

LAUGHTERESQUE SHOW IS FRIDAY

Annual Program of Original Skits and Entertainment is Ready at High School

U. OF O. PEOPLE TO JUDGE

Jazz Orchestra, Minstrel Skit, and Guitars Are Specialty Features

Springfield high school students are making elaborate preparations this week for their annual Laughteresque presentation to be given at the school auditorium Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Regular rehearsals have been held by the four classes for the past several weeks and members of the various casts and their advisors are now busy making final changes and improving the program.

Former Laughteresque members of the nature of the entertainment being kept from the public eye.

Have Clever Names

From the names of the which the classes have decided to give one can form his or her idea about the nature of the program. The senior class will offer "The Modern Navy." Freshmen follow with "Mother Goose Rhymes," and the Junior class, winner of last year's show, come in with "Just Around the Corner." The sophomore class concludes the entertainment with their version of "Pink Elephants."

Directions of the skits is in the hands of the class members and their advisors. Harold Geiger and Muri Carr are respectively the business and advertising managers.

Judging of the skits will be done by people from the drama department of the University of Oregon. They will judge on four points: originality, preparation, costumes and settings, and general effectiveness.

Novelty Numbers Planned
Novelty numbers will also prevail between the acts. The high school orchestra will play an introduction to the program under the direction of Buford Roach.

Between the first and second act Eldred Glaspey and his jazz orchestra will provide the music and entertainment. Members of the Hartman family, Clinton, Carter and their father, will stage a negro minstrel show between the second and third skits. The final "between the acts" entertainment is to feature a five-piece guitar orchestra directed by Walter Lee. Members of the orchestra are Shirley Shrenk, Myrtle Bain, Winifred Combs, June Geiger, and Mrs. Merrill Manley.

Keen competition is being developed at the high school in the sale of tickets. This also gives additional points towards the class possession of the activity cup as does being adjudged the class with the best production. Seat reservations are being made at the Planery Drug store.

MEN OF BROTHERHOOD HOLD SUB-DISTRICT MEET

Four members of the Men's Brotherhood of the Springfield Methodist church motored to Brownsville Wednesday evening to attend the sub-district meeting of the Brotherhood. They were Rev. Dean C. Poindexter, Dr. W. H. Pollard, P. J. Bartholomew, and Albert Anderson.

The Poole Quartet and entertainers of Eugene provided the program. Dr. Joel Booth also made a short address.

Ronald Gilson of Lebanon was named president in the election of officers. Dr. W. H. Pollard is vice president; and Linn Morris of Brownsville is the new secretary.

Efforts to bring the next meeting to Springfield were withdrawn in favor of Junction City which has not entertained the group before and which also presented an invitation.

"SELLING OUT TO SATAN" SUNDAY SERMON TOPIC

"Meeting Temptation" will be the theme of the sermon at the morning worship hour at the Christian church Sunday at 11 o'clock. For the evening service the pastor, Rev. Veltie Pruitt, will preach on the subject, "Selling Out to Satan." There will be special music at both services.

The Sunday school will meet at 9:45, and the Christian Endeavor will sponsor a Missionary play during their regular meeting hour at 6:30. This being given by the Girls Missionary society and is under the direction of Mrs. Roland Moshler.

ODD FELLOWS TO ATTEND SMELT FEED AT ELMIRA

A delegation of members of the Springfield I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges will go to Elmira this evening to attend a smelt feed which the Odd Fellows of that community are planning.

Music Program Heard By Lions

Members Working on Skits for Ladies Night Entertainment, Practice Started

Music featured the entertainment at the regular meeting of the Lions club of Springfield Friday noon. This was St. Patrick's day and P. J. Bartholomew and W. E. Buell, program chairman, began the affair by presenting each person present with a novelty gift which also contained a green paper hat which each wore.

Paul Potter sang a number of Irish songs and was accompanied by his sister, Dorothy Mae Potter.

Miss Barbara Barnell played a group of favorite songs on her vibra-harp and was accompanied by Miss Ruth Morrison.

Members of the Lions quartet also presented two numbers which they are preparing for the Ladies Night program.

Regular rehearsals of the individual skits which comprise the Ladies Night program are being held this week. The program and banquet will be held at Taylor hall on Friday evening, March 31.

INJURIES FATAL TO BEN SKINNER

Well-Known Springfield Lumber Worker Dies Following Lumber Mill Accident

Ben Skinner, resident of Springfield since 1916, died at the Eugene hospital Monday of injuries sustained Wednesday of last week when he fell while working at the Booth-Kelly mill at Wendling. His back was broken in the fall.

Mr. Skinner was born near Eugene on October 28, 1886. He was the son of Frank and Marie Deadmond Skinner. He spent many years living near Coburg before coming to Springfield.

He married Mrs. Stacy Nesbitt at Kelso in 1928. He is a member of the Christian church, and of the Neighbors of Woodcraft.

Survivors include his widow; his father; one son, Billie, in Los Angeles; a sister, Mrs. Arch Wassom, Harrisburg; one brother, Ernest Skinner, Springfield; a half-brother J. T. Awbery of Jasper; and two step-children, Hazel and Billy Nesbitt.

A large number of his friends attended the funeral services held Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock from the Poole-Gray-Bartholomew chapel. The Neighbors of Woodcraft lodge of Springfield also attended in a group. Rev. Veltie Pruitt, pastor of the Christian church read the service and interment was made in Laurel Grove cemetery.

MARCOLA MAN PASSES FUNERAL WEDNESDAY

James E. Miles, Marcola, died at the Eugene hospital Monday at the age of 72 years.

He was born at Healsburg, California on December 20, 1860 and has been a resident of Lane county since 1900.

He held membership in the I. O. O. F. lodge and in the Christian church.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Naaine A. Miles; one daughter, Mrs. S. A. Cannon of Salem; and two sons, Lucine Miles and Willis Miles, both of Marcola.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 from the Veatch chapel in Eugene. Rev. W. B. Bonney officiated and interment was made in the new I. O. O. F. cemetery near Eugene.

METHODIST PASTOR IN SERVICES AT COBURG

"How May I Become Immortal?" will be the message of Rev. Dean C. Poindexter at the 11 o'clock worship service at the Methodist church Sunday. The Sunday church school meets at 9:45 a. m. The Vesper Service is at 5 p. m. The Epworth League meets at 6 o'clock.

A large delegation will go from here to Coburg for a meeting at 7:30 p. m. This will be the beginning of a week's meetings. Singers from Springfield and Coburg will be lead in the music by Rev. and Mrs. Mitchell of Wendling. Rev. Chas. R. Mitchell will bring the messages from Monday night to Thursday night.

Files Divorce Suit

Mrs. Charlotte Lovelace of Springfield Wednesday filed suit for divorce against her husband, Charles A. Lovelace. She alleges cruel and inhuman treatment in her suit, and asks \$50 monthly alimony.

Go to Roseburg—Joe Mitchell and Ed Smoek left this morning for a business trip to Roseburg.

BEER CONTROL TASK HARD ONE

City Officials Prefer to Wait And Watch Action of Other Communities

Beer! Beer! Beer! And What's to Do About It?

This might well become the theme song of people in all parts of the country following the positive assurance that the frothing drink will be publicly sold after April 8 which was given yesterday when President Roosevelt signed the law permitting the sale of beer and wines containing up to 3.2 percent alcohol or 4 percent by volume.

Both the dry and wet element can unite on this song as both factions seem to be at a loss as to their ability to take any direct action regarding the beer question.

Local dry forces declare that they will make a determined effort to prevent the sale of beer in Springfield. The city officials expecting a request for some action, say that the beer as now authorized under the new law cannot be intoxicating and the city ordinance prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor will not affect this beverage. It has been pointed out that there is one alternative and that is to pass another ordinance similar to the one in effect in Portland prohibiting the sale of any drink except that with stipulated low alcoholic content.

This, the council naturally hesitates to do inasmuch as there can be no restrictions of this nature imposed by the county and the beer will be freely available outside of the city limits.

The council prefers to adopt a policy of watchful waiting to see what other communities do. The next regular meeting will not be held until the evening of April 10.

Under the new law it is legal to sell beer to minors and each state is left with the problem of establishing its own regulations.

STORE TO AWARD BEST FISHERMAN

Wright and Sons Offer Prize For Largest Reside During First Part of Season

Just two more weeks 'till the fishing season opens, April 15. Local fishermen and others who like to try their ability in this popular form of recreation are now commencing to drag out their equipment and spend evenings repairing and refinishing their tackle.

Coincident with the opening of the season comes the announcement from the Wright Hardware and Furniture store that they are going to give away free a leather-bound fish basket and harness to the person catching the largest reside during the first fifteen days of the season, from April 15 to 30.

Successful anglers will bring their fish to the store where the size and weight will be officially recorded.

SCHOOL VANDALS STILL AT LARGE

Teachers', Pupils' Equipment Scattered in All Rooms of Two Buildings

No evidence indicating responsibility for the ransacking of all rooms at the Brattan and High school buildings during the weekend has been uncovered by local authorities.

Every room in the two buildings were entered and teachers as well as students' desks were searched, in the offices of the two principals were quite badly damaged in forcing the locks which had been shut.

Two boxes of candy and some money from his desk and from the cafeteria in the basement constituted the largest loss at the high school, according to W. E. Buell, principal.

Both buildings were entered by breaking out glass in rear windows and the search of both buildings indicated that the jobs were done by the same individual or group.

Blankets from the rest rooms of the schools were carried about the schools and left in unusual places.

At attempt to enter the delivery door of the Planery home on Fifth and B streets was also reported to local police Saturday evening. The prowler was discovered by the maid.

CHURCHES PLAN JOINT PRE-EASTER SERVICES

Members of the Methodist and Baptist churches will hold joint services during Holy week it was announced this week. The services will begin Sunday evening, April 9, and will be held each evening to and including Friday, April 14. All services will be held at the Baptist church.

ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE PARTY FOR HUSBAND

Mrs. Frank Logan entertained with a bridge party at her home Monday evening honoring the birthday of her husband. Guests invited included Mr. and Mrs. Edward Duke, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Quam, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Garrett, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Trooper.

IUKA SEWING CLUB TO HAVE MEETING TODAY

Members of the Iuka circle sewing club will hold their regular meeting this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Pearl Sears. Clothes for needy people of the community will be sewed at the meeting.

Choir Practice Friday

Weekly choir practice for the Christian church will be held Friday evening instead of Thursday, the usual time, it was announced this week by Veltie Pruitt, director.

Garden Seeds Awaited here

People Told to Get Garden Plots in Good Condition for Quick Planting

Free garden seeds purchased by the county court with funds obtained from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation have not been made available for distribution in Lane county as yet it was announced today from the office of O. S. Fletcher, county agent who handles the distribution of the seed packets.

Persons expecting to obtain these seeds are advised to devote their time getting their garden plots in the best possible condition for planting while awaiting the arrival of the seed. It has also been pointed out that there is no special necessity for planting immediately with the cold weather hanging over the valley and the quantity of moisture now in the ground.

The free seeds will be handled in Springfield under the direction of Jess Cross, councilman. He has named I. M. Peterson and W. A. Taylor as his assistants in the distribution.

These seeds are intended for those persons who are being assisted by the Red Cross, and the committee is instructed to investigate each case before giving the seeds.

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EARLY THURSTON RESIDENT DIES

Funeral Services for Mrs. Bessie Brown Held in This City on Tuesday

Mrs. Bessie Moore Brown, well-known resident of the Thurston community since 1909, died Friday evening at the home of her son, M. H. Brown, near Lorane. She had been ill but a short while and death came unexpectedly.

Bessie Moore was born in Pennsylvania on October 30, 1864. She lived there until she was married to John Henry Brown at Oil City, Pennsylvania in 1889. They continued to live in the Eastern state until 1905 when they moved to Lawton, Oklahoma. They lived there four years, moving to Thurston in 1909.

Mr. Brown died at Thurston in 1921 and his funeral services were held in Springfield. Since that time Mrs. Brown had made her home with her son in Eugene and at Lorane.

Funeral services were held from the Poole-Gray-Bartholomew chapel in Springfield Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Harry R. R. Neat, pastor of the Lighthouse temple in Eugene officiated, and interment was made in Mt. Vernon cemetery.

STAR MEMBERS TO GO TO CRESWELL MEET

An invitation extended to Cascade chapter, Order of Eastern Star, to attend the meeting of the Creswell chapter on Friday evening was presented and accepted here Tuesday at the regular business meeting of the organization. Fifteen from Springfield plan to attend.

The business meeting followed the monthly covered dish supper for Star members and their families.

GOSSLERS ENTERTAIN WITH DINNER PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Walter N. Gossler entertained at their home Saturday evening with a dinner for members of the dinner club. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fandrem, Mr. and Mrs. Larson Wright, and Thad Barber.

IUKA TAKES THREE MEMBERS AT MEETING

Iuka circle, number 37, Ladies auxiliary of the G. A. R. received three new members here at their meeting last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Pearl Sears. They are Mrs. Selma Johnson, Eugene, Mrs. H. O. Dibblee, and Mrs. Genevieve Louk.

POLITICS CITED AS TAX RAISER

Wrong Men Put into Offices, And They Must Employ Experts to Advise Them

PROHIBITION IS TALKED

Replanting of Trees on East Main Street Assured; Dr. Pollard Offers Maples

Blame for much of our ever increasing cost of government was placed squarely on the people themselves by Guy S. Claire, professor of law at the University of Oregon, in addressing the monthly meeting of the Methodist Men's Brotherhood Monday evening.

Political friends and good fellows far too often find their way into administrative political offices declared the professor who spoke on the subject: "Administrative Control of Property and Individuals."

Often boards and commissions are filled with men who know but little, at the best about the duties they are expected to perform in an expert capacity. This results in the necessity of the appointive officers on the boards and commissions having to go out and employ experts to advise them, thus increasing the cost of government.

Offers New Suggestion
The selection of the proper qualified men for the different tasks regardless of their political affiliation and the raising of compensation paid in proportion to the saving which could be effected by the elimination of many office holders was suggested as a method of improving our administration and also decreasing the governmental costs.

The speaker severely criticized the statement of Thomas Jefferson, "To the Victors Belong the Spoils" as one of the most damaging political utterances yet made. He went on to show how it was necessary to train people to fill government positions and how the government had to assume the expense of this training. This period usually requires two years and after that time the procedure of selecting new officeholders is repeated if new candidates are chosen or especially if a candidate of a different political party is elected.

Mr. Claire also pointed out how much power these appointive officers hold over the average individual. Citing the case of a cattle inspector who has authority to destroy a complete herd of cattle if he thinks them infectious, the speaker said the owner had little opportunity for protest before this loss is sustained, and his chances of obtaining redress are very poor after the evidence has been destroyed.

Will Plant More Trees

The planting of trees along the McKenzie highway as it approaches the city came up for discussion when Dr. Pollard offered to donate a dozen Norway Maple trees to the Brotherhood. The Brotherhood planted a number of trees along the approach to the city last spring and some of these have died out. Dr. Pollard was named chairman of a committee to transplant the trees from his yard to the highway approach.

Delegates to the district meeting at Brownsville Wednesday were instructed to issue an invitation to the group to have their next session in Springfield.

Liquor Question Up

Considerable time was devoted at the meeting, following the address by Professor Clair, to a consideration of action which could be taken regarding the beer bill and liquor question in general. The legal uncertainty revolving about the beer bill did not permit the men to take any decisive steps at this time. They did agree, however, to concentrate their efforts on the local situation and the election of dry candidates to the state ratification convention.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TO GIVE SHORT PLAY

A one-act play, "The Color Line" will be given at the Christian church Sunday evening at 6:30 by members of the Hattie, Mitchell Mission circle under direction of Mrs. R. E. Moshler. There is to be no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be taken.

Those in the cast are:

Chun Carol Adams
Barbara Mary Hadley
Wanda Barbara Adams
Stanley William Cox
Dr. Lawson Lee Vall
Miss King Wilma Lewis

SCOUTS TO MEET

The annual meeting of the Springfield Girl Scouts will be held on Monday, April 3, at the home of Mrs. O. H. Jarrett. A program sponsored by the Happy Hour club will be given.

Lead Beauty Pageant



This American girl, Miss Yvette Baker, entered the beauty contest for Queen of the Festival at San Juan, Puerto Rico . . . and was awarded high honor in the colorful pageant which climaxes a gala week.

SKATERS LIBERTY TO BE CURTAILED

Vacancy Exists on Council Following Moving of Fred Frese From City

The practice of cutting up lawns and parking strips by walking across them with roller skates must stop decided members of the City Council at their informal meeting held last Thursday evening. The City Recorder was instructed to draw up a new skating ordinance to be acted on at the next meeting.

The proposed new ordinance would set 8:30 p. m. as a deadline for outdoor skating and would define the rights of skaters to the use of the streets. The present ordinance prohibits skating on Main street.

Enforcement of the ordinance will be left at the discretion of the city officials.

The resignation of Fred Frese as a member of the City Council is expected this week. Mr. Frese has recently moved his residence to Eugene and automatically loses his right to serve on the local governing body. No successor for this vacancy has been given much consideration as yet by the mayor who will make the appointment.

SNOW SPORTS HOLDING OWN ON UPPER MCKENZIE

Obsidians Plan Outing at Cabins Sunday; New Fallen Snow Improves Conditions

Portland's outdoor clubs officially closed their winter sports activities with a final ski tournament at Mt. Hood government camp last Sunday, but Lane county Obsidians are not yet willing to pack away their snow equipment for another year at least until after next Sunday.

Members of this outdoor club had planned to take their ski to train to Odell lake this week-end for an outing, but suitable transportation facilities could not be arranged. They have now decided to drive up Lost Creek and spend the week-end above their cabins.

The snow on the upper McKenzie has been melting rapidly during the past two weeks, but the latest cold weather has frozen a hard crust over the top of the snow banks and some fresh snow has fallen during the past few days, both of which make skiing more enjoyable.

Harry Wright went to Portland last week-end to attend the carnival and tournament there.

MONTHLY MEETING FOR P. T. A. TO BE FRIDAY

Monthly meeting of the Springfield Parent-Teacher association which was postponed last week will be held this Friday afternoon at the Lincoln school at 3 o'clock. Students of the second and third grades under the leadership of their teachers, Miss Miriam Male and Mrs. Opal Roberts, will give demonstrations of their work.

Findings of the committee headed by Miss Eleanor Smith to investigate the possibility of starting a garden contest will probably be heard at the meeting tomorrow.

BUTCHER SHOP GETS INTERIOR REFINISHED

The complete interior of the Independent Meat Market was refinished this week. All of the walls were repainted in the front sales room and thru to the back room where the manufacturing is carried on.

MASONS ENTERTAIN FAMILIES TONIGHT

Springfield Masonic lodge number 171 will sponsor another of their monthly social gatherings at their lodge home tonight for their wives and members of their families. The evening will be spent with dancing and cards. John Henderer, I. M. Peterson, and C. A. Swartz, are members in charge of the gathering.

BENEFITS SEEN IN FOREST BILL

Large Expenditure and Much Employment Assured County Is Measure Passes

THOMPSON TELLS PLANS

Completion of Roads and Development of New Projects Seen in Cascade Area

A very optimistic note to the economic conditions of Lane county was sounded yesterday by P. A. Thompson, supervisor of the Cascade and Santiam National forests, when he appeared before the Lane county court and advised them of the work and funds which will likely be made available for this county when and if the President's Reforestation bill is enacted into law without too many changes.

Mr. Thompson emphatically pointed out that the intention of the bill was not to plant hundreds of acres of trees in the Pacific Northwest but to provide a fund to carry on forest improvement work wherever the money is expended and which may in some instances require planting of a few acres of trees, the planting of grass, flood control, and in the Northwest in particular, the opening of new forest roads and completion of projects now under way.

Mr. Thompson was requested several months ago to prepare a list of projects for the two forests and submitted the following:

1—Completion of the Willamette highway over the Cascade summit.

2—Construction of the north and south Santiam highways.

3—Construction of a secondary highway from Belknap Springs to the Santiam highway.

4—Construction of a road from Fall creek to the north fork of the Willamette.

5—Construction of a road from Foley Springs up Horse Creek.

6—Construction of a road from Odell lake north to Waldo lake, to connect with the present North Fork road.

In addition to these major projects, several smaller road projects, trails, fire control and other improvement work will be done in this area.

Some work will be carried forward on each of these projects if the measure is approved. Just how much can be accomplished is uncertain, depending on the amount of money made available. This may reach the total sum of a million dollars if the total of the bill is not reduced.

The number of men who will be given employment under the act may run from 500 to 1500. Under provisions of the bill men will be recruited from the unemployed lists of the county and will be housed in camps where they will receive their board and lodging and \$30 a month wages.

Completion of any or all of these projects will be welcomed in Springfield. Development of any of these projects will mean greater recreational development for the McKenzie country and more travel over the McKenzie highway.

MCDONALD FUNERAL IS HELD HERE TUESDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Ellen McDonald who died at her home at Cedar Flat Monday evening were held Tuesday morning at 10:30 from the Veatch chapel. Dr. E. V. Stivers officiated and interment was made in Greenwood cemetery.

Mrs. McDonald was 64 years of age, having been born at Cleveland, Ohio, on November 19, 1868. She lived in Michigan most of her life coming to Vernonia, Oregon in 1921, living there until nine months ago when they moved to Cedar Flat community.

She is survived by her widower, J. P. McDonald and an aunt, Mrs. Anna Karhan.

She was a member of the Rebekah lodge and Pythian sisters.

MRS. EGGIMANN HOSTESS FOR AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Fifteen members of the Inner 98, ladies auxiliary organization of the Spanish-American war veterans of Eugene were guests of Mrs. Myrtle Eggmann at her home here Monday for their monthly meeting. Mrs. Bockman, member of the Scout Young auxiliary in Portland was a special guest. The afternoon was spent sewing clothing for the Doernbecher hospital in Portland.

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