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CITY SCHOOLS TO OPEN OCTOBER 1

Board Provides for Extension of Year to Monday Session; To Inspect Buildings

GET NON-HIGH CONTRACT

Lengthy Discussion on Warrant Debt Reduction Held; Salary Cuts Are Needed

Springfield public schools will open October 2 and will close on or about May 22 next spring, thus providing an eight month year. It was decided here Monday night at the monthly meeting of the school board.

The board also signed a blanket contract with the Non-Union high school board wherein District 19, agrees to receive high school students from such non-union districts as the county board may designate. District 19 is to receive the per-pupil cost of educating these students from the non-union district funds.

It is the desire of the non-union board to have each of the organized districts receiving these students to use their per capita cost as a basis in charging for students from outside territory.

No Waltherville Agreement

No agreement has as yet been entered into with the school board at Waltherville for the education of their students again this year. This is the McKenzie union high school district, and is not included in the jurisdiction of the non-union board.

They have authority to enter into contracts where-ever they may choose. In previous years the local school board has established a flat fee for each outside student. The present board refuses to continue this policy another year, holding that all students of the district from which they come, should be assessed their equal pro-rated cost, putting them all on an equal basis.

More than 30 students were transported daily to and from the Waltherville district to the Springfield high school during the past two years.

A large part of the evening session of the board Monday was devoted to a discussion of district finances, especially salaries to be paid faculty members during the coming year. When the teachers were offered their places for another year last spring they were not given contracts and no salary agreements were made.

Members of the local board have been watching the rising warrant indebtedness of the past year, when the district went behind about \$12,000, with much anxiety and are seeking the best possible means of preventing the accumulation of staggering tax load.

Warrant Debt Increases

According to the records of C. F. Barber, clerk, district 19 warrants have been paid up to February 10, at which time there were 15,600 of the unpaid certificates outstanding. At this time last year the sum was approximately \$3600. It has also been pointed out that during the past year the salaries of all the teachers were reduced by 10 percent, and they also donated the equivalent of two weeks' salary, or received pay for only eight and one-half months work.

Next Monday morning members of the board will arise early and make an inspection tour visiting all the buildings to ascertain the changes and improvements needed before the school year opens.

POINDEXTER TO PREACH AT M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY

Rev. Dean C. Poindexter, pastor of the Springfield Methodist church, will return to conduct services at his church Sunday morning he has announced. His sermon subject will be "Difficulties to Faith in God."

FOUR REACH SUMMIT OF MIDDLE SISTER

Four Springfield people successfully scaled the Middle Sister mountain Sunday. They were C. F. Barber, Maurice Lombard, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter N. Gosler. These people, together with Mrs. Ella Lombard, Mr. Barber, Mrs. H. L. Barber, and Mrs. Aubrey Brown camped in the Sisters region over the week-end.

CALIFORNIA RESIDENT SEES OREGON CASCADES

Mrs. Agnes Folds of Pasadena, California, who has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fyle since Thursday left yesterday for Chicago and the Century of Progress exposition. Friday Mr. and Mrs. Fyle took their visitor over the McKenzie pass to Bend where they drove to the top of Pilot Butte and viewed the crater of an extinct volcano.

Highway Oiling Work Completed

Final Stretch of McKenzie Is Given Dust Palliative; Surface Remains Sticky

One-half mile area from Vista to Vida, was completed by workers of the state highway department. They did not apply the usual heavy coating of asphalt and rock which completes the highway project, but spread a coating of light oil over the surface and sprinkled some fine gravel over this.

Many motorists who have crossed the stretch are criticizing the manner in which this oil has been applied, stating that during this hot weather the coating of rock is not sufficient to prevent their automobiles from getting splattered with the oil covered pebbles thrown up by the tires.

Highway workers state that they are merely applying a light coat of oil to hold down the dust. To do this they must depend on a penetrative job and this must be done during days when the warm sun is shining on them.

No serious damage to automobiles has been reported as a result of the oiling work and a few more days of this warm weather is expected to dry the surface sufficiently to prevent further sticking.

There now remains a stretch of the highway from Doyle Hill to Nimrod which needs a second and final coating of oil and rock.

State officers will visit Rebeahs at Creswell, Coburg, Eugene and Halsey Sunday. Group Delegations

Mrs. Esther Bond, president of the Rebeah assembly of Oregon, paid her official visit to Juanita Rebeah lodge of Springfield Monday night in the presence of 58 visitors; and 40 members of the local lodge group. The groups of visitors represented lodges at Coburg, Creswell, Eugene and Halsey, home of the state president.

Following the introduction of the visiting officer and other guests, Mrs. Sarah Johns, past noble grand of Juanita lodge, presented a gift to Mrs. Bond on behalf of the local lodge.

The degree staff had charge of the degree and initiatory work later in the evening.

After the business meeting the monthly social program was held under the direction of Mrs. Nellie Jordan, Mrs. Marie Pohl, Miss Thelma Sweeney and Mrs. Elsie Lambert.

No program for next Monday evening has been announced.

DRIVER ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY IN AUTO CRASH

John Milliron, manager of Lost Creek ranch, miraculously escaped fatal injuries late last Thursday evening when his automobile crashed into a large rock embankment two miles east of Vida on the McKenzie highway. The driver, although pinned helplessly beneath the wreckage of his car for some time, received only minor injuries. The automobile was wrecked beyond repair according to reports of garagemen who inspected it.

Reports from up the river state that Milliron was attempting to put on his gloves and looked down to see if he had the proper glove for his hand when the crash occurred. Had the car left the road a few seconds earlier or later it would have plunged into the McKenzie river.

PASTOR PLANS TO HOLD EVANGELISTIC SERVICE

A special evangelistic service will be held at the Christian church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock with Rev. Velie Pruitt preaching. Dallas Murphy and Merton Forebee will sing a tenor duet.

Regular services will be held in the forenoon with Miss Uldine Garlin singing a vocal solo.

Injures Foot on Cable - Nonda Mae Pirtle, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Pirtle, 837 Alameda street, Eugene painfully injured her foot Tuesday evening when the end of a cable which she stepped on completely penetrated her foot. She was swimming in the Willamette river near this city.

Visits Uncle - Miss Bertie Lou Hamlin of Canyonville who has been visiting at the home of her uncle, F. B. Hamlin this week, left Tuesday for her home. She was accompanied by Miss Doris Gerber. Special committee meetings will be held after the dinner and service.

Church Meeting Set - Regular Weekly covered dish dinner and revivals will be held at the Christian church this evening. Special committee meetings will be held after the dinner and service.

GAS FUMES KILL FLOUR MILL MAN

Death of William Stearmer Attributed to Cyanide; Funeral Held Here Tuesday

Gas fumes from cyanide disks which he was using in fumigating parts of the Eugene Mill and Elevator company plant at Eugene Saturday are thought to have caused the death of William H. Stearmer, head miller. He was working alone in the mill unknown to others and his body was found just outside a rear door late in the afternoon by two transients, the mask still over his face.

An investigation of the mask which he was wearing was made by army men familiar with poison gas and masks. Their decision was that the canister within the mask which neutralizes the gas fumes had not been replaced often enough although the mask itself was in good condition.

Stearmer has been head miller for the Rushman company since 1919, having been employed at the Springfield Mill and Grain company until it was destroyed by fire and later at the Eugene mill which was purchased by the company. He had been fumigating the mill at regular intervals to kill rats, mice, weevil and other rodents. The regular fumigating was to have been done this week-end.

Mr. Stearmer was born on February 12, 1890 and leaves his widow, Mrs. Flora Stearmer, 656 D street Springfield, and one son, Roy, 675 Pearl street, Eugene.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 10:30 from the Pool-Gray-Bartholomew chapel in Springfield. Dr. E. V. Stivers officiated, and interment was made in the Laurel Grove cemetery.

CITY PROJECTS WIN APPROVAL

State Advisory Board Recommends \$30,000 for Public Works Program Here

Approval of an allotment of \$30,000 for public works projects in Springfield under the federal reconstruction program was made Wednesday in Portland by the state reconstruction advisory board, along with proposals from many other cities and counties, the largest of which was the request for \$4,000,000 for five bridges on the Roosevelt highway. Bert E. Haney, chairman of the Oregon advisory board will submit the recommendations of the state committee to Washington, D. C. for final consideration and approval or rejection.

These projects represent the construction works which can be carried out at this time in the various parts of the state, a detailed list of which was requested by Governor Meier, recently.

Springfield people who attended the services included Mr. and Mrs. Fred Louk and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Putman and son, Tommy, Mrs. Alice Doane, Mrs. Sarah Johns, and Mrs. Edna Spencer.

MOTOR KICKS BACK, CRANK HITS MAN'S FACE

L. E. Hodges, route 1, Springfield was injured in an unusual accident Wednesday at his home. He was trying to crank his automobile when it kicked back, throwing the crank out and striking him on the face. His lip was lacerated requiring stitches, and a tooth was knocked out of his mouth. He was treated at the office of a Springfield physician.

TWO GIRLS WILL ATTEND ANNUAL SCOUT OUTING

Ila Putman and Leota McCracken will attend the annual Girl Scout camp at Lake Clewax near Florence this month. The summer camp opened August 6 and will continue until August 27. The Springfield girls will attend from August 13 to 20.

Miss Eunice Gerber, graduate nurse of this city, will be stationed at the late for the entire camp as camp nurse.

NEW MEAT MARKET OPENS IN SPRINGFIELD

A new modern meat market has been opened in the Irish-Murphy store in this city. It is being managed by Earl Kelly, experienced meat cutter, who features fresh, cured and smoked meats.

Divorce Granted - A. T. Donoho of Vida was granted a divorce from Ida Donoho Wednesday in circuit court by Judge J. H. Norton. The plaintiff was granted custody of minor children.

Asked For Teamwork and Getting It



President Roosevelt, and Recovery Administrator Hugh S. Johnson, demonstrated exactly what they meant about teamwork in their launching of the National Recovery Administration program and are now watching with much satisfaction as one after another industrial division adopt codes and start operation. Photo shows the President receiving congratulations of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh S. Johnson on his recovery address.

CRESWELL HOLDS E. L. HOWE RITES

Pioneer Merchant and Farmer of County Passes; Funeral Sunday Afternoon

Eugene L. Howe, resident of the Creswell vicinity since 1871, passed away at his farm home there early Friday morning at the age of 81. He had been ill for several months.

Mr. Howe was born at Evansville, Wisconsin on November 12, 1851. Later he moved to Illinois and then New York, before leaving by boat for the Panama Canal zone and up the Pacific coast to California. He managed a retail mercantile business during the time from 1868-71 at Santa Clara, California, and came by wagon train to Oregon in 1871, locating at Creswell.

At Creswell he operated a general store until he was married to Mary Bassett at Springfield, on July 19, 1877. The couple then moved into the family farm near Creswell where they remained until his death.

He was a member of the Methodist church and was actively interested in music, having played in the Creswell band for 20 years and was a member of choral groups at various times.

He is survived by his widow and by two daughters, Mrs. Genevieve Louk of Springfield and Mrs. A. C. Chase of Myrtle Point; one son, H. A. Howe, and a brother, Charles S. Howe both of Creswell, also ten grandchildren. His brother has been an invalid since a stroke of paralysis a few months ago.

Funeral services were held from the Scherwing chapel in Creswell Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. W. S. Burgoyne officiated, and interment was made in the Creswell cemetery.

FOOD SALE, CAFETERIA TO BENEFIT CHURCH

Plans for a cooked food sale and cafeteria dinner to be served Saturday noon by the Ladies Aid and the members of the Cooking club of the Christian church were announced this week. It will be held in the vacant rooms adjoining the Springfield Electric shop. The food sale will continue during the entire day. Mrs. M. A. Pohl for the Cooking club, and Mrs. I. A. Valentine for the Ladies' aid, are in charge. Mrs. W. P. Tyson will assist in collecting the contributions Saturday morning.

SPRINGFIELD PEOPLE AT BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Koch and four children, and Miss Josephine Lanning went to Harrisburg Sunday where they attended a large birthday dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Deffenbacher at their turkey farm in honor of the 74 birthday of Mrs. Amanda E. Koch of Lorane. A number of relatives from Lorane were also invited.

FAMILY GROUPS HOLD PICNIC AT RIVERSIDE

A number of Springfield families formed a large picnic group at Riverside park Sunday. Included in the number were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor, and Wilson Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Lum F. Anderson and children, Frank and Irene, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laxton and son, Junior, and Mr. and Mrs. P. Harrington of Eugene.

BOOTH-KELLY SAFETY COMMITTEE HAS MEET

Monthly meeting of the Booth-Kelly safety committee was held at the Mill Tuesday evening. A number of recommendations made to the committee were reported to have all been approved and carried out. John Parker is chairman of the committee.

PROPERTY DEAL REPORTED HERE

Grace Interest in Main Street Structures Acquired by Crow Man; Plans Improvements

One of the largest property deals effected in this vicinity during the past several months was reported this week when E. G. Owen of Crow Stage route west of Eugene became the owner of the Charles D. Grace half-interest in the two buildings now housing Eggmann's Kandy Kitchen, the Armory, the Springfield Garage, and the Wheaton-Whitney barber shop. The other half-interest in the property is owned by Mrs. John Lemmons and the Winzenreid estate.

The building housing the city library was not included in the deal, this being owned entirely by the Winzenreid estate.

Mr. Grace, who acquired the property from Al Perkins in Portland about two years ago, continues to hold property interests in the city, holding sole ownership of the building occupied by the News office, the Independent Meat Market, and the Ideal Grocery.

Mr. Owen is reported to be seeking a division of the property interests here. It is understood that he will do considerable remodeling and improvement work if the property division is accomplished.

N.O.W. PICNIC TO BE HELD SUNDAY

Plans for Annual Outing of Pine Circle Made; West Side of Swimmers' Delight Park

Pine Circle, Neighbors of Woodcraft, will hold their annual picnic Sunday, August 13, at Swimmer's Delight on the west side of the river it was decided last night at the monthly meeting of the lodge.

All members are asked to bring their filled picnic baskets. The committee will provide the drinks, coffee and punch.

Al Pohl, Daisy Hills, and Glenn Stone, are in charge of the arrangements and refreshments. Lilian Rhodes, Lillah Bertsch, and Sam Sweeney have charge of transportation.

The picnic dinner will be held at 1:30 and automobiles will leave Eggmann's at Fourth and Main streets at 12:30. Those lacking transportation, and those having room for an extra passenger are asked to meet at Eggmann's at the latter hour.

MANY GO TO PORTLAND TO VIEW FAMOUS SHIP

Several Springfield people went to Portland Saturday and over the week-end to view Old Ironsides, historical fighting craft of the United States navy, now anchored off Swan Island airport. Included in those who made the inspection trip were Marjorie Joffly, Delores Casteel, Mabel Siemsen, Miss Helen Swarts, Mrs. A. R. Sneed and family, Miss Goldie Smith, Miss Muriel Tyson, Miss Jewel Heltzerbrand, Miss Bessie Cox and Miss Melba Harris.

Large crowds filled the ramp leading to the ship all during the visiting hours on Old Ironsides' first week in Portland. The ship will remain there until August 21.

JOINT MISSION MEETING DATE SET TO AUGUST 15

August 15, has been chosen as the new date for the joint meeting of the Springfield Christian missionary society with the mission groups of the Christian church in Eugene. The hour and location for the affair have not been decided yet, although it is expected that an early breakfast will be held.

THIRD TRY SUCCESSFUL B. Y. P. U. GROUP FINDS

After planning a swimming party and picnic twice and having to postpone it because of illness and inclement weather, young people of the Baptist church shifted the proposed outing from a Friday night to Tuesday of this week and a number of the young people spent the evening on Fall Creek swimming and a picnic supper were enjoyed.

SON SHOT, DIES WHILE MOTHER VISITS HERE

While his mother, Mrs. Alice Franks, was visiting here with her sister, Mrs. Frank Apper, Lawrence Franks, 16, of Lebanon accidentally shot himself, blowing away his arm, which resulted in his death in an Albany hospital from loss of blood. The youth had been searching for stray cows. Mrs. Franks left immediately on hearing of the accident.

Young Retains Mail Contracts

Postmaster Praises Services of Mail Man During Past 10 Years; Served 20 or More

The mail-messenger contract at the Springfield postoffice has again been awarded to Ira T. Young, present messenger, according to announcement made this week by F. B. Hamlin, postmaster. Competitive bids for the work were called recently.

Duties of the mail-messenger include the hauling of mail to and from the Springfield railroad depot, and from the West Springfield depot. All mail routed out of the Springfield postoffice for postoffices on the Siskiyou route must be taken to West Springfield by truck or wagon from the local postoffice. Likewise all mail originating at these points which is intended for distribution through the Springfield postoffice.

The services of Mr. Young, who has held the government contract for at least 20 years, were highly complimented by Mr. Hamlin. He declares that to his knowledge the carrier has not missed getting the mail from the trains once, nor has he failed to get the mail to the trains on time once during the past 10 years.

Mr. Young lives in West Springfield.

Linn Court Will Finish Short-Cut

Washburne and Turnbull Assured That Work Will Get Under Way By Spring

Construction of the remaining two and one-half miles of the Holly cut-off road connecting the Mohawk valley with the Santiam highway will get under way not later than next spring. This assurance was given to Carl G. Washburne, member of the highway commission, and J. E. Turnbull, chairman of the roads committee of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, Wednesday when they conferred with members of the Linn county court and the Albany Chamber of Commerce.

Lane county has already completed a market road beyond Mabel as far as the Linn county line. Most of this has been graveled, and except for the two and one-half miles a good smooth road would open up a short cut to Cascadia and the upper Santiam country.

The Linn county court members informed the Lane representatives that they had this work in mind, and had already done some clearing on the right-of-way with the relief funds, but that they had no money left in this year's market road fund for this project. They indicated, however, that this would be one of their next projects. If further relief funds are made available the road may be constructed earlier.

Members of the Albany Chamber of Commerce endorsed the move to open the highway.

MR. AND MRS. HAMLIN AT SCHOOL REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hamlin motored to Oakland Sunday where they attended the annual reunion of former students and teachers under John H. Cochran. It has been 40 years since Mr. Cochran began teaching and he established the unique idea of holding a reunion of his former students and teachers once a year at the Coles Valley Grange, hall near the Umpqua ferry. At these gatherings Mr. Cochran, former principal of the schools at Wilbur and Oakland, makes a lengthy address on past experiences and gives advice as to the future.

He is now in his seventies and resides at Medford. Many of his students are now parents and grandparents, according to Mr. Hamlin who was associated with Mr. Cochran while County School Superintendent of Douglas county and principal at Roseburg.

LEABURG C. E. GROUP TO SPONSOR U. O. PLAYS

Members of the Leaburg Christian Endeavor will sponsor plays by the Dramatics club of the University of Oregon at Waltherville Friday evening. William Thielen, member of this traveling troupe of entertainers, lives at Deernhorn and is a graduate of Springfield high school. Proceeds from the entertainment will be divided by the Endeavor group and the players.

Neighbors Postpone Picnic - The summer picnic of the Royal Neighbors of America which was to have been held Wednesday was postponed indefinitely because of the death of William Stearmer, husband of Mrs. Flora Stearmer, club president.

TYSON GENERAL FOR N.R.A. DRIVE

Partial Organization of President's Reemployment Committee is Made Here

MRS. FISHER LIEUTENANT

Workers First Duty to Secure United Participation; Government to Take Hand

W. P. Tyson, city mayor, will remain as director of Springfield's war against the depression and employment in the role of "General," it was decided Tuesday evening at a meeting of the temporary committee. Participating in the meeting were the mayor representing the city; W. A. Irsnell, president of the Chamber of Commerce; H. O. Dibble, commander of the American Legion; C. F. Barber, president of the Lions club; Mrs. D. O. Fisher, vice-president of the Civic Club; Miss Edna Swarts, president of the American Legion Auxiliary; and Mrs. W. O. Burch, past president of the Springfield P. T. A. unit; and I. M. Peterson, city recorder.

Mr. Peterson, who had attended the organization meeting in Eugene, reported on the general purpose of the proposed organization and exhibited a mass of literature and an organization chart.

Want Smaller Communities - On the recommendation of Mr. Peterson it was decided to set up as small an organization as practicable for this city. This organization to be worked out and the necessary appointments to be made by Tyson later. It was felt that much of the detailed organization which is designed for even the largest cities as well as the smallest ones could be eliminated. Permission to do this is granted by the Administrator, Hugh Johnson, at Washington, D. C.

Mrs. D. O. Fisher was named as Lieutenant General, and will assist Tyson in his functions, devoting most of her time to the work among women and their organizations. This office is mandatory when an organization is set up.

Mrs. Burch, Miss Named - Other appointments announced at the meeting included Mrs. W. O. Burch as Colonel in charge of educational work, and H. E. Maxey as Colonel in charge of publicity. These together with other workers to be named later will comprise the President's Emergency Re-employment Campaign Committee of Springfield.

Duties of the committee at this time are primarily the dissemination of information about the National Recovery Act to everybody and to encourage cooperation by everyone in the program.

To Provide Speakers - To accomplish this a detailed program of activities is tentatively outlined which will include the establishment of a speaker's bureau to provide a capable speaker for all public gatherings, including church services, the encouragement of everybody to join in the spirit of the NRA, and late in August to provide a house-to-house canvass of the entire city to encourage the employment of more individuals.

After the first of September all organizations and industries are expected to have drawn up codes which are acceptable to the administrator, and the government proposes to draft blanket codes of fair competition and regulation for all the various business organizations which have not joined the voluntary codes of their fellow producers or marketers.

Springfield Firms Sign - Many of the Springfield firms have already entered into these various voluntary codes. The grocers, as members of the Lane County Retail Grocers' association, are working on a voluntary code. At their meeting last night H. O. Dibble was chosen on the executive committee, D. B. Murphy on the fair trades committee, and W. A. Taylor on the membership committee. W. H. Adrian has been named on the contact committee of the Lane County Auto Repairmen.

One point which remains unsettled is the position of the small operator who employs no paid help, but who wants to cooperate in the NRA plan and who is permitted to display the Blue Eagle. More information relative to the duties of these small firms under the NRA banner is expected soon.

Several additional firms have signed the NRA pledge and have received their Blue Eagles. Others are awaiting the arrival of additional Eagles and supplies from Washington, D. C. The following have signed the NRA agreement since the last published report: H. M. Stewart for Stewart's Fuel Co.; W. A. Hall for Hall, the Shoe Doctor; Alex Stevens for Chic's Feed Store; W. P. Nash for Service Station in West Springfield; C. F. (Continued on page 4)