

Rural Fire District Petitions Extended

Deadline for signing petitions for the proposed Sandy rural fire district has been extended until tonight, Thursday, at 4:30 o'clock. By Monday night, the earlier deadline, there were 182 signers, according to Dean Wesselink, one of the boosters of the proposed district. The required number of signatures is 200.

Petitions are available to those interested in signing at two Sandy locations: Richardson Chevrolet (Dean Wesselink) and R. S. Smith Motor Company (Lyle Seaman).

After petitions are signed, they go to the county clerk's office in Oregon City. The county clerk will then make public notice of the petition for 30 days after which time a public hearing will be held. An election will follow the hearing to determine the fate of the proposed district and will also determine district board members.

Before the public hearing, petitions, for board members will be circulated in Sandy.

Wesselink urged that "anyone interested in being on the board must present a petition for himself. The only requirement for the post is to be a property owner and a registered voter."

The required number of signatures on petitions is 15.

As noted earlier, the reason the rural fire district is considered desirable because the fire protection now afforded the Sandy area outside the city limits is not recognized by the state fire marshal's office or the board of underwriters as adequate.

Fire protection facilities are graded by the National Board of Underwriters and the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau. They grade cities and towns in Oregon using the "Standard Schedule for Grading Cities and Towns of the United States with Reference to Their Fire Defenses and Physical Conditions" as a guide.

To establish the grade, certain standards are applied. The total maximum deficiency points are 500, and any town or fire area with a deficiency of more than 450 points is rated as class 10. The Sandy rural area is rated as class 10 now, which is, of course, the lowest rating.

The Sandy area would be able to raise their rating to at least 9 or 8, and in some places to 7, said Wesselink, if the rural fire district proposal passes.

The rural fire district would immediately remove 1500 points from their deficiency rating. An additional 500 points will be removed when a fire alarm siren arrives some time this summer.

Other features such as water supply, building laws, hazards and structural conditions of buildings in the area are also considered in further deductions of points.

Wesselink quoted the State Fire Marshal James J. Hicks as saying that if Sandy's rural fire district is passed thus giving the area a better rating with the National Board of Fire Underwriters and the Oregon Insurance Bureau, the effects of the increased insurance premiums due in unprotected areas would be alleviated.

In other words, the passage of the rural fire district proposal will aid in reducing the amount of insurance due.

Wesselink said the proposed rural fire district will have no effect on the Clackamas - Marion Fire Control District. This district will continue to handle all timber and uncleared land in the Sandy community. The rural fire district will not handle fires on these lands.

Mrs. J. M. Bettis of Boring and daughters, Mrs. George Timmons and Mrs. W. E. Walker of Portland, attended the funeral in Seattle Saturday, April 8, of Miss Edith Shields.

Hood-Land News---

New officers of the Brightwood Extension Unit were elected last Thursday at the monthly meeting. Dorothy Phelps heads the list as president. She succeeds Addie Perry.

Betty Root and Anne Dymont, who were in charge of the demonstration on herbs and spices served hot spiced tomato juice during the meeting. They gave instruction on the care and uses of condiments in daily meals.

After the meeting Betty and Anne, Orpha Dudley and Dorothy Phelps served a luncheon using many of the spices and herbs which were demonstrated.

The committee on the Spring Festival which will be Friday, April 28, will be Bessie Lindstrom, Louise Middleton and Dottie Shoup.

Naomi Blaisdell reported on the 4-H scholarships to Corvallis and Camp Colton. Frances Cantrill gave a report on the "workshop for 1961-62."

The subject of the May 11 meeting, "family nutrition," will be demonstrated by the county agent.

Kelso Extension Festival Nears

"Know Your Neighbor" is the theme of the Home Economics extension Spring Festival to be held April 28 at the Grange Hall at Kelso.

Sandy Ridge unit will be hostess for the group of eight units that make up district six.

There will be exhibits depicting work done by these units during the past year. Exhibits will be in place by 11 a.m.

Lunch will be served during the noon hour.

Highlights of the program at 1 p.m. will be group singing, a style show, 4-H demonstration, skit, reports and a talk by Miss Hilmye Metia, exchange student from Turkey.

The public is invited to attend.

Kiwanis Club Observes Goodwill Week Locally

Next week will be Canada-United States Goodwill week. This observance, sponsored by Kiwanis clubs all over the nation, is being sponsored locally by the Sandy Kiwanis group.

The week, although originated by the Kiwanis, now enjoys wide participation in both countries, said Ralph Richardson, president of Sandy Kiwanians.

Eagle Creek Mothers Schedule Annual Dinner

Eagle Creek Mother's club will hold their Annual Roast Sirlion Dinner at the Eagle Creek Grange hall Friday April 21, 5:30 to 9 p.m. There will also be non-meat dishes served.

Bingo and Pinochle will be played throughout the evening. The public is invited.

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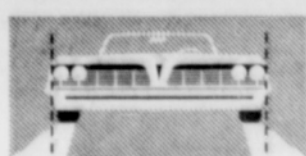
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