instances. The Baptist guild has also made and distributed many toys for the poor children.

A great deal of credit for the successful manner in which the city of Springfield has been able to handle her relief problem this winter must go to the relief committee organized under the direction of N. L. Pollard. They provided the independent nucleus around which the work could be centered. They provided a central depot for the concentration of the supplies, and have been very successful in securing the cooperation of local organizations in the management of the depot. Of course the organization was useless without the good will and cooperation of the contributors, but this has been maintained.

This committee maintains a record system of all needy people of Springfield and vicinity and are able to distribute equitably all necessary food and clothing. There has been no charity drive for finances here aside from the Red Cross and Salvation Army, the people preferring to share what they have with others and in this manner have been able to provide enough for all.

Mrs. M. A. Pohl was elected president of the Cooking club of the Christian church at Springfield at the regular meeting and Christmas party of the ladies held last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. L. G. Lansberry. Others elected are Mrs. A. E. Cole, vice-president; Mrs. N. L. Pollard, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Walter Richards, corresponding secretary. The latter two being re-elected.

MRS. POHL HEADS NEW CHURCH CLUB OFFICERS

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STATE FILES TWO COURT SUITS HERE

Two suits were filed by the state industrial accident commission in circuit court, Eugene, Wednesday. The commission seeks to collect \$125.23 from David Sandgren, Fritz W. Sandgren and Leo Lundman engaged in sawmill and loggin operations. A suit is also filed against Ivan L. Hale and Loren Wood engaged in sawmill operations to collect \$152.34.

CAMP CREEK DISTRICT HAS CHRISTMAS TREE

A Christmas program centered around a three act play, "Christmas with the Mulligans," was given at the Lower Camp Creek school on Wednesday evening. The program was sponsored jointly by the school and the Sunday school of the church. Recitations, monologues and songs provided the other entertainment for the evening.



"Now! What did I tell you?"