

START CONTEST TO IMPROVE CITY

Civic Organizations Plan Beautification Contest at Meeting on Tuesday

TO OFFER FIVE PRIZES
Three-way Organization for City Improvement Finds Willing Cooperation

Plans for a Garden Improvement contest to be sponsored jointly by the Civic club and other civic groups of Springfield were formulated here Tuesday afternoon at meeting at the Community hall. The contest is to have as its object the improvement of home property and the appearance of the city in general.

Five prizes will be offered in the following divisions: Greatest improvement in property, best vegetable garden, best kept lawn, best flower garden, and best slogan describing the contest (not to exceed ten words).

Suggested improvements for contestants include improvement of lawns, planting of flowers and shrubs, planting of trees, and the transformation of weed patches into vegetable gardens.

Enter Before April 15
Entries in this contest must be made with the various club presidents or at the Flanery drug store before April 15. It was announced.

An effort is also being made to select one outstanding flower to represent this city and each organization will be asked to vote soon for their choice. The initial committee in their meeting Tuesday offered the following flowers as suggestions: Rose, delphinium, gladioli, dahlias, and columbine.

The president of each club in the city has been asked to name a delegate to meet with the general committee at the community hall on April 5, at which time further plans will be discussed.

It is the hope of those backing the improvement contest that several of the groups will offer prizes for the various divisions of the contest. The Lions club has already voted a loving cup as one of the prizes for the contest.

First agitation for an improvement campaign in Springfield was heard at a meeting of the Lions club some weeks ago when Dr. Milton Walker urged some action which would make the appearance of the city more pleasing to the people who come here to visit.

Three Groups Busy
A committee was appointed with Dr. Walker, F. B. Flanery and H. O. Dibblee as members to investigate possible activities. The group held a meeting and decided that the work should be divided in three divisions, general beautification of the resident section of the city, a clean-up to remove all objectionable matter from yards and vacant lots, and improvement of stores and buildings facing business streets.

The committee which met Tuesday has undertaken the first part of the outlined program, the Boy Scouts have been contacted and are now making plans to put on a complete clean-up campaign in the entire city later in the spring, and the committee of three Lions club members are now studying possible means of improving the business section in eyes of the passing motorist and visitor.

The first project which will be undertaken by the committee in charge of residential improvements has already been planned and provides for the cleaning up of the plot back of the library and the conversion of this into a recreation park.

MANY MASONS OUT FOR DEGREE WORK
Members of Liberty Masonic lodge of Springfield held a large meeting with visitors at their home here Tuesday night. Hugh Rosson, district deputy, from Eugene headed the delegation of visitors from that city. Lodge work for the evening consisted of master degree work. Refreshments were served after the lodge work.

BROTHERHOOD CANCELS MARCH SESSION HERE
There was no meeting of the Methodist Men's Brotherhood Monday night. The church is conducting special pre-Easter services each evening, and a special Brotherhood meeting was held earlier for the purpose of organizing a sub-district. This meeting will take the place of the regular March session of the local group.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING OF POWER CO. IS HELD
The regular educational meeting of employees of the Mountain State Power company in this county was held at the local office Tuesday. The usual study work was conducted.

Teachers Meeting Postponed Here

New Date for Institute to Be Set After Present Schedule of Gatherings is Ended

Postponement of the Springfield teacher institute which was to have been held at the Lincoln school Saturday morning was announced Saturday by Laurence Moffitt, assistant county school superintendent. High water making travel impossible caused the temporary cancellation.

The gathering will have to be held at a later date which cannot be announced at this time says Moffitt as other institutes in various parts of the county have been scheduled and will be held first. The institute which was to be held at Florence a week later than the Springfield gathering is postponed because of an epidemic of smallpox.

A program featuring students and others from various parts of the county had been arranged for the Saturday meeting here.

IUKA CIRCLE PLANS INITIATION FOR FOUR

Initiation ceremonies for four candidates were planned last Thursday evening at the meeting of the Iuka circle, Ladies of the G. A. R. which met at the home of Mrs. Walter Laxton. The initiation will be held at the home of Mrs. Bert Doane on March 31.

The Iuka circle group is now busy with an extensive membership drive and the four candidates are the first to be signed in the contest.

Slide Traps Man at Leaburg Plant

Flood Waters Prevent Ambulance from Reaching Unconscious Victim Saturday

Percy Rossman, patrolman at the Eugene Municipal hydro-electric plant at Leaburg, was seriously injured early Saturday morning when he was caught in the path of a large slide which trapped him, rolling him down a 60 foot embankment and nearly covering him with rock and dirt. He was unconscious when found by Ray Dikeman.

He was taken to the hospital Sunday after the flood waters had subsided sufficiently to allow an ambulance to reach the J. C. Ayers home where the injured man had been taken by Dr. W. C. Rehban, Springfield physician, who was called to the scene of the accident.

An examination showed that the man had sustained a broken leg, a serious cut above his right eye, and many other body bruises. He is getting along very satisfactorily now according to the physician.

Dressing of the injuries proved to be an exceedingly difficult task as the man's eyes, ears and nose, were entirely filled with loose dirt and his clothes were covered with a layer of mud. It is only a miracle that his eyes were not injured, says Dr. Rehban, as the dirt was packed in thick layers between the eyelids and the eyeballs.

KENSINGTON MEMBERS GUESTS AT LUNCHEON
Mrs. W. C. Rehban was hostess at her home Friday for a one o'clock luncheon for members of the Kensington club. One half of the members entertained the other half at the meeting and participation in the Civic Improvement contest was discussed. The St. Patrick motif was used in decorating the house. Mrs. M. V. Walker played two piano solos and Mrs. D. B. Murphy and Mrs. Rehban sang a duet. Miss Bobbie Rehban presented a tap dance.

Mrs. Edwin G. Privat will entertain the group at their next meeting in two weeks.

GET EMPTY FRUIT JARS SAYS RELIEF CHAIRMAN
Many of the fruit jars donated by local people to be community relief agency headed by N. L. Pollard have been returned empty to the depot on Fifth street and owners of them are asked to call for the jars as soon as possible. The depot has now been closed and Mr. Pollard is anxious to have the local people claim their property.

FUNERAL FOR ACCIDENT VICTIM HELD MONDAY
Funeral services for Zelma Palmer, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer former Pleasant Hill residents, were held at the Pleasant Hill Christian church Monday afternoon. Miss Palmer was killed in an auto accident near Stayton Saturday and leaves her parents, three brothers and two sisters. Interment was made in the Pleasant Hill cemetery.

MOTHER'S STUDY GROUP HAS MEETING TUESDAY
Mrs. Lee Putnam was hostess at her home Tuesday afternoon for the members of the Mothers' study club of the P. T. A. A short study period was held after which the members listened to the radio broadcast from KOAC at Corvallis.

GRANDDAUGHTER IS BIRTHDAY PRESENT
A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown at the Pacific Christian hospital Wednesday, March 23, 1932. This date is also the birthday anniversary of the child's grandfather, Verne C. Daniels.

W. C. T. U. HAS MEETING TUESDAY AFTERNOON
Members of Springfield W. C. T. U. unit held their monthly meeting and study at the home of Mrs. William G. Hughes on Fifth street Tuesday afternoon. Regular work of the organization was taken up during the afternoon.

JAMES A. DAVIS DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS
Funeral Services to Be Held From Pooie-Gray-Bartholomew Chapel Here Friday Afternoon
Succumbing to a four weeks illness James A. Davis, resident of Springfield since 1926, passed away at the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene Wednesday evening at the age of 82 years. Mr. Davis was born in Ohio on August 5, 1850. When 21 years old he enlisted in Company E, Third United States Infantry. He came west in 1859 settling near Hillsboro. He later moved to Willamette for four years before establishing his home at Mulino. He came to Springfield in 1926 to make his home with his son, O. A. Davis.

Mr. Davis married Miss Nellie M. Porter on October 30, 1878. He is survived by two sons, O. A. and A. J. Davis both of Springfield; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Mallett, Coberg; and two sisters, Mrs. C. N. Hatch, Walla Walla, and Mrs. A. J. Talbott, Ottawa, Kans.

He was a member of the Christian church. Funeral services will be held from the Pooie-Gray-Bartholomew chapel in Springfield Friday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. Veltie Pruitt will officiate and interment will be made at Laurel Grove cemetery.

Tallest Boy



Robert Wadlow of Alton, Ill., is only 14 years old but is 7 feet, 5 inches tall and weighs 301 pounds, due to improper functioning of the pineal gland at the base of the brain. Mentally he is normal for his age.

CHURCHES PLAN EASTER EVENTS

Methodists to Celebrate Holy Communion Service at Special Meeting Tonight

CANTATA IS ARRANGED
All Churches Ready for Special Services on Sunday; Breakfasts to Be Held

Young people of the Methodist churches at Coberg and Springfield will join in a Sunrise service on a hilltop north of Springfield Sunday morning as the first event on the Easter Sunday program. Trucks will leave the church at 5 A. M. and the service will begin promptly as the sun begins to rise. Immediately following the service a breakfast of bacon and eggs, buns, coffee and cocoa, and oranges will be prepared on the hill.

At 9:45 the primary department of the church will give their Easter program during the Sunday school hour.

The morning service at the Methodist church will start at 11 o'clock and will be featured with baptism of infants and children. There will also be a baptismal service for older children and adults and a reception of new members into the church.

The Easter sermon will be "This Daybreak in the Garden." Rev. Pindexter will preach. That evening the sacred cantata, "The Thorn Crowned King" will be given at 7:30. The chorus choir of 39 voices directed by Mrs. Bernice Neher Finley will sing.

Christian Church
At the Christian church the young people will gather for their annual Easter breakfast at 8 o'clock.

The Sunday school will give an Easter program at 9:45 under the direction of Mrs. W. P. Tyson and Roland Moshier. This will be given during the Church school hour.

The Easter sermon to be delivered by Rev. Veltie Pruitt at 11 A. M. will be "Resurrection Proofs." His evening theme will be "The Light of Life." There will be special music at both of these services.

The evening service will start at 7:00 and end at 7:30 to enable members of that church to attend special musical services at the other churches in the city. Members of the Christian church choir will give their Easter Cantata one week.

Baptist Church
Rev. William Taylor, Baptist church pastor will conclude his two weeks series of sermons Sunday. His morning subject will be "Beautiful Feet," and the evening theme "What Think Ye of Christ?"

The evening service will be in charge of young people. It will start at 7 o'clock with a half hour song service preceding the regular service.

This evening, Maundy Thursday, Rev. Taylor will preach on the subject, "Why Christ Failed?" Friday his subject will be "Why Lifted Up?"

Methodists are planning a candle light communion service at 7:30 this evening. This is in keeping with the "Last Supper" which occurred on Thursday of Holy Week. The Revs. F. S. Clemo, C. E. Crandall, and J. T. Moore will assist the pastor at this service.

Friday evening, Good Friday, the pastor will speak on "My God, Why?" These words were wrung from the lips of the Lord as he hung upon the cross.

MARGARET MORTENSEN WRITES OF HER TRIP
Letters from Margaret Mortensen telling of her trip to Boston have been received here by Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Mortensen of this city. Miss Mortensen left a short while ago for Boston, going the northern route through Canada, to visit her sister, Mrs. George Horstfall. Mr. Horstfall is a doctor in the regular army.

HUSBANDS ARE GUESTS OF PRISCILLA CLUB
Six tables of bridge were in play at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dibblee Friday evening when they entertained for the Priscilla club. Members of the club had as their guests their husbands, W. E. Stearns was high and Mrs. L. E. Basford low prize winners. Assistant hostesses for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Schaffenberg.

CHURCH YOUNG PEOPLE AT EASTER BREAKFAST
The young people of the Christian church will hold their annual Easter breakfast in the social rooms of the church Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. The Friends and Live Wire classes will have charge of the meal and all young people are invited to attend.

REBEKKA SUPPER WELL ATTENDED ON MONDAY
The cafeteria supper sponsored by the Rebekkah lodge Monday night was attended by nearly 100 people and was very successful according to Oswald Olson, chairman. Regular lodge meeting was held after the supper.

Observers See Unusual Sights

Unnatural Conditions of High Water Lead to Many Peculiar Actions by People

Some unusual events were noted by observers Saturday. Among them were these: Dr. W. C. Rehban and his nurse, Miss Clara Jones, chartering an airplane to go to Eugene where they had hospital work to perform.

James Mitchell was unable to deliver all the suits and dresses to customers of his cleaning shop Saturday as he had promised. They were in Eugene being cleaned. Jimmie was seen riding a motorcycle along the railroad right-of-way Saturday evening returning from Eugene with a few of the needed garments.

Cases of butter were carried across the railroad bridge to Eugene on shoulders after attempts made by Springfield Creamery employees to reach Eugene via the Ferry street bridge failed.

There was a shortage of bread in some of the Eugene stores Saturday for a while as Jimmie McKee at the Home Bakery packed cartons with loaves and prepared to ship it to Eugene via the Southern Pacific railroad.

Eugene bakers chartered airplanes to deliver bread to Springfield.

Even the floods have their advantages says Clayton Kirkland Saturday morning as he stooped over to dip up another sprinkler full of water from the floor of the green house where he stood in hip boots watering the Easter lilies.

Rules regulating walking on the right-of-way of the Southern Pacific company were forgotten Saturday as hundreds of people made a promenade out of the tracks, Springfield people in this end, and Eugene folk at Judkins point. It really didn't make much difference, however, as slides had blocked the through trains on the Cascade line for the greater part of the day.

Many people made their first visit to the West Springfield railroad junction Saturday as they drove up past the cemetery from Eugene to find a better view and found themselves in a traffic jam which would not allow them to turn around until they had driven to the railroad yard.

Fences served as a good cable for W. O. Burch and Joel Cowden Saturday night as they made a boat trip from Springfield to the log cabin camp south of Springfield. Two flashlights provided the illumination and a pike pole served a good purpose in keeping the boat in its course along the fence. The long pole proved especially useful in places where they water was above the tops of the posts.

Floyd Flanery and Jim MacMani had some unusual experiences Saturday as they flew over the turbulent waters taking pictures. One obtained an entirely different picture of the water from the air they held.

Mrs. H. L. Blood of Willaglespie just couldn't keep out of the water. She started out from her home on horseback to investigate conditions when her horse stumbled throwing her into the water. She was removed and was being taken home on a raft when this capsized again pitching her into the swirling water.

The problem of handling a dump ground will not become a bothersome thing for Springfield city officials if we have high water every few years. Most of the movable material including many of the tin cans at the local dump ground went away with the water Saturday.

One thing about the water, now that it has been here many farmers will get busy and plant crops on their river bottom land. This bit of farming is usually delayed until after the snows in the mountains have ceased engineering the river. R. B. Oldham had a peculiar experience in West Springfield. He plowed a plot of ground which seemed high enough to keep dry but when the water was gone so also was the seven or eight inches of soil which he had loosened.

MANSIONS AND FAMILIES INVITED TO CO-COURED DISH DINNER FRIDAY; CHILDREN ON PROGRAM
Children will entertain and will be entertained at an Easter party at the Masonic temple Friday evening as it was announced this week by Mrs. Ida Swarts, secretary of Cascade chapter O. E. S. number 155, which is sponsoring the social gathering.

All Masons and Eastern star members and their families have been invited to be present. A covered dish dinner will be served at 6:30 and a program will be given by the children afterwards.

SCHOOL DISTRICT PAYS BOND AND INTEREST
A bond for \$1000 together with interest totaling \$316.25 was paid by the County Treasurer Tuesday with funds of the district in her custody. This is the first local school district bond falling due for nearly two years.

Funds for the payment of these bonds are accumulated by the treasurer who maintains an accurate record of issues and their maturity. The County Treasurer arbitrarily adds sufficient millage to the district tax to include the bonded indebtedness which must be paid, according to C. A. Swarts, chairman of the local school board.

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BOARD ELECTS STAFF FOR YEAR

Norval May Submits Resignation as Athletic Director at H. S. for Next Year

TEACHERS ARE CHOSEN
Further Salary Cut Made When Board Reduces Base for High School Teachers

All teachers in the Springfield school system were tendered new contracts for the year 1932-33 at the monthly meeting of the school board Monday night with the lone exception of Norval May, high school athletic director, who resigned and asked that a successor be found to fill his place for next fall.

Contrary to an erroneous rumor which is prevalent in Springfield, May will remain at the high school until the end of the present school year. He has issued a call for baseball practice and held his first meeting with the team on Monday night. He is undecided about his future actions after June.

There were no other resignations offered at the meeting and the majority of the board expressed themselves as being satisfied with the work of the present staff which they re-elected.

All teachers are expected to sign an acceptance of their contracts before the next meeting of the board if they expect to remain here for the next school year.

Another cut in high school salaries was ordered at the Monday meeting. The previous week the base salary scale was reduced from \$129 to \$115. Monday it was reduced another \$5 making the base for these teachers \$110 as compared with \$100 for grade teachers. The members of the staff were cut 10 per cent of their salaries at a recent board meeting.

Teachers who were re-elected at the schools were as follows:
High school: Glenn L. Martin, Leone Elliott, May Hewes, Lucille Holman, Clara Wagner, Anna Vogel, Marguerite Milhollen, and John Knox.

Brattain: Alta Manning, Helen C. High, Alene Basford, Edna Platt, Eleanor Smith, and Dorothy Girard.

Lincoln: Ella Lombard, Eliza, Beth James, Thelma Sweeney, Crystal Male, Miriam Male, Opal Roberts, Crystal Bryan, Eva Petteplace, and Mabel Riddle.

Principals of the three schools were re-elected at a previous meeting.

O.E.S. To Have Children Party

Masons and Families Invited to Co-Coured Dish Dinner Friday; Children on Program

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"H. H., Jr." Now Teacher



President Hoover's oldest son, Herbert Hoover, Jr., is now a "teaching fellow" of the California Institute of Technology.

LIONS TO ATTEND DISTRICT MEETING

Special Bus to Be Chartered for Trip; Rev. Taylor is Luncheon Speaker

Springfield Lions club members will attend the district convention at Roseburg Wednesday, March 30. It was decided at the weekly meeting of the group held here Friday. Members of the local den voted in favor of chartering a large bus to transport all representatives from this section of the district to the convention which will be an evening affair.

Members of the Springfield Lions club quartet have been invited to attend the convention and furnish part of the entertainment.

Dr. H. A. Hagen, deputy district governor, Karl Mills, and W. J. Moyer, all of Cottage Grove attended the luncheon in the interests of the convention. Moyer is president of the Cottage Grove den.

Rev. William G. Taylor, pastor of the Springfield Baptist church was guest speaker at the luncheon. His subject dealt with the effects of adversity on the lives of some of the world's greatest figures.

Girls League To Frolic On Friday

Classes to Present Entertainment Program for Alumni and Mothers at H. S.

"Merry Maids March," annual stunt program of the Girl's League of the high school will be held Friday evening of this week it has been announced by Miss Eunice McFarland and Maxine Swarts in charge of the function which is scheduled to start at 7:30 o'clock in the auditorium.

Each class represented in the League will present skits and entertainment numbers for the program. Only girls of the high school, alumni girls, and mothers will be permitted to attend the gathering.

MANY GUESTS ATTEND NEEDLECRAFT MEETING
Mrs. E. E. May and Mrs. W. N. Gosler had Mrs. W. K. Barnell, Mrs. W. C. Rehban, Mrs. Henry Fandren, and Mrs. Ella Lombard as guests last Thursday when they entertained members of the Needlecraft club at the home of Mrs. May.

Mrs. Laurence Moffitt and Mrs. Clifford Wilson were winners of the prizes in the guessing games. Members attending the meeting were Mrs. D. W. Crites, Mrs. W. F. Walker, Mrs. Harry M. Stewart, Mrs. O. H. Jarrett, Mrs. W. J. Scott, Mrs. Carl Olson, Mrs. Clifford Wilson, Mrs. Laurence Moffitt, Mrs. William N. Long, Mrs. W. H. Pollard, Mrs. P. J. Bartholomew, Mrs. R. L. Drury, Mrs. Floyd Thompson, Mrs. Floyd Westerfield, Mrs. W. C. Wright, Mrs. Larson Wright, Mrs. C. F. Barber and the hostesses.

MISSION GROUP HEARS INCIDENTS OF JAPAN
Members of the Christian church missionary society were entertained Monday at the home of Mrs. R. E. Moshier. Miss Hattie Mitchell, mission worker in Africa told some of the incidents which she saw while visiting in Japan on her trip to the United States. A trio consisting of Mrs. D. B. Murphy, Miss Mitchell, and Mrs. Moshier sang several numbers.

Plans for a special Easter offering to be taken Sunday were made at the meeting.

CHILDREN TO HUNT FOR EASTER EGGS SATURDAY
Children of the primary department of the Methodist Sunday school will hold an Easter egg hunt at the church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. W. O. Burch and Mrs. Page are in charge of the affair. The hunt will be held outdoors if the weather is suitable, otherwise it will be held in the church.

BAPTIST CHILDREN TO HAVE EASTER PARTY
Children in the primary department of the Baptist church will have an Easter party at the church Friday afternoon it has been announced. Mrs. Wilford Cook will be in charge of the affair.

DAMAGE IS LIGHT AFTER BIG RAIN

Trees and Gardens in Lowlands Suffer Greatest Injury as Water Washes Dirt

ALL TRAFFIC HELD UP
River Overflows Banks Late Friday to Reach Highest Flood Level Since Feb. '27

Raging waters of the Willamette river which left its banks late Friday night after a heavy downpour of rain during the previous eight hour period failed to do much damage to homes and other buildings in the low areas in this vicinity despite the fact that the water swirled about the floors of many of the luckless houses with a continual rising menace during most of the day.

A program featuring students and homes in boats as the threat of having their homes washed into the main channel of the river in creased with the rising water, but most of them remained ever hoping to hear word that the waters had ceased rising.

Gardens, fruit trees, and berry patches seem to have suffered the greatest loss from water which reached a height of 15 1/2 feet, the highest it has been since the flood in February, 1927.

Spinach Washed Out
R. B. Oldham in West Springfield found half of a two acre spinach tract washed out after the waters receded. One eight-year old walnut tree was completely washed away as was several prune trees and other bushes. A garden tract which had been planted was ruined and a large number of raspberry bushes were so badly uprooted that they had to be replanted.

Roy Palmer, also in West Springfield, lost a large portion of his spinach tract together with other garden produce.

M. C. Kirkland, proprietor of the Kirkland Floral company, found water filling his furnace early Saturday morning and by noon was near the top of the firebox. The water pumps and other electrical equipment had to be taken out as the water reached them.

Ornamental fencing about the Gold Star Auto camp was saved only after workmen in hip boots had taken the fence to pieces.

Shoulders along the Pacific highway, which was impassable for more than 24 hours, were badly damaged by the water which covered the highway. Service stations along the highway found much of their driveways washed away and in some instances some of the equipment was missing.

Buildings Moved
Rushing water which reached a depth of five feet over the highway at Judkins Point threatened to carry away several of the buildings there. A cable attached to the small fruit house near Mammy's Cabin is all that kept this building from taking the course of thousands of feet of driftwood down the river.

Two cabins at the Log Cabin auto camp south of Springfield were moved off their foundations by the water after occupants had fled to safer places.

Many farmers in the Coberg and Thurston areas were aroused watching for signs of distress signals. The McKenzie river reached its peak early in the morning, however, and began dropping before noon.

Traffic between Springfield and Eugene was impossible all day Saturday and Springfield merchants enjoyed one of the best busy days for some months as people who had intended to shop in Eugene were forced to make their purchases in this city.

North and south traffic on the Pacific highway was practically at a standstill for a day and a half. A few vehicles made their way directly south from Eugene and reached the highway near Goshen. Both the Pacific and Prairie roads to the north were impassable at times.

Slides on the Southern Pacific tracks tied up traffic over the Cascade line for many hours Saturday day.

MRS. MOORE HOSTESS FOR ANEAS CLUB GROUP
Mrs. J. T. Moore entertained at her home Tuesday afternoon for members of the Aneas club. Several guests were invited for the afternoon which included a short musical program by Mrs. Floyd Thompson. Refreshments were served by the hostess.