

# THE SPRINGFIELD NEWS

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## RIVER PROTECTION WORK IS OUTLINE

Several Hundred Thousand Dollars May Be Spent On Relief Project In Valley

### ARMY CHIEF IS VISITOR

Colonel Robins Inspects River Tuesday From West Springfield To Harrisburg

Several hundred thousand dollars may be made available for flood control in the Willamette valley during the next few months. The money to be used on bank protection for projects that relief labor can be employed on.

The above was the assertion of Colonel T. M. Robins, district army engineer of Portland, who spent all day Tuesday in Lane county visiting the places on the river where most damage is being done. An inspection trip extending from the mouth of the Coast Fork above West Springfield down stream to the Harrisburg bridge was taken by the colonel. He was accompanied from Springfield by Mayor E. H. Turner, W. K. Barnell, John Fyle and H. E. Maxey.

The inspecting party met farmers and land owners in each locality along the route who explained their damages and pointed out major changes in the river in recent years. Places were viewed where the river had only claimed a few feet of soil up to as much as 350 acres. The colonel showed much interest in the project and listened attentively to the stories of dozens of land owners along the way.

A report is now being made up on the project and will be forwarded to Washington within the next two weeks. Only projects in bank protection which can be worked by relief will be recommended.

Belief that heavy floods would ultimately have to be controlled by large storage dams in the mountains and to justify their cost navigation, irrigation and drainage would need be a part of the project was expressed by Colonel Robins. The water stood at about the four foot stage Tuesday but it could be seen at this height much land was being carried down stream. It is to protect the banks at this ordinary stage which the present work is contemplated for.

The best method to use is to slope the crumbling banks and then rip-rap with rock, binding the toe with a willow mat weighted down with rock and gravel. This keeps the current from undermining the rip-rap, explained the colonel.

As soon as Colonel Robins' report is forwarded to the War Department at Washington the Oregon congressional delegation will be asked by the flood control association to give support to obtaining the appropriation.

Colonel Robins went from Lane county to Independence to inspect the river in that way.

### MRS. HOWARD PASSES AT HOME IN COBURG

Mrs. Sarah Howard, 81, died at her home at Coburg Sunday. She was born on March 29, 1854 at Cottage Grove and had lived at Coburg for the past 14 years. She was a member of the Christian church and leaves five children. They are Frank Howard, Hoquiam, Washington; Ernest Howard and Mrs. Amy Brown, route 2, Eugene; Mrs. Lilly Fauber, Canby, and Lena Howard at home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 10:30 from the Poole chapel in Eugene. Interment was made in the Coburg cemetery.

### HIGH SCHOOL DANCE TO BE HELD FRIDAY

The semi-monthly high school dance will be held at the Army Friday evening of this week. All former patrons and patronesses of the dance group are invited to attend. The dance is being held this week so as not to conflict with the operetta being given at the high school next week-end.

### COOKING CLUB CALLS BUSINESS MEET FRIDAY

A meeting of the Cooking club of the Christian church will be held Friday evening, April 5, at the home of Mrs. M. J. McKlin at Sixth and "D" streets. This will be a regular business session for the cooks who prepare the meals for the Lions club members.

### NUMBER OF FARMS IN COUNTY IS INCREASING

There are now 4676 farms in Lane county as compared with 4069 reported in the 1930 census according to a report just prepared by George Finley, supervisor for this district of the 1935 census of agriculture.

## Curfew Order In Effect April 1st

Warns Children To Streets; Ordinance Will Be Enforced

The curfew may not ring tonight in some places, but it has already started to ring in Springfield and the ordinance which provides for it will be enforced it was announced at the City hall this week.

Effective April 1, the curfew, now in the form of a whistle at the Mountain States Power company steam plant, will be sounded each night at 9 o'clock. All children sixteen years old and under will be expected to be indoors shortly thereafter according to city officials. Children who are to be out after this hour are expected to carry a written permission from their parents which will be checked by the night officer.

So that the curfew signal might not be confused with other whistles, the curfew signal will be one long blast followed by two short blasts.

## LIBRARY BOOKS SOUGHT IN DRIVE

Legion Auxiliary Sponsors Book Shower; Ask Contributions Before April 11

Additional books for the Springfield public library is the goal of the Book Shower which members of the Springfield American Legion auxiliary will sponsor during the next week according to Mrs. M. A. Poal, auxiliary president.

The auxiliary ladies invite all persons to contribute books to the library. They ask that contribution be left either with Mrs. F. B. Hamlin or with Mrs. H. O. Dibble on or before Thursday, April 11. The auxiliary ladies are planning to meet at that time and they will repair any books which need it.

The Springfield library operates on a very limited budget and has almost nothing with which to purchase new material except a few magazine subscriptions. Nearly all books added to the library during the past few years have been gifts of local people, says Mrs. D. B. Saltsman, librarian.

Details of the book drive were worked out last Thursday evening at the regular meeting of the Auxiliary group. They enjoyed a pot-luck with the men of the Legion post before their business meeting and held initiation of new members.

### MOTHER HONOR GUEST AT SURPRISE PARTY

Miss Maxine Snodgrass entertain at her home Friday afternoon in honor of the birthday of her mother, Mrs. Riley Snodgrass. Bridge was enjoyed during the afternoon, and prizes were won by Mrs. Tom Casey of Eugene and Mrs. W. C. Wright.

Guests for the affair were Mrs. Casey, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Ray Wright, Mrs. Howard Freeland, Mrs. Sadie Biddle, Mrs. W. L. Goiner, Mrs. Rose Jackson, Mrs. John Seavey, Mrs. Levi Neet, Mrs. Carl Olson, Mrs. A. T. Peterson, Mrs. Maude Bryan, Mrs. William Curtis and Mrs. John Henderer.

Miss Doris Gerber assisted the hostess.

### MEMBERS HONORED BY AENEAS CLUB GROUP

Three members, Mrs. Anna Moore, Mrs. E. E. Fraederick and Mrs. Evelyn Emery, were honored Saturday at the luncheon meeting of the Aeneas club held at the home of Mrs. John Parker. All members were present for the first time in many months, and the three have been absent for many meetings. Mrs. Susanna Porter and Mrs. Parker's sister were guests of the club.

Mrs. J. Fulop will entertain for the club group at their next meeting to be held April 23.

### IUKA CIRCLE SET FOR ARMORY HERE TONIGHT

Members of Iuka circle, Ladies auxiliary of the G. A. R. will meet this evening at 7:30 in the Armory for their regular business meeting.

A meeting of the sewing club was held last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Grace Lansberry at which time the group quilted.

### RECKLESS DRIVING IS CAUSE OF PENALTY

W. W. Tutthill, arrested here Monday afternoon on a charge of reckless driving was immediately released before City Recorder, Chester Aldrich, and fined \$25. This was Aldrich's first experience as police judge.

## H.S. OPENS BALL SEASON FRIDAY

Sixteen Game Schedule For Eight Weeks Announced By Coach Chatterton

### PLAY MARCOLA APRIL 6

Many Players Seek Places On Team; Pitcher, Catcher Berths Contested

Springfield baseball fans will have their first opportunity Friday to see the local high school team in action in a game to be played with Junction City. A second contest will be played on Saturday with the Marcola high school.

The wet weather this spring has handicapped Coach Robert Chatterton and his diamond artists in their training program. Little can be said about the team of this season at present except that several of last year's strong team are on the squad, and much new material is turning out from which to build up a nine.

### Tentative Lineup

Chatterton has not committed himself to a starting lineup for the Friday game but has indicated that he may use something like this: Stevenson at first base, Scott at second, Taylor at short, Lyles at third, Posey in centerfield, Darr at right field, and Stevens at left field.

The batteries for the game are being warmly contested this season with Irvin and Cole making a strong bid behind the batter, and with Elwin Gates, Carson, White, Button and Carl Brann offering their services at pitchers. Brann and Gates are left handers. Carson is ill now but received considerable experience in the pitcher's box last season with Russell, who is not in school this year.

### Heavy Schedule Set

Other students who are making bids for positions on the team are Hutchinson, McChesney, Lawrence Chase, in the outfield; and Ware and Cox at second and third base. Sixteen games have been scheduled for the next eight weeks by Chatterton. The University high games and the return engagement with Marcola are tentative, but other dates have been approved.

### The games are as follows:

- April 5, Junction City, here.
- April 6, Marcola, here.
- April 8, Lowell, there.
- April 12, U. H. S., here.
- April 16, Pleasant Hill, here.
- April 19, Eugene, here.
- April 22, Oakridge, there.
- April 26, U. H. S., there.
- April 29, Coburg, here.
- May 7, Pleasant Hill, there.
- May 10, Junction City, there.
- May 11 or 18, Oakridge, here.
- May 14, Eugene, here.
- May 21, Coburg, there.
- May 23, Lowell, here.
- Marcola, there, date not set.

All local games will be played on Brattain field. The time for the games will vary from 2:30 to 3:30.

## MOTHER PASSES FUNERAL FRIDAY

Mrs. Carletta Buell Dies At Dallas Monday Following Lengthy Illness

Mrs. Carletta Buell, mother of W. E. Buell, high school principal, passed away at her home at Dallas Monday morning following a long illness. Funeral services will be held from the Honkle Mortuary at Dallas Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment at Deer Creek cemetery at Bellevue.

Mrs. Buell was a lifelong resident of Oregon and leaves nine sons and daughters as follows: W. E. Buell, Springfield; Randall Buell, Ivan Buell, Cecil Buell, and Hathaway Buell, all of Tule lake, California; Mrs. D. E. Blanchard, Willamina, Oregon; Mrs. Albert Woodard, Cottage Grove; Mrs. Wesley Wood, Portland; and Mrs. Alex Cates, Corbett, Oregon.

She was born in 1860 and would have been 75 years old in October. She had visited with her son here several times and made many friends in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Buell will go to Dallas to attend the funeral.

### DENTIST IS DEFENDANT IN DAMAGE ACTION

Suit for \$7500 damages for personal injuries was filed in circuit court Wednesday by Cecil Davis against Dr. W. N. Dow, Springfield dentist. Frank DePue is attorney representing Davis.

The suit is an aftermath of an accident near Judkins Point recently in which Davis was injured while riding a horse. He charges Dow with driving into his horse, causing him to be thrown to the ground. Davis claims to have suffered concussion of the brain, fractured ribs and leg, and a sprained back and neck.

## Few Changes In Fishing Rules

Wright's Offer Large Creel As Early Season Prize For Largest Fish Shown

Lane county fishermen will find few changes in the fishing laws when they gird on their tackle and start out tomorrow morning, the opening day for this season.

The license fees remain the same, three dollars for a fishing license whether resident or non-resident. Residents may purchase combination hunting and fishing licenses for \$5. Juvenile fishing licenses for those persons between the ages of 14 and 18 are selling at \$1.50. All persons over 14 must have licenses.

A special vacation angler's license good for two days only will be offered for sale after June 12. These may be used by residents and non-residents, but are not on sale prior to June 12. All licenses are sold in Springfield by Wright and Sons Hardware.

Season on all open streams and lakes in Lane county extends from April 5 to October 31, both dates inclusive, except in Upper, Middle and Lower Horse lake, Gold lake, Hidden lake and Ermabelle lake, where the season opens May 5, and closes September 29. The season in Marlyn, Betty, Charlton, Island, Cliff, Mink and Mud lakes opens Friday but closes September 29.

Creeks closed to fishing in the county remain about as they were last year. Anglers may secure copies of the new laws to check accurately on each stream.

Bag limits have been cut to 15 pounds and one fish or not more than 20 fish in one day or 40 fish in any 7 days. The bag limit on the McKenzie is 10 pounds and one fish or not to exceed 15 fish in one day or 30 in any seven days.

The bag limit in Diamond lake has been cut to 15 pounds or five fish in one day or 25 in seven days.

In conjunction with the opening of the fishing season Wright and Sons are offering a large leather-bound creel complete with heavy leather shoulder strap to the person bringing in the largest rainbow or residue trout taken during the period from April 5 to May 31. The fish will be weighed and measured at the store.

## MONEY ON CORN AND HOGS HERE

Final Payments Near \$8,000 In Lane County For 162 Farmers; More Sign Up

Third and final benefit payment checks for signers of 1934 corn-hog contracts were received at the office of O. Fletcher, county agent, on Monday of this week for 162 farmers for a total of \$7,962.56. Checks for 21 farmers whose second payments were delayed have not yet arrived and the third checks for these people did not arrive with the others on Monday.

The county agent reports that 161 Lane county farmers have signed applications for 1935 corn-hog contracts and that the total number of hogs covered by these contracts is approximately 96 per cent of the number covered in the 1934 contracts.

M. E. Dodd, chairman of the state corn-hog board of review, and Chas. W. Smith, emergency agricultural supervisor of the Oregon Agricultural college, met with the Lane county corn-hog allotment committee in the office of the county agent on Tuesday of this week and checked 1935 applications. These applications will be forwarded to the state board of review at Portland for final checking this week and the county agent hopes to have final contracts ready for signatures by April 20.

### PRICE NEW JUVENILE OFFICER FOR COUNTY

Appointment of Perry Price as juvenile officer for Lane county was announced Monday by the county court. Mr. Price is principal at the Pleasant Hill school and will leave his work there this month to take over the new duties.

Price will receive a salary of \$120 monthly in the office. Of this sum the county contributes \$800, the city of Eugene \$500 and Eugene school district another \$500 annually.

### RUSSELL GETS POSITION AS UTILITY ENGINEER

Appointment of Tom O. Russell as chief engineer for the state public utilities department was announced during the past week-end. Russell is a former president of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce and has been active in flood control work in Oregon. He will move his family to Salem after school is out.

## AUDITOR FINDS ALL CITY BOOKS WRONG

Re-Check By O. V. Breese Results In Changes From Few Cents To Thousands Of Dollars; Tax Methods And False Statements Scored

Changing every figure in the assets and liability statement, as submitted to the council by the auditor at the end of 1934, a re-audit of the Town of Springfield's books has been completed by O. V. Breese, employed by the new council and will be presented at next Monday night's council meeting in the city hall. The council gathered informally Tuesday evening and listened to a reading of the report by Mr. Breese.

Every item from the city's bank balances which were off seven cents to the bond liens receivable which were off more than \$12,000 has been changed by the new auditor. Even the amount of bonds outstanding were found to be \$2,000 in excess of those reported by the previous auditor to the council. Only the improvement interest fund checked out right on the city's books.

### Poor Bookkeeping

The auditor's report which tells a story of lax bookkeeping, illegal transactions and questionable business practice in past years covers 155 typewritten pages and sets up the true financial condition of the town. It also suggests a financial program for the city which the auditor thinks will lead the city back to a sound, financial basis.

### Warrants Off

Referring to the previous auditor's statement the report reads "I have been unable to verify any of the totals of this statement. The warrants outstanding shows under your trial balance of December 31, 1934, as \$26,222.91. This has been re-checked and the correct amount is \$26,023.47."

"Liens receivable in the amount of \$32,202.98 has been audited and the correct amount as shown appears to be \$19,733.90."

### All Cash Not Reported

"The recorder had cash on hand or warrants as of December 31, 1934, in the amount of \$221.42. This item was not taken into account in the trial balance of December 31, 1934."

Referring to an error in the tax spread of the money received from the county treasurer in 1933 and 1934, which is reported at \$9,072.49 the auditor said there was found a further error of \$263.41 by placing the money in the wrong funds.

### Balance Changed to Overdraft

The report changes the fund balances as follows:

	Dec. 31	Breese Report
General fund	\$ 658.53	OD\$1582.35
Ban. Bond Sink	206.05	164.83
Bond Sink	910.31	1891.33
Bond Int.	2723.43	3840.02
Library	40.43	87.91

### Re-appraise Real Estate

The amount of real estate inventory as carried by the city on its books was changed from \$11,300 to \$4,107.25, but the auditor and appraisal committee found additional property owned by the city but not listed on the city books which raises the sum to \$21,516.25. The auditor's report read further on this, "I call your attention to this report wherein real estate is reported to have been acquired by the city but no entries have been run through the general books to set up these transaction and give the true condition of the city."

### Bonds Off \$2,000

In regard to there being \$2,000 more bonds than shown on the previous auditor's report Mr. Breese says the former city recorder had knowledge of this fact. "On March 25 while in conference with your former recorder, Mr. Peterson, I called attention to this matter for information and he advised me that he had noticed and was aware of the fact that the audit of December 31, 1934, did not show the correct

amount of bonds outstanding and that according to his ledger, which has been verified by this report, shows the correct amount to be \$2,900 in excess of the audit shown December 31, 1934. The auditors report in 1931 was off balance \$1,000, again in 1932 it showed off balance an additional \$500 and in 1933 the audit report showed off balance a further additional \$500, making a total of \$2,000."

### Scores "Plugging"

In referring to amounts written in to force a balance at various times Mr. Breese's report reads, "this is inexcusable as checking a bank account is no more than a problem in arithmetic. Funds deposited in the bank and withdrawn by check should be reconciled without resorting to the method of 'plugging accounts.'"

"April 16, 1927, Recorders receipt 4767 with a notation 'received from W. Paschelki, fined for speeding April 15, in the amount of \$6.' This item does not appear on the cash book and this item is outstanding against the city recorder. Disposition of the same should be demanded by your town council and city attorney."

### Bad Checks Pay Fines

"Receipts have been issued in several instances where fines were assessed and the subsequent cancellation of receipts with the notation 'check returned N. S. F.' I find no record of checks so accounted for and proper action should have been taken by the recorder's court to either collect such checks or present same to the auditor in lieu of receipts written."

"There are many items on the city books the auditor confesses he is unable to explain with information at hand. He says in 1914 \$30,268 and \$22,549.87 were charged off the city books without any apparent reason. He is also unable to explain where all the money collected on property liens and taxes have gone to which should have been paid on outstanding bonds. In this regard he says:

### Where Has Money Gone?

"In calling your attention to the \$30,268.00 item and the \$22,549.87 item under date of January 31, 1914 together with the aggregate amount of warrants, \$14,158.60, a complete analysis of the above has not been made. It is reasonable to believe that at the present time, with the bonded indebtedness of some \$125,000.00 together with the warrant indebtedness of approximately \$26,000.00, there must be some reason for this indebtedness. The total amount of Bancroft assessments referred to under the heading of 'List of Bond assessments' and in the amount of \$22,549.87 constitutes total improvements bonded through the town 31, 1934, did not show the correct

## CITY DEBT PLAN GIVEN BY BREESE

Auditor Recommends Re-Financing Of Default Bonds At Lower Interest Rate

### DEBT RATIO NOT HIGH

Believes Sum Between \$18,000 and \$25,000 Can Be Saved By New Program

A program which he believes will save the Springfield taxpayers from \$18,000 to \$25,000 is suggested for the city by O. V. Breese, auditor, in his report to the council. Mr. Breese who has had considerable success as recorder of Cottage Grove in refinancing points out that the first step is to refinance the defaulted bonds at a lower rate of interest and extend them over a period of time within the city's ability to pay. He would then take up the six per cent warrants with three or four per cent bonds. Both a saving to the taxpayers and a lowering of the tax burden he thinks is possible.

In regard to a new finance program now that the city's accounts are in order, Mr. Breese's report reads:

"Analyzing your financial statement as set up January 1, 1935 the town at that time is in default on bonds to the amount of \$11,500.00 and carrying a warrant indebtedness of \$26,023.47 and further facing a potential default of \$20,000.00 in bonds due November 1, 1935—a further bond issue due November 1, 1936 for \$20,000.00.

"The valuation of the town of Springfield is approximately \$1,000,000.00, your ratio of indebtedness being approximately \$150,000.00 which is not a high ratio in comparison to other towns. The due dates, default, and condition of your warrants are the three features that are serious problems. There is no reason why the town of Springfield should not enjoy a credit standing equal to that of any town of its size in the state. It is unfortunate that under the conditions the maturities of the bonds, together with the closing of two banks and other conditions relative to the city's business, have all occurred in so short a space of time. There is, in my opinion, but one solution or plan of finance for your town that will place Springfield in good financial condition. I have conferred with men interested in finance, also with your banker in Eugene, and the plan that I have outlined has met with favor and is within reason and can be worked out.

"The first step necessary to put your house in order after this audit is to arrange for the re-financing or re-funding of the \$11,500.00 now in default.

"Second, it is essential that the \$40,000.00 of bonds due November 1, 1935 and November 1, 1936 must be re-financed and spread over a term of years at a lower rate of interest and within the ability of the town to pay and yet maintain the city and carry on with the rest of the state in making uniform progress.

"After these bond issues are taken care of a third step is to support your city administration and float a bond issue in the approximate amount of \$26,000.00 and take up the outstanding warrants.

"At the present time the bond market is such that if this refunding of bonds and floating of a bond issue to take up warrants now bearing 6 per cent interest, this transaction alone should save the taxpayers of Springfield an aggregate sum of from eighteen to twenty-five thousand dollars over the life of the refunding bonds. This will leave the balance of the bond issues that are not yet due, in a favorable position and will give the city officers time to negotiate and take care of them before maturity.

"Unless this, or a similar plan is followed and followed immediately and definitely, the future success of your town administration and town in general, will be handicapped.

"It is an admitted fact that the town of Springfield is favorably situated from the standpoint of industry. In a short time you should receive the whole-hearted co-operation of Eugene in placing industry in or near your town. All cities come to the saturation point and in this case, I feel that there is a future for the business growth of Springfield in being located so closely to Eugene, but proper co-operation between these two cities should be mutual and work for the best interests of both.

"If the above instructions are followed and your city placed on a good sound financial basis and your future city officers live within the budget and carry on the city affairs in a business like manner, there is no reason but what your citizens will be more cheerful in the payment of taxes, bond lien assessments, and you should

### New Statement

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD  
Trial Balance . . . . . January 1, 1935

ASSETS—	
Cash, General Fund	(OD)\$1,582.35
Street Imp. Fund	448.36
Library Fund	87.91
Bond & Warrant Fund	5,731.35
Emergency Fund	
Airport Fund	
Special Fund	
Bancroft Collection	634.22
Fund	
Total	6,902.84
Less O. D.	1,582.35
	\$ 5,320.49

  

LIABILITIES—	
Recorder's (Cash & Warrants)	221.42
Liens Receivable	19,733.90
Real Estate	21,516.25
Estimated Receipts 1935	33,620.38
Fire Department	9,299.55
Street Equipment	223.05
	\$89,935.04

  

LIABILITIES—	
Net Worth	O. D. \$ 95,259.37
Bonds outstanding	125,550.56
Warrants	26,023.47
Budget, 1935	33,620.38
	\$185,194.41
Less Overdraft	95,259.37
	\$89,935.04

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