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COUNCIL HOLDS ACTIVE SESSION

Much Business Presented by City Fathers For Consideration Monday Night

FAVOR TOWNSEND PLAN

Legion Asks Boxing Commission; Dogs, Dance Hall License, Gambling Talked

A Townsend memorial, boxing commission, dogs, dance hall license, gambling, city bookkeeping, finances, and industrial and park committee were the major problems presented to the Springfield city council at their monthly meeting Monday evening. All members of the council, the mayor, city attorney, recorder, treasurer, and O. V. Breese, city recorder at Cottage Grove sat in on the session. A large group of interested visitors also turned out for the meeting.

Quick disposition was made of the Townsend memorial resolution which had been submitted by Severt Jacobson, president of the local club. The resolution asked that a copy of the memorial be sent to President Roosevelt, and to all of the Oregon congressional delegation. Councilman Privat and Bartholomew voted for the resolution on the roll call. Thompson voted no and Taylor, declared the matter should be tabled and did not cast a vote. Mayor Turner declared a tie and cast a vote of approval for the resolution.

Boxing Commission Waits

Appointment of a boxing commission to include J. M. Larson, Dr. Melville S. Jones, M. B. Huntly, H. O. Dibblee and H. E. Maxey was requested by the American Legion. A special meeting will be held after the city attorney investigates the legal status in this matter if action is desired before the next monthly meeting.

A dance hall license was approved for R. E. Cook who wants to hold public dances in the old community hall.

H. E. Maxey, chairman of the industrial and park committee, called the council's attention to the fact that only two members of his committee were active, and that they had served through several administrations with no change. Maxey volunteered his resignation to clarify the committee membership situation. The terms of all members were deemed to have expired and a new committee will be appointed by the mayor subject to ratification by the council. Members of the old committee were H. E. Maxey, S. C. Wright, I. M. Peterson, Welby Stevens, and A. J. Perkins.

Dogs Too Numerous

Protest against dogs running unchecked and in packs in the city were heard. Charges of damaged gardens and undesirable conditions on school grounds were voiced at the meeting by those seeking relief from the dog problem. City Attorney King was asked to investigate the present control ordinances and determine what further action could be taken.

An invitation to join the League of Oregon Cities was presented and tabled until the next session. The city had membership in the organization several years ago. The annual membership fee is \$20.

Resignation of Hugh Jolliff as street commissioner was accepted. He has been transferred back to the fire chief job.

Warrant Turned Down

Springfield's city warrants are not cashable and are not acceptable in payment for auto license plates the Secretary of State informed the council. A warrant was returned and the council authorized the payment in cash.

The establishment of a cash fund not to exceed \$500 at any time was authorized for payment of postage, gasoline and other incidentals. It was suggested that the fund be created from money in the emergency fund.

Replacement of missing stop street signs was referred to the street committee as were several requests for improvements to streets. Request for supplies for the fire department were referred to the fire and water committee. The matter of finding a relief man for the fire chief on his day-off each week was also left to the fire and water committee.

Debt Refund Planned

Ordinance number 567 providing for the refunding and rebonding of the city debt and the payment of 5 percent of all money saved by the city to O. V. Breese, accountant, for his services was presented. An emergency was declared and passed after its third reading. The council also approved the employment of Breese to audit the city accounts for \$10 each month. He will also be paid an hourly wage for checking the Hancock bond and lien docket for the city.

Local gambling, especially among high school boys, and other similar matters were brought before the council. The council referred these matters to the police committee

Lions Busy With Ladies Program

Club Cancels Friday Meeting; To Entertain At Program On February 22

There will be no meeting of the Springfield Lions club this week. The meeting regularly scheduled for Friday noon has been cancelled to make way for the big annual Ladies Night banquet and program to be given at Taylor hall the following week on Friday, February 22, George Washington's birthday. Nearly every member of the club has been assigned a part in the program for the evening. The entertainment committee has secured a number of short skits which will be presented by members of the club.

Each member of the club has also been named on one of the committees making arrangements for the affair. These committees are working under the direction of the general committee consisting of W. F. Walker, C. F. Barber, Dr. Melville S. Jones, I. M. Peterson and F. B. Flanery.

SPARKS FUNERAL TO BE IN EUGENE

Mrs. S. C. Sparks Settled In McKenzie Country In 1875; Died Sunday At Hospital

Funeral services for Mrs. S. C. Sparks who died at the Pacific hospital in Eugene Sunday, February 10, at the age of 85 years will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Veatch chapel in Eugene. Dr. E. V. Stivers will officiate, and interment will be made in Greenwood cemetery near Leaburg.

Mrs. Sparks has been a resident of Lane county for the past 60 years. She was one of the early settlers in the upper McKenzie country, having lived most of her life at Blue River.

She was born at Little Rock, Arkansas in February 1850. She was married to S. C. Sparks at Little Rock in 1871 and they came to Lane county in 1875, having lived here since that time. Mr. Sparks passed away in 1911.

Two sons survive. They are Dexter Sparks at Blue River, and Felix Sparks at McKenzie bridge.

BIRTHDAY PARTY HELD FOR MISSION WORKER

The birthday of Miss Hattie Mitchell, mission worker in Africa, was observed here Tuesday evening when members of the Ladies Missionary society entertained jointly with the members of Hattie Mitchell Missionary circle at the home of Miss Mitchell's sister, Mrs. D. B. Murphy.

Each organization held their separate business meetings after which a joint program was presented. This included devotionals by Miss Uldine Gartin, a study of Japan led by Mrs. Marion R. Adams, and the birthday party held by the Circle girls each of whom brought gifts which will be sent to Miss Mitchell. Irene Anderson played a piano solo, and Pearl Heltbrand sang a vocal solo. Mrs. Noah Heltbrand prepared a birthday cake for the occasion.

The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. E. Moshier with Mrs. Elmer Ferguson as leader of the discussion.

H. S. BOY AUTHOR OF SHORT DOG STORY

Member of the junior class at the Springfield high school were surprised last week when one of their number, Harold Olney, presented to the Junior English class a very interesting story of dog life which he had written on his own initiative.

The story centers around a dog named Jock from which it derives its name. Olney first read the story when only partially completed, and although he has now completed it, he has refused to read beyond the climax.

IUKA MAKES PLANS FOR VISIT OF STATE HEADS

Next meeting of Iuka circle, 37, Ladies auxiliary of the G. A. R. will be held at Taylor hall it was decided last Thursday evening when the group met at the home of Mrs. Alice Doane. This will be visitation night for the group, at which time Mrs. Freda Peterson and Mrs. Gertrude Dowling will be guests.

and indicated their intention to stand back of peace officers when they seek to enforce existing ordinances which are being violated.

W. A. Taylor was elected as president of the council. He is the only hold-over member on the council.

CITY TO REPAIR BAD SIDEWALKS

Tile To Replace Wood In Some Crossings; Planners Given Questionnaires

The City of Springfield will repair concrete sidewalks which have been broken and damaged by tree roots. Relief labor under the SERA project will be used for this purpose which will include the removal of old broken sections of the walk and cutting away of troublesome tree roots.

Some of the wooden culverts at street crossings will also be replaced with tile which is much more effective and cheaper than lumber says Lum Anderson, supervisor of the street project.

Nineteen laborers are employed this week. They are removing rock from Mill street which was loosened by the scarifier and are trimming up the curb shoulders. A new surface will be placed on this street.

Plans for future projects to be started in Springfield under the federal aid relief program were asked of the city council at their meeting Monday night. A number of questionnaire blanks had been sent to the city from the state relief headquarters in Portland that all work which could be undertaken here as relief projects be listed in their importance together with the ability to finance a part of the work locally.

The blanks were turned over to the City Planning commission headed by Harry M. Stewart for consideration.

SPORTSMEN PLAN GUN CLUB SHOOT

Meeting Of McKenzie Gateway Group Cancelled; G. Simpson To Make Visit

First telegraphic shoot for members of the McKenzie Gateway rifle and pistol club will be held here Monday evening at the Ray Nott garage starting at 7:30.

Membership in the club includes sportsmen in Eugene and Springfield and they will match their skill with the Portland Rifle club. Only rifles will be used Monday and all members of the club will have a chance to shoot.

The regular monthly meeting of the McKenzie Gateway Rod and Gun club scheduled for Monday night has been cancelled according to Walter Gossler, club president, because of the inter-club shoot.

Gene Simpson, manager of the state game farms has promised to come to Springfield and meet with the club. He may be here later in the month according to Gossler.

CHURCH FOLK HONOR SEVERAL AT SOCIAL

Several of the older members of the Methodist church were honored at an informal reception and social held in the basement of the Methodist church Wednesday evening following the Bible lecture.

The occasion honored the fortieth wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. William Gantz, the recent birthday of Luke Thompson, and the birthday Wednesday of L. K. Page who was 84 years old.

METHODISTS TO HEAR EUGENE MAN AT VESPER

"Leadership and Prayer" will be the theme of the message at the 11 o'clock hour at the Methodist church Sunday Rev. Dean C. Poindester, preaching. At the 5 o'clock vesper service the Rev. Clay Palmer of Eugene Congregational church will preach on the theme: "The Boundlessness of Life." His text will be: "The Word of God is not Bound." The Sunday Church school meets at 9:45 a. m. and the Leagues at 6 p. m.

NEEDLECRAFT CLUB GROUP HAS LUNCHEON

Fourteen members of the Needlecraft club were guests of Mrs. Walter N. Gossler last Thursday at a one o'clock luncheon meeting at her home. Mrs. Dan Crites of Eugene was a guest.

Mrs. Robert Chatterton will be hostess for the next meeting of the group on 21. Mrs. Marion Hall will be the assistant hostess.

PRISCILLA CLUB MEETS FOR LUNCHEON TODAY

Members of the Priscilla club met at the home of Mrs. E. C. Stuart today at one o'clock to go to Eugene where they were entertained at a 1:30 luncheon at the Del Rey cafe. Mrs. William Curtis is assisting hostess for the afternoon.

Raise Funds For Pipe Organ Here

Pledges Of Citizens Add To Cruzan Bequest; Expect To Place Order Soon

Efforts to place an order for a new pipe organ for the Methodist church within the next few days are being made this week by members of that church. Building and installation of the organ will require between two and three months. Sponsors of the organ movement want to order the instrument for Springfield at the same time one is ordered by a church at The Dalles. This will mean a saving of approximately \$100 in transportation.

The organ wanted here is a new Reuter organ which will cost approximately \$2066 delivered and installed here. This is the same kind of organ used in most of the Eugene churches and at the Music building at the university.

An organ fund is being built around a bequest of \$1200 left by the late Mrs. Janie Cruzan. An additional \$750 is needed, and local people desiring to see a pipe organ installed in the city are aiding in the financial drive. This morning the sum of \$373 had been assured by fifteen persons. Most of these have voluntarily offered their contributions, and they include many of the businessmen and their families.

Pledges are being received with an understanding that half of the sum will be paid before the end of this year and the balance by the end of next year. It is necessary that all money be available for the organ when the final payment is due as the Cruzan bequest was conditioned on the fact that the church not create any further debt.

The church property is entirely clear of debt and the congregation has weathered the depression in a fine manner says Dean C. Poindester, pastor.

REPORT SHOWS LIBRARY BUSY

Many Use Facilities During Past Year; 500 Books Rebound During Summer

Borrowers using facilities of the Springfield Public Library during the past year reached the total of 1588, a gain of 47 over the preceding year. A total of 139 newcards were issued during the year, but 92 were withdrawn, according to the annual report of the library committee.

Persons using the library included 1621 adults and 59 children. Six persons living outside of the city have cards here.

Contributions Listed
The library has a total of 2935 volumes. Sixty eight new volumes were added by gift and 39 were either purchased or rebound. One volume of periodicals was rebound. The library received 8 magazines by subscription and six as gifts. It also receives one newspaper regularly.

An analysis of the report shows that the circulation per capita is 4.1 and an average of 3.4 per volume. The average circulation per borrower is 6.5.

Outstanding item in the report is the rebinding of 500 books which was accomplished as a SERA project last summer. The city paid for materials which amounted to \$25. Receipts for the library for the past year were \$527 from the tax levy of 4.2 mills, \$15.33 from fines, and \$6.00 for non-residents cards. Expenditures totaled \$567.33 including the \$25 for rebinding materials, leaving a balance of \$6.00 at the close of the year.

Governed by Board

The library was established here in 1912 and is governed by a library board named by the city council. Members of the present board are Mrs. N. W. Emery, Mrs. L. K. Page, Mrs. C. E. Wheaton, Mrs. Wm. Rouse, and Mrs. M. V. Walker. Mrs. Frances M. Saltsman is the librarian. Mrs. Saltsman has been ill for several weeks and only this week returned to her work at the library.

Acknowledgement was also made of receipt of a pencil sharpener donated by B. A. Washburne.

The library is open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from 2-5 and in the evening from 7-9.

GIRL SCOUT GROUP WILL PRESENT "NEIGHBOURS"

The well-known play, "Neighbors," will be presented by the Springfield Girl Scouts at the Lincoln school Friday evening, February 22, at 7:30 o'clock. The cast for the play is being coached by Miss Bernice Conoly.

Taken to Hospital—Lee Gay, Springfield route 1, was taken to the Pacific hospital today.

CITY RECORDS IN POOR CONDITION

Accountant Tells Council Much Work Necessary Before Opening New Books

A story of jumbled records which probably paint a completely false picture of the financial standing of the City of Springfield was told at the meeting of the council Monday night.

O. V. Breese, accountant, who had been employed by the council to set up a new set of books for the city council that affairs were so badly jumbled that he would have to do a great deal of checking and investigating before he could be sure of the actual conditions of each fund.

Mr. Breese said, "At your request I have attempted to install an accounting system for your city recorder and treasurer."

"I am unable to reconcile the outstanding warrants from your warrant record with that of your annual statement. I understand that the Bond Lien records have not been audited for a number of years. Unless the true condition of the assets and liabilities of your town can be ascertained it is impossible for me to set up further records. The amount of liens receivable, (bond liens) in my opinion, as shown in your annual statement are from \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 in excess of their true value. It is imperative that a true condition of your accounts be shown before an accounting system be installed."

Mr. Breese did not blame any city official either now or in the years past for the condition of the books. It was just the system being used, he declared. A letter by an accountant addressed to the council in 1923 told of the bad condition of the city books. This was read at the meeting Monday. Nothing was done about the books, the same system having been used until the present time.

It is necessary that the books be cleaned up now so that the council may have exact knowledge of the financial condition of the city. It will be impossible to accomplish much in refunding and rebonding the city indebtedness until this information is available, says E. H. Turner, mayor. The council believes much money can be saved by refunding bonds at lower interest rates.

CHURCH MEMBERS TAKE COMMUNION SUNDAY

Communion will be held at the Christian church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service when Rev. Clifton A. Phillips preaches on the subject, "The Little Man in the Church." The Bible school will meet at 9:45 with Beulah Thurman as superintendent. The Endeavor societies meet at 6:30 and an evangelistic service will be held in the evening at 7:30. Kenneth Smith will lead a half-hour of congregational singing and Rev. Phillips will give a lecture sermon on "The First African Convert." Mid-week services will be held Thursday at 7 o'clock.

LITTLE CHANGE SEEN IN FURNITURE STYLE

There will not be much change in furniture styles to be shown in this part of the country this year said W. C. Wright of the Wright and Sons Hardware and Furniture company on his return from San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Wright spent several days in the California city last week attending the buyers gathering. They returned home Sunday. Quite a bit of enameled furniture was shown, but this has never been very popular here, he said.

KARL GIRARD HONORED AT SURPRISE PARTY

Friends of Karl Girard gathered at his home Saturday evening for a surprise party. Seven couples enjoyed an evening of cards and refreshments were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Putman, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Black, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Findley, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Louk, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Jarrett, Mr. and Mrs. John Ketels, Mr. and Mrs. Girard and daughter, Doris.

SPECIAL MEETING OF DRILL TEAM CALLED

Mrs. Ray Stevens, captain of the Neighbors of Woodcraft drill team, has called a special meeting of the team to be held at her home on east Main street Friday evening at 7:30. Those without transportation are asked to meet at Eggmann's at 7 o'clock.

Critically Ill—Mrs. Mary C. Magill is critically ill at her home here. Her son from Bend is en route here.

Change Made In Local Business

Laundry Shifts Management; Mitchell Returns, Changes Name Of Dry Cleaners

Another change in the management of the Springfield laundry was made here the first of this week when Larry McIntyre and Floyd Wood, both from Eugene, took over the business from Fields and Chamberlain.

The new proprietors are well acquainted with the laundry business having been associated with this work in Eugene for the past five years. They have taken the business over on a lease from W. H. Hobbs, owner.

Another change announced this week was at Jimmie's Cleaning shop where James Mitchell has returned to resume his work as proprietor and manager.

Mr. Mitchell has been on an extended vacation, and he has announced that he will change the name of his plant to Springfield Cleaners and Dyers. He will be active in the management of the business himself.

H. S. READY FOR DEBATE SERIES

Cottage Grove - Springfield Orators To Clash Twice In Dual Meet On Friday

Springfield high school debate schedule will start tomorrow against Cottage Grove. The Grove team will come here at 10:30 to uphold the affirmative, while the local team will argue the negative side of the debate question.

The subject for the debate topic this year is: Resolved: That the Federal government should adopt the policy of equalizing education in the several states by means of annual grants to secondary and elementary schools.

The negative Grove team will argue the question in Cottage Grove tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 against the affirmative squad from Springfield.

Members chosen by Miss Bernice Conoly, debate coach, to represent the local school are Joan Seavey and Doris Marie Robinson, affirmative; and Roland Farnsworth and Lorna Chase, negative. Affirmative alternates are Allwin Johnson and Malcolm Hanson. Roy Crandall and Alpha Prindel will be the alternates for the negative team.

The single critic judging system will be used this season. The judges for the opening debates are to be furnished by the University of Oregon speech department.

Persons interested in the debates are invited to attend them. They will be held in Miss Conoly's room at the high school.

LEGION MEETS TONIGHT, EUGENE SESSION SET

Regular meeting of the Springfield American Legion post number 40 will be held this evening at the armory.

Plans have also been announced for a meeting of poets in the Willamette Council headed by M. B. Huntly. This will open with a dinner at the Osburn hotel for members of the Legion and of the Auxiliary at 6:45 Tuesday evening, February 19. Following the dinner the Legion members will adjourn to the armory for their business session. The auxiliary will meet at the hotel.

NEW FORDS DELIVERED TO LOCAL PURCHASERS

Willis Bertsch has taken delivery of a new Ford truck this week. He has mounted a two-unit hogged fuel body on the chassis.

Ray Nott, proprietor of the Anderson Motor company, local Ford garage, has received his new 1935 four-door sedan this week.

TEACHER ENTERTAINS FOR CARD CLUB GROUP

Miss Marguerite Millhollen entertained at her home last Thursday evening for members of the O-No card club. Honors at bridge went to Mrs. Wilda Cotton and Miss Crystal Bryan. Next meeting of the club will be held February 21 with Miss Beth Ople as hostess.

LODGE GIRLS PLAN ARMORY DANCE FRIDAY

A short business meeting at 8:30 will precede the dance to be sponsored Friday night at the Armory by the F. L. Girls group of Juanita Rebekah lodge. The dance is invitational and has been set to start at 9 o'clock. Members of clubs at Salem, Junction City, Harrisburg and Eugene have been invited to attend.

HOLY LAND VISIT TOLD IN LECTURE

Trip To Biblical Places Affirms Faith In Writings Says World Traveler

CURIOS ARE EXHIBITED

Oriental Say Western Ideas Tried And Proved Unworkable Centuries Ago

One cannot but help affirm his faith in the Bible when one visits the Holy Land and sits in the places mentioned with his Bible re-reading the stories and then looking up to find that conditions, and people exist the same today as they did, according to writers of the Bible, hundreds of years before Christ.

This statement was made several times last night at the Methodist church by Rev. W. S. Burgoyne, pastor of the Methodist church at Sheridan who will conclude a week of nightly lectures here Friday evening. Many lantern slides made from pictures taken by Rev. Burgoyne when he visited the Holy Land and 27 other countries recently have been shown each evening. The last of these will be shown tonight at 7:30.

Life, Places Unchanged

When one sits on the spot where Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery to the leader of a trader caravan and looks up to see a long caravan of camels coming over the crest of the nearby hills, and when one sits on the ledge of Rebecca's well and watches women come to draw their water from this well which was dug through solid rock at least 20 centuries before Christ, one passes through a completely new experience in life, he declared.

The contrast between the people of the Orient and Occident is not that of advanced civilization, but rather it is a contrast between the modern and ancient civilization.

Cast Off Alien Influence

"We tried our Western methods more than a century ago and found out that they did not work," Rev. Burgoyne quoted several of the old Jewish merchants as saying.

"There is only one highway in the Holy Land. This is General Allenby's military road. An effort has been made to rid the country of all alien influences. As a result very little is imported, not even spices and all the food tastes very much alike. Principal food dishes are barley soup, cauliflower, thick coffee, hard bread, and sometimes eggs and chicken.

Children do not play like they do in this country. They are taught to act like grown people. The girls tend flocks and are married at an early age. The boys learn trades in shops.

Language of Parables

The people speak in parables. This accounts for many of the statements in the Bible which we find difficult to believe in their literal interpretation, said the speaker.

Jerusalem is a city of the dead as well as of the living. There are more dead people buried outside the city walls than live within. It is the wish of most Jews that they might be able to go back to Jerusalem to be buried near the Holy City.

Floor Of Jerusalem

Jerusalem has been besieged 38 times and destroyed 16 times. Each time the buildings have been leveled until today the elevation on which David walked is 125 feet below the present city floor, says Rev. Burgoyne. The present city is a series of elevations, and one has to go down 20 or 30 of these to reach the level on which Jesus walked. Much historical information will be revealed when further excavations are made, the speaker predicted.

To view the many curios of the Holy Land being exhibited by the speaker is worthy of an evening itself. Rev. Burgoyne dresses in the garb of the old Jews of Jerusalem when giving his lectures.

CIRCUIT COURT SETS JURY LIST FOR SPRING

The list of jurors to serve at the spring term of circuit court which will convene on February 25 was made public when they were drawn by County Clerk Dillard and Sheriff Swartz yesterday, included in the list are Lydia Edgell, Springfield, route 1; Anna M. Logan and Clara Snodgrass, Springfield, and George M. Platt, Springfield route 2.

MASONS TO ENTERTAIN AT VALENTINE SOCIAL

Monthly social night sponsored by Liberty Masonic lodge for themselves, members of Cascade chapter O. E. S. and their families will be held at the lodge hall this evening. A covered dish dinner at 6:30 will precede the social evening during which cards and dancing will be enjoyed.