

# THE VALLEY NEWS COLUMNS

From The Oregon Statesman's Valley Correspondents

## Officers of Oregon Fairs Association



Affairs of the Oregon Fairs Association will be guided during the year ahead by the men pictured above, two of whom were re-elected here Friday. Left to right (seated) are Kenneth Fridley, Wasco, Herman H. Chindgren, Molalla, both directors; and Vernon DeLong, LaGrande, who was re-elected president; (standing) Howard G. Smith, Tillamook, re-elected vice president; and Harold Clarno, Myrtle Point, director. Also re-elected as a director was A. A. Geer, Salem. (Statesman Photo.)

## How to Organize Rural Fire District Explained

By MRS. J. R. CARTER  
Statesman News Service

**HAZEL GREEN** — How to organize a rural fire district was explained by George Nolan, of the Brooks fire district and Bernard Snook of the Keizer district to members of the Hazel Green Farm Bureau center Thursday night.

A suggested extension of an existing fire district would include an area which lies south of the Brooks fire district between areas covered by the Silverton and Keizer districts.

Nolan said it would be necessary to establish definite boundaries for the district. Then a petition, signed by 15 taxpayers, would be presented to the county court which would arrange a ballot with a simple majority needed for approval.

For the first two or three years there would be a four-mill assessment in the annexed district to provide for additional equipment that would be needed. During that time fire protection would be contracted from an existing district. After that preliminary period the millage would be lower. The latest assessment in the Brooks district was 1.4 mills for the fire department.

Nolan declared that, after the initial period, the lower fire insurance rates which would be in effect would offset the taxes for the district.

It was pointed out that the new Hazel Green School is to be built on the south side of Hazel Green Road which is the boundary of the existing Brooks fire district so it would be outside a fire protection district.

Approval of the proposed district was expressed by those present. The matter will be further discussed at the next meeting of the Farm Bureau which will be on Dec. 10.

## New Grange Hall Talked At N. Howell

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**NORTH HOWELL** — Discussion regarding a new grange hall highlighted the North Howell Grange meeting Monday night.

The retiring master, Andrew Hall, named the following building committee to formulate plans and costs preliminary to actual construction: Wayne Strachan, Ernest Redding, and Jim Jackson. They will report at the next regular meeting on Dec. 14.

Monday night hostesses were Mrs. A. B. Wiesner, Mrs. W. J. King and Mrs. H. C. Espe.

Mrs. Joe Price was accepted as a new member by demit card; Joe Price and Ed Boies of Brooks were given ballot preference.

The North Howell officers for 1954 will be installed at Silverton Hills on Nov. 24.

Just 58 years ago, in Dec. 1895, the North Howell Grange was organized. It has never failed to hold regular meetings, has never been delinquent in dues nor surrendered its charter. The present hall was built in 1896 and has served as a community center ever since.

General grange work, social meetings, Home Extension groups, parties and many public gatherings have made use of the old building which is now much in need of repairs.

**Army Awards Bronze Star to Liberty Soldier**

**LIBERTY** — Sgt. Edward A. Noeske, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Noeske, 4560 Liberty Rd., has been awarded the bronze star for meritorious service with the Army in Korea.

The citation says in part that Sgt. Noeske performed his tasks in an "exceptionally resourceful and efficient manner" in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in Korea from March 15 to July 27, 1953.

Sgt. Noeske is still serving in Korea. His wife, Lucyanne, lives in Bethel District.

## Polk Co. Tax Deadline Shifted Back to Nov. 15

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**DALLAS** — Contrary to a previous announcement, the deadline for payment of Polk County property taxes with discount privileges will not be extended beyond Nov. 15, even though the date falls on Sunday.

Sheriff Tony Neufeldt reports that the State Tax Commission has advised against an extension of the rebate deadline in order to maintain a uniform deadline throughout the state. A state tax representative also pointed out that the law does not allow for extra time of grace in the payment of property taxes.

Payments made at the sheriff's office before 5 p.m. Saturday and mailed payments postmarked before midnight Sunday will receive advantage of discounts, Neufeldt declared. Payments on Monday will not be entitled to rebate advantages. Full tax payments before the deadline will receive a 3 per cent rebate, while half payments will be allowed a 1 per cent discount.

A total of \$666,155 in tax money had been paid by Thursday and the sheriff predicted that \$400,000 more would be collected on Friday and Saturday as several large taxpayers hastened to beat the deadline.

Wednesday was the largest day this year at the tax office with \$108,000 collected by the staff. The total tax roll this year amounts to \$1,717,663.02.

## Fall Festival At Woodburn Starts Sunday

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**WOODBURN** — The annual Fall Festival, sponsored by the Parent's Club of St. Luke's Catholic Church here, will open with the popular "Sausage and Kraut" dinner Sunday, Nov. 15 at the parish hall.

Dinner will be served from noon to 3 p.m. with Mrs. Frances Redding, Mrs. Fred Geschwill and Mrs. Clement Hopman heading a large committee preparing and serving the dinner. Featuring the entertainment available to guests will be the "Country Store" managed by Mrs. Clair Nibler, Mrs. Floyd Maricle and Mrs. James Anderson. Novelty games and a fish pond will be in session as will the candy corner.

Monday, Nov. 16 will be "Fun Night" for the Fall Festival with

## Weaving Class At Stayton Has Room for More

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**STAYTON** — Want to learn weaving? Because of interest shown by weaving enthusiasts here, a weaving class is being formed, with room for six more enrollees.

Plans are to hold a class each week in Stayton, taught by Mrs. Edna Farmer, adult education teacher from Salem.

According to promoters of the class, ownership of a loom is not a prerequisite, as the fee of \$7 includes a \$3 fee to cover essential needs.

Anyone interested should contact Mrs. F. M. Forrette, Stayton.

Proceeds from the festival will be used to buy playground equipment for St. Luke's School. General chairmen for the festival is Mrs. Gelta Mae Connell.

## Hubbard School Open House Due

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**HUBBARD** — Annual open house will be observed at Hubbard Grade School Monday from 7 to 8 p.m., and the monthly meeting of the Parent-Teachers association will follow immediately. All class rooms will be open and teachers will be present in their home rooms.

During the P-TA session, consideration and voting on a change of meeting date will be held. Arrangements for the Monday meeting were made this week at the executive meeting held by Mrs. Harold Wolfer at the school.

**HELEN WAY VISITS**

**CENTRAL HOWELL** — Miss Helen Way of Los Angeles arrived Friday to spend two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Way. They are inviting her friends to call during her stay here.

## Valley Briefs

**Central Howell** — The women's auxiliary of Central Howell Farmers Union will serve a turkey and baked ham dinner at Central Howell School Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. in conjunction with the Marion County Corn Show. Mrs. Frank Way is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Clarence Johnson and the membership.

**Liberty** — The Liberty Mothers and Dads Club netted \$175 on the dinner sponsored Tuesday night. Mrs. Ivan Royce and Mrs. Fred Fagg were dinner chairmen. Fathers assisting were Jack Mische, Fred Fagg and Ivan Royce.

**Salem Heights** — Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Baker, 3995 Liberty Rd., have purchased the Church Street Laundromat and will operate it. The business is located across the street from the old high school building in Salem.

**Marquam** — The Butte Creek School P-TA carnival netted \$300 for the school library fund.

**Union Hill** — The Union Hill Woman's Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Ray Johnson on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m.

**Idanha** — Mr. and Mrs. David Hamm, who have recently returned from missionary service in Chile, S. A., will be guest speakers Sunday evening at the Idanha Community Church. Their account of experiences encountered in their work will be augmented by slides. For Mr. and Mrs. Hamm this will be a return engagement, since they visited the Idanha church shortly before they left for Chile.

**Stayton** — St. Mary's School will hold Open House Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend and see a display of children's work. Cheer leaders at the school are busy practicing for the Jamboree to be held at Mari-Linn School on Nov. 25.

**Marquam** — The Edward Albright farm home is being remodeled for the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Albright of Grants Pass who plans to move here about Jan. 1.

**Hubbard** — The annual football banquet will be held at North Marion Union High School Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 6:30 p.m., sponsored by the Hubbard Firemen and prepared by the Firemen's Auxiliary.

**Victor Point** — The meeting of the Union Hill Home Extension unit scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the Rodgers home has been changed to Union Hill Grange Hall. All interested women of the community are welcome. The project, "Budget Meals," will be demonstrated by the unit chairman, Mrs. Pauline Cooper, and Mrs. Arley Martin. The report on program planning will be given by Mrs. Clarence Brownell. Members are asked to wear wash dresses as they will be assisting with the day's project.

## Valley Births

**STAYTON** — To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Ricks, 1140 S. 13th St., Salem, a daughter, Joan Ellen, Nov. 11, at Santiam Memorial Hospital. Ricks is a former employee of the First National Bank of Stayton and is now attending Willamette University.

To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jones, Lyons, a daughter, Nov. 9, at Santiam Memorial Hospital. Darylene Storey, and Mary Witt.

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## Annual Dinner At Keizer Due

**KEIZER** — Members of Keizer Garden Club and their families will hold their annual Thanksgiving dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, at Keizer Grange Hall.

Speakers who have addressed the club during the past year will be guests.

Co-chairmen are Mrs. J. C. Mount and Mrs. W. E. Savage. Members are to bring table service.

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## OES Observes Advance Night At Silverton

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**SILVERTON** — Ramona Chapter of the Eastern Star, Silverton, observed Advance Night Tuesday at Masonic hall with Mrs. W. Dale Lamar presiding as matron and Mr. Lamar as worthy patron.

Mrs. Harlan Loe reported on work of the Ramona Club, adding that the next meeting would be held at the home of Mrs. George Hubbs, Tuesday night, Dec. 1, and would be the Christmas party and election of officers.

Following business and reports Tuesday night a card party was held with prizes going to Mrs. Norman Nyhus, Mrs. R. A. Fish, Mrs. Thomas Chidsey, Mrs. L. M. Sanders, Mrs. W. P. Scarth, Mrs. W. H. Woodard, Mrs. Wayne Weeks and Mrs. Louise Bates.

During the evening an apron sale was held with Miss Jeanne Porter, worthy advisor of Rainbow Girls, in charge. This was reported as the one big project of the Rainbow girls for the term.

Serving on the hospitality and hostess committees Tuesday night were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chidsey, Mrs. James Hollingsworth and Mrs. Harry Ragon.

**Girl Scouts At Detroit to Draw Awards**

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**DETROIT** — Eight young girls from the Detroit-Idanha area, who "flew up" from Brownie status last spring, have completed tenderfoot requirements and will receive their Girl Scout badges at the annual investiture service at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the school gymnasium.

They are Lyndia Storey, Carolyn Beeson, Brenda Humphrey, Nancy Storey, Mary Lou Moore, Sherry Shephard, Darlene Delker, and Kathryn Harris.

Second year Scouts who will receive their second-class badges and membership stars are Gloria Evenson, Evelyn Harper, Carolyn Lady, Martha Mason, Susan Moore, Martine Rarey, Donna Stevens, Becky Stoll, Clydia Storey, Darylene Storey, and Mary Witt.

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