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COUNCIL TALKS MANY PROBLEMS

Hears Application Of State For Vacation Of Property From City Limits

THREE ASK REBONDING

Will Wage War On Weeds And Repair Jail; Hear Financial Report Read

War is to be declared on weeds in Springfield members of the City Council decreed at their monthly meeting Monday evening. They will start a program of weed cutting and burning shortly on all unsightly city property and along sidewalks and streets.

City workmen and the fire department will cooperate in burning many of the areas, and a little later in the season an attempt will be made to mow some of the larger tracts. The early season and the summer rains have united to produce a crop of weeds here even greater than usual say councilmen.

All to Be Repaired

The city jail, the little hollow concrete block back of the city hall which but few Springfield residents have visited, is to be improved and made more comfortable councilmen decided. A new roof and ceiling plaster will have to be provided, and new bedding must be procured to make the place fit for occupancy.

Three applications for refunding of obligations to the city were received. There has been less interest shown in this movement than had been expected when it was started. Under the plan a property owner who can show all taxes paid to date, and all interest on assessments, may have his obligation to the city refunded with new payments extending over a period of 20 years.

Hear Land Petition

A request from the State Land Board at Salem that several tracts of land in the Keeney addition be vacated was received and considered. No action was taken except instructing the Recorder to communicate with the Land Board to determine just what they want. Members of the Council indicated that they were willing to vacate the property so far as streets and alleys were concerned, but they were not ready to permit setting of the property outside of the city limits. The Land Board acquired the property through loans and feel that they can dispose of the property easier if it is freed from the City of Springfield tax levy.

The financial report for July showed that the city had general fund warrants in the sum of \$26,548.58 outstanding. This is the lowest it has been since 1929. It reached the sum of \$43,000 in June 1932.

Warrants Called

A warrant call issued this week will expend \$1400 including interest. The total warrants taken up will be about \$1100, the balance being taken up in interest. Some warrants will be issued this month but the total warrant indebtedness will be less on September 1, than it was August 1, according to I. M. Peterson, recorder.

ARMORY COMPLETION ASSURED BY OFFICERS

Arrangements for the immediate completion of the Springfield armory were made here yesterday by Major Edward Hamilton and Colonel Eugene Moshberger, both of Salem, who inspected the building with C. A. Swarts, First Lieutenant in command of the local National Guard unit.

Plumbing fixtures and connections, completion of the wiring, completion of the painting and other interior work will be completed immediately according to Major Hamilton.

LIFESAVING STUDENT GETS PRACTICAL LESSON

While watching a group of swimmers at Willamette park Wednesday afternoon, Junior Endicott saw Lawrence Thompson, tire, call for help. Endicott, one of the members of the Red Cross lifesaving class, went in and rescued the swimmer while Arthur Porter and other instructors watched their pupil carry out their instructions in a practical manner.

The Red Cross swim classes will continue through this week with junior and senior lifesaving examinations to be given Saturday.

SCHAFFENBERGS GIVE CARD PARTY FOR GUEST

Mr. and Mrs. H. Schaffenberg entertained with a bridge party at their home Tuesday evening complimenting Mrs. J. D. Singletary, sister of Mrs. Schaffenberg, who is visiting here this week. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton F. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Toomb, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gossler, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fandren.

District Reduces Warrant Debts

Clerk Makes Financial Report, Calls Warrants; Debt Is Whittled Down

School district number 19 has reduced its warrant indebtedness from \$15,132.64 on June 30 to \$11,516.87 effective August 18, according to Sverre Jacobson, district clerk, who issued a call for warrants this week. The sum of \$2746 will be distributed in the latest warrant.

The district has received and now holds warrants from union high school district number 5 at Walfertville in the sum of \$2,125.46 received from the union of pupils from that district. These warrants are drawing three percent interest and offset a total amount of the district 19 warrants leaving a net warrant indebtedness of \$9,385.41.

Total number of warrants returned to the clerk since taking over his new office July 1 amount to \$3,594.38. Of this sum \$3,091.00 have been called or paid during the six weeks. Warrants totalling \$503.69 were turned in on taxes during the second half of the year.

PLATTS FUNERAL SERVICE TODAY

Camp Creek Resident Passes In Eugene Sunday; Lived In Oregon 40 Years

Funeral services were held this morning at 10:30 for Jesse K. Platts of Camp Creek who died Sunday morning at the Sunset Home for the aged in Eugene. He was nearly 80 years old.

Mr. Platts was an early settler in this section coming to Oregon 40 years ago from Niles, Michigan, where he was born on September 27, 1854. He settled at Camp Creek and has lived in that district ever since.

He is survived by one half-brother, Milton Platts of Fresno, California; two nieces, Mrs. I. D. Larimer and Mrs. E. G. Sankey of Springfield; two nephews, J. Vincent of Camp Creek and Earl Vincent of Walton.

He was a member of the Baptist church. Services were held at the Poole Funeral Home here. Rev. Kenneth Tobias conducted the service and interment was made in the Laurel Grove cemetery.

PRUITT TO PREACH IN EUGENE CHURCH SUNDAY

Rev. Veltie Pruitt, pastor of the Springfield Christian church, and Dr. S. Earl Childers, pastor of the First Christian church in Eugene, will exchange pulpits Sunday morning. At the service here, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Murphy will sing a duet.

Rev. Pruitt will return to his church in the evening with an evangelistic sermon. Special music will feature more old time gospel songs. The Bible school will meet at 9:45 and the Christian Endeavors group at 7 p. m.

METHODISTS WILL HEAR PUBLIC SPEAKING MAN

Mr. John Costeel, professor of public speaking at the university will be the speaker at the morning service. Rev. Poindexter has gone to Tacoma to attend an eight day graduate school for ministers. The school is being held at the college of Puget Sound. There will be no Sunday evening preaching service but the young people will have a campfire service at 7 o'clock.

Coburg Methodist

Rev. F. S. Clemo will preach in the absence of the pastor, at 9:45. The Church school is at 10:45.

OPENINGS REMAIN FOR YOUNG MEN IN ARMY

A number of openings still remain in the army posts of the Pacific coast and any qualified young man who desires the education to be gained from a term with the engineers or in the mechanical division is urged to communicate with Major Walter R. Mann, army recruiting officer in the postoffice building at Portland.

BAKER FAMILY PLANS REUNION AT JEFFERSON

Sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Baker and their families are planning to meet at Jefferson Sunday for the annual family reunion. The gathering is being held at Jefferson this year making it closer for those from Portland and points in Washington to attend.

Those from Springfield who plan to attend include Mr. and Mrs. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Stevens.

COUPLE MARRIED FOR FIFTY YEARS

Large Family Gathering To Celebrate Golden Anniversary At O. F. Kizer Home

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Otis F. Kizer, 305 F. Street are planning to honor them Sunday on their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Kizer and their sons and daughters will have a family reunion Sunday morning, and after 2 o'clock their home will be open to calls by their many friends in this city.

All of their six living children are to be here for the day along with brothers and sisters of Mr. Kizer and a sister of Mrs. Kizer. The sons and daughters are: George Kizer of Warrenton, Oregon; Roy Kizer of Twin Lakes, Colorado; Mrs. Grace King of Salem; Mrs. Ada J. Hurlbutt of McGlynn; Mrs. Ruby Clark of Coburg; and Mrs. Florence Dunbar of Cottage Grove. Four other children have passed away. One daughter passed away when 16, and two sons, Howard and Robert have both passed away after serving in the United States cavalry and marine corps during the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Kizer were married near Fossil in eastern Oregon on August 19, 1884. They lived there for many years, coming to Lane county and Springfield 24 years ago. They have lived in and near the city since that time. Farming and later mill work has been the occupation followed by Mr. Kizer.

Mr. Kizer is a pioneer Oregonian, his father and grandfather came to Oregon in the early fifties and he was born near Rowland in Linn county on January 12, 1863. He had a twin brother who died about 30 years ago.

Mrs. Kizer was born in Iowa in 1865 and came to Oregon where she has lived since at the age of 5 years. She has two sisters, Mrs. Laura McConnell of Portland, who will be here Sunday, and one in Bend who is ill and cannot come.

Brothers and sisters of Mr. Kizer who are coming include C. P. and Francis Kizer, both of Rowland in Linn county, H. L. Kizer of Albany, and Mrs. James Watson of Donna. Mrs. Martha Bardwell of Wapato, Washington will not be here.

Margaret Kizer, 10, granddaughter of theirs and daughter of their son, Robert, who has passed away, makes her home with them here. They also have 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. The great grandchildren are children of Mrs. E. A. TenEyck of Colorado. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kizer.

Mr. and Mrs. Kizer are members of Juanita Rebekah lodge, of Pine circle, Neighbors of Woodcraft, and of the Methodist church.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CETS THANKS FOR EFFORTS

A letter of appreciation to the fire departments of Eugene and Springfield for their work in checking a fire in the vicinity of the Free Methodist church in West Springfield was sent out this week by Ernest F. Lee, pastor, H. E. Lee and J. S. Phillips, trustees. They also wish to thank the Southern Pacific crew and neighbors.

Due to a misunderstanding the Eugene truck came over to the Methodist church here and arrived at the West Springfield site after the Springfield truck had the fire under control Monday.

FORESTER TO STUDY NORTHWEST CONDITIONS

E. A. Silcox, chief of the United States forest service, will arrive in Portland today and will spend a week in Oregon studying conditions in the various forests of the Pacific northwest area.

While in Oregon Silcox will meet Robert Fechner, national director of the CCC work in the United States, and view some of the work being done by his organization.

The planting of the 1000 mile windbreak 100 miles wide from Canada to Texas has been assigned to Silcox and his organization.

GIDEONS CONVENTION OPENS SEPTEMBER FIRST

The Oregon and Washington Gideons state convention will be held at Corvallis Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 1-3. Delegates will be provided lodging and breakfast during the convention, and especially low rates for meals, George Waldo, Corvallis, is in charge of arrangements.

TWO WILL REPRESENT LEGION AT CONVENTION

J. M. Larson and Major M. B. Huntly will represent the Springfield American Legion post at the annual convention to be held at Astoria on August 23, 24 and 25. It was announced this week.

Flood Control Survey Starts

Army Engineers Seek Preliminary Information Of All Affected Regions

First steps in a preliminary flood control survey of the Willamette river and its tributaries by engineers of the War Department were started here with receipt of an official question blank from S. L. Damon, captain of the Engineers corps at Portland, Oregon. He also sent a copy of the Mott amendment providing for the survey of the Columbia river and all its tributaries in Oregon and Washington which was approved by the congress on June 13, this year.

For the information of the department engineers they seek data on the locations, lengths of rivers, effects of flood waters over extensive areas, and other data.

All possible information will be forwarded soon by the Willamette River Flood Control association, says H. E. Maxey, association president. Any individuals interested in flood control in the county are urged to send information and pictures of flood damage direct to the offices of the District Engineer of the War Department at Portland, or give to Mr. Maxey.

Much of the information gathered by the flood association and used in demanding the survey order will probably be used by the engineers.

SCOTT WRIGHT TAKES LEAD IN SCOUT DRIVE

Total points counted up to the first of this week in the Boy Scout achievement contest now under way among boys of the Springfield troop give Scott Wright first place with 50 points according to Dr. W. N. Dow, chairman of the scout committee. Frank Stuart is second with 23 points, Bruce Maxey is third with 21, and Billy Dow fourth with 20 points.

The troop went out to the City park Tuesday evening where they held examinations for the merit badges.

Glen Martin, scoutmaster, has returned from his stay at Camp Lucky Boy and will soon make plans for an outing for the local troop. While at camp Martin won the classification as a star scout for himself.

Tuesday evening Martin witnessed the accident near Creswell in which the Jones brothers were injured and administered first aid before coming here for the scout meeting.

FIVE ESCAPE INJURY IN INTERSECTION CRASH

Car Badly Wrecked As Motorist Attempts To Pass Truck At Cross Street

Carl Brann of Vida and four other passengers with him in a light sedan narrowly escaped possible death or serious injury here last Thursday about 9:45 p. m. when Brann attempted to pass one of the Springfield Creamery trucks driven by George Thatcher in the intersection at Seventh and Main streets. Thatcher had started to make the turn into Seventh street.

The sedan, belonging to A. L. Lint of Vida, was badly damaged, and the left front fender, a tire and the bumper were damaged on the truck. The passengers were shaken up but not seriously injured.

Monday the automobile belonging to Harold W. Barney of Lowell and driven by Mina Barney was damaged when Mrs. J. K. Platts of Eugene drove her car into the rear of the other machine parked between Fifth and Sixth streets on Main. The gas tank and spare tire rack were damaged. Mrs. Platts is reported to have become excited in parking her automobile and stepped on the foot feed instead of the brake.

CLUB MEMBERS HEAR OF TRIP TO ATLANTIC COAST

Miss Eunice Gerber, Mrs. Stella Eaton and Mrs. Lottie Fischer will constitute the membership of the August social committee of Juanita Rebekah lodge it was announced Monday evening. They will be in charge of the monthly social to be held next Monday.

Following the business meeting Miss Thelma Sweeney, a member of the lodge, told of her trip which she just completed to New York on the Atlantic coast, and New Orleans on the south.

More than 70 persons attended the joint picnic of the I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges at Riverside park Sunday.

McBEE FAMILY HOLDS ANNUAL PICNIC EVENT

Members of the McBee family held their annual picnic and reunion Sunday, August 5, at the S. E. McBee maple grove. All children were present except two sons, Melvin and Loris, who are in Canada.

MOTT SPEAKS AT COUNTY CHAMBER

Meeting in Springfield Tonight At 6:30 O'Clock Dinner; Coe Also To Speak

Congressman James W. Mott will address the Lane County Chamber of Commerce meeting this evening at Taylor Hall, Springfield. Mr. Mott will speak on the agricultural adjustment act, flood control and other matters relating to this district. The meeting will begin with a dinner at 6:30 o'clock, to which



Congressman James Mott

everyone is invited. Local people who do not care to attend the dinner may come in about 7:45 and take part in the meeting.

Charles R. Coe, division chief of plant industry, from the state agricultural department, will speak on regulations regarding grading and sale of farm produce. The chamber will consider whether all regulations over the farmers produce are necessary and to the best interest of producer and consumer.

Congressman Mott will also tell of what has been accomplished to date in the Willamette River Flood control bill and advise local land owners on how to proceed in future to secure government aid. He is now discussing with the war department engineers the preliminary survey to be made of the Columbia river and its tributaries.

O. E. Crowe is president of the county chamber and he will preside at tonight's meeting. Large delegations are expected from all the other cities and communities.

Members of the legislative committee of the County Chamber are in charge of the program. H. O. Dibble, W. K. Barnell and Julius Flup are making local arrangements for the dinner which is to be served at 6:30. Miss Molly Small will play violin numbers during the dinner and will be accompanied by Miss Barbara Barnell.

PRISCILLA CLUB HAS SHOWER FOR MEMBER

Members of the Priscilla club and their friends were invited to a miscellaneous shower Friday afternoon honoring Mrs. Matt Hart, Mrs. William Curtis and Mrs. E. C. Stuart were hostesses at the home of the former.

Among those present were Mrs. A. Pohl, Mrs. C. A. Swarts, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. N. L. Howard, Mrs. John Tomseth, Mrs. E. L. Hopson, Mrs. Riley Snodgrass, Mrs. Merle Sasteel, Mrs. William Rouse, Mrs. Frank Logan, Mrs. E. G. Priyat, Mrs. H. O. Dibble, Mrs. Lynn Stone, Mrs. Cora Stearmer, the honor guest, and the hostesses.

FISH AND GAME DISPLAY PLANNED AT STATE FAIR

Among the new exhibits which will be seen at the Oregon State fair which opens at Salem Labor day for one week will be a display by the State Fish and Game commission and the United States bureau of fisheries. Twenty pens will house the upland game birds and sixteen specially built aquariums of plate glass will be provided. A large swimming pool will be provided for wild waterfall.

EPWORTH LEAGUERS HAVE SWIMMING PARTY

Members of the Epworth League and friends held a swimming party along the river north of Springfield Tuesday evening. Following the swim the young people enjoyed a picnic dinner and a large bonfire.

AENEAS CLUB MEETING PLANNED FOR THURSDAY

Members of the Aeneas club will be entertained Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Parker for their monthly meeting. A lawn party will be held if the weather permits. Mrs. Parker and Mrs. L. K. Page will be hostesses.

Preaches Funeral

Rev. Dean C. Poindexter conducted the funeral services Tuesday for the late Harrison D. Ludington of Creswell. The services were held at the Schwing chapel, with interment in Rest Haven cemetery.

Barber Resigns As Councilman

Three Places To Be Filled In November Election; Pyle And Cross Terms End

Clayton F. Barber submitted his resignation from the Springfield City Council Wednesday. The resignation was given to Mayor Tyson with the explanation that Mr. Barber wished to be relieved of all public duties. Barber had two more years to serve on his latest term.

Councilmen John Pyle and Jess Cross will wind up their terms in office this year, leaving three vacancies to be filled in the November election. W. A. Taylor will be the only hold over member of the council excepting the mayor who has two more years to serve.

The office of city recorder, held by I. M. Peterson, and city treasurer, held by W. E. Buell, are also to be filled at the fall election.

No successor to Mr. Barber has been named by the mayor.

CHURCH HONORS PASTORS FAMILY

Members Of Methodist Congregation Hold Annual Reception Here Wednesday

Members of the congregation of the Methodist church gave their pastor, Rev. Dean C. Poindexter, and his family their official reception and welcome to the local church Wednesday evening. The reception was held in the social rooms of the church and was well attended.

Rev. Poindexter was returned to the Springfield church at the annual meeting of his church recently for the fourth year, coming here from Hood River.

A short program during which heads of each of the departments in the church spoke and responses were made by the pastor and Mrs. Poindexter, was concluded with group singing and refreshments. A social hour followed.

In charge of details for the annual event were Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah and Mrs. W. H. Pollard, program; Mrs. Lawrence May, Mrs. Charles Myers, and Mrs. Vaughn, refreshments.

ACCIDENTS LEAVE TOLL OF AUTO INJURIES

Harry Hill is in the Pacific hospital with a broken hip and other injuries sustained Wednesday evening when the automobile he was driving crashed into the railings of one of the small bridges on the county road southeast of Hayden bridge. The machine was badly damaged.

Sam and Fred Jones narrowly escaped death Tuesday evening when the motorcycle on which they were riding skidded and crashed into a logging truck on the Pacific highway near Creswell. Sam was thrown under the wheels of the truck which ran completely over his body. He was badly bruised but no bones were broken. His brother was bruised and cut when thrown to the pavement.

Miss Marie Houk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Houk was taken to the Pacific hospital Saturday evening with a crushed chest following a motor accident. Several of her ribs were cracked.

CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. TOOMB

Members of the Contract bridge club were entertained at the home of Mrs. Donald Toomb last Thursday. She invited as guests Mrs. C. E. Wheaton, Mrs. Clayton Barber, Mrs. I. D. Larimer, Mrs. Clifford Wilson, Mrs. Arthur Roberts and Miss Crystal Bryan. Three tables were in play during the afternoon. Mrs. W. K. Barnell won high score and she will entertain the club at their next meeting.

COUPLE HONORED WITH BIRTHDAY EVENT SUNDAY

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. May honored their birthdays Sunday with a picnic at Swimmer's Delight park. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Barnell and daughter, Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Long, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. John Henderer, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Olson, Miss Florence May, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stewart and son, Morris, and honor guests.

LION MEMBERS TO MEET FOR LUNCHEON FRIDAY

Regular meeting of the Springfield Lions club will be held Friday noon at Taylor hall. Dr. W. N. Dow and F. B. Flanery are in charge of arrangements.

DISTRICTS SEEK STATE LEVY FUND

School Directors Seek Payment In Full Of Elementary Levy When It Is Due

COURT UPHOLDS MOVE

Meeting Monday At Court House; District 19 Would Receive Large Sum

Springfield school district directors are preparing to go before the Lane County Court Monday to join with directors of the Cottage Grove, Junction City and other school districts, in demanding payment in full of the elementary school fund to each district for the first half of 1934 regardless of the amount of delinquent taxes in each district.

Nearly \$6,000 is involved in the Springfield request according to Laurence C. Moffitt, county superintendent of schools.

Precedent Established

Demand for the payment-in-full of the school levy was started by the arrival in Lane county of copies of a judgment order from the Circuit Court of Washington county where the clerk of a district sued and won a court order compelling the treasurer of the county to cash warrants drawn on the elementary school fund to the full amount of the school fund levy in each district.

Also included in the papers received was a copy of an opinion handed down from the Attorney General's office to the effect that the elementary school fund, which is really a state tax, takes precedence over the state levy for general expenses, when both cannot be paid in full by the various counties.

In Lane county the County Court has instructed the School Superintendent to issue warrants on the fund only as these were accumulated and it may be necessary to mandamus the county superintendent, if the demand is carried out, compelling him to issue the warrants.

Harmony is expected to prevail at the meeting called for Monday by the County Court to discuss the new situation. Members of last legislature, Court members, Mr. Moffitt and school representatives have been invited. Action taken following the meeting will be in the nature of a friendly action says Mr. Moffitt.

Will Drain County Funds

If the demand for full payment twice-a-year of the school fund is made successfully it will mean that a sum approximating \$90,000 will have to be set aside from the tax receipts before even the state three mill levy is paid. Under present tax collection averages, payment of these two funds would require almost all available cash in all county funds, leaving the county to operate on a warrant basis with the warrants gradually depreciating in value until they would be almost worthless.

The state three mill levy is the only tax levy which counties have been forced to pay in full, and the state has consistently demanded the funds when due. School officials realize the plight which other departments of the county government will be left in, but see this as a means of forcing the state to either accept their levy prorated as taxes are paid in or provide a new means of raising funds for school purposes, according to Mr. Moffitt.

Large Sum Due District

The Springfield situation analyzed by Mr. Moffitt shows that last year the levy amount was equivalent to \$276 per grade school teacher unit of which Springfield has 17. Of this amount only \$60 per unit has been paid above the previous arrears, leaving a balance of \$216 per unit remaining due District 19. This makes a total of \$3672.

This year the county valuation is slightly lower and the levy which is a little more than 2 per cent should raise about \$130 per unit for the first half or an additional sum of \$2,210. The two amounts equaling \$5,882 represents the approximate money which the local district would receive.

KENSINGTON MEMBERS HAVE PARTY ON LAWN

Mrs. Levi Neet entertained on the lawn of her home here Friday for members of the Kensington club at their monthly meeting. She was assisted by Mrs. W. C. Wright. Guests of the club for the afternoon were Mrs. Jim Elder of Portland and Mrs. Carl Olson.

Others present included Mrs. Harry Whitney, Mrs. J. P. Moore, Mrs. W. N. Dow, Mrs. Mary Kelsey, Mrs. Paul Basford, Mrs. Milton V. Walker, Mrs. P. J. Bartholomew, Miss Edna Swarts, Mrs. Clarence Chase and Mrs. Donald Toomb. Mrs. Chase and Mrs. D. B. Murphy will entertain the club at their next meeting on September 14.