

# THE SPRINGFIELD NEWS

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## VOTERS RECALL LANE LAWMAKER

Townsend Leaders Pile Nearly Two To One Majority Against Merriam

### VOTE HERE IS DECISIVE

Only One-Half Of Registered Voters In County Cast Ballots; Percent Here Higher

Lane county voters who went to the polls Tuesday indicated by a majority of nearly two to one, that they approved the recall move instituted against Howard S. Merriam, junior legislator from Lane county. Of a total of 11,839 votes cast, 7374 were for the recall and 4,465 were in opposition. Just about 53 per cent of the registered voters went to the polls Tuesday.

Springfield Vote  
Springfield precincts reported heavier majorities for the recall than did most of those over the county. The vote here by precincts was as follows:

Precinct	Yes	No	Total
1	107	20	127
2	108	44	152
3	120	50	170
4	130	36	166

Merriam, according to unofficial returns, carried eight precincts including his home precinct at Goshen. The other seven were in Eugene. One precinct at Florence reported 25 votes for the recall and none in opposition.

The selection of a successor to Merriam is now up to the County Court. A special law passed at the last session of the legislature to meet the local situation makes the necessary provision. Persons close to the County Court are of the opinion that no successor will be named unless a special session is ordered.

### Serves Full Term

Merriam's tenure in public office was one of the shortest yet recorded in Lane county for a legislative position. He took office about the middle of January and two months later had the cloak of office lifted from him. During those two months, however, he served a complete term in the state House of Representatives, headed several important committees, and made an enviable record for himself as a lawmaker. The session was ended last week, and unless a special session of the lawmakers is called, there will be no further duties for the holder of the office.

The recall move was directed against Merriam by the Lane county Townsend club leaders who charged him with breaking promises to them. He denied making promises.

## AUTO TAKES LIFE OF MRS. GORRIE'S MOTHER

Mrs. Katie Tronson Killed While Walking To Church in Eugene Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. Katie Tronson, 72, mother of Mrs. C. I. Gorrie, will be held from the Poole chapel in Eugene Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. P. J. Luvaas will officiate and interment will be made in the New I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mrs. Tronson died at the Eugene hospital of injuries sustained when struck by an automobile driven by Wm. G. Doty of Eugene. She was walking to church to attend Sunday morning services.

She was born in Norway in 1862 and came to America when seven, living first in South Dakota and coming to Eugene in 1928.

Four sons, Ingman, Claus, and Alf, all of Eugene, and Palmer, in Washington, D. C., survive together with three daughters, Mrs. Gorrie, Mrs. S. C. Sorenson, Junction City, and Mrs. Stangle in South Dakota. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. A. Larsen in South Dakota, Mrs. N. N. Kaldor, and Miss Maggie Hilden, both of Eugene.

## MRS. OLSON HOSTESS TO KONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Carl Olson entertained with a dessert bridge party last Thursday afternoon at 1:30 at her home for members of the Kontract Bridge Club. Guests included Mrs. Lloyd Emery, Klamath Falls, Mrs. George Prochnow, Mrs. Dan Crites, and Mrs. William Lightfoot. Mrs. Harry Stewart will entertain for the club at the next meeting on March 28.

## SPRINGFIELD DOCTOR BECOMES GRANDFATHER

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Pollard became grandparents this week when a son was born to their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Pollard, at the Pacific hospital in Eugene, on Monday, March 18, 1935. Mrs. Pollard was formerly Audrey Danner, a former resident of Springfield. Mother and child are getting along nicely, says the grandfather.

## Carnival Plans Ready at S.H.S.

Boxing, Stage Show and Concession Booths Planned For Friday, March 29

Plans for the annual all-high school carnival of 1935 were announced at the school this week by J. Inman, business manager. The carnival will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 29.

The carnival this year will follow largely the same plan as was used last spring. A queen contest will be held among the students, a smoker will be held at the high school gymnasium at 6:45 and a short stage program and coronation of the queen will be held after school in the high school auditorium.

Following the program time will be given everyone to visit the many booths and concessions which the various classes and organizations in the school will conduct. Late in the evening the entire group will reassemble in the auditorium for the drawings and distribution of prizes.

Marion Hall is again general chairman of the event. He is busy now arranging matches for his boxing matches to be featured on the smoker program.

Queen candidates have been selected from each class this week. They are senior, Marjorie Currant; junior, Lamoyne Black; sophomore, Hazel Nesbitt; and freshmen, Jane Anderson. Each class will begin an advance sale of script money for the carnival today and each purchaser will write in the name of his choice on a stub of the script. The class victorious in having their queen candidate chosen will have the name of the queen and the class which she represents engraved on a silver loving cup to be established as an annual trophy. The picture of the queen will also be printed in the high school annual for this year.

## P.T.A. WILL HOLD FATHER PROGRAM

Sixth Grade At Lincoln Presents Operetta Of Seasons At Monthly Meeting

An evening meeting at which time husbands of members will be present was planned here Friday by the Springfield Parent-Teacher association in their monthly meeting held at the Lincoln school.

Mrs. H. H. Church has been named chairman of the refreshment committee, and the program will be presented by students in both grade schools. The date and place will be announced later says Mrs. Clifford Wilson, president of the local P. T. A. unit.

At the meeting held Friday students in the sixth grade presented an operetta with the following cast: January, John Meek, a snowman; February, Raymond Bainbridge, Valentine; March, Keith McChesney, storm outfit; April, Robert Robins, carrying pussy willows; May, Gladys Pederson, May Day dress; June, Ethel Ruth Fulop, (a bride), attendants Billy Lyons, and Flora Bursell; July, Billy Dow and Inez Oram, holding flags; August, John Carrolls, fishing; September, Bobby Bennett, schoolboy; October, Leona Ware, Halloween costume; November, Peggy Wright, Pilgrim; December, Harrison Billings, Santa Claus; Father Time, Sydney Ward; Bugler, Court Waldrip.

## DATE SET FOR TEA TO AID GIRL SCOUTS

Annual tea, sponsored by the Happy Hour club for the benefit of the Springfield Girl Scouts, will be held on Monday, April 1, at the home of Mrs. Milton V. Walker, starting at 2:45 it was announced this week.

The Happy Hour part of the program will be given under the direction of Mrs. W. K. Barnell, and Miss Eunice Gerber will have charge of the program for the Girl Scouts.

The general public is invited to this benefit affair.

## FOUR-L WILL ELECT DELEGATE ON FRIDAY

Members of the local Four-L will hold a meeting at Taylor hall Friday evening at 8 o'clock. An employee delegate will be elected to represent the Springfield local at a state meeting in Portland Saturday. A free drawing for prizes will also be held.

Injures Wrist—Verlin Posey, high school student, received a sprained wrist Friday night when he fell on it while performing in the tumbling act at the high school during the intermission between the Laughteresque numbers.

## ILLNESS CLAIMS JENNIE BARNARD

Resident Of Springfield Since 1915 Passes Away Sunday, Funeral Held Wednesday

Mrs. Jennie Elizabeth Barnard, resident of Springfield since 1915, passed away at her home here at 219 So. Second street, Sunday afternoon following a long illness. She was born at Potsdam, New York on January 4, 1852. In 1874 she was married to Frederick Barnard, and in 1878 the family moved to Kansas City for three years before returning to New York. They then went back to Kansas in 1881 and in 1883 moved on to Oklahoma. They came to Oregon in 1900, settling first at Coburg and then at Albany for one year in 1914 before coming to Springfield.

Mr. Barnard passed away here seven years ago.

Mrs. Barnard is survived by four children: D. L. Barnard, Redwood City, California; G. H. Barnard, and Mrs. Nellie Rider, Richmond, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Roy Pirtle, Loma, Montana. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. H. H. Logston, Cedarwell, Kansas, thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Baptist church and of Juanita Rebekah lodge.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Poole funeral home in Springfield. Rev. R. E. Rolens, pastor of the Baptist church officiated, and interment was made in the Laurel Hill cemetery. Members of the Rebekah lodge attended the funeral services in body.

## CHICKEN COMES IN TO CAST RECALL BALLOT

Welby Stevens' chickens are taking an interest in politics, at least it would seem so, for Tuesday evening Mr. Stevens drove into town to cast his ballot in the recall election at the city hall. While he was casting his ballot someone noticed a white leghorn chicken roosting on the rear bumper.

After making some remark about his poultry taking an interest in elections, Mr. Stevens started for home again, the hen still roosting on the bumper.

## MRS. RUTHERFORD BURIED TUESDAY

Young Mother Of Dexter Passes At Pacific Hospital; Many Relatives Survive

Mrs. Marion Rutherford, 19, of Dexter, died at the Pacific hospital in Eugene on Saturday, March 16. She was born at Freewater, Oregon on October 14, 1916 and lived in Idaho for 12 years before coming to Dexter five months ago. She was a member of the United Brethren church at Twin Falls, Idaho.

Survivors include her husband, J. K. Rutherford, an infant son, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Watt of Dexter, two brothers, Floyd and Marvin Watt, also of Dexter, and one sister, Velma Watt, Twin Falls.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Veatch chapel in Eugene. Rev. Lichty officiated.

## CHANGES UNDERWAY NOW AT CITY HALL

The entire interior of the City hall is being refinished this week. A new lavatory replaces the old tin sink used for many years, holes in the walls have been patched, the roof has been repaired again, and all the stains in the ceiling have been blotted out. The entire interior is to be re-kalsomined and the wood work is to be repainted.

A gate has been placed at the end of the counter closing off the waiting room, and the counter has been widened.

In the room adjoining carpenters are busy placing a heavy track and hanging a four section door leading out to the street. The glass front will be taken out to provide a room for the fire truck.

## PRISCILLA MEMBERS DO HONOR TO ST. PATRICK

St. Patrick was honored at the regular meeting of the Priscilla club last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Cecil Mathes. Mrs. Matt Hart was the assisting hostess.

Guests during the afternoon were Mrs. Alonzo Manwaring, Mrs. Edgar Louk, and Mrs. O. H. Jarrett. In the St. Patrick day games played during the afternoon prizes went to Mrs. E. C. Stuart, Mrs. William Rouse, Mrs. Floyd Flanery, and Mrs. Edgar Louk.

## Fun Show Draws Crowd For H.S.

Seniors Take First With Original Skit; Juniors Second, Sophomores Get Third

Senior students, offering an original skit entitled "Four Year Quest," won first place in the annual Laughteresque program of Springfield high school Friday evening. The play was written by Frances Stiles and with Miss Marguerite Millhollen and Glen Martin as class advisors.

Juniors, presenting a mechanical man skit, "Demon Power," placed second in the contest; and sophomores, presenting a song parody, "Nothing to a Something" were third in the judging which was under the direction of the drama department at the University. The freshmen presented "Romantic Fantasy" also a parody on a popular song, but failed to place in the contest.

The seniors scored the highest number of points in any of the four divisions of the judging. They received a total of 246 out of a possible 300 points. They scored 71 points for costume and setting out of a possible 75. Sophomores were a close second with 70 for the same item. Other things given consideration in the judging were originality, preparation and general effectiveness.

Juniors garnered 243 points, sophomores 235, and freshmen 224. There was not as much variety in the stage skits this year as have been given in past years. Very little change was made in the setting for the last three skits given, and some of the costumes looked very much as if they had been borrowed from skits of last season.

Dorothy Myer and Ruth Laner entertained with tap dance numbers Clara Brooks and Hartie Olson presented a clown act, and Lamar Brattain, Verlin Posey, Bob McLagan, and Donald Nelson presented a tumbling skit.

A capacity audience was present to greet the players.

## Music Is Used to Tame Wild Lions

Music, Dances Feature Annual Ladies' Night Program Here Last Night

Lions tamed by soothing music and beautiful dances, entertained their wives peacefully at the annual Ladies Night banquet and program at Taylor hall last night.

Unlike former programs, the Lions took no part in the entertainment themselves excepting Dr. W. N. Dow, tall twister, who made himself conspicuous as he moved about the hall harassing his fellow Lions with demands for dimes in retribution for wrongs committed.

The evening's program began with a splendid banquet featuring creamed chicken in patties. The dinner was furnished by the regular club cooks, members of the Cooking club of the Christian church.

Music during the banquet was provided by Ted Lenhart and his orchestra.

Following the banquet, the following program numbers were presented: Two interpretive dances by Mrs. Faye Knox with Miss Theresa Kelly as accompanist and piano soloist between dances; and vocal solos by Merton Ferebee, Gerald Childers, both accompanied by Miss Jewel Cunningham, and Miss Glyde Diney with Miss Mary Elizabeth Whitney as accompanist. Rev. Higgenbotham, pastor of the Community Liberal church in Eugene, was the principal speaker at the regular noon meeting of the club last Friday. He was introduced by Rev. Dean C. Poindexter.

## REBEKAH LODGE TAKES NEW MEMBER MONDAY

Miss Evelyn Buell was initiated as a new member of Juanita Rebekah lodge Monday evening. Just preceding the initiation, a short memorial service was held for the late Mrs. Jennie Barnard.

Following the business meeting a St. Patrick's luncheon was enjoyed by those present. Guests included Mrs. Vera Isaac of Halsey and Mrs. Ebbert, new resident in Springfield from North Dakota.

Springfield Couple Wed  
Marriage licenses issued during the past week by the county clerk include the following: Floyd Koch and Josephine Lanning, both of Springfield; Glenn Smith, Oakridge, and Patricia Edwards, Eugene; Harold Wilson and Rowena Estep, both of Eugene; Dossie Batson and Ima Kidd, both of Goshen; and Eldon Thompson, Cottage Grove, and Grace Falks, Halsey.

Visit in Portland—Mrs. Karl Girard and daughter, Miss Doris Girard, and Miss Eunice Gerber, spent Friday in Portland.

## FIRE SIREN PLAN TO BE USED AGAIN

Blowing Of Whistle To Indicate Ward Location Of Fires Within City

### FIRE TRUCK MOVE SEEN

Reorganization Of Fire Department With Trained Volunteer Body Sought

Plans for blowing the fire whistle signals both night and day for fires within the city and a reorganization of the fire department are now under way. The city is negotiating with the telephone company and the Mountain States Power company in regard to the whistle signals and the city's whistle is being overhauled for service.

In case of fire a phone call would come to the central operator who would notify the power plant to blow the whistle and the fire chief to bring out the fire truck, if the plan is approved, it will be put into operation about April 1.

### Fire Location Indicated

The whistle signals use formerly calls for one blast of the whistle for fires in the first ward, two blasts for ward two, three for ward three, four for ward four, and five for ward five. Signals are to be repeated two times with short intervals between.

Third, Fifth and Seventh streets are the boundary lines between the first four fire wards while the fifth ward comprises the territory on South Second street and Willamette heights.

### May Return Truck to Hall

Plans are also being made to return the fire truck to its former location in the city hall building as it is believed to far away from the business section for quick action. This matter will be voted on at next council meeting. A reorganization of the department with a company of trained volunteers is also being considered. It is believed that the present system of picking up whoever is available lowers the efficiency of the fire department whereas trained men could handle the equipment and fight fire more effectively.

## FUNERAL TODAY FOR A.T. BREWER

Pioneer Jasper Resident Dies Monday; Services At Lighthouse Temple In Eugene

Andrew T. Brewer, 72, pioneer Jasper resident and former merchant, passed away at his home at Fall Creek on Monday, March 18. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2:30 from the Lighthouse Temple church in Eugene with Rev. C. J. Fulton, officiating. The Schwering chapel at Creswell will have charge of arrangements.

Mr. Brewer is survived by his widow, Mattie L. Brewer; four sons and one daughter, Mrs. R. R. Neet, Jasper; P. R. Brewer, Seattle, and R. C. Brewer, G. L. Brewer and Charles, all of Fall Creek.

He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. J. Padkin, Kalama, Washington, and Mrs. Marion Smith, Pismo Beach, California, and one brother, Eli Brewer, of Kalama.

Mr. Brewer was one of the early settlers in the Jasper section, having operated a store at Jasper for many years until 1910 when he retired. He was a member of the Lighthouse Temple in Eugene.

## "Merry Maids" Plans Complete

Annual Mother-Daughter Entertainment Of High School To Be Held Tuesday

Girls of Springfield high school will entertain their mothers at their annual "Merry Maids of March" program at the high school on Tuesday evening, March 26. Plans for the affair were made this week at a meeting of the Girls League council.

All girls in the high school and their mothers are invited to attend. The girls are urged to come dressed in costume.

Entertainment for the affair will include a number of original skits, one to be presented by each class at the school. Chairmen of each class committee working on the skits are Helen Abramson, freshmen; Clarabelle Brood, sophomore; Ruby Houk, juniors; and Olga Hrynchuk, senior.

Frances Stiles is general chairman for the event, and Joan Scaevy is chairman of the refreshment committee. Laverne Pugh will have charge of the decorations.

## Freak Weather Greets Spring

Late March Snowfall Blankets Ground; Lumber Camps Forced To Close Down

For the first time in many, many years, Springfield is experiencing the opening of spring with a blanket of snow on the ground. The snow which fell here all during the day, Wednesday, extended over a longer period higher up in the hills, and caused most logging camps to suspend operations temporarily.

Log shipments to the Booth-Kelly lumber company which began early in the week were halted by the heavy wet snowfall.

Unusually heavy snowfalls in the higher mountains, both in the Cascades and the Coast ranges, have again evoked the possibility of a spring flood if the weather should suddenly turn warm. The snow is reported at more than eight feet at Cascade Summit.

### No Added Cost

Restoration of the residential and bridge lights comes without added cost to the city's light bill. These two concessions were made by the power company. The third request of the mayor for raising the candle power of the ornamental system has not been granted, and these lights will remain as at present. The new lights will bring the city system back to the same illumination as before depression days.

New glass fixtures for the bridge, to replace the seven broken by vandals when the lights were turned off approximately two years ago, have been ordered as has necessary materials for the reinstatement of the lights about the city.

A total of 31 residence street lights were turned off, and 23 of these will be replaced under the new agreement. Lights located at Mill and South B. C. and D streets, will not be turned on. Since the gravel plant and the Mill and Elevator have ceased to function in this locality there is little need for these lights. A part of the street has been closed by the city and there is but little traffic over this end of the street.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE SPONSORS PLAY

Institute Fund To Benefit From Entertainment At H. S. Friday Night

Members of the Wesleyan League at the Methodist church are sponsoring "The Little Clodhopper," a three-act comedy drama at the high school auditorium Friday, March 22, at 8 o'clock.

Proceeds from this play will go into the league institute fund to help defray expenses of young people of the church while attending the annual gathering of young people this summer at Suttle lake.

Miss Bernice Conoly, high school teacher, is directing the play. The characters in the play and those taking the parts are as follows:

Septimus Green, young book agent full of pep, Donald Brown; Acey Gump, country hick, Elwyn Gates; George Chiggerson, an innocent lamb from the city; Bob Brown; Mrs. Chiggerson-Boggs, his dotting mama, Velda Bartholomew; Miss Julietta Bean, a Splinterville boarding house keeper, Ha Bartholomew, Charman Carter, who thinks she's a vamp, Beatrice Carson; Judy, a little clodhopper from the poor house, Faye Parsons; Country folks, Ralph and Lawrence Henderson, Velda Carson and Doris Myers.

The play takes place at Splinterville, Mississippi and in the "City" at the present time. Complete stage settings are made between the different acts.

## LARGE GROUP PRESENT AT FATHER-SON EVENT

More than 100 fathers and sons were present at the Methodist church Monday evening for the annual Father and Son banquet and program sponsored each year by the Men's Brotherhood.

Rev. I. G. Shaw, pastor of the Christian church, was the principal speaker of the evening. Frank Stuart presented the toast to the fathers, and F. B. Hamlin responded with one for the sons.

Bobby Pollard played a violin solo with piano accompaniment by Miss Ruth Pollard, Paul Potter sang with his sister, Dorothe Mae as accompanist, members of the male quartet sang, and Kyle Smith played piano solos. Dr. W. H. Pollard was toastmaster for the evening, and Frank Bartholomew had charge of the program.

A 6:30 dinner was served by the ladies of the Methodist church.

## F. L. GIRLS TO MEET FRIDAY FOR SOCIAL

Monthly social meeting of the F. L. Girls club of Juanita Rebekah lodge will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Miss Maxine Snodgrass. Miss Snodgrass and Miss Eunice Gerber will be the hostesses.

## NEEDLECRAFT CLUB TO HAVE MEETING TODAY

Members of the Needlecraft club will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. N. Long. A social program with refreshments has been planned.

## ALL CITY LIGHTS TO BURN BRIGHT

28 Street Lights And Bridge Globes To Be Restored By Power Company Here

### ORNAMENT SYSTEM SAME

New Lights Result Of Conference Between Mayor And Power Company

All city street intersection lights with the exception of three and the Springfield Bridge lights, which were turned off in the early years of the depression to save a light bill, will be restored this week by the Mountain States Power company. This action comes as a result of conferences between Mayor E. H. Turner and general officers of the Mountain State Power company which have taken place since the first of the year.

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### Lights To Be Turned On

Lights which will be restored under the new agreement are located at Mill and A. C. F. and H streets; West D and city limits; Second and B. D. and F. streets; Third at C and H streets; Fourth at B. D. and F. streets; Eighth at A. C. E. and G. streets; Ninth at B. D. and F. streets; Tenth at B. C. and E. streets; and Water and D streets.

Workmen have already started getting the equipment in shape for the restoration of these lights. Some of the materials which have been ordered may take some time in delivery so it is not certain just when all the lights will be ready according to W. K. Barnell, manager of the local office of the Mountain States Power company.

## Griffin Funeral Will Be Friday

Mrs. Mary Griffin Was Pioneer Settler At Fall Creek, Passed Away Tuesday

One of Lane county's pioneer residents, Mrs. Mary Griffin, of West Springfield passed away at the Pacific hospital in Eugene Tuesday at the age of 73 years.

She was born at Chinook, Washington on September 6, 1862. In 1872 she came to Oregon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Funk. The family took up a donation land claim near Fall Creek.

In 1880 she was married to Jessiah McBee. He died in 1887 leaving one son, W. F. McBee, independence, and one daughter, Mrs. W. T. Ellhott, Swisshome.

Mrs. McBee married again in 1889 to W. H. Griffin who survives as do four sons and one daughter by this marriage. They are D. M. Griffin, G. R. Griffin, C. E. Griffin, A. M. Griffin, and Mrs. Clara B. Edwards, all of West Springfield. Twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive.

She was a member of the Lighthouse Temple in Eugene. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Veatch chapel in Eugene. Rev. E. J. Fulton will officiate and interment will be made in the Mt. Vernon cemetery.

## WEDDING FOR LOCAL COUPLE HELD SATURDAY

Two Springfield young people, Miss Josephine Lanning and Floyd Leroy Koch were married here Saturday evening at six o'clock at a quiet ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lanning.

Both young people are former students at the local high school. They will make their home at Weed, California.