

# THE SPRINGFIELD NEWS

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## FOLKS HERE ENJOY BIG SNOW OUT

Dedication Of White Branch Recreation Area Draw Unprecedented Crowd

## SHOW EXHIBITION WORK

Upper McKenzie Playground Assured Busy Season; Some Equipment Is Available

By far the most outstanding new year event for people of Springfield as well as persons from many parts of Lane county was the big winter sports program and dedication of the recently opened White Branch Recreation area in the Three Sisters area of the Cascades Tuesday. Nearly 100 local people visited the new site either as participants in the sports or as spectators.

Preceding the dedicatory program a troop of Eugene Boy Scouts raised the flag on the large pole in front of the 60-foot shelter house as one of their number played his bugle.

Harry Wright Director

Dean Bovard of the university told of the dreams which many have had visualizing such a sports center. Perry Thompson, supervisor of the Willamette forest presented the site to the people of Oregon on behalf of his superior officer, C. J. Buck, the entire forest, and the three-C force which did the actual work. Several responses were given for interested organizations and Louis Waldorf as King Winter crowned Queen Florence Ogden. This was the signal for the sports to begin. A fag of war, baseball game and three-legged race, all on skis provided much entertainment. Bob Donaldson, instructor for the Portland Ski club and for the Mazamas, Portland outdoor club then gave a demonstration of jump turns, bend turning, the Christiana, Telemark, jump take-off, and slalom racing in which he zigzagged down the steep hillside, weaving his ski between many obstacles set only four feet apart. Tom Wiper, Harry Wright, Bryan Ryan, Ed Thurston, and Marie O'Neil assisted him. Harry Wright was director of all sports events for the day.

## Expert Gives Advice

Just preceding the dedicatory services nearly 50 persons on skis were lined up and given practical demonstrations in the simpler movements on skis by Donaldson. He also spoke to the hundreds of spectators on such subjects as courtesy in snow sports. He stressed the importance of always walking to the side of ski slides instead of on them as such usage soon ruined them.

## Site Given Name

Just before the program was over it was announced that the site had been officially named the White Branch Winter Recreation site. It is located about two and one-half miles above Lost Creek ranch. A road leads off from the McKenzie highway a third of a mile to White Branch creek where parking space for more than 200 cars was at a premium. It is estimated that nearly 300 cars visited the site during the day bringing 1200 people.

A short walk over the hill, about two blocks brings one to the shelter house with a large fireplace in either end. Here one stands and faces the natural bowl and the two long ski runways to the west. Many smaller slides of varying slopes have been opened on the ridge a few feet directly north.

## More Work To Be Done

The site is not completed, the Belknap CCC camp boys and officers are to construct another shelter house on the side of the long ski runways during the next few weeks. The road into the site will be graveled and more runways and a toboggan slide will be built during to next year.

Many people will visit and use the site each week-end during the winter. Some members of the Obsidians will be there each week-end to lend assistance, and there will be a number of toboggans available. Nearly a dozen Eugene business firms have donated one each to be used at the site. These bear the names of the donors and will be kept in the custody of the Obsidians at their cabins a mile away. A long pair, sixteen-foot, of tandem skis belonging to Norwald Nelson have been left at the site in the custody of the CCC officials for use of those who are proficient with regular ski. Beginners are not advised to try these unless an experienced person rides the front of them.

## Obsidians Take Active Part

Obsidians took the leading role in the outing of the week-end. They entertained 114 at their New Year's eve party at their cabin and fed 130 at their turkey dinner Tuesday afternoon. This organization will hold their annual winter sports carnival with competitive events dur-

## Finances Better In District 19

Warrants To June 27, 1934 Called By Clerk; Bond Payments Made By Treasurer

Finances of Springfield school district number 19, were in better shape as the calendar year closed this week, the best, in fact, that they have been for some years past. Sveret Jacobson district clerk, in this issue of the News is calling all warrants written up to June 27, 1934. This takes care of all outstanding expenses of the district up to within three days from the close of the last fiscal school year which starts on July 1.

The bonded indebtedness of the district is also improving now as it is gradually being whittled down. A payment of \$4,500 on the \$62,500 bond indebtedness was made January 1, by the county treasurer, and another payment of \$1,000 will be made in April. This will reduce the total bond debt to \$57,000 at the close of this year. All bonds are serially numbered now and will mature at the rate of \$5,500 annually until they are paid.

## BERTHA WETZEL LAST RITES HELD

Resident Of Creswell For 10 Years Passes At Hospital In Eugene Friday

Mrs. Bertha Belle Wetzel, well-known resident of the Creswell community, passed away at the Eugene hospital late Friday evening, December 28. She was 56 years old.

She was born at Fand Springs, Iowa on August 23, 1878 and had been a resident of the Creswell vicinity for the past 10 years. Survivors include her husband, Charles Wetzel, two daughters, Mrs. J. N. Whitaker of Coburg and Mrs. G. W. Watson of Creswell; and one son, W. C. Wetzel at Westfir.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Scherwing chapel in Creswell. Rev. W. S. Burgoyne, pastor of the Methodist church at Creswell, officiated, and interment was made at the Rest Haven cemetery.

## EASTERN STAR MEMBERS PLAN MEET IN EUGENE

Regular meeting of Cascade chapter O. E. S. was held here Tuesday evening. Past Matrons served refreshments following the meeting.

The local Star chapter accepted an invitation from the Blue River chapter in Eugene to meet with them for a covered dish dinner in Eugene on January 11.

Mrs. W. K. Barnell will be chairman for the covered dish dinner to be held at the local meeting of the group preceding their next meeting.

## ODD FELLOWS MEET IN REGULAR SESSION HERE

The Springfield I. O. O. F. lodge held its first meeting of the new year last night, which was the final meeting of the term for present officers. New officers will be installed in a joint ceremony with the Rebekah lodge next Monday evening. Officers-elect will practice for the installation at the hall tonight.

A program commemorating the birthday of Thomas Wilder, founder of the order in America, will be given January 16, to which the Rebekah members have been invited. W. F. Walker is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

## TOMATO-MELON MEN TO MEET IN EUGENE TONITE

Plans for 1935 will be discussed at a meeting to be held at the office of County Agent O. S. Fletcher, in Eugene this evening at 8 o'clock between tomato and melon growers and members of the control board of the Oregon-Washington Marketing agreement.

Production control, better methods of enforcing the act, and conditions which may be peculiar to any single community will be considered at the meeting.

Don Chambers and Margaret Hubbard received the only serious injuries of the entire day. Chambers received a broken left leg, and Miss Hubbard wrenched her knee. Both accidents occurred on toboggans which were being used on one of the long ski runways. Several doctors were present and gave first aid immediately. Several other beginners limped about during the afternoon with sore ankles and other bruises, the result of spills in a day of thrills.

## FREE SCHOOL FOR ADULTS TO OPEN

Registration For Courses Will Be Taken At High School Starting Tonight

Enrollment for the second term of the free adult education classes held at the high school will be taken tonight and Friday at the school by Mrs. O. H. Stiles, supervisor of the work in Springfield. She will be at the school both evenings starting at 7:30 o'clock.

There is absolutely no expense to the persons enrolled in these classes. The classes are taught by competent instructors whose salaries are paid by the federal government with SERA funds. No text books or other items need be purchased.

The subjects to be offered will depend on the wishes of the students and the number who enroll. Algebra, English, Current Topics, General Science, Economic Geography, and Psychology are among the subjects which may be offered providing the demand is sufficient.

Mrs. Stiles will again teach the classes three nights a week. The nights will be announced later and an additional instructor can be secured if there is sufficient interest shown locally to warrant the expense.

Last term there were 22 enrolled in the arithmetic and English classes and 17 in the Current Events course. It is felt that many others would like to participate in these classes if they realized that there was no expense to themselves involved in their attendance at them.

## G.A.R. UNITS WILL INSTALL TONIGHT

Eugene and Springfield Auxiliary Groups To Meet in Local Armory

Joint installation for Iuka circle, Springfield, and Rich Mountain circle, Eugene, ladies auxiliaries of the G. A. R. will be held this evening at the armory. The installing officer has not been announced by Mrs. Grace Lansbery, incoming president for Iuka circle.

Other officers for Iuka circle to be installed are Melba Harris, senior vice-president; Mrs. Olive Wickham, junior vice-president; Mrs. C. F. Egginann, chaplain; Mrs. Pearl Kowler, treasurer; Mrs. Fred Louie, secretary; Mrs. Alice Doane, patriotic instructor; Mrs. Clarine Putman, registrar; Jolana Putman, conductress; and Ila Putman, guard.

The meeting of the two groups will be held in the Iuka quarters on the second floor of the armory.

## MANY APPLY FOR AUTO TAGS AT CITY HALL

I. M. Peterson, Springfield city recorder, has been kept busy the past few days issuing temporary auto license permits, and taking applications for new plates. Although the deadline for making application was Monday evening, many went to the city hall Wednesday to fill out their applications. Some motorists, getting tired of waiting in line in Eugene, came to Springfield where they did not have to wait long yesterday.

Peteron has been appointed a deputy secretary of state to accept applications for auto licenses.

## LEGION CANCELS AREA CONFERENCE AT BEND

The Area conference of the American Legion which was to have been held at Bend on Saturday and Sunday of this week has been postponed because of the weather. The next conference is scheduled to be held at Portland on January 12 and 13 according to the M. A. Pohl, commander of the local post.

## BIRTHDAY CLUB HOLDS PARTY NEW YEAR'S EVE

Members of the Birthday club held a New Year's eve party Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Crites in Eugene. Bridge and dancing were enjoyed during the evening before a buffet lunch was served. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. May won high scores during the evening.

## NEW ARRIVALS BUYING PROPERTY NEAR CITY

Mr. and Mrs. William Harris of Indiana, have purchased 90 acres of land near Dexter recently from Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Jordan. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Plaisted of Taft, California, have purchased the Shell service station at Goshen and will take possession soon.

## Flood Control Report Is Given

Work On Army Survey Still In Preliminary Stages; Hearing Dates Not Set

Whether or not the flood control survey report of the Willamette river which was authorized at the last session of congress will be completed in time for presentation to the present congress is yet undecided.

H. E. Maxey, president of the Willamette River Flood Control association, addressed a letter recently to the district engineer of the War Department at Portland seeking information as to the progress which the department is making, expressing the hope that the report could be completed and some request for flood relief be made before the present congress. The reply from Captain S. L. Damon says that:

The work is now being carried on by engineers who are in the field making reconnaissances for preliminary surveys of a number of reservoir sites on the principal tributaries, others are studying to what extent and cost flood control may be obtained by clearing and rectification of the channel and construction of levees.

A third investigation is being made to arrive at a definite knowledge of the nature and amount of the annual loss that may be charged to floods.

In the office a great deal of work is being done in the way of computing, tabulating, and preparing maps.

Much of this preliminary work will not have to be done in the upper Willamette in Lane county, says Captain Damon, as this was covered quite carefully in 1931-32 when a canalization survey was made.

The times and places for holding hearings will be announced at a later date it was stated in the reply.

## MILL DOWN ONLY NEW YEAR'S DAY

Booth-Kelly Plant Operates Through Holidays With Two Days Off

The Springfield plant of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company resumed operations again Wednesday morning following a one-day shut down for New Year's day. The local mill has operated on an eight hour shift daily for several days. The present season is the first in many years that the plant has not been closed down for repairs between the Christmas and New Year holidays. It was closed down some time ago for a short while and needed repairs were made at that time. The plant at Wendling is down now for repairs.

Production in the Oregon-Washington mills dropped during the past few weeks, due to both weather conditions and closing down for repairs at the mills. New business continues higher than the production according to the weekly report from the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

A total of 548 down and operating mills in Oregon and Washington which reported to the association for the week ending December 22, produced 68,320,921 board feet of lumber. This was approximately 9,000,000 feet under the preceding week. The average production of this group of sawmills in 1934 has been 75,383,093 feet; during the same period in 1933 their weekly average was 77,074,386 feet.

The new business reported last week by 548 mills was \$2,878,698 board feet against a production of 68,320,921 feet and shipments of \$3,646,332 feet. Their shipments were over production by 22.4 percent and their current sales were over production by 21.3 percent. The orders booked last week by this group of identical mills were under the preceding week by about 4,500,000 feet or approximately 6.2 percent.

The unfilled order file at these mills stood at 371,190,370 board feet, approximately 3,000,000 feet under the week before. The aggregate inventories of 130 mills are 10.3 per cent more than at this time last year.

## EVANGELIST GIVES PARTY FOR DEPARTING TEACHER

Thirty members of the Evangelist class of the Christian church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pyne last night for a 6:30 potluck dinner and party to honor Mr. and Mrs. Russel Myers. Mr. Myers has been serving as teacher of the class and is leaving soon for Wallowa where he will take over the pastorate of the Christian church. Mr. and Mrs. Myers received a table lamp as a friendship token from the class membership.

## SERA PROJECT IN PORTLAND FOR O.K.

County Relief Council Approves Springfield Planning Commission Request

MAY WAIT TWO WEEKS Proposed Work Would Involve Payment Of \$7555.20 To Needy Laborers

Springfield's SERA project providing for work on the streets and alleys as recommended by the planning commission was approved Wednesday morning by the county relief council and will be sent to the state office at Portland for final action at once. It usually requires ten days to two weeks to have the project returned from Portland with approval or rejection of the SERA office.

Members of the planning group met with the county SERA officers last week-end and explained their project, to make sure that it met all technical requirements before any actual request was made.

The project, as submitted to the state committee, provides for a total expenditure of \$8270.20 for both labor and materials. The materials are to be paid for by the city.

A total of 13,728 hours of labor, an expenditure of \$7555.20, is asked for the project. This will be divided as follows: Resurfacing streets, 10,900 hours at 50 cents; blacksmith, 576 hours at \$1.20; semi-skilled work, 1152 hours at 75 cents; and ditching and culverts, 2000 hours at 50 cents.

Materials for the work have been estimated at \$1715 and will include the following items: Gas and oil, \$200; culvert pipe, \$35; grates 10 at \$15, \$150; cement for storm drains, \$5; lumber and incidentals, \$10; sand and gravel for drains, \$5; and 1156 yards of crushed rock \$1445.

The materials will have to be paid for out of the current budget of the city. Much of the work needs to be done at once, and the city is saving the labor expense in making this a SERA project providing it is approved.

## PASTOR RESIGNS CHURCH PULPIT

Veltie Pruitt Accepts New Duties At Eugene Church; Leaves January 27

Rev. Veltie Pruitt, pastor of the Christian church in Springfield, will resign from his work here he told members of his church Sunday morning when he read his resignation. He asks to be relieved effective January 27 after which time he is to become director of music and young people's activities at the First Christian church in Eugene.

The resignation will be presented to the official Church Board this evening at their monthly session. Rev. Pruitt announced Sunday morning that he had a man in mind whom he could recommend as his successor. There are several candidates for the office and it is not certain that the church board will act immediately on the choice of a new pastor.

Rev. Pruitt has been pastor of the Springfield church for the past four years, coming here from Oregon City where he had established a new church. "Christ and the Teller," will be the subject for the morning service at the church Sunday morning. In the evening the pastor will preach on the subject, "A Place Called Gethsemane." The pastor will sing a vocal solo.

## FIRE SWEEPS TROUGH WEST SPRINGFIELD SUN

A service-station, residence, and a store and garage combination were all destroyed by fire at West Springfield Sunday evening about 9:30. H. L. Mooney, owner of the store and garage buildings which were vacant, estimated his loss at \$1,000 with no insurance.

The service station and residence were valued at \$2500 by Jack Trout who had recently taken over this business. He had partial insurance. Cause of the fire was not determined.

## AENEAS CLUB GROUP HAS DINNER MEETING

Mrs. M. J. McKlin entertained members of the Aeneas club with a one o'clock luncheon meeting at her home here last Thursday. Guests included Mrs. I. M. Peterson, Mrs. Ernest Bertsch, Mrs. John Pyle and Mrs. H. W. Whitney. Mrs. John Parker will entertain the group at her home for their next meeting on January 22.

## Lodges to Place Leaders Monday

Plan Joint Meeting January 16, To Observe Founding Of National Group

Plans for the joint installation of officers for Juanita Rebekah lodge and the Springfield I. O. O. F. lodge next Monday evening were made here Monday evening at the regular meeting of the Rebekah group. Mrs. Glenn Stone will install the Rebekah officers, and Richard Johns of Eugene will be the Odd Fellows installing officer.

The group also made plans for a potluck supper to precede the installation exercises. The supper will be held at 6:30 and the following were named on the committee in charge: Mrs. Pearl Schantol, Mrs. Marie Pohl, an Mrs. Genevieve Louk.

A watch night party was held following the business meeting to welcome in the New Year. Late in the evening the members enjoyed a lunch of hamburger and coffee.

An invitation from the Odd Fellows to meet with them on January 16 to observe the birthday of Thomas Wilder, founder of the order in America, was accepted. Crystal Bryan, Mrs. R. E. Mosher, and Edna Swarts were named on the committee to assist with the meeting.

## FUNERAL RITES SET FOR TODAY

Double Pneumonia Claims Life Of Charles Hunter After Brief Illness

Funeral services for Charles Edmund Hunter will be held from the Poole chapel here this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Dr. E. V. Stivers will officiate and interment will be made in the Laurel Hill cemetery.

Mr. Hunter died at his home, Eighth and M streets, Sunday following a short illness. He had been working on a county road project and contracted double pneumonia. He was born at Sauke Center, Minnesota on January 11, 1875 and was not quite 60 years old at the time of his death. In 1890 he moved with his parents to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and in 1917 to Erie, Pennsylvania. In 1928 he came to Springfield where he leaves his mother, Mrs. Emma James, and one sister, Miss Mabel F. Hunter.

## CARL PETERSON DIES; FUNERAL RITES NOT SET

Carl Peterson, Creswell, route 1, died at the Eugene hospital Tuesday at the age of 40 years. He was born July 4, 1894 in Sweden and came to America in 1912 settling immediately near Creswell where he has lived since. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Marjorie Peterson and three children Roy, Harold and Harvey, all at home.

Funeral arrangements are to be made at the Veatch chapel in Eugene.

## LEGION POST TO HEAR DISTRICT COMMANDER

The state and national program of the American Legion will be discussed here tonight at a special meeting of Springfield post number 40. Z. E. Merrill, third district commander, of Albany, and all district committee chairmen, including Mr. Fuhrer, membership chairman, will be present and will speak. The meeting will be held at the armory and a considerable portion of it will be given over to a discussion of pending legislation.

## FRIENDS INVITED FOR BRIDGE PARTY FRIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Long entertained a number of their friends at the bridge Friday evening at their home. Their guests included Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Crites, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin May, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Barnell, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stewart, and Carl Olson.

## WALKERS ENTERTAIN AT NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Walker entertained at their home in Eugene Monday evening with a New Year's watch party. Eugene and Springfield friends were invited. Those attending from Springfield were Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Flanery and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stuart.

## MISS LONG HOSTESS FOR CARD CLUB MEMBERS

Members of the O-No card club will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Miss Florence Long for their regular bridge session. The group meets every other week.

## HOOP TEAMS DROP OPENING GAMES

Odd Fellows Squad Meets Crow Tonight; Complete Schedule Is Made

## H. S. TO MEET MONMOUTH

Pleasant Hill, Marcola Have Victories, Townies Group Also Drop Games

Springfield's I. O. O. F. basketball team will play its second scheduled game of the season this evening when they meet the Crow team in a return game at Crow. The locals dropped the opening game with the Crow quintet 18-22 here on December 20. The Springfield lodge team also were behind in a 28-30 point practice game played with the Cottage Grove I. O. O. F. team there last Thursday evening.

The complete schedule for the local I. O. O. F. group has been prepared and contains the following games:

- January 3—Springfield at Crow.
- January 10—Springfield at Cottage Grove.
- January 16—Oakridge at Springfield.
- A postponed game with Oakridge there, date not yet set.
- January 21—Cottage Grove at Springfield.
- January 24—Coburg at Springfield.
- January 31—Springfield at Coburg.
- February 5—Elmira at Springfield.
- February 11—Springfield at Lorane.
- February 14—Springfield at Elmore.
- February 19—Lorane at Springfield.

Members of the local team are Bruce and Freeman Squires, Donald Hawke, Robert Chatterton, Gilbert Ermsing, Richard Prochnow, Joe Gerber, Lloyd Mattison, William Cox and Elmer Pyne. Mattison is player-manager for the squad.

## High School Teams To Play

The high school teams will go into their second scheduled game Friday evening at the local gymnasium when they play Monmouth high in a return game. Monmouth defeated both the first and second teams with scores of 13-9 and 15-10 in good games Tuesday at Monmouth.

The Pleasant Hill hoop teams ran away from the locals in a double header here last Thursday evening. The Pleasant Hill-Springfield first team game stood at 28-14 at the half and ended 28-14. The second team of the Hill Billies nosed out a close 27-23 victory over the local second string.

Springfield's Town team has also lost a preliminary game the past week last Thursday they lost a close 20-21 game to the Lowell independents. The Leaburg Residians have also won a close victory over the locals.

## START IMPROVEMENTS AT CITY HALL THIS WEEK

A new counter has just been completed at the City hall as one of the improvements to be made for the new administration which takes over the business of the City on January 14. The new counter replaces an old desk and a high counter. The present counter is low enough so persons seated outside the office section may carry on conversation and see the person in the other half of the room. A low railing to provide an office with a waiting room is also being built in the small room adjoining the main office.

## PARTITION CUTS OFF PART OF RESTAURANT

A high partition has been built in the Cline restaurant in the back end closing off several of the booths which are seldom used. This has been painted a light green. The restaurant now seats 20 persons, and the extra space can be used without extra trouble if needed.

## HOSTESSES CHANGED FOR NEEDLECRAFT CLUB

Mrs. W. C. Wright and Mrs. Clifford Wilson will entertain members of the Needlecraft club at the home of the former this afternoon. Mrs. F. B. Flanery and Mrs. Marlon Hall, who were to have entertained this week, will entertain at the succeeding meeting when initiation will be held.

## LIONS CLUB MEMBERS MEETING TO BE FRIDAY

Regular meeting for members of the Springfield Lions club will be held Friday noon at Taylor hall. W. E. Buell and H. O. Dibbles are members of the program committee for the luncheon meeting.